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# Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Fall 2018



## 5th 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 19th and the groups will have Saturday October 27th 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**



## 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!

## E- Newsletter!

Save a tree, email Lora at [lkanning@casscoia.us](mailto:lkanning@casscoia.us) and let her know to add your email to get the email/PDF version of the Conservation Quarterly!

## Cass County Conservation on Facebook & Pinterest!

Search [Cass County Conservation](#) and "like" us on Facebook! Easy way to keep up on events and wildlife sightings around Cass County! Get creative with us on Pinterest as @ [casscountyacon](#).

### Cass County Conservation Board Members

Phil Prychodzin- Massena  
Rich Govig- Lewis  
Judy Kennedy- Atlantic  
Luanne Steffens- Griswold  
Jerry Hudson- Lewis

## Fall is for Birthdays!!

We are celebrating our 60th Birthday as a Conservation Board. We have been doing some extra programs throughout the year, let's end with our birthday party! For those who want to give back we are holding a work day October 20th at Pellett Memorial Woods 1-4pm (come and go). Our birthday party will be part of our Lighted Halloween Campground, so come for some Cake at 6pm, and the party will roll right in to the event and turning on those lights! Birthday geocache hunt starts October 1st (placing the geocaches) you must take a "token" out of each of the four geocaches and turn them in at our birthday party to be entered into a prize drawing! Two are posted in the events listing the other two will be posted on our facebook page. This coming fall as the camping begins to slow down at Cold Springs we will be doing some updates to the campground. We will be moving some electric camping sites to make more room for campers. As campers continue to become larger and larger the old layout of the Cold Springs campground isn't always ideal. We moving these sites to provide a better camping experience for our users. We will also be updating the "small" children's play area that is in the southwest part of the campground. We will be removing the old teetertotters and installing new spring riding toys as well as some diggers.

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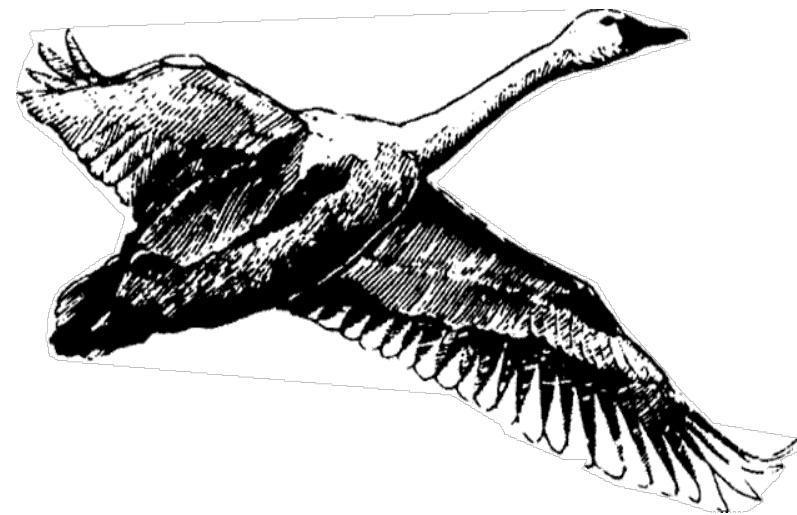
Swan Contest

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In celebration of our birthday we have posted some historical photos of our parks and of our updates if you haven't checked out our facebook albums in a while! 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!

## Trumpeter Swan Contest

Trumpeter Swans have visited the Schildberg Quarry for, at least, Nineteen out of the last Twenty 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 48 visit, and the most on one day was 84! We also had one swan from Wisconsin visit. 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  
2015/2016 November 22- March 24  
2017/2018 November 9- March 20

2014/2015 November 11- April 6  
2016/2017 November 19- March 9

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 12th 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. Contact Lora for more information. [lkanning@casscoia.us](mailto:lkanning@casscoia.us) or 712-769-2372.

**Don't forget Great Backyard Bird Count February 15- 18th, 2019**



## Upcoming Events

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

### **Birthday Geocache Hunt October 1st- October 27th 6PM.**

Turn in tokens from each of the geocaches at our birthday party to be entered to win a prize pack! Here is the first two coordinates: N 41° 18.200 W 095° 06.195      N 41° 13.684 W 094° 43.315  
The others will be posted through our facebook page.

### **Pellet Memorial Woods Workday October 20th 1-4pm (come and go)**

We are looking for those volunteers that wish to be a part of the preservation process may contribute by assisting with the removal of honeysuckle bushes. **If you are wishing to help with this program please dress appropriately (wearing long pants, long sleeves and gloves), and bring loppers if you have them.**

### **Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunt October 20th**

The Cass County Pheasants Forever Chapter will be offering a mentored youth hunt on opening day of youth pheasant season on OCTOBER 20TH (RAIN DATE OCTOBER 21ST). This is open to youth 11-15 years old who have successfully completed the hunter safety education. This is a FREE event to allow young hunters the opportunity to take part in a safe and successful pheasant hunt. GROUP SIZE IS LIMITED TO FIRST 12 YOUTH THAT REGISTER. MUST PRE-REGISTER WITH BECKY DREAGER 712-249-5130 OR CONSERVATION OFFICER GRANT GELLY 712-250-0303.



### **5th Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground Saturday, October 27th 7-9 PM 60th Birthday Party -6PM Cold Springs Campground, Lewis, IA**

See front page for more information!



### **Bird Feeder Workshop Saturday November 10th 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 6th by calling 769-2372.



## Mark your Calendars



**Soiree with the Swans  
Saturday, January 5, 2019 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.



### **Cabin Fever Escape Saturday, January 19th 1-4PM Outdoor Educational Classroom, Massena**

Got Cabin Fever? Cure it by spending time outdoors (sledding, and snowshoes) with family friendly activities! If you get cold, warm tasty drinks and movie will be playing inside the new shelter!