President’s notebook

Learning about advocacy

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Christmas is past and a new year is on its way. For us, as members of the Coulee Region Audubon Society, it also means the annual meeting is fast approaching. During this meeting, we will hold our annual elections and we will also hear from two of our board members who have gone to Audubon Advocacy training in Washington during the past year. It is their intent to share some of what they learned and to help us understand how we can do our part to get things done to protect our planet.

Although some are still skeptical about the reality of global warming, there is no doubt that the world’s ever growing human population is having major impacts on our planet. Everywhere we look, there are more houses, more asphalt and less natural habitat to support the wonderful wild creatures that we all enjoy.

Since this is an election year, it is more important than ever that each of us take a hard look at our community, our state, our nation and the world. We all need decide for ourselves what the most important issues are that are facing the world. This review and introspection will allow us to cast our votes and make our voices heard on the issues that deserve the most attention.

Please make it a point to come to the January meeting. It is always fun to share a potluck dinner and it will also be a great opportunity to hear what Mark and Kurt have learned about advocacy. This is the start of a new year and this program will be a great way to find out how each of us can make a difference.

See you there!

(See pages 2-3 for Dan’s report on the Christmas bird count)
the experience of wilderness was crucial to the health of American society. That conviction has all but disappeared from contemporary social commentary. This presentation will look at the writings of authors such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold, and Sigurd Olson in an attempt to reclaim an important voice in American social and political life.