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Off-Season Predator Hunting

No Pheasants Forever Banquet

The Lewis and Clark chapter of Pheasants Forever will not be having its banquet this year scheduled for Jan. 26 at Bow Valley, Neb. The chapter is planning to have a banquet in 2014. Chapter officials apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Yankton Co. 4-H Meeting Jan. 31

The Yankton County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold its first club meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Yankton County Extension Office. For more information, contact club leaders Randy at 605-660-7430, or Laddie at 605-260-1070, or the Yankton County Extension Office at 605-665-3387.

Take Precautions To Avoid Hypothermia

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraskans enjoying the outdoors this winter should take precautions to avoid hypothermia.

Hypothermia is a low body temperature most often is caused by exposure to cold weather or immersion in a cold body of water. Left untreated, hypothermia can lead to complete failure of the heart and respiratory system and to death. Primary treatments for hypothermia are methods to warm the body back to a normal temperature.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission suggests hunters, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts dress warmly in layers of clothing that may be added or removed as necessary. Warm hats, gloves or mittens and boots will prevent heat loss through the top of the head, hands and feet. Anglers should wear a life vest on the ice.

Hypothermia can affect judgment, which is critical to hunters handling loaded firearms and anglers venturing onto potentially unsafe ice.

Symptoms of moderate to severe hypothermia include:

- Shivering
- Clumsiness, lack of coordination, stumbling, slurred speech
- Confusion, difficulty thinking or poor decision making
- Drowsiness or very low energy
- Gradual loss of consciousness
- Weak pulse
- Slow, shallow breathing

A person with hypothermia usually is not aware of his or her condition, because the symptoms often begin gradually and because the confused thinking associated with hypothermia prevents self-awareness.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a two-part column on predator shooting. The second part will appear Saturday, Feb. 2.

Predator population throughout the Midwest has skyrocketed. The coyote, fox, raccoon and skunk population seems to have increased greatly over the last several years. This increase has caused problems for both domesticated and wild game.

Domesticated animals such as chickens, ducks, cats and small dogs rank high on the menu, as do wild animals such as pheasants, quail and rabbits.

When the pheasants are nesting, predators are raising their young, when they need additional food to feed the extra mouths.

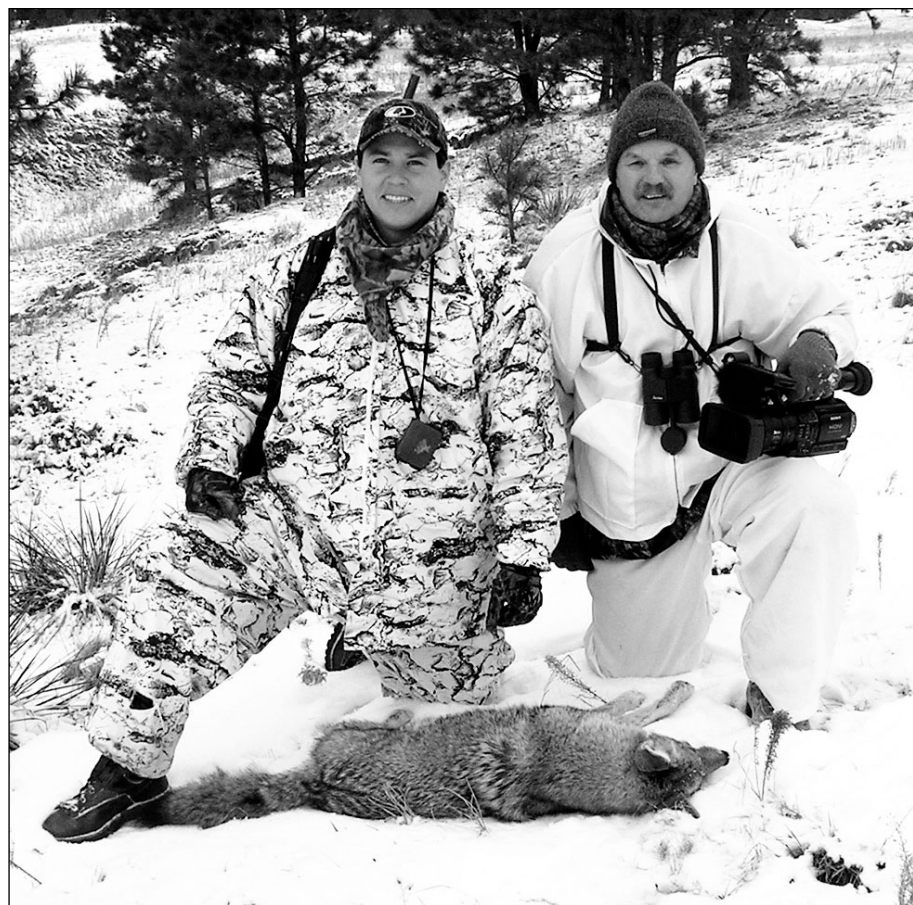
With the limited habitat in the upper Midwest, the predators don't need to look far for a meal. Our limited habitat, the few fence lines that are left, road ditches that aren't baled up, creeks and shelter belts that aren't grazed and along the edges of alfalfa fields make it easy for the predators to locate the nesting birds.

With their acute sense of smell it's not hard for them to locate the nests and destroy the eggs or the hens.

It wasn't many years ago that the price of furs made hunting and trapping predators a worthwhile proposition.

Over the years, fur prices have been low and when fur prices are low, there's less incentive to get out after predators.

Last year with the warm winter, hunters and trappers were able to put a dent in the



Team Outdoorsmen Adventures member Larry Myhre, right, is pictured with Andy Glidden of Bassett, Neb. with one of the coyotes they called in on a hunt in Nebraska's Sand Hills.

predator population as they could hunt and trap throughout most of the season.

When there's less activity out there from coon hunters and coyote chasers, when I like to do some predator calling, which can help to knock down predator's numbers.

Fur prices may not be as high as they once were, but they've been higher than they've been in years past.

When there's snow on the ground and cold temperatures, predator calling can be very productive!

Predators need more food to stay warm in the colder temperatures and the snow also makes it harder for them to locate food.

Predator calling can be a great sport, giving the shooter the opportunity to get

outdoors when no other outdoor shooting sports are available.

Predator calling is one of those things that you've got to experience, before you'll believe it. I know I was skeptical when I first heard about it.

It's hard to believe that an animal as smart and cunning as a coyote, equipped with super hearing and an acute sense of smell would come running into a hunter that's making a noise that sounds much like a crying baby.

The idea behind predator calling is to sound like an easy meal. The cry of a wounded animal is the sound of the dinner bell ringing to a predator and an easy meal.

Over the years, they've learned what a dying rabbit, injured bird, fawn or mouse squeaking are sounds predators like and will quickly come to investigate especially during cold winter weather.

I've called predators during the day or night and have found that both can be an exciting experience.

You can probably call predators all year long, but the best calling for me has been after there's snow on the ground.

When the ground is covered with snow the coyote has to hunt harder for his next meal. The snow also makes them a lot easier for the caller and shooter to spot something coming into the call.

Next week in part two, we'll go into some of the gear used for when calling predators.

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Gary HOWEY

Enjoy "Eagles And Bagels" At Oahe Downstream Recreation Area

PIERRE — Visitors of the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area near Fort Pierre will learn all about the park's winter residents and enjoy a snack on the Eagles and Bagels Walk in the Park Feb. 2.

Participants will also learn more about eagles from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Charlene Bessken, author of the 1991 children's book, *Eagles for Kids*. Bessken also wrote the Wisconsin Bald Eagle Recovery Plan, and she coordinated recovery efforts.

Event participants have a great opportunity to view, learn, and ask questions about the bald eagles on the guided walk. During January and February park visitors always have a great chance of seeing many birds. The cold weather, abundant cottonwood trees, and a stable food source keep the eagles located close to the open water of the downstream area, said Buscher.

The Feb. 2 program will begin at 9 a.m. CT at the Oahe Downstream group lodge. A short presentation will highlight eagles, their habitat, and tips and proper conduct for viewing and photographing birds. The group will then travel into the park for a 2-mile guided hike (weather permitting) to observe the birds in their natural setting. The hike will include a number of stops to view eagles and answer questions. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, cameras, comfortable hiking shoes and cold weather clothing.

Following the hike, guests are invited back to the lodge for bagels, provided by Pier 347, and coffee and juice, provided by Lynn's DakotaMart.

The Oahe Downstream campgrounds are currently closed to vehicle traffic to protect the roosting eagles. Walkers and cross-country skiers are allowed in those areas, although they must be careful not to disturb the roosting eagles. If disturbed, the eagles may abandon their roosts and use up valuable food reserves.

There is no cost for the guided walk, but a South Dakota park entrance license is required. The 2013 park entrance licenses are available at the park. For more information, call 605-223-7722. Oahe Downstream Recreation Area is located five miles north of Fort Pierre, just off state Highway 1806.

US Senate Bill Targets Asian Carp In Ohio River

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two U.S. senators are introducing legislation requiring federal agencies to work together more closely to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Ohio River basin.

The measure proposed by Democrat Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Republican Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania would designate the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to coordinate federal actions dealing with the invasive carp in the region. Other agencies include the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey.

They would share technology with state and local agencies and provide an annual report to Congress on Asian carp movement in the Ohio and upper Mississippi rivers.

Brown said Wednesday the government should fight Asian carp in the rivers as diligently as it battles to keep them from reaching the Great Lakes.

Girls

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ley McCarron had a total of 24 points on the night, while Kristin Stern added 12 points. Kara Koth also had eight points.

Sioux Falls Christian travels to Orange City, Iowa to face Unity Christian on Tuesday, while Dakota Valley hits the road to play against Lennox today (Saturday).

SIoux FALLS CHRISTIAN (10-5).....	10	25	38	54
DAKOTA VALLEY (8-8).....	14	32	43	64

South Central 48, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 20
BONESTEEL — South Central used a 24-7 edge after halftime to roll past Tripp-Delmont-Armour 48-20 on Friday night in Bonesteel.

Chloe Kenzy had 15 points for the Cougars (8-8), while Ashley Green added 10 points and 13 rebounds, and Sierra Votaw scored 10 points.

South Central led 24-13 at halftime.

For the visiting Nighthawks (1-14), Kelli Batterman scored six

points. Both teams return to action next Tuesday, with South Central playing Corsica-Stickney in Burke and TDA at home against Ethan in Tripp.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (1-14).....	7	13	18	20
SOUTH CENTRAL (8-8).....	14	24	37	48

Clark-Willow Lake 64, Deuel 44

CLEAR LAKE — Chynna Stevens scored 30 points Friday night to lead Clark-Willow Lake in a 64-44 win against Deuel in Clear Lake.

Mikayla Prouty added 20 points in the win, with Janelle Panlson recording eight rebounds.

Riara Gussion scored 14 points and five rebounds for Deuel, while Haley Donahue put up seven points and three rebounds.

Clark-Willow Lake travels to face DeSmet on Tuesday, while hits the road to face Arlington on Monday.

CLARK-WILLOW LAKE (11-3).....	17	29	51	64
DEUEL (10-5).....	9	18	32	44

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Marty Indian 73, Omaha Nation 55

HURON — Dominique Diaz scored 21 points to lead Marty Indian past Omaha Nation 73-55 in the semifinals Friday at the Dakota Oyate Challenge in Huron.

Armanda Iron Elk added 17 points for the Braves, who will play Crow Creek in the final. Jor-

Huron 47, Watertown 19

HURON — The Huron Tigers up-ended Watertown 47-19 in an ESD wrestling dual Friday night in Huron.

Picking up wins for the Tigers were Wyatt Shillingstad (113), Chet Glanzer (126), Hartman Katz (152), Bailey Schoenfelder (160), Reagan Francom (170), Tyler Kleinsasser (182), Jeremiah Johnson (220) and Matt Halter (285).

105 — Kyle Tulowitzka W dec. Trent Francom 7-0; 113 — Wyatt Shillingstad H pin. Justin Sell 0:35; 120 — James Suter W maj. dec. Jesse Mikrut 12-0; 126 — Chet Glanzer H dec. Tyler Andrus 10-7; 132 — Dylan Mittel W dec. Tyler Skogstad 12-6; 138 — Taylor McLaughlin W maj. dec. Pywe Der 11-1; 145 — Jake Brower W maj. dec. Arthur Hines 15-0; 152 — Hartman Katz H pin. Will Barrett 3:11; 160 — Bailey Schoenfelder H dec. Jesse Forman 7-2; 170 — Reagan Francom H maj. dec. Sterling Gehlke 21-6; 182 — Tyler Kleinsasser H pin. Tristan Wirtges 3:22; 195 — Cole Jurgans W pin. Dustin French 0:54; 220 — Jeremiah Johnson H pin. Dean Stahl 0:48; 285 — Matt Halter H pin. Mason Tinch 3:14

Wrestling

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182 — 1ST: Josh Coyle, West Holt, 25-2 pin. Randy Kruse, Osmond, 26-5, Pin 3:54; 3RD: Eli Schreier, Creighton-Verdigré, 23-16 won in sudden victory - 1 over Mitch Hoferer, Norfolk Catholic, 18-7, SV-1 3-1; 5TH: Brett Haisch, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, 24-17 pin. Caleb DeMoss, Norfolk Catholic, 11-9, Pin 4:07

195 — 1ST: Braden Forker, Creighton-Verdigré, 22-5 pin. Caleb Akins, West Holt, 25-3, Pin 3:09; 3RD: Gus Husen, Syracuse, 30-8 dec. Tyler Brunssen, Randolph, 25-10, Dec 6-2; 5TH: Brady Steffen, Crofton, 17-12 pin. Joe Braithwait, Norfolk Catholic, 12-17, Pin 4:09

220 — 1ST: Travis Wright, Battle Creek, 32-2 pin. Paxton Prauner, Battle Creek, 14-5, Pin 3:15; 3RD: Aaron Doll, Arlington, 16-11 dec. Garrett McCarthy, Norfolk Catholic, 16-12, Dec 5-3; 5TH: Joshua Zern, Plainview, 16-15 dec. Jacob Burr, Syracuse, 8-18, Dec 4-1

285 — 1ST: Casey Johnson, Battle Creek, 27-2 pin. Matt Clark, Syracuse, 31-2, Pin 2:49; 3RD: Louis DeJager, Battle Creek, 8-5 pin. Ramsay Jorgensen, Wayne, 16-11, Pin 4:11; 5TH: Ethan Hirschman, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, 13-16 pin. Brad Irmler, Norfolk Catholic, 8-12, Pin 2:16

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