



Pelican Briefs

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New Signs Promoting Chase Lake & Medina

Chase Lake Foundation Directors Karl Limvere and Marvin Dockter recently added new signage to the Medina community's Interstate 94 signs to promote the Chase Lake Visitors and Information Center located in downtown Medina at the City Hall. The new I – 94 signs are part of the Foundation's promotional efforts which will also include a new sign coming into Medina, together with directional and site signs along the Medina - Chase Lake Birding Trail. These birding trail signs will correspond to the trail guide booklet that the Foundation developed and published in 2005 and is available at the Visitors Center for birders and other tourists. The new signs are being funded through member donations to the Foundation, together with support from the Medina Lions Club, Sheyenne-James RC & D, Buffalo City Tourism Foundation and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.



Nationally known humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson to speak at Chase Lake Refuge Centennial banquet in Medina.

Chase Lake Centennial Banquet Thursday, August 28

An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt

President Theodore Roosevelt, portrayed by humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson, will be the featured speaker at the Chase Lake Centennial Banquet to be held at the Medina City Auditorium. The Centennial event is being sponsored by the Chase Lake Foundation to commemorate Roosevelt's signing of a presidential executive order on August 28, 1908 establishing Chase Lake as a sanctuary to protect the North American white pelican and other bird species. The evening will include a pitchfork fondue supper with all the trimmings beginning at 6:30 PM. Tickets for the supper are available from Foundation board members and will be available at some Medina businesses or can be ordered by mail using the coupon on page 2.

Prairie Days Held at Chase Lake

Over thirty persons attended the annual Prairie Day held this year at the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge north of Medina. The event included guided birding and wild flower tours, together with a program on sustainable grasslands.

Chase Lake NWR Manager Natoma Buskness reviewed the history of Chase Lake which is the fifth oldest wildlife refuge in the nation.

The event was sponsored by the Chase Lake Foundation, the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the ND Game & Fish Department, the ND Grazing Coalition and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Coming Home to Chase Lake” Print to be given away

A framed and matted lithograph print of a watercolor of the spring migration of the North American White Pelican back home to Chase Lake will be awarded as door prize during the Chase Lake Centennial banquet. Persons who purchase their banquet tickets by August 15 will be eligible for the drawing



A group of birders at Prairie Day use spotting scopes and binoculars to check out one of the many varieties of birds that find sanctuary at the Chase Lake NWR.



Gene Goven (right) of Turtle Lake discusses rangeland grasses and sustainable management at Prairie Day.

Order your Chase Lake Banquet Tickets by Mail - Clip & Mail Centennial Banquet & Membership Coupon

Enclosed is a donation \$ _____ to become a member and to help the Chase Lake Foundation to move forward in its interpretative and educational programs and activities.

Enclosed is \$15.00 per person for _____ tickets for the Chase Lake Centennial Pitchfork Fondue on August 28, 2008 at the Medina City Auditorium.

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