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#### People Making a Difference...

Thank you to **Barb Chase** for your assistance throughout the year with the Conservation Quarterly newsletter mailings!

A continued thanks to **Dean Downer and Sue Rodgers** for being our Caretakers of Outdoor Educational Classroom and Hitchcock House respectively!

Thank you to **SOAR**, for coming and doing a raptors program for Breakfast with the birds! Brought to you by the **Dick McCauley Memorial**.

Fall Puzzle answer: Join us for Soiree with the Swans in January!

#### 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 & Pinterest!

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

Cass County! Get creative with us on Pinterest as @casscountyiacon.

# Cass County Conservation Board Members

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#### 23rd Halloween Hike

We are excited to announce The "Hunters of the Wild" Halloween Hike! It is NEVER too late to volunteer! So much goes into this event and we have a great foundation of volunteers that help EVERY year! This event is a great NON-SCARY, Family Friendly, FREE hike into the night! Please help us make it a success!

We are in need of:

**Actors** 

**Tour Guides** 

**Face Painters** 

**Treat Makers** 

Call our office ASAP to get involved! 712-769-2372! Also, Check out the event in the upcoming events section for more information!

### Swan Contest

Trumpeter Swans have visited the Schildberg Quarry for, at least, seventeen out of the last eighteen winters. Most Trumpeter Swans migrate farther

south for the winter in search of open water and food. Because of the depth of Atlantic's Schildberg Quarry, and the large number of wading waterfowl, it remains open year round, making it possible for the swans to stay. Arrival and departure dates of the swans have been as follows:

In this Issue:

1997/1998 December 18 – January 2

1998/1999 Nothing on record

1999/2000 December 25 - February 15

2000/2001 November 23 - March 6

2001/2002 December 25 - February 24

2002/2003 November 23 – March 15

2003/2004 November 26 - March 21

**Upcoming Events** 

Swan Recap

2004/2005 November 25 – March 18

2005/2006 November 17 – March 5

2006/2007 October 30 - March 9

2007/2008 November 22- February 14

2008/2009 November 18- March 12

2009-2010 November 19 - January 5

2010-2011 November 5 - February 10

2011/2012 November 17 – February 21

2012/2013 November 24- March 4

2013/2014 November 12- April 7

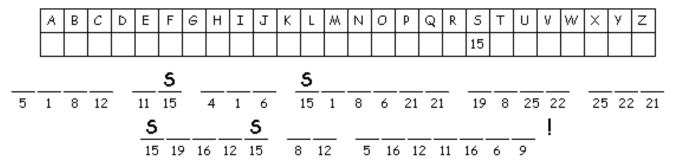
2014/2015 November 11- April 6

The Cass County Conservation Board is asking you...When do you think the first Trumpeter Swan will arrive at the Schildberg Quarry? Please call in your prediction (by November 11th) to the Conservation Board at 712-769-2372, leave a message and return phone number if we are not in. Duplicate dates will not be allowed. For example, if a caller predicts November 25th, no one else will be allowed to predict that arrival date. So, call anytime until November 11th to make your prediction! One prediction per family, please. The sponsors of this contest will determine the official arrival of the swans. The winner will receive a Trumpeter Swan 8x10 print from the Cass County Conservation Board. Sorry, this contest is only for residents of Cass County.

## Trumpeter Swan Recap

Our unmarked Trumpeter Swans returned to Massena again this year. The pair started out with four cygnets but they lost 2 by the end of July. At Schildberg Recreation Area last winter we had an average of 39 visit, and the most on one day was 72 on December 5th 2014! This past winter was a rough one, we had four swans injured out of the Schildberg Rec. Area. The only one which survived was one with a broken leg. Two of the deaths from a powerline collision between lake 3 and lake 4. The fourth was a sick swan with an undetermined illness. All of these were taken to SOAR- Saving our avian resources. The new set of swan flappers have arrived, they will be installed on the powerline spans near the railroad tracks between lake 3 and 4. We are just awaiting a freeze so AMU's large trucks can go out and install them.

## Fall Puzzle



### Upcoming Events



Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event!



Sunnyside Park, Camblin Addition, Atlantic

7:00 PM—Last group departs at 8:10 PM

You will follow a trail where your "Hunt in the Wild" will start! It is not our intent to scare or frighten anyone, but to educate and entertain people of all ages! After the hike enjoy tasty treats, warm drinks and bonfire! MUST CALL FOR YOUR FREE RESERVATIONS AT 712-769-2372. Leave your name, # of people in your group, Phone # and time you wish to depart on you hike.

#### **Bird House Workshop**

Saturday November 21st at 1 PM

Outdoor Educational Classroom, Massena

Learn all about making bird houses! Make and take a bird house home for a suggested donation! Fun for all ages, children must be accompanied by adult. Suggested donations for House Wren house \$8, Bluebird \$8, and Kestrel/screech owl house \$10. Pre-registration is requested by November 18th call 769-2372!

#### **Natural Holiday Decorating**

Saturday, December 5th 12:30 PM

Atlantic Public Library Community Room

Back by popular demand, make and take home keepsakes. New crafts, decorate with nature, and all skill levels welcome! FREE, Pre-register by November 30th call 769-2372.

#### Soiree with the Swans

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at

Schildberg Recreation Area 11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. in case of no swans or bad weather it will be held at the Atlantic Public Library Community Room 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Presentations will be every half hour with the last presentation will be at 2 p.m.

All Cass County Programs are FREE unless otherwise stated! Donations for programs are accepted.

Don't forget the Great Backyard Bird Count in February 2016!

