



# Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2012

## Lighted Halloween Campground

We are switching off years, so this year we have the Lighted Halloween Campground! We are at Cold Springs Park in Lewis this year, and next year/Halloween will be our Halloween Hike at Sunnyside Park in Atlantic. We are looking for people, groups, or organizations to Sign UP for a site in the campground to decorate (non-Scary) with Halloween decorations. We are hoping for area businesses to donate some great prizes! The public will drive through our campground loop, and at the end VOTE for the TOP 3 sites! Of course our bonfire smores, and treats will be there!!

## Exciting Events

Music on the lawn this year is the fantastic Blue Tones Reunion show, both shows are Sunday afternoons at the Hitchcock House Lawn! Dutch oven cooking is back this year, we are taking advantage of the holiday being in the middle of the week. Two Saturdays back to back, the first is dinner and dessert, and then next Saturday breakfast! Breakfast with the Birds this year our speaker will be Christina Roelofs with Shelby/Audubon County Naturalist. All of these events are free, and free will donations taken! Keep the upcoming events section on the next page handy!

## Friendly Reminders!!

As you visit Cass County Parks this Summer, we would like refresh your memory on some rules:

\*We do not take camping reservations, sorry.

\*As a visitor to our wonderful parks, please don't hesitate to talk to our staff! Also, there are comment cards (in the campground ticket holder) at Cold Springs and deposit like you would tickets.

Finally, Important information you may cut out and keep handy below!

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# You can tag Monarchs...

As more and more people learn that the Cass County Conservation Board tags Monarchs, it is becoming common for people to ask for a few tags so they can tag at home and show others how to participate. The Cass County Conservation Board has ordered "tagging kits" that will each consist of 10 tags, instructions on how to tag the monarchs, a datasheet, monarch information sheets and even a pre-addressed envelope so you can return the tagging information....ALL OF THIS WILL BE FREE!!! Twenty kits have been ordered and will be distributed in September (one per family, please) to those interested and in attendance at the Mysterious Monarch program advertised in the *Upcoming Events* section of this newsletter. If more than twenty families are interested the kits will be distributed through a drawing.



The kits mentioned above are intended to be learning opportunities with hopes that in following years the recipients will decide to order tags on their own and become an official Monarch Tagger! To date, nine Monarchs tagged by the Cass County Conservation Board and/or Cass County citizens have been recovered in Mexico, a journey of over 1,500 miles!

## Turtle News!!

Cass County Conservation Board would like to thank Grove H. O. T members for building our Ornate box turtle a cage. We gave them plans and materials, they put in the hard work! Over two meetings they built the cage, and then came to our office to install it. Lora helped the members set up the new cage and they learned why she needed a new one! Biggest adjustment is the walls are no longer cloudy plastic but clear plexiglass! She can see out, she gets excited during the board meetings to see everyone!



## What Naturalist Lora Loves:

This article will always give you some information on new recreation, going green, nature books, gadgets, camping tips well... anything Lora Loves and wants to share with the quarterly readers! This edition I am including green tips for barbequing!

1. Choose a cleaner-burning propane or electric grill over one powered by charcoal.
2. If you do use charcoal, look for lump brands (briquettes may contain coal dust or other additives as binders) made from invasive tree species or harvested from sustainably managed forests. Switch from lighter fluid, which releases smog-forming VOCs, to a chimney starter.

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## Summer Puzzle

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BUTTERFLY

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DINNER

MONARCHS

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3. Buy local meat or fish for the grill.
  4. Set your picnic table with reusable dishware and silverware and cloth napkins. If that's not feasible, look for biodegradable or recycled-paper dinnerware, unbleached cups, and recycled-paper napkins.
  5. Clean up with a natural or homemade cleaner.
  6. Fight off insect invaders without chemicals. Opt instead for a natural repellent like lemon eucalyptus.
- Feel free to drop me any Loves of your own! I'd love to hear how Cass County Is Going Green!

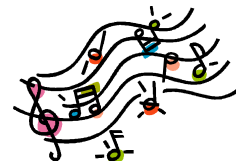
## Upcoming Events

### **Music on the Lawn**

**Sunday, June 24 2-4 PM**

### **Hitchcock House Recreation Area**

Blue Tones Reunion Show will be performing. [www.bluetonesreunionshows.com](http://www.bluetonesreunionshows.com)  
For more information.



### **Campground Programs- Dutch Oven "Dinner" Program**

**Saturday, June 30th 7:00 p.m. Cold Springs Park**

Come enjoy dinner recipes in the Dutch Oven! Learn how to cook in a campfire Dutch oven and get some new recipes. We encourage you to bring your own place setting for the samples.

### **Dutch Oven "Breakfast" Program**

**Saturday, July 7th 9:00 a.m. Cold Springs Park**

Come enjoy Breakfast recipes in the Dutch Oven! Learn how to cook in a campfire Dutch oven and get some new recipes. We encourage you to bring your own place setting for the samples.

### **Breakfast with the Birds**

**Saturday, August 11th 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunnyside Park, Atlantic Camblin Addition Shelter.**

Come see live birds with Christina Roelofs the Shelby/Audubon County Naturalist! After the program, enjoy AtlanticFest!! Free will donations accepted.



### **Music on the Lawn**

**Sunday, August 26 2-4 PM**

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### **Mysterious Monarchs**

**Friday, August 31st Lake Anita State Park Campground 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, September 7th Cold Springs Park Shelter 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 8th Sunnyside Park, Atlantic Camblin Addition Shelter 2:00 p.m.**

Learn about Monarch Butterflies, including how to tag them! Participation required if you would like a home tagging kit. Call Lora to get more information and to get on the list!

**Programs are FREE, but free will donations are always accepted.**

## Mark your Calendars

### **Lighted Halloween Campground**

**Saturday, October 27th**

**Cold Springs Park, Lewis**

**Call to volunteer or for more information!! Please call Lora to sign up!**

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### **E- Newsletter!**

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

Websites: <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cass.aspx>

We also have a page with the rest of the county offices at [www.casscountyiowa.us](http://www.casscountyiowa.us)

### **Summer Puzzle Answer**

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### **People Making a Difference...**

Thank you to the over **30 volunteers** who helped make Hitchcock House Festival be a success!

Thank you to the following businesses, **Atlantic News Telegraph, Cappel's, Downtowner, Fareway, Hy-vee, and Orscheln's** for donations to the Hitchcock House Festival.

Thank you to the **Hitchcock House Advisory Board** who helped plan the Festival!

Thank you to **Matt Wetrich**, for coming and doing SOAR's raptors program for Conservation Day! Also, to everyone who volunteered at the conservation day!

Thank you to our **4-H volunteers** at our summer camps.

Thank you to **Grove H.O.T 4 H club** for building our Ornate Box Turtle a new cage!