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Nielsen Fishing Tournament Oct. 27

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

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 605-665-9522 Habitat Conditions Key to

S.D. Pheasant Hunt

PIERRE — Many hunters will flock to South Dakota fields on Saturday for the traditional opening of the annual pheasant hunting season with optimism.

Reasons for this optimism are first, the midsummer pheasant count estimated the statewide pheasant population to be up 18 percent from last year and second, South Dakota offers a wealth of public hunting opportunities. There are more than 1.2 million acres of Walk-In Areas; 294,000 acres of state-owned Game Production Areas: and 150.000 acres of federal Waterfowl Production Areas available to hunters in the state.

In addition, the Game, Fish and Parks Department has expanded its cooperative efforts with private landowners and the US Department of Agriculture to provide wildlife habitat and pub-lic hunting opportunities on nearly 70,000 acres in the James River valley that are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

The number of birds in different areas of the state is closely linked to the quantity and quality of habitat found in a local area" said Tom Kirschenmann. GFP chief of wildlife and habitat programs.

Drought also had a direct impact on farmers and ranchers who rely on the land to make a living. To help mitigate a shortage of livestock forage, producers were allowed to cut hay and graze livestock on many acres in the Conservation Reserve Program.

On the flip side, there is a benefit from the dry conditions that persist across most of the state: With crop harvesting nearing 90 percent complete, there are fewer places for wily roosters to

Hunters Cautioned On Fire Danger

PIERRE — South Dakota hunters should be mindful that fire danger persists across the state, and safety measures need to be taken to help prevent wildfires this opening weekend of the pheasant season.

We have had a particularly dry year in our state, and hunters will find high fire danger conditions just about anywhere they go," said Emmett Keyser, assistant director for the Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division.

Keyser said there are several steps hunters should take to help prevent wild fires.

"Park your vehicle in a safe spot that is clear of any vegetation and then walk," Keyser said. "Cover can be tall and tinder-dry, capable of igniting from the heat of the undercarriage of a vehicle. Park your vehicle in a safe spot, and exercise extreme caution wherever you might drive.'

Besides normal hunting equipment, hunters should include some basic fire prevention equipment: an extra container of water, fire extinguisher, and fire suppression equipment, such as a shovel or flappers.

Hunters should also report fires.

Keyser noted that South Dakota has a very good record of fire safety during hunting sea-

"The key to fire safety is awareness," he said. "Hunters need to use common sense and be aware of the potential for wildfires no matter what the conditions. A responsible person's actions can make a huge difference in protecting both property and wildlife resources.

GFP Commission Proposes

BY GARY HOWEY Hartington, Neb.

It may not seem like it right now, but it's mid-October and winter may not be far

The Indian summer and the warmer daytime temperatures won't last long and by the time many of you read this column, I'm sure that the temperatures may have begun to drop.

late season fishing a joy, as you don't have to hit the water with three layers of heavy clothing. If you're an early morning or late afternoon angler, it would be smart to bring along an extra sweatshirt or jacket.

This is the time of the year when you're able to find the larger concentrations of walleye and sauger feeding heavily on the remaining baitfish. Generally these can be found in the warmer water, in preparation for their move into the deeper water where the baitfish will stack up to spend

the winter that will eventually show up.

It's during the late



Gary

of walleye and sauger really isn't all that difficult this time of the year! Look for what they're feeding on, it

warmer or in some of the deepest water lo-

cated on the lake or river.

Unless something changes drastically, once you've located them, you should be able to come back year after year and find them in about the same areas. As long as the baitfish are in the general area, the predator fish like the walleye and sauger

Bait presentations during this time of he year will generally be some sort of a live bait rig depending on the depth that the fish are located at.

If you find the fish in the 20-foot range,

Nebraska

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Hans Epps (16:52.2) and Warren Dexter (17:01.1).

"Nebraska Christian ran the perfect race today," Arens said. Crofton was led by junior

Drew Eskins, who placed 15th in 17:41.9, claiming the final individual medal. Sophomore Cole Steffen finished 25th (18:05.1), seniors Henry Goeden and Mathew Guenther finished 34th (18:12.0) and 36th (18:12.1) to

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away

When the weather is like this, it makes



HOWEY may be shallow where the water temps are

won't be far behind.

Goeden finished 94th (20:07.9) and sophomore Lane Weidner finished 103rd (20:31.4).

bottom.

Our guys ran heads-up the whole way. They left it all out on the course today," Arens said. 'They were passing guys throughout the race.

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge freshman Aaron Haahr finished less than 20 seconds off the awards stand, placing 21st in 18:00.5. He was the second freshman across the finish line in the race.

Randolph senior Justin Korth placed 30th in 18:08.5, with fellow senior Nick Schmit placing 51st

posted eight kills and 14 digs to lead the way. Brooke McCluskey

EPJ, 17-8, travels to Vermillion

Marion 3,

cause you never know what color might trip the walleye's trigger on any given day.

Scent and vibration can be pretty important when fishing deeper water, so I like to use some sort of a scented body or a couple of minnows.

I've had excellent results using the new Gulp 2" Pearl minnow grubs by Berkley. They are tough, stay on the hook and release their scent 400 percent faster than any other plastic bait so they really throw off a scent trail for the fish to zero in on.

I've also used a couple of minnows in deep-water presentations. I'll hook the first one on in the conventional way and then I'll hook the second through the tail. The minnow hooked conventionally will give off scent and the one that is hooked through the tail will jump all over the place giving off a vibration that allows the game fish to locate your bait.

Late fall is the time of the year when I use larger minnows or chubs because fish feeding during this time of the year have pretty much eaten anything that was small during the summer and now are trying to build up for the winter and are more apt to be receptive to taking a larger bait fish.

Since the water temperature this time of year has cooled down considerably, I like to work my baits slowly, keeping them in contact with the bottom as much as possible.

When I do come off the bottom, I keep my line tight so that I can detect those subtle bites, when a walleye isn't gulping down your bait but is simply sucking it in.

If you're looking for big fish, this is the time of the year that you'll find them. If the weather stays the way it is, you won't have to fight the weather and will be able to concentrate on finding and fighting those larger late season fish.

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Devin Nelson recorded 18 as-

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make much of a difference, especially in

the deeper or dirty water as once the sun-

But, I still go by the old rule of thumb

light can no longer penetrate, everything

that any florescent color is good because

quickly in water as do standard colors. As

far as I'm concerned any florescent color is

good as long as it has some chartreuse in

Since I like to tip the odds in my favor every chance I get, I'll use jigs and bodies that have several colors. I like the combina-

chartreuse, orange and green and I prefer a

If color does make a difference, I'm going

tion color jig heads that have florescent

chartreuse or multi colored grub body.

to have a bunch of them down there be-

florescent colors don't disappear as

pretty much turns black.

sists, 17 digs, one ace, one kill and one block, and Ashley Rosenwald-Muller had 12 kills, 10 digs and two aces.

For McCook Central-Montrose, Anna Olinger had 11 kills, seven digs and one ace, while Brianna Punter had 12 digs. Dana Kiren also had nine digs and six assists.

Marion will travel to Freeman on Monday, and McCook Central will hit the road to face Montrose.

Harrisburg 3, Lennox 0 LENNOX — Harrisburg swept

Monday while Lennox travels to Sioux Falls on Monday to battle Sioux Falls Christian. HARRISBURG.25 25 2516 20 16

Elkton Lake-Benton 3, Iroquois 0

ELKTON — Lacey Lynn put up eight kills, two, six digs and two aces to lead Elkton Lake-Benton in a win against Iroquois in Friday night volleyball action in Elkton.

Gabby Kampmann had six kills, four aces and five digs for the night, and Julia Fargun recorded five kills, three aces and two digs. For Iroquois, Amber Jacobs had seven digs and two kills, while Brit-

Volleyball

Travis Howell of Hartington, Neb., is pictured with a nice late season walleye taken from

Lewis & Clark Lake using the methods mentioned by columnist Gary Howey.

you can still take them on a Lindy rig

You'll want to use a heavier slip weight in

order to get into the fish quickly. The bite

period of time, so you won't want to waste

any time getting into the zone. You'll find

the active walleye and sauger right off the

If your walleye are located in deeper water, 30-40 or 50 feet, you'll probably

want to use a heavier jig tipped with a

As I mentioned before, you'll want to

get down quickly, a heavier 3/8-ounce jig

you can get by with a 1/4-ounce jig.

or larger can be the ticket. If you're using

This time of the year, color may not

lighter line and have fished a jig quite a bit,

chub or several minnows.

this time of year might last only a short

tipped with a large minnow or chub.

added 10 digs.

on Thursday. Ponca, 9-14, plays round of the Lewis & Clark Conference Tournament on Tuesday.19 9 1425 25 25

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Bancroft-Rosalie in the opening PONCA (17-8) ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (17-8)

fall when game fish will go after larger baits and when a larger live bait really produces. Finding the schools

Expanded Pike, Catfish Spearing

DEADWOOD — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission is proposing rules changes in areas open to spearing of northern pike and channel catfish

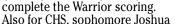
The changes would allow northern pike to be taken by underwater spearing, dark-house spearing and archery on all inland waters of the state, except those waters actively managed for muskies.

'There are currently limited opportunities to participate in dark-house spearing for northern pike throughout South Dakota," said Geno Adams, GFP fisheries program administrator. "This proposal gives pike spearers additional opportunities to take advantage of pike populations around the state during both the open-water and ice periods of the year, without negatively impacting our resources.'

Opportunities to spear channel catfish would also increase under a commission proposal that would open areas to catfish spearing on the Missouri River below Oahe, Big Bend, and Ft. Randall dams, which are currently closed to all game-fish spearing. Channel catfish can already be taken year-round by spearers and archers without limits on the inland waters of the Missouri River in South Dakota, except for the designated areas below dams that are closed to spearing

and archery of all game fish. The GFP Commission proposal also includes lengthening the game-fish spearing season from the current June 15 through Feb. 29 to June 15 through March 15. Season dates for northern pike spearing would match the proposed gamefish season dates. The date after which ice shacks may not be left overnight on the ice will remain unchanged at Feb. 29, but portable shacks could still be used until March 15 if removed from the ice daily.

To comment on the spearing proposals, email wildinfo@state.sd.us. Include your complete name and physical address to be part of the public record. The commission will take public comment at its Nov. 1 meeting at Camp Lakodia near Madison. The public forum portion of the meeting will begin at 2 p.m. CDT.



Also for CHS, sophomore Joshua

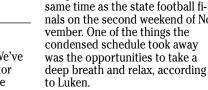


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"They always kinda come around for state," she said. "We've had kids got to the chiropractor three times a day to make sure they're ready for state.'

The squad comes into state physically ready for state, but need o be emotionally ready as well.

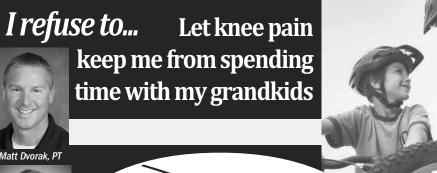
"One of things that have been difficult to overcome this year has been our confidence," said YHS cheer co-coach Angie Luken. "They know how to execute our routine, but their facial expressions show they are scared. We've talked about it, and we hope to get beyond that."



just had one day," she said. "Last year we had two or three. If there's a negative to the shorter season, it's that we don't have a week off to recharge our batteries.'

the Watertown Civic Arena.





State comes three weeks earlier this season. In the past five seasons, the state cheer and dance competition was held around the same time as the state football finals on the second weekend of November. One of the things the condensed schedule took away was the opportunities to take a

We did squeeze it in, but we

Competition begins at noon at

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Morgan Square

McCook Cent.-Montrose 0

MARION — With 18 assists, 13 digs, three kills and one ace Katherine Luke led Marion in a win against McCook Central-Montrose in Friday night volleyball action 25-20, 25-17, 27-25.

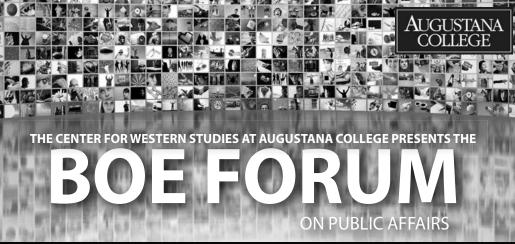
Lennox on Friday night 25-16, 25-20 and 25-16 in Lennox.

Brittany Blakney led the Tigers with 10 kills, 10 digs and five aces. For the Orioles, Megan Stewart recorded eight digs.

tany Moeller made three kills and four digs. Elkton Lake-Benton will face West Central on Thursday, and Iroquois will play

IROQUOIS (1-26) ELKTON LAKE-BENTON (25-4) . .11 8 15 ..25 25 25

Harrisburg hosts Vermillion on



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