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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, 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

Fireside Fair
Saturday, October 25th
Cold Springs Campground, Lewis, IA



Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2025

Park Updates

We've had a busy start to the year, hard to believe July is already here! We are waiting for our new modern beach bathrooms to arrive at Cold Springs Park. Our new gates for the hill have arrived, due to deteriorating road conditions, our Conservation board closed the road last year to foot traffic and authorized vehicles only. You may have seen the Iowa Department of Natural Resources press release about the lake project starting this summer. Relaxed fishing regulations END August 1. August 15 the area will be marked CLOSED TO RECREATIONAL USE. This includes but not limited to Swimming, Kayaking and fishing. When those restrictions are removed so will the signs be removed. We are hoping the weather will cooperate and shortly after Labor Day signs will be removed. The fishery renovation is only part of a process to improve the lake's fish population. Construction of in-lake fish habitat, primarily pea gravel spawning beds, will be built while water levels are down. This project will continue through spring 2026. Any questions give our office a call or our Regional DNR Fisheries staff at 712-250-0010. We will also keep you updated through our Social Media accounts! Due to this our last Kayak Checkout of the year will be held at our Outdoor Educational Classroom! Check it out on our events page. We have partnered with Trees Forever this summer to hold Stewards of the Beautiful Land Series. Our first one was in June and on the 2nd Thursday of the month with our last one in September. Each one stands on its one, come to one or ALL! Start thinking about fall hunting opportunities in our areas. Hitchcock House Recreation Area and West Nodaway have sunflower plots for Doves. 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 cannot fit them all on one page! We have a wide variety of events at our different parks! Come join us! 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!



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 to get on our list! We are on the following social media platforms for you follow us on: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CassCountyIAConservation/> www.pinterest.com/casscountyiakon/ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cassccbia/> Please note we run our social media during staffed work hours. Please understand if it is an emergency, whether it's wildlife or human-related, contacting our law enforcement is faster!

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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 August (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!



Upcoming Events



Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!

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

Stewards of the Beautiful Land Series

Thursday, July 10th, 6PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom

Butterfly Tagging, Small Scale prairies and prairie maintenance.

Thursday, August 14th, 6PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom

Large Scale Prairie planting and roadside maintenance program.

Thursday, September 11th, 6PM- Pellett Memorial Woods

Woodland management and tree planting program.

Josiah Grinnell and Iowa's Underground Railroad

Sunday, July 13th, 2:00PM Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Join us in the Big Red Barn for Mr. Cannon will speak about Josiah Bushnell Grinnell and will tell the story of racism, as well as noble actions and will highlight abolitionist John Brown's visit to the city of Grinnell and Grinnell's first riot over the presence of fugitive slaves in the public schools.

Upcoming Events Cont.



Music on the Lawn- Kelsie and Haley Schmidt

Sunday, August 3rd, 3:30PM Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Come join us for Music on the Lawn featuring singing sisters Kelsie and Haley. 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.



Kids Bike Ride

Saturday, August 9th, 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 16th, 9AM

Camblin's Shelter-Sunnyside Park, Atlantic

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



Movie in the Park: The Wild Robot

Friday, August 29th, 9PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

The Wild Robot 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, August 29th 4:30PM- Cold Springs Park- Campground Shelter

Saturday, August 30th 1PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom, Massena

Saturday, September 13th, 1PM - 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!



Kayak Checkout

Saturday, August 30th, 9AM- 7 spots

10:30AM- 7 spots

Outdoor Educational Classroom

Please call to pre-register or register online to checkout our kayaks! Anyone can attend with their own kayak as well.