

After Colebourn died in 1947, his family members were made aware of a second thrilling story about the bear cub. In 1924, an officer in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, named A.A. Milne, took his four year old son Christopher Robin to the London Zoo. The zoo staff were so trusting of Winnie and allowed young Christopher to enter her enclosure to feed the bear honey with a spoon. Christopher became very fond of Winnie and immediately changed the name of his own teddy bear from Edward to Winnie, adding "the Pooh" in honor of a swan he had befriended on holiday. Being so moved by watching his son, A.A. Milne began writing Winnie the Pooh the following year featuring such characters as: Christopher Robin, his teddy bear Winnie, and other names of stuffed animals belonging to his son, such as, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga and Roo.



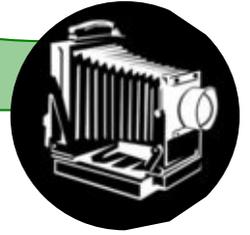
Harry Colebourn and Winnie on Salisbury Plain in 1914 —  
Wikipedia

Milne's Pooh books have sold more than 70 million copies to date in 86 different countries. Disney has also been very successful with the Pooh film adaptations.

Winnie lived at London Zoo until her death in 1934. Her remains recently were discovered at the Royal College of Surgeons, where they had been stored since her death. Although her skull had been stored with approximately 11,000 other animal remains, it became apparent to the paleontologists who examined the skull that it belonged to Winnie because there was catastrophic tooth decay. Remember how Milne would write about Winnie the Pooh by saying, "It all comes of liking honey so much"? So, the next time you are reading Winnie the Pooh to your children, or grandchildren, you will know there is more to the story than what is on the page.



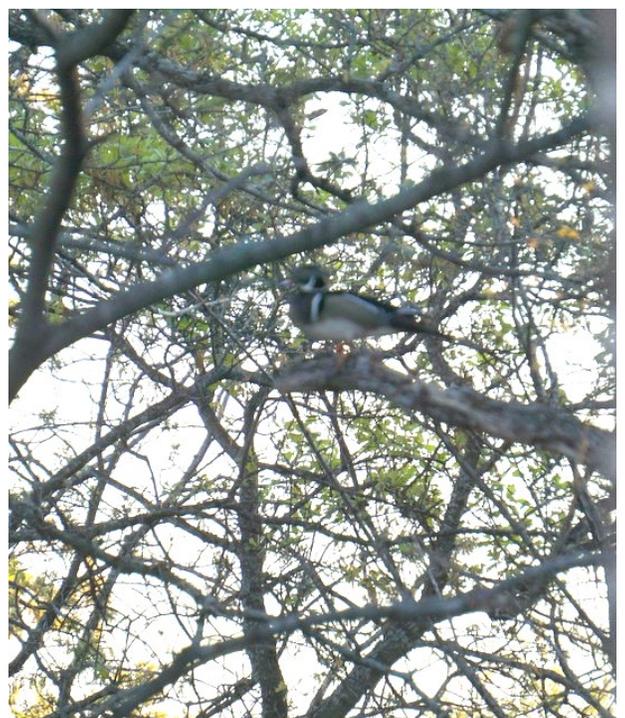
Jonathan Reynolds—  
Clear Creek



Clear Creek during recent flood—Jonathan Reynolds



Wood duck photos are from Susan Pohlen. She tells the News that “would be” momma duck kept clicking the camera so much as she went in and out that the resultant photos began to amass so many that there had to be a culling on the computer. She must have enjoyed posing for the camera!



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## Assistant State Representative— Van Elliott

*Photo by Judi Elliott*



Class of 2009

The way the Elm Fork Board is configured, the immediate past president serves as the State Representative (SR), the liaison between our chapter and TMN. Plus they assist the current Chapter President on an as requested basis. The position is usually for one year and then the outgoing president serves in that position. Our SR is Jan Deatherage and the assistant is Van Elliott.

During the 2015 annual meeting, TMN expressed an interest in utilizing the chapter SR more to help with procedural issues such as Bylaws, Operating Handbooks and Chapter Management Operating Protocols [CMOP] plus helping with the annual meeting. Because TMN has grown so large more help is needed to run the organization. Volunteers were needed to help procedurally and with the annual meeting. The SR was a position that had not been utilized much in the past and it was an opportunity to do something with that position.

It became apparent after the annual meeting, continuity was going to be an issue if the program was to be successful. There would be a gap in program matters and execution of duties with a one year term. Two year terms better served to help the incoming SR learn about programs already in place and expectations for the following year.

Our Board gave the OK for me to remain as an assistant to Jan. It was agreed EFC should have more of a presence at the State Level and this could be easily accomplished with this two person approach.

It has been my pleasure to work for Elm Fork Chapter. I hope each member who has the opportunity to serve will do so – the rewards are great.



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