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Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Summer 2015

Conservation Board Updates

Over the last few months we have welcomed to new board members to the Cass County Conservation Board. Jerry Hudson of Lewis replaced long time board member Ken Lawton and Phil Przychodzin of Massena replaced another long time board member John Curry. Jerry grew up in Kansas and served with the Kansas Army National Guard. In 1968-1969 his unit was called to active duty and even though he trained for combat, he was never sent to Vietnam. He got out of the Military in 1969 and started and finished two years of Junior college. He then attended Kansas State University where he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish and wildlife Management. He started in the Fisheries management division of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in 1975 and continued in Fish Management until his retirement in March of 2003. Through the years with the IDNR Jerry has worked in all parts of Iowa except the southeast portion of the state. Even though, retired he continues to hunt, fish and enjoy gardening. Jerry also enjoys looking at many of the native wild prairie areas in Iowa. Phil was born and raised in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After graduating high school he attended UNI and graduated with a degree in Education. He taught for 6 years in Guthrie Center Iowa before moving to Massena. He then entered the insurance business where he worked for 20+ years until moving on to a position with 1st Data corp. in Omaha in the engineering department where he worked for 16 years until his retirement. Phil is an avid outdoorsman who loves to hunt and Fish, he also enjoys gardening in his spare time. We look forward to working with Jerry and Phil in the coming years. Their knowledge and backgrounds will help the CCCB progress in the future.

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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, and Hy-vee** for donations to the Hitchcock House Festival.

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

Thank you to **Kay Newman of SOAR**, for coming and doing her raptors program for Conservation Day!

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

E-Newsletter!

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

Cass County Conservation on Facebook!

Search Cass County Conservation and "like" us on Facebook! Easy way to keep up on events and wildlife sightings around Cass County!

Cass County Conservation Board Members

Phil Przychodzin- Massena Bob Muldoon- Atlantic
Duane Curtis- Cumberland Luanne Steffens- Griswold
Jerry Hudson- Lewis

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Conservation Board Update Continued:

There will be a spot on the Cass County Conservation Board Opening up in December of this year as one of our other longtime board members is stepping down. If you'd be interested in serving on the board or have any questions please contact Director, Micah Lee at 712-769-2372

Monarch Tagging!

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 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, 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!

Pollinator habitat has been a hot topic recently. Our local help on this topic is Dave York: NRCS District Conservationist, Brian Hickman: Iowa DNR Private Lands Biologist and our local Cass County Chapter of Pheasants Forever.



Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!

Upcoming Events



Movie in the Park- The Lorax

Friday July 3rd 9PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

Come out for a great family friendly movie under the stars! We will be showing The Lorax. Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it will be CANCELLED.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Saturday July 4th 5PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

Join us for an evening of dutch oven cooking. We plan on making a main dish and dessert. Please bring your own placesetting for samples.

Slave Recollections

Sunday July 19 2PM

Hitchcock House Recreation Area, Lewis

Listen to slave narratives, which were interviews by writers working for the Workers' Progress Administration. It is former slaves recollections about their life as a slave and after Freedom. There will also be a discussion of vintage chairs made by a former slave, William Kunze. Event will be held in the Big Red Barn beginning at 2 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs. FREE and program will be held Rain or Shine.



Breakfast with the Birds

Saturday August 8th 9AM

Camblins Addition Shelter Sunnyside Park Atlantic

Kickoff AtlanticFest with a Free will donation breakfast. Join Kay Neuman of SOAR for a raptors program.



Kids Bike Ride

Saturday August 8th 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.



A Visit with Ulysses S. Grant

Sunday August 16th 2PM

Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Meet the victorious General whose strategy and tenacity won the Civil War, the President who struggled to rebuild his country after the war, and the husband and father whose final efforts were devoted to the financial support of his wife and family. Event will be held in the Big Red Barn beginning at 2 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs. FREE and program will be held Rain or Shine.



Mysterious Monarch Programs

Friday September 4th 4:30PM- Lake Anita State Park Campground loop

Saturday September 5th 4PM- Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter

Saturday September 12th 2PM - Camblins Addition Shelter Sunnyside Park Atlantic

Saturday September 12th 4PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom Massena

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!



Movie in the Park- Rio 2

Friday September 4th 9PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

Come out for a great family friendly movie under the stars! We will be showing Rio 2. Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it will be CANCELLED.

Dutch Oven Cookoff and Fall Festival

Saturday September 26th Lake Anita State Park- Primitive Campground

Meeting at Noon, Judging at 3PM

Categories for Appetizers, Main Dish, Bread, Dessert, and a 3 course meal. Prizes will be given, for details contact Becky Peach bpeach@cam.k12.ia.us .

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

Mark your Calendars

23rd Halloween Hike Hunters of the Wild

Saturday, October 24th

Sunnyside Park Camblins addition, Atlantic, IA

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