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Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Fall 2016



Fall is Here!!

People Making a Difference...

Thank you to **Kay Newman of SOAR**, for coming and doing her raptors program for Breakfast with the Birds!

Thank you to **Barb Chase** for your assistance with the Conservation Quarterly newsletter mailings!

A continued thanks to **Dean Downer and Sue Rodgers** for being our Caretakers of Outdoor Educational Classroom and Hitchcock House respectively!

Kids Korner Solution

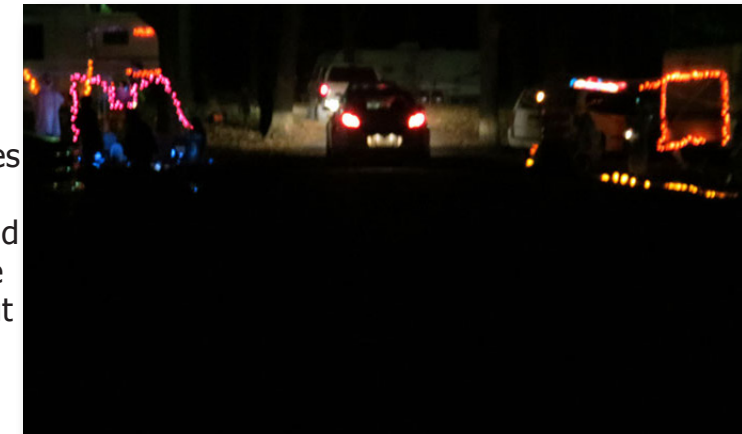
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Changing seasons

Cass County Conservation Board Members

Phil Prychodzin- Massena
Rich Govig- Lewis
Duane Curtis- Cumberland
Luanne Steffens- Griswold
Jerry Hudson- Lewis

Nature is slowing down and as park visitor usage slows we start projects that otherwise could be unaccommodating for our users. We are finished upgrading our camping posts up to 50 amp service per site. The grass seed is down! We also are repairing grills and upgrading some fire pits this fall. Also, excuse our mess at our offices in Cold Springs, we are putting on the final touches. We are finishing our front display area. You can follow our progress in our facebook album of photos! As we roll into Fall don't forget hunting and trapping seasons are starting up. Please understand that these types of users will be out in our parks. We take reservations for our Outdoor Educational Classroom Lodge for meetings and events through the winter as we do keep it plowed. Please contact the office if you are interested in reserving. Get out and enjoy Fall in Cass County Parks!



E-Newsletter!

Save a tree, email Lora at lkanning@casscoia.us

and let her know to add your email to get the email/PDF version of the Conservation Quarterly!

4th Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground

We are looking for people, groups, or organizations to Sign UP for a site in the campground to decorate (non-Scary) with Halloween decorations. Prizes will be for the top 3 voted sites, and for some special categories. Deadline for decorating a site sign up is October 26th and the groups will have Saturday October 29th from Noon on to decorate. It is NEVER too late to volunteer! So much goes into this event and we have a great foundation of volunteers that help EVERY year! This event is a great non-scary, Family Friendly, FREE, drive into the night! Please help us make it a success! Call our office ASAP to get involved! 712-769-2372

We are in need of:

Traffic Control Helpers
Site Sponsors
Keeper of the Bonfire
Treat Makers

In this Issue:

Upcoming Events
Swan Contest

Trumpeter Swan Contest

Trumpeter Swans have visited the Schildberg Quarry for, at least, Seventeen out of the last Eighteen winters. Most Trumpeter Swans migrate farther south for the winter in search of open water and food. Because of the depth of Atlantic's Schildberg Quarry, and the large number of wading waterfowl, it remains open year round, making it possible for the swans to stay. We had NO deaths last year!!!! Last season we had an average of 41 visit, and the most on one day was 79! Which is our NEW Record! Arrival and departure dates of the Trumpeter Swans have been as follows:



1997/1998	December – January	2003/2004	November 26—March 21
1998/1999	Nothing on record	2004/2005	November 25—March 18
1999/2000	December 25 – February 15	2005/2006	November 17—March 5
2000/2001	November 23 – March 6	2006/2007	October 30—March 9
2001/2002	December 25—February 24	2007/2008	November 22— February 14
2002/2003	November 23—March 15	2008/2009	November 18— March 12
2009/2010	November 19– January	2010/2011	November 5th– February 10
2011/2012	November 17– February 21	2012/2013	November 24– March 4
2013/2014	November 12- April 7	2014/2015	November 11- April 6
2015/2016	November 22- March 24		

The Cass County Conservation Board is asking you...When do you think the first Trumpeter Swan will arrive at the Schildberg Quarry? Please call in your prediction (beginning October 1st) to the Conservation Board at 712-769-2372, leave a message and return phone number if we are not in. Duplicate dates will not be allowed. For example, if a caller predicts November 25th, no one else will be allowed to predict that arrival date. So, call anytime during the month of October until November 11th to make your prediction! One prediction per family, please. The sponsors of this contest will determine the official arrival of the swans. The winner will receive a Trumpeter Swan 8x10 Print from the Cass County Conservation Board. This contest is strictly for residents of Cass County.

Mark your Calendars

Soiree with the Swans

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Schildberg Recreation Area 11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. in case of no swans or bad weather it will be held at the Atlantic Public Library Community Room 12:00-1:00 p.m. Presentations will be every half hour with the last presentation will be at 2 p.m.

Minnesota Avian Adventure Bus Trip

January 13-16th 2017 Duluth, MN

Information Night: Monday November 28th, 7PM Rock Island Depot Meeting Room, Atlantic, IA

Minnesota Avian Adventure birding trip to the North Woods, is a fun trip for birders of all skill levels, photographers, and spouses. Cost for people sharing a room \$425/person or Single in single room \$640.

Deadline December 9th.

Contact Lora for more information. lkanning@casscoia.us or 712-769-2372.

Don't forget Great Backyard Bird Count February 17- 20th, 2017

Kids Corner



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APPLES
 CAMPING
 FALL
 HALLOWEEN
 HUNTING
 LEAVES
 MIGRATION
 PUMPKINS
 SWANS
 THANKSGIVING

Upcoming Events



Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event! All Cass County Programs are FREE unless otherwise stated! Donations for programs are accepted.

4th Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground

Saturday, October 29th 7-9 PM
 Cold Springs Campground, Lewis, IA
 See front page for more information!



Bird Feeder Workshop

Saturday November 19th at 1 PM
 Outdoor Educational Classroom, Massena
 Learn all about making bird feeders! Make and take a bird feeder home! All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register by November 16th by calling 769-2372.



"Green" Home Products

Saturday, December 3rd at 12 PM
 Atlantic Public Library Community Room
 Make and take some natural home products. Dish detergent and others this year will be made. Pre-register by December 1st by calling 769-2372.