

# Wichita Audubon



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## JAY NEWTON HONORED



*Julia Hoppes presents the Meritorious Service Award to Jay Newton  
photo by Atcha Nolan*

Jay Newton is the recipient of the 2011 Meritorious Service Award. Besides being our new president, Jay has served as president twice before. During his first term of office the Visitor's Center at CNC was built, and the Endowment Fund for CNC was established. Jay has also served in many other capacities over the years, including program chair, field trip chair, and director. His dedication stretches over more than thirty years, and is greatly appreciated.

## COMING EVENTS

### June 18

Bird, Butterflies and Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. at Chaplin Nature Center. See page 3.

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Party on the River - 5 p.m. till dark at Chaplin Nature Center. See page 3.

### July 9

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

### July 19

Picnic at the Great Plains Nature Center, 6 p.m.

## SUMMER PICNIC

Join us on Tuesday, July 19, 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

### June 18, Saturday

**8:30 a.m. Birds Butterflies and Breakfast**

**5:00 p.m. until dark Party on the River**

see page 3

### July 9, Saturday, 9 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. If you don't know much about butterflies but want to learn, this is a good opportunity!



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail [cnc@wichitaaudubon.org](mailto: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!

President Jay Newton, Vice-president Carol Cumberland, Secretary Dennice Craig, Treasurer Sharon Dilks, Director Mike Heaney, Director Bob Gress.

Also, a big thank you to outgoing president Sandra Tholen for her 2 years of dedicated service.



*L to R: Bob Gress, Jay Newton, Carol Cumberland, Sharon Dilks, Dennice Craig, Mike Heaney*

*photo by Atcha Nolan*

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## **FIELD TRIP TO NE KANSAS**

Wichita Audubon made an extended field trip to NE Kansas Friday the 13th through noon Sunday the 15th. 19 members joined in, with many of us meeting up Thursday evening at Shawnee Mission Park listening to Chuck-will's-widows. That would be the last of the pleasant weather as the wind and the cool weather made things challenging the rest of the weekend. We ended the trip with 130 species, with 27 different warblers. A few of the highlights:

5/13:

Overland Park Arboretum: Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Mourning Warbler  
KCPL Wetlands: Sora, Black-necked Stilt, White-rumped Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper.

Shawnee Mission Park: Barred Owl, Blackburnian Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Ovenbird

5/14: Fort Leavenworth: Acadian Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Scarlet Tanager

Lonestar Road: Pileated Woodpecker, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blackburnian Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Kentucky Warbler

5/15:

Burcham Park: Pileated Woodpecker, Philadelphia Vireo, Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Canada Warbler  
Baker Wetlands: Least Bittern, Sora, Pectoral Sandpiper, Black Tern

*Kevin Groeneweg*



## **PARTY ON THE RIVER**

### **A Celebration of the 150th Birthday of Kansas**

On June 18 we will begin the day with Birds, Butterflies and Breakfast at Chaplin Nature Center. Have breakfast on the porch, watching the birds come to the feeders, then stroll around the grounds to enjoy the birds, wildflowers and butterflies. Please let us know at least two days in advance so we can plan the food. Make reservations by calling Shawn at 620-442-4133, or email [cnc@wichitaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaudubon.org).

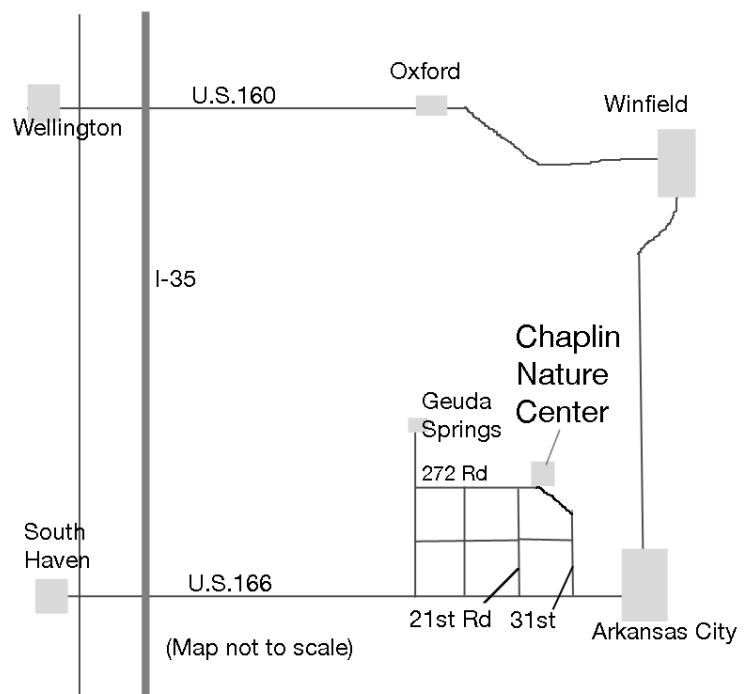
Later that day we are planning to celebrate 150 years of Kansas statehood on the sandy beaches of the Arkansas River. You can hike the 3/4 mile to the river or ride on the hay wagon. There will be a number of activities for children of all ages, centering around Kansas nature. After dinner Bob Gress and Patty Marlett will talk about owls, including some live ones from the Great Plains Nature Center.

- Kids can help sein the Ark River for aquatic life
- Become an amateur paleontologist and dig for bones in the sand
- Take a horseback ride
- Scavenger Hunt

Black Angus hotdogs and hamburgers from local Creekstone Farms will be served along with side dishes and homemade desserts.

Festivities begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., then the owl program and activities that continue until after dark. Hike to the river or take a hayrack ride to the festivities. Also, if the weather is too hot or wet we will move from the sandbar to a more comfortable location.

Advance registration is required. Adult tickets are \$8 and children under 16 are \$4. Tickets may be purchased at the nature center or at the Arkansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau office or by calling 620-442-4133 or email [cnc@wichitaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaudubon.org).



Chaplin Nature Center is located 3 miles west and 2 miles north of Arkansas City.



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## **FRANCES WILLARD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DONATE \$242 TO THE CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER**



Sixty students from Francis Willard Elementary in Arkansas City created and auctioned off pieces of art to raise money for the community. The students chose the nature center to receive half of the \$484 raised. Thank you to Ryann Myers, Amy Jones and the students for making this donation possible.

## **JACKSON STUDENTS AT CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER**

May 6 was the date of the Jackson Elementary School field trip from Wichita to Chaplin Nature Center. Thanks to a grant from the Northface Foundation, WAS was able to provide the gifted class with field guides and binoculars for each student, and pay for the bus transportation to CNC. Patty Marlett and Carol Cumberland went along as guides. The kids explored the exhibits in the Visitor's Center, ate lunch on the porch, and then hiked to the river. We called up a Summer Tanager, and saw lots of birds that they don't get to see regularly in the city. Their favorite part was the big sandbar on the Arkansas River. They couldn't believe Kansas has such a nice beach. The kids and teachers loved it all, and are eagerly making plans to bring their families down for a visit this summer.



*Jackson students try out their new binoculars*