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People Making a Difference...

Thank you to everyone that took part in our **Soiree with the Swans!**

Thank you to the **ISU Extension Cass County and 4-H Leadership Council** for helping our winter camps a success!

Thank you to **Dean Downer** for all of his hard work over the past year at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. Thank you to **Sue Rodgers** for all of her hard work over the past year at our Hitchcock Recreational Area.

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!

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Park Highlights

We are very close to our office remodel being done. Our new snowy owl came "home" finished during the remodel and checked out the progress! Look for a grand opening later this summer! Our campground upgrade is finishing up as well! We have raised our camping prices this season, Electric sites at Cold Springs are \$15, Non-electric is still \$10. Our trailer dump use if you do not camp at Cold Springs is \$5. Making Shelter Reservations- To reserve the shelter at Cold Springs Park contact Ryan Lockwood at 769-2372. Don't forget we take reservations for our Outdoor Educational Classroom Lodge for meetings and events. Please contact the office if you are interested in reserving.



Story Walk®

We usually partner with the city libraries during their summer reading programs to integrate nature in. This year's theme is "On your mark, get ready, set, READ!" We are doing story walks as part of this exercise/Olympic theme. With the idea to get people out into the parks and read! This great idea got even better by partnering with the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce and their "Explore, Discover, Share" campaign that will kick off in June when we do our story walks but also go all the way to October with the campaign! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. A story walk© involves reading a story that is posted along a trail. At the end of the book take a selfie at the last page, upload it to www.exploreass.com under Cass County Libraries album. Don't forget to include the appropriate hashtag #. Enter to win prizes! Vote for your favorite photos. The story walks© will be put up Friday morning and taken



down by 4:30 Monday afternoon. They are come and read as you please event! If you complete all of the storywalks© you will be entered in for a chance at a grand prize! Some towns are doing more than one story walk and some are also doing "practice" storywalks© as part of the summer library reading program. Below is the full list of story walks©:

Anita "practice" story walk© May 25th 3pm, meet inside library, walk will be in City park.

Lake Anita story walk© June 3rd-6th. Follow signs to spillway, Nature Hike Area. #anitalibrary

Cumberland "practice" story walk© June 8th 1PM. Meet at the Cumberland Library.

Cumberland story walk© June 10th -13th. Cumberland City Park #cumberlandlibrary

Atlantic "practice" story walk© June 16th 4-7pm at Produce in the Park.

Atlantic story walk© June 17th-20th. Pellett Memorial Woods (north of Atlantic) #atlanticlibrary

Lewis "practice" story walk© June 22nd 1PM. Meet at the Lewis Library.

Lewis story walk© June 24th-27th. Hitchcock Recreational Area- walk starts near the barn. #lewisialibrary

Massena story walk© July 1st-4th. Outdoor Educational Classroom- Butterfly Garden. #massenalibrary

Griswold story walk© July 8th- 11th. Three books/walks: 2 City Parks and Fish Farm Park. #griswoldlibrary

Summer Camps

The Cass County Conservation Board has joined with the Cass County ISU Extension Office to sponsor summer camps for the youth of Cass County. These camps were developed to give children a chance to have fun exploring and learning about nature. Registration fee is \$10 includes a t-shirt. If you have questions, please call Lora at 769-2372 or Beth at 243-1132.

Registration Information:

The Atlantic school system can register on Registration Night on May 10 from 5:00-7:00p.m. at the Washington School Gym.

All other county school systems will have forms passed out to school children in May that will explain the registration process. Forms can also be found here: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass>

If your children are home schooled, please call 243-1132 for registration information.

K-2nd Grade*: Rockin' Reptiles~ Youth will learn and play as we explore reptiles. Make crafts, friends and play games!

May 31 & June 1 — 9 AM-12 PM @ Lake Anita (Shelter #5), Anita - Registration Deadline May 20—Fee \$10

June 6 & 7 — 9 AM-12 PM or 1 PM-4 PM @ Sunnyside Park (Camblin Shelter), Atlantic Registration Deadline May 31—Fee \$10

June 15 & 16 — 9 AM-12 PM @ Cold Springs Park, Lewis - Registration Deadline June 6—Fee \$10

3rd-5th Grade*: To Earth & Beyond ~ Explore the solar system through crafts, games and fun! Please bring a sack lunch.

June 2 — 9 AM-4 PM @ Lake Anita (Shelter #5), Anita - Registration Deadline May 20—Fee \$10

June 3 — 9 AM-4 PM @ Cold Springs Park, Lewis - Registration Deadline May 20—Fee \$10

June 9 — 9 AM-4 PM @ Sunnyside Park (Camblin Shelter), Atlantic - Registration Deadline June 1—Fee \$10

6th-8th Grade*: Outdoor Adventure Camp ~ Learn outdoor skills related to fishing, go hiking and make a delicious meal over a campfire! Busing is available from Cass Co. Community Center, depart at 8 AM, and return at 5 PM. Tuesday, June 23, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Cold Springs Park, Lewis. Registration Deadline June 17—Fee \$10

To Register: Detach the form below and return with \$10 per camp to the Cass County Extension Office by the deadline listed above. Questions: Call 243-1132! *Please Note— grade listed above refer to grade just completed.

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!

Upcoming Events



Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event! All Cass County Programs are FREE unless otherwise stated! Donations for programs are accepted.



Wildflower Walk

Saturday, April 30th- 9AM

Pellett Memorial Woods



Hitchcock Pioneer Skills Festival-

The 24th annual Pioneer Skills Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Come visit the famous Hitchcock House (a National Landmark and former stop on the Underground Railroad) just west of Lewis and see tin punching, rope-making, butter making and many other skills that were vital to pioneer survival. This event will be open to the public from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$5 fee for a tour of the Hitchcock House. B.Y.O.M. for some apple cider!



Bike to School Day is May 4th

National Bike Week is May 16th -20th.

Bike to Work Day is May 20th

Save some gas and bike around that day or all week!



Movie in the Park

Sunday May 29th 9:30PM

Minions

Cold Springs Park

Come out and enjoy a free movie under the stars! We will be showing the Minions Movie.



Lake Anita Kids' Fishing Day

Kids, come to Lake Anita on **Saturday, June 4th** for a fun morning of fishing (bring your poles) and information! Learn about the fish in Lake Anita, followed by hands on fishing! Prizes will be awarded to participants, no child will leave empty handed! This event is planned in conjunction with Iowa's free fishing weekend so Iowa adults don't have to have a fishing license to join their children! **To register meet near the beach parking lot at 10:00 a.m.**



Movie in the Park

Friday July 1st 9:30PM

Alvin and the Chipmunks- The Road Chip

Cold Springs Park

Come out and enjoy a free movie under the stars! We will be showing the Alvin and the Chipmunks- The Road Chip Movie.

Stay tuned for more on the July programs and more in the Summer Newsletter.