

OUTDOORS DIGEST

**Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve To Host Christmas Celebration**

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve near McCook Lake invites visitors to get in the holiday spirit and step back in time by attending the annual Christmas at the Homestead on Saturday, Nov. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. CST.

The free family event allows participants to tour the Stavenger Church, Shay/Adams House and Lamont Country School which will be decorated for the Christmas season. Adams Homestead volunteers and area businesses will display their talents in each of the homestead buildings.

Visitors can enjoy refreshments in the Visitor Center, make children's crafts in the school and hear Christmas music in the church throughout the day.

"Vendors will be displaying their talents, and visitors will get a chance to do a little shopping while enjoying homemade goodies and the warmth of a fireplace," said park manager Jody Moats. "Santa Claus will also be handing out goodies and taking pictures in the visitor center."

For more information, call Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve at 605-232-0873. Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve near McCook Lake is located one mile west and one-half mile south of Interstate 29, Exit 4.

**Pheasant Success Good Across Much Of Neb.**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Hunters in several areas of the state enjoyed good success during the opening weekend of Nebraska's pheasant and quail seasons, Oct. 25-26.

With the number of birds seen up throughout much of the state, prospects for success improve as hunting conditions improve. Opening-weekend temperatures were unseasonably warm and unharvested crop fields gave pheasants ample cover.

Some of the best opening-weekend success was on wildlife management areas (WMAs) where pheasants had been released for the Oct. 18-19 youth pheasant season. Those areas are:

Pressey, Sherman Reservoir, Oak Valley; Branched Oak; Twin Oaks; Hickory Ridge; Wilkinson; Peru Bottoms and Yankee Hill.

The opening weekend also had an economic impact on Nebraska. Tyler Loop, owner of a brewery and restaurant in McCook, said he had several out-of-town and out-of-state customers all weekend. He also took his family hunting in the area.

A summary of district law enforcement reports from the opening weekend:

**NORTHEAST:** An officer working Dixon County checked 28 hunters with 39 pheasants, with most of that success at Audubon Bend WMA. In addition, numbers of quail seen and in the bag were higher in Nance County than a year ago. An officer working Stanton, Platte and Colfax counties checked 65 hunters with 44 pheasants. Most of that success was at Wilkinson WMA. Hunters in Knox County saw good numbers of birds as 18 hunters were checked with 22 pheasants.

No hunting-related accidents were reported to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The hunting season for pheasant, quail and partridge is open through Jan. 31. Game and Parks reminds hunters to keep safety as their top priority.

Hunters should be aware of the following safety tips:

- Never point the muzzle of a shotgun at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Always use the safety on a firearm but never depend on it.
- Be sure of your target and what lies beyond it.
- Know where each person in your party is at all times.
- Know your safe zone of fire.
- Although not required for upland bird hunting, blaze orange should be worn by everyone in your party.

Hunters accessing private land must first get permission and should leave the area as they found it. Do not litter or leave gates open.

The Open Fields and Waters program allows private land to be open to hunters for walk-in access.

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# Fall, For The Best Fishing

BY GARY HOWEY  
Hartington, Neb.

Fewer daylight hours and temperatures beginning to cool are a sure sign fall is here.

It is the time of year, when some fishing begins to slow down, while hunting seasons are starting to kick off.

You do not want to give up on fishing too early, as once fall, fishing really picks up, and you will want to be in on it. With the drop in water temperatures, fish begin to feed heavily preparing for the long hard winter.

Fall anglers will have the opportunity to catch some of the biggest fish of the year and because of this, larger live bait is the key to catching them.

During the fall, fish have to fatten up quickly before the freeze up. This is when chubs and larger minnows attract the larger fish, out producing the smaller live bait.

**River Fish**

Walleye, sauger and smallmouth will be up in the shallows, attacking the remaining baitfish and crawdads who survived the summer. Bluegills, crappies, largemouth bass and pike in the lakes will work their way in along the weed edge picking off insects as well as each other.

This is the time of the year, when you will find the walleyes in the lake spreading out over the mudflats or working along the weed edge looking for a late season lunch.

If you are fishing bodies of water with vegetation, you should be looking for the greenest stuff there is on the humps and in the shallows. The fish move into these green weed beds along with the baitfish because this is the area they are most comfortable.

Of course, fishing these areas can be a nightmare, as weeds will eat tackle almost as fast as you can tie it on.

Since Bass love the weeds, bass anglers need to probe the weedy



Brian Bashore, The Walleye Guys Guide Service with a Lewis & Clark fall walleye taken while drifting using jigs and minnows.

PHOTO BY LARRY MYHRE



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areas with weedless baits such as a Texas rig or jig/pig combination. Bass can also be caught using slow rolling spinner baits or buzz baits run over the top of the weeds.

As the water, temperatures are starting to cool, so will the fish's metabolism be slowing down, so you will need to fish your baits a bit slower this time of the year.

Panfish anglers need to work the pockets and edges of the weeds with small tube jigs and light livebait jigs. Slip bobbers, split shot and small hooks tipped with minnows or pieces of night crawlers cast in along the weed edge will draw panfish out of the deep cover.

Walleye anglers using jigs and minnows worked along the edge of the weeds and on the breaks along mud

flats will do well in the fall. It is the time of the year when go with a heavier jig, Creek chubs and stinger hooks is a good bet.

Since I may be fishing deeper or faster water, a heavier jig works well, because the fish are slowing down, they will have a tendency to grab the bait by the tail, taking their time getting to the hook of the jig. A well-placed stinger hook in the baits back or tail helps to hook these tail-biters.

When Creek chubs are not available, you can bulk up your bait using a combination of Berkley Gulp along with one or two minnows.

Pike in the fall are found working in, through and amongst the weed beds, where spinnerbaits ran over the top or along the edge of the weeds will be great bait for fall pike.

You will want to hold your rod tip high and speed cranks your reel, skipping the bait just over the top of the weeds.

When you come across a hole or pocket, let the spinnerbait drop or helicopter down into it, and then, holding your rod tip high, crank it back up over the top of the weeds. The pause and slow drop of the spinnerbait will often tempt fish hiding in and along the edge of the pockets, causing them to come up and inhale your bait.

Catfish will be moving from their summer haunts and heading for the deeper pools, like those found in the mouth of the Sioux River or those below the dam. You will want to look deep for late season catfish, working them with larger live bait rigs, fishing the pockets with less current and in those slack water pockets that lie behind the dead falls and snags.

No matter what species of fish you will be after, do not over look, the slack water pockets especially those in the river, just off the current by the dam or off a point. You can bet that sometime during the day, these areas will be visited fish cruising through the area searching for a meal.

Do not make the mistake that many anglers do during the fall and put your fishing gear away too soon!

Fall fishing produces some of the biggest fish of the year; it is when all species will move about looking for the food needed to help them fatten up in preparation for the cold hard winter.

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**Branough Chosen For Wyo. Elk Hunt**

Rich Branough was chosen for the 2014 Elk Hunt for Wyoming Disabled Hunters.

Branough, who purchased the gun from Benac's gun shop in Tyndall a month before he knew he was selected for the hunt, eventually shot this 5 x 5 elk.

Branough received a letter and application from Ann Nelson with the Sioux Falls VA and was asked if he would like to apply for a free elk hunt for paralyzed and disabled veterans. After filling out the letter, Branough's application was sent on to the Wyoming organization and was eventually drawn.

The Wyoming Disabled Hunters goal is to provide an affordable hunt for disabled hunters. Larry Frandson, vice president of the organization, and Matt Elliot Rich's outfitter organized and fitted Branough with all of his hunting needs.



Rich Branough, right, is pictured with an elk he shot during the 2014 Elk Hunt For Wyoming Disabled hunters.

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Another organization that helped Branough with his hunt was the Yankton Shooter's club. Because their son was not able to help Branough, they offered their

shooting range for him to practice with Lester Mueller. For more information, visit [www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org](http://www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org).

**Minnesota Hunters Will Bag Far Fewer Deer This Season**

BY PAUL WALSH  
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Hunters will come away with fewer deer this upcoming season in Minnesota than any time since the early 1980s, according to state conservation officials.

"By design, this year's deer harvest will be one of the lowest we've seen in decades," Leslie McInenly, big game program leader for the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said.

"In fact, our total harvest this year may end up coming in around 120,000," McInenly said, far below the 170,000 bagged last year.

The 120,000 estimate, if it holds, would be the lowest total killed since 93,045 were bagged in 1982, according to DNR records.

The key reasons for the lower estimate this coming season? Hunters can only pur-

sue bucks in some parts of Minnesota, fewer antlerless permits were offered and a one-deer bag limit rules most of the state.

This year's estimate takes into account the harsh winter of 2013-14 and what the DNR said was "public interest in growing the population."

History shows that deer populations can respond fairly quickly when hunting limited, particularly when combined with more moderate winters.

The last time Minnesota deer hunters' kill was below 150,000 was 1997, when hunters bagged 143,000. The state's record deer kill was 290,000 in 2003.

Bowhunting season began Sept. 13 and runs through Dec. 31. The firearms season opens Nov. 8 and runs through most of the month, depending on the region of the state.

**Shotgun Formation Has QB Sneak Fading Away**

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With only a yard to go, give or take a foot, it looks as if a quarterback could take a snap from center, fall forward and get a first down almost every time.

If only it were that easy. Because it is not, it has become common for teams to line up in shotgun formation on short-yardage plays, forgoing the possibility of a quarterback sneak for the ability to use the entire playbook. It gives a defense more to think about while the offense gets to stick with what it does best.

The sneak, conservative coaches' favorite short-yardage play for decades, is not even in the playbook for some shotgun teams.

It may seem counterintuitive to take four steps back to move one step forward — and it can drive fans crazy when it doesn't work — but coaches don't see it that way.

"It was so taboo not too long ago to even attempt to do that," Stanford coach David Shaw said. "Nowadays so many teams just live in the shotgun. I think it's less taboo now."

"Outside of probably about four or five teams in college football and a couple

of teams in the NFL, the quarterback sneak is diminishing before our eyes."

Stanford is one of those teams keeping the quarterback sneak alive. The Cardinal play with the quarterback under center a lot more than most of the Pac-12's spread teams.

Teams such as Utah. The Utes have been using a spread offense for several years, but they are all in these days. Coach Kyle Whittingham said his team had a small package of plays it would run from under center,

but they've gotten rid of it.

"We're one of those spread teams that just does everything out from under center," he said. "You see shotgun teams or spread teams that try to get under center on rare occasions, often times there's center-quarterback exchange issues because they're not used to doing it."

Whittingham said the Utes are fine with giving up the quarterback sneak to keep their offense consistent and simple.

Against USC last Saturday,

Utah had first-and-goal from the 1 with 12 seconds left and trailing 21-17. A tailback run from the shotgun gained nothing on first down. On second, quarterback Travis Wilson took the snap about 4 1/2 yards behind the line with a running back to his right, two receivers split wide, another in motion and a tight end. Wilson rolled right and threw what turned out to be the game-winning touchdown pass to Kaelin Clay.

Clemson ran a fourth-and-

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**Director of Materials Management - Siouxland Surgery Center**  
Siouxland Surgery Center is a licensed multi-specialty surgical hospital serving the Siouxland Area (SE South Dakota, NW Iowa and NE Nebraska). Siouxland Surgery Center is a joint venture hospital with Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City and United Surgical Partners International.

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**Marina Opportunity**

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is currently accepting proposals for its consideration in awarding a concessions lease for the operation of Lewis and Clark Marina.

The Marina is located within Lewis and Clark Recreation Area 5 miles west of Yankton. Proposals are due by 3:00pm CST on December 8, 2014. Interested entrepreneurs can obtain a prospectus by contacting Sean Blanchette, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, 523, E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 or by phone at (605) 773-3391. It is also available for download at <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/LewisandClark/> and clicking on "Lewis and Clark Marina Prospectus."