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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 for donations to the Hitchcock House Festival: **Atlantic News Telegraph, Cappel's, Downtowner, Fareway, and Hy-vee.**

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

Thank you to **Christina Roelofs, Shelby Co/ Iowa DNR**, for coming and doing her raptors program for Conservation Day! Also, to everyone who volunteered at the conservation day!

Thank you to our **ISU Extension Cass County and 4-H Leadership Council** at our summer camps.

## Mark your Calendars

**27th Halloween Hike**

**Saturday, October 28th**

**Sunnyside Park Camblin's Addition, Atlantic, IA**

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

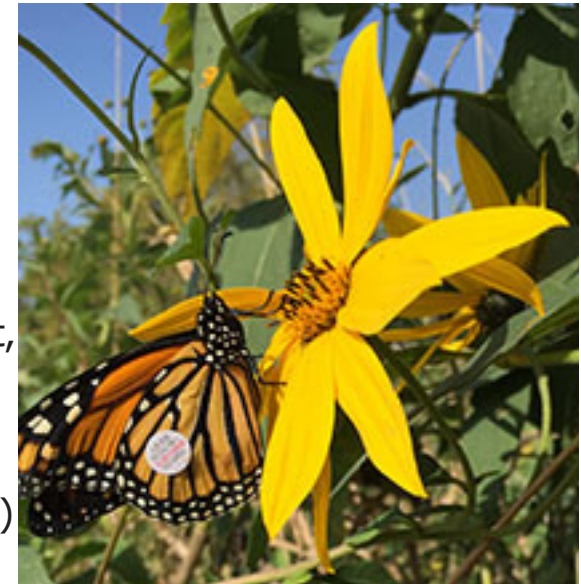


# Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2023

## You can tag monarchs!

As more and more people learn that the Cass County Conservation Board tags monarchs, we would like residents to have 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 5 tags, instructions on how to tag the monarchs, a data sheet, 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, ten 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!



## Get social with us!

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the digital age we live in! How about this newsletter first? It is available by email as a full color interactive PDF. Please email [lkanning@casscoia.us](mailto:lkanning@casscoia.us) to get on our list! Our board is always looking for feedback and social media is a great way to get ahold of us. We've also created two surveys to get some feedback!

We have one survey on our camping area found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8MCHVH>

Another survey on our naturalist programs found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZCHBJ5L> continued on the back page...

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## Park Updates

Start thinking about fall hunting opportunities in our areas. Hitchcock House Recreation Area has a one-acre sunflower plot. West Nodaway has 2 acres of sunflower plots for Doves as well. At West Nodaway, we have added sorghum and soybean food plots as well! We will announce the upcoming local hunter education courses through our newsletter email list and our social media when those dates are decided. We have so many exciting upcoming events, we can't fit them all on one page worth! We have a great variety of events at different parks! Come join us! We will have some projects going on this year and into 2024 in multiple parks. Look for an overview of them in the next issue! We recently had new partitions installed in our shower house at Cold Springs Park. We are always looking for suggestions for new programming you would like to see, and suggestions for improvements or new amenities to our parks! Reach out to us or any of our board members!


## Upcoming Events

 Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!


Our programs are FREE unless designated otherwise. Free-will donations are accepted!

 **Movie in the Park: Minions- Rise of Gru**  
Friday, June 30th, 9:30PM  
Cold Springs Campground Shelter

Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it will be rescheduled.

 **Gourmet S'Mores Charcuterie Program**  
Saturday, July 1st, 7PM  
Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter

Learn how to make gourmet s'more desserts over a fire! Level up your s'mores making game! Please bring your own place setting for samples. **Suggested free-will donation of \$5 per person for supplies will be accepted.**

 **Guided Blooming Prairie Hike**  
Saturday, July 8th, 10AM  
Outdoor Educational Classroom

Come join our Naturalist for a hike in the prairie! Explore blooms throughout the numerous prairies inside the park.

**Iowa's First 25 Years of Statehood**

**Sunday, July 16th, 2:00PM Hitchcock House Recreation Area**

Join us in the Big Red Barn for a special first-time visit by Leo Landis, Curator for Museum & Historic Sites at the State Historical Museum. Leo will speak about Iowa's First 25 Years of Statehood.

**Stand-up Paddleboard Demonstration**

**Saturday, July 22nd, 9AM- 5 spots                      10:30AM- 5 spots**  
Cold Springs Park- Beach


## Upcoming Events Cont.

Come learn about the hottest watersport in Iowa. After a quick demonstration, try out the boards for yourself! If you do not bring a life jacket, one will be provided to you. Children must be 16 years or older.

 **Kids Bike Ride**  
Saturday, August 12th, 10:30 AM

Schildberg Recreation Area Atlantic- West Parking Lot

Bring the kids and their bikes and go for a ride around the lake! Ride routes are appropriate for age group.

 **Breakfast with the Birds**  
Saturday, August 19th, 9AM

Camblin's Shelter-Sunnyside Park, Atlantic

Join Cassie Wendl of SOAR for a raptors program and a free will donation breakfast!

 **Music on the Lawn**  
Saturday, August 26th, 3:30PM Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Come join us for Music on the Lawn featuring a local group, "Sweet Harmony". Sweet Harmony is a gospel and oldies quartet that has been singing together for 40+ years. A free-will offering concert will start at 3:30 with a light meal during intermission. Bring your lawn chair & join us! The music program is FREE and will be held Rain or Shine.

**Stand-up Paddleboard Demonstration**

**Saturday, August 26th, 9AM- 5 spots                      10:30AM- 5 spots**

**Saturday, September 2nd, 9AM- 5 spots                      10:30AM- 5 spots**


Cold Springs Park- Beach

Please call to pre-register and to get on the list! More information is above.

 **Movie in the Park: The Bad Guys**  
Friday, September 1st, 9PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

The Bad Guys movie will be playing out under the stars! Bring a blanket or chair, dress for the weather, and if it RAINS, it may be rescheduled.

 **Mysterious Monarch Programs**  
Friday, September 1st 4:30PM: Lake Anita State Park Campground  
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**Saturday, September 2nd 1PM- Cold Springs Park- Campground Shelter**

**Saturday, September 9th 1PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom, Massena**

**Saturday, September 9th, 3PM - Camblin's Addition Shelter- Sunnyside Park, Atlantic**

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!