

OUTDOORS DIGEST

Yankton Step Outside Event June 21

Yankton area youth will have a chance to participate in the sixth annual Yankton Step Outside event on Saturday, June 21. The event will take place at the Isaak Walton Trap Range east of Yankton on Highway 50 and will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Youth attending the event will be able to shoot shotguns, .22 rifles, BB guns, bow and arrow. The event is free and is open to youth 8 years old and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a free lunch provided. The event will be held rain or shine, so come dressed for the weather.

If you have any questions, contact Conservation Officer Sam Schelhaas at 668-2985.

Mickelson Trail Trolley Rides June 3

DEADWOOD — Black Hills visitors with physical limitations have an opportunity to view the Mickelson Trail on Tuesday, June 3.

The trolley leaves the Deadwood Trailhead at 1 p.m. MDT and tours the Mickelson Trail from Englewood to Rochford. To reserve a spot on the tour, call 605-578-1401.

Riders will learn about the history of the former railroad line and the inception of the trail. The rides are about four hours long.

Reservations are required. Each person reserving a space on the trolley will be required to have a handicapped parking permit. One assistant is allowed to accompany the person, if needed. The trolley has space available for up to two people who use wheelchairs.

The trolley rides are a combined effort of the Hill City and Deadwood Chambers of Commerce, Neighborhood Housing, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department, and the City of Deadwood.

For more information, contact the Mickelson Trail office at 605-584-3896.

Fort Sisseton Festival June 6-8

FORT SISSETON — Two thousand fourteen marks 150 years since the establishment of Fort Sisseton. Help celebrate this milestone at the annual Fort Sisseton Historical Festival June 6-8.

The 2014 Fort Sisseton Festival will include a sesquicentennial exhibit, horse drawn farming and brick making. The Fiddler's of South Dakota will be under the Coteau Tent Saturday afternoon and early that evening the "grand march" promenade will usher participants into Saturday night's costume ball.

A muzzleloader competition begins Friday afternoon with the black-powder shooting competition. The competition also includes a special tomahawk and knife throw, and continues until Sunday afternoon. Competition is open to the public, but competitors have to wear a rendezvous era shirt and hat.

Cowboyography teaches whip cracking and Dutch oven cooking. A reveille ceremony, ranch rodeo, pie baking contest and chuck wagon cook-off are also scheduled.

For a full schedule of events and times, visit the South Dakota state parks website or contact Fort Sisseton at 605-448-5474.

The Fort, a military post until 1889, became the state's only historic state park in 1959. Today, Fort Sisseton State Park is one of the most well preserved frontier forts in the Midwest.

In the North Barracks, festival guests will have the opportunity to see the last flag to fly over the post in 1889. Volunteers, led by Conservator Terri Schindel, will be conserving the post flag, nearly 10 by 17 feet, throughout the month of June. Eventually the flag will be ready for permanent display in an upgraded museum gallery.

A park entrance license is not required for the festival weekend.

Gov. Dugaard Proclaims June As Great Outdoors Month

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Dugaard has joined with states nationwide to proclaim June as Great Outdoors Month.

In the proclamation Gov. Dugaard states that South Dakota is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and friends.

Many opportunities for outdoor activities are provided by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks in their efforts to expand and enhance state parks, protect our wildlife heritage and introduce youngsters to the wonders of the outdoors.

Several notable outdoor recreation opportunities will take place in June, including the following events:

- National Trails Day, June 7 – A day set aside to celebrate America's magnificent trail systems and their countless supporters and volunteers. Several state parks will be hosting trail-related events that day. Info: www.gfp.sd.gov or www.AmericanHiking.org
- National Fishing and Boating Week, June 1-8 – A national celebration of fishing and boating. National Fishing and Boating Week is the perfect reason to get out on the water and experience the joys of boating and fishing. Info: www.takeemefishing.org/nfbw
- National Get Outdoors Day, June 14 – National Get Outdoors Day is an annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. Info: www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org
- Luce Pioneer Day, June 14 – Lake Herman State Park near Madison. The event celebrates the original home-staying pioneers with family activities, entertainment, vendors and historical demonstrations. Info: 605-256-5003

Of The Outdoors | Gary Howey

Adventures On Lake Sharpe

BY GARY HOWEY
Hartington, Neb.

Larry's casting rod jerked violently, bending in a way fishing rods do not normally bend as he yelled "Snag" and did his best to wrestle it free from the rod holder it had become wedged in.

As he jerked the rod free and applied pressure, trying to break the bait loose from the snag, the rod jerked back violently, indicating this was not a snag, but a good fish.

Applying pressure to the rod and cranking hard on the reel handle, he would gain a few feet of line and then lost it back as the fish bulldogged into the depths of Lake Sharpe.

It was obvious, the way the fish was running, it was not a walleye and as the bottom bouncer broke the surface, followed close by the two-hook snell, a bronze-back appeared.

What once was thought to be a snag now appeared to have become one angry smallmouth bass.

Our guide Jim Klages reached out, scooping the thrashing fish into the net, ending a hard fought battle as a nineteen-inch four-pound bass came into the boat.

Thus was the beginning of two short days, an afternoon and following morning, of excellent fishing on Lake Sharpe with Dakota Prairie Guide Service.

Our original plans were for Team Outdoorsmen Adventures Member Larry Myhre and I to meet Jim in Chamberlain around noon to film and fish on Lake Francis Case, but when the bite there slowed, we headed upstream to Lake Sharpe, where we would launch out of the Iron Nation boat launch.

The fish, which were nearing the end of the spawn, had moved deeper stacking up throughout the lake, off rocky points, submerged roads and underwater humps.

As Jim, skillfully maneuvering the boat in and out of the breakline following the contours of the nine to nineteen foot of water, we plied the depths with livebait rigs e.g. bottom bouncer, two hook snells as well as



PHOTO: LARRY MYHRE

Jim Klages, left, of Dakota Prairie Guide Service and columnist Gary Howey are pictured with two of the 2-day limit of walleyes taken on a recent trip on Lake Sharpe.

microscopic spinners rigged with minnows, hoping to entice the walleye to bite.

The fish, many of whom had recently spawned were now laying off the break lines recuperating from the rigors of the spawn and should be hungry.

In order to have better boat control, to follow the contours more precisely, Jim had deployed a drift sock out the front of the boat and was back trolling with his 9.9 kicker.

It did not take long for the first walleye of the day to fall prey to Jim's micro "O" spinner and after he had landed several keeper fish using this rig, it would not take Larry and me long before we would switch to the "O" spinner rigs.

Locating the fish, using the area was a simple task as his boat was equipped with a Lowrance side finder locator, which not only showed what was lying below the boat, it also gave us an excellent view of what was off to either side of the boat.

As he maneuvered the boat along the breakline, Jim would indicate we had fish below us, allowing us to be ready just in case one of the walleyes found our bait to his liking.

When a walleye would make a move on our bait, unlike the bone jarring strike of Larry's earlier smallmouth, when these fish took the bait, a slight amount of weight was felt on the end of the line. As the finicky

walleyes were simply mouthing the bait and if not given line, they would drop it and be gone.

By dropping back on the rods, which allowed the walleyes to ingest the bait, taking it and our hooks into its mouth, it gave us a better chance to hook the fish.

By the end of our first afternoon, not only had Larry landed the largest fish, the big smallmouth, he also landed a healthy nineteen-inch walleye, which meant we really needed to pick up our game in order to keep up with him.

The following morning, we would try another section of the reservoir, using the same tackle and the same tactics, back trolling at .8 MPH to 1 MPH.

Once again, the micro-spinner tipped with the larger female bighead minnows, being the best bait, as they would out produce, the dull colors of the blacker males.

As we saw the day before, the fish were not overly aggressive, mouthing the minnow, simply holding on, where we would have to feed them line if we hoped to hook and land the fish.

Our first few fish came from the submerged islands and humps. When the bite slowed where we were fishing, we decided to make a move as we had heard the best bite was happening near the pump house up river. When we pulled into the pump house, it was obvious others had

heard about the bite. As Jim put it, "looks like the armada has arrived" as a dozen boats could be seen working the area.

Forgoing the crowd, we chose to move upstream within sight of the boats to fish a similar area.

It appeared as if we had made the right move as we quickly caught several fish when my rod jerked violently. With whatever it was at the end of the line doing its best to dislodge the sharp object protruding from its jaw.

You did not need to be a Rhodes Scholar to figure out what it was as it burst from the water, tail dancing across the surface, in true small-mouth fashion.

This 18 plus inch smallmouth wasn't big enough to beat out Larry's fish from the day before, but it was more than enough to get me excited and ready for more.

Once again, we had plenty of fish eager to bite as we were quickly on our way to filling our limits. Very few of the fish we caught were the short, under fifteen inch fish as our keeper fish all ran from fifteen and a half to nineteen inches.

Good eaters, fat healthy fish, those that when fried up will not only make a great meal, but also bring back great memories of a trip on Lake Sharpe with Dakota Prairie Guide Service.

The bite on the Missouri River and its reservoirs in South Dakota is just getting started and should only get better, so if you are looking for some excellent walleye fishing, you should head that way.

More information on fishing with Dakota Prairie Guide Service on Lake Francis Case and Lake Sharpe is found at dakotaprairieguide.com

Gary Howey, Hartington, Nebraska, is a former tournament angler, fishing and hunting guide. He is the Producer/Host of the award winning Outdoorsmen Adventures television series, seen on Fox affiliates throughout the upper Midwest. In the Yankton area, it airs on local channels 2 & 98 Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 7:00 am as well as on MIDCO Sports Network Thursday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am. He and Simon Fuller are the hosts of the Outdoor Adventures radio program Monday-Saturday at 6:45 am on Classic Hits 106.3 and ESPN Sports Radio 1570. If you are looking for more outdoor information, check out www.outdoorsmenadventures.com.



Gary HOWEY

Lewin Advances To Quarters At NCAA Qualifier

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Teivaskie Lewin qualified for Saturday's 110-meter hurdles quarterfinals after placing third in his heat during the event's first round as South Dakota track and field continued competition at the NCAA West Region Preliminary Round held at the University of Arkansas on Friday.

Lewin finished the race in 14.09 seconds, which was 18th-best in the field of 48. The top three in each of Friday's six heats plus the next six fastest times qualified for the Saturday's quarterfinals. The quarterfinals will have three heats starting at 7:05 p.m. with the top three finishers in each heat plus the next three fastest times moving on to the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., on June 11-14.

Also on the track, senior Jeff Mettler wrapped up his decorated collegiate career at South Dakota with a 31st-place finish in the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 9:07.64. He finished 11th in his heat. During his collegiate career, Mettler qualified for the west region preliminaries three times, won a combined eight Summit League indoor and outdoor track titles and was named an Academic All-American in 2013.

Two Coyotes also competed in field events on Friday. Ashley Thompson finished 25th in the women's triple jump with a mark of 40 feet, 3 1/4 inches, and Denton Stephens finished 31st in the men's hammer throw with a mark of 191-2.

Outside of Lewin, USD will also have Dustin Valind competing in the men's discus at 3 p.m. Saturday is the last day of the meet.

Baseball

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tral 2-1 in the Yankton Pool on Friday.

Reece Mimmeck and Scott Simons scored the West runs, with Simons and Jaden Holzer each reaching base twice.

OMAHA CENTRAL 10, GROTON 1: Omaha Central scored in four of five innings to down Groton 10-1 in the Yankton pool on Friday.

Central took control with a four-run second inning, and ended the game with a three-run fifth.

Parker Rossow had a hit and a run scored to lead Groton. Kasey Kurtz doubled in the effort.

Dane Campbell took the loss.

YANKTON 7, GROTON 0: Tanner Termansen and Mitch Gullikson combined on a three-hit shutout as Yankton stopped Groton 7-0 on Friday.

Brad Ulmer had four hits, three runs scored and two stolen bases to lead the Yankton offense. Lane Sawatzke had a triple, a single and a run scored. Sheldon Gant doubled and singled, scoring a run. Austin Johnson had a hit and a run scored. Adam Walter and Gullikson added hits in the victory.

Spencer Coecht, Adam

Herman and Dane Campbell had hits for Groton.

Termansen struck out four over six innings for the win, with Gullikson striking out the side in the seventh. Parker Rossow took the loss.

Vermillion Pool

S.F. POST 307 4, VERMILLION 3: VERMILLION — Sioux Falls Post 307 rallied for a 4-3 victory over Vermillion on Friday at Prentiss Park.

Matt Koch doubled and singled, and Chandler Schaefer and Mason Koch had two hits each to lead Post 307.

Ty Iverson and Collin Olson had doubles for Vermillion, with Iverson driving in two runs. Jayce Huska also had a hit.

Charlie Mahaffey pitched three shutout innings of relief, striking out four, for the win. Ethan James took the loss.

VFW Teener

Mitchell Tour.

MITCHELL — The Yankton Lakers dropped a pair of games on the opening day of the Mitchell Tournament on Friday.

The Lakers will face Huron and Harrisburg today (Saturday).

BALTIC 3, LAKERS 2: Jackson Sommen went 2-3 with a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Garrett Tennant had a hit and a run scored. Caid Koletzky, Oakley

Palmer and Ben Wold each had hits. Isaiah Woods drove in a run in the victory.

PARKSTON 14, LAKERS 5: Nate Eichacker and Garrett Tennant each had two hits and a RBI to lead Yankton. Lance Haak had a hit and a run scored. Caid Koletzky and Oakley Palmer each had a walk and a run scored. Ben Wold drove in a run for the Lakers.

Amateur

Lesterville 6, Menno 1

LESTERVILLE — Ian Powell had two home runs and Brandon Nickolite struck out 10 batters in a complete game effort as Lesterville downed Menno 6-1 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Friday.

Cody Ulmer had a double and two singles, and Tyler Edler doubled and singled for Lesterville. Nickolite and Darin Svacina each had two hits. Mike Pavel doubled in the victory.

For Menno, Tate Bruckner and Josh Berndt each had two hits.

Doug Hall took the loss, also going the distance.

Lesterville hosts Yankton and Menno travels to Scotland on Sunday.

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Doug Hall and Jay Thaler; Brandon Nickolite and Ian Powell

Irene 10, Tabor 5

IRENE — The Irene Cardinals scored a 10-5 victory over Tabor in South Central League amateur baseball action on Thursday.

Both teams came into the game with a 3-0 league record.

Bret Jensen and Alex Loes each had two hits for Irene. George Sees doubled in the victory.

Doug Vanecek went 3-4 with two doubles to lead Tabor.

Andrew Hora pitched five innings for the victory. Matt Sees pitched the final four innings for the long-relief save. Vanecek took the loss.

Irene hosts Avon and Tabor hosts Freeman on Sunday.

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Doug Vanecek; Jon Vansiska (4); Blaise Vanecek (7) and Wes Kloucek; Andrew Hora, Matt Sees (6) and Kirby Nitzsche

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8 Rides 1 Ticket Per Ride - except Zipper (2)
Additional coupons available from mall merchants for \$10
May 29th - June 4th

You are invited to the **YANKTON AREA Ag Gala**
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee
Proceeds from both the live and silent auctions will go to benefit the P.A.Y. scholarship fund

Tuesday, June 17, 2014
Kiwanis/4-H Building
709 Whiting Dr., Yankton
Catered by Rollin Smoke BBQ

Schedule of Events
5:00 p.m. Doors Open
5:30 p.m. Social Hour
Wine/Cheese Tasting
Variety of Exhibitors
6:30 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner
7:30 p.m. Program

Keynote Speaker:
SD Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch
Master of Ceremonies:
SD Lt. Governor Matt Michels

Tickets and more information is available by calling the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce at 665-3636 or on-line at www.yanktonsd.com/aggala.com.
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