

# Wichita Audubon



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## **MARCH MEETING**



Gene Young will present his program “Lesser Prairie-Chicken and the Endangered Species Act” for our March program. Gene teaches biology at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa and lives in Arkansas City. He is a past president of the Kansas Ornithological Society and was a major contributor to the petition to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism to list Lesser Prairie Chickens as endangered. He will provide an overview of the Act and the process of review and determination, using the Lesser Prairie-Chicken as

a case study. The program will be on Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can join Gene and other members for dinner at Doc Green’s, 10096 E. 13th, in the Waterfront at 5:30 p.m.

**NOTE: PROGRAMS THIS YEAR BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.**

## **CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER RECEIVES GRANTS**

We have received two grants in support of the nature education programs at the Chaplin Nature Center. The TransCanada Corporation gave \$5000 and the Forrest C. Lattner Family Foundation contributed \$2000. CNC provides about 100 programs to more than 2500 people each year, and we couldn’t do it without the help of these foundations and people like you.

## **CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**April 6, Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

### **Spring Clean-up**

Come celebrate spring at the nature center while lending a helping hand. The center needs your help to get the facility ready for visitors and school groups. Clearing trails of debris, raking, sprucing up the area around the building, and small repair projects will be on our to-do-list. No matter what your age, you can contribute. A simple lunch will be provide for those staying for the whole day. Be sure to wear old clothes and bring a pair of work gloves. Branch clippers and yard rakes are needed. Call the center for more information.



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail [cnc@wichitaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaudubon.org). CNC is located 3 miles west of Arkansas City on Hwy 166, north 2 miles on 21st Rd, east 0.6 miles on 272nd Rd.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **March 9**

Honeysuckle eradication in Oak Park - see page 3.

### **March 16**

Wilson Reservoir field trip. A joint field trip with the Smoky Hills Audubon. Meet at the west Minooka Park boat ramp at 8 a.m. Leader: Mike Rader, 785-658-2595, [mike\\_rader@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_rader@hotmail.com)

### **March 19**

Regular meeting, “Lesser Prairie-Chicken and the Endangered Species Act,” by Gene Young, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

### **March 23**

Oak Park Cleanup - help keep our park litter free. Bring gloves and meet by the north pond at 9 a.m. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com)

### **March 30**

Wichita area field trip. Meet at 8 a.m. at Crane Park in Derby. Leader: Jeff Calhoun, 737-1307, [jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com)

### **April 6**

CNC spring cleanup, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **April 20**

Prairie Chickens and Konza Prairie field trip. This trip has been CANCELLED due to scheduling conflicts.

### **April 20**

Kayaking for Chaplin - see page 4

## **KOS SPRING MEETING**

Join Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) members for a great weekend of birding May 10-13, 2013 in Norton County, Kansas! Norton County is located near the Nebraska border in the High Plains region. This area of northwest Kansas is characterized by semi-arid, vast flatlands with short-grass prairie and scrub vegetation. Birding destinations nearby include Norton Wildlife Area, Kirwin NWR, Webster Reservoir and Wildlife Area, Sappa Park in Oberlin, Antelope Lake in Graham County and possibly nearby Harlan Reservoir in Nebraska.

Our group is open to everyone and includes beginning birders, nature photographers, county listers, and university professors. You'll make lasting friendships, learn something new, and take lots of great memories home with you. Registration information is available at [www.ksbirds.org](http://www.ksbirds.org)

Look forward to seeing you!



*Shawn Silliman receives a \$5000 check from Alan Armstrong of the TransCanada Corporation for education programs at Chaplin Nature Center.*

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

This year the nominating committee has a big job. We need to fill all the following positions:

President (2 year term)

Vice-president/Program chair (1 year term)

Treasurer (1 year term)

two Board members (3 year terms)

If you are interesting in serving, or have suggestions about good candidates, please contact Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, [kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net), or Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com) or Sandra Tholen, 634-0049, [stholen@cox.net](mailto:stholen@cox.net).

We need new blood and fresh ideas, so help us find some enthusiastic officers!



## Habitat Restoration Project

Join the Wichita Park Department, friends and neighbors in a fight against  
Bush Honeysuckle

### Bush Honeysuckle Removal

Bring gloves and a shovel

**Oak Park, Saturday, March 9**

8:30am – 1:00pm

North River Drive & West 11th Street

Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.) is a woody invasive plant that forms dense stands that shade out herbaceous plants and out-compete tree species for resources. In general *Lonicera* spp. reduces wildlife habitat, species diversity and causes a decline in the regeneration of Kansas' dominant oak-hickory forest. Invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity.

For more information call Jim Mason or Lee Ann Sack @ 683-5499  
or Warren McCoskey @ 350-3180

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## **KAYAKING FOR CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER**

Special kayak trips down the Arkansas River have been planned to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Chaplin Nature Center. These guided trips, led by the CNC naturalist, will include kayak, paddle, life jacket and instructions on kayak use. Your \$25.00 donation will help support our educational programs at the Center. All equipment is provided by Ark City Kayak Rentals free of charge, so 100% of your donation will go to CNC. Space is limited, so call the Center to reserve your space. For more information call (620) 442-4133.

Trip 1: Saturday, April 20, 2013

Early morning, 3-4 hour trip. Meet at 9:00 am at the CNC Visitor Center.

Cost: \$25.00 donation.

Trip 2: Friday, May 24, 2013

Late evening; full moon, 2-3 hour trip. Meet at 8:30 p.m. at the CNC Visitor Center

Cost: \$25.00 donation.

