



Pelican Briefs

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Chase Lake Foundation members and USFWS officials gather for the dedication of the Centennial Plaque at the northwest observation area at the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge on a windy afternoon last summer. The foundation sponsored a number of activities in recognition of the 1908-2008 Centennial including an evening with Pres. Theodore Roosevelt (Clay Jenkinson)

Pelican Briefing & CLF Annual Meeting Set Sunday, June 14

The Chase Lake Foundation's annual pelican briefing will be held Sunday, June 14 at 2 PM at the Medina City Hall. Presenting the update on what is happening with the pelican colony will be Paulette Scherr, who serves as the biologist for the Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge complex which includes Chase Lake.

Scherr is one of the USFWS personnel who have been closely monitoring the pelican colony in recent years and has also coordinated USFWS work with the ongoing research at the UIS Geological Survey's Northern Prairie Research Center.

In addition to the Pelican Briefing, Scherr will discuss the shorebird and breeding bird surveys that she has help conduct in recent years.

A well-known birder, Scherr will also report on the conditions on the refuges within the Arrowwood NWR complex.

The Chase Lake Foundation's annual meeting will be held following her presentation.

According to the Foundation President Karl Limvere, members will be considering an updated set of bylaws at the annual meeting. The bylaws are being revised to reflect the Foundation's role as a "Friends" organization to the USFWS refuge system, its operation of the Chase Lake Visitors and Information Center located in the Medina City Hall, and its promotion of eco-tourism.

The current bylaws were written when the primary focus of the Foundation was the construction of a wetlands interpretive center, he explained. The board of directors is recommending the bylaws change to facilitate the Foundation's current activities. Copies of the proposed bylaws will be available at the visitors center or upon request to kivimaa@daktel.com.

The Foundation will also be electing four directors to serve three-year terms on the board.



President Theodore Roosevelt, as portrayed by Clay Jenkinson, addresses the centennial banquet for the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge at the Medina City Auditorium. A full house was on hand August 28, 2008 on the eve of the 100th anniversary of the designation of Chase Lake as a bird sanctuary for pelicans.

CLF Planning Improvements

Improved signage will be a primary focus of the work of the Chase Lake Foundation this summer, according to CLF President Karl Limvere of Medina.

A new sign on the I-94 interchange road coming into Medina will be installed to welcome and direct visitors to the Chase Lake Visitors and Information Center. In addition, the Foundation will begin installing signs giving directions and identifying the location of the 23 sites along the Medina Chase Lake Birding Trail.

The Foundation will also be upgrading some of the interpretive displays at the Chase Lake Visitors and Information Center in downtown Medina. The Foundation is also planning to update and expand its website to provide greater information to potential visitors to the Chase Lake region.



This centennial plaque was dedicated at the observation point at the Chase Lake NWR last summer.

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