### **OUTDOORS DIGEST**

### 'Shoot For The Girls' Archery Tourney Oct. 10 "Shoot for the Girls" will be having a tourna-

ment at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex on Wednesday, Oct. 10, running from 7-9

Contestants will shoot from 18 meters (Vegas style). The target consists of four breast cancer ribbons, the white in the center of the ribbon's loop is worth 10 points and anywhere on the pink is 5 points, this includes a very small breast cancer ribbon in the "Shoot for the Girls" logo. There will be 10 rounds, for a total max score of 400 points. Each arrow should be shot at a different ribbon. Double scoring and certification by a range officer is required.

Shoot like a girl had so many families shoot last year, that they will offer more youth categories this year: Women's Division, Men's Division, Young Adults (15-17), Youth (12-14), and Cub (11 and under).

This tournament not only provides participants with an opportunity to compete on an International Level in a fun mail-in tournament, 100 percent of the profit will go to the NBCF. Register at www.yanktonarcherycomplex.org or in person at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex, 800 Archery Lane, Yankton.

### **Nielsen Fishing Tournament**

CROFTON, Neb. — The fifth annual Brian Nielsen Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Weigand Marina near Crofton.

There will be a raffle and auction to follow at CJ's At The Lake.

For more information or to get a registration form, contact Julie at 605-664-1072 or 605-665-

### 'Sight In Days' Oct. 14

The Yankton Sharpshooters will be holding its annual "sight in days" on Sept. 23 and Oct. 14 at the Sharpshooters range located 5 miles west of WalMart and 2 1/2 miles north of Highway 50. Hours will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This will be held targets, and rests will be provided. All guns must be unloaded before entering range. See one of our range officers before removing guns from vehicles.

#### **Mountain Lion Killed In Des** Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A mountain lion has been shot and killed near two schools in Des

KCCI-TV says police were called to the Highland Park neighborhood on the city's north side Thursday morning. An officer shot the big cat near a greenhouse in the backyard of a home. The area is close to Harding Middle School

and Madison Elementary School. Police Sgt. Chris Scott says the male mountain lion, which measured 6 feet 3 inches from its nose to its tail, was found under some plants. He says it made a "dashing move" leaving officers no choice but to shoot it

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## Of Grouse And Prairie Chickens

**BY GARY HOWEY** 

Hartington, Neb.

As the grouse went skyward from the small watering hole along the trail, he sounded off, sounding much as if it was laughing at us, but it would be Bill Christensen, Hartington, NE. and I who'd have the last laugh.

Hearing the clucking made by the grouse, as he pumped frantically to put distance between us, both Bill and I brought our shotguns up at the same time, firing, bringing the first bird of the day to

Our trip started early Thursday morning as we left Hartington at 5:30 am when Gary Bowers and Bill picked me up at Stop

Our destination would be Springview in north-central Nebraska in Keya Paha

County where Bill had permission to hunt around fields of irri-

gated corn and beans. Rains had come to this part of the state; with the grasslands we'd be hunting looking much healthier than those in northeast Nebraska where we resided.

Gary **HOWEY** 

As we drove out, we talked about the usual things that outdoorsmen talk about, fishing and hunting and as we made our way into Keya Paha County, we spot-

ted our first grouse, perched on the power lines along the highway. To us, it appeared to be a good omen and we weren't going to be disappointed.

Bill's sons had hunted the area on opening weekend and had faired very well, limiting out on just a couple of walks. They, like us would be hunting the pivot corners as grouse and prairie chicken prefer to hang out in short grass areas, where their sentry, the one keeping an eye out for trouble, can keep an eye out for dan-

As our first bird hit the ground hard, my black Lab Mo Jo pounced on it and retrieved it back to me. It looked as if things were starting out pretty well for us when shortly thereafter, a second bird, a prairie chicken made the mistake of setting too



PHOTO: GARY HOWEY

Bill Christensen of Hartington, Neb., is pictured with a prairie chicken and grouse taken on a recent hunting trip in north central Nebraska.

long, bursting out of the cover in front of Bill, his shotgun came up quickly, going down hard in the cornfield off to Bill's

We were in an area where both grouse and prairie chickens call home, so it was no surprise to us that our second bird was

Both of these birds look similar, inhabiting similar terrain. The breast plumage on the prairie chickens the bars appear solid across their chest with the breast plumage of the grouse appearing broken.

The legs on both birds are covered with heathers, with the prairie chickens feet appearing a light yellow while the feet of a grouse are much lighter in color.

The meat of both birds is dark meat and like any other wild game is lean and shouldn't be over cooked.

We found most of the birds a few yards off the edge of the cornfield, in the pivot corners, in areas that had the shorter grass. As I mentioned earlier, heavier cover doesn't hold many if any grouse or chicken, but it does hold huge patches of

sand burs, which is hard on a dog as it clings to their coat, nose and between the

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pads of their feet. If you're hunting with a dog in these areas, it's an excellent idea to have a pair of boots for your dog's feet, as the burs and cactus in the area are treacherous.

There's nothing, which will take the winds out of your dog's sail quicker than having to spend more time trying to dislodge burs and cactus out of their mouth, nose and feet than hunting. Since it was the third week of the sea-

son, many of the birds we saw flushed far ahead of us, well out of range of our guns, those that held for us were added to our

The grouse season in Nebraska in both the east and west zone runs Sept. 1-Jan. 31. Hunters can take 3 grouse or prairie chicken per day and have 12 in their possession. In the east zone, which is a special permit area west of U.S. Highway 81 hunters may bag 3 birds, which is also the possession limit.

In South Dakota the season opens Sept. 15 running through Jan. 6, 2013. Hunters are allowed to bag 3 birds a day and have 15 birds in their possession.

The mild winter and excellent nesting conditions in both Nebraska and South Dakota, helped to assure that the grouse and prairie chicken hatch was a good one and with excellent numbers reported in both states, hunters should have excellent luck this season.

In each field that we were in, we saw numerous coveys of grouse and a few prairie chickens, allowing us to bag our three-man limit by mid afternoon.

With the number of birds out there and the long season, hunters will have the opportunity to enjoy the fall colors, cooler weather and some great hunting before the upcoming pheasant hunt.

Gary Howey, Hartington, Neb., is a former tournament angler, hunting and fishing guide. His award winning television series Outdoorsmen Adventures can be seen through out the upper Midwest on Fox affiliates. He and Simon Fuller Co-Host the Outdoor Adventures radio program on KVHT 106.3 FM and ESPN Radio 1570 AM Monday-Friday. More information on the shows and the outdoors check out www.outdoorsmenadventures.com.

### **Gazelles Stay Alive In State Softball Tourney** Kunz finished 3-4 on the day.

SIOUX FALLS — The Yankton Gazelles went 1-2, but remained alive in the South Dakota Class A high school softball tournament on Friday at Sherman Park in Sioux Falls.

The Gazelles face Sioux Falls Lincoln at 10 a.m. today (Saturday) in an elimination game. The

tournament concludes today.

ROOSEVELT 7, YANKTON 2: Lauren Kunz, Anissa Johns and Taylor Deutsch all homered as Roosevelt handed Yankton its second set-

The latest tie was 2-2 on a goal

with 7:39 to play by Anderson.

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For Yankton, Jennifer Feilmeier went 2-3

with a double, and Jaclyn Arens and Jessica Wirth each doubled and scored. Paige Weiss picked up the win. Arens took

the loss, striking out two.

YANKTON 14, LINCOLN 4: Karlee Kozak

and Jessica Wirth each had three hits as Yankton pounded the Patriots. Kozak had a pair of doubles, three runs scored and two RBI for Yankton. Wirth had a

triple, three RBI and two runs scored. Also for Yankton, Abby Schulte went 2-4 with a double, three RBI and two runs scored. Kalyn Peterka went 2-3 with two RBI and a run scored.

scored in the win.

Hannah Mendel went 2-3 with a double, and Brennan Hu had two hits and three RBI for Lincoln. Katie Strande added a triple. Arens picked up the win, striking out four. Liz

Anderson took the loss STEVENS 10, YANKTON 2: Secondseeded Rapid City Stevens got a 3-3 effort from Brena Russ as they topped Yankton in the

opening round. Russ also homered in the contest. For Yankton, Jessica Wirth and Jennifer Feilmeier each went 2-3. Hannah Horn had a

double and two RBI. Megan Greene picked up the win. Jaclyn

## progress, according to Terry. Van-

Coyotes

der Maten surpassed 200 yards through the air last week for the first time.

'They say quarterbacks get better every game, but I think he gets better every play," Terry said. "He's getting more comfortable, he's making his reads quicker; coming along nicely.

"In a couple weeks, he might be the best quarterback in our league, statistically if you look at it."

For now, improvement in all phases is the name of the game, Hogans said.

Our goal is just to get better, even if it's for one series or one play; just get better," he said. "I feel like we got better and can still get

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PHOTO: CAPTAIN NORM'S Keith Thornburg of Beatrice, Neb. caught this 48-pound, 48-inch paddlefish.



Roger Duoracek of Tabor caught this 43.5-pound, 47-inch paddle-

#### With the action picking up in intensity, the Mavericks took a loose ball and scored by Hannah Wampler at the 89:40 mark.

"We've actually been playing better on the road," USD coach Mandy Green said. "This wasn't

Seconds later, the game was

close to our best performance. That total brain fart at the end, I'm not sure what happened there," she added. "That's the story of our season.'

With the exception of a goal by Omaha (2-11, 2-1) just under three minutes into the first half, the Coyotes were able to keep things





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close, allowing only three shots the rest of the half.

USD nearly scored five minutes into the game, but a shot by Rebecca Sparkman hit off the cross-

"The first half wasn't good at all for us, but the second half got better because we came out with energy," Anderson said, referring to the team's 14 shots in the second

The Coyotes tied the game at 1-1 on a goal by junior Jenny Teslow with 23:38 left as she pushed past the goalkeeper. Four minutes later. the Mavericks responded with a penalty kick by Morgan Westen-

From there, the action picked up heading into the final eight min-

"It's nice to be home and nice to get some goals on the board," said Green, whose team scored four goals in seven games prior to Friday. "I'd like not to have to sit and wait with this one over our heads, but we'll get after it (Satur-

The Coyotes are off for a week until they host Fort Wayne next Friday at 4 p.m. — not the delay Anderson said she would prefer, especially after a loss like Friday.

"I'd rather jump in and play again right away," she said. "I have a sour taste in my mouth, and I want to come out and beat a

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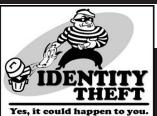
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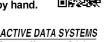
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