

# Mussels continue invasion

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in Clinton Reservoir in Douglas County. An adult population was discovered by department fisheries staff during routine fish sampling activities, and a subsequent survey of other locations around the lake indicated the population was widespread. Twenty-two Kansas lakes have now been confirmed to have zebra mussels. Other reservoirs in northeast Kansas with zebra mussel infestations include Milford, Perry, John Redmond and Melvern.

Clinton Reservoir covers approximately 7,000 acres west of Lawrence. It is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Wildlife manages the fishery. The lake and surrounding areas are popular destinations for fishing, camping, swimming, hiking, and a variety of boating and other water-related activities.

Corps of Engineers and department officials stress that there is no known method to rid a lake of zebra mussels, noting that the public plays a key role in stemming their spread to uninfested lakes.

"These latest discoveries show how important it is for the public to be aware of the dangers of aquatic nuisance species and to take precautions to prevent their spread," said Jessica Howell, the department's aquatic nuisance species coordinator.

According to Howell, prevention is the best way to avoid spreading species. "By always cleaning, draining and drying boats and other equipment and by not moving water around, we can stop the spread of not just zebra mussels, but most aquatic nuisance species that may be present," she said.

The lake will be added to the list of aquatic nuisance species-designated waters in Kansas, and notices will be posted at various locations around the reservoir.

The sharp-shelled zebra mussels attach to solid objects, so visitors should be careful when handling mussel-encrusted objects and when grabbing an underwater object when they can't see what their hands may be grasping. Visitors should protect their feet when walking on underwater or shoreline rocks, a helpful precaution any time they are outdoors.

Zebra mussels are just one of the non-native aquatic species that threaten our waters and native wildlife. After using any body of



Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Despite their small size, shown here with a quarter for comparison, zebra mussels can be a major threat to bodies of water they infest.

water, boaters and anglers must remember to follow regulations and precautions that will prevent their spread:

- Clean, drain and dry boats and equipment between uses.
- Use wild-caught bait only in the lake or pool where it was caught.
- Do not move live fish from waters infested with zebra mussels or other aquatic nuisance species.
- Drain livewells and bilges and remove drain plugs from all vessels prior to transport from any Kansas water on a public highway.

For information about aquatic nuisance species in Kansas or to make a report, go to ProtectKSWaters.org.

### About zebra mussels

Zebra mussels are bean-sized mollusks with striped, sharp-edged, two-part shells. They can produce huge populations in a short time and do not require a host fish to reproduce. A large female zebra mussel can produce 1 million eggs, and then fertilized eggs develop into microscopic veligers invisible to the naked eye. Veligers drift in the water for up to two weeks before they settle out as young mussels which quickly grow to adult size and reproduce during their first summer of life.

After settling, zebra mussels develop byssal threads that attach their shells to submerged hard surfaces such as rocks, piers, and flooded timber. They also attach to pipes, water intake structures, boat hulls, propellers and submerged parts of outboard motors.

As populations increase, they can clog intake pipes and prevent water treatment and electrical generating plants from drawing water.

In 2012, two Kansas communities, Council Grove and Osage City, experienced temporary water shortages from zebra mussel infestations before water intake structures could be cleaned up. Removing large numbers of zebra mussels to ensure adequate water flow can be labor-intensive and costly.

Zebra mussels are native to the Black and Caspian seas of western Asia and eastern Europe and were spread around the world in the ballast water of cargo ships. They were discovered in Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River in 1988 and quickly spread throughout the Great Lakes and other rivers including the Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, Tennessee, Arkansas and Hudson. In 2003, they were discovered in Kansas in El Dorado Reservoir. Despite public education efforts to alert boaters about the dangers of zebra mussels and how to prevent spreading them, the species continues to show up in new lakes every year. Moving water in boats and bait buckets has been identified as a likely vector.

# Coveting labeled sin: how bad could it be?

When I was a young Christian, I wondered why God bothered to include the 10th Commandment ("Thou shalt not covet...") with the other nine.

That "little sin" of coveting, which everybody does, and which doesn't seem to hurt anybody, didn't seem to me to be in the same league with the other sins of lying, stealing, adultery and murder that are also forbidden in the Decalogue. Over time, however, it began to dawn on me that covetousness was the motivation behind the other sins. No wonder the Bible says that the love of money (i.e. covetousness) is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10).

An interesting conversation is recorded in the 12th chapter of Luke's Gospel. Someone came to the Lord Jesus and said, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." Jesus said, "Sir, who has made me a judge or a divider over you?" Then he warned the man to "... beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

That makes good sense, in light of the fact that we don't really own anything in this life — because the moment we die, someone else takes possession of everything we leave behind. So we are actually just caretakers of the things we temporarily possess. That puts everything in a whole new perspective.

In the sixth chapter of 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul rebuked the Corinthian Christians for suing each other in secular courts. He offered them two alternatives: they should either appoint a church council to settle their disputes, or just "take the wrong."



Tom Peyton

### From the Pulpit

That is, simply let yourself be taken advantage of financially. Please don't misunderstand what I am saying in this article. There are some things worth fighting and dying for — such as our freedoms of religion and speech, and the possession of private property, etc. But there are times when our relationships within our own families and in the family of God are more important than things.

After all, everything you can see and hold in your hand is temporary. The eternal things that really matter, such as God, heaven, and your own soul, cannot be seen (2 Corinthians 4:18). That's why our Lord Jesus Christ admonishes us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, rather than treasures on earth. Earthly treasures are temporary, but heavenly treasures are forever. Then he adds, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." When our priorities are focused on eternal things, something wonderful happens: we are no longer enslaved to the sin of covetousness; and peace reigns in our hearts. Fighting and striving over things no longer matters to us.

Some friends of mine have a saying they utter sincerely whenever they experience a financial set-back: "Oh, well — it's only money." They don't fret much, because they know that money comes and goes. When it comes to

land, one may have to sigh, at times, "Oh, well. It's only dirt."

Many years ago, when I pastored in western Nebraska, Kathie and I often drove to Scottsbluff to shop. On our way, we passed by a beautiful home situated up on a hill. It was angled in such a way as to make it especially attractive. The small lawn was beautifully landscaped and immaculately manicured. Each time I drove by that place I felt a covetous twinge.

Then one day a friend of mine who knew the owner went to visit him. He told me later that the man walked over to his large picture window, looked out at the gorgeous view, and said "Roger, I'm the most miserable man in this valley!" When Roger told me that, I thought to myself, "What a fool I've been — envying a man who was, in fact, so miserable!" I never coveted that place again.

In the long run, things don't make us happy. In fact, when our possessions possess us, they can make us quite miserable. The 10th Commandment is there for good reason.

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### Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.34
Corn (bushel)	\$4.38
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.38
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.93

### Charles David Cook

Charles David Cook was born October 13, 1943 in Colby Kansas to Charles E Cook and Dorothy (Tubbs) Cook. Dave graduated from Brewster High School in 1961 and attended Hutchinson Business College. He served in the Colorado Army National Guard in Denver for 27 years as a Warrant Officer 4; in 2005, he retired to Arizona.

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, Dave passed away peacefully on his 70th birthday at his home in Gilbert, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy and a nephew, Charlie Cook. He is survived by his father, Charles E Cook of Colby; long-time friend, Charles Zart of Gilbert, Arizona; brothers, Terry (Lilly) Cook - Nanakuli, Hawaii and Tom Cook of Colby. Numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

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**COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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