



## Arkansas Outdoors for October 22, 2008

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## Halowell Rest Area renovation the first of many planned improvements for Arkansas waterfowl habitat

STUTT GART –Thanks to a partnership among the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Ducks Unlimited and private partners, Halowell Rest Area on Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area will be the first of many improvements to waterfowl-oriented WMAs in Arkansas.

Rich Johnson, AGFC wetlands program coordinator, said, "This project is one of the first to improve and upgrade the infrastructure on many WMAs which will allow us to improve habitat management efficiency. By improving efficiency, we can reduce cost and improve habitat quality."

According to Johnson, the current structure of Halowell Rest Area is expensive to manage and is flooded by backing water in from the flooded timber on Bayou Meto or using two groundwater wells. The improvement will subdivide the existing units of the rest area to produce four smaller units for moist-soil plants and a reservoir to store water needed to irrigate and manage them.



"The smaller units are more manageable," said Johnson. "That, coupled with water on-demand, should allow us to more efficiently and effectively manage for moist-soil plants.

"The renovation will let us flood the units with the stored water using gravity. We can then use two portable water pumps to move the water back to the reservoir."

The construction on Halowell will be complete before duck season begins Nov. 22, but the work may delay flooding of the rest area. Another rest area on Bayou Meto, the Wrape Plantation, is scheduled for renovation next year.

Channel restoration at Galla Creek WMA also was completed this year. Although the greentree reservoir on the area will not be intentionally flooded this year, high water may flood the area to provide duck-hunting opportunities.

## Cash reward offered for tagged bass in the Arkansas River

DUMAS – Anglers may find a bonus when they catch a largemouth bass on Pool 2 of the Arkansas River – many wear special reward tags worth \$10 to \$100.

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has partnered with the Aquaculture and Fisheries Center at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in an effort to estimate the catch and harvest of largemouth bass from this pool of the river. AGFC and UAPB personnel have tagged 1,500 largemouth bass collected from Pool 2 and released them back into the river. Extensive tagging was done in Coal Pile and Lake Merrisach areas of the river. However, tagged bass were released throughout the river from Dam 3 to the Arkansas Post Canal.

The yellow reward tags are on the left side of the fish just below the dorsal fin. Anglers that catch these bass can keep the tags and call the AGFC toll-free hotline, (877) 367-3559, to report their catch. Tags can be removed from sub-legal bass and returned for rewards.



Anglers calling the hotline will be asked to provide the number printed on the tag, the length of the bass, the date they caught it, whether they kept or released the bass, if they caught it during a fishing tournament, and the general area where the fish was caught. They can mail the tag to the AGFC to collect their reward. Rewards will be chosen at random, but all anglers returning tags will be guaranteed at least \$10. Some lucky anglers will receive \$50 or \$100.

In addition to the tag-reward study, UAPB personnel will conduct brief angler interviews at several boat ramps on Pool 2 next year. The angler survey will collect information on fishing effort and the number of fish caught and harvested. Anglers also will be asked their opinions on certain fishing regulations and the overall quality of fishing in the river.

Information collected from these studies will help AGFC biologists better understand how anglers use the Arkansas River for bass fishing and will help them manage this valuable resource more efficiently.

## AGFC unveils new Lake Hamilton weigh-in facility

HOT SPRINGS – Anglers visiting the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Andrew Hulsey Hatchery Access on Lake Hamilton will notice an addition to the launch area – a 2,400 square foot weigh-in center right beside the ramp.

In 2004, the access was expanded to include a large, paved parking lot, boat-launching ramps that would be usable during 9-foot drawdowns and courtesy docks around the ramp for easier boat-launching. Those improvements led to further discussion between local anglers and AGFC fisheries biologists.

James Arnold, former Arkansas tournament



director for the Fishers of Men tournament trail, said, "There's always been a need for a place to weigh-in fish on Lake Hamilton. The lake hosts three to four tournaments a week during the summer and one tournament a week during winter."

AGFC Black Bass Program Coordinator Colton Dennis said, "Some of the larger tournament circuits have mobile weigh-in facilities to protect bass and promote high survival rates in tournaments, but many small tournaments must have impromptu weigh-ins on boat ramps without holding tanks or chemically treated recovery tanks to rejuvenate fish before they are released to the lake."

The facility includes holding tanks, digital scales, a live-release chute to the lake, bathrooms and a fish-cleaning station for anglers who want to keep their catch instead of participating in tournaments. The building also is enhanced with many educational posters about fish species identification, aquatic vegetation control and a map of the lake.

AGFC Fisheries Chief Mike Armstrong said, "We also outfitted it with a large door on both ends to accommodate trucks and trailers we use to transport live fish to other release sites."

The total cost of the center was \$165,000. The Hot Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission donated \$25,000 to the project. Another \$6,332 was obtained through a grant from the Fish America Foundation. FLW Outdoors contributed \$200 through the Arkie Division of the Bass Fishing League.

AGFC Deputy Director Mike Gibson said, "The city and community of Hot Springs stepped up to help make this project happen. We appreciate all the support and hope other folks who ask us for these sorts of projects will follow their example."

## Watershed groups conference comes to Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK – A joint conference of the Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group and Arkansas Stream Teams Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in Little Rock will include environmental experts, watershed group and stream team leaders, science education instructors and natural resource specialists.

AWAG includes about 45 agencies, organizations and people interested in promoting a watershed approach to water-resource issues in Arkansas and assisting citizen watershed groups. The group is coordinated by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Arkansas Stream Team is an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission program consisting of about 950 groups of people across the state involved in litter clean-up, water quality monitoring and streambank stabilization.

Conference topics include:

- Climate change
- Natural gas exploration and drilling
- Pharmaceuticals in water
- Arkansas water rights
- Conservation easements, land trusts and tax credits
- Protecting water in forests
- Discussions of watershed projects and local watershed protection
- Watershed group funding
- Teacher workshops
- Fourche Creek watershed tour
- Construction and storm water
- Resources for watershed groups and stream teams



"This workshop and conference is one of the best opportunities for Arkansans to stay up with environmental matters and water resources issues in The Natural State," said Steve Filipek, AGFC Stream Team coordinator. "It's a way, both figuratively and literally, to get your feet wet while learning about water issues that will affect us all in the next

several years.”

“The key to successful watershed management is local stakeholder participation,” said ADEQ Watershed Coordinator Ellen McNulty. “Local leaders must be knowledgeable and have the skills necessary to lead the community in making informed decisions about their water quality.”

Richard Shopen, a landowner on the Eleven Point River near Pocahontas, backs the program. “Of all the state programs available, the Stream Team program is one of the most landowner-friendly, resource-oriented and focused on habitat improvement of them all. It’s a win-win situation for the land owner, the aquatic resources and the public who enjoy the resources.”

The conference will be at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center 8 a.m., Oct. 30, through 4 p.m., Nov.

1. Information about registration, agenda and scholarships may be viewed at [www.awag.org](http://www.awag.org) or by contacting Ellen McNulty, (501) 682-0022, or Steve Filipek, (501) 223-6369. General information about Arkansas Stream Teams is at [www.agfc.com/fishing/special-programs-fish/stream-team.aspx](http://www.agfc.com/fishing/special-programs-fish/stream-team.aspx).



## Possible cases of Hemorrhagic Disease not cause for alarm

LITTLE ROCK - Hunters and landowners in Lawrence and Sharp counties have reported some deer and livestock dying from a possible outbreak of Hemorrhagic Disease.

“I was approached by a sportsman on Saturday at Ravenden who had found five deer dead around a spring on the property he hunts on the Lawrence/Sharp County Line in September,” said James Foster, area biologist for Big Lake Wildlife Management Area. “To do any type of testing and confirm the case, we would need to have fresh carcasses, but the symptoms described sounded like it was probably HD.”

“A landowner in Lawrence County reported 20 deer on his property,” said Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Deer Program Assistant Coordinator Cory Gray. “He also reported 19 of his goats had died.”

According to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia, cases of hemorrhagic are routinely reported near the end of each summer



“Small outbreaks like this are fairly routine and are nothing to be alarmed about,” said AGFC Deer Program Coordinator Brad Miller. “The overall health of Arkansas’s deer herd is very strong.”

Hemorrhagic disease is caused by bluetongue virus and epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus, which are spread by blood-sucking midges, known as “gnats” or “no-see-ums.” Infected deer may appear lame or lose their fear of humans; swelling of the head, neck and tongue may be apparent, as well as excessive salivation. Dying deer are often found near water sources, as the fever associated with infection leads to intense thirst.

Some deer survive, and will exhibit “sloughing” or cracking hooves and healing ulcers on the tongue and lining of the mouth. Deer with signs of the disease are generally safe for human consumption, but hunters should be careful because secondary bacterial infections may cause the meat to be unsafe to eat.

Although hemorrhagic disease is not harmful to humans, hunters are asked to report any deer showing signs of the

disease immediately to the AGFC at (800) 482-9262. Biologists may want to take a biological sample from the deer to confirm the case.

## Hunter education classes scheduled

LITTLE ROCK – Many hunter education classes will be conducted by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission volunteer instructors at locations across the state during the coming weeks.

Although instructor-led classes offer students a rounded educational experience, there are other options for people who can't make it to a class.

"We prefer that people attend a class, but we offer an online version and a CD-ROM course that can be completed at the student's convenience," said Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Hunter Education Coordinator Joe Huggins. "The test must still be administered at an official AGFC testing center, but the two computerized study options make it easier for people to get their hunter education card."



Completion of a hunter education course is required in Arkansas for hunters born after Dec. 31, 1968.

The courses, which are free, can be found on the Web site: [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com).

For additional information about hunter education, call (501) 223-6377 or, toll-free, (800) 482-5795.

## Cell users may dial Turn In Poachers hotline

LITTLE ROCK – AT&T and Alltel cellular phone users in Arkansas have a direct line to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's TIP program. A special phone number in the AT&T and Alltel wireless system can be used to turn in poachers.

AT&T customers may dial #TIP (847), and Alltel customers can use \*TIP (\*847) to report hunting and fishing violations. TIP is an acronym for Turn In Poachers. Alltel minutes used on the hotline will not be charged against the user's cell phone minutes. AT&T customers will have minutes charged against their cell phone usage.



Calls will be routed to the AGFC's radio room. The TIP line will be answered 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year and all calls are kept confidential.

Violations of hunting and fishing regulations also may be reported day and night through a toll-free land line, (800) 482-9262.

People calling with information do not have to identify themselves. As much detail as possible should be supplied, including vehicle license numbers and descriptions of people involved. Rewards up to \$500 may be paid for calls that lead to convictions of poachers.

## 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.

Duck:

Nov. 22-Dec. 1,

Dec. 6-Dec. 24

Dec. 26-Jan. 25.

The youth waterfowl hunt will be Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Northwest Canada goose zone season:

Sept. 27-Oct. 6 (bag limit two).

Statewide Canada goose season:

Jan. 10-Feb. 1 (bag limit two).

White-fronted goose season:

Nov. 15-Dec. 1, Dec. 6-Dec. 24 and Dec. 26-Jan. 30 with a bag limit of two.

Snow, blue and Ross' goose season:

Nov. 8-Dec. 24 and Dec. 26-Jan. 30 with a bag limit of 20.

Snow goose Conservation Order:

Feb. 2-April 25 with no bag limit.

Dove:

Oct. 4-19

Dec. 13, 2008-Jan. 2, 2009

Virginia and Sora Rail:

Sept. 13-Nov. 21

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:

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, 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

**Oct. 22** – AGFC Commission monthly meeting in Pine Bluff, beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include: the 2009 spring turkey seasons regulations approval and special fishing regulations proposal.

**Oct. 23** – Central Arkansas Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Clear Channel Building in Little Rock. For more information contact Jeff Marcussen at (501) 831-3818 or [jmarcussen@baldwinshell.com](mailto:jmarcussen@baldwinshell.com).

**Oct. 24-26** - Want to learn more about trapping? A workshop is being held Oct. 24-26 to give interested people tips and techniques for trapping in Arkansas. The workshop is sponsored by the Arkansas Trappers Association, Southwest Arkansas Fur Takers, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and North American Fur Auctions. Both advanced and beginner classes will be available. The workshop will be held at Camp Clearfork near Mount Ida on Highway 270. Lodging and meals are provided. Camping facilities and motels are located nearby as well. Groups are welcome. The cost for those 17 years of age and under is \$10. For those 18 and over the price is \$20. Reservations must be received by Sept. 30. For more information call Wallace Funderburk at (870) 867-2642.

**Oct. 25** – Magnolia Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, The Main Event Pavilion in Magnolia. For more information contact Greg Harrell at (870) 904-3710 or [shane.r.adams@ampf.com](mailto:shane.r.adams@ampf.com).

**Oct. 25** – Crappie Camp at Daisy State Park Pavilion on Lake Greeson. Keith Sutton of Alexander will present, "Learn New Tricks for Catching Big Slabs." At 3 p.m. Visitors are invited to stay for the Crappie Camp's Big Fish Contest weigh-in and a door prize drawing at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Darryl Morris at (501) 844-5418 or visit [www.familyfishingtrips.com](http://www.familyfishingtrips.com).

**Oct. 25** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Urban Deer Hunting."

**Oct. 27** – Drew County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Monticello Country Club. For more information contact Paul Griffin at (870) 723-4030 or [golferpaul21@yahoo.com](mailto:golferpaul21@yahoo.com).

**Nov. 1** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Youth Deer Hunting."

**Nov. 1** – Logan County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Craighead County Fairgrounds in Paris. For more information contact Shane Vincent at (479) 963-6245 or Marcus Berry at (479) 970-2176 or [shanev@hprd.k12.ar.us](mailto:shanev@hprd.k12.ar.us).

**Nov. 1** – Ouachita County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Riverwoods in Camden. For more information contact Alan Dean at (870) 818-4195 or [aland@gwhsi.com](mailto:aland@gwhsi.com).

**Nov. 6** - The Twin City Chapter of Delta Waterfowl will hold their annual banquet on at the Clear Channel Metroplex. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by banquet 6 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m. Please contact David Frazier at (501) 772-4907 for tickets or additional information.

**Nov. 6** – Texarkana Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Four State Fairground Building. For more information contact Robert Graves at (903) 748-5352 or [robert.graves@domtar.com](mailto:robert.graves@domtar.com).

**Nov. 8** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Wild Game Cooking."

**Nov. 13** – Independence County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Batesville Country Club. For more information contact Shannon Huff at (870) 612-3757 or [black\\_mallard@hotmail.com](mailto:black_mallard@hotmail.com).

**Nov. 14** – Clay County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Corning Airport. For more information contact Shane Mansker at (870) 219-2056 or [ag\\_pilot1@hotmail.com](mailto:ag_pilot1@hotmail.com).

**Nov. 15** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Ducks, Ducks and More Ducks."

**Nov. 15** – Hurricane Lake Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Carmichael Center in Searcy. For more information contact Larry Winningham at (501) 268-5085 or [shelma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shelma@sbcglobal.net) or Roger McClain at (501) 412-2621 or [deerhunter72568@yahoo.com](mailto:deerhunter72568@yahoo.com).

**Nov. 15** – Delta Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, McGehee Country Club. For more information contact Troy Meaux at (870) 818-5658 or [termeaux@yahoo.com](mailto:termeaux@yahoo.com).

**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.

**Nov. 20** – Paragould Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, National Guard Armory. For more information contact Jarrod Kersey at (870) 476-2549 or [dexum@grnco.net](mailto:dexum@grnco.net).

**Nov. 20** – Pine Bluff Razorback Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Harbor Oaks Country Club. For more information contact Bryan Hornsby at (870) 267-3885.

**Nov. 22** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Wings Over the Prairie Festival."

**Nov. 29** – Brookings Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Brookings Landing. For more information contact Eric or Carolann Wilmes at (870) 236-4225 or [ufoundcarolann@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoundcarolann@hotmail.com).

**Nov. 29** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "How 'Bout Them Hogs?"

**Dec. 6** – Poinsett County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Trumann Recreational Complex. For more information contact Chris Gairhan at (870) 530-2899 or [cgairhan@yahoo.com](mailto:cgairhan@yahoo.com).

**Dec. 6** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Christmas Gift Ideas." The Grand Prize will also be awarded to some lucky viewer.

**Dec. 6** – Cypress Bayou Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Beebe National Guard Armory. For more information contact Barry Wolfe at (501) 681-4286 or [wolfe.barry@gmail.com](mailto:wolfe.barry@gmail.com).

**Dec. 12** – Hughes Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Hughes Fire Station. For more information contact Bobby Cupples at (901) 489-7263.

**Dec. 13** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "The Art of Carving."

**Dec. 13** – East Arkansas Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Southland Greyhound Park. For more information contact Jason Rodgers at (870) 225-6642 or [agoinc4450@aol.com](mailto:agoinc4450@aol.com).

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

**Dec. 20** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "The Trout Magnet."

**Dec. 27** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Holiday Squirrel Hunt."

**Dec. 31** – Razorduck Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Foothills Indoor Arena in Clarksville. For more information contact Cheryl Feikema at (479) 754-3924 or [cherdene@suddenlink.net](mailto:cherdene@suddenlink.net).

**Jan. 6, 2009** – AGFC hunting regulations meetings, 7 p.m.

**Jan. 10, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Bald Eagle."

**Jan. 9-11, 2009** – Marine Expo at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock.

**Jan. 17, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Watchable Wildlife and Outdoor Photography."

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

**Jan. 24, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Ladies Only Duck Hunt."

**Jan. 31, 2009** – Outdoor Sportsmen Banquet, Greenwood High School basketball arena, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Jan. 31, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Late Season Duck Hunt."

**Feb. 7, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "The Art of Knife Making."

**Feb. 14, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Run, Rabbit, Run."

**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.

**Feb. 21, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Bringing Back the Bobwhite Quail."

**Feb. 28, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK

Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Zig-Jigging for Trout."

**March 7, 2009** - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Raccoon Hunting."

**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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