



Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2011

Exciting Events in the Parks

Cass County Conservation Board has a fun filled summer planned. Of course these events are listed in the upcoming events on page 3 but we wanted to show case them on the front page too! Movies in the Park this year will be held at the Hitchcock House Recreation Area. The first movie is the family friendly Pocahontas Movie July 2nd. The August 20th movie is Green Fire. The first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold, *Green Fire* highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. On August 21st at Hitchcock House also will be an Iowa Civil War reenacted presentation. After a overview of what an Iowa soldier would experience and Iowa's involvement in the Civil War, the audience is introduced to a returning Civil War soldier (played by Mr. Fargo). Cont. on Page 2 . . .

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 holders) at Cold Springs and Cocklin Fish Farm, 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!

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 some new "finds" in many forms. #1 Chico Bag Vita is a strong reusable bag that holds up to 40 lbs! It collapses into itself and has a clip to clip to keys or purse. #2 I also bought the Produce stand bags. These do away with those plastic bags for the produce. They weigh about the same as the plastic, otherwise the weight is on the tag so if the store asks when they weigh the produce. It includes 3 different types produce bags, which also have a graphic on the tag if you forget which produce goes in which. All Chico bags are made out of recycled material, it is called rePETE™ which means they were made from recycled plastic bottles. When we bail them here in cass county one bale (which is about 6,000 bottles) are recycled and made into about 350 yards of fabric! #3 A fantastic new book I read that I got at the Atlantic Public Library is [The Edible Front Yard: The Mow-Less, Grow-More Plan for a Beautiful, Bountiful Garden](#) by [Ivette Soler](#). It's not just for front yards as the title suggests, it also includes suggestions of what NOT to put in you front yard. Lists different plants do well where. Even plans according to zone, so you could take the Chicago one and tailor it to your yard. Imagine how much gas we would save by not mowing even a portion of our yards! Amazon.com carries all 3, #1 \$6.95, #2 \$14.65 and #3 \$11.87. Feel free to drop me any Loves of your own! I'd love to hear how Cass County Is Going Green!

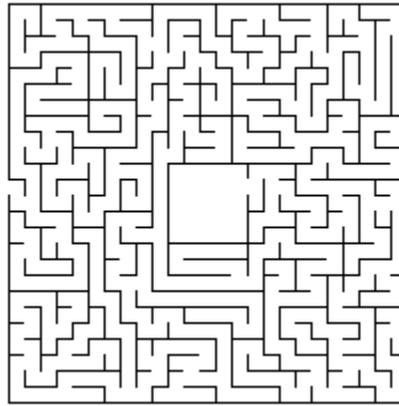
Exciting Events Cont.

The audience is encouraged to ask questions and engage in a dialogue with the "soldier" who will stay in character while answering. The speaker will bring along a full roster of all men who served in and from Iowa in the Civil war to enable the participants to check for ancestors who served. Mr. Fargo dresses in full Union Army regalia for the presentation and focuses the presentation on an individual soldier's experience. Breakfast with the Birds this year will not be the morning of AtlanticFest due to a conflict. This year our speaker will be Kay Neuman with SOAR. www.mycountyparks.com/cass is about 80% finished, we are waiting for e911 addresses so google maps can find us!! This page will have all of our parks listed, shelters, and upcoming events at each location. We also have a page with the rest of the county offices at www.casscountyiowa.us which is done!

E- Newsletter!

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

Summer Puzzle



Upcoming Events

Campground Programs- Dutch Oven "Dinner" Program

Saturday, July 2nd 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.

Movie in the Park

Saturday, July 2nd 9:00 p.m. Hitchcock Recreation Area

Come enjoy the Disney Movie "Pocahontas" shown on our historic barn at the Hitchcock Recreation Area. If it Rains movie will be **inside the barn!**

Breakfast with the Birds

Saturday, August 6th 9:00 a.m.

Sunnyside Park, Atlantic Camblin Addition Shelter.

Come see live birds with Kay Neuman of S.O.A.R! Free will donations accepted.

Movie in the Park

Saturday, August 20th 9:00 p.m. Hitchcock Recreation Area

Come enjoy the NEW Documentary Movie "Green Fire" shown on our historic barn at the Hitchcock Recreation Area. If it Rains movie will be **inside the barn!**



Iowa Civil War Presentation

Sunday, August 21st 2:00 p.m. Hitchcock Recreation Area

See exciting events article for more information.



Mysterious Monarchs

Thursday, September 1st Lake Anita State Park 4:00 p.m.

Friday, September 9th Cold Springs Park Shelter 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10th 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

21st Biennial Halloween Hike

Saturday, October 22nd

Sunnyside Park, Atlantic Camblin Addition Shelter

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

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Volunteer for Cass County Parks!

Looking for somewhere NEW to give your time and talent to? Consider Cass County Conservation! We look for all different types of volunteers young and old! Skills we need help with are Environmental Education, Office Work, Special Event needs, Wildlife Care, Outdoor Recreation, Miscellaneous (i.e woodworking, wild game cooking, naturemapping, water monitor). We also have some volunteers that just help at special events like Halloween Hike and Conservation Day. We also have an Environmental Education Committee that meets roughly 3 times a year. Last but not least, we have a network of volunteers that just help run the Hitchcock House during the open season! Share your love of the Outdoors with the visitors of Cass County Parks! Please contact Lora if interested at lschwendinger@casscoia.us or 769-2372! You can also find our Volunteer Application on line on our website, and click volunteer opportunities.

<http://www.mycountyparks.com/cass>

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 **Christina Roelofs**, for coming and doing her 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.

