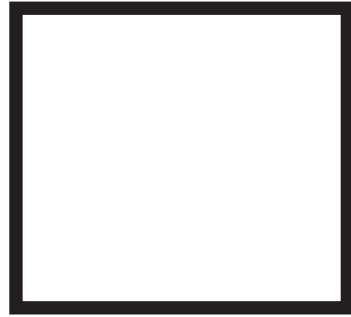


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People Making a Difference...

Thank you to the over **15 volunteers** who helped make Hitchcock House Festival be a success!
Thank you to the following businesses, **Atlantic News Telegraph, Fareway, Hy-vee, and Cappel'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 Shelby Co/IDNR**, 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.

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Butterfly Surveys!

Cass county is participating in butterfly surveys through the Iowa Butterfly Survey Network. Our surveying route is at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. The Iowa Butterfly Survey Network (IBSN) is located at Reiman Gardens with the ultimate goal of educating Iowans about butterflies, while at the same time encourage people to take an active role in conservation. To that end IBSN conducts research using volunteer citizen scientists of all skill levels to collect data for yearly population surveys of butterfly species in the state of Iowa. Volunteers are trained in survey techniques specifically developed for butterflies. Contact us if you are interested in learning more! We are closing in on our second year doing the surveys out at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. We have conducted 13 surveys in that time with 21 different species found so far!

Birding workshop wrapup!

In 2021, we held 4 building better birder public programs. This was a partnership with Kelly J. McKay, at BioEco Research and Monitoring Center. Major funding for this program was provided by the Resource Enhancement And Protection – Conservation Education Program (REAP-CEP). These programs were held at Sunnyside park in Atlantic and Outdoor Educational Classroom. During some of these of workshops we offered birding hikes and those were held at our Outdoor Educational Classroom near Massena. We saw/heard over 31 species during those workshops. Most notable or new for us records would be Northern Saw-whet Owl and wood ducks!

Get social with us!

We are on the following social media platforms for you follow us on: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CassCountyIAConservation/> Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/casscountyacon/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cassccbia/>

In this Issue:
Park Updates
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Please respect we run our social media during staffed work hours. Please understand if it is an emergency, weather it's wildlife or human related contacting our law enforcement is faster! We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the digital age we live in! Our board is always looking for feedback social media is a great way to get ahold of us. *continued on the next page...*

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We've also created 2 surveys to get some feedback! We have one survey on our camping area for feedback found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8MCHVH>

Another survey for feedback on our naturalist programs found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZCHBJ5L> If you are a teacher we also have one for field trips to our parks, it should end up in your email this fall.

Park Updates

As summer is chugging right along many of us are thinking about cooler temps, and fun things to do outside this fall. Our upcoming hunting seasons will be here before we know it, and now is a great time to get some things in order rather than waiting until the last minute. Get those firearms and bows sighted in now as well as start doing some scouting for the upcoming seasons. Our first season to open this fall is dove season on September 1st, the county has planted sunflower food plots for dove hunting at the West Nodaway area and the Hitchcock House. The deer and drought have been tough on our sunflower plots this year so hopefully they produce a decent crop for the doves. Small game hunting kicks off next with rabbit, and squirrel season opening September 4th. Any of our county owned public hunting areas can produce rabbit and squirrel action for those interested. Youth deer season opens up on September 17th. Get those kids out practicing shooting now so they are comfortable with their weapon of choice, and ready to hit the woods. Once again most of our county public hunting areas can provide an opportunity to harvest a deer. That brings us to October and the archery opener on October 1st as well as youth pheasant on October 23rd and regular pheasant opener on October 30th. Hopefully the roadside counts in August will tell us numbers are up, and there will be a good number of pheasants to chase after this fall. As always BE SAFE and have an enjoyable fall at our county managed public hunting areas.

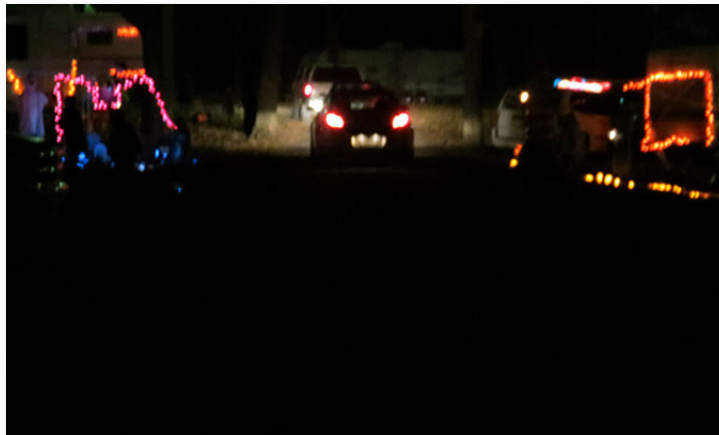
7th Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground

This event is a great non-scary, Family Friendly, FREE, drive into the night! Prizes will be for the top 3 voted sites, and for some special categories. Call to volunteer to help that night, or call to sign up for a site to decorate! If you sign up to decorate a site, Saturday night of camping is on us!! Saturday October 22nd at Cold Springs Park in Lewis 7-9 PM. Please enter the park through the campground entrance. The event will be cancelled if there is inclement weather.

Mark your Calendars

Cass County Hunter Education Sept 6th, and 8th (evenings), and 10th (morning) at Iowa DNR Field Office 4 in Atlantic.

Adair County Hunter Education Sept 22nd and 24th.



Both area Hunter Education courses information can be found here and follow the links to register. <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Hunter-Education> A person who is 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate which becomes valid on that person's 12th birthday.

Preserving Pellett Memorial Woods Workday at the Pellett Memorial Woods outside of Atlantic IA **TBA in November at 1 pm- 4 pm (come and go).**

Upcoming Events



Denotes an Oak Stroller (families welcome) approved event!
Our programs are FREE unless designated otherwise, free will donations are accepted!



Kids Bike Ride
Saturday, August 13th 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 20th 9AM- Camblins Shelter Sunnyside Park Atlantic
Join Kay Neuman of SOAR for a raptors program and a free will donation light breakfast!

Music on the Lawn

Saturday, August 20th 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.



Mysterious Monarch Programs
Friday, September 2nd 4:00PM- Lake Anita State Park Campground loop

Learn about Monarch Butterflies, from Naturalist Anne, including on how to tag them!



T-Bone Trail Ride
Saturday, September 17th 10AM- 3PM
Register for ride by calling or emailing Audubon County Tourism office 712-563-2742 / actorg@windstream.net . There will be Drink & Food stops along the ride. \$20 per rider-proceeds will go to trail

improvements. Deadline to get a t-shirt is Sept 1, but will take riders day of ride.



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Saturday, October 22nd 7- 9 pm Cold Springs Campground, Lewis, IA
Call to volunteer, sign up, or see opposite page for more information!! Please call Lora to sign up!