**SUMMER PICNIC**
Join us on Tuesday, July 17, 6 p.m. for our annual indoor picnic at the Great Plains Nature Center. We’ll dine inside in air-conditioned comfort. The picnic is pot-luck, so bring a dish to share, along with your own service. Iced tea will be provided, or bring your own drink. After dinner we will watch a nature video in the auditorium. Bring friends and family for a fun time!

**CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**July 14, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
**Butterfly Count**
Help us count and identify butterflies as part of the American Butterfly Association official count. Like a Christmas bird count, we fan out to locate all the species possible in a prescribed area around Arkansas City. More experienced counters will be teamed up with beginners, so if you don’t know much about butterflies but want to learn, this is a good opportunity!

**August 18, Saturday, 9 - 11 a.m.**
**Edible Wild Plant Walk**
Take a walk on the wild side and discover some of nature’s bounty. Participants will hike along the trails and identify some of the more common edible and poisonous plants. Advance registration is required.

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.
NEW OFFICERS

New officers were elected at the May meeting. Their term of office begins July 1. Please thank them for their willingness to serve!

Vice-president Carol Cumberland, Secretary Dennice Craig, Treasurer Sharon Dilks, Director Tom Ewert, Director Kevin Groeneweg. President Jay Newton will be serving the second year of his two-year term of office. Also, a big thank you to outgoing director Jeff Calhoun who has accepted a teaching job in Dodge City and will soon be moving west!

L to R: Tom Ewert, Carol Cumberland, Sharon Dilks, Dennice Craig, Kevin Groeneweg

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EARTH DAY

Thanks to all who assisted at the Boeing Earth Day event at the Sedgwick County Zoo on April 19. Students from third to fifth grades learn about nature and ways to live green through the many booths and activities at this all-day event. Out booth featured a banner that let kids compare their size to the wing spans of birds, plus a bird quiz and real owl study skins. Thanks to Kevin Groeneweg, the organizer, plus Patty and Jim Marlett, Tom Ewert and Carol Cumberland.
**A Wet Spring Clean-up**
The annual spring clean-up at Chaplin Nature Center in April was stormy and wet, but a few brave souls ventured out to help get the trails and visitor’s center ready for the season. Several students from Cowley County Community College and the Arkansas City High School Student council came out to slop through the mud to trim trails, clean the building and do general maintenance.

A few weeks later, a volunteer group from General Electric at Strother Field came out to complete any unfinished tasks. Armed with chainsaws and clippers, they tackled some dead trees close to the pole barn, removed invading saplings in the prairie, worked on the outdoor staircase and completed additional trail work.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help keep the nature center in working order.

*by Shawn Silliman*

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**CNC Receives Kohl’s Grant**
Through the Kohl’s Cares Associates in Action program, the Chaplin Nature Center received a $1,500 grant to help benefit area youth through nature education programs. Associates from the Kohl’s store in Derby volunteered at the Chaplin Nature Center this spring to help work on getting the facility ready for educational programs. As a result of the Associates commitment to helping the community, the local Derby store contributed $500.00 and Kohl’s Corporate contributed an additional $1,000.
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