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General Meeting—Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., Dick Administration Building, Union College, Lincoln

Nebraska Nexus Focuses on Global Forces Affecting Nebraskans

with W. Cecil Steward, President and Founder of the
Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities

What do construction waste, global population migration, food processing and distribution, the Ogallala Aquifer, and Omaha and O'Neill have to do with one another? A new video by the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities shows how interconnected these factors are, and how addressing the nexus of global and local pressures on our critical resources will ensure a healthy future. **Cecil Steward** will show an excerpt from the video and talk about how these imperatives might be addressed.

Nebraska Nexus: Resources, Conservation, Development, and Change explores five critical resources—food, water, energy, land, and materials and how we must consider conservation and development of those resources to respond to global pressures.

The culmination of four years of interactive workshops and conferences with civic leaders, ranchers, farmers, government officials, students, and concerned citizens across Nebraska, the video was produced with the support of Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Environmental Trust with administrative support of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences.

Conservative estimates suggest **it now takes the Earth one year and six months to regenerate what we use in a year.**



W. Cecil Steward

By 2050, it is projected that humanity will require the equivalent of 5.3 earths to provide the resources we use—yet not all resources regenerate; even those that do may not regenerate quickly enough to keep pace with demand. **2012 was the ninth hottest year ever recorded on Earth; of the nine hottest years, eight have occurred since 2000.**

Here in Nebraska, climate change is already impacting our growing season—for now, lengthening it. The advantage this confers may prove temporary. It is anticipated that within a few decades the nation's breadbasket will be prone to migrating growth seasons and extreme droughts and flooding capable of disrupting global food supply. It may be impossible to raise corn here in the future. This will have a huge impact on rural Nebraska, and, because of the interconnectedness and interdependency of our rural and metropolitan areas, our cities will be greatly affected, too. *Nebraska Nexus* explores questions facing Nebraskans across the state.

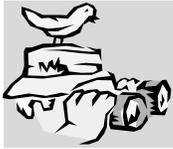
W. Cecil Steward is Dean emeritus and emeritus professor of architecture and planning at UNL's College of Architecture and is president and founder of the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities, Omaha/Lincoln.

Join Wachiskans on **Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public presentation sponsored by our population and environment committee. We meet in the Union College Dick Auditorium, 3800 South 48th Street, in Lincoln. From 48th and Calvert streets, go one block south to the north end of campus. Parking is available on both sides of 48th Street and in the College View SDA parking lots. There is additional parking north of the new science building. Look for Audubon signs on the Dick Building's doors. There is a ramp at the east entrance and an elevator inside. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Calendar

October

- 5 Field trip to Fairbury area for fall migrants, 8:00 a.m. (page 2)
- 6 Education Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Finance Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 General Meeting, "Nebraska Nexus," by Cecil Steward, Union College, 7:00 p.m.
- 11-12 Birdseed Sale distribution at Midwest Roofing (page 2)**
- 17 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G, **6:30 p.m.**
- NO** Population/Environment Committee meeting this month



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

From Migrants to Mausoleums

October seems like a perfect month to take a hike—or visit a mausoleum—so why not do both at the same time? We'll combine those activities as we explore some public lands on a field trip to the Fairbury area.

Our first hike will be on level terrain at Flathead Wildlife Management Area and will give us a chance to check the woods by the Little Blue River for migrant sparrows and a pileated woodpecker reported by a local bird expert. From there we'll travel to Rose Creek Wildlife Management Area for a short but challenging walk to the mausoleum. This hike has a short section of path through vegetation and a single steep step, but hikers with a little agility can easily hoist up to the trail. The mausoleum is a tomb that was hand-carved by Nelson McDowell, the son of one of the founding fathers of Fairbury. He intended to be buried there and spent nearly a decade carving the two rooms with a hammer and chisel. The walls are covered with the initials of many generations of teenagers, but the tomb remains intact.

Meet at **8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 5**, in the Wachiska office parking lot at 4547 Calvert Street in Lincoln. Participants can either carpool or caravan for the 76-mile drive to Fairbury. Bring a water bottle, insect repellent, and binoculars if you have them. After our hike we'll have a midday stop at Fairbury's Mainstreet Coffee House where pastries, flavored coffees, and brunch items will be available. Call John at 402-475-7275 with questions.

Fall Birdseed Sale Distribution this Month

by Mitch Renteria, Project Coordinator

The Fall Birdseed Sale looks to be quite a success! The order deadline has passed; the seed will be distributed the second weekend of this month. If you ordered seed, please make a note to remember to pick up your order during one of these times:

Saturday, October 11, between 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 12, between 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

The location is the same as in the past several years—Midwest Roofing, 1938 Yolande Avenue, south of 20th and Cornhusker Highway in north Lincoln. If you forget to come get your order, then our helpful volunteers have to reload the seed and bring it to another site to wait for pick up. That's a lot of excess lifting and additional time spent. There should be some extra bags of the most popular seeds if you forgot to order and want to come check it out. There will also be a supply of the newest t-shirts there for sale. Have questions? Call Mitch at 402-483-7275 or Arlys in the Wachiska office, 402-486-4846. Thank you for your continued support. The birds appreciate it, too!



Adoption Map of Important Bird Areas

New Important Bird Areas Stewardship Map

Based on the latest information available, over 230 stewardship groups are active at nearly 400 Important Bird Areas across the country. To showcase this work and facilitate more involvement, National Audubon has developed an interactive map of Important Bird Areas adoption activities across the country at www.importantbirdareas.org. The map includes summary data provided by states as well as activities reported by Audubon chapters in the 2013 Annual Report.

Doug Bereuter to Speak on East Campus

“Can the world feed nine billion people? Implications for Nebraska”

This lecture by Nebraska's former congressman will address the broad question of whether the world can produce enough nutritious food to feed a population that is conservatively estimated to increase from the current seven billion people to more than nine billion by 2050. It will highlight the pressing and generally under-appreciated food security challenges facing the world. These include the trade and access problems of food supplies and agricultural impacts, the necessity of enhancing nutrition in the food supplies, the prospects for political turmoil and conflict caused by food shortages and price volatility, and the adaptation and mitigation initiatives required to cope with climate change and increased weather volatility.

With respect to the latter in particular, Bereuter expects to consider and build upon the September 25th Heuermann Lecture at UNL that presented the university's much-anticipated report, “Understanding and Assessing Climate Change: Implications for Nebraska.”

This presentation is part of the 2014 Sorensen Lecture series co-sponsored by the Unitarian Church of Lincoln and UNL's School of Natural Resources. It will be presented on Sunday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hardin Hall auditorium (northeast corner of 33rd and Holdrege streets) on UNL's East Campus. This free public program will include free parking.

President's Message

by Elizabeth Nelson

Wachiska's Financial News



Elizabeth Nelson beside her 6-foot+ milkweed

Over the years, Wachiska has been the fortunate beneficiary of donations and bequests that have allowed us to accumulate funds to support some of our most crucial efforts. Recently, the Wachiska Board, under the guidance of the finance committee, has updated our investment accounts. The account names and summaries of purposes are listed below. **We encourage members to consider Wachiska Audubon as you plan your year- end or estate planning.** If you have questions or would like to discuss giving options, please contact me.

Wachiska Investment Accounts

At the Nebraska Community Foundation

General Operations Account – Funds donated to this account support the general operation of Wachiska.

Endowment Account – Funds donated are permanently endowed; interest from this account is available to support the mission of Wachiska.

At the Lincoln Community Foundation

Habitat Protection and Maintenance Fund – This fund provides for the protection by purchase of native or reclaimed habitat, with a preference for tallgrass prairie. This fund also supports the maintenance of Wachiska-owned prairies.

Special Projects Fund – This fund supports special, one-time expenses not related to the regular monthly or annual expenses of the organization.

Prairie Defense Fund – The interest from this fund supports the legal defense activities for the conservation easements Wachiska monitors.

Welcome to Cathy Shaner, New Wachiska Bookkeeper

Wachiska is very pleased to have Cathy Shaner join our administrative team as our volunteer bookkeeper. Cathy is working closely with and supports the diverse financial activities led by our treasurer, Gary Fehr. Cathy is the financial manager for UNL's Department of Chemistry and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Wachiska. If you see or know Cathy, please thank her for her contributions to our chapter as they are greatly appreciated. PS—Cathy responded to a "Can you help?" article earlier this year, so we're seeing if we can be as fortunate again.

Can you help? Finance Volunteers Needed

Wachiska's finance committee is looking for support and expertise in several areas:

Are you a CPA? – Wachiska needs professional advice. We have several attorneys who support Wachiska's efforts, but we have yet to identify the CPAs among our membership. Please let us know who you are, for both paid and volunteer projects.

Do you know QuickBooks? – We are looking for someone with QuickBooks experience to update/manage our financial records.

Can you help with fundraising? – Do you like to talk to people? Do you have marketing experience? Wachiska has exciting plans for the coming years, particularly in areas of prairie and wildlife habitat preservation. These projects provide great fundraising opportunities, but we need individuals to help with these efforts.

If you would consider helping, even if just occasionally, please contact the Wachiska office or President Elizabeth Nelson at 402-770-3485 or enelson555@gmail.com.

Bird Behavior

by Jeanne Kern



Rich Kern and friend

Rich and I took a birding tour to Florida this year. On a bridge the rare yellow warbler (Cuban race) was known to frequent, Rich used his tablet to produce a warbler call to let our fellow travelers know what to listen for. Instantly the bird appeared and perched on the bridge railing. After sounding the call again, the bird landed first on Rich's shoulder and then, identifying the source of the sound, on the tablet itself (see circle). Everyone was delighted, including the bird. When the call was silenced, he flew off thinking he'd frightened away the virtual intruder.

Plastic Bag Use

The average American uses 350 plastic bags a year! These are made from petroleum which is polluting our air, clogging our seas, trees, roadsides, and streams. Do you use a plastic water bottle once and just toss it, or do you refill it? These are also made from petroleum. The extraction of the petroleum and the manufacture of those bags and bottles are causing pollution, damaging our health, changing the climate, and endangering wildlife. Use cloth bags for your groceries and other needs. Bring your own water to an event or use a water fountain. Reminder—Wachiska sells lovely cloth bags!! —Bob Boyce

Study Shows Carbon Tax Refunded to Households Would Create Jobs

submitted by Mark Welsch

As recent reports on the impact of climate change underscore the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, a new study this summer finds that a tax on carbon can reduce those emissions while adding jobs to the economy.

The study conducted by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) examined a tax on the carbon-dioxide content of fossil fuels. The tax would start at \$10/ton, increasing at \$10/ton each year. Revenue from the tax would be returned to households in equal shares as direct payments. Under this approach, the study found that recycling the revenue back into the economy would add 2.2 million jobs over ten years; improvements in air quality would save 13,000 lives a year. Emissions would decline by 33 percent.

“What this study shows is that by giving the revenue back to the people, a carbon tax will actually stimulate the economy,” said Mark Reynolds, executive director of Citizens Climate Lobby, which commissioned the study. “The big knock on a carbon tax has been that it would kill jobs. That assumption is now blown out of the water.”

Recently, the National Climate Assessment reported the impact of climate change is already being felt across the nation in the form of severe drought, rising sea levels, extreme weather, wildfires, and heat waves. To reduce the future risk of climate change, the Obama administration recently unveiled new regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

Republicans in Congress are resisting the new rules, but the recent string of EPA victories in the Supreme Court makes it unlikely that efforts to block the regulations will succeed.

A copy of the REMI study can be downloaded at <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/REMI-carbon-tax-report-62141.pdf>.

To find the three-page summary from Citizens Climate Lobby Legislative Director Danny Richter, go to this site: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/REMI-National-SUMMARY.pdf>.

Recycle by Shredding Personal Documents

On Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, West Gate Bank at Old Cheney Road and Highway 2 in south Lincoln will accept documents to be shredded at no charge. Call them for more details.

Sharing Our Everyday World with Wild Animals

by Bob Boyce

I love it that I share my yard with squirrels and rabbits and birds—and the occasional raccoon. I’m happy to see a robin has made a nest under my roof. I was fascinated to find a cocoon on my garage door. With keen interest I watched while a hawk devoured a small bird on my backyard fence. Seeing deer and wild turkeys in Wilderness Park makes me smile. Nature doing its thing!

And here’s a confession. When I see a dead animal in the road, it saddens me—and more than once I have stopped, when the animal was newly dead, and out of respect for the dead picked it up and tossed it into the roadside weeds, so the body wouldn’t get flattened. I sometimes quote Robert Burns as I do it—“I’m truly sorry man’s dominion has broken Nature’s social union.”

I love introducing my grandchildren—ages 3 and 7—to the natural world. They know squirrels and rabbits, of course, and can recognize some birds. When I heard about *The Urban Bestiary*, a new book by Lyanda Haupt, I quickly got a copy from the library, hoping it was something I could share with the kids.

The subtitle is *Encountering the Everyday Wild* and I thought, Great! This will tell about the wild animals we see around us—the rabbits, squirrels, birds, and possums! Well, yes, it does that, and does it well—not rabbits, but coyotes, bears, cougars, and moles—(bears and cougars as “everyday”?)

Unfortunately, the book is not geared toward children, but the adult I showed it to was delighted. The author tells many enlightening stories of human encounters with these everyday wild animals—raccoons that come in the cat door and eat cat food, screech owls bathing in our birdbaths, Mozart and his starling, the sparrow that got feathers for its nest from inside a henhouse.

Haupt points out misconceptions such as that many wild animals are dangerous or have rabies. She retells a number of interesting myths about the animals. This is not a dry catalog of what they eat, where they live, how long they live, how big they are, etc.

She tells how starlings were introduced into the U.S., how moles help aerate the earth, the meaning of the various calls of the chickadee, the playfulness of raccoons, and much more. Haupt helps us feel a close kinship with wildlife, if we only keep our eyes and ears open. (How similar are your footprints to those of a raccoon? Very similar!)

More and more wildlife—deer, mountain lions, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats—will be seen in the city as we humans take over more and more of their territory. We need to learn to enjoy our encounters and understand the lives of those which share our neighborhoods. This book is an excellent beginning.



From the Board ...

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Chair

Choices in Audubon Membership



Joyce Vannier

Many times people ask how a membership in the National Audubon Society is different from a Friends of Wachiska membership. It is hoped that this explanation will be sufficient to satisfy those inquiries.

Both membership categories receive Wachiska's monthly newsletter, *The Babbling Brook*. With a national membership you also receive *Audubon* magazine every other month. Both memberships include participation in the monthly Wachiska general meetings, programs, field trips, voting privileges, and other chapter activities. With a national membership, a portion of your dues supports both our chapter and National Audubon; dues from a Friends of Wachiska membership all stay with our local chapter for local projects in our area such as prairie preservation and conservation education. Many people join both categories.

If you don't want to receive frequent renewal notices from National Audubon, we are told you can call 800-274-4201 or email audubonchapters@palmcoastdata.com to request to receive only one renewal notice each year. Have your magazine label handy when you make the contact and include all information. National Audubon renewals are not handled through the Wachiska office.

Some of you may wonder why you receive *The Babbling Brook* even though you are not a member in either category. Our membership committee sends complimentary newsletters to many entities including owners of prairie easements, news media, government officials, libraries in our membership area, generous donors, and others. If you are receiving the newsletter and would rather not do so, please contact the Wachiska office. Being a conservation organization, we do not want to waste resources or money. We appreciate all the support we get from our members, donors, friends, and others.

New Members this Month

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Chair

Maxine Bishop is welcomed to the chapter as a Friend of Wachiska.

Joining our chapter this month as National Audubon members are Charles Godwin, Sylvia Hanson, Richard Hobson, Tracy Lisec, Susan Martin, Linda Rapp, Fran Rouzee, and Laura Tierney.

Several of you are already attending our general meetings; we hope to meet all of you in some way soon. Thank you for your interest and support of Wachiska Audubon!

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

Audubon's Study: Climate Change Is the Biggest Threat to the Birds We Love

"Let the conversations begin!" declared David Arnold, Audubon's national leader, as a five-year initiative on birds and climate change was launched September 9. All major print media—*The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and others—ran stories on Audubon's report, the most comprehensive analysis of birds and climate change in North America ever undertaken.

Beginning conversations sounds doable, but not always easy. Recently I spent time with people I've known and liked for 40 years. We talked about a lot of things but rarely did anybody mention destabilization of climate. So if others are like me, the goal of starting conversations is a challenge.

There is excellent information on the National Audubon website, www.audubon.org. From the main page, click on "Explore the Impacts/State by State." The maps compare the birds' summer and winter ranges in 2000 to projected future years. By 2080, almost all of the long-billed curlew's summer range here would be lost. The bobolink would lose 80 percent of its summer range and the bald eagle, 73 percent. All projections assume we just keep doing what we're doing in terms of emissions of greenhouse gases. A clear explanation of the method used for the report is on the website as a video. Click on "About the Study." Also on the website are articles from the September/October *Audubon* magazine including an extraordinary set of photos, "Views of a Warming World," from which you should not expect to emerge dry-eyed.

The report's method is based on the fact that birds and other creatures can live within certain ranges of temperature, precipitation, and seasonal change. When climate changes, so do sources of food, habitat, predators, and competitors. Some birds can adapt to some changes but not all to every one when change is so fast. Audubon's report concludes that **more than half of our birds will struggle to survive, that is, are at risk of extinction, in this century.** Of the 314 species at risk from global warming, 126 of them are projected to lose more than half of their current ranges by 2050. But that doesn't have to happen.

The mapping identifies "strongholds," areas likely to remain stable for birds even as climate changes. One suggestion is for local groups to learn about and work to protect such areas along with the already existing Important Bird Areas (map, page 2) like Nebraska's Spring Creek Prairie and Rowe Sanctuary. The other action is to reduce carbon pollution that causes global warming, mostly from smokestacks and tailpipes. Other ideas to consider, individually and for the chapter, are listed at this site: <http://climate.audubon.org/article/what-you-can-do-help-protect-birds>.

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(Wachiska Audubon Readers' Bulletins, Letters, and Environmental Reports)

Wachiska Featured Nationally

Ever since Audubon's president, David Yarnold, spoke at Wachiska's 40th anniversary celebration last year, his comments have resounded in discussions across the country. The following comment has been published in the special September/October edition on "Birds and Climate Change" in *Audubon* magazine:

"A year ago I spoke at a dinner in Lincoln, Nebraska. During an after-dinner Q&A session, a long-time member of the Wachiska Audubon chapter challenged me, 'I can't look my grandkids in the eye about what we've done to the planet. When is Audubon going to put climate change at the center of what it does to protect birds?'"

"When? Now. I speak for all of my Audubon colleagues when I say I want to be able to tell my kids (and, as of last November, my grandson) that I did everything I could to save their future and the future of birds." —David Yarnold, President and CEO, National Audubon Society

Remembering

A recent donation was given in memory of long-time active Wachiska member, Irene Alexander, by Clare and Bobbie Sward. Thank you for remembering our dear friend!

Wachiskans at Work

Throughout September, Ben Vogt appeared on the "Live and Learn" show on cable channel 5 TV to talk about habitat gardens. You can watch this show on your computer at www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/cic/5citytv/ and look through the "Latest Video on Demand" and click on 9-1-14 Live and Learn, or it might be 9-8-14 since the program got on the air late this month. —Sam Truax

Students Make a Difference

Since 2009, student activists have helped retire a third of the nation's on-campus coal plants according to *Sierra* magazine.

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Contact the Wachiska office to purchase the new 2015 Audubon calendars. All eight designs are breathtaking! Advance orders were taken last month. If you missed the deadline or want additional designs, email or call Arlys to find out what is still available from the extra calendars ordered to fill our minimum requirement. The calendars will be here in plenty of time for holiday-giving.

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Wachiska Audubon Society's financial records are available for examination in the office.

A Gift to the Future

A bequest to Wachiska Audubon Society is a gift to future generations enabling our natural heritage to continue. For wills, trusts, and gifts, our legal name is **Wachiska Audubon Society**. Our Federal Tax ID number is **51-0229888**.