

## OUTDOORS DIGEST

## Neb. Sets Firearms Education Instructor Training

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has scheduled training in northeast Nebraska for apprentice firearm hunter education instructors. The session is scheduled to run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 12 at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk.

Those interested should register by March 11 by contacting Mike Streeter at 402-471-6134 or mike.streeter(at)nebraska.gov, or visit [huntsafenebraska.org](http://huntsafenebraska.org).

## Spring HuntSAFE Class

## Registration Now Online

SIoux FALLS — People interested in taking the State of South Dakota HuntSAFE class in Sioux Falls can now register online for spring courses.

Registration can be filled out at <https://apps.sd.gov/applications/GF49Outdoor-Campus/ClassListing.aspx?ClassID=570> for April and May classes. Arden Petersen, Game, Fish and Parks regional supervisor, said, "The move to online registration will save people time. But, if someone doesn't have a computer, they can still register in person or on the phone at our office."

For questions or to register via phone, call (605) 362-2700.

## Beyond BOW Adventures Scheduled

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Beyond Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program has several outdoor adventures planned for women this spring.

On March 16 there will be a beginner bird-watching workshop at Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium. On the same day there will be tank food down the Middle Loup River in the Sandhills.

There will be a fly-fishing workshop March 30 at the aquarium and on April 6-7 a trip to the Sandhills to view sharp-tail grouse and prairie chickens.

Register at [NebraskaBOW.com](http://NebraskaBOW.com).

## Camping Reservations Available For Fort Sisseton Historical Festival

LAKE CITY — Campers planning an outing to the Fort Sisseton Historical Festival in June can make advance camping reservations this year. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to reduce their wait time at the gate. Reservations open at 7 a.m. CT on March 7 for a Wednesday, June 5, arrival.

The annual festival kicks off Friday, June 7, with the black powder shoot competition in the afternoon and a full weekend of activities follow. Festival campers can begin to arrive at noon Wednesday, June 5, and stay through Sunday, June 9. Campsites will be assigned upon arrival.

"By calling or going online, guests can reserve their south gate festival camping," said Fort Sisseton Manager, Katie Ceroli. "Reserving a campsite ahead of time will speed up check-in once you arrive at the festival. The faster you get settled in, the more time to experience the festival."

Reservations can be made online at [www.campsd.com](http://www.campsd.com) or by calling 1-800-710-2267.

For more information or for a festival 2013 schedule, contact Fort Sisseton at 605-448-5474 or check out the festival webpage.

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

## Prescribed Burns Of Brush Piles Planned

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will conduct prescribed burns of brush piles at the following wildlife management areas (WMA) when weather conditions allow: Flatsedge, Polk County; Medicine Creek Reservoir, Frontier County; Pine Glen, Brown County; and Box Elder, Lincoln County.

Brush piles are created by the removal of invading trees in grassland or timber stands, or from trees damaged in recent wildfires. Removal of brush piles will open up grasslands and timber for continued management, eliminate a wildfire fuel source and eliminate predator habitat.

In addition, prescribed burning of grasslands will take place on the following areas: Pine Glen WMA, Brown County; Summit Lake State Recreation Area, Burt County; Fort Atkinson State Historical Park, Washington County; and Peru Bottoms, Langdon Bend, Brownville Bend and Aspinwall Bend WMAs, Nemaha County.

These burns will stimulate the growth of grasses and forbs and remove invasive tree and brush species.

Gary Howey | Of The Outdoors

## Ice Fishing Glory On Lake Oahe

BY GARY HOWEY

Hartington, Neb.

My Vexilar locator indicated we were fishing in 40 foot of water with my Jiggin Rap setting just off the bottom.

As I raised it a few feet, another line appeared on the screen, coming up off the bottom quickly, zeroing in on my bait. I raised my bait slowly, the fish followed, so I dropped my bait a bit, just to see what might happen.

Down the fish came and tiring of the game, engulfed my bait, setting the hook, I knew what ever was on the other end was a good fish and as I worked him towards the top of the hole, Paul Steffen set the hook on another fish.

It was late afternoon when Team Outdoorsmen Adventures members Tom Mitchell (KELO-FM Radio, Sioux Falls), Larry Myhre (Sioux City, Iowa), Paul Steffen (Steffen Brothers Outdoor Adventures) and I decided to hit the ice after we'd filled our five man limit of Canada geese limit early that morning, headed for Bush's Landing.

There, Paul had two GPS equipped Polaris Rangers ready for us to make the six mile trek north across the ice to an area Paul had his ice spearing and ice fishing houses set up.

It wasn't our first trip with Paul as we'd spent time on the ice with him a couple of years earlier when we filmed a walleye ice spearing show with him, so we knew it would be a great trip as the Steffen's, no matter what you'd be doing with them, would give you one hundred ten per cent.

It was unusually warm, allowing us to fish out on the open ice, where we were set up over forty foot of water, jigging with fluorescent white Jiggin Raps tipped with minnow heads. Jiggin Raps are a great bait, with hooks on both ends of the bait as well as on the bottom. It runs in a tight circle when jigged, circling underneath the



PHOTO: LARRY MYHRE  
Larry Myhre with one of several catfish he took using Jiggin Raps while ice fishing with Steffen Brothers Outdoor Expeditions on Lake Oahe.

ice, grabbing the attention of all species of fish. The fluorescent color and the action of the lure draw the fish to the bait with the minnow head adding a little scent to seal the deal.

We were fish one of the many points jutting out into Lake Oahe, those spots where fish had been caught during the open water season.

Our Vexilar locators indicated the bottom, our baits and any fish moving in under our transducers.

The locators, really make ice fishing much more enjoyable as they are so sensitive, once you learn how to use them, you're able to see everything that's happening below you, including the bait on your jig or hook.

Paul started quickly, giving us a fishing lesson, icing several walleyes before we had out lines down.

It didn't take long for Larry, whose a cat-fishing fanatic on the open water, to prove

he could take cats under any condition when he set the hook on a good fish. Hugging the bottom, staying down refusing to come up, the fish was giving him a pretty good tussle on his short ice fishing rod spooled with light line.

Larry would gain a few feet and the fish would take four or five, we knew this wasn't one of the smaller fish we'd taken earlier as it fought hard, not wanting to come up.

After the fish made a couple of runs, I slid over to help Larry land the fish and when it finally made a pass under the hole, we knew the catfish king had struck again as this would be the first of three cats he'd put on the ice.

Shortly thereafter, Tom set the hook on one of sixteen walleyes we'd end up with during a few short hours we were on the ice.

Late last year, the limit on Oahe had been increased because of the number of baitfish that had been washed through the

dam during the flooding of 2012.

This year, the daily bag limit would be increased to eight walleyes per day, with only four of those being fifteen inches or longer and eliminating the rule allowing only one walleye over 20 inches daily. The possession limit would be increased to twenty-four walleyes, or three times the proposed daily limit.

I landed several smaller walleyes with Tom right behind me, putting a nice walleye on the ice. With all of the fish being caught through the ice on Lake Oahe it looked like the fish fry we had been talking about at Marks tonight was going to be a good one.

Jason, (Nitro) soon added several walleye to our limit, while I was icing a nice white bass.

The bite was phenomenal as Paul had put us on the hot spot with smallmouth bass, white bass, walleyes and catfish all eager to take our bait.

In four short hours, our crew took home sixteen walleyes, five catfish, four smallmouth bass and two white bass.

If the ice fishing we were experiencing were any indicator, it looks as if Lake Oahe will be one of the lakes with the hottest bites this year and we'll be back to do some more of it!

Paul Steffen of Steffen Brothers Outdoor Expeditions offers numerous hunting and fishing opportunities including: waterfowl hunts, pheasant hunts, walleye spear fishing through the ice, ice fishing and open water fishing.

If you're looking for a great fishing and hunting, give Paul, Dave and Larry Steffen a call at 605-264-5967 or look them up on the web at [www.huntptierre.com](http://www.huntptierre.com)

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## Wynot

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scored a game-high 19 points.

The Irish used three-pointers by Barnhill and Colin Niemeyer to take an early lead, and Chaz Dunn's runner at the buzzer put Sacred Heart up 12-10 after one quarter. The Irish led by four, 14-10, before Wynot scored nine straight points to take a five-point lead.

Sacred Heart fought back to tie the game at 21. After Wynot scored six straight points — four by Lange — the Irish went on an 8-2 run to tie the game at 29.

Lange came in averaging seven points per contest.

"Yesterday he was going 100 miles an hour," Heimes said of the freshman. "Today he slowed himself down. He finished well today."

Brady Stratman scored the Blue Devils' final four points of the third quarter to give Wynot a 33-29 lead after three quarters. Scoring from Jackson Sudbeck, Lange and Nathan Wieseler helped Wynot extend to its largest lead, 42-36.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Wynot's Brady Stratman dives on a loose ball in the closing seconds of the Blue Devils' matchup with Falls City Sacred Heart in the Class D2 semifinals at the Nebraska State Boys' Basketball Tournament on Friday at Pershing Auditorium. Stratman recovered the ball and drew a foul with 3.1 seconds left, helping the Blue Devils ice a 45-42 victory. Wynot faces Spalding-Spalding Academy in the championship today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

But the Irish came storming back. Three-pointers by Niemeyer and Barnhill closed the gap to one point with 29 seconds to play.

On the ensuing in-bounds play, Davis Wieseler got behind the Irish defense for a fast break. He was fouled from behind, and made one of two free throw attempts.

Wynot took advantage of its

low foul total in the second half, fouling twice in the closing seconds to disrupt the Irish offense.

"It was a good thing that we didn't get in foul trouble," Heimes said. "We were able to keep pressure on them. Sometimes players don't know how to handle that situation."

As the Irish made one last effort to score, the Blue Devils

knocked the ball away. Brady Stratman dove on it and was fouled, hitting one of two from the line with 3.1 seconds remaining.

Sacred Heart was not able to get a good look in the closing seconds.

Wynot now looks to slow down a Spalding-Spalding Academy team that scored 65 on Wausa in the opening round, and 68 on top-seeded Leyton in the semifinals.

For the Blue Devils to get that job done, they need to do what got them to this point, according to Brady Stratman.

"We need to be confident in ourselves and work together as a team," he said.

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**FALLS CITY SACRED HEART (23-5)**  
Colin Niemeyer 2 0-0 6, Chaz Dunn 1 0-0 2, Clay Fink 0 0-0 0, Matt Goltz 2 3-4 7, Lane Barnhill 8 0-0 19, Jared Feigener 0 0-0 0, Brady Cromer 4 0-0 8. TOTALS: 17 3-4 42.  
**WYNOT (24-3)**  
Cody Stratman 0 0-1 1, Nathan Wieseler 4 1-2 10, Tristan Wieseler 0 0-0 0, Davis Wieseler 2 1-4 5, Jackson Sudbeck 2 1-2 7, Brady Stratman 3 2-4 9, Kyle Boeckman 1 1-2 3, Austin Lange 2 6-8 10. TOTALS: 14 13-24 45.  
**FALLS CITY SACRED HEART** ..... 12 17 29  
**42**  
**WYNOT** ..... 10 19 33  
**45**

Three-Pointers: FCSH 5 (Barnhill 3, Niemeyer 2), Wynot 4 (Sudbeck 2, N. Wieseler 1, B. Stratman 1). Personal Fouls: FCSH 16, Wynot 9. Fouled Out: Goltz.

## Trojans

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think they're ever going to give up."

The Mustangs went 10-12 from the line in the fourth to ice the win.

"When you dig a hole like that against a good team, especially Sutton, as deliberate as they are on offense, it's tough," Steffen said. "You can't get behind them. You have to play from ahead, and that's obviously easier said than done."

For the Trojans to bounce back from a second consecutive semifinal setback, the team will need to relax and do what got them their first 21 victories, according to Feilmeier.

"We need to play loose, play as a team," he said. "Then we'll win our last game."

**CEDAR CATHOLIC (21-8)**  
Logan Feilmeier 3 0-0 6, Jared Wiebelhaus 1 0-2 3, Taylor Kathol 1 1-1 3, Trent Jansen 1 0-0 2, Ryan Becker 0 0-0 0, Frank Herbolzheimer 0 0-0 0, Bennett Steffen 0 0-0 0, James Kaiser 6 4-5 18, Ty Becker 0 0-0 0, Grant Howell 2 4-4 8, Patrick Wieseler 0 2-2 2, Jared Burbach 0 0-0 0, Shane Hamilton 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 11-14 42.  
**SUTTON (27-1)**  
Cole Wiseman 2 3-4 8, Austin Reinsch 0 0-0 0, Austan Rath 7 5-8 23, Brody Yost 1 3-5 5, Reed Stone 5 2-2 17, Mitch Carlson 0 0-0 0, Trae Ramer 0 0-0 0, Nicholas Hohnesee 0 0-0 0, Andrew Pawlawski 0 0-0 0, Tristan Sheridan 0 0-0 0, Noah Johnson 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 17 13-22 57.  
**CEDAR CATHOLIC** ..... 16 28 42  
**SUTTON** ..... 16 28 42  
Three-Pointers: Sutton 10 (Stone 5, Rath 4, Wiseman 1), HCC 3 (Kaiser 2, Wiebelhaus), Personal Fouls: HCC 22, Sutton 15. Technical Fouls: Feilmeier (reaching over line on in-bounds play), Fouled Out: Feilmeier, Wiebelhaus, Jansen.

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