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13th Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual Photographer Contest Submission

May 2023 Newsletter





Join Us for Keep Iowa Beautiful's Second Annual Golf Tournament

Keep Iowa Beautiful is excited to announce our Second Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, July 11th at Copper Creek Golf Club, 4825 Copper Creek Dr, in Pleasant Hill, IA! All proceeds will support Keep Iowa Beautiful's efforts to make Iowa a more beautiful and sustainable place to live and work!

Do you want to showcase your organization and show support to Keep Iowa Beautiful? Consider donating an auction item or becoming a hole sponsor! Hole sponsorships can be purchased for \$125. Learn more and register [here](#).

Want to donate an auction item? Please reach out to Executive Director, Andy Frantz, at afrantz@keepiowabeautiful.org.

[Register Here](#)

Keep Iowa Beautiful Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

On May 16, Keep Iowa Beautiful held the awards ceremony for the 2023 Annual Awards and Keep Iowa Beautiful Scholarship winners at the State Capitol in partnership with Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg. A recap of the awards and photos of the recipients are provided below.

Congratulations to all winners!

OLIVIA ARKFELD, Council Bluffs, won this year's Byers Scholarship. Arkfeld is attending the University of Iowa, studying environmental engineering.



Educator Bob Byers dedication to young people and environmental concerns was a driving force encouraging young people to help improve their communities.

Pictured (L-R): Andy Frantz, KIB Executive Director; Reo Menning, Chair KIB Board of Directors; Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg; Jenna Ramsey & Kevin Cabbage, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company.



CLAIRE BRITT, West Union, won this year's Fultz Scholarship. Britt is attending University of Iowa, studying marketing/managing. Bill Fultz was a founding Keep Iowa Beautiful Board member and artist. He started an advertising agency that became the largest agriculture advertising agency in the world.

Pictured: Claire Britt (Not in attendance)

AMANDA OGLE, Gravity, won this year's Schnepf Scholarship. Ogle is attending Iowa State University, studying environmental engineering. Gerry Schnepf, founding Executive Director. His careers spanned 50 years of making Iowa a better place to live, work and raise a family.



Pictured: Amanda Ogle (Not in attendance)



The **Keep Iowa Beautiful Corporation Award** was awarded to the **FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY** for leading by example in connectivity, housing and community development in Stanton.

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The **Keep Iowa Beautiful Organization Award** was awarded to the **IOWA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** for empowering rural communities and resource providers towards collaboration and positive change.



Pictured (L-R) front row: Menning, Gregg, Sandy Ehrig, Mark Reinig, Troy Weary, Madison Burke and Liesl Seabert.

(L-R) back row; Andy, Bill Menner, Bruce Nuzum and Brittany Morales.



The **Keep Iowa Beautiful Robert D. Ray Award of Excellence** was awarded to the **COMMUNITY OF MANNING** for fostering innovation, leadership, and pride in developing a vibrant community.

Pictured (L-R): Frantz, Menning, Gregg, Corinne Peterson, Bonnie Wood. Back row: (L-R) Parker Aden, Jon Rittgers and Margo Underwood.

The **Keep Iowa Beautiful Robert D. Ray Award of Excellence** was also awarded to the **COMMUNITY OF POCAHONTAS** for building strong partnerships with community groups and businesses and enhancing Hometown Pride in the community.



Pictured (L-R): Frantz, Menning, Gregg, Corinne Peterson, Bonnie Wood. Back row: (L-R) Parker Aden, Jon Rittgers and Margo Underwood.



The **Keep Iowa Beautiful Donald F. Lamberti Hometown Pride Vision Award** selected **SCOTT SMITH** for his longtime support and service to improving the quality of life in our state making Iowa's communities better places to live and raise a family.

Pictured (L-R): Frantz, Menning, Gregg, Scott Smith, Don Lamberti, Founder and retired Chairman of Casey's General Stores). Lamberti and former Governor Robert D. Ray founded Keep Iowa Beautiful in 2000.

But wait.. There's more...



Pictured (L-R): Gregg, Lamberti, Bill Jackson.

Near the conclusion of the award ceremony, Reo Menning, Chair of the Keep Iowa Beautiful Board of Directors, announced there was one more **Donald F. Lamberti Hometown Pride Vision Award** to make. The award, a complete surprise, was made to long-time Associate Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful Bill Jackson "for his over 20 years of outstanding leadership, dedication, support, and passion for Keep Iowa Beautiful's mission and values." Jackson was "speechless", a rare occasion for him.

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Hometown Pride Updates

Check out some of the great work happening in our Hometown Pride Communities!

Greeley Decorative Light Pole Project

Greeley Decorative Light Pole project is complete!! Four light pole units were purchased and installed along Highway 38 (which runs through the middle of town) last week thanks to a 2022, \$10,000 grant from the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program, the City, and private donors. A great start in creating a downtown corridor in this small community.



Rolfe Hometown Pride Tree Planting



The Rolfe Hometown Pride Committee along with great community volunteers planted 18 trees in four different public locations on Sat. April 29. The trees were purchased at the Gilmore Garden Center with an Alliant Energy and Trees Forever Branching Out Grant recently awarded to the Rolfe Hometown Pride Committee.

Social Media Submissions

Keep Iowa Beautiful wants to share your community's good news!

Are you proud of a completed project in your town? Do you want to show off a new mural in your downtown? Did you host a fun, exciting event for your community? We want to know about it!

Click on the button below to share short descriptions of events, projects, or news from your town! You can include pictures and captions as well. Keep Iowa Beautiful will share your post on our social media!

[Submit Your Stories](#)

You Can Stop Litter!

You can help reduce litter in Iowa!

When you see litter happening on Iowa's roadways, call 1-888-NOLITTR (1-888-665-4887) to report littering from a vehicle.

Please provide as much detail about the incident as possible:

- License plate number
- Time and specific location (street & city)
- What was thrown from the vehicle
- A vehicle description (color, make and model)

Reported offenders will receive a warning letter from Keep Iowa Beautiful drawing attention to their offense. This sends the message that people, like you, are watching.



Your Support Matters!

Consider supporting Keep Iowa Beautiful to help us continue our work improving Iowa communities! Remember: donations to Keep Iowa Beautiful are tax deductible!

Donations can be made online or checks can be mailed to our office:

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