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Small Lakes Produce Great Fishing

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It's HOT, but so is the fishing in many local small lakes. During the dog days of summer many anglers prefer to fish early and late during this time of year. With afternoon highs in the upper nineties and "feel like" temperatures of 100-plus, it is best to fish in the cooler parts of the day. The fantastic thing about fishing smaller lakes is that an angler can cover the majority of the places where fish may be in a few hours. These small lakes have good populations of bass, bluegill, channel catfish and crappie. The Mound City District is rich with small lakes, most about 100 acres or less. *Continued on Page 2.*



Angling is important to Local and Statewide economies.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of good angling opportunities and is trying to capitalize on this by placing large signs at each of the main entrances to the city lake. These four informational signs will help attract anglers to downtown businesses. Good food, gas, and a place to stay the night all are advertised on these sign boards. Thanks to this innovative idea, lake users can now call ahead to one of several eateries and order their favorite meal and have it ready when they arrive.



Continued from Page 1. Most shore angling areas are enhanced with fish feeders that dispense fish food and attract an abundance of channel catfish to the area. Older anglers or families with younger children find these areas especially nice to fish. To increase and improve channel catfish angling, these small lakes are annually stocked with channel catfish. Some of the most popular small lakes are: Pleasanton East and West Lakes, Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, and Mound City Lake. In addition to these, there are some sleeper lakes like Richmond City Lake, Prescott City Lake, and Uniontown School Pond and in Ft. Scott, the Community college east and west ponds and Fern and West Ponds in Gunn Park. These can all be great places to go fishing; they are close, easy to access, and provide good angling opportunities for many fish species.



You're fishing at the local lake and you see this attached to a fish feeder or dock. What is it? It is a zebra mussel sampler. These devices made from PVC pipe and netting are designed to be attractive to zebra mussels. If zebra mussels are found in a sampler in the lake, then additional efforts to prevent their spread are initiated. You've heard about zebra mussels and here is what they look like. Zebras are small mussels about one-half inch across, but they pose a threat to native aquatic wildlife and plants. Zebra mussels are one of the aquatic nuisance species (ANS) such as New Zealand mud snail, Asian carp, white perch, saltcedar, purple loosestrife, fertile grass carp and Eurasian water milfoil.





Bobbers and Hooks!

Don't forget these fall and winter fishing opportunities:

Trout season begins at Ft Scott Fern Lake in Gunn Park on October 15. Trout stockings occur every two weeks through April of 2011.

Colder temperatures improve fishing at La Cygne Reservoir. As the lake water cools down, more game fish are attracted to the hot water outlet. As the saying goes, "the colder the weather the hotter the fishing is at this premier fishing lake."

Place a mark on the calendar for the May opening of Critzer Reservoir, located just west of Mound City.

At Pomona Reservoir and many other lakes, the crappie are starting to move into shallow water and the catching is a lot easier.

Many of the lakes in this district are surrounded by hardwood timber. As the season changes, the oaks and maples produce an extremely colorful background, making each fishing trip even more memorable.

There are several lakes such as Pomona Reservoir, La Cygne Reservoir, Mound City Lake, Prescott City Lake, and Elm Creek Lake that are open to hunting. Use these areas with care, and respect other lake users.

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More zebra mussels. This picture doesn't accurately portray how nasty and costly this species really is.



Ft. Scott Lake Receives New Shoreline Angling Enhancement

This project was funded with a grant through the Community Fisheries Assistance Program and cost shared by the City of Ft. Scott. Before this enhancement project, the shoreline was uneven and covered with rip-rap rock. This combination made it very hard for anglers to fish the shoreline close to the parking lot and the floating fish feeder. With this project, anglers have great access to the lake and the feeder and it's close to the parking lot and bathrooms.



Here are some pictures of the new Critzer Reservoir located in Linn County. This lake is 220 acres of clear water with lots of standing timber. The lake was constructed as a water supply for Marais des Cygnes Public Wholesale Water Supply #13. The water board wanted the lake to be open for public use early in the planning stage of the project. Linn County agreed to be the Recreation Sponsor and KDWP is managing the fisheries. Currently angler/vehicle access is still under development at areas on the north and south parts of the property. This project is scheduled to open for public fishing in May of 2011.



North Shore.



Looking South of the boat ramp.

I hope you enjoyed the second district newsletter.

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