



## Fall Newsletter

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### *Flood Clean-Up*

*By Dean Deines, Park Manager*

The Glen Elder State Park and Waconda Lake area received several severe storms beginning May 19, 2011. The weather and rains caused the water levels at the Waconda Lake to rise from 2.5' below conservation pool to 11.56' above conservation pool in a very short period of time. On Memorial Day weekend the Lake was 6' above pool level and the west end primitive camping areas that were closed included Takota Point, Uskuts, and Arickaree. The Kanza Boat ramp also had to be closed. The holiday weekend remained good for camping, fishing, and recreational boating. Based on open areas the Park had 100% occupancy on utility sites and 110% occupancy of undesignated primitive areas.

The Glen Elder State Park not only received damage from the flooding but also from high winds associated to these storms. As the water levels continued to raise, the staff moved quickly to notify constituents, evacuate campers, shut down electricity, close campgrounds, place barricades, move picnic tables, fire rings, and close the Osage boat ramp for safety purposes. By June 6, 2011 the water levels had reached 11.56' above pool. The camping throughout the Lake

was reduced from 120 utility sites and 195 undesignated primitive sites to 70 utility and almost no primitive camping.

The Bureau of Reclamation released water from the lake and the water levels began to recede, during this time the full time and seasonal staff and camp hosts as well as volunteers worked on opening campgrounds, boat ramps, cleaning up debris along the shoreline and in camp sites, repairing damage to roads, staining signs, buildings, and shelters. With the effort of many throughout the summer the Glen Elder State Park is looking much better and the campsites in Pawnee, Osage, Cheyenne, Kanza, Kaw, and Sioux are all currently open.

However, there is still a lot of work to accomplish; repairing roads, cleaning up debris and debris piles, removing trees that have fallen over or died and cleaning up and repairing shoreline areas.

September 21, 2011 State and Federal FEMA representatives conducted a park assessment and listed damages throughout the park

and wildlife areas of Waconda Lake. The staff will have 60 days to compile a list of damages and estimates of repairs to FEMA representatives.

For the constituents that are interested or have expressed an interest in coming out to help with the clean-up, we are planning a cleanup-day for October 22, 2011. The event will start at 9:00 am and go until approximately 3:00 pm with a meeting at the park office.

The Staff at the Glen Elder State Park would like to especially thank the constituents that remained with us at the Park, through all of the weather, high water, flooding, campground and area closures during the summer of 2011. We appreciate your loyalty and business at the Glen Elder State Park and hope to see you camping with us again next season.



## *Ongoing and Upcoming Projects* by Dean Deines, Park Manager

Last spring we conducted an operational readiness assessment of the Glen Elder State Park. As constituents you noticed a significant decrease in picnic tables throughout the camping and park areas. The picnic tables that have been removed were in need of repair and did not meet our standard, i.e. broken or missing boards, wood rot, or missing pieces. Upon conducting an inventory there were a total of 377 picnic tables located throughout the Glen Elder State Park.

We removed a total of 114 picnic tables from the camping areas throughout the park area. It is our goal based on the current budget to rebuild at least 20 new picnic tables before next spring.

You may have also noticed that throughout the summer signs and structures have been stained throughout the Park. The Glen Elder State Parks current readiness status on structures and signs is as follows: 20/22 signs, 3/3 self pay

stations, 3/3 shower houses, 1/1 day use shelter, 2/2 cabins, 1/1 office, and 0/1 fish cleaning station. It is our goal to finish the fish cleaning station and other 2 signs prior to next spring.

The Kanza Shower house and bathroom facility does not meet our standard. The paint on the interior portions of the structure continues to peel off during the summer months. The structure is also not well ventilated causing high humidity and moisture to remain within the structure during the summer months. The paint that is peeling on the interior and white residue on the exterior of the structure is primarily caused by heating the structure in the winter time or during cold months. We are planning to close down the Kanza shower house early this fall to begin repairs on the facility. We will start with sandblasting the current paint and applying a sealer to the interior and exterior of the structure and then

repainting. We are planning to have screens made for the upper portions of the facilities to allow moisture to escape during peak months of operation.

Other items on our list include rebuilding and refurbishing additional picnic tables and purchasing new fire rings as we are able to do so and remain within our current budget. Another area we will be assessing and planning is to develop the day use and swimming beach area. This will include refurbishing and replacing the Waconda shelters and adding barbeque grills in the Osage Day Use Area, as well as repairing the volleyball courts and playground equipment. Please keep in mind that we have listed several projects that we have assessed and have placed on the list to start when funding and budgets become available, the progress may be slow over the next couple of years but we will keep moving forward.

## *Vehicle and Camping Permits* by Dean Deines, Park Manager

We have noticed some confusion when visiting the park during the winter months in regards to permits. The Glen Elder State Park does not close during the non-peak season which is from October through March. This means that current vehicle and camping permits are required throughout the entire year to visit and/or camp at the park.

The visitors can purchase annual vehicle or camping permits at the Glen Elder State Park Office during business hours or online.

If you arrive and the main office is closed, you can also purchase a

daily vehicle or camping permit at 1 of 3 self pay stations located at the Glen Elder State Park. The self pay stations are located at the main entrance between the Park Office and the Hopewell Church, the entrance to Pawnee Campground which is located just on the North side of the dam, or at the maintenance entrance located across the highway from Lakeside Convenience Store. You may self pay for 1 or 2 days and drop your envelope in the box. If you are planning to stay longer than 1 or 2 days then come to the park office, during regular office hours, and receive a vehicle and/or camping permit for

the remaining days you plan on staying.

Please keep in mind that a daily or annual vehicle permit is required for all vehicles entering a Kansas State Park. All daily vehicle permits expire at 2:00pm the day following purchase. The permit must be attached and displayed in the proper manor according to regulation 115-9-6.

You may purchase your 2012 permits starting December 15, 2011. We are encouraging all of our patrons to purchase their annual vehicle and camping permits prior to April 1, 2012.

## *Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program*

*By Aaron Deters, Wildlife Biologist*

The Voluntary Public Access & Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant awarded to The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. Kansas will receive \$1.5 million each year of a three-year period. The objectives of the program are to increase private lands enrolled in public access and to improve the habitat on enrolled lands. With this new opportunity to expand from the 1 million acres of public access we already offer from our current Walk-In Hunting areas (WIHA) program, we plan to target available funding on cropland eligible and suitable for Continuous

Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) practices and lands newly enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. Existing CRP fields that have required or voluntary management practices scheduled are also eligible.

KDWPT is currently offering up-front payments of \$100/acre (above and beyond the Sign-up Incentive Payment offered through the USDA) for acres enrolled in CP33 or CP38, and \$20/acre for general sign-up CRP that was newly enrolled in the last two Sign-ups 39, 41 or any future enrollments. In addition, the

department will also offer public hunting leases of up to \$4.00/ac/year for 10 or 15 years, depending on CRP contract length, and length of access period. All KDWPT payments will be paid up-front, in addition to any FSA (USDA) CRP incentive payments. Habitat enhancements on properties enrolled in both VPA-HIP and WIHA will be reimbursed at 100% through VPA-HIP with upfront payments. There are numerous enrollment options that are available depending on the land being offered. Contact Aaron Deters, KDWPT Wildlife Biologist at (785) 545-3345 for more information.

## *New Grassland Management Techniques*

*By Toby Marlier, Wildlife Area Assistant Manager*

Here at the Glen Elder Wildlife Area we are always trying different ways of manipulating habitat for the benefit of wildlife. Over the years, with no disturbances, vegetation tends to lose diversity or become a monoculture (only one plant species). Wildlife prefers a variety of plant species to flourish. It's our job as wildlife managers to experiment with different ways of manipulating habitat and implement what we think will work best for wildlife species.

We have been implementing some "different" management practices on our grasslands at the Glen Elder Wildlife Area and Jewell State Fishing Lake over the last couple years. We have expanded our prescribed burning window from just early spring burns to other times of the year. A late spring burn

encourages a variety of native grass species, forbs, and wild flowers to grow. Summer burns encourage many new plant species to sprout the following year, and they also open up the understory if it is choked with woody vegetation. This allows ground dwelling wildlife like pheasants, quail, rabbits, etc. easier mobility throughout their home range areas.

Another technique we use is treating monoculture brome grass areas with the herbicide Roundup. On warm autumn days following a hard frost when all native plant species have gone dormant, we spray Roundup on a patch of brome. This sets the brome grass back 2 to 3 years allowing native grass

species, forbs, and wildflowers to take off the next spring and grow without competition from the brome grass.

Hopefully these methods will benefit wildlife production by increasing the amount and quality of nesting and brood rearing habitat within the area we are trying to manipulate.



## LOCAL YOUTH ENJOY PHEASANTS FOREVER CHAPTER'S DOVE HUNT

Despite some occasional rain showers on Saturday morning, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, several local youth took part in the Osborne County Pheasant Forever Chapter's first ever Youth Dove Hunt. The hunt took place on two of the Glen Elder Wildlife Area's sunflower fields that are planted to attract doves. These fields were closed to hunting until the youth hunt, so there were plenty of birds for the kids to go gunning after.

In all, 6 young hunters were able to attend the early morning hunt. A few more were planning to attend but had weekend conflicts that did not allow them to make it. Each young hunter took their spots in the sunflower fields with at least 1 adult mentor at their side. The mentors did not hunt, but assisted the youth with identifying the birds as they were flying in, taking safe shots, and marking and recovering downed birds.

All of the young hunters had plenty of opportunities to harvest some birds and most were successful. For a couple of the new hunters, they were able to harvest their first birds ever of any kind! Even the youngsters who didn't manage to connect on a shot enjoyed themselves as

## Youth Dove Hunt

*By Chris Lecuyer, Wildlife Area Manager*

each of the hunters shot more than a box of shells on the hunt.

Following is the list of hunters and mentors: Roxton Brown of Osborne hunted with dad Nate Brown and mentor Cleo Hahn. Brice Befort of Osborne hunted with mentor John Cockerham. Spensor Heise of Osborne hunted with dad Dean Heise. Riley Kaser of Downs hunted with dad Doug Kaser. Grant English of Beloit hunted with mentor Bob Hamel. And Trevor Bouska of Beloit hunted with mentor Brett Wildfong. Trevor led all hunters with 5 birds harvested! Also assisting as mentors were Tony Jacobs and Tyson Seirer- Pheasants Forever employees, and Toby Marlier and Chris Lecuyer- Wildlife Area Managers for KDWPT. Also observing the hunters was

Jessa Cockerham. Apologies if anyone was left off this list that assisted.

The Osborne County Pheasants Forever Chapter and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism are committed to getting more youth involved in the sport of hunting. Events like this one provide new hunters with fond memories that hopefully will keep them enjoying the outdoors for the rest of their lives. Plans are already underway to continue the Youth Dove Hunt in future years.





## *Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitats (FISH) gets a boost from the Farm Bill*

The FISH program has been in place for 13 years and has provided fishermen access to thousands of acres of private ponds and miles of private streams. Funding for this program has always been less than robust compared to the highly successful Walk in Hunting Program (WIHA). However, thanks to the most recent Farm Bill, additional funding has become available to greatly enhance this program.

As a landowner, there are a couple of questions you need to ask yourself:

- Do you have fishable ponds or stream stretches on property you own or lease?
- Do you not mind letting people fish there?
- Do you need help managing those waters?
- Would you like to be free from liability of people fishing your waters?
- Would you like to get paid for allowing people to fish your waters?
- Do you like to see young people doing something other than playing video games?

If you answered yes to these questions, you are the landowner we are looking for. The enhanced FISH program offers many options, including financial incentives. The program pays landowners to allow angler access to your waters between March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> but increased payments are available for those allowing access year-round.

Resource stewardship is the business of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, so several state statutes will be used to insure your property is treated appropriately. Anglers must stay within 50 feet of the pond and respect the land as well as the landowner. Fish stockings, fish sampling, and habitat management can be used to enhance the pond, and harvest regulations will be put into place to protect your pond.

These are the rates/surface acre for the surrounding counties in this district: Cloud - \$125/acre, Jewell - \$75/acre, Lincoln - \$75/acre, Mitchell - \$75/acre, Osborne - \$100/acre, Republic - \$100/acre, Russell - \$75/acre. There is also a \$10/acre incentive for allowing carry-in boats and a \$25/acre incentive for allowing all boats.

Lucrative payments are also available for stream and river stretches.

If you are interested please contact:

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Glen Elder Area Office  
2131 180 Road  
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## *Trout Program Returns to Glen Elder this Winter*

*By Scott Waters, District Fisheries Biologist*

While fishing for most species slows down during the winter, things are just beginning to heat up for rainbow trout anglers. This fish provides exciting angling action between October and April in many of our small waters across the state. There are now two locations for anglers to take advantage of this fun angling opportunity in northcentral Kansas.

The park pond at Glen Elder state park will again be stocked 3 times this winter, in November, December, and February with approximately 1,100 trout each time. Similar to last year, the fish should average about ½ pound apiece with about 5% of them over 3 pounds. We will try to stock a large trout again this year since the nearly 12 pound fish we stocked last

year was never caught. Rocky Pond in Belleville will receive their trout on a similar schedule with 2,500 fish stocked each time for a total of 7,500 fish this winter.

Anglers have success using a variety of methods with Powerbait, worms, cheese, and salmon eggs probably producing the best results. Small inline spinners such as Panther Martins, roostertails, and beetle spins are also effective. A handful of anglers prefer to use more traditional methods and pull out the fly rod when pursuing these stocked trout.

As always, special regulations apply while fishing trout waters between October 15 and April 15. All anglers are required to purchase a trout

permit (\$12.50) if they intend to fish the park pond, whether they are fishing for trout or not, but only trout anglers are required to have a trout permit at Rocky Pond. Anglers 15 and younger are exempt. Trout permits are available at KDWP offices, license vendors, county clerk offices, or online at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us). The daily creel limit is 5 trout (2 trout for anglers 15 and younger fishing without a trout permit). The possession limit is three times the daily creel.



## *2011 Glen Elder Youth Fishing Tournament*

*By Scott Waters, District Fisheries Biologist*

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Fishing Tournament at Waconda Lake on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> after it had been postponed because of high water. A near record number of young anglers (136) boarded boats and hit the water for a half day of fishing. The weather was hot and muggy, but a south breeze helped to cool off the young anglers all morning.

The fish cooperated better for some boats than others, but most were able to bring in at least a few with drum and channel catfish leading the way. Of the 126 youth who fished on the 33 boats volunteered by local anglers and the 10 youth who fished off the

bank, 103 were able to catch at least one fish. The total of 444 caught fish included 124 drum, 105 channel catfish, 73 white bass, 69 bluegill, 54 walleye, 12 largemouth bass, 5 white crappie, 1 wiper, and 1 carp.

We would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to all of the boat drivers and other volunteers who provided their time and equipment on Saturday, the Waconda Lake Association for providing lunch, and Wayne Miner who donated over 100 dozen nightcrawlers.

Also, many thanks to all of the local sponsors who donated over \$1,500 in prizes. Because of their generosity each youth was able to

take home a fishing pole and a bag of tackle with many also winning additional prizes. Special thanks also to Drew Heidrick and the staff of the Glen Elder area office for assisting with the event.

Congratulations to all the 2011 participants and we look forward to hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Glen Elder Youth Fishing Tournament again next year!



## *Fall Offers Finest Angling* By Scott Waters, Fisheries Biologist

About the time many anglers are putting away their favorite fishing rods, storing tackle, and winterizing the boat until next spring, most area lakes and reservoirs begin to experience a change in fishing patterns. The good news for those anglers still out there hitting the water, is that this a change for the better. While some anglers realize what a tremendous opportunity is available to them between now and first ice, others are already carrying a shotgun or bow through the woods. Below is a summary of what can be expected if you choose to extend your angling season a couple of months this fall. Using past angler reports, personal experience, and observations from annual fall sampling, the guide below will at least give you an idea of where to start.

**Crappie** These guys have just about become a year-round fishery on most major reservoirs. They can be caught through the ice, during the spawn, and now there is a good summertime bite (both deep and shallow) that has started catching on around here. Fall is no different in that the crappie are out there and ready to bite if you can find them. As the water cools, the crappie tend to start congregating together with many

of them migrating to the brush piles and other structure in the reservoir. Anglers tend to do well by hitting these areas with jigs, spoons, and minnows. During our fall sampling we see good numbers of fish shallow as well. Much of the baitfish is located in shallow water and the crappie are right behind feeding on shad, small bluegill, shiners, and insects. Fishing creeks, rocky banks, and the back ends of coves similar to what you see in the spring is another great way to find some fall slabs.

**Walleye** Two key words to keep in mind for fall 'eyes are shallow and points. Our official gear for sampling walleye in the fall are gill nets. These are normally placed in water 6-20 feet deep with some nets catching much more than others. The nets set right along main lake points almost always seem to do best, however, with water less than 10 feet the most productive. Of course, there are exceptions and we do catch fish from deeper water, but they are likely not feeding as aggressively as the shallow fish. Many years, we will catch more walleye in our trap nets set right off the bank, then we do in the gill nets. These fish are roaming water between 2 and 6 feet deep looking for a

meal. Shallow trolling with planer boards is a great way to catch these guys, but casting a variety of crankbaits or swim baits can also be very effective, and fun. Another note, the majority of the walleye seem to prefer lower half of the reservoir this time of year.

**White Bass/Wipers** There are a couple of predictable fall patterns you can try to locate and catch these guys. Wade or bank fishing in the major coves will usually offer some great action as schools of white bass and wipers concentrate shad and really continue the feeding frenzy that started with the shad hatch. Also, I always see the best numbers upstream in the reservoirs as many of them tend to migrate up there each fall to spend the winter prior to the spring spawning run. Ice anglers know very well that Glen Elder's best white bass angling is always found west of the causeway.

**Smallmouth Bass** We all know smallies prefer cool water and that's exactly what you get during the fall months. These fish will really move shallow and can be caught with traditional fishing methods like crankbaits, plastic worms, and spinnerbaits. At Glen Elder, target the dam, state park coves, and the south bluffs.

Check out the following link for fishing reports at both Glen Elder and Lovewell Reservoirs.

Reports are updated weekly all year!

<http://kdwp.state.ks.us/news/Fishing/Fishing-Reports/Region-1>

***Ice Fishing Seminar***

***Coming to the Glen Elder  
area this winter***

## *Walleye Angler Survey* By Scott Waters, Fisheries Biologist

Earlier this year, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism (KDWP) prepared a walleye angler survey which focuses on walleye anglers in north central Kansas, specifically those fishing Glen Elder and Lovewell Reservoirs. The objective of this survey is to obtain information regarding general walleye angler attitudes, opinions on a variety of walleye regulation scenarios, and some basic demographic questions. The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and will help assist

KDWP with walleye management decisions in the future.

Anglers wishing to participate can complete the survey one of three ways. The preferred method is to go online to the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/KDWP\\_Walleye\\_Survey2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KDWP_Walleye_Survey2)

This survey can be completed online, is confidential, and saves on postage and mailings.

Surveys are also available for anglers to pick up at the Glen Elder State Park office, Lovewell State Park office, and Hays

Regional office. Anglers can complete the survey at the office or take it home and bring it back once finished. Finally, anglers wishing to have a survey mailed to them should call the Glen Elder office at (785) 545-3345 and submit your request.



## *2011 WLA Fish-A-Thon Results*

The Waconda Lake Association again hosted the annual Fish-A-Thon in 2011 with 314 tagged fish available between May 1<sup>st</sup> and Labor Day at Glen Elder Reservoir. As of mid-August, a total of 125 anglers purchased tickets with 40 of the fish reported caught during the year (8 were not paid out as the anglers had not purchased an entry ticket). Local merchants paid out \$1,250 of a possible \$9,000 to anglers who captured tagged fish. A breakdown by species is shown below.

	Number Tagged	Caught/Paid Out	Caught/No Payout	Percent Caught
<b>Crappie</b>	140	22	5	18.6%
<b>White Bass</b>	18	1	0	5.6%
<b>Walleye</b>	100	8	2	10.0%
<b>Channel Catfish</b>	52	4	1	7.7%
<b>Wiper</b>	2	0	0	0%
<b>Flathead Catfish</b>	2	0	0	0%

In addition, Francis Schroer of Nebraska was lucky enough to land Waconda Willie and earn \$400 cash from the Waconda Lake Association!



## Waconda Lake Association Marches On

*By Chris Lecuyer and Mark Pecor*

The Waconda Lake Association held its fall meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> with much uncertainty about the future of the organization. In recent months the Association had suddenly found itself in the position of being without a President or Vice-President. Membership participation in events and attendance at meetings had also been rather low. Invitation letters for the September meeting were mailed to members asking for a “call to action” if they wanted the organization to remain in existence.

Spirits of the members quickly improved as they began arriving at the meeting. Turnout was much better than expected for the meeting with nearly 20 individuals showing up. It was easy to tell that the members came with a mission to see the Lake Association continue on.

After reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting and receiving reports on recent and upcoming events around the lake, nominations were opened for new officers. After a few reluctant nomination acceptances, a quick vote was taken and 2 new officers were chosen.

Mark Pecor of Downs was elected as the new President of the Lake Association and Roger Hardaway from Concordia will serve as Vice-President. Janice Miller of Cawker City remains as Secretary/Treasurer.

With the new leaders having been chosen, the meeting wrapped up with several new ideas being brought up for future activities and a consensus from all attendees to make sure the group stays active and attempts to grow membership.

Plans were made to hold another fall meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> in order to organize the group’s plans for the coming months.

The Waconda Lake Association has conducted their Fish-A-Thon contest for the last six years, sells contour maps of the lake, annually conducts several local fishing tournaments, and has always been a strong partner with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism assisting with youth and other events as needed. If you would like to become a member of the Waconda Lake Association please contact Mark Pecor at 785-454-1193 or Roger Hardaway at 785-275-2980. You can also visit the group’s website at <http://www.waconda.com>.

## Fish Cleaning Station

The fish cleaning station has been very popular for our anglers and gives them a place to clean their fish and dispose of the non-edible parts prior to returning back to their homes or campsites. Due to some problems we had, the electric motor on the grinder was replaced. In addition, a backhoe scooped out four truckloads of fish scales and bones from the sewage pond to allow for more efficient operation.

It is very important that the patrons utilizing the fish cleaning station follow the posted instructions in order to prevent damage to the electric

motor or clogging of the disposal tube. There are two very important steps. First, the electric motor must be turned on prior to cleaning fish and placing disposable items into the hopper for grinding. **Damage to the station will be caused if the hopper is filled and then the motor is turned on.** Second, heads for catfish or bullhead type fish must not be fed into the hopper, size is not a factor.

If you encounter a problem with the fish cleaning station, where the disposal pipe plugs or the electric motor stops, please immediately stop

feeding fish parts into the hopper and contact the Park Ranger or the Park Office, either by coming to the office or by telephone (785) 545-3345.



## *Reservations* By Dean Deines, Park Manager

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is in the process of implementing a reservation system throughout the state of Kansas. The Glen Elder State Park has 60 campsites that are designated as reservation campsites. This is approximately 50% of our current utility sites. The reservation camp sites are located within the Kanza, Cheyenne, and Kaw Campgrounds. As in the past campers will still be able to access portions of the park through the first come, first serve method. We have been using reservations at the Glen Elder State Park for the past 4 years. The campers are able to reserve a designated reservation campsite by coming into the office or calling the office to make reservations.

Campers can also camp on a reservation site if it is available and not currently reserved. We are posting reservations on the signs five days in advance of the stay. You can make arrangements through the office to camp on a reserved site up to 2:00 p.m. the day the reservation is scheduled.

The online campsite reservations system, or better known by the acronym "ORMS" which stands for Outdoor Recreation

Management System will be starting at pilot parks throughout the State of Kansas this fall. The Glen Elder State Park is not one of the initial pilot parks but we are currently working towards full implementation and transition into the ORMS system.

We are striving to make it as simple to use as possible and planning to put in directional and instructional signs at the self pay stations as well as campsite identification signs at the designated camp grounds. You will also notice that we will implement a numbered, color coded post system. The site color will indicate the type of amenities available for the reservation campsites. This will make it easy to locate your designated campground and the campsite that you have reserved.

One of the huge benefits to the new system is that you can reserve your favorite campsite, plan multiple sites for family or friends, and do it from the ease of your home. No more driving around trying to find a camping spot on a busy weekend because the one you wanted is already taken. If you are traveling you can plan your stays at campgrounds along your journey and reserve your campsites

in advance. The ORMS will be hosted by Reserve America. They are a National online campground reservation service.

When the new system is implemented all of the campsites that are in the reservation system as well as the rental cabins can be reserved by 1 of 2 methods. The first and preferred method would be online at the following web site [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). This method will be available year round, 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The other method will be to directly contact the KDWP Offices during regular business hours for direct assistance.

You can reserve your favorite cabin at: <http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/State-Parks/Locations-With-Cabins>.

If you have any questions about the new system please, stop in and see us at the park office or contact us by telephone at the Glen Elder State Park (785) 545-3345.

This is just a glimpse of what is coming from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Glen Elder State Park.

## *Cost Savings Approach* By Dean Deines, Park Manager

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism started the FY12 budget as of July 1, 2011. In an effort to maximize our current operational budgets we will be implementing several cost savings approaches at the Glen Elder State Park. Services such as mowing, office hours, days of operation, overall facilities and areas will be reduced as needed in order to maintain our parks operation and remain within budget. The

Kaw/Sioux and Cheyenne shower houses have been winterized and are closed until spring of 2012. The Kanza shower house will remain open until the outside temperature is close to freezing then we will close the facility for the winter. Due to rising costs of fuel and electricity coupled with low usage during the winter months we do not intend to leave the facility open as in previous years. The Glen Elder State Park Staff wishes to ensure our

constituents that we will continue to do everything within our means to provide you with the best-kept park and services that our current budget can sustain. For additional and updated information please visit the Glen Elder State Park News on the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism web site: [www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/state-parks/locations/glen-elder/park-news](http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/state-parks/locations/glen-elder/park-news).

## *Meet the New Game Warden* By Landen Cleveland, Game Warden



Greetings and salutations, I am the new Game Warden for Glen Elder Reservoir and Wildlife Area,

Landen Cleveland. I may have met some of you this last summer as you were enjoying the amazing opportunities that this part of Kansas has to offer. If so I hope it was on good terms and if it wasn't, I am hopeful that all problems were dealt with to your satisfaction.

I am happy to be given the opportunity to work in this area as my counties of responsibility are Mitchell and Osborne counties. As many of you may know, these counties contain some of the prettiest countryside that Kansas has to offer along with being some of the premier fishing and hunting areas in Kansas. These are some of the things that made my decision simple when I was given the opportunity to transfer from Southwest Kansas in the spring of 2011. Before I was able to work for you, I was based out of Hugoton, Ks and was responsible for Morton, Stanton, Stevens, and Grant Counties. I worked in these areas for almost 2 years and gained valuable experience that has helped me better to serve you. Before I was a game warden I was originally from North Central Kansas as I grew up in Courtland in western Republic County and attended Pike Valley where I

played sports competing with Downs, Waconda East, and St Johns. After high school I attended Cloud County Community College and then on to Kansas State University where I received a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology. Upon graduation at Kansas State I worked at Milford State Park as a part-time Boating Officer and Park Ranger for 2 years before I was given the opportunity to be a Full-time officer for the Law Enforcement Division of KDWPT in 2009.

This past summer I was delighted to see all of you out enjoying beautiful Glen Elder Reservoir as you have been blessed with one of the best fisheries in the state of Kansas. In the spring there was a tremendous crappie spawn that produced limits of crappie, shortly thereafter, the Walleye really turned on and provided ample opportunity to all anglers. The flood did put a damper on some fishing and recreational boating due to access issues but the anglers managed to keep finding the fish and stuck with it all through the summer. Although there were a few rescues that took place on Glen Elder Reservoir, I am very proud to say that there were no fatalities this year on Glen Elder reservoir while the state of Kansas as a whole had several drowning and boating fatalities. Some of the main violations that I dealt with as the summer went on were safety violations such as having Personal

Flotation Devices (life jackets) inaccessible and length limit violations on walleye. These violations are common throughout the state and come as no surprise. I strongly advise anyone that is going out on a vessel to know all safety rules and regulations and inspect the vessel that you are on before you leaving the shore. A copy of the rules and regulations can be picked up at the state park office and several vendors that sell licenses and permits in the surrounding area.

As this will be my first hunting season here I would like to stress that safety is the main concern that I have while afield. I can tell you now that while I am hopeful that everyone has a great experience while enjoying the Kansas Outdoors, this year there will be NO tolerance for any safety violations. Surprisingly enough, nobody ever remembers how much fun was being had once someone gets hurt. This area has been very good in the recent past about not having hunting accidents and I plan on keeping the tradition going. If anyone ever has any questions or you know of wildlife violations that are taking place I urge you to call me as you are the best asset that I have in catching violators. My phone number is 785-243-0553. Thank you for your time and I hope that each and every one of you get a chance to enjoy the natural resources that this area has to offer.

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### *Trees* By Dean Deines, Park Manager

We would like to express a special thanks to the Glen Elder Lions Club for their generous donation of trees that were transplanted into the park in early summer 2011. We also received several trees donated by Paul Saint of Concordia. Both sets of donated trees were planted in the Cheyenne Campground area. Shade within some of our camping and park areas has been a major concern of some of the constituents that visit and camp at the Glen Elder State Park. The cottonwood trees that were identified last spring along the shorelines for transplanting were wiped out by the high water and flooding this summer. However, we have identified several trees that came up along the shoreline areas of the Day Use Area once the high water receded. We will be looking at transplanting several of those trees into the camping areas this fall and next spring.

We are currently focusing on cottonwood trees. This species of tree is good for shade and is one of the faster growing trees. The purpose for getting trees from the park or nearby area is that these trees have disease resistance. The trees that are brought in from outside areas or trees from a tap root system have a lower survivability rate.

**Glen Elder Wildlife Area info** is on the web. The website provides information about the wildlife area, hunting conditions, waterfowl reports (in season) and links to fishing and State Park information. The wildlife area site is: <http://kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/KDWPT-Info/Locations/Wildlife-Areas/Region-1/Glen-Elder>

Region 1 Waterfowl Reports (including Glen Elder) can be found at: <http://kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/Hunting/Migratory-Birds/Waterfowl-Reports/Region-1>

### Glen Elder Staff

Dean Deines	Park Manager
Elwyn Mein	Asst. Park Mgr./Ranger
Lisa Silsby	Administrative Specialist
Ron Sutton	Facilities Specialist
Chris Lecuyer	Wildlife Area Manager
Toby Marlier	Asst. Wildlife Area Mgr.
Scott Waters	Fisheries Biologist
Aaron Deters	Wildlife Biologist
Landen Cleveland	Conservation Officer

### Local Area

#### Season Opening Dates:

- **Pheasant & Quail**  
Nov. 12, 2011—Jan. 31, 2012
- **Archery Deer** Sept. 19—Dec. 31
- **Unit 7 Rifle Deer** Nov. 30—Dec. 11 & (Antlerless only Jan. 1-15, 2012)
- **Fall Turkey** Oct. 1—Nov. 29 & Dec. 12—31 & Jan. 9—31, 2012
- **Spring Turkey (firearms)** April 11—May 31, 2012
- **Late Zone Duck** Oct. 29—Jan. 1, 2012 & Jan. 21—29, 2012
- **Canada Geese** Oct. 29—Nov. 6 & Nov. 9—Feb. 12, 2012
- **White-Fronted Geese** Oct. 29—Jan. 1 & Feb. 4—Feb. 12, 2012
- **Furbearing Hunt/Trap**  
Nov. 16—Feb. 15, 2012

Find the most up-to-date fishing report for Glen Elder Reservoir on the web at:

<http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/Fishing/Where-to-Fish-in-Kansas/Fishing-Locations-Public-Waters/Region-1/Glen-Elder-Reservoir>

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