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July 10 & August 14

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions? Tom Ewert, 670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com.



July 10

Butterfly Count at Chaplin Nature Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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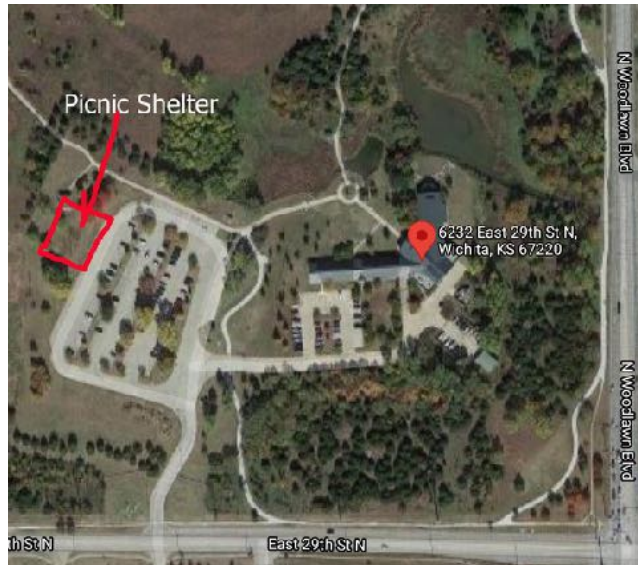
Summer picnic,, 6 p.m. at the picnic shelter in Chisholm Creek Park

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July Picnic

We are going to have an old-fashioned outdoors picnic this year! Join us at the picnic shelter just west of the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot. Bring a dish to share, we will provide drinks. And Jim Marlett is bringing BBQ ribs! We don't have a program planned - since it has been so long since we met in person we thought we would just visit and catch up.



The picnic will be on Tuesday, July 20, 6 p.m. at the shelter west Great Plains Nature Center.



Birdathon 2021

The three birdathon teams set another record this year, raising \$7500 with their efforts.

Team Roadrunners: Tom Ewert, Curt van Boening, Mark Nolen, and Kevin Groeneweg. They chose Kingman County for their big day. They began the day at Cheney Reservoir. From there they went to the Kingman city park, Kingman State Fishing Lake, and then spent the afternoon going from one stream crossing to another, picking up a few more birds at each stop. They even found a couple of their namesake Roadrunners racing down roads. They ended the day with 98 species - lower than some years due to a lack of wetland birds. But they did a good job of finding about every species to be expected for that time of the year.

The CNC team consisted of Gene Young, Kevin Groeneweg, Rex Herndon, Dwight Shoup, Max Thompson, Travis Ross and Shawn Silliman. They always start at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon and finish at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Friday afternoon they visited Slate Creek wetlands and surrounding areas where they found shorebirds including American Golden Plovers. Saturday morning they started at Walnut Park in Ark City and worked their way down the Ark River from the Grouse Creek boat ramp to Ponca City. Around Ark City they



The Roadrunners L to R: Tom, Curt, Mark and Kevin

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found some exciting warblers like a Canada Warbler and a Magnolia Warbler. They ended the day with 137 species, the best of any team.

Carol Cumberland, Sandra Tholen and Patty Marlett made up the Painted Bunting team. They began their day at the Derby canoe launch. For the first time in many years they were not able to find a Painted Bunting! From there they visited Chisholm Creek Park and Oak Park in Wichita, then headed to Quivira NWR and Cheyenne Bottoms. Highlights included a tree full of Orchard Orioles at the canoe launch, a Gray-cheeked Thrush among the numerous Swainson's at Oak Park, and hundreds of swooping Black Terns at Quivira. They ended the day with 122 species.



Chaplin Nature Center Progress

Work continues on the new residence at Chaplin Nature Center. Most of the framing is done and work is commencing on all the details. But good progress is being made and everything is on schedule.



View from the west side with the carports.

View from the east side



Calling all Gardeners!

Once the house at CNC is completed it will need some landscaping. We would like to put together a committee to plan some native plant foundation plantings. It will be a several weeks before we have a good idea of what the space will look like. We may be able to start planting this fall, but more likely next spring. If you would like to contribute some ideas let Patty know - Patty Marlett, 316.200.3419, pmarlett@cox.net

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, July 10 , 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Butterfly Count

Become a citizen scientist and help count butterflies at the Chaplin Nature Center. During this program, hike leaders will walk the trails identifying and counting all the butterflies encountered. No butterfly experience needed, just helping spot them can be a big help. Participants can join us for a few hours or for the full day. Please call if planning to attend. For more information, call the Center.



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaaudubon.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.