

# Pathways To Education

Spring 2006

## *Iowa Archeological Society*

*By Kathy Dice, Louisa County Conservation Board*

The Iowa Archeological Society was established by Iowans interested in the investigation, preservation, and education of Iowa's prehistoric and early historic heritage. The society's aims are:

- To unite those interested in archaeology of Iowa;
- To promote cooperation among professional and amateur archeologists;
- To promote the study, investigation, and interpretation of prehistoric and historic remains in Iowa;
- To distribute knowledge of Iowa archaeology;
- To record and preserve sites, display archeological materials, and educate about such materials; and
- To promote a constructive public attitude toward these cultural resources.

Any person interested in Iowa archaeology is invited to join; no previous knowledge or training is necessary. Society members include flint knappers, geologists, teachers, naturalists, professional archaeologists, and people who are just curious about Iowa's history.

The Iowa Archeological Society (IAS) meets annually in the spring and frequently in the fall at various places around the state. The meetings are open to all. They provide an opportunity for the exchange of information through workshops, site reports, and special lectures for individuals to learn about Iowa's rich and interesting past.

The Society's upcoming spring meeting will be Saturday, April 22 at the Boone Campus of the Des Moines Area Community College. Topics will include a general overview of Boone County history and archaeology in the

morning followed by a buffet lunch. In the afternoon, attendees will learn of the importance of cultural preservation and how they can help. Registration is \$15 for the day and includes lunch. Students of all ages pay only \$10.

The IAS also sponsors a variety of field schools and field trips within the state. Field Schools are an excellent way to gain hands-on archeological experience in a supervised setting. A variety of field schools will be offered in Iowa starting in May.

A weeklong field experience will be offered near Stuart, Iowa for May 13 – 21. The field school will introduce participants to standard surface and excavation methods. Earlier research on the site has recovered spear and arrow points. Participants are asked to register for at least 3 days.

At the annual Lakeside Laboratory summer archaeological field school, participants will be introduced to the basic methods of field archaeology including artifact identification, site mapping, excavation techniques, artifact processing, and initial analytical methods. The field school will include lectures on Iowa Archaeology and the culture history sequence of Western Iowa as well as day trips to the Sanford Museum in Cherokee, Iowa, the Jeffers Petroglyphs, and Pipestone National Monument. The four week course will run from May 21 – June 16.

The OSA website is a great source for a wide variety of educational materials such as pamphlets on ancient technologies to traveling resources trunks on the earliest peoples of Iowa.

For more information on IAS or the field schools, visit the Office of The State Archaeologist (OSA) website at [www.uiowa.edu/~osa](http://www.uiowa.edu/~osa).

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Membership in the Iowa Archeological Society is inexpensive: \$20 for individuals, \$25 for households, and \$9 for students (under 18). All memberships provide opportunities for self-education in Iowa archeology. Two official publications are received by all members: the *Journal of the Iowa Archeological Society*, published annually, and the quarterly *Newsletter*. The *Journal* carries reports of scientific investigations conducted in Iowa, and the *Newsletter* provides the membership a medium for publication of short articles and an opportunity to keep abreast of archeological activities in Iowa.



## Mini-Grant Recipients

The following schools were awarded mini-grants for their service learning projects. The Iowa DOT's Living Roadway Trust Fund are the financial sponsors of this program. Over \$5,000 was awarded this round.

- Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School; Prairie Landscaping
- Scattergood Friends School; Long Term Burn/Outdoor Classroom
- Unity Christian High School; Unity Pocket Prairie Project
- Linn-Mar High School; Outdoor Classroom and Nature Center
- West Bend-Mallard Elementary School; West Bend-Mallard Nature Classroom
- Anson Elementary School; The Monarch Waystation Conservation Project
- Riverbend Middle School; Riverbend Middle School Mini Forest
- Roosevelt Middle School; Iowa Prairie Restoration
- Sioux Central Community School; Bev Brauhn Nature Memorial
- Berg Elementary School; Kindergarten Agnes Patterson Park Project
- Hawkeye Community College; Prairie Partnership
- Washington Intermediate; Kid's Art Garden

## Website is New and Improved!

[www.iowaee.org](http://www.iowaee.org)

Check out ICEC's improved website! The site has been re-organized to be more user friendly. It also contains more information on EE in Iowa, more information on sponsored programs and membership services as well as ways to get involved. Comments on the site are appreciated. Contact Pamela Holz at [pholz@lisco.com](mailto:pholz@lisco.com).

## Cash for the Asking

### Service Learning Mini-Grants

Members can receive funds for environmental education projects. Check out [www.iowaee.org](http://www.iowaee.org) for more information.

### Student Scholarships

Scholarships are available to ICEC student members studying education or conservation. The scholarships provide funding to attend ICEC-approved workshops to pay for registration and related fees. A 2.0 GPA is required.

### EE Grants

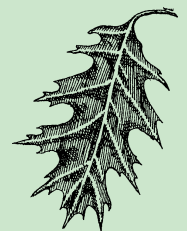
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### Member Scholarships

Scholarships of \$50 to \$100 are awarded to ICEC members for conferences or workshops. These scholarships can be given on a reimbursement basis.

To apply, contact

Mary Barrick  
712/837-4329  
[Barrick@ruthventel.com](mailto:Barrick@ruthventel.com)



### Chris Holt Memorial Scholarships

Approximately \$200 is given for this annual award for a middle or high school student to attend an outdoor experience. Applications should be made during May and early June.

To apply for a Chris Holt Scholarship, contact:

Di Sinclair  
Box 25  
Blairsburg, Iowa  
515/325-6092



## ... So Shall Ye REAP

By Craig Meyers, ICEC Co-Chair

Wouldn't it be great if there was a state program dedicated to Iowa's natural resources? Oh, not just a state agency, but some real legislation designed to provide funding for environmental projects created at a local level? Something the average Iowan could take part in?



Where does all this money come from? The state's Environment First fund provides the majority of it from state gaming receipts. The remainder comes from the sale of REAP license plates. You know, those great-looking license plates with the goldfinch and wild rose. Two new designs are now available as well.

Well, you may not be aware, but Iowa does indeed have a program just like that! On May 27, 1989, an innovative environmental program was signed into law by Governor Terry Branstad. Designated the Resource Enhancement and Protection program, now simply referred to as REAP, this was a program designed to do exactly what its name implies: protect and enhance Iowa's natural resources.

How does REAP do that? Well, REAP allocates money to be spent on particular aspects of natural resources. First, the legislature and governor recognized the vital role conservation education plays in the process, and they allocate the first \$350,000 of the REAP allotment for conservation education projects.

Of the remaining funds, 1% goes for DNR administration. Then the remaining balance goes to 1) DNR open space projects – 28%, 2) city parks and open space projects – 15%, 3) soil and water enhancement – 20%, 4) county conservation – 20%, 5) DNR land management – 9%, 6) historical resources – 5%, and 7) roadside vegetation – 3%.

You might ask, "How much money are we talking about?" The legislature originally authorized up to \$30 million to be allocated, and actually allocated \$15 million the first year. While the legislature could allocate up to \$30 million per year for REAP, this level of funding has never been reached. Usually the amount averages around \$10 million. The maximum amount that could be allocated was scaled back in 1996 to \$20 million.

So, what happens to this money? Well, Iowans can apply for grants to fund or partially fund environmental projects in their own communities. The money literally reaches out to every community in Iowa. It may fund an addition to a local park, a roadside prairie planting, or a planting at a local school to serve as an outdoor classroom. These and many, many other projects have received funds from REAP. ICEC's Winter Solstice conference this year was partially funded with REAP funds, for instance. Often, REAP funds serve as a springboard to raise funds from other, private sources to complete a project. The money is also utilized through state agency budgets.

The really great thing about this program is its level of community involvement. Iowa citizens can not only apply for grants to fund a local project, but they also have a say in how the money is spent. Every other year REAP Assemblies are held where community leaders, private citizens, and anyone else with an interest in the environment can come together to help set the priorities of how the money is used, identify regional projects, and help direct future projects. The recommendations of the REAP Assemblies go to the REAP Congress, also held every other year, and help form recommendations to the Governor, legislature, and state agencies. Most Iowa counties also have REAP committees to coordinate projects and lay the groundwork for future ones. We all benefit from the process.

All in all, this is a great program, and one in which all Iowans should be involved. To educators, this provides a great resource to support projects that might never happen otherwise. Teaching about the program provides students with an opportunity to learn about the governmental process. I urge you to get involved, and get your students involved. If nothing else, buy those great-looking license plates. This is just one of the things that makes Iowa a great place to live.



### Keep Updated!

Sign up for the ICEC Update List Serve and keep abreast of timely environmental, environmental education, or ICEC news. Messages on the List Serve are sent out around twice per month and your e-mail address will not be used for any other purpose. Information is usually timely and cannot wait for the next issue of the newsletter. To sign up for the List Serve, send your e-mail address to Craig Meyers at [cmeyers@aea11.k12.ia.ua](mailto:cmeyers@aea11.k12.ia.ua). You may also notify Craig by e-mail if you have news you would like to send out to the List Serve.

For more information, visit the DNR website: [www.iowadnr.com/reap/](http://www.iowadnr.com/reap/)

## ***ICEC/4H Wilderness Leadership Program***

WILD  
April 3, 2006

Loess Hills  
June 2-4, 2006

Wilderness Trips  
Summer 2006

ICEC has entered into a new partnership with the ISU 4H Extension program to offer wilderness experiences for both youth and adults. For many years, the 4H Extension program has offered wilderness trips designed to give youth and adults a quality wilderness experience. ICEC is now pleased to partner with them to offer four trips this summer.



By providing Iowans with a true wilderness experience, we hope to open their eyes to finding their own wilderness here at home, and foster a desire to maintain wildness in their own state.

Two Boundary Waters canoe trips for youth, each a week long, will be offered, allowing youth between the ages of 14 and 18 the opportunity to explore the vast Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area in northern Minnesota. They'll learn to paddle and portage canoes, and about flora and fauna there. They'll learn minimum-impact wilderness camping skills, map reading skills, and still have time for swimming and fishing.

A third youth trip will be a weeklong backpacking experience to Isle Royale National Park in Michigan – an island 20 miles out in Lake Superior. Here they'll learn why this U.S. Biosphere Reserve has been called the “crown jewel” of the national park system. This island has long been known for its research in the balance of the wolf and moose populations on the island, and has some of the most pristine scenery anywhere.

Still another trip will be a horse-packing trip in the Colorado mountains.

All trips will be led by certified volunteer leaders, trained in not only outdoor skills, but also in wilderness first aid and CPR. In order to be a leader, a person must first take part in a leadership certification trip where they will learn the skills necessary to successfully and safely lead youth into the wilderness.

This summer there will be an adult leadership certification canoe trip to the Boundary Waters, led by two of the most experienced leaders in the program. If you're age 21 or older and interested in leading youngsters in a quality wilderness experience, this is the trip for you.

All in all, we hope that this partnership with 4H Extension will be a long and successful one for ICEC.

For more information, contact: Heather Niec at adminicec@hotmail.com or call 319/377-4419

## ***Loess Hills Prairie Seminar***

The LHPS is a classic in outdoor education. Presenters will include Doug Wood, Larry Stone, many professors, naturalists, prairie enthusiasts, and DNR and other conservation staff. Entire families are encouraged to attend because there are sessions for everyone. Sessions outdoors include botany, geology, prairie management, nature writing, loess hills appreciation, birding, nature for kids, etc., and storytellers and astronomy later at the campsite. There also are indoor programs on both evenings.

One hour of graduate or AEA staff development credit is available for educators. There will also be a Nature Mapping session for credit that begins earlier in the day on June 2, and includes some sessions during the seminar.

There will be pre-session and post-session activities for those interested, including prairie management, a car tour of pioneer cemeteries, and a visit to the Owego Wetland Complex in Woodbury County.

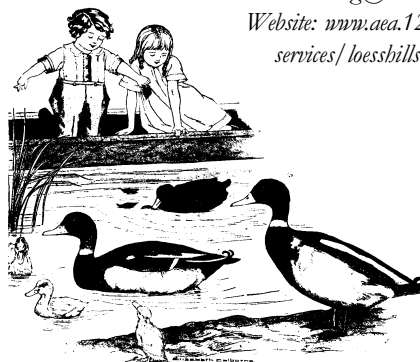
*Dates: June 2 - 4*

*Location: Near Onawa, Iowa*

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## ***WILD, WILD Aquatic***

At the workshop, participants will be introduced to several activities as well as to suggested teaching techniques, ideas for using the activities, and philosophies behind the programs.

*Date: April 3, 2006*

*Location: Drake University, Des Moines*

*Contact: Cindy Blobaum*

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*Email: [cindybb@juno.com](mailto:cindybb@juno.com)*

***Endangered Species***

[www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/newsletteractivity.cfm](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/newsletteractivity.cfm)

Through engaging activities for grades K – 8, students will discover amazing animals like the green sea turtle and the Canada lynx. Students will also understand what the habitat requirements are for endangered species and identify any endangered species living in their state.

***Living On The Edge***

[www.agriculture.state.ia.us/pesticidebureau.htm](http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/pesticidebureau.htm)

The Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship (IDALS) has placed an updated presentation of the booklet, *Living On The Edge - Endangered Species In Iowa* on the department's webpage. The link is just below the photos in the middle of the Pesticide Bureau's Webpage.

***Center for EE***

[eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/206846](http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/206846)

This site integrates EE into all aspects of the K-12 experience. Teachers and students around the world can access reviews of EE curriculum, find reliable reference information on environmentally hot Topics, read about current innovative EE projects, and how to fund new initiatives (Grapevine), read profiles of schools going green, and find resources for bringing sustainability to campus (Educating for Sustainability).

***National Wildlife Week***

[www.nwf.org/enviroaction/index.cfm?articleId=492&issueId=51](http://www.nwf.org/enviroaction/index.cfm?articleId=492&issueId=51)

Celebrate National Wildlife Week in your community: National Wildlife Week kicks off Saturday, April 22. Find out how you can connect with nature, promote literacy, and improve wildlife habitat in your communities.

***Earth Day 2006 Activities***

[eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/206847](http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/206847)

This Earth Day, join a chorus of voices sharing a message of hope with the world. Learn how public figures like celebrities, politicians, conservationists, and people like you view the future of the planet.

***Young Naturalist Awards***

[eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/206822](http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/206822)

The American Museum of Natural History 2006 Young Naturalist Awards are for students in grades 7-12 to participate in a research-based essay contest to promote participation and communication in science. Two winners from each grade will be selected to receive cash scholarship awards and an expense-paid trip to New York City for the awards ceremony. The deadline is May 1. Contact the website or Christine Economos at [yna@amnh.org](mailto:yna@amnh.org) or 212/496-3498.

***Access Nature***

[www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/accessnature.cfm](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/accessnature.cfm)

Check out National Wildlife Federation's award-winning, inclusive curriculum, *Access Nature*. This curriculum is full of hands-on, habitat-based activities that are aligned with the National Science Education Standards.

***Earth Day Book***

[www.rustletheleaf.com/news.html](http://www.rustletheleaf.com/news.html)

*Rustle the Leaf's Earth Day Book* is a 12-page book that features comics, mazes, word puzzles and information about Earth Day, environmental issues and more. The inside cover of the book converts into a full-color poster containing 'Rustle the Leaf's Earth Day Pledge.'

The folks at Rustle the Leaf also provide monthly environmental and Earth Science lesson plans for varying age groups: [www.rustletheleaf.com/lessonplans.html](http://www.rustletheleaf.com/lessonplans.html)

## 2005 IAN/ICEC Conservation Education Awards

The Iowa Association of Naturalists (IAN) and the Iowa Conservation Education Council are proud to announce this year's recipients of their Conservation and Environmental Education Excellence Awards Program. The winners are as follows:

### **Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator**

**Award:** *Barbara Tagami, Dickinson County Conservation Board Naturalist.* This award commends outstanding efforts by an environmental educator. Tagami has been the naturalist at Dickinson CCB for six years. She created and developed annual events such as Monarch Butterfly Larva Monitoring program, Kayak Treasure Hunt and Clean up event, Life on the Farm, Earth Day Environmental Learning Fair. She has assisted with the planning for a new nature center and produced a TV show called "LAKES ALIVE" to educate public about ecology of lakes, invasive exotics, low impact development, rain gardens, and more.

### **Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education**

**Award:** *Kevin Farmer, West Elementary, Glenwood Community Schools.* This award commends an outstanding EE program for or by youth. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp for Glenwood Community Schools is held at Camp Neyati. Over the course of two days, students participate in 16 environmental science classes. Some of the activities include pond study, prairie and the Loess Hills, predator/prey relationships, team building, fishing, canoeing, night hike, stargazing, and more. Kevin Farmer has been the principal at West Elementary for five years. He helped initiate and develop the camp.

### **"Ding" Darling Environmental Education**

**Award:** *U.I. Wild.* This award commends an outstanding environmental education program or event which educates the general public. Programs include Wildlife Campus, Hawk Migration Studies, MacBride Raptor Project, and School of the Wild. School of the Wild provides a five-day experience for school children. Students are assigned to five groups who rotate through the following areas of study: the prairie, wetlands, birds, outdoor adventures, and woodlands. The MacBride Raptor Project offers a variety of education programs, rehabilitation, and research. Numerous veterinarians, students, rehabilitators, and volunteers help with the project.

**Frederic Leopold Environmental Education Award:** *Clinton County Enviro Kids Team.* This award commends outstanding environmental education efforts by business, industry, or labor. This program was conceived and organized by private businesses in Clinton County, specifically Bemis Clysar Inc., Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency, and Lyondell Plastics Co (Equistar). These businesses developed the Enviro Kids program because they want to promote long-term understanding of the interdependence of industry, people, and the environment. The Enviro Kids is a program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students can participate and experience everything from a tour of a local manufacturing facility to a boat ride on the Mississippi River.

### **Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (> 35,000):** *Marshall County Conservation Department.*

This award commends excellence in a county conservation board's EE program of counties with a population of more than 35,000. The Grimes Farm & Conservation Center opened in October 2003. During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, there were approx. 3,650 visitors from 32 states and seven countries. They developed an Adopt a Drawer Community Service Project. Schools, scouts, and local groups sponsored drawers in the Discovery Table for \$100/drawer. EE programming was presented at 100% of the elementaries and 71% of secondary buildings in the county. The program conducts a variety of special programs like: Uncle Ikes Nature Program, Nature Friends, Junior Conservationists, Master Conservationists, and Brown Bag Bunch Series.



*Relaxing at Winter Solstice 2006 with Lewis Major*

## Solstice 2006 Review

By Gail Barels, Workshop Chair

During the year before Winter Solstice 2006 I imagined many possible problems with the workshop. Weather was number one: snowstorms, blizzards, ice storms, etc. You know all the worst weather scenarios. Never did I imagine the weather would be extremely warm and rainy with thunderstorms. I couldn't even perceive having a problem with too much mud. But the workshop was held in January and in Iowa the possibilities are in all extremes.

Other than the weather, the 2006 Winter Solstice workshop hit the mark with the theme *Reading Iowa's Landscape, Connecting Literature with Environmental Education*. Nearly 140 people participated in the workshop. Keynote speakers entwined science, environmental ethics, and literature in their themes. Iowa's own Larry Stone jump-started the workshop with his talk on the Amazement Connection.

Participants learned about bobcats, mountain lions, the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, Lewis and Clark, geology, how to create activities based on your favorite books, sustainability, and handmade papers and journals.

Mel Boring, another Iowa author and our second keynote speaker, provided interesting science-based information about many of the critters we don't see during an Iowa winter. Interesting facts provided everyone an insight into the hibernators and insects.

The story of his personal lifelong search for the ivory-billed woodpecker enthralled listeners as Bobby Ray Harrison also described the scientific investigation for the thought-to-be extinct Lord God Bird in the bayous of Arkansas. This enthralling talk excited everyone – allowing us to believe that the Endangered Species Act has granted the world a miracle.

In the workshop evaluation form, the workshop participants responded that the keynote speakers and session presenters exceeded their expectations. That will provide a challenge for the 2007 workshop planning committee.

Planning for the 2007 Winter Solstice Workshop will begin soon. If anyone has ideas for themes, session speakers, or would like to be on the planning committee, please contact Gail Barels at [gailbarels@aol.com](mailto:gailbarels@aol.com).

## Short Term Project Volunteer Needed

The ICEC Executive Committee is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to compile a history of the organization. The year 2008 will be the organization's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it would be great if the project could be done in time for the celebration. If you are interested in this project, contact Administrative Coordinator Heather Niec.

## ExCom Nominations

This year we had over 50% of the membership vote in the Executive Committee elections, an amazing response. Re-elected were Carol Schutte and Craig Meyers. Joining them are Marcy Seavey of the Iowa Academy of Science

and Joe Boyles from Polk County Conservation. Pamela Holz will also be serving for one additional year.

We say a reluctant good bye to Rich Leopold, who has served a full six years, and Susan Jahn. Thanks to all who voted, as well as those who ran.



Larry Stone's Solstice Keynote

### ICEC's VISION

*ICEC strives to ensure a healthy environment in Iowa by improving environmental literacy. ICEC promotes innovative educational methods and strategies; develops diverse partnerships; facilitates networking; provides access to information, research and trends; and embraces a balanced perspective on environmental issues.*

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## *Iowa Author Donates Royalties*

### Upcoming ExCom Meetings

May 9  
4 pm  
Via ICN

July 6  
9:30 a.m.  
Des Moines

ExCom meetings are open to all members. Come join us to find out what's happening and let us know what ICEC can do to better serve you! Contact Craig Meyers, Chair, for more information.

Iowa author, Shelene Codner, will be donating royalties from her new children's book, *If I Were A Little Guy*, to assist in funding two deserving organizations - The Heart Connection, Children's Cancer Programs and the Iowa Recycling Association. Both organizations are located in Des Moines but benefit children and educators throughout the state. Sales outside of Iowa benefit seven other children's cancer organizations throughout the United States. For information about these organizations, visit [www.littleguypublishing.com](http://www.littleguypublishing.com).

The Heart Connection, Children's Cancer Programs provides the only summer camps in Iowa devoted exclusively to children with cancer, and the sibling program was one of the first of its kind in the nation.

The Iowa Recycling Association (IRA) is a network of diverse members dedicated to advancing cost-effective waste reduction and recycling activities to help improve the quality of life within Iowa communities. Within their mission, IRA is dedicated to environmental education and provides information regarding the risks to children's health as well as their natural environment that are associated with irresponsible waste management.

The book, *If I Were A Little Guy*, was inspired by the author's father. As he lay in the hospital after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, it began to snow—very big snowflakes. He said, “Man, if I were a little guy I could climb on one of those and float on down.” During the final two months of his life, he received a solicitation call from an organization raising money for children with cancer. After he hung up he said, “I am dying, but I have lived a real full life, done everything I wanted, done a lot of things I didn't think I would. It just doesn't make sense that these kids have to suffer without experiencing life, I wish I could help. “ This is the purpose of the book - to help, it also explores other opportunities for little guys as well as expressing an appreciation for big guys, like our Dads.

In addition, the book, which retails at \$14.99 is being offered at a reduced rate of \$7.99 for this campaign and for persons wishing to purchase a copy to brighten the day of a special Dad/Hero they might know serving in the military. You can read the book online and place orders at the following website [www.littleguypublishing.com/index\\_files/THCIRA.htm](http://www.littleguypublishing.com/index_files/THCIRA.htm) or by emailing [orders@littleguypublishing.com](mailto:orders@littleguypublishing.com). The printed version of *If I Were A Little Guy* is printed on 30% recycled fiber, using green energy including solar, wind and other environmentally-friendly power sources.

The author, Shelene (Shelly) Codner is an award-winning technical writer, whose reports have appeared in several national publications, including *Biocycle*, *In-Business*, *Land and Water*, *Erosion Control* and others. She also serves as volunteer regional editor for *Green Teacher Magazine*, based in Ontario, volunteer moderator for *Freecycle.org* and is the managing editor of the Iowa Recycling Association's school publication, *4R's*. Shelly lives in rural Dumont, IA on a farm with her husband John and two teenage children, Kayla and Jeffery. During her *day job* she serves as director of the Butler County Solid Waste Commission in Allison, IA and is the Area Resource Specialist for Area C of the Iowa Waste Exchange.

Join us in educating others for a healthier environmental future.

Share your experience with other professionals in the field by joining the Iowa Conservation Education Council.



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