



Smoke Signals

Spring 2023



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Park Improvement Projects

General Parks/Accesses

- Installed “No ATV/UTV” signs at park entrances
- Checked various wood duck boxes located in several parks

Office/Shop

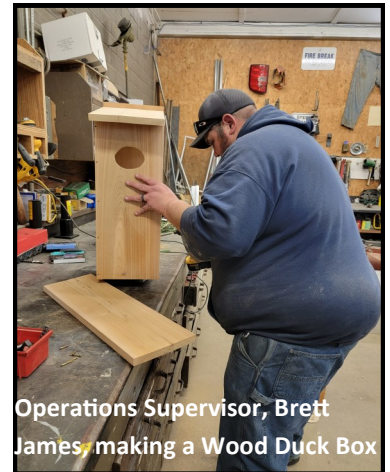
- Removed Ash trees

Silver Sioux

- Replaced broken picnic table boards

Larson Lake

- Removed some ash trees



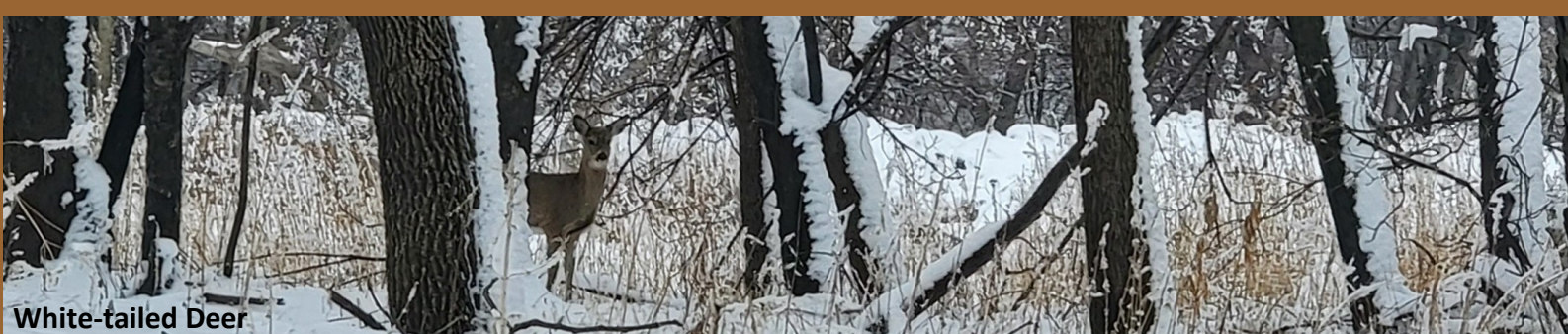
Operations Supervisor, Brett James, making a Wood Duck Box

Seasonal Campsites

Want a campsite for the summer at Martins Access or Silver Sioux? Our seasonal campsites include a cement pad and patio, picnic table, fire ring, and full hook-ups. Rent one for the entire camping season (May-October) for \$2,500.00. Secure your site by calling Laura at 712-225-6709 or e-mailing cccblaura@gmail.com. Sites are limited and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reminders & Updates

- Hunting seasons are open in several county areas. Please follow all state and federal hunting and trapping laws.
- ATVs/UTVs are prohibited in all county parks by law.
- Equestrian trails are closed until June 1st.
- Make reservations online! Check campsite, cabins, lodge, Tom’s cabin, or barn availability on www.mycountyparks.com!



White-tailed Deer

We're hiring!

We are looking for highly motivated individuals that enjoy doing a variety of things in the outdoors as a Seasonal Park Technician (summer only). If you're interested or know someone that is, please visit the Employment page of our website at www.cherokeecountyparks.com or pick one up from our office at 629 River Rd, Cherokee. There is an employment application and job description. **Applications are due at noon on Friday, March 24th.**



New Board Member



Mike "Buck" Letsche was appointed as a CCCB Board Member in January. He lives in Cherokee with his wife Ann, is an active outdoors person, and big supporter of Cherokee County and all that it has to offer. Over the years, he has served on several local boards and is excited to bring his experiences to the CCCB. Mike has a degree in Business Administration and works at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Welcome to the Board, Mike!

Summer Camps

Keep your eyes peeled for our summer events! Camps and summer activities are typically announced at the end of April/beginning of May on Facebook and our website. Registration is required for all camps. !



Cherokee Chapter of Pheasants Forever

Pheasants Forever Banquet

The 36th Annual Cherokee County Pheasants Forever Banquet is scheduled for March 18th at the Little Sioux Event Center (old Cherokee Bowl). Contact any committee member with questions or concerns. Doors open at 5:30pm and programming begins at 7:00pm.



If you have any questions about these events or have food plot seed needs, contact Scott Osborn by calling 229-5268.

The Cherokee Chapter of Pheasants Forever is sponsoring one \$1,000 college scholarship that is available for anyone going towards a degree in the natural resources field. Contact Brian Lauck at 712-225-2810 for more information.