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East River Deer License Deadline Looming

PIERRE — The initial deadline for hunters to submit applications for the lottery drawing for East River Deer hunting licenses is Friday, Aug. 30.

Applications submitted through the mail must be postmarked by Friday. Applications may be submitted online at the Game, Fish and Parks Department website at www.gfp.sd.gov until 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Friday is also the deadline for both the Muzzleloader Deer and National Wildlife Refuge Deer hunting seasons.

Drawings for all three seasons should be completed by Sept. 13. Results will be posted online.

History Comes To Life At Beaver Creek NA

BRANDON — Beaver Creek Nature Area near Brandon will host the 35th Annual Homesteader Day Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 1-4 p.m. CDT to showcase what life in the prairies was like for the early Dakota Territory settlers.

The event attracts thousands of visitors of all ages each year who want a taste of homestead life and pioneer living history.

Visitors can watch teams of horses go about the tasks of plowing, cultivating, seeding and harvesting the old-fashioned way. Visitors can also take part in homestead crafts like candle and rope making, Dutch oven cooking and butter making. Other demonstrations will include rose-making, wood carving, chair caning, blacksmithing and pioneer games.

The historic 1870s Samuelson homestead cabin will be open for viewing where there will be a display of farming tools and cabin furnishings. All the while, the air will be filled with the sounds of the South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers, who have been a part of the event for its entire 35-year run.

Admission to the Homesteader Day Harvest Festival is free.

Beaver Creek Nature Area is located southeast of Brandon, one-half mile west of the intersection of 484th Avenue and 264th Street. For more information, contact Palisades State Park at 605-594-3824. For more information on South Dakota State Parks, visit www.gfp.sd.gov.

Chadron SP To Repair Pond Outlet

LINCOLN, Neb. — The water level of the Chadron State Park pond is being allowed to completely recede following the primary tourism season because of a broken board in the impoundment's outlet structure, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The pond is fed by water from nearby Chadron Creek. Overflow from the pond drains back into the creek through the aging outlet structure. The outlet will be inspected and repaired once the pond is drained. In the meantime, the pond's water and fish will be released to Chadron Creek. If the outlet doesn't require major repairs, officials intend to have the pond refilled and restocked in time for the spring 2014 fishing season.

The period of low water also will serve as an opportunity to complete soil tests to determine the feasibility of removing sediment from the pond to improve its fishery.

Hunting Those Erratic Doves

BY GARY HOWEY
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Where has our summer gone, it seemed like only yesterday that the kids started summer vacation and now we're all ready into the next school year.

It's this time of the year, that other hunters and I are into dove hunting season.

There are numerous species of doves in the world. The most common species we see in our area are the Morning and the Eurasian Colared Dove.

The weather plays a big part in the dove season, as it doesn't take much of a change in the weather for the birds in our area to pack up and migrate south.

If a cold front or damp weather arrives around opening day and hangs around a few days, it won't take the doves long to move out.

The good news is that unless the "fowl" weather stays for an extended period, the doves from up north will move down, stopping over in our area, giving us another chance to take a few Doves.

If the number of birds that we see in the upper Midwest is any indicator of what the hunting seasons are going to be like, then it should be an excellent one. There are large groups of doves both in towns and in the country.

Good concentrations of doves are found in areas containing ragweed, hemp and harvested wheat as doves will fly long distances to feast on the seeds of these plants.

Perhaps the hemp or marijuana is one of the reasons a doves flight path is so erratic. About the time a shooter fires, the birds will fold their wings, loose altitude, sending them off in a different direction.

It always seems that doves will zig zag across the sky, changing altitude and direction at will. Unfortunately, for many hunters, when they shoot, the bird drops a few feet about the time the shooter fires.

The dove season generally opens up on Sept. 1 and there should be plenty of these dodging and weaving game birds to shoot at.

You'll notice that I said shoot at and not shoot or bag, as doves can



PHOTO: LARRY MYHRE
The continent's most popular game bird season opens Sept. 1 as hunters throughout the upper Midwest, like columnist Gary Howey (pictured), head out to try their luck on these diving, dodging aerobic birds.

Dove Season Information

Nebraska
Season Date: Sept. 1-Oct. 30
Daily limit: 15
Possession Limit: 30

Resident License Requirements
Hunting Permit
Habitat Stamp
HIP Number (Harvest Information Program) obtained online at www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov/Hip

South Dakota
Season Dates: Sept. 1-Nov. 9
Daily Limit: 15
Possession Limit: 30

Resident License Requirements: Small Game, or Combination, or Junior Combination, or Youth Small Game; or 1-Day Small Game license.

Migratory Bird Certification: All mourning dove hunters must complete and purchase the South Dakota Migratory Bird Certification



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be some of the toughest of all game birds to bring down. This is especially true after you have fired your first shot and missed!

Once a dove has heard the first shell go off, they go into an aerial flying act that would make any of the pilots from the Blue Angels envious.

The choice of a gun is up to the shooter. Some prefer the lighter 20 or 28 gauges while others like the 12 gauge since 12 gauge shells are less expensive to shoot.

For ammunition, I use a Winchester AA Trap load in a 7 1/2, 8 or 9 shot. They are inexpensive and if you're into reloading, the casings can reload numerous times.

The best hunting is generally during the late afternoon or early evening as this is when the birds stop by the local ponds for a drink before heading to the roost.

The best location to set up would be around one of these watering holes. The dams or ponds that have a small open area around the edge of the pond seem to be the most attractive to the birds. Doves like to fly to the edge of the grassy area and then walk across the bare dirt to the edge of the water to take a drink.

If you can find a pasture area with several ponds in it, the hunting can be excellent.

Station shooters around each of the ponds and the birds will jump back and forth between them, giving the shooters many more opportunities to shoot at the doves.

As I mentioned earlier, if there are weeds around or adjacent to the dam, doves will spend more time in the area.

Another item that makes a dam attractive to the birds are dead or defoliated trees. Doves will land in these trees and look over the area or rest before and after visiting the watering hole.

If you can set yourself up between the trees, weeds and water, chances are you'll have the opportunity to shoot at quite a few doves as the wing back and forth from one spot to another.

Camouflage isn't necessary, but it's best to have something to duck down behind or a tree to rest against as this gives you the element of surprise and a chance to get off at least one shot before the dove starts its aerial maneuvers.

Many hunters like to put out a few decoys in an adjacent dead tree or on a dead branch that can be stuck in the mud along the shoreline.

I've used a piece of small PVC pipe with several smaller pieces of PVC coming off of it for a stand to put my decoys on which has worked well.

The stand consists of six short (2 to 3 foot) pieces of PVC pipe cut into several shorter lengths and put together with PVC joints and couplers. The first two perches are three foot off the ground with another set two foot above it.

Generally, 4 to 6 decoys are plenty to catch the bird's eye. I'll put the de-

coys off to my right or left depending on the terrain. You'll want the decoys to be on the down stream side of the dam so that the dam doesn't block them from view.

I avoid gluing them together as I never know whose vehicle I'll be in, so I can take it apart and put it in my bucket or a small duffel bag when I'm ready to head out or head home.

Dove hunting is a great way to get in some early practice for both you and your dog. You'll want to take along a lot of ammunition because one Dove for every six shots is about what a decent shooter can expect.

Give dove hunting a try, it can be a real humbling experience and may take more shells than one thinks, but it is a good way for you and a couple of buddy's to sharpen your shooting eye, to get your dog for some exercise and to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

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USD 1-1 At Missouri Golf

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Kendall Krittenbrink combined for 34 kills in two matches as the Coyote volleyball team split its opening day contests at the Tiger Invitational, topping Idaho State in four sets (25-22, 28-30, 25-14, 26-24) and falling to Missouri in three (25-21, 25-17, 25-16) at the Hearnes Center.

Krittenbrink recorded 20 kills while Sydney Dimke recorded a career high 17 kills to lead the Coyotes (1-1) past Idaho State. Tori Kroll tallied 37 assists and Kaitlyn Hastings added 15 digs during the win.

Despite letting Idaho State take the second set after trailing 24-20, South Dakota rebounded by recording a .387 hitting percentage in the third set with 15 kills and only three errors. The Coyotes also held the Bengals to a .027 hitting percentage in the set on nine kills and eight attack errors.

The Coyotes also had a presence at the net defensively the entire match, hold-

ing a 15-5 edge in total blocks with Kelsey Biltoft's two solo blocks and eight block assists leading the way.

Krittenbrink again led the Coyotes with 14 kills against Missouri while Kroll and Hastings both tallied nine digs. The Tigers won recorded a 54-37 kills advantage behind Lisa Henning's 15 and had a team hitting percentage of .393 while holding USD to .220.

The Coyotes will play two more matches on Saturday, taking on Arkansas State at 10 a.m. and Pittsburgh at 2 p.m.

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GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Mikala Hora, a freshman from Yankton, led South Dakota State in kills in both matches as the Jackrabbits went 0-2 on the opening day of the North Dakota Tournament on Friday.

In a 25-17, 25-12, 25-18 loss to Iowa State, Hora led SDSU with eight kills and 11 digs. Wagner Larson posted six kills. Lexi Fowler had 22 assists and Lizzie Palmer had 10 digs for the Jackrabbits.

In a 25-10, 25-12, 25-12 loss to Texas A&M, Hora and Courtney Roberts each had five kills. Hora also had seven digs, tying for top honors for SDSU.

The Jackrabbits look to snap the season-opening skid on Saturday, when they take on host North Dakota at 1 p.m.

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Also for the Bucks, Mitch Schlingman shot 79, and Brandon Frick, Mason Sundleaf and Logan Megard each shot 83.

Yankton travels to Mitchell for a boys' golf dual on Tuesday. Start time is 1 p.m.

TEAM SCORES: O'Gorman 299 (5th score broke tie); Lincoln 299; RC Stevens 309; Yankton 310; Brandon Valley 316; Aberdeen Central 318; RC Central 322; Harrisburg 325; Aberdeen Roncalli 329; Mitchell 332; Pierre 333; Watertown 341; Huron 343; Brookings 345; Milbank 399

TOP 15: Max Donohue, O'Gorman 72; Parker Kitzka, Lincoln 73; Jace Gutmiller, Yankton 73; Sam Olson, O'Gorman 73; Ben Priske, Lincoln 74; Luke Rezac, Harrisburg 75; Tommy Vining, Lincoln 75; Jacob Rice, Mitchell 75; Lane Sawatzke, Yankton 75; Sam Musch, RC Stevens 75; Gabe Heller, Aberdeen Roncalli 76; Jayson Heck, RC Stevens 76; Andrew VanGergen, Pierre 76; Riley Duncanson, Brandon Valley 76; Greg Koehn, Brandon Valley 76

OTHER VHS: Mitch Schlingman 79; Brandon Frick 83; Mason Sundleaf 83; Logan Megard 83

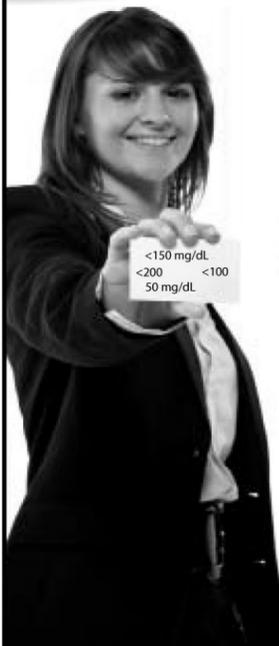
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PHOTOS: CAPTAIN NORM'S
LEFT: Kellen Bllaaid caught his first catfish and crappie on Lewis and Clark Lake with a Jig and minnows.
ABOVE: Emme and Cade Neubauer caught this 7-pound catfish near the bubble area using crawlers.

Lakyn Schmidt caught this 9-pound, 12-ounce catfish off the wall using crawlers.

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