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Ponca State Park Offering Valentine's Day Special With Bons For 'Watchers

LINCOLN, Neb. — This year's Ponca State Park Valentine's Day package includes special discounts on lodging and an opportunity to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 14-16.

Valentine's Day coincides with the Great Backyard Bird Count this year, and the park is offering a 30 percent discount on lodging. Reservations for one or two night stays include breakfast, guided bird tours, firewood, all-ages educational programs, birding information, and a complimentary bottle of wine or juice. Souvenir glasses and extra firewood are provided for the two night stay. Bird feeders and binoculars will be located at each mini-lodge.

The four bedroom mini-lodges include queen beds and vanity bath in each bedroom, two full bathrooms, fireplace, dining table, fully equipped kitchen, 42-inch television, wireless internet, and linen and towel service. Each mini-lodge has a large deck, gas grill, fire pit and picnic table. Pets are welcome.

A valid park entry permit is required. Contact Ponca State Park at 402-755-2284 or ngpc.ponca@nebraska.gov

Custer SP Wood Permits Extended Through April 1

CUSTER STATE PARK — Officials in Custer State Park have extended the termination date on permits that allow people to remove firewood from the park. The permits were set to expire Friday, Feb. 1, but are now good until April 1, 2013.

It is illegal to remove firewood from Custer State Park without a valid permit. Removing firewood without the proper precautions increases the potential to spread mountain pine beetle larvae to areas currently not in a mountain pine beetle epidemic status.

The next round of permits will become available in September through the Custer State Park office.

Deadline Nears for Game, Fish and Parks Summer Employment

PIERRE — The deadline is fast approaching to apply for summer employment with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Feb. 22. They are available at www.bhr.sd.gov and at South Dakota One-Stop Career Centers.

The department offers a variety of summer employment opportunities across the state.

State park positions include general maintenance, entrance station attendant, maintenance worker, campground attendant, law enforcement, heavy equipment operator, and naturalist/programmer positions.

Positions with the Division of Wildlife include habitat technician, habitat aide, fisheries technician, wildlife technician, conservation crew leader, naturalist/programmer, and wildlife damage technician. Most listings have multiple positions available.

All applicants must be 18 years of age and available to work the normal summer season, mid-May through Labor Day. Applications received after the Feb. 22 deadline will only be considered for any remaining positions.

Seasonal employment with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is also available through Executive Intern Program positions. The application deadline for summer 2013 internship positions is Saturday, Feb. 2. To qualify for an internship, applicants must be full-time students of at least sophomore standing and currently be enrolled at a college, university or vocational-technical institute.

For the complete job listing and to apply, visit www.bhr.sd.gov, or contact any South Dakota One-Stop Career Center office.

Off-Season Predator Hunting

BY GARY HOWEY
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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a 2-part series on predator hunting. The first installment appeared Saturday, Jan. 26.

With the coyote's keen sense of smell, you'll want to hunt with the wind in your face. If the wind is blowing towards you, the coyote will be less likely to smell you before he gets in range.

I use a cover scent that helps to cover up the human odor. If a coyote or other predator is the least bit suspicious, they'll try to circle around and use the wind to their advantage helping them to pick up your scent.

The easiest and most effective cover scent that I've found are Hunter's Specialties Cedar Scent Wafers. The wafers can be clipped to your clothing or hung from a branch. Cedar is a natural scent that's common throughout the upper Midwest and predators aren't alarmed when the smell it.

Because predators have such keen eyes, I like to use a decoy of some kind, something for them to zero in on, which allows me a little movement since they aren't looking at me. I use the Advanced Decoy Research Mini Supreme Extreme, which resembles a squirrel, mounted on a base that allows to choose what movement sequence you want to use, from a quick panic movement to a slower random movement. The side to side movement draws the attention of the critter, allowing the shooter time to get into shooting position while the predator is putting the sneak on the decoy.

The choice of weapons is up to the individual. It also depends if you are hunting at night or during the day.

For hunting during the day, I use a 243

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or 22-250 rifle with a good scope and a 40-gr. and 55-gr. bullet. Other rifles such as the 22-250 and the 223 also work well.

When I hunt at night, I prefer hunting when there's a full moon with snow cover, which allows me to see coyote easier that are making their way into the call. Since the shots you get at night are much closer, I'll use a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with 4 Buckshot for close shots and my 22-250 for longer shots.

When hunting in snow cover, I wear snow camo, or something that's white, if you don't have snow camo, a white sheet pulled over you will help you to blend into the terrain.

There are a million predator calls on the market and I use both mouth and electronic calls. I've used several electronic calls and find the Fox Pro Digital electronic calls are a good bet.

They are easy to use, can be run by remote and have worked well for me over the years.

The Fox Pro have numerous calls that when used either by themselves or together will bring in most coyotes. They are the dying cottontail/jackrabbit call, the howler/yipper and the squeaker.

During the day I'll start with a dying rabbit call. I generally start out with a long drawn out medium volume call.

The first calls shouldn't be too loud as they might spook any coyote that's close to you. Then follow it up with 4 or 5 shorter but louder calls. Use your binoculars to glass the area while you wait about 3 or 4



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Team Outdoorsmen Adventures member Larry Myhre, left, of Sioux City, Iowa and Andy Glidden of Bassett, Neb., are pictured with one of the coyotes they called in on a hunt in the Nebraska Sand Hills.

minutes. Then resume the calling again. Coyotes don't like to move through the open terrain and they'll duck into a draw or behind a cedar tree, I'll use my mouse squeaker to get them to move out into the open.

If I spot a coyote coming in or if he seems hesitant, I'll use my howler/yipper and make a howling sound at him. Many times, I've had them run in thinking that another coyote is heading in and going to beat them to a meal.

I generally spend approximately 20 to 30 minutes in a spot. Before I get up to leave, I'll glass the area one more time as coyotes are sneaky critters and can slip in without being noticed. This final glassing makes sure that I didn't miss anything.

Most shots during the daylight are around 100 150 yards. The shots in the night are much closer. It's not unusual to shoot a coyote at less than 30 yards at night.

During the evening when I call, I set

back to back with another hunter so the coyote won't come in behind us and use a predator light on my rifle, I like the red lens, while other hunters go with the green lens as these colors are hard for predator's to see at night.

The first time I hunted at night was a bit spooky as the thought of a bunch of angry coyotes closing in on me had me a bit apprehensive.

When calling at night I prefer to use my howler/yelper call. If another coyote hears howling in his territory, it really gets him upset. Howling is one way a coyote lets other coyotes know that this is their territory. When you get a family group or pack riled up, the hunting can be fast and furious.

You could get the whole pack coming with the hair on the back of their necks standing up, growling, snarling and ready for a fight. We've had as many as six coyotes come running in at night and they were upset. We did our part for predator management by taking three of them out of the food chain.

Predator hunting is a great sport and by decreasing the number of predators, you're helping to ensure that a few more pheasants might make it to next season.

Give predator hunting a shot, it's a howl!

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Girls

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Beresford, 13-3, hosts West Central on Tuesday.
Alcester-Hudson, 9-5, hosts Irene-Wakonda on Monday.

BERESFORD (13-3) 9 23 32 51
ALCESTER-HUDSON (9-5) 8 16 22 29

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 72, Marty 39

TRIPP — The Tripp-Delmont-Armour Nighthawks won for just the second time this season with a 72-39 victory over Marty Indian on Friday night in Tripp.

Senior Kelli Batterman led T-D-A with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Hannah Just added 19 points and three steals while fellow sophomore Becca Brown recorded 12 points and eight rebounds.

After an 0-13 start to the season the Nighthawks have now won two of their last four contests.

Armanda Iron Elk led the Lady Braves with 16 points while Apollonia Zepher added 10 points.

The Nighthawks also won the JV contest, 37-30.

T-D-A, 2-15, hosts Avon in Armour on Friday while Marty Indian competes in the Dakota Plains Invitational on Thursday in Santee, Neb.

MARTY INDIAN 9 16 27 39
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (2-15) 15 24 49 72

Baltic 65, Irene-Wakonda 30

IRENE — Senior Morgan Forsch led Baltic to a 65-30 Tri-Valley Conference victory over Irene-Wakonda on Friday night in Irene.

Forsch led the Bulldogs with 21 points and also added six rebounds and four assists as Baltic improves to 12-4 this season. Allie Walter and Mariah Hanisch added 14 points apiece in the win.

For the Eagles, freshman Kyleigh Melstad scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds. Caitlin Hinseth added seven points while Bailey Hinseth scored six.

Baltic plays at Howard on Tuesday while Irene-Wakonda (4-10) travels to Alcester on Monday to battle Alcester-Hudson.

BALTIC (12-4) 24 39 60 65
IRENE-WAKONDA (4-10) 5 16 23 30

Mitchell Christian 56, Menno 27

MENNO — Mitchell Christian defeated Menno 56-27 in South Dakota 'B' girls basketball action Friday. Alexa VanLacken scored her 1,000th career point in the contest.

VanLacken led Mitchell Christian (10-5) with 22 points and nine assists. Becca Glanzer netted 18 points and had five steals in the victory.

Abby Herrboldt led Menno (2-12) with 17 points. Ashton Diede netted six points and snagged five rebounds in the loss.

Mitchell Christian will host Sunshine Bible Academy on Feb. 4. Menno will compete against Marion at the Combelt Classic in Freeman today.

MITCHELL CHRISTIAN (10-5) 22 32 42 56
MENNO (2-12) 10 14 25 37

Gazelles

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added six points.

Pierre was able to get back in the game the second half, because we did not rebound as well in the second half," Pesicka said. "Our kids did enough to hang on and get themselves a big win tonight.

"Keeping our composure, playing within ourselves and poise was what helped us get that win."

Hora said the Gazelles came out prepared to win the game, and knows this is a crucial improvement for them.

"We know we've improved a lot over the season," she said. "Now we're

to the point where our new motto is, 'Go out and win.'

"Tonight was all about us coming out and playing harder. Whatever they did, we were going to top it. This was our time to win — it was our court and our crowd."

The Gazelles hit the road to face Aberdeen today (Saturday).

In the JV game, Pierre defeated the Gazelles 36-17. Yankton Molly King and Becky Frick each scored seven points, King with two rebounds and Frick with one rebound.

Pierre's Kelsey Schmidz led with 10 points and one rebound, while Miranda Panzer added eight points and two rebounds.

The Lady Govs also claimed a victory in the sophomore game with a final score 36-31. Yankton's Jaclyn Arens put up nine points

and five rebounds, with Ashley VanMeeteren adding seven points and four rebounds.

Jordyn Lemieux led Pierre with 11 points, and Kim Coats contributed seven points and two rebounds.

You can follow Emily Niebrugge on Twitter at twitter.com/ENiebrugge

PIERRE (5-7)

Kaitlyn Sprinkel 2-5 0-0 9, Taylor Hyde 2-7 2-4 6, Katie Berg 2-8 0-0 5, Sydney Palmer 3-7 0-0 6, Kristi Livermont 0-2 0-1 0, Courtney Brandt 0-1 0-1 0, Stewi Clausen 4-6 1-1 9, Miranda Panzer 0-0 0-0 0, Kelsey Schmidz 0-0 0-0 0.

YANKTON (3-9)

Andi Sprinkel 4-10 0-1 8, Mikala Hora 3-4 2-2 10, Kelsey Fitzgerald 5-8 0-0 11, Morgan Tessier 1-5 0-0 2, Kelsey Butler 1-3 0-0 2, Brianna Newman 0-0 0-0 0, Whitlee Larson 0-6 0-0 1, Jessica Wirth 1-2 1-2 3.

PIERRE

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YANKTON 14 21 25 37

Three-Pointers: P 3-8 (Hyde 2-4, Livermont 0-1, Brandt 0-1, Clausen 1-1), Y 3-5 (Sprinkel 0-1, Hora 2-2, Wirth 1-2). Rebounds: Y 31 (Sprinkel 6, Fitzgerald 6), P 20 (Clausen 5). Personal Fouls: P 14, Y 12. Fouled Out: None. Assists: P 5 (Severny 1, Hyde 1, Palmer 1, Livermont 1, Panzer 1), Y 3 (Sprinkel 1, Fitzgerald 1, Tessier 1). Turnovers: Y 15, P 15. Blocked Shots: Y 3, P 0. Steals: P 6 (Severny 4), Y 5 (Hora 2).

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