



Pelican Briefs

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Foundation*

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Chase Lake Foundation President Chris Wingire of Woodworth puts up a sign along the Medina-Chase Lake Birding Trail.

Medina-Chase Lake Birding Trail Signs Installed Along Route

Directional and birding stop location signs were installed last summer by the Chase Lake Foundation, making the Medina-Chase Lake Birding Trail the first one in North Dakota to be fully marked as a self-guided birding tour.

The trail includes 23 stops from Medina to Chase Lake to Woodworth and back to Medina, and follows the birding trail booklet published by the Chase Lake Foundation (CLF) in 2005.

Birders following the trail are invited to the Chase Lake Visitors and Information Center in downtown Medina to pick up a copy of the trail

booklet as well as the latest travel alert pamphlet that provides updated information on road conditions along the 25 mile birding trail loop north of Medina.

Visitors are invited to "follow the pelican signs" from I - 94 into Medina and to the CLF Visitors Center and then proceed north to discover the wide variety of bird species that inhabit this Missouri Coteau landscape.

The Chase Lake Visitors & Information Center also features a variety of local, regional and state tourism information, as well as other materials on birding trails in the state, US Fish & and Wildlife Service refuges and programs. The goal of the CLF Visitors Center is to become the primary information center for birders and other nature tourists and visitors traveling along the I-94 corridor, connecting them to all North Dakota birding trails, USFWS refuges and scenic spots.

Chase Lake Foundation Annual Meeting May 12

The annual membership meeting of the Chase Lake Foundation has been set for Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Zion United Church of Christ in Medina, according to CLF President Chris Wingire of Woodworth.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for members and donors to review the organization's activities, receive annual reports, and elect members to serve on the non-profit organization's board of directors.

A representative of the US Fish and Wildlife Service has been invited to report on the activities of the agency in relationship to the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge north of Medina and its work in coordinating the Chase Lake Wetlands Prairie Project.

Members will be electing four directors for three-year terms on the CLF board of directors. The terms of Ray Hofmann of Medina, Amy Igl of Jamestown, Ray Heupel of Medina, and Chris Wingire of Woodworth expire this year.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Chase Lake Foundation Website Updated

The website of the Chase Lake Foundation has been recently updated to better reflect the organization's objectives and activities.

While parts of the website are still under construction, the revised website focuses on the foundation's birding trail activities and visitors center work.

The update is part of the non-profit group's long-term goals to connect birders and other nature tourists with the Chase Lake area and the surrounding Missouri Coteau region.

Just as the CLF visitors center seeks to be the primary I-94 informational center for birders and wildlife enthusiasts, the website will strive to become a main gateway for them to connect to the Chase Lake area and other birding trails and opportunities in the state. Suggestions are welcomed.

Check out the new website at:

www.chaselakefoundation.com

Follow the Pelican to Medina and Chase Lake



Chase Lake Foundation board members Marvin Dockter and Don Hofmann of Medina stand by the new visitors sign which they installed last summer just north of the Medina 1-94 interchange. The new sign completes the foundation's signage project for both the visitors center and Chase Lake Medina birding trail. The Foundation's board also repaired the west bound I-94 visitors center sign which fell victim to high winds earlier this spring.

Chase Lake Area Business & Service Providers Invited to be listed in area directory on CLF website.

If you have a business or service that you would like to be listed on the Chase Lake website directory, you are asked to fill out the following form. While a donation will be appreciated, it is not required to be listed. CLF is particularly interested in those businesses and service providers which are connected to natural resource tourism and visitors. However, CLF also seeks to facilitate all area businesses and services in the Chase Lake region, which is defined roughly to include from Cleveland to Tappen, Streeter and Gackle to Pettibone and Woodworth. The directory will be organized similar to telephone yellow pages. It will be under the Area Info tab on the CLF website

NAME OF BUSINESS OR SERVICE _____
ADDRESS / LOCATION _____
DAYS / HOURS OF OPERATION _____
DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS OR SERVICES _____

DIRECTORY LISTING CATEGORY _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E MAIL ADDRESS _____

WEBSITE _____

Name of Contact: _____

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