

OUTDOORS DIGEST

Dove Season Opens in Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. — The statewide dove hunting season opened in Nebraska on Sept. 1 and will run through Oct. 30.

The daily bag and possession limits are 15 and 45, respectively. Bag limits are for mourning, white-winged and Eurasian collared doves in aggregate.

Nebraska residents 16 years and older and all nonresidents are required to have a valid Nebraska hunting permit, habitat stamp and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number. Register at neh.com, OutdoorNebraska.org/HIP, at any Nebraska Game and Parks Commission district office or by phone at 1-877-NEHUNTS. Hunter education certification is required for some hunters.

Dove hunters who find a leg band on a dove should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service banding office at 1-800-327-BAND or report it at reportband.gov. In addition, randomly selected hunters will be asked to save one wing from each dove during the first week of the season and mail the wings postage-free to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Small-Bore Silhouette Championships Sept. 27

LINCOLN, Neb. — The annual Nebraska High School Small-bore Silhouette Championships will be held Sept. 27 at the Pressey Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Custer County.

This free competition is open to Nebraska high, junior high and middle school students who have received a certificate verifying completion of a hunter education program. Team competition is comprised of four-person teams in school, 4-H, and open categories. Shooters are not required to compete in teams.

Contact Matthew Haumont at 308-872-2348 or tenxlivestock@gmail.com to register. Pressey WMA is located 17 miles south of Broken Bow.

Archers May Donate Deer To Hunters Helping The Hungry

LINCOLN, Neb. — With the start of the archery deer hunting season on Sept. 1, hunters may donate harvested deer at any contracted Hunters Helping the Hungry processor.

Meat processors include Amherst - Belschner Custom Meats Inc.; Bayard - Bayard Processing; Bridgeport - KDK Meats LLC; Broken Bow - Broken Bow Pack; Elwood - SteakMaster Inc.; Franklin - Franklin Locker; Humphrey - Country Butcher; Johnson - Pelican's Meat Processing; Lindsay - Melcher's Locker; North Bend - Bob's Custom Meats LLC; North Platte - Kelley's Custom Pack LLC; Oakland - Oakland Processing; Omaha - B. I. G. Meats Inc.; Stoytsich House of Sausage; Orleans - Harlan County Meat Processors; Oxford - Oxford Locker Inc.; Panama - Panama Locker; Table Rock - Den's Country Meats; Ulysses - The Butchery; Wahoo - Wahoo Locker.

Learn more about the program and find the most up-to-date list of contracted processors at OutdoorNebraska.org/HHH. For more information, contact Teresa Lombard at 402-471-5430 or teresa.lombard@nebraska.gov.

Of The Outdoors | Gary Howey

Improving Your Deer Chances

BY GARY HOWEY
Hartington, Neb.

Deer hunting, it is an addiction, causing men to leave their families for extended periods out in the woods. They will spend time in the spring and late summer, doing their best to make their hunting areas more attractive to deer.

Deer are the most popular of any of the big game animals and the reason for this is simple; they are everywhere. These animals are very adaptable and can live in close proximity to man.

No matter where we have went there have always been deer around, both whitetail and mule deer.

One thing I figured out a long time ago is that deer are like any other critter, including man, taking advantage of anything that makes their life easier.

I found this out the first couple of years while hunting at the cabin. The deer, especially the bucks came out in a certain area while avoiding others.

Unfortunately, the area they were using was impossible to hunt unless you sat on the ground, as there was no place to conceal a ground blind and no trees big enough for a tree stand.

The next summer and early fall, I spent a lot of time in the woods, trying to figure out why one trail would be used more than others as all of the trails eventually led to their bedding area which were all in the same area.

After stumbling around, checking out each trail, it became evident why the deer and especially the bucks where coming out on one main trail

Let's look at the difference between these trails so we can understand how to make the deer come out in front of you instead of the other side of the valley.

Trail # 1 was where I had a deer house ran along a fence line, through some brushy area down into a heavily wood draw.

It ran along a new fence line where trees were pushed into a pile out of the way of the new fence. These trees blocked almost all of the trails that had lead to the ridge.

To make this area more attractive to the deer and easier for them to follow, I would need to spend a couple of days opening up trails and trimming the low hanging branches.

Trail # 2 was on the middle of the



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TEAM OUTDOORMEN ADVENTURES PHOTO
This deer was attracted to the land columnist Gary Howey had opened up, allowing bucks easier movement through the heavily wooded area.

ridge, running through heavy cedar trees; this is where I had my two-man deer house.

It had two trails running down through the cedars. This trail had the most action and was the easiest to work on. I trimmed back the cedar trees and low-lying branches on the other trees making it easier for both the bucks and do to get through it.

Trail # 3 ran along a heavily wooded ridge coming out just below the north fence line, where I had a brushed in ground blind.

Trail # 3 would need a lot of work in order for it to be one the deer could easily use as it came out of a cedar lined valley and then along a ridge with numerous other cedars. I had opened the area in front of the ground blind and hunted turkeys from this blind in the spring.

Trail # 4 came from a cornfield, across an open valley then headed up towards the ridge, eventually joining with the trails that came out on the ridge. This is where I had my Cabela's Tri-Pod Stand set up.

This trail was fairly well open from the gate at the cornfield out about 30 yards when it went into a brush and weed infested bottom. To make this more attractive and open it up, I used a piece of mechanics or stove pipe wire and pulled the top wire of my gate down 6" to 8" inches, making it easier for the bucks to cross.

I then fired up my riding lawn mower and brush whacker cutting a clear trail through the briars and brambles, making a nice easy trail that would lead the deer right to trail # 2.

By doing this, I had two opportunities to take a deer depending on which direction they were traveling. In the mornings, I could set up in the Tripod stand, catching them when they would make their move from cornfield

where they'd fed that night or at night in my two man blind catching them as they went from the heavily wooded ridge down through the valley back into the cornfield to feed.

To eliminate any chance that the deer might use the other trails; I blocked several of them with cedars I had cut from the other trails.

The way I had it set up worked extremely well as I knew the deer would take the easiest route and by opening up the area, they would come within archery and rifle range.

The following season, I tagged a beautiful 7 X 7 buck attracted into the area by the does that had moved into the area and the improvements I made.

I must have made it a good area to hunt as after I tagged the 7 X 7 I had it leashed out from under me and started my search for another area to hunt.

I came across an area where the deer were traveling through on a regular basis; there was really no reason for them to hang out there, just a pathway between one wooded area and another.

The remnant of old deer house where raccoons and insects now called home was situated on the top of a ridge just south of the creek.

Going through the area, was a deer trail and not a whole lot of other deer sign, but the area looked to have potential as it had great habitat that looked as if it could some deer during the late muzzleloading season.

Our first project would be to check the area over to see if the deer were using the area or just passing through. Once I patterned the deer, I opened up a few of the trails they were using and established a RAKS mineral lick.

The old deer house was dangerous and what was left of it had to be torn down and rebuilt, making it large

enough to house both my cameraman and I.

The first year, we had game camera pictures of several decent bucks which either went nocturnal once deer season opened or were taken by hunters who hunted the land around me.

In an effort to draw and hold the deer to the area this year, we made several improvements to the area, which included establishing a couple of small food plots.

Because we needed to open the area up in order to get footage of the deer coming in and to make better shooting lanes, we cut down some of the dead trees hanging over the deer house that were blocking the view of the approaches through the ravine. This not only opened up the area, it also allowed the deer easier access into the field.

Along one of the trails I had opened up, I installed a ladder stand where my cameraman could film from, allowing him to film the deer house as well as the trails in the ravine leading towards the deer house.

Now all we needed this season are some shooter bucks to show up.

My game cameras are up and showing a wide variety of wildlife visiting the food plots including, deer, raccoons, blue jays, ground hogs, opossums, squirrels and woodpeckers.

None of the deer on the camera has been shooters, but with all the improvements, I've made, allowing the deer to move through the area and use the food plots, it will not be long before they show up.

By doing a few simple things and making a few changes to your hunting area, wildlife will be attracted to it and improving your chances of having more deer in the area when you climb into the deer stand.

Gary Howey, Hartington, Nebraska, is a former tournament angler, fishing and hunting guide. He is the Producer/Host of the award winning OutdoorMen Adventures television series, seen in the Yankton area on local channels 2 & 98 Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 7:00 am. It is also seen on KTTM/KTTW-TV Sioux Falls/Huron Saturday @ 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 Siouxland CW 4.2 Sunday @ 9:00 am., He and Simon Fuller Co-Host the Outdoor Adventures radio program on Classic Hits 106.3, ESPN Sports Radio 1570 in Southeastern South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska. If you are looking for more outdoor information, check out www.outdoormenadventures.com.

Volleyball: Coyotes Split Pair In Grand Forks

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — The University of South Dakota split its two matches in Grand Forks, North Dakota on Friday, sweeping Tulane before dropping a 3-2 decision to host North Dakota in volleyball action on Friday.

In the 25-21, 25-16, 25-13 victory over Tulane, Kendall Kritenbrink had 13 kills and Melissa Firtko had nine kills and seven blocks (1 solo) to lead the way. Kritenbrink, Kelsey Biltoff and Brittany Jessen were each in on three blocks as the Coyotes recorded 11 as a team.

Jessen also had 37 assists. Audrey Reeg added 10 digs.

In a 24-26, 25-21, 21-25, 30-28, 15-12 loss to North Dakota, Kritenbrink had 25 kills and 10 digs, and Sydney Dimke had 15 kills to lead the way. Reeg had 12 kills and 19 digs. Firtko recorded 11 kills and 10 blocks (1 solo). Jessen had 59 assists and 14 digs. Riley Haug had 20 digs and Kaitlyn Hastings had 11 digs for the Coyote floor defense. USD (2-3) and UND (4-2) face off again today (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

High School

Elkhorn Valley 2, Wausa 0

WAUSA, Neb. — Elkhorn Valley beat Wausa 25-23, 25-20 in volleyball action Thursday.

For Wausa, Regan Hennings had seven kills. Tori Clansen had four kills, three blocks and four ace serves.

Next, Wausa will play at Hartington Thursday.

ELKHORN VALLEY (1-1) 25 25
WAUSA (0-2) 23 20

Freeman Academy 3, Memno 0

FREEMAN — Freeman Academy

Tennis: Gazelles Win Two In Mitchell Coyotes

MITCHELL — The Yankton Gazelles tennis team improved to 5-1 in the Eastern South Dakota Conference Friday with a pair of victories Friday at a triangular in Mitchell.

Yankton, now 5-3 overall, beat Mitchell 5-4 and later defeated Pierre 5-4.

Sarah Rockne (flight one),

Kaitlyn Frank (three) and Anne Knoff (five) all won both of their singles matches on the day. The doubles tandems of Rockne and Frank, as well as Mimi Garcia and Knoff also won both of their matches.

YANKTON 5, MITCHELL 4
SINGLES: Sarah Rockne YHS def. Sammy Poolley 10-7; Haley Smith M def. Maddy Logue 10-1; Kaitlyn Frank YHS def. Halle Larson 10-3; Avery Larson M def.

Mimi Garcia 10-0; Anne Knoff YHS def. Kahlen Smith 10-0; Kendra Hanks M def. Sophie Kouri 10-6
DOUBLES: Rockne-Frank YHS def. Poolley-Smith 10-3; Larson-Larson M def. Kim Cap-Kouri 10-4; Garcia-Knoff YHS def. K. Smith-Hanks 10-1
JV: Becca Sadler M def. Adrienne Kusek 8-0; Sadler-Sydney Zimmerman M def. Logue-Kusek 8-2
YANKTON 5, PIERRE 4
SINGLES: Sarah Rockne YHS def. Jolee Smith 10-4; Gracie Jones P def. Maddy Logue 10-3; Kaitlyn Frank YHS def. Brianna Dufour 10-7; Cassandra Ryckman P def. Mimi Garcia 11-9; Anne Knoff YHS def. Chloe Ryan 10-0; Sydney Larson P def. Sophie Kouri 10-8
DOUBLES: Rockne-Frank YHS def. Smith-Jones 10-5; Dufour-Ryckman P def. Kim Cap-Kouri 10-3; Garcia-Knoff YHS def. Ryan-Larson 10-4

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ing the ball," said sophomore defensive lineman Sean Bredl. Perhaps the biggest challenge for USD, though, is maintaining intensity in a lower-level game sandwiched between Oregon and a week from now at Montana.

"The team has to keep an even keel, we have to come out here and dominate these guys, no matter who they are," Saeger said.

"That should be the mentality every week."

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

Parkston 3, Hanson 2

ALEXANDRIA — Halli Heisinger had 11 kills and five blocks as the Parkston Trojans rallied past Hanson 23-25, 15-25, 25-18, 25-22, 16-14 on Thursday night in Alexandria.

Kenzie Lee had eight kills, three blocks and six digs for the Trojans (3-3), while Whitney Weber had 22 set assists, nine digs and three ace serves. Jessica Bialas chipped in with 10 digs and three ace serves.

For Hanson (4-1), Kynedi Cheeseman had 13 kills, six blocks, 28 digs and four ace serves, while Katlyn Schroeder added nine kills and 12 digs. Bridget Kayser and Hannah Marquardt both had 32 digs.

Hanson visits Howard on Saturday and Parkston hosts Andes Central next Tuesday.

PARKSTON (3-3) 23 15 25 25 16
HANSON (4-1) 25 25 18 22 14

Humphrey St. Francis Tri. Battle Creek 2, Cedar Catholic 0

HUMPHREY, Neb. — Battle Creek defeated Hartington Cedar Catholic 25-7, 25-18 at a Humphrey St. Francis triangular on Thursday.

No stats were reported for Battle Creek.

For the Trojans (1-1), Taylor Lammers had five kills and four blocks, while Kayla Hochstein added four kills. Emily Feilmeier had four kills, seven blocks, three ace serves and nine digs.

BATTLE CREEK (1-0) 25 25
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC 7 18

Cedar Catholic 2, Humphrey St. Francis 0

HUMPHREY, Neb. — Hochstein and Lammers each had five kills to lead Hartington Cedar Catholic past Humphrey St. Francis 25-20, 25-20 at the St. Francis triangular Thursday.

No stats were reported for HSF.

HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC 25 25
HUMPHREY ST. FRANCIS 20 20

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USD Sweeps Augustana Twilight Meet

SIoux FALLS — The University of South Dakota women defeated Nebraska at the Augustana Twilight cross country meet on Friday night in Sioux Falls.

In the women's race, the Coyotes had two of the top three finishes to take first place with 62 points, just ahead of the Huskers (73).

Amber Eichkorn of USD was the individual champion in 15:48.11, followed by Nebraska's Anna Peer. Katie Wetzstein of the Coyotes was third at 16:03.0.

Mount Marty College was also competing at the meet, and the Lancers were led by Jordyn Hudelson in 51st place.

On the men's side, Nebraska was first overall with 41 points, well in front of South Dakota (90).

The top finisher for the Coyotes was Brant Haase in

third place with 18:31.5. The top runner for Mount Marty College was Justin Sudtelgte in 12:22nd place.

WOMEN'S DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: South Dakota 62, Nebraska 73, Dordt 99, Augustana 111, St. Thomas 145, Creighton 150, Omaha 152, Northern State 223, Doane 277, Iowa Central 298, Simpson 375, Northwestern 382, Mount Marty College 394, Morningside 398, Gillette College 399, Southwest Minnesota State 417, Sioux Falls 435, Concordia-Moorhead 478, Wayne State 547, William Penn 622, Dakota Wesleyan 627, Briar Cliff 690

TOP 10: 1, Amber Eichkorn, South Dakota 15:48.11; 2, Anna Peer, Nebraska 15:55.48; 3, Katie Wetzstein, South Dakota 16:03.0; 4, Viola Kebenei, Iowa Central 16:21.85; 5, Sasha Hovind, Northern State 16:24.29; 6, Erin Stutz, St. Thomas 16:32.98; 7, Courtney Sawle, Creighton 16:35.13; 8, Maddie Ivy, Creighton 16:42.74; 9, Ashley Kidlow, Omaha 16:50.9; 10, Kyle Blakeslee, Unattached 16:54.88

MEN'S DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Nebraska 41, South Dakota 90, Iowa Central 115, Sioux Falls 116, Morningside 124, Augustana 131, Creighton 178, Carleton College 236, Northwestern 251, Dordt 308, Gillette College 342, Doane 370, Southwest Minnesota State 374, Simpson 384, Concordia-Moorhead 416, Wayne State 475, Northern State 536, William Penn 552, Mount Marty

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