

TRAILS TALK

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SPORTSMAN'S ANNUAL TIKI BICYCLE RIDE

The fourth annual Tiki ride on August 4 was a big success bringing in \$1,800 that will garner over \$7,000 with matching grant funds for DCTB. Funds raised will be used to support the Dickinson County Trails Board in planning and development of priority projects. Thank you to Sportsman's Pub for all of the work they do putting on this entertaining ride and for the donation to the trails!



Pictured: Dan Tryon, Erin Reed, Dave Tryon & Donnie Tryon

MEMORIAL TRAIL BENCHES

Three new memorial benches have been placed this summer and there are couple more on order to be installed yet this year. DCTB is also working on replacing old wood benches that are beyond repair due to maintenance and safety concerns. The new benches are made of concrete, require little to no maintenance and have a much longer life expectancy. The bench program is a fundraiser for the trails and offers an opportunity for trail users to remember friends and family along with providing the trail with much needed rest areas. Now is the time to let us know if you are interested in replacing or getting a new bench this year to honor someone in your life. To get more information and the Bench Program form please visit www.dickinsoncountytrails.com/donate.



DCTB director Yvonne Taylor works to remove an old bench that was replaced with the new concrete bench above.

TRAIL COUNTERS

In the last year, DCTB has installed eight counters throughout the trail system in order to study trail usage. It has been exciting to gather the information and see the number of people using the trails. In July there were nearly 73,000 user counts total from the eight locations and since May 1, 2018 there has been an average of 1,524 counts per day. Data collected is being used for grant writing in addition to providing information to local government agencies and the public about the value of our local trails.

27th ANNUAL U of O OKTOBERFEST BIKE RIDE

Saturday, September 30, 2018 - Enjoy this fun bike ride along the scenic trails and lakeside roads of the Iowa Great Lakes Area. Registration includes a wristband to receive food and drink deals throughout the area, two drink tickets, and a t-shirt. There are a number of optional pit-stops along the route and then return to the Arnolds Park greenspace for additional games, activities, live entertainment, food, and beer. For event information and ride registration visit www.okobojioktoberfest.com



As always, Happy Trails to You and Yours.
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