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Arkansas Outdoors to take week off during holidays

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arkansas Outdoors and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Fishing Report will not be produced next week because of the holiday season. The next issue of the AGFC's electronic news release package will be on Wednesday, Jan. 3. The weekly waterfowl report will be issued through the holidays, however.

Waterfowl numbers up over last year, but still below long-term average

LITTLE ROCK – Biologists with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission took to the skies earlier this month for their aerial waterfowl surveys. It comes as no surprise that what they found was more ducks than a year ago, but numbers are still below the state's long-term average.

According to AGFC waterfowl program coordinator Luke Naylor, the aerial waterfowl surveys were conducted the week of Dec. 4. Weather conditions ranged from mostly clear to cloudy during the survey period with cool temperatures ranging from lows in the 20s and lower 30s to highs in the 40s and 50s, Naylor said.

"Habitat conditions were variable across the state, with excellent habitat conditions persisting in the northwest and northeast survey regions. Flooded habitat increased from the November survey in the eastcentral region, but conditions remain dry," Naylor explained. Habitat conditions remained below average in both the southeast and southwest regions. In fact, less flooded habitat was available in southern Arkansas during December than in November," he added.

Waterfowl numbers this December were higher than last year, but still well below the long-term average, Naylor said. "The statewide total duck count of 333,294 represents a 15 percent increase from last year's count of 289,598, but remains well below the 1985 to 2006 December survey average of 841,628," he explained.

Naylor said the mallard count of 173,510 is a 5 percent decrease from last December's count of 182,702 and, like total duck numbers, remains well below the long-term average of 538,978. "It is not surprising that nearly 70 percent of the mallards observed during this survey were counted in the northeast region where quality habitat conditions persist," he said.



Biologists found that snow goose numbers were down about 100,000 birds from the November count, but their numbers still remain high this year. "Some large concentrations of birds moved out of northeast Arkansas during the recent cold front when many fields temporarily froze. Numbers of white-fronted geese dropped slightly from last month, totaling 25,325 compared to last month's estimate of 31,905 geese," he said.

Naylor said that although the December 2006 survey totals are up from 2005, they remain low. "Despite two strong cold fronts prior to this survey mallard numbers also remain well below average. Habitat conditions continue to be poor in the southern part of the state and rainfall has not been sufficient to



flood large amounts of habitat in the eastcentral region," he stated. "Extensive rainfall leading to natural flooding in conjunction with cold fronts may be necessary to attract and hold large concentrations of mallards in the state," he added.

Wildlife officers deliver Christmas joy

MORRILTON – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission wildlife officers are commencing a special mission this week, but this operation won't be one that targets criminal activity or poachers.

For this special assignment, the job will be to deliver Christmas joy to the children of Southern Christian Home in Morrilton.

"Operation Santa" will begin Thursday afternoon, as members of the Arkansas Wildlife Officers' Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 41 assume the role of Santa's elves to make the holidays brighter for the home's disadvantaged children. Wildlife officers will fill about 30 children's wish lists during an afternoon shopping spree, and then, at dusk, they'll escort Santa Claus to the home in a parade of flashing blue lights and AGFC wildlife enforcement vehicles to deliver the gifts.

Southern Christian Home has taken care of abandoned, abused, neglected and homeless children since 1926. It provides shelter and security for children who have been removed from their homes by the court system as well as children without parents or close relatives. Some children stay at the home for several weeks, while others stay there much longer.

"This has become one of the most important projects the lodge has participated in since our charter 20 years ago," said Sgt. Clayton Rogers, Conway County wildlife officer and president of the FOP Lodge 41. "It's very near and dear to me."

In its ninth year, Operation Santa has become a Christmas tradition for AGFC wildlife officers. It started in 1997, when AGFC wildlife officer Gary Wallace, then serving in Baxter County, informed fellow FOP lodge members about a single mother whose home had been destroyed by fire just before Christmas. The lodge members bought several needed items for the family and toys for the children to help them through the hardship.

A year later the officers began looking for another family to assist during the holidays. Rogers suggested Southern Christian Home in Morrilton, a facility his family had supported for many years.

"My grandfather retired from being a carpenter and worked there, and several of my family members have served as house parents at the home," Rogers said.

During the first three years of the program, Rogers and other wildlife officers had the home's director select 10 to 15 of the youngest and least fortunate children to be the recipients of the FOP lodge's generosity. The officers used about \$1,500 annually from the lodge's general fund to accommodate the children's wishes.

Not wanting to leave any children out, wildlife officers expanded the program in 2001. They established the Operation Santa Benefit Golf Tournament to raise money for the program, raising between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each year. For the past three years, the lodge has been able to purchase Christmas gifts for every child at the home.

"We're just trying to do the right thing," Rogers said.

Rogers said the children's faces light up when the officers arrive, blue lights flashing and carrying Santa Clause (aka T.O. Thompson of Perry County).

"The younger kids get pretty excited," Rogers said. "It's really a worthwhile deal."

Seasonal trout fishing opportunities return to state

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's wildly popular urban trout fishing program returns to the state again this year. Thousands of catchable-sized rainbow trout are being stocked in several city parks in Arkansas this winter.

This year, trout fishing opportunities have expanded to include new locations around Arkansas. Trout have been stocked at city park ponds in Little Rock, Cabot, Sherwood, Jacksonville, Maumelle, Springdale, Rogers, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Hot Springs, Russellville, Hope and West Memphis.

Over 65,000 trout are being delivered to these locations this season, according to AGFC community fisheries biologist Clifton Jackson. Specific locations as well as angling tips can be found by visiting www.agfc.com, or by calling the



convenient 24-hour stocking hotline at (866) 540-FISH, Jackson says. "Many of these locations will be stocked monthly or on a bi-weekly basis," he added.

"Trout do very well and are very active in the cold water temperatures," Jackson said. Trout will be stocked until March, but winter water temperatures will allow trout to persist at least until April or May. Studies being conducted at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff indicate that catch rates are above average and that about 96 percent of the fish are harvested, Jackson noted.

The seasonal trout opportunities have offered some convenient winter fishing opportunities where inner-city anglers can enjoy great angling opportunities within a 10 or 15-minute drive. "This is our fifth consecutive year of offering winter trout fishing opportunities. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Jim Hinkle Spring River Fish Hatchery will stock the trout. "These fish are fed high protein diets and make excellent, healthy table fare" Jackson stated.

A fishing license and a trout permit are required for anglers 16 or older to harvest trout. For more information, call the AGFC Fisheries Division at (501) 223-6371.

Chilly December elk hunt ends with 12 successful hunters



COMPTON – Three-fourths of the hunters in the December segment of Arkansas' 2006 elk season were successful in getting elk along the BuffaloRiver.

There were 16 hunters in action, and 12 of them checked in either bull, cow or calf elk in the five-day hunt. In addition, two elk were taken in the nearby private land hunt.

Mike Cartwright, elk program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said, "This was a good hunt. It was the coldest elk hunt we've had with the exception of December 2000 when the ice storm shut the hunt down." Temperatures in the hunt area this year were in single digits and the teens each morning, but days were sunny or partly cloudy with moderate wind.

Successful in getting elk were Rachel Ornsbey of Rover, Tanner Nichols of Jonesboro and Derrk Nokes of Prescott, all with bull elk; Laura James of Rogers, Larry Hopkins of Mountain View, Chad Binz of Ozark, William McCutcheon of Jacksonville, Eric Francis of Fayetteville, Roy Prouty of Mountain Home, Belynda Bailey of Waldron and Dalton Woods of Huntsville, all with cows; and John Mark Gillihan of Batesville with a male calf elk.

On the private land hunt, father and son Arlis Conner and Arlis Freeman Conner, both of Harrison, checked in cow elk.

This was the ninth year for Arkansas elk hunting with the population stable for the big animals in the BuffaloRiver country. The elk herd now numbers 450 to 500, and 20 free hunting permits have been issued each year by the AGFC.

The application period is in the spring, then the drawing for the permits is an annual feature of Jasper's June Buffalo River Elk Festival.

Donated Christmas trees get second life as fish habitat

LITTLE ROCK – Ask any Arkansas fisherman and you'll get a multitude of answers about how they feel when it comes to underwater structure. Anglers may curse those logs and branches that snag their brand new lures, but they know that structure is a key to a successful outing.

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is asking that those leftover Christmas trees be used to help improve the state's fisheries by dropping the trees off at several sites around the state. AGFC community fisheries biologist Clifton Jackson says that studies have shown that fish utilize underwater structure for cover. "These trees are some of the best natural forms of underwater structure. Crappie, bass, bluegills and other fish will often use the trees to hide in and around," Jackson said.

The Christmas trees provide cheap, but quality underwater structures. They are easy to place in ponds and lakes, and they last for several years, Jackson said. "More importantly, their limbs offer something to fish of all shapes and sizes," he explained.



Trees can be dropped off at the following locations:



Lake Hamilton - AndrewHulseyState Fish Hatchery Access Area.
Lake Chicot - Connerly Bayou Access Area.
Camden - AGFC Regional Office on Ben Lane.
Magnolia - Columbia County Road Dept Yard on Highway 371.

El Dorado - City recycling center drop-offs: one behind Arby's and one on South Jackson.

Smackover - recycling drop-off center (these will be transported to El Dorado).

Millwood Lake - Cottonshed, White Cliffs Recreation Areas and the Millwood State Park ramp on the point.

Dierks Lake - Jefferson Ridge South Recreation Area.

DeQueen Lake - Any Corps of Engineers boat ramp.

Gillham Lake - Any Corps of Engineers boat ramp.

Lake Greeson - New Cowhide Cove and Self Creek Recreation Areas.

Arkansas River - Alltel Access underneath the I-30 Bridge.

Greers Ferry Lake - Sandy Beach (Heber Springs), Devils Fork Recreation Area, and Choctaw Rec Area (Choctaw-Clinton).

Dardanelle Lake - Dwight Mission Access, Highway 64/Piney Access, Cabin Creek Slough Access.

Jack Nolen Lake - Largest access ramp on rip-rap near ramp.

Sugar Loaf Lake - Sugar Loaf Access Area near ramps.

Lake Conway - Lawrence Landing Access.

Harris Brake Lake - Chittman Hill Access.

Lake Overcup - Lake Overcup Landing.

Lake Barnett - Reed Access.

Jonesboro - Craighead Forest Park Lake boat ramp.

Marion McCollum/Lake Greenlee - Lake Greenlee boat ramp.

Wildlife officers provide unique opportunity for disabled hunters, children of soldiers

OZARK - For the past several years, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission wildlife officers have nominated physically disabled hunters to take part in a special deer hunt on private property in Franklin County.

The tradition continued this deer season, with two physically disabled hunters harvesting does on a privately-owned recreational resort in the Ozarks of northwest Arkansas.

Shannon Cooper of Bono, 35, and Lacey Chriswell of Morrilton, 7, both took does during the early December hunt. Both hunters have spina bifida, a congenital spinal disease. AGFC wildlife officer supervisors Butch Wilkins and Hassel Bivens nominated the two hunters.

The special hunt was initiated seven years ago when property managers approached Franklin County wildlife officer Charles Bonner seeking suggestions on how to manage the buck-doe ratio on their 3,200 acres. AGFC's wildlife management division issued extra permits to shoot does on the property, and Bonner began seeking nominations of physically disabled hunters from other AGFC wildlife officers.



"Under normal circumstances a lot of physically disabled hunters will not have the opportunity to harvest deer," Bonner said. "This hunt helps the landowner control the population, and in return, provides a safe, quality hunt for physically disabled people."

This year's hunt wasn't limited to hunters with disabilities. When some of the disabled hunters cancelled because of illnesses, Bonner reached out to another group to make sure all the permits were used. He called the Ozark-based Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery, an Arkansas Army National Guard unit that is scheduled to deploy to Iraq in the coming weeks, to find four additional hunters.

Four children of soon-to-deploy soldiers took part in this year's deer hunt. They were six-year-old Colby Woods, 11-year-old Keaton Woods, 10-year-old Andy Elder and 11-year-old Bubba Elder. Colby and Keaton are the sons of 1st Sgt. Kevin Woods, and Andy and Bubba are the sons of Staff Sgt. Tommy Elder.

"I know from personal experience that a military deployment is a tremendous hardship on the families," said Bonner, who deployed with the same National Guard unit to the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. "I felt like this hunt might be a little lift for those kids."

Three of the youngsters killed their first deer during the hunt.

Outdoor program shifts from AETN to KARK in January

LITTLE ROCK - There's a little place in Conway where folks meet every week to trade tales about hunting, fishing and enjoying the Arkansas outdoors. It's never crowded but the whole state eavesdrops.



The Arkansas Educational Television Network has served up "Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café" since September 1999 with host Steve "Wildman" Wilson, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission public affairs coordinator. The 30-minute, weekly program will shift to KARK, Channel 4, in Little Rock beginning Jan. 6. It will air at 9 a.m. Saturdays and repeat Sunday night. It also will air on NBC affiliate KNWA in Fayetteville during the same time slot.

"It's been a good, long run," said Carole Adornetto, AETN director of production. "It's been a lot of fun. We've always had a strong and consistent relationship with Game and Fish, and I'm sure Steve will continue to do well. He's a great ambassador for conservation and the outdoors."

The show began after the other AETN program with AGFC ties, "Arkansas Outdoors," which has aired for 14 years featuring Phyllis Speer, an AGFC regional education coordinator. The formats of the two complemented one another.

"Steve came up with the idea of doing a weekly calendar, a more timely program than 'Arkansas Outdoors,' " Adornetto said. "It's always been in the 6:30 (p.m.) time slot on Thursday, and the last couple of years it's been shown on Saturday at 4 (p.m.), too."

Although the studio is changing, the name remains the same.

"There used to be a Corner Café in Hampton (Calhoun County), and we went to deer camp not far from there," Wilson said. "We'd go hunt and come back and drink coffee, eat breakfast and tell lies about hunting and fishing. That's where the name 'Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café' came from."

The program will continue to take a casual and timely approach to information about the outdoors, hunting, fishing, wildlife watching and conservation. It's a comfortable way for viewers to learn about nature without being lectured.

"My philosophy is to educate people without them knowing it – to educate and entertain them," said Wilson, who's been with AGFC for 28 years. "When I do a show, I want them to know where we are and what we're doing and I want them to say, 'Hey, I can do that.' I hope I show them enough to inspire them to get out and enjoy the outdoors."

The show will once again feature the popular give-a-way for its viewers Wilson said. "All you have to do is mail us a post card with your name, address and phone number on it," he said. Each week, viewers will have a chance to win a free Arkansas hunting and fishing license provided by the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation. At the end of the year, viewers will have a chance to win one of four grand prize packages.

Package number one consists of a 12 foot LegendCraft flat bottom boat complete with trailer and 8 horsepower Mercury motor provided by H & W Marine plus \$1,000 worth of fishing tackle from Academy Sports and Outdoors.

Package number two contains a Remington Model 7 rifle and Remington Model 1100 12 gauge shotgun donated by Harmon Outdoors and Sporting Gear of Benton. A 24-gun Colonial Liberty gun safe donated by Hunters Refuge of White Hall and \$1,000 worth of hunting apparel from Fort Thompsons Sporting Goods of Sherwood.

Package number three is for those interested in watchable wildlife. It consists of a Sony DCR-DVD 105 digital camcorder and a Sony DCS-H5 digital still camera from Bedford Camera and Video, \$1,000 worth of camping equipment from GanderMountain along with a set of 8x42 Vortex Razor binoculars and accessories from Wild Birds Unlimited.

The grand prize package consists of a custom camouflaged EZ-GO golf cart huntin' buggy complete with lift kit, mud tires, gun rack and winch donated by Mid-State Golf Cars of Bryant complete with a trailer donated by BigTex Trailers of Benton.

To enter, send the postcard to:

KARK-4 – Talkin' Outdoors
1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 104
Little Rock , AR 72201

Be sure to include address and phone number on post cards only. Employees and immediate family members of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, KARK and KNWA are not eligible to participate in the give-a-way.

Boating education class schedule

Click here for boating education information: http://www.agfc.com/education/boater_education_details.html

Hunter education class schedule

Click here for hunter education information: <http://www.agfc.com/huntereducation/index.html>

What's open for hunting

Current and approaching seasons in Arkansas:

Dove:

Dec. 16 to Jan. 5, 2007.

Snipe:

Nov. 1 to Feb. 15.

Woodcock :

Nov. 11 to Dec. 25.

Ducks (including Canvasbacks), Coots and Mergansers

Dec. 26-Jan. 7 and Jan. 13-Jan. 28

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Dec. 23-24

Canada goose, statewide season - Jan. 13-Feb. 4

Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose season

Nov. 9-Dec. 21 and Dec. 26-Feb. 4

Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order

Feb. 5-April 2

Deer:*Archery*

Statewide – Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Muzzleloader

Zones 9, 12, 16, 16A, 17 – Dec. 29-31.

Zones 4 and 5 are closed.

Modern Gun

Zones 16, 16A, 17 – Nov. 11-Dec. 28.

Christmas Holiday Modern Gun Deer Hunt

Statewide – Dec. 26-28.

Turkey :***Archery***

Statewide– Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Quail:

Statewide – Nov. 1-Feb. 11.

Rabbit:

Statewide – Sept. 2-Feb. 28.

Squirrel:

Statewide – Sept. 9-Feb. 28 and May 12-June 10.

Crow:

Statewide – Sept. 2-Feb. 22. (Thursday-Monday only).

Furbearer Trapping:

Other than coyote, beaver, muskrat and nutria – Nov. 18-Feb. 18.

Coyote Trapping:

Aug. 1-March 31.

Beaver, Muskrat, Nutria Trapping:

Nov. 18-March 31.

Gray and Red Fox, Mink, Opossum, Striped Skunk Hunting:

Sept.1-Feb. 28.

Raccoon Hunting:

Day or night – Sept. 1-March 31; night only – July 1-Aug. 31.

Bobcat, Coyote Hunting:

Oct. 1 to Feb. 28.

River Otter Hunting:

Nov. 18-Feb. 28.

Muskrat, Nutria, Beaver Hunting:

Sept. 1-March 31.

Spotted Skunk, Weasel Hunting:

Closed.

Spring 2007 Turkey Season:

Youth Hunt Mar. 31 to April 1 for zone 17 and April 7 to 8 for the rest of the state.

The rest of the season will be April 14 to May 4 in zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9 and 10; April 14 to 27 in zones 1A, 4, 4A, 5A and 9A and April 7-29 in zone 17. The bag limit for the spring season will be two legal turkeys in zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10 and 17 and a single legal turkey in zones 1A, 4, 4A, 5A and 9A. Hunters will not be able to harvest more than one per legal turkey per day and no more than one jake. Hunters will also be restricted to no more than two total turkeys per season.

Coming up in the outdoors

Dec. 21 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, 9 a.m.

Dec. 30 – Razorduck Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, Clarksville Armory. For more information call Cheryl Feikema at (479) 754-3924.

Jan. 6 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "These are the Good Old Days" with special guest George Purvis.

Jan. 6 – Brinkley Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, BrinkleyConvention Center. For more information call Tommy Robinson at (870) 734-3059.

Jan. 9 – AGFC hunting regulation public meetings, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the following locations:

Jonesboro

Huntington Building Annex
900 West Monroe
(877) 972-5438

Brinkley

AGFC Regional Office
1201 North Highway 49
(877) 734-4581

Pine Bluff

Governor Mike Huckabee
Delta Rivers Nature Center
1400 Black Dog Road
(877) 367-3559

Camden

Camden Fairview High School Auditorium
1750 Cash Road
(877) 836-4612

Hope

Fair Park Community Center
Fair Park Drive
(877) 777-5580

Hot Springs

National Park Community College
Auditorium
101 College Drive
(877) 525-8606

Fort Smith

AGFC Regional Office
8000 Taylor Avenue
(877) 478-1043

Russellville

AGFC Regional Office
1266 Lock and Dam Road
(877) 967-7577

Fayetteville

University of Arkansas
Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Arena
1335 West Knapp
(877) 967-7577

Calico Rock

AGFC Regional Office
Hwy 56 North
(877) 297-4331

Little Rock

AGFC Central Office
2 Natural Resources Drive
(800) 364-4263

Jan. 11 – AGFC Outdoor Hotline on AETN, 7 p.m. The topic of the call-in show will be "Bringing Back the Bobwhite." Call or email your questions to the agency's biologists. The toll free number is (800) 662-2386 or email outdoors@aetn.org.

Jan. 13 – Chicot County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, Lake Village Country Club. For more information call Daniel Clark at (870) 265-1616.

Jan. 13 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Afternoon Delight Duck Hunting" with special guest Dennis Adkins.

Jan. 13 – Greers Ferry Lake Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, Cleburne County Fairgrounds. For more information call David Shoults at (501) 206-6187.

Jan. 13 – Conway County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, The Rock in Morrilton. For more information call Sheri Jones at (208) 208-3713.

Jan. 18 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, 9 a.m.

Jan. 18 – Nashville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, Eagles Club. For more information call Justin Kincade at (870) 557-1669.

Jan. 19 – Delta Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, McGehee. For more information call Frank Applebury at (870) 392-7715.

Jan. 19-21 - Arkansas Marine Expo, Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. Adults \$4.00, kids 12 and under free. Show hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sun. 10a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jan. 20 - 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 Eagles" with special guests Jane Gulley and Chris Snodgrass.

Jan. 20 – Ozark/Altus Chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, St. Mary's Lawrence Hall in Ozark. For more information contact Dene Feikema at 479-754-3924 or email at cherdene@cox.net.

Jan. 26-27 - Quail and Songbird Habitat Workshop for Private Landowners, Winthrop Rockefeller Center, 38 Winrock Drive, Morrilton. For more information call (501) 727-5435 or email fixj@uawrc.net.

Jan. 27 - 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 Decoys" with special guest R. D. Wilson.

Feb. 3 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Winter Trout Fishing" with special guest Jared Lindsey.

Feb. 10 - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet and Auction, Robinson Center in Little Rock. For more information call Cindy Gaither at (870) 942-2157.

Feb. 10 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be " Outdoor Photography" with special guest Jeff Beauchamp.

Feb. 17 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Rabbit Hunting" with special guest Charles Clark.

Feb. 24 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Bird Feeding 101" with special guests Jim Allen and Catherine Rideout.

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