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From the President's desk...

The summer is setting and autumn is arriving as this newsletter goes to print.

Coming soon! New meetings, new events, new speaker presentations, and new field trips! The pelicans are coming! Already, Willie Hale has made arrangements for a booth at the annual Pelican Festival. It is time to think about items to contribute to the booth, including feeders, books, magazines, DVDs, etc. I don't think the subject matter needs to be confined to birds. Anything pertaining to wildlife and nature should be beneficial.

Essentially, the same officers and organizational personnel are returning for this year. So Grand Lake Audubon Society (GLAS) cannot help but improve this year, right?

As always, any ideas on field trips, events, and pursuit of new members or improvements in our organization are very welcome. By the way, the 29th year of the Grand Lake Audubon Society was completed last June. We are now into the 30th year.

One matter that did not get addressed last year was a proclamation of member of the year, known as the Cy Seibert award. GLAS has had an annual award for member of the year since 2001. The first recipient of the award was Ginny Seibert. The second was Dr. Bland. The next award was given to Pat and Chet Long in 2003. Ellie and Bill Womack received the next award. Rolla Wagner was recipient of the fifth award in 2005.

I have the names of some of the Cy Seibert award winners since 2005, but my list is nowhere near complete. If anyone has some information on this, including old

minutes, newsletters, or a good memory please come forward.

No Cy Seibert award was presented last year in spite of the fact that numerous members devoted valuable time and service to the organization, and were deserving of recognition. Historically, the recipient is selected *sub rosa* at the February board meeting, and the award is presented at the annual June potluck picnic.

If there is a way to make up for that, I would like to see it done. Perhaps we could have a belated selection and presentation of the award later this year, such as at the Christmas dinner? I hope to get some feedback on this. Please give me your thoughts on this.

I hope everyone had a good summer and I look forward to seeing everybody soon.

Erin

Upcoming Events

Sept 12 "Grass Land Birds: The American Kestrel", Christopher Pistle, Education Director, Wildcat Glades Conserv & Aud Cntr

Sept 26 Field trip to Lendonwood Gardens, Grove; meet at garden at 8 am; lunch info pending

Oct 1 Field trip to Pensacola Dam; depart Wal Mart parking lot at 7:30 am; L. Stanfill, (918) 589-4140

Oct 7-9 Pelican Festival, Wolf Creek Park; contact Willie Hale at (918) 791-0926 for more information

Oct 10 "An abundance of Birds", Tom Whipple, Talented Local Photographer, Birder & GLAS Member

Oct 15 Owl watch, Har Ber Village; depart Wal Mart parking lot at 5:15 pm

Nov 14 "The Black Capped Vireo", Joseph Grzybowski, PhD, Health Sciences Department, University of Central Oklahoma

Hospitality Schedule

Sep Betsy Neel & Willie Hale
Oct Sharon Witt & Carole Chalupnik
Nov Ellie Womack & Diane Smith

Ecology & Environment Day

This year we had a hands on display with bird nests, eggs, goose down & a turkey tail. Children were asked to identify as many birds as they could



Photo by Sharon Herhager

pictured on our bird cloth. In return the family received a wooden Chickadee birdhouse. Two Boy Scout troops were each given two Birdhouses to be hung in a public area of their choice. After one young scout was told he had named more birds than the older boys, very seriously he replied. "Well I've been in school a really long time." He is in the first grade this year. A donation of six Chickadee birdhouses was given to Har-Ber Village. Volunteers helping in various ways are David Hale, Evelyn & Frank Houck, Sandy Sullins, Carolyn & Tim Burr, Carol Chalupnik, John Beyer, Marie Burns, Ann Spragins & Sharon Herhager. You are appreciated. Thank you. We received the following thank you note from Har Ber Village.

***"Members of G.L. Audubon Society,
Thank you so much for your recent***

donation of six wooden birdhouses to the Village. Our beautiful natural environment's wildlife is one of the things that make Har-Ber Village unique. We look forward to watching our feathered friends enjoy these houses! - Har-Ber Village Staff"

- Willie Hale

33rd Annual Pelican Festival

Wolf Creek Park

Friday October 7.....11 AM-8 PM

Saturday October 8.....9 AM-8 PM

I will have a signup sheet at the September 12 meeting. If you have an item you would like to donate for sale at the festival please bring it to the September meeting. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

-Willie Hale 918-791-0926

Audubon Adventures

The Audubon education team is pleased to announce a new design and logo for the Audubon Adventures classroom kits for students in grades 3-5. The new, contemporary design makes its national



debut right after Labor Day when Audubon releases "Wild About Birds," the latest resource kit with print and online learning modules about owls, wading birds, and familiar birds of

backyards and parks. The revamped materials are filled with beautiful and compelling photography to inspire young people to get outside, explore the natural world, and make a difference for birds. Erin will receive a free sample of the new resources in the mail in September. If you know any area teachers that would be interested in these study sets, let JoAnn Walkup know. She can be reached at (405) 301-5522. ♦

Olympic Contenders

The whole world was watching the Olympics in Rio, but our feathered friends could have competed in many events. The August newsletter of the National Audubon Society presented several contenders. They include the thick-billed Murre for aquatic diving, the peregrine falcon for aerial diving, the Gentoo penguin for aquatic sprint, the Common ostrich for land sprint, the Gray-headed albatross for aerial sprint, the American dipper for stream slalom, the arctic tern for long distance flying, the European starling for synchronized flying, the emu for high jump, and the Rufous hummingbird for beak fencing. What a team!! ♦

Monarch butterflies

As fall approaches, the annual migration of the Monarch butterfly begins. The final lifecycle embarks on migration when the weather cools in their Northern breeding areas. They have completed three or four generations before reaching their Northern areas. When the weather cools, they begin migrating south into Mexico. They depend on nectar plants along the way to sustain them. Among the three known species of Monarch butterflies, the one in North America differs from the one you will find in South America, but the Caribbean is home to both of these species. You can

also see Monarchs in Australia, New Zealand, and several Islands lying between Australia and Tahiti, in parts of Europe and in Hawaii. Our North American species, *Danaus plexippus*, overwinters in the mountains of central Mexico. The estimate for the winter population was more than three times



Photo by Jill Nightingale

the number seen the year before. A late winter storm devastated the population and many of the tree roosts that they were in. Hopefully, this winter's estimate will give an increased estimate for this endangered species. Consider planting a milkweed and butterfly nectar garden to help continue this amazing phenomenon. ♦

New GLAS Officers

New officers were installed at the annual picnic. They included Erin Lanway, president; Sandy Sullins, vice president, Tim Burr, treasurer, and Patsy Hagen, secretary. The new board members are Kathy Bixler, Carolyn Burr, Carol Chalupnik, and Ken Spragins. A complete list of the committees and their chairpersons will be available in the annual brochure that will be coming soon. ♦



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Hear ye Hear Ye

Membership dues for **Chapter only** are now due. Please mail or bring your payment of \$15.00 to the next meeting. This does not apply to those of you with a membership in National Audubon Society since payment for chapter dues has been paid with your National membership. Thank you