



## News

### Arkansas Outdoors for July 23, 2008

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### Gov. Beebe appoints Ron Duncan of Springdale to commission

LITTLE ROCK – Gov. Mike Beebe today named Ron Duncan of Springdale as his most recent appointment to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Duncan replaces Sonny Varnell of St. Paul, whose term had expired.

Beebe said Duncan was a devoted outdoorsman and educator.

“For decades, Ron has shown that the efforts of one man dedicated to education and the outdoors can better the lives of thousands of students,” Beebe said. “His passion for fishing has provided inspiration nationwide, and Arkansans can be proud to have him as a Game and Fish Commissioner,” he added.

Duncan, 56, started a fishing club in 1982 at Springdale Central Junior High School, where he was a civics teacher. Based on the simple idea of introducing kids to fishing, the club inspired a national initiative known as the “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” program. That program has produced thousands of similar clubs nationwide. HOFNOD, as the program is known, is also administered by AGFC to numerous



schools in Arkansas.

Inducted into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2004, Duncan has twice been honored as the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society Man of the Year and was the National Wildlife Federation Educator of the Year in 1999. Through the fishing clubs he's championed, Duncan has worked closely with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's education and fisheries divisions.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas, Duncan joined the Springdale School District in 1974. He remains with the district today as a student counselor. Duncan's term on the commission will expire on July 1, 2015.

## Commission approves early migratory season

*Hears proposal on spinning wing decoy's return*

LITTLE ROCK – It's time to pull the shotgun out of the gun case and give it a good cleaning. Commissioners from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission last week approved the early migratory bird seasons for 2008-2009.

Early migratory bird seasons for 2008-2009:

- Mourning Dove and Eurasian Collared-Dove  
Sept. 6 to Sept. 28  
Oct. 4 to Oct. 19  
Dec. 13 to Jan. 2, 2009  
Daily bag limit: 15 birds
- Special Early Teal Season  
Sept. 13 to Sept. 28  
Daily bag limit: 4 birds

Biologists also presented the proposed late migratory bird season for 2008-2009. One topic that should produce a great deal of public comment is a proposal to bring back the spinning wing decoy and adding a second mallard hen to the bag limit. The proposal also includes changing the time hunters must be out of wildlife management areas to 1 p.m. instead of noon. The proposal also calls for hunters to stop hunting by noon.



Commission chairman Freddie Black of Lake Village said that the commission wanted to be a leader in the Mississippi Flyway by banning spinning wing decoys, but didn't get a lot of help from other states. "We failed with banning spinning wing decoys. We contacted other states, but got nowhere. We're standing alone in our flyway," Black said. "We look forward to an interesting 30 days of public comment before we make a decision," he said.

The three options presented to the commission:

**Option 1:** Continue ban on spinning wing decoys.  
One mallard hen in the bag limit.  
Shooting hours ending at noon with hunters required to be out of the WMAs by 1 p.m.

**Option 2:** Continue ban on spinning wing decoys.



Two mallard hens in the bag limit.  
Shooting hours ending at noon with hunters required to be out of WMAs by 1 p.m.

**Option 3:** Lift ban on spinning wing decoys.  
Two mallard hens in the bag limit.  
Shooting hours ending at noon with hunters required to be out of the WMA by 1 p.m.

Using the liberal season parameters, the proposed season dates for the 2008-2009 waterfowl season are:

Nov. 22 – Dec. 1, Dec. 6 – Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 25

The youth waterfowl hunt proposed dates are Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

The late migratory season and decision on whether to bring back spinning wing decoys will be decided at the Aug. 21 commission meeting.

In other business, the Commission:

\*Approved a budget increase of \$400,000 to begin eradication efforts of the northern snakehead that was found in Piney Creek near Brinkley. Plans call for introducing a chemical called rotenone to remove the unwanted fish species. AGFC Chief of Fisheries Mike Armstrong told the commission that northern snakeheads are voracious predators. "Arkansas waters do not need another top predator in the food chain. These predators threaten the sportfishery of the White River National Wildlife Refuge if left unchecked. Snakeheads will compete with bass and crappie for forage and habitat. Our goal is to eradicate the fish from the wild to prevent their invasion of the rest of the Delta," Armstrong explained. The process to eradicate the species will begin first with landowner and public meetings.

\*Heard proposals on the upcoming alligator season. Assistant Chief of Wildlife Ricky Chastain said that the proposal precedes any official approval from the USFWS. "In order for this hunt to take place, we must proceed with some of these steps without USFWS approval. We are confident the data will support our recommendations for another hunt," he added. The AGFC will begin the process of taking on-line applications for the public land and private land at-large permits beginning July 18 at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com). The application period for these randomly drawn permits will be open through Aug. 15.

## Spring turkey harvest down compared to previous season

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas's unusually wet spring weather played a huge role in the state's turkey harvest. Most parts of the state suffered from epic floods that wreaked havoc with the state's hunters.

The 2008 spring turkey harvest reflected the hard times and was down from expectations, according to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's turkey program coordinator Mike Widner. "I had predicted that the 2008 spring kill would be similar to the 11,087 birds we checked in 2007, but I had no idea that weather would be so bad this spring. My memory isn't the best in the world, but I have to go all the way back to 1990 to remember a turkey season with as much rain and flooding on a statewide basis as we experienced this spring," Widner said. "Below average temperatures the first week of turkey season, flooding and the closure of zone 17 to hunting undoubtedly reduced turkey harvest by hundreds of birds," he added.



A total 9,724 turkeys were checked statewide this season compared to 11,069 turkeys during the 2007 season. That number was a 12 percent decrease from the 2007 spring season. The jake harvest was 20 percent in the spring 2008 season – down

from 25 percent the previous year. A total of 779 turkeys were harvested on the pre-season youth hunts, down from 889 in 2007.

According to Widner, Arkansas is not the only state experiencing declining turkey harvest. "All of the states bordering Arkansas have experienced a general downward trend in eastern wild turkey populations and harvest the past few years. Below average turkey reproduction seems to be the main reason for the decline in all these states," he said.

There is a silver lining in all of the gloom and doom, Widner says. "On the bright side, the decreased harvest due to poor weather the past two spring seasons has helped us carry over additional gobblers during a time of continued poor turkey reproduction in most of Arkansas. Spring turkey harvests are not going to improve significantly, however, until we see above average reproduction for several years in a row like we saw in the late 1990s," he explained.

## Arkansas River advisory lifted, Big Bass Bonanza set for Aug. 1-3

LITTLE ROCK - The small craft advisory on the Arkansas River has been lifted, and the Arkansas Big Bass Bonanza – the country's largest amateur bass fishing tournament – is set for Aug. 1-3.

Arkansas River conditions have reached safe levels for small craft, as the Corp of Engineers reported that the Arkansas River flow levels are now below 70,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), the level considered hazardous for small craft.

Originally slated for June 27-29, the tourney had to be rescheduled following heavy rains upstream that made conditions on the Arkansas River potentially hazardous for people in small watercraft.

"By rescheduling for August, we have had additional time to promote the tournament and recruit more anglers – meaning more competition and potentially even more prize money to distribute," said Montine McNulty, executive director of the Arkansas Hospitality Association (AHA).

The tournament spans 300 miles of eligible fishing from Fort Smith to Dumas along the entire length of the Arkansas River within the state's borders. The five weigh-in sites are:

- Clear Creek Park, Fort Smith
- Dardanelle State Park, Russellville side
- Alltel Ramp, North Little Rock
- Regional Park, Pine Bluff
- Pendleton Bridge, east of Dumas.



All anglers registered for the June tournament will have their registrations honored for the upcoming August dates, and the tournament rules and prize payout arrangements remain the same. Full tournament rules, format, and payouts are available at [ArkansasBigBass.com](http://ArkansasBigBass.com). For more information contact AHA at 501-376-3223 or via e-mail at [Montine@ArHospitality.org](mailto:Montine@ArHospitality.org).

## Dove chances improve with some strategy planning

LITTLE ROCK – Can't you tell dove season is coming? The temperature is bumping 100, it's dry, so there needs to be something encouraging in the near future.

Saturday, Sept. 6, is the opening day of dove hunting. Seekers of the challenging, swift-flying birds usually have a hunting spot nailed down or they are scouting for one. Either way, some pre-hunt position strategy may improve chances of a successful hunt.

Doves are everywhere in Arkansas, though they are more plentiful in areas of sufficient food. Doves eat seeds, and these can be weed seeds or farmed, meaning wild or domestic food. Find a dependable food source, and you have made the first step toward good dove hunting.

After that source is located, look ahead to the actual hunting. If it's to be in the morning, the sun will be in one direction. A late afternoon hunt means the sun will be another direction. You want the sun behind you, even at an angle, for dove work. Squinting into a bright low sun is difficult, dark glasses or not.



A solitary tree on the edge of a field is often a landmark for doves. But that doesn't mean you need to get next to it. The doves may come in to rest in that tree, so back off a few yards for your hunting station. Oak or pine or something else, the type of tree doesn't seem to matter to flying doves although oak and similar trees usually have wider spread branches.

Camouflage is the customary apparel for dove hunting, and early September calls for T-shirts. As important or even more necessary is breaking up your form out in the field. Reduce your silhouette. Get something behind you that lessens the red flag of human form to a flying dove. Simply standing in front of a bush can serve this purpose.



Little things sometimes improve hunting success. Eliminate reflections around you as much as possible. Eyeglasses are notorious alarms to doves, ducks and other wildlife. Sunglasses are less obvious but still have some glare on the lens. Wear glasses with clear or dark frames instead of metal frames if you can.

Work out the different hunting stations or stands for your dove party in advance. There needs to be plenty of distance between shooters, of course, and keep in mind that a dove may come in from any angle of a 360-degree circle.

Give thought to stools. A light folding stool helps fight fatigue on a long hot morning or afternoon, especially for older hunters. It may help even more in that it lowers the silhouette of the hunter. The cost is a slightly less field of vision with your eyes closer to the ground. Many dove hunters quickly learn to shoot from that sitting position, though.

Consider a small, light, camo-colored soft sided cooler for your drinks in the field. A conventional bright plastic or white Styrofoam cooler is just one more warning signal to the birds.

Dove hunting dates in Arkansas this season are Sept. 6-28, Oct. 4-19 and Dec. 13-Jan. 2.

## Trusten Holder WMA reopens after flood repairs are completed

GILLETT – Arkansas's spring flooding damaged a number of the state's wildlife management areas, but one of the most severely damaged areas is now open for business. The main road on Trusten Holder WMA that was destroyed during the floods has been repaired and the area has been reopened.

Trusten Holder WMA manager, James VanHorn says that the cut in the road has been repaired. "The road has been graded and is in pretty good shape after all the flood waters from this spring pretty much wiped it out," VanHorn said.

Choctaw Island WMA remains closed, but help is on the way, according to AGFC regional supervisor Roger Milligan. "Bids for the road work have been received and a contract has been awarded to Mangum Contractors of Dermott," Milligan said. "However, there are still some issues to be resolved with the State Historic Preservation Office, as well as a couple other minor formalities, before any work can begin," he explained. "But we do expect it to be soon," he added.



One concern facing Milligan is the opening of dove, rabbit and squirrel seasons in early September. "We will work with the contractor as diligently as we possibly can to try and have this road open by then and hopefully before. Currently, it depends primarily upon when the contractor is allowed to begin the work," he said.

## Rare conjoined swallows found in White County

SEARCY - A pair of conjoined swallows were found earlier this week by a landowner in White County. The two birds, joined by skin and possibly muscle tissue, are on their way to the Smithsonian Institution for study.

If the birds are joined together, it would be an incredibly rare find. Karen Rowe, an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission ornithologist, said, "I can't even say it's a one in a million – it's probably more than that."

Although conjoined twins have been documented in humans, mammals and reptiles, finding conjoined birds is very rare as they most likely die before being found. "There's just little to no record of such a thing," Rowe said.



The landowner most likely kept the birds for a day before calling wildlife officials. When officials arrived, both birds were refusing to eat. One died Friday morning and a veterinarian later euthanized the other since its health was declining rapidly.



The birds only seemed to have three legs, however after

closer examination a fourth leg was found tucked under the skin that connected the birds. X-rays revealed that each bird was fully formed. Scientists at the Smithsonian will determine if the twins were fraternal or identical.

Barn swallows typically live for several years; however, the conjoined twins wouldn't have lived very long even if they were separated. It would have been extremely difficult to teach the birds to fly. Because swallows hunt insects in the air, the two birds simply would not have survived.

"It was an amazing find and now we'll get to study the birds to learn how this unique birth occurred," Rowe said.

## Youth trap state champions qualify for upcoming national championships

LONOKE - Young trap shooters from across Arkansas earned state titles—with many qualifying to represent Arkansas at upcoming national championships at the Scholastic Clay Target Program Arkansas Trap State Championship.

The trap competition, held July 11-13 at Remington Gun Club in Lonoke, featured some of Arkansas' top young shooters in five divisions: varsity, junior varsity, intermediate advanced, intermediate entry and rookie.

SCTP, for youths in grades 12 and under, is a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation managed in partnership with the national governing bodies for shooting sports: USA Shooting, Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clays Association. Some 8,000 to 9,000 students from over 45 states are expected to compete this year in SCTP.



The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has a similar program known as the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program. For more information on the AGFC program go to: <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/programs/ayssp.aspx>.

Arkansas teams participating in the state title shoot qualified for the SCTP National Championships July 31-Aug. 5 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Ill.

The best of these young shooters could be selected to attend an Olympic development camp in Colorado Springs, and some will go on to compete at the collegiate level.

### RESULTS

Varsity Division (grades 9-12) 1st Place - Mountain Home Bombers, 460 out of 500 targets (Bo Trammell of Mountain Home, Jacob Bruggeman of Mountain Home, Garrett Tucker of Mountain Home, Zach Cantrell Mountain Home, Cole Ifland of Mountain Home).

2nd Place - Huntsville High School, 446 (Trent Holcombe of Wesley, Kip Edgmon of Huntsville, Cord Riley of Hindsville,



Caleb Reeves of Huntsville, Caleb Perry of Huntsville).

3rd Place - Greenbrier High School, 436 (Taylor Hutchison of Greenbrier, Evan Sziszak of Greenbrier, Parker Hutchison of Wooster, Tomas Moore of Conway, Brandon Williams of Greenbrier).

Junior Varsity Division (grades 9-12)1st Place - Harrisburg Hornet Shooting Team, 443 out of 500 targets (Lyle London of Pocahontas, Ryan Murphy of Harrisburg, Hunter Leopard of Marion, Spencer Scarbrough of West Memphis, Timothy Culwell of Rose Bud).

2nd Place - Greenbrier High School, 393 (Douglas Welter of Greenbrier, Aaron Shafer of Greenbrier, Miles McKaskle of Greenbrier, George Mays of Greenbrier, Matthew Harville of Greenbrier).

3rd Place - Not awarded.

Intermediate Advanced Division (grades 6-8)1st Place - Harrisburg Hornet Shooting Team Triple, 472 out of 500 targets (Jordan Harper of Harrisburg, Corey Shannon of Harrisburg, Haden Zirbel of Weiner, Bret Long of Harrisburg, Garrett Grubbs of Weiner).

2nd Place - Harrisburg Hornet Shooting Team Double, 459 (Daniel Grubbs of Weiner, Andrew Rouse of Harrisburg, Corey Harlson of Harrisburg, Brad Craft of Weiner, Cale Reddmann of Harrisburg).

3rd Place - Mountain Home Bombers, 418 (Sawyer Floyd of Mountain Home, Kyle McCoy of Mountain Home, Luke Douglas of Mountain Home, Bradley Tucker of Mountain Home, Tracy Humphries of Mountain Home).

Intermediate Entry Division (grades 6-8)1st Place - 5 Rivers Trap Club, 438 out of 500 targets (Alex Lewis of Pocahontas, Derek Brown of Pocahontas, Zac Nead of Pocahontas, William Hulen of Pocahontas, Will Lewis of Pocahontas).

2nd Place - Not awarded.

3rd Place - Not awarded.

Rookie Division (grades 5 and under)1st Place - Valley Springs Dusters, 307 out of 500 targets (Walker Lowery of Valley Springs, Austin Martin of Harrison, John Brust of Harrison, Jacob Scott of Harrison, Chance Williams of Western Grove).

2nd Place - Not awarded.

3rd Place - Not awarded.

## **Boating education class schedule**

Click here for boating education information: <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/boating-education.aspx>

## **Hunter education class schedule**

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## **What's open for hunting**

Current and approaching seasons in Arkansas:

Deer:

Archery – All zones: Oct. 1, 2008 to Feb. 28, 2009.

Modern Gun - Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11: Nov. 8-30.

Zone 4: Nov. 8-9.

Zone 5: Nov. 8-9 and Nov. 15-16.

Zone 4A, 5A, 13, 14 and 15: Nov. 8-Dec. 7.

Zones 4B and 5B: Nov. 8-16.

Zones 9 and 12: Nov. 8-Dec. 14.

Zone 16, 16A and 17: Nov. 8-Dec. 25.

Muzzleloader - Zones 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15: Oct. 18-26 and Dec. 13-15.

Zones 9, 12, 16, 16A and 17: Oct. 18-26 and Dec. 29-31.

Zones 4, 4B, 5 and 5B: Closed.

The statewide Christmas holiday modern gun deer hunt will be Dec. 26 to 28 with the special youth modern gun deer hunt in all zones (excludes certain WMAs where a modern gun or muzzleloader permit is required to hunt) scheduled for Nov. 1 to 2.

Spotted Skunk, Weasel Hunting:

Closed

Fall Turkey:

Archery:All Zones: Oct. 1, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009.

Firearms: Zones 3, 5B, 6, and 17: Oct. 11-17.

Zones 1, 1A, 2, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 9A and 10: Closed.

Bear:

Archery: Zone 1: Oct. 1-Nov. 30

Zone 2: Sept. 15-Nov. 30

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

Muzzleloader:Zones 1 and 2: Oct 18-26

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

Modern Gun: Zones 1 and 2: Nov 3-30

Zone 5: Dec 6-14

Zone 5A: Nov 29-Dec 14

Zones 3, 4, 6 and 7: closed

Special Youth Modern Gun Bear Hunt: Zones 1 and 2 (does not include WMAs requiring a deer permit to harvest a bear): Nov. 1-2

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

Furbearers (2008 Season):

Raccoon night hunting July 1-Aug. 31.

Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting is closed.

Furbearers (2009 Season):

Trapping (other than coyote, beaver, muskrat, nutria): sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, Feb. 22.

Coyote trapping: sunrise, Aug. 1-sunset, March 31.

Beaver, muskrat, nutria trapping: sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, March 31.

Gray fox, mink, opossum, red fox, striped skunk hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, Feb 28.

Raccoon day or night hunting: sunrise, Sept 1-sunset, March 31.

Raccoon night hunting: sunset, July 1-sunrise, Aug. 31.

Bobcat hunting: sunrise, Oct. 1-sunset, Feb. 28 and from the first day of spring turkey season through June 8.

Coyote hunting: sunrise, July 1-sunset, Feb. 28 and from the first day of spring turkey season through June 14.

River otter hunting: sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, Feb. 28.

Muskrat, nutria, beaver hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, March 31.

Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting: Closed.

Elk:

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and A: Sept. 22-26.

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, A and B: Dec. 8-12.

Quail

Statewide: Nov. 1-Feb. 8.

Rabbit

Statewide: Sept. 1-Feb. 28.

Squirrel

Statewide: Sept. 6, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009 and May 16-June 14, 2009.

Crow

Statewide: Sept. 6-Feb. 23.

Projected opening dates for the 2009-2010 deer hunting season.

Archery

Oct. 1, 2009

Muzzleloader

Oct. 17, 2009

Modern Gun

Nov. 14, 2009

## **Coming up in the outdoors**

July 26 - Arkansas Catfishing Association Tournament at Bull Shoals (night tournament) for ACA members (\$20 annual membership) hosted by the Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock, Steve and Ricky Eastwold,

www.bullshoalsboatdock.com, 140 Boat Dock Road off Highway 178: Rod and Reel, catch and release, and, alive and well. Catfishing site will be available for launching and familization between 3 and 9 p.m. Registration at 11 p.m. and launching at midnight, with check-in NLT 8 a.m. Visit our new website that's being updated daily with all the information/details hosted by godaddy.com with domain as ArkCats.Org: [http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home\\_Page.html](http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home_Page.html) , or contact ACA president James Freeman of Pocahontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or, Coordinator Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

July 26 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Snakes of Arkansas."

Aug. 2 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Extreme Fishing."

Aug. 10 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 5 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Arkansas Alligators."

Aug. 17 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 5 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "All About ATVs."

Aug. 21 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include: late migratory bird season (waterfowl season) approval and 2009 fishing regulation approval.

Aug. 23-24 - Arkansas Catfishing Association Charity tournament at Lake Millwood and Lake Earling in southwest Arkansas. Two-day event. No entry fee and no payouts, double limit blues and channel. Catch to Hope in Action, Hope, Arkansas. Details at ArkCats.Org website: [http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home\\_Page.html](http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home_Page.html) , or contact ACA president James Freeman of Pocahontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or, Coordinator Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

Aug. 24 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 5 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Fishin for Talipia."

Aug. 30 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Outdoor Resources."

Sept. 6 – Annual White River Fishermen Bass and Trout Tournament benefiting

Arkansas Children's Hospital, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Access and weigh-in at Guion Access. \$50 entry fee per person. For more information contact: Johnny Thomas at (870) 269-4596 or (870) 213-5979 or (870) 213-6606, Rickey Canard at (870) 214-0760 or Bill Turner at (870) 793-3670 or (870) 834-5783.

Sept. 7 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 5 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "All About Elk."

Sept. 13 - Arkansas Catfishing Association (ACA). Arkansas River, Cherokee Landing, Morrilton, launching from Cherokee Park. Registration at 5 a.m. and launching at 5:40 a.m. Check-in time is 3 p.m. Details at ArkCats.Org website: [http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home\\_Page.html](http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home_Page.html) , or contact ACA president James Freeman of Pocahontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or, Coordinator Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

Sept. 13 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Fishing for Monster Catfish."

Sept. 18 – North Little Rock chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Woody's Sherwood Forest in Sherwood. For more information call Pat Mahan at (501) 743-6154 or email at [pmahan000@centurytel.net](mailto:pmahan000@centurytel.net).

Sept. 18 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources

Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include the 2009 spring turkey season regulations proposal.

Sept. 20 - Delta Wings Chapter of Delta Waterfowl will hold it's third annual banquet on at Southland Park Gaming and Racing in West Memphis. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Gary Harlow at [gjharlow@aol.com](mailto:gjharlow@aol.com) for more information.

Sept. 20 – Fort Smith chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Adelaide Hall in Fort Smith. For more information call Chris Walthall at (479) 471-8009 or email at [tynoiaca11@yahoo.com](mailto:tynoiaca11@yahoo.com).

Sept. 27 – Jacksonville chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Old Wal-Mart building in Jacksonville. For more information call Matt Robinson at (501) 412-8055 or email at [jacksonvilledu@aol.com](mailto:jacksonvilledu@aol.com).

Sept. 28 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "All About Archer."

Oct. 18 - Arkansas Catfishing Association tournament. Arkansas River, Ozark Taylor Lock and Dam. Registration at 5 a.m. and launching at 5:40 a.m. Check-in time is 3 p.m. Details at ArkCats.Org website hosted by godaddy.com:

[http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home\\_Page.html](http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects/8/4/1/0/841049/Home_Page.html) , or contact ACA president James Freeman of Pochontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or, Coordinator Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

Oct. 18 – Logan County chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, First National Ban Community Building in Paris. For more information call Shane Vincent at (479) 963-6245.

Oct. 23 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting in Pine Bluff, beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include:the2009 spring turkey seasons regulations approval and special fishing regulations proposal.

Nov. 20 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include: special fishing regulations approval.

Dec. 18 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

Jan. 22, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

Feb. 19, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include the 2009-2010 general hunting regulation proposals.

March 19, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include the 2009-2010 general hunting regulations approval.

April 16, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

May 21, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

June 18, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting in Lake Village. Topics include the early migratory bird season proposals.

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