

## OUTDOORS DIGEST

## Mountain Lion Reported In Oahe Dam Area

PIERRE — A reported mountain lion sighting near the Oahe Dam north of Pierre has been confirmed. A trail camera utilized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photographed the mountain lion passing through an undeveloped natural area below Oahe Dam.

This mountain lion was photographed at night and has not been aggressive or judged to be a threat to public safety.

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has protocols in place to respond to mountain lion sightings. GFP policy is to kill mountain lions if they show aggressive behavior toward humans or attack livestock or pets.

If you observe a mountain lion in the Oahe Dam area, please report the sighting to GFP at 605-223-7700.

## Highmore Rancher Earns National Conservation Honor

PIERRE — The national Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has awarded Jim Faulstich the 2013 National Private Lands Fish and Wildlife Stewardship Award at their recent meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Faulstich wanted to operate a profitable ranch, preserve the natural resources of the land and pass the ranch on to the next generation in better condition. His success brought him a national honor as he received the award for his work on his 5,300 acre family farm/ranch. Faulstich has invested time and resources to become a knowledgeable practitioner of principles and concepts learned in holistic management courses, grazing management workshops and tours, and more. Under his holistic approach to ranch management, he focuses on careful stewardship of the natural resources. Now, Faulstich is a frequent speaker at local and regional ranch and grazing management workshops.

"Jim believes that stewardship of the resources leads to better health of everything, benefiting land, water, livestock, wildlife and people," South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Secretary Jeff Vonk said.

Native and restored grassland and associated wetlands comprise about 80 percent of the ranch. It has become a sustainable grass-based ranch that also provides high-quality habitat to a wide variety of grassland- and wetland-dependent wildlife.

Faulstich has set part of his ranch aside in conservation easements that will be critical for waterfowl and shorebird management, and is a cooperator in a variety of wildlife and grassland studies.

## Mountain Goats Find A New Home In S.D.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department, working in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife, recently relocated 22 mountain goats from Utah to South Dakota's Black Hills.

The goats were captured from a herd in Utah's Tushar Mountains, and are part of a study to increase genetic diversity in South Dakota's mountain goat population.

"Utah biologists used helicopters and net guns to capture the animals," said GFP Regional Game Manager John Kanta. "Mountain goats live in high altitudes and inhabit very rough and steep terrain. Capturing these mountain goats was very challenging."

Once an animal was captured, blood was drawn, vaccinations were given, measurements were taken and a throat and nose swab was performed to test for diseases. All yearling and adult mountain goats were fitted with a radio collar and mountain goat kids were ear tagged.

Goats were then loaded into wooden boxes filled with wood shavings and a block of ice to keep them comfortable and cool in preparation for their journey back to South Dakota.

This project is one of many made possible through partnerships between GFP and non-government organizations.

"The Midwest Wild Sheep Foundation and the Greater Dacotah Chapter of the Safari Club International provided financial support for radio collars and capture costs associated with this transplant," Kanta said. "The cooperation from these partners will greatly assist GFP in managing South Dakota's mountain goat population and their habitats."

## HuntSAFE Training Available For Schools

PIERRE — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is pleased to announce a free Conservation and Firearms Education training opportunity for teachers this fall.

HuntSAFE Instructor training is currently scheduled for Frederick, S.D., on Saturday, Oct. 5. The class will be held at the school in Frederick and will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to all educators in South Dakota who work with youth ages 11 and older. Upon successful completion of the workshop, teachers will be able to provide HuntSAFE certification to their students who wish to complete the HuntSAFE course. Depending upon previous experience, educators may be required to work with a previously certified instructor during their first class.

Teachers wishing to register for the HuntSAFE in the Schools training should email their contact information to outdoor-programming@gmail.com or call 605-220-2130. Space is limited so registrations should be made as soon as possible.

## Of The Outdoors | Gary Howey

## Big Waters, Big Fish On Lake Of The Woods

BY GARY HOWEY

Hartington, Neb.

It is hard to describe Lake of the Woods; it's a magnificent body of water on U.S. side, located in Minnesota, with Ontario and Manitoba bordering it on the Canadian side.

Lake of the Woods is the sixth largest lake located (partially) in the United States, only the five Great Lakes are larger.

The Rainy River, Shoal and Kakagi Lake flow into the sixty-eight miles long and fifty-nine miles wide lake, a huge lake with 65,000 miles of shoreline and more than 14,552 islands.

The big lake has long been one of our favorite fishing destinations where each year we make at least one trip to fish out of Nick and Deanna Painovich's Zippel Bay Resort.

In August, Team Member Larry Myhre and I made yet another trip to the area to probe the waters for walleye and sauger.

On this trip,

we'd be fishing out

of one of Zippel

Bay Resorts five

charter boats, one

of their newest

thirty footers

where we'd be

joined by Jon The-

len and captained

by Nick and

Deanna.

Upon our ar-

rival at noon, after

a quick get together in their lounge, we

headed to the docks where the crew

had everything ready, and as Zippel's

dock crew guided the boat out of the

slip, we went over the numerous ways

we could fish during this time of the

year.

No matter how one wishes to fish

during the fall, whether it be jigging,

livebait rigging, downrigging, trolling

or drifting, there are numerous ways to

take walleyes on Lake of the Woods

during this time of the year.

Nick had indicated the last several

years there had been excellent hatches

on the lake, with good numbers of the

fifteen to seventeen inch walleyes

fount throughout the lake.

We rigged our rods with several dif-

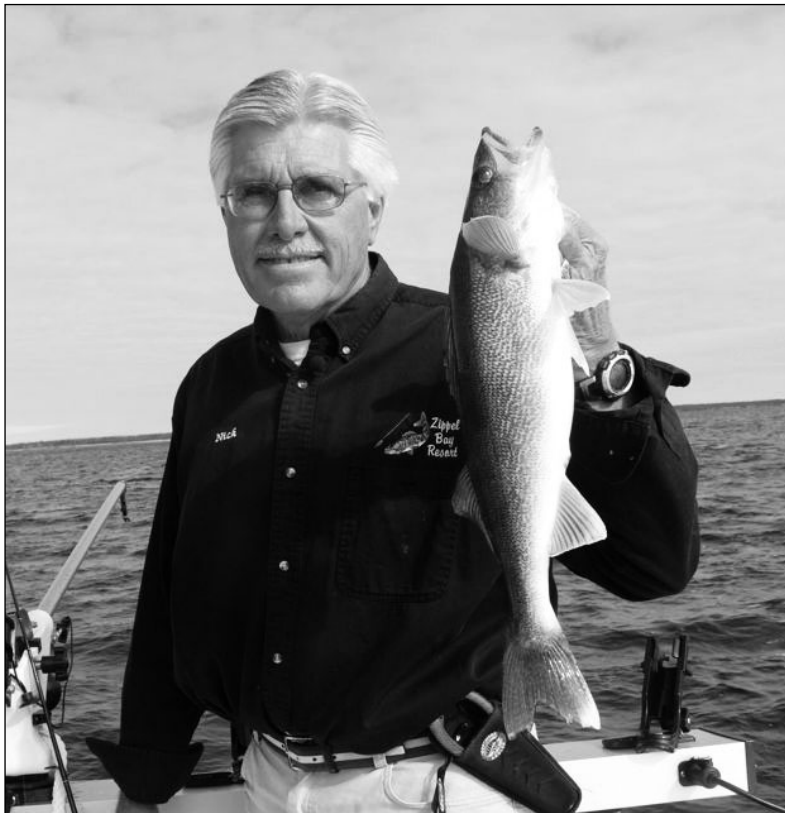
ferent baits; different colors with differ-

ent actions, attached them to the

downrigger cables, dropping them



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Nick Painovich of Zippel Bay resort is pictured with one of the walleyes taken while fishing on Lake of the Woods.

PHOTO: LARRY MYHRE

down to different depths until we found a pattern, a certain depths the active fish were at and the style and color of bait they were after.

Our first crankbaits had just gone down when one of the long rods released indicating a strike.

Larry grabbed the rod, bringing up the fish while Nick raised the downrigger up and sliding the net under a fat Lake of the Woods walleye.

It would be one of the lakes slot fish, walleye running from nineteen and a half inches to twenty-eight inches, the prime spawners, those to be released.

The limit for walleye and sauger on the lake is six fish May through November, with only four of those being walleyes and only one over twenty-eight inches. During the hard water months, December through February, the limit is raised to eight fish, four walleye and four sauger with the same size limits in affect as you'd find during the warm water months.

Throughout the afternoon, we trolled Lindy Shadlings, River Rockers and other crankbaits, until we had

taken several fish on one particular bait.

As one rod released, then another, we landed some excellent fish; both sauger and walleye. One of our baits out performed the others, the Lindy River Rocker were catching most of the fish, with this information, we quickly brought downriggers up, switched to the hot bait and were back down and catching more fish in no time.

The River Rocker was not only out producing all other baits; the fish caught on the bait were larger than those taken on other baits.

Our catch at the end of day one included several sixteen to seventeen inch fish as well as some of the smaller sauger found throughout the lake

That evening during supper, we put together a plan of attack for day two, where we decided to give drifting Lindy spinners tipped with crawlers or leeches pulled behind Wing-It Quick Swap sinkers a try.

Our drift started over several of the rock piles found throughout the lake, with as things often happen, lucky Larry Myhre catching the first couple

of fish.

It wouldn't be long before we figured out what spinner color and bait would take the fish on this trip as Nick's wife Deanna started hammering the walleyes and kept at it using a hammered copper spinner tipped with leeches.

We quickly switched to the hammered spinner blade baited with one or two leeches and the bite was on.

After taking several good keeper fish as well as slot fish, we made the move to the mud flats where Nick had taken some larger walleyes before we arrived, fish just below the slot.

As before, Deanna started out strong, catching one of the big fish of the trip a beautiful 18" keeper fish.

The bite continued until late afternoon when we decided it was time to head back to Zippel Bay to relax in one of their beautiful log homes, have supper and get ready for our drive home the following morning.

Zippel Resort is one of the premier resorts on Lake of the Woods, situated north of Williams, Minn. It is not only an excellent angler's destination where anglers can fish out of their own boats, several sizes of rental fishing boats, pontoon boats and charter boats, it is also a great family destination with a pool, hot tub, playground and paddleboats available.

Open from May through February during both the open and hard water season, at Zippel Bay Resort during the ice fishing season, you can drive out in the comfort of your own car on Zippel Bay's well maintained, wide, ice roads where you can fish in comfortable heated dark, tip-up and sleeper ice houses.

No matter what type of adventure you're looking for in any season Zippel Bay Resort is a great destination for a trip of a lifetime.

Gary Howey, Hartington, Neb., is a former tournament angler, fishing and hunting guide. Howey is the Producer/Host of the award winning Outdoorsmen Adventures television series. In Yankton, the series also airs on local channels 2 & 98 Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 7:00 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.

## Volleyball: Cedar Catholic Edges Randolph 3-0

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Bailey Steffen had a team-high 11 kills and four other Trojans had four kills or more as Hartington Cedar Catholic edged Randolph 25-22, 25-14, 26-24 in prep volleyball action on Thursday.

Karly Noecker, Alli Walter and Kayla Hochstein each had five kills, and Reggan Noecker had four kills for Cedar Catholic. Emily Feilmeier finished with 25 assists. Kallie Leise had 11 digs and Karly Noecker had 10 digs in the victory.

No statistics were available for Randolph.

Cedar Catholic, 13-5, travels to Battle Creek on Tuesday.

RANDOLPH.....22 14 24  
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (13-5).....25 25 26

## Wisner-Pilger Tri.

WISNER, Neb. — The Crofton Warriors added to their strong start with a sweep of Wisner-Pilger and Battle Creek in a volleyball triangular at Wisner, Neb., on Thursday.

Wisner-Pilger edged Battle Creek 27-25, 25-12 in the other match.

Crofton, now 11-1 and winners of five straight, heads to Norfolk, Neb., for a triangular with Norfolk Catholic and Lutheran High Northeast on Saturday.

CROFTON DEF. WISNER-PILGER

25-17, 25-20: Maria Wortmann had eight kills and 11 digs, and Allison Arens had six kills to lead Crofton. McKenzie Johnson had 11 assists, and Brittany Guenther had six assists and six digs in the win.

CROFTON DEF. BATTLE CREEK 25-13, 19-25, 25-15: Maria Wortmann had 14 kills, Allison Arens had nine kills and Kelsey Sanger had eight kills to lead Crofton. Arens also had a team-high 20 digs, with Sagner recording 14 and Wortmann 13. All three had three ace serves apiece.

Also for Crofton, Brittany Guenther had 21 assists and McKenzie Johnson had eight assists.

## Creighton 3, Wausa 0

CREIGHTON, Neb. — The Creighton Bulldogs beat the Wausa Lady Vikings in three sets 25-8, 25-22, 25-20 in volleyball action Thursday.

In the loss for Wausa, Tori Clausen led

the Lady Vikings with six kills and three digs. Gabby Swanson had three kills, 11 assists and three digs. Brittani Clausen helped defensively with eight digs and made three kills with five aces.

Creighton, 7-3, travels to Randolph on Tuesday. Wausa, 4-7, hosts Hartington on Tuesday.

WAUSA (4-7) .....8 22 20  
CREIGHTON (7-3) .....25 25 25

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