

## OUTDOORS DIGEST

## Eagle Extravaganza Set In Eastern Nebraska

WAHOO, Neb. (AP) — This weekend's Wanhoo Eagle Extravaganza at Lake Wanhoo in eastern Nebraska will feature a nesting pair of eagles.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says there will be binoculars and spotting telescopes available so visitors can see the eagles in their nest, which sits in a tree in the lake.

The event will take place on the breakwater near the bridge from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday. There will be children's activities, including eagle masks and bird journals.

Lake Wanhoo State Recreation Area is situated just north of Wahoo in Saunders County. A park entry permit is required.

## Campsites Still Available For Fort Sisseton Historical Festival

LAKE CITY — Plenty of campsites are available for the annual Fort Sisseton Historic Festival. General camping is open for stays June 5-9.

"This is the first year that camping reservations have been taken during the festival," said Fort Sisseton Manager, Katie Ceroll. "We encourage guests to take advantage of the opportunity to reduce their wait time at the gate."

Ceroll noted that they have had problems accepting reservations the last couple of weeks, but reservations are working now.

"If you were unable to make a reservation, please call back. There is plenty of room still available."

Reservations can be made online at [www.campsd.com](http://www.campsd.com) or by calling 1-800-710-2267. If reserving your campsite by phone, please indicate that you will be staying during the Fort Sisseton Festival.

For more information or for a festival 2013 schedule, contact Fort Sisseton at 605-448-5474 or check out the festival webpage <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/fort-sisseton/festival-events/historical-festival.aspx>.

Fort Sisseton Historic State Park is located 10 miles southwest of Lake City off SD Highway 10.

## Wildlife To Help Reforest Pine Ridge Burn Areas

LINCOLN, Neb. — Natural resource officials in northwest Nebraska are turning to one of the oldest forms of seed dispersal to replace some of the countless trees and shrubs that were burned in the 2012 Pine Ridge forest fires.

Blocks containing seeds of native trees and shrubs soon will be fed to the region's wild animals, which are expected to "deposit" the seeds in remote areas of the region's rugged landscape.

Shelley Steffi of Chadron, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission wildlife biologist leading the effort, said the project is intended to move seeds to the most remote areas of the Pine Ridge and complement future forest rehabilitation efforts.

Eight hundred of the blocks have been created. The blocks contain seeds for 12 native species of trees and shrubs, including deciduous varieties such as Rocky Mountain maple and conifer species, including ponderosa pine. The ingredients are listed on a biodegradable label that quickly falls apart when exposed to moisture.

Steffi said one of the greatest challenges of the project was developing a recipe that contains the right ratio of molasses and livestock mineral to keep the blocks from falling apart.

A grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust was used to help with a portion of funding for the project. The blocks are available to landowners for \$3 per block. Landowners who want to be placed on a list for the blocks may contact Steffi at 308-432-6190 or visit the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District, 430 E. Second St., Chadron.

Gary Howey | Of The Outdoors

## Outdoors Impact On Economy

BY GARY HOWEY  
Hartington, Neb.

Some folks might think of hunting and fishing isn't that big of a deal when it comes to our countries and states economy. Some believe that the outdoors, fishing and hunting is something a few folks do in South Dakota and other states, not generating much revenue, when in fact, the purchases, state/federal taxes collected and jobs created by outdoorsmen and women in all states is BIG!

More than \$882.4 million in excise tax revenues generated in 2012 by sportsmen and sportswomen will be available to all 50 states and territories through the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration programs. Revenues come from excise taxes generated by the sale of sporting firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing equipment and tackle.

Because of the efforts of outdoorsmen and women, we have larger populations of several species of wildlife now than we did when our grandfathers came to the Midwest. The populations of deer, wild turkeys, Canada geese, Snow geese and Wood ducks are at all time highs. The reason for this is simple, the individuals that hunt and fish

have dug deep into their pockets to help wildlife and create habitat.

In 1937, because of the support of the hunting and shooting sports industries, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act was passed, placing a special excise tax on firearms and ammunition which would be shared among state wildlife agencies to be used in supporting conservation efforts.

Since it's inception, hunters have contributed over \$7.2 billion to state conservation efforts. With the way current firearm and ammunition sales are going, hunters now contribute over \$371 million annually.

More than \$882.4 million in excise tax revenues were generated in 2012 by sportsmen and sportswomen through the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration programs. Revenues come from excise taxes generated by the sale of sporting firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing equipment and tackle, and electric outboard motors. Recreational boaters also contribute to the program through fuel taxes on motorboats and small engines.

That funding doesn't end here. Add in the \$796 million spent on license and permit sales, which go directly to the state's wildlife agency, along with the \$440 million in annual contributions directly to conservation and sportsmen's organizations, hunters contribute over \$1.6 billion annually to conservation.

Let's look how these things have affected us in our area. In an economy such



TEAM OUTDOORSMEN ADVENTURES PHOTO

Waterfowl hunters like these hunting near Meckling pay additional excise tax on their shotguns, ammo and other sporting goods, helping to fund the Game & Parks in their state's conservation efforts.

as we're facing these days, a billion dollars spent in one state is a pretty good boost to the overall economy of a state.

In South Dakota, 430,000 sportsmen contribute over \$1.04 billion annually and support 14,780 jobs. Working with the CSF in a coordinated effort to protect and promote the sportsmen's traditions in South Dakota are three members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and Governor Dennis Daugaard.

In Nebraska, more than 289,000 hunters and anglers spent \$780 million annually and support 12,085 jobs. Working with the CSF in a coordinated effort to protect and promote the sportsmen's traditions in Nebraska are four members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and the Nebraska Legislative Sportsmen's Forum.

That's a lot of dollars and the jobs created, helping people to pay their bills, injecting dollars into the community and the area, creating a huge snowball effect.

Nationally there are more people who hunt or fish than go bowling, and their spending would land them at number twenty-four on the Fortune 500 list," according to Jeff Crane, President of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. In South Dakota, sportsmen and women, whose spending time in the outdoors spent \$1.04 billion on hunting and fishing in the state, which is more than the receipts for wheat, one of the state's highest grossing agricultural commodities (\$1.04 billion vs.

\$858 million)."

The CSF data spotlights some of the most compelling information about hunters and anglers in every state.

Those resident as well as non-residents who hunted or fished in South Dakota in 2011, are people than the combined population in the state's top three metropolitan statistical areas — Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen (430,000 vs. 402,000).

Perhaps most importantly, hunters and anglers support more jobs in South Dakota than the combined employment of Sanford Health and Avera McKennan Hospital, the state's two largest employers (14,780 vs. 13,963 combined employees).

Nationwide, the impact is even more impressive. There are more than 37 million hunters and anglers age 16 and up in this country — about the same as the population of the entire state of California.

These sportsmen and women spent \$90 billion on hunting and fishing in the United States in 2011, which is comparable to the combined global sales of Apple's iPad® and iPhone® that year. In difficult economic times, it is important to note that both participation and spending by people who hunt and fish went up in 2011.

Beyond the impact to businesses and local economies, sportsmen and women are the leaders in conserving fish and wildlife and their habitats.

When you combine license and stamp fees, motorboat fuels, excise taxes on hunt-

ing and fishing equipment and membership contributions to conservation organizations, hunters and anglers directed \$3 billion towards on-the-ground conservation and restoration efforts in 2011 - that is over \$95 every second. This does not include their own habitat acquisition and restoration work for lands owned or leased for the purpose of hunting and fishing, which would add another \$11 billion to the mix.

The dollars generated by hunters and fisherman, bring big bucks into our economy, supporting our Game & Parks, generate tax dollars and creating much needed habitat, giving both hunters and non-hunters land where they able to enjoy all the outdoors has to offer.

More information on each individual state, events and news check out <http://www.sportsmenslink.org>.

Gary Howey, Hartington, Neb., is a former tournament angler, fishing and hunting guide. Howey is the Producer/Host of the award winning *Outdoorsmen Adventures* television series which can be seen on Fox affiliates throughout the upper Midwest. He and Simon Fuller are the hosts of the *Outdoor Adventures* radio program on *Classic Hits 106.3* and *ESPN Sports Radio 1570*. If you're looking for more outdoor information, it can be found at [www.outdoorsmenadventures.com](http://www.outdoorsmenadventures.com).

## State-U

From Page 7

fifth inning. Yankton native Christine Broders put the Coyotes in front 6-5 with an RBI double in the bottom of the sixth.

The Jackrabbits tied the game at 6-6 in the sixth on an RBI double by Elyse Eitel, but USD relief pitcher Madison Frain got the next three hitters out to end the threat.

With the bases loaded in the seventh inning, Daly sent a line drive to right-center field to score the game-winning run.

For the Coyotes, who had four players batting at least .300 before Friday, it wasn't exactly a surprise to see a clutch hit, Daly said.

"We've been hitting the crap out of the ball, honestly," she said. "The biggest difference between this year and last year is

our hitting."

True to form, the Coyotes were a study in balance on Friday.

On the day, freshman Yvon Minogue had five hits and five RBI, while Lindsey Boyd and Katie Cochran both added four hits. Broders finished with three hits.

Having already won the series and therefore earning a point in the South Dakota Showdown Series, the Coyotes will look for a weekend sweep in today's (Saturday) final game at noon in Vermilion.

With the season setting up for a potential Summit League Tournament run, USD is instead keeping things simple.

"What we're working right now is that every game is our most important game, not look at where we're at and where the standings are at," Klyse said.

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at [twitter.com/jhoeck](https://twitter.com/jhoeck)

## Lancers

From Page 7

their job — bunting people over, moving runners and everything else."

Griffith said pitching has been solid for the Lancers for most of the season, and said his team will be fine with their hitting getting better.

Bernatow and his team will now look to build off this win to

continue to improve for their conference games.

"Our kids are starting to understand that nothing comes easy in this conference," he said. "We've played six conference games now, and all six games have been one-run games. That's the way this conference works. But I think this season will be a fun one, and I'm looking forward to it."

You can follow Emily Niebrugge on Twitter at [twitter.com/ENiebrugge](https://twitter.com/ENiebrugge)

## Red Sox Sellout Run Will End After Nearly 10 Years

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino stood in an empty Fenway Park to discuss the ballpark improvements for the upcoming season.

At the home opener on Monday, all those seats will be filled.

On Wednesday, maybe not.

The Red Sox are preparing for the end of the sellout streak that has covered a record 793 regular-season games dating back to May 15, 2003. And, though Monday's home opener against Baltimore will bring that total to 794, "what happens after that is unclear," Lucchino told reporters on Friday at the annual pre-opener tour of ballpark improvements.

"The streak will probably end in April, the first or second series. That's fine," Lucchino said. "It's extraordinary. I don't think anybody will come close to that for some time. We're proud of it, but we move on."

"The fact is that the fans supported the team in such numbers

with such consistency. This year it will be easier. People will be able to get tickets because it is not all sold-out in advance."

The Red Sox play the Orioles again on Wednesday and Thursday night and, as the announcers say, "Good seats are still available." Boston could play a record 17 home games in April, when the weather is bad and kids are in school and tickets are most difficult to sell.

Although Fenway Park has long been one of baseball's jewels, it wasn't until the Yawkey era ended and the ownership group led by John Henry bought the team that baseball's oldest ballpark truly became a star. The new owners spent \$285 million to renovate Fenway, with new video boards and seats above the Green Monster alongside less visible additions like family bathrooms and a waterproof seating bowl.

## Huskers

From Page 8

hasn't been tackled to the ground all spring and won't be Saturday, but other quarterbacks will be subject to full contact.

Fans will get their first look at redshirt freshman Tommy Armstrong, the presumed quarterback of the future. Ron Kellogg and Ryker Fyfe also will take snaps.

Martinez said the offense will operate with the same up-tempo, no-huddle style and cut no slack to an inexperienced defense that must fill eight starting jobs.

"We'll do exactly what we've

been doing in practice," Martinez said. "They've been lining up really good in practice. If they're not lined up, we'll snap the ball, so they better hurry up and get their butts lined up. They'll get yelled at if they don't."

The defense drew Pelini's ire before the team broke for spring break. He said he has seen great improvement the past two weeks. No positions will be settled until the fall, he said.

"We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go," Pelini said. "The potential is there. The attitude has been there. Our guys are working at it. I like the group. I think it's going to require a lot of hard work on all our parts to get it to the level we want to get it to."

**Yankton Transmission Specialists**  
• Transmissions • Drive Lines  
• Transfer Cases • Differentials  
**2 Year / 24,000 Guarantee**  
2409 East Highway 50  
**(605) 665-1175**

*Start sleeping in again.  
Staying in bed feels better on a Serta.*

**icomfort®**  
Sleep System by Serta®

**We guarantee our prices and our service!**

A lower price does not always mean a better deal.

Available at...

109 East Third,  
Yankton, SD  
605-665-4416  
M-F 10-6, Sat. 10-5,  
Evenings by Appointment

**hatch**  
FURNITURE & FLOORING  
"Your Home's Best Friend"

413 Pierce St.,  
Sioux City, IA  
712-252-7750

## Help Wanted: GPS Specialist

Titan Machinery has an immediate opening for a GPS specialist for the Miller location. This specialist position would include sales of GPS units as well as installs and trouble shooting, in-field start ups and customer orientation. Titan Machinery is a large growing company with many locations with endless resources. Titan Machinery offers a full benefit package as well as top wages for qualified applicants. Stop in for an application at the Titan Machinery location in Miller or email resume to: [jared.brueggeman@titanmachinery.com](mailto:jared.brueggeman@titanmachinery.com) or call Jared at 605-870-6422.

**AAA Self Storage**

2912 Piper Street Located East of Yankton Bowl

**Unit Sizes**  
• 10x10  
• 10x15  
• 10x20  
• 10x25

• 24 Hour Access  
• Security Lighting  
• Concrete Driveways  
• Accept all major credit cards

Kenneth: 661-4952 Ralieggh: 665-7993  
665-8387