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President's Notes

I read an article recently about the over population of goldfish in a lake near Boulder Colorado. Evidently someone dumped their unwanted goldfish into the lake a few years ago. The goldfish, a form of carp not native to North America, reproduced and now the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) officials are dealing with an infestation of 3,000 to 4,000 goldfish that are threatening indigenous aquatic species. CPW was considering electrofishing or draining the lake to remove the invasive species.

In late April CPW personnel checked the lake and found the goldfish were gone. While there they witnessed a white pelican swoop in for a mouthful of goldfish. Needless to say, CPW was elated for the environmentally sound solution that the migrating pelicans provided. A hungry pelican can four pounds of fish a day. Mother Nature took care of the situation.

I have enjoyed serving as president of TLAS and thank you for your support during the past two years. Sandy Lowry will take the reins this fall and will appreciate your support.

The TLAS meeting on May 12 will be Photo Show and Tell. The field trip on May 16 will be Sandy and Sue Lowry's ranch near Osage. Watch the TLAS website or Facebook for details. I look forward to seeing you at UMHB York Science Center, Room 117, at 7:00 pm.

Bert Pope

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, the contact for programs and field trips is Gil Eckrich; Cell: 254-534-0061,
Email is: gil.eckrich@att.net



PRESENTATIONS



12 May - Picture Show and Tell, Everyone bring pictures to share!

FIELD TRIPS



16 May – Sandy and Sue Lowry’s ranch near McGregor. This is a real treat to go see their unique property with a nice flowing creek that is flanked by steep bluffs and has huge pecans and bur oaks in the flood plain. The field trip date is in the middle of May, but anyone who can participate will likely be rewarded with some great birds in addition to the great scenery. We will meet at the Coffee Shop Café on HWY 84 in McGregor, at 08:00. To get there, take HWY 317 north from Belton, drive through Moody, and turn left onto HWY 84 in McGregor. The café is on the right side of the road (can’t miss it!). Gil’s cell number is 254-534-0061, should you need additional directions. Hope to see you there!

Snack and Drink Sign-up

DATE	SNACK	SNACK	DRINKS & ICE	PAPER GOODS
12 May	EVERYONE BRING SOMETHING			

Birds seen and Heard

Founders and long time member Corky and Joye Johnson spotted this beautiful male Scarlet Tanager in Lions Park, Temple, on 6 May. Migration is ongoing, so get out and look – no telling what you might discover!



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Meetings

7:00 p.m., second Tuesday of the month in Room 117, York Science Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton (No meetings March, June, July or August).

