

OUTDOORS DIGEST

Mitchell Cabela's To Host Pheasant Classic

MITCHELL — Cabela's Incorporated will celebrate Cabela's Pheasant Classic event with sales, guest appearances, seminars, family activities, sponsor exhibits, product demonstrations and more at the company's Mitchell location, Thursday, Oct. 9 to Sunday, Oct. 19.

The celebration of the upcoming pheasant season will kick-off with special sale prices and in-store registration to win a \$500 Cabela's gift card Thursday, Oct. 9. The gift card winner will be announced Saturday, Oct. 18. Sales prices will continue to Sunday, Oct. 19.

Special appearances, seminars, family activities, sponsor exhibits, product demonstrations and more will take place Thursday, Oct. 16 to Sunday, Oct. 19. Special appearances will include:

- Tom Dokken, inventor of Dokken's DeadFowl Trainer and author/founder of Dokken Dog Supply — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17
- Benny Spies, host of "GUN IT with Benny Spies" television show — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
- Scott Linden, host of "Wingshooting USA" television show — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18

Family activities, sponsor demonstrations and special events to take place include:

- Pheasants Forever Hunters' Breakfast — 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; Friday, Oct. 17; and Saturday, Oct. 18
- Canine Field Hunt Test — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17
- Express Licensing
- Beretta Mobile Showroom
- Cowboy Fast-Draw Demos
- Dutch-Oven Samples

Cabela's also will host the Cabela's Great American Banded Bird Hunt. This contest will offer more than \$20,000 in prizes to customers 18 years and older who register and legally harvest a specially banded pheasant during the South Dakota pheasant season beginning Saturday, Oct. 18 and ending Sunday, Jan. 4. End of season contest prizes, including a \$2,000 Cabela's shopping spree, will be awarded on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015.

Mountain Lion Harvested In Knox Co.

LINCOLN, Neb. — A 157-pound male mountain lion was harvested on the evening of Oct. 5 in Knox County near Lewis and Clark Lake.

This is the first mountain lion harvested in the Prairie Unit, which has been open since Jan. 1. Mountain lion hunting is open in the Prairie Unit until the end of the year. All other mountain lion units are closed at this time.

For more information about mountain lions in Nebraska, visit the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's mountain lion web page at OutdoorNebraska.org.

Special Youth Upland Hunts Oct. 18-19

LINCOLN, Neb. — Youth ages 15 and younger are encouraged to participate in special youth pheasant hunts during the Oct. 18-19 statewide youth pheasant, quail and partridge season.

Rooster pheasants will be released at nine wildlife management areas before the special youth hunt season. The special hunts are open to the public, and the number of participants is not limited. No registration or special permit is required. Special regulations posted at each of the nine WMAs will apply to all portions of the designated areas normally open to hunting. All other current youth and regular hunting regulations also will be in effect on these designated areas.

Pheasants will be released at the following WMAs: Pressey (Custer County); Sherman Reservoir (Sherman County); Oak Valley (Madison County); Branched Oak (Lancaster County); Twin Oaks (Johnson County); Hickory Ridge (Johnson County); Wilkinson (Platte County); Peru Bottoms (Nemaha County) and Yankee Hill (Lancaster County).

The special regulations on these WMAs include:

- Only nontoxic shot may be used at Wilkinson and Peru Bottoms.
- Adult mentors must be licensed hunters age 19 or older to accompany a youth.
- Adult mentors may harvest one rooster pheasant per day only.
- The nine WMAs are the only locations where adults may harvest pheasants during the youth season.
- Only one adult mentor per youth will be allowed to hunt (additional non-hunting mentors may accompany the youth on the hunt).
- Youth may harvest two roosters per day.

Division Of Parks & Rec Honors Employees

SPEARFISH — The South Dakota Division of Parks and Recreation recently recognized several individuals for their dedication and hard work in the state parks system. The awards were made at the division's fall meeting in Spearfish.

Shannon Percy of Deadwood received the 2014 South Dakota State Parks Distinguished Service Award. Each year, one GFP employee who embodies the mission of the state park system is selected for the honor. Percy has been employed at the Black Hills Trails office in Lead for the last 15 years.

Julie Brazell of Custer and Linda Birchall of Pierre received Awards of Appreciation.

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Facing The Aquatic Invasion

BY GARY HOWEY  
Hartington, Neb.

It is September, when fall colors start to pop and catfish will move out of the Missouri into the mouth of the Sioux River where they will winter. This has always been a great time to fish for catfish in the deeper holes of the Sioux River.

It happens every year, like clockwork; unfortunately, it has not happened this year and the way it looks, it may not happen in the future, as Team Outdoorsmen Adventures member Larry Myhre and I found out on a recent fishing trip.

We planned to film the great cat-fishing found on the Sioux River starting in September. As Larry motored from the Missouri into the Big Sioux, our locators lit up like Christmas trees, with fish showing up from just off the bottom on up to eight foot.

We knew they were not catfish as cats are bottom dwellers spending the majority of their life belly to the bottom and these fish were suspended. By the sheer number of fish showing up on the locator, we had a good idea as to what species of fish we were seeing.

It would not take us long to realize what we were dealing with as almost immediately, some of the fish in the shallower water began to go airborne as only the Silver carp do.

This scenario continued, as we had fish in the air continually, from the minute we entered the mouth of the river on upstream to the four-lane bridge.

Being the eternal optimists, we are, and hoping a few catfish were located in the deeper holes, we rigged our rods, baiting them with cutbait, shad, creek chubs and stink bait, baits that have always produced for us.

After an hour of fishing, producing but one Gar, we decided to relocate, only to spend the rest of the morning waiting for a bite and when it happened it was not catfish, it was another Gar.

On the ride up, Larry mentioned; the bite may be tough as the huge schools of Gizzard shad, which had always been in the mouth of the Sioux, were not there. Shad, which die easily when there is a rapid weather changes, make up a big part of what the catfish feed on in the Sioux River and when they are not there, the fish will relocate and look for another food source.

Two days before our trip, Larry at-



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tempted to net shad in the Sioux, after trying several different location, had found very few, with those, he did find so few and so small, they easily fit into a one-quart Zip Loc bag.

The Gizzard shad, and Silver carp like most species of fish including young game fish and paddlefish are filter feeders, which all feed on zooplankton, a microscopic organism found in the water.

Because of the sheer numbers of Silver carp in the river system and their specialized filtering apparatus allowing them to filter particles as small as 4 micrometers, they consume huge quantities of these microscopic organisms. Silver carp have no stomach, are believed to be feeding constantly, quickly devouring the available phytoplankton and zooplankton, leaving little for other species.

Our best guess for the huge schools of Shad not being in the river was the wall to wall silver carp we were seeing which were devouring the available zooplankton, making it difficult for other filter feeders to find food.

Silver carp, known as the flying carp have a tendency to go airborne when startled, with the ability to jump 10 feet in the air. They are but one of the many invasive species now in the Missouri river system.

On numerous occasions when we were bowfishing in the James River in southern North Dakota, we had as many as 18 fish fly into the boat.

On one occasion, Team Outdoorsmen Adventures Member Marlyn Wiebelhaus, while guiding bowhunters in the river, had a "too" close encounter with a silver carp!

Marlyn was standing up behind the wheel of his boat, while two archers attempted to shoot the carp flying through the air. A huge silver came into the boat, hitting him in the face, breaking his sunglasses, knocking him backwards into the boat. It was fortunate, he had his hand on the throttle and when knocked backwards pulled the motor out of gear.

Wiebelhaus, who spends numerous hours pursuing Asian carp, holds the South Dakota Silver and Brass carp bowfishing records

If you were running a boat, Jet Ski or towed behind a boat in the smaller bodies of water with Silver carp populations you need to be cautious, as these flying fish have seriously injured anglers and boaters.

After returning from the trip, I wanted to get a professional opinion on the problem, I contacted good friend, Jeff Schuckman, the Fisheries Biologist for the Nebraska Game & Parks (Norfolk) office to talk with him about the invasive species problems.

According to Schuckman, when they test shocking on the Missouri River, the Asian carp, the silver, big-head and grass carp, the Big 3 were the most abundant fish found in the



PHOTO: TEAM OUTDOORSMEN ADVENTURES

Team Outdoorsmen Adventures Member Marlyn Wiebelhaus of Wynot, Nebraska, with the South Dakota state record 22-pound 10 ounce Silver carp he took while bowfishing on the James River.

When they shocked on the Missouri River to obtain fish to display in their 6,000-gallon aquarium at the Outdoor Expo at Ponca State Park, he was amazed at the number of Asian carp they brought up.

If there is a way, Asian carp will move into other bodies of water. This was the reason for the Lake Yankton renovation. The high water from the flooding allowed Asian carp to move into Lake Yankton. In two to three years because of them, gamefish in the lake declined 90 per cent.

The only thing preventing them from moving up river into the Missouri River reservoirs are our dams. To prevent the invasive transportation above the dam, the Nebraska Game and Parks has implemented new rules making it illegal to transport water in a livewell, baitwell or minnow bucket or to take livebait and live fish from the downstream area of the dams upstream. By doing this they hope to prevent anglers and boaters from accidentally transporting these invasive species further upstream into the Missouri River reservoirs.

He indicated the Silver carp have such a reproductive advantage since they simply cast their eggs, which drift along with the current, not affected by changing water levels, en-

ing up in the slack backwaters where they eventually hatch. Because they disperse their fertilized eggs randomly, there is very little which will affect their spawn each year.

It is not a good scenario, as at this time, there is nothing, which can be done to control these invasive species."

As the name indicates, Asian carp are native to China, where they are cultivated.

They grow quickly up to 55 inches in length reaching, weights up to 99 pounds.

Silver carp came into North America in the 70's to help control algae, escaping from captivity soon after coming here. They are not just a problem in the United States as they are now in at least 88 countries around the world.

By 2003, Silver carp had spread into the Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois and Missouri Rivers and their tributaries. Just 6 years later, they were in the Mississippi & Missouri River from Louisiana to South Dakota and close to invading the Great Lakes.

The invasive species, including Asian carp, (Silver, Bighead & Grass Carp), Eurasian water milfoil and Zebra mussels have or are making their way up river, creating problems along the entire river system.

At this time, there is not anything available to control the Asian carp, all we can do is to prevent them from moving farther up river into our reservoir and lakes.

We the anglers and boaters are on the front lines in this fight and need to be on the watch for these culprits by:

- Cleaning our boats, jet skis and trailers of any vegetation when leaving the water
- Draining our livewells, baitwells and minnow buckets
- Not transporting livebait or fish into the lakes/reservoirs above the dams on the Missouri River

Until some type of control is found, the Asian carp will continue to be a problem for other species of fish, anglers and boaters, so be careful out there and pray some type of control is found in the near future.

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 in the Yankton area on local channels 2 & 98 Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 7:00 am as well as on KTTM/KTTW-TV Sioux Falls/Huron Saturday at 6:30 am Sunday as well as on MIDCO Sports Network Thursday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am. In Northwest Iowa, Southeast South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska it airs on Stouland CW 4.2 Sunday at 9:00 am. If you are looking for more outdoor information, check out www.outdoorsmenadventures.com.

Football

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Bon Homme 41, Wagner 0

BON HOMME — Chase Kortan lead Bon Homme to a 41-0 victory over Wagner with 95 yards for nine carries and four touchdowns Friday night at Bon Homme.

Hunter Young had 51 rushing yards and six carries for one touchdown and passed for 39 yards with one touchdown pass for Bon Homme. Lucas Crownover bought down nine tackles, and Hunter Young and Mason Kniffen each had six tackles.

For Wagner, Sineway Marshall ran 55 yards for nine carries.

Friday, Bon Homme hosts Elk Point-Jefferson, and Wagner hosts Canton.

WAGNER (9-6).....0 0 0 0-0  
BON HOMME (4-7).....29 35 41 0-41

Parker 12, Baltic 6

BALTIC — The Parker Pheasants held Baltic to 18 rushing yards on 32 attempts to secure a 12-6 victory Friday night in Baltic.

Kordell Buyck ran for 68 yards and a touchdown for Parker, while Landon Leber-

man had a 4-yard touchdown pass to Kelby Peters.

Baltic's only score came on a Joe Muston 45-yard pass to Harrison Anderson late in the fourth quarter.

PARKER.....0 12 0 0-12  
BALTIC.....0 0 6 6-6

Burke-South Central 12, Scotland 8

BURKE — Tyson Serr scored two rushing touchdowns as Burke-South Central beat Scotland 12-8 in a defensive battle Friday night in Burke.

Zach Sebern passed for 56 yards, with both completions and all of those yards going to Tyson Vogt. Serr led the defense with 16 tackles.

For the Highlanders, Josh Vaith rushed for 64 yards and Chase Mogck ran for a touchdown. Anthony Walloch had 23 receiving yards and led the defense with 14 tackles with one sack.

SCOTLAND.....0 0 8 8-8  
BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL.....0 12 0 0-12

Chester Area 59, Irene-Wakonda 8

IRENE — Cole Acheson accounted for 332 yards of total offense and six combined touchdowns for Chester Area in a 59-8 rout of Irene-Wakonda on Friday night in Irene.

Acheson passed for 201

yards and two touchdowns, and also ran for three scores and returned an interception 85 yards for a touchdown.

For the hometown Eagles (1-5), Gabe King passed for 108 yards and a 55-yard touchdown pass to Nate Eli. Bryant Knodel added 69 rushing yards, while Ben Gustad led the defense with 18 tackles.

Next Friday, Chester Area (2-4) hosts Garretson and Irene-Wakonda visits Garretson.

CHESTER AREA (2-4).....21 32 0 6-59  
IRENE-WAKONDA (1-5).....0 8 0 0-8

Chamberlain 46, St. Francis Indian 14

CHAMBERLAIN — Spencer Kirkpatrick lead Chamberlain to a 46-14 win over St. Francis Indian Friday night with 20 carries for 135 yards and four touchdowns.

Jeremy Herron ran for 115 yards with eight carries for one touchdown and brought down 5.5 tackles for Chamberlain. Parker Evans ran for a touchdown and passed for 76 and added another touchdown and took down 5.5 tackles. Adrian Farmer brought in another touchdown.

For St. Francis Indian, Ryan Brushbreaker and Ska Black Bear each had a touchdown.

Friday, Chamberlain hosts Todd County, and St. Francis Indian hosts Bennett County.

ST. FRANCIS INDIAN (2-4).....0 0 0 14-14  
CHAMBERLAIN (2-4).....6 20 13 7-46

LA Committee Backs Bid For More Time To Lure NFL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles committee is backing AEG's request for more time to lure a professional football team to Los Angeles.

The City Council's Economic Development Committee on Friday approved a six-month extension of an agreement with the developer to find an NFL team to play at a downtown stadium.

If the full council approves next week, AEG will have until April to find a team.

It's had no luck so far but Mayor Eric Garcetti said Thursday that a team is "highly likely" to come to the city in the next year.

Speaking on KNX-AM radio, the mayor said he thinks the NFL is finally interested in LA again.

The city hasn't had a pro team since the Raiders and the Rams left after the 1994 season.

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