Please join the trustees and staff of the Boone County Conservation District as we dedicate the new East County Line Conservation Area to public use.

The Boone County Conservation District (BCCD) has partnered with the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) to share facilities and reduce duplication of service. Parking for the new 89.38-acre East County Line Conservation Area and canoe launch will be directly across the road at the MCCD County Line Road Access Conservation Area.

There will be light refreshments and a short program. Following the dedication, we plan to paddle the Kishwaukee River – contingent on weather and river conditions, to the Red Horse Bend Canoe Launch. Please bring your own canoe or kayak and paddling equipment – all participants must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) otherwise known as a life vest.
The Mission of the Boone County Conservation District is to preserve and manage natural areas and open spaces for ecological, educational, and recreational benefits of present and future generations.

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### A GATHERING OF SPIRITS AND A FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS
**A CONCERT BY CARRIE NEWCOMER**

**Saturday, September 30**
2:00 PM
**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
**STUDENT CONFERENCE CENTER RM.201**
2998 W. PEARL CITY ROAD, FREEPORT, IL

**FREE**
PLEASE RSVP THROUGH EVENTBRITE.COM
VISIT NWILAUDUBON.ORG FOR INFO

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**Hidden Treasures Bus Tour**
Saturday, October 28  9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Ages: 14+  Cost: $40

Meet at Pleasant Valley Conservation Area
13315 Pleasant Valley Road
Woodstock, IL 60098

Hop on the bus and spend the day exploring best kept secrets and behind-the-scenes stops on and around the Boone/McHenry County line. Staff members from both McHenry County and Boone County Conservation Districts will introduce you to a variety of projects and places, many of which are not ordinarily open to the public. Round trip transportation from Pleasant Valley Conservation Area, lunch and an afternoon treat are included in your fee. Stops will include a native seed processing facility; an abandoned quarry full of fossils; the County Line Conservation Area and Kishwaukee River Trail entry point; the Piscasaw Fen, home to a variety of threatened and endangered species; and more. Dress for some light hiking in the weather of the day, and bring a water bottle.

Visit the McHenry County Conservation District’s website at www.MCCDistrict.org to register online starting August 10th. Participants MUST register online using the website.

Space is very limited, register early! Registration deadline is October 20. No refunds issued for cancellations made after October 20. Min/Max: 12/12

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The District wants everyone to discover the benefits of recreation. For families considering any of our programs who have special considerations, such as diabetes, asthma or physical or cognitive disabilities, your participation is welcome too. The earlier you contact us so we can talk with you about how to make your experience safe and fun, the more likely it will be safe and fun!
Volunteers Wanted
Do you like being outdoors and meeting new people? Volunteer and become part of the very first Conservation District in the state. We also need volunteers to help at our Autumn Pioneer Festival, September 23rd and 24th. Call 815-547-7935 for more information. Come alone, bring a friend or a group of friends.

Monthly Meetings
(All meetings are held at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center and are open to the public)

BCCD Board of Trustees
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., Sept. 19th, Oct. 17th, and Nov. 21st.

Boone County Gardeners of America
Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 24th. No meeting at the District in September, November or December.

District Office will be Closed On
Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, and 26th - APF set up and take down
Nov. 23rd and 24th - Thanksgiving
Dec. 22nd, Dec. 25th, and Jan. 1st

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Needed:
The BCCD is looking for donations of yarn already rolled into balls and ear corn. Donations can be dropped off at the Nature Center, 603 N. Appleton Rd., Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thank you
The BCCD would like to extend a big thank you to all the people and organizations who donated to our summer camp scholarship program. You are awesome!!

Conservation Areas Closed
Kinnikinnick Creek C.A., Piscasaw Fen C.A., Kishwaukee Valley C.A., and County Line East C.A. will be closed to the general public on the dates listed below for hunting.

October 6th, 7th & 8th
October 20th, 21st & 22nd
November 3rd, 4th & 5th
November 20th - 26th
December 4th - 24th
January 1st - 14th

Ballard Farm C.A., Rainbow Gardens C.A., Funderburg C.A., and Sewell C.A. will be closed to the general public on the dates listed below for hunting.

October 1st - November 12th
November 20th - November 26th
December 4th - December 24th
January 1 - January 14

Beaver Bluffs C.A. (dog park will be open), LIB C.A., Distillery Road C.A., Ipsen Road C.A. and Newburg Village C.A., will be closed to the general public on the dates listed below for hunting.

October 6th, 7th & 8th
October 20th, 21st & 22nd
November 3rd, 4th & 5th
December 8th, 9th & 10th
December 22nd, 23rd & 24th
January 12, 13th & 14th

Wildflower Walk
Wednesday, September 13
6:00 p.m.
Tuttle Clarkson Natural Area

Join BCCD volunteer Brian Hale for a wildflower walk and observe the unique properties of a fen. The program is free, but call (815) 547-7935 to register by September 11th. The natural area is located on Route 173 approximately 1/2 mile east of the Poplar Grove Road intersection.

Holiday Walk
Saturday, December 2nd
5:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Stroll along a luminairy lit pathway and visit our authentic log cabins, eat popcorn popped fresh over an open fire, and see how Christmas was celebrated in the past. There is no cost for the evening and it is held at the Roger Gustafson Nature Center Festival Grounds. Call 815-547-7935 for information.

Prescribed Burns
Conservation District land management staff will be conducting prescribed burns at several of our conservation areas in the fall. Prescribed fire is an essential and efficient management practice for the health of our native ecosystems, including prairies, savannas, and woodlands. Fire helps return nutrients to the soil, helps control undesirable exotic weeds and shrubs, increases blooming and seed production among our native plants, and stimulates the growth of our native prairie and woodland plant species. District staff manage the burns to minimize smoke on highways and neighboring properties.

Bird Hike
September 9th
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Join Joel Neylon (birder extraordinaire) for a morning hike at the Distillery Road Conservation Area. Dress for the weather and some light hiking and bring a bottle of water. The hike is free, but registration is required. Call (815) 547-7935 to let us know you will be attending.
Riffles & Eddies

BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
603 Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

Return Service Requested

Autumn Pioneer Festival

Saturday, Sept. 23rd    9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 24th    10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Travel back to the 1800's for a look at the lifestyles and crafts of the day. Talk to a flint knapper, watch a blacksmith, eat buffalo stew, pioneer fries, sample bean soup and apple butter. Visit the harvest table to purchase fresh vegetables or wander through the voyagers’ encampment, and 2 historic log cabins.

Admission is free, but donations are cheerfully accepted (Suggested donation of $5.00 per family)

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