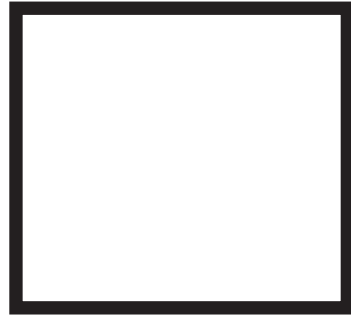


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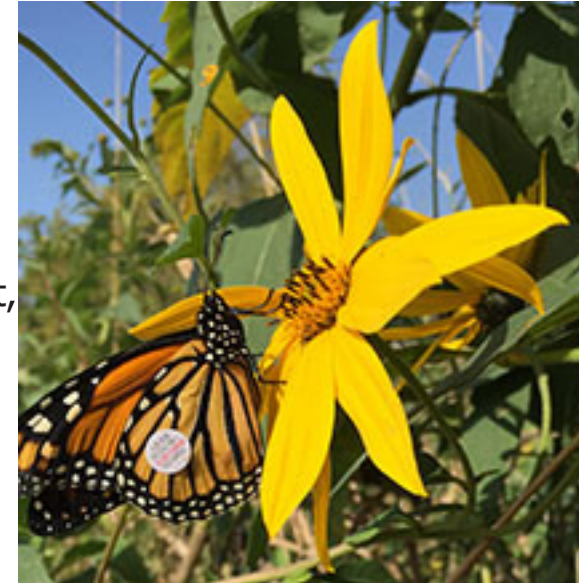
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You can tag Monarchs!

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 and 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!



Park Updates

This spring the bridge approaches on the Cass County Section of the T-bone trail were redone. Smooth sailing onto our bridges! Also, of note the Hitchcock House reconstruction was complete before we opened for our season. The Hitchcock House will close for tours at its normal time, September 15th. Check out their upcoming programs listed in our events! Start thinking about fall hunting opportunities in our areas. Rabbit and squirrel season opens first with starting dates of August 31. West Nodaway has 2 acres of sunflower plots for Doves the season will open again of September 1st. Youth and Disabled deer seasons start on September 21st with the remainder of the fall hunting seasons opening in October. We have had a great summer so far! Our last summer Nature Tots series for 3-5 yr olds is wrapping up in July. So many exciting upcoming events, we have more than one page worth! We have a great variety of events at different parks! Come join us!

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THREE pages of
Upcoming Events

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 Roleofs of Shelby Co. Conservation**, 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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Friendly Reminders!!

As you visit Cass County Parks this Summer, we would like to refresh your memory on some rules:

- *We do not take camping reservations.
- *The Cold Springs Trailer Dump Station is free Registered Campers only, not registered campers can pay \$5 to use the dump station.
- *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 holder) at Cold Springs and deposit like you would tickets.
- * Please respect park parking areas and park boundaries.
- * Our Shelter in Cold Springs, Barn at Hitchcock House Recreation Area, and Lodge at Outdoor Educational Classroom are Reservable and FREE! Contact our office for more information!

Get social with us!


Our board is always looking for feedback social media is a great way to get ahold of us. 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.


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/> 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! Another way to access our events, is by scanning this QR code that sends you to our events page on our mycountyparks.com page. You must pre-register for our watersport offerings, by calling or through the event on the mycountyparks.com page.



Upcoming Events

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

Dutch Oven Cooking

 Friday July 5th 5:30PM Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter
Join us for a Dinner of dutch oven cooking. We plan on making a main dish and dessert. Please bring your own placesetting for samples.

Upcoming Events Cont.


 Lincoln Live with Lee Williams
Sunday July 14th 2PM Hitchcock House Recreation Area

We're very excited to bring you Atlantic's own Abraham Lincoln aka Lee Williams! Lee brings Abraham Lincoln to life, emphasizing his character, humility, determination, humor and compassion. Join us at 2pm in the Big Red Barn with your favorite lawn chair (or we have wooden chairs). Cookies & drinks will be provided. This program is free of charge, though donations are always appreciated!


Stand-up Paddleboard Demonstration

Saturday July 20th 1PM- 5 spots 2:30PM- 5 spots


Come learn about the hottest watersport in Iowa. After a quick demonstration try out the boards for yourself! Children must be 16 years or older.

 Sit on top Kayak Checkout 1PM- 4 Spots 2:30PM- 4 Spots
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Cold Springs Park- Beach

Anyone under 16 must have a parent with them at all times. If you do not bring a life jacket one will be provided to you. All watersports participants must sign a waiver. You must pre-register for our watersport offerings, by calling or through the event on the mycountyparks.com page.


 Guided Blooming Prairie Hike
Saturday July 20th 8PM Outdoor Educational Classroom-
Massena

Come join our Naturalist for a hike in the prairie at sunset!

 Kids Bike Ride
Saturday August 10th 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.

 Music on the Lawn
Sunday August 11th 2PM


Hitchcock House Recreation Area

Come listen to Schmidt sisters duet, they grew up near Lewis, Iowa and are music educators. A free-will offering light lunch will be available, during intermission. The music program is FREE and will be held Rain or Shine.



Upcoming Events Cont.



 **Breakfast with the Birds**
Saturday August 17th 9AM
Join Kay Newman of SOAR, for a live birds program and a free will donation breakfast!

 **Movie in the Park- Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**

Friday August 30th 9PM

Cold Springs Park Campground

Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snake movie will be playing out under the stars! Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it maybe rescheduled.



 **Mysterious Monarch Programs**
Friday August 30th 5PM- Lake Anita State Park Campground loop

Saturday August 31st 1PM- Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter

Massena Saturday September 14th 1PM -

Camblins Addition Shelter Sunnyside Park Atlantic

Saturday September 14th 3PM- Outdoor Educational Classroom

Learn about Monarch Butterflies, including how to tag them! Registration required if you would like a home tagging kit. Call Lora to get more information and to get on the list!

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Rescheduled- Cass County Fishing Derby

Saturday September 7th Fishing starts at 9AM

Cold Springs Park

Please pre-register, derby is limited to 50 participants, 15 years old and younger. Pre-register by calling 769-2372.



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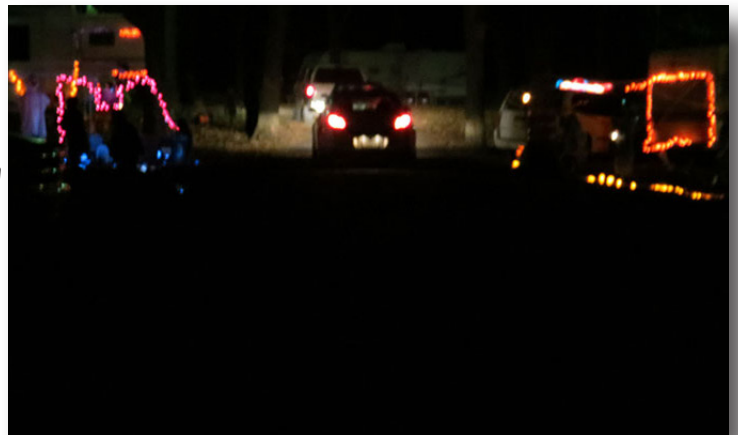
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Mark your Calendars 8th Biennial Lighted Halloween Campground

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 19th 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.



Hunter Education Classes

Cass County Hunter Education and Adair County Hunter Education dates are to be announced.

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.