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## POLK COUNTY MEN FACE FISH AND GAME CHARGES

DES MOINES – Three Polk County men face a total of 151 charges relating to alleged fish and game violations that occurred in Greene County.

Charged were Hossein Kolbehdari, 20, of Ankeny, Maxwell McGlothlen, 21, of Ankeny and Rheise

Presnall, 22, of Polk City.

A search warrant of a rental home being occupied by the three men was executed in early November by law enforcement officers from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Greene County Sheriff's Department.

Charges against Kolbehrdari include:

- 1 count illegal possession of deer
- 1 count illegal possession of a wild turkey
- 1 count of failure to have a federal duck stamp
- 1 count of failure to have a deer tag
- 1 count failure to check turkey
- 29 counts of keeping game birds or animals as pets in violation of Iowa Code Chapter 483A.23
- 29 counts of unlawful possession of game birds or animals
- 1 count of taking fish without a license
- 1 count of possessing a rifle while deer hunting
- 1 count of unlawful possession of fish
- 1 count of unlawful possession of a Pied Billed Grebe
- 1 count of unlawful possession of a Blue Wing Teal
- 1 count of not having a game breeders license

In all, Kolbehrdari faces fines totaling up to \$6,832 if found guilty of all counts. In addition, the DNR will seek liquidated damages for game that is alleged to have been illegally harvested.

Charges against McGlothlen include:

- 1 count no hunting license \$100.50
- 1 count no habitat stamp \$87
- 1 count no deer tag \$93.75
- 1 count possessing a rifle while deer hunting \$127.50

In all, McGlothlen faces fines totaling up to \$408.75 if found guilty on all counts.

Charges against Presnall include:

- 1 count illegal possession of fish \$127.50
- 1 count illegal possession of a whitetail deer

- 1 count No deer license or tag
- 1 count no habitat fee \$87
- 1 count no small game hunting license
- 29 counts of keeping game birds or animals as pets in violation of Iowa Code Chapter 483A.23
- 29 counts of unlawful possession of game birds or animals
- 1 count of possessing a rifle while deer hunting
- 1 count of unlawful possession of fish
- 1 count of unlawful possession of a Pied Billed Grebe
- 1 count of unlawful possession of a Blue Wing Teal
- 1 count of not having a Game Breeders License
- 1 count of not having a State Waterfowl Stamp
- 1 count of not having a Federal Waterfowl Stamp
- 3 counts of unlawful possession/take of squirrel
- 5 counts of unlawful possession/take of dove

In all, Presnall faces fines totaling up to \$7,818.75 if found guilty on all counts. In addition, the DNR will seek liquidated damages for game that is alleged to have been illegally harvested.

The DNR investigation of the case is on-going.

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## NEW YEAR'S CHECKLIST

By Joe Wilkinson

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

It's a New Year. I don't do resolutions. So, call this a 2015 Outdoor Checklist; places or events across

Iowa for each month. Most are return trips for me; worth a second or 70<sup>th</sup> visit. A couple, I haven't taken the time yet, to check out. Maybe it will remind you of a few special outdoor ports of call, in the months ahead.

**January...**With cold and snow finally here...eagle watching will improve. You can see one or two about anywhere, but Mississippi River locks and dams are cold weather hot spots. Keokuk often reports 700 or so. I counted 300 last year, within a half mile just above Clinton. Guttenberg and Bellevue have great viewing, across the river, from their riverfronts.

**February...**It's off to Clear Lake, to check out a couple ice palaces. Not your drag-behind plastic shells. These feature the comforts of home, plus holes in the floor for fishing. Will Price came through in this month's Iowa Outdoors magazine with his look at these 'ice shacks.' Besides electricity, satellite TV, kitchens, paneling and carpeting, some even have bunks, hydraulic lifts and more. Just add fish.

**Late March...**(and through April) It's dawn and calm in Ringgold County. Settle in for the show. Soon, 200 yards away, there should be a dozen or more prairie chickens. "It's Iowa's only lek...and quite a display. The males stomp their feet. They are 'booming,' purring, cackling, fighting," describes DNR wildlife biologist Chad Paup. "Generally every morning, almost every evening, they are displaying for the females. They inflate those beautiful, bright orange air sacs and eye combs." The viewing stand is two miles west of Kellerton, on 310<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Prairie Chicken Days is the weekend of April 4. Call [515-783-2166](tel:515-783-2166) for information on viewing or prospects for group tours.

**April...**For me, the shrill, aggressive gobbles as an early season tom turkey closes in on decoys is the most exciting noise in Iowa's outdoors. Maybe because I have hardly heard it for a few years; stumbling around on new hunting ground. Several times this fall, though, I nearly stepped on birds as I walked into a tree stand location with more acorn-bearing oaks--and the cornfield just yards away. Some timber stand improvement this winter--whacking down encroaching soft maple and ash growth--should open a couple strut zones.

**May...**Definitely a return trip to my new morel hot spot. Not the Holy Grail of fungi finding, but it yielded dozens of fresh, yellow morels last spring. Where? Not telling. Hint? It's on public ground! With a warm spring and 'normal' precipitation, morels start popping in east central Iowa through the late days of April. Last year, I had my best luck from May 12-25. It depends on location, soil moisture, location, temperature...oh, and location.

**June...**This one's too easy. Fishing for bluegills with my granddaughters. We fish Lake Macbride, but about any lake or pond will do. The squeals, the enthusiasm as another 'monster' five inch sunfish yanks their Spiderman poles are always worth the time. And after a half hour, my wife or I take which ever girl is bored on a nature hike. When she comes back, the pole is bending and she jumps right in. Most important? They see something new, each time.

**July...**Fishing the ponds in Shimek State Forest. The wooded areas in southeast Iowa are great for hunting, hiking, even camping. However, if you want to fish where hardly anyone else does...this is it. Well, until now, I guess.

**August...**They don't get much attention. That's why it's a big deal that the nation's first Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Area is in Louisa County, south of Wapello. Dedicated in 2007, this ARCA is a combination of public and private land, where most of the reptiles and amphibians in Iowa--and the highest number of rare species--are found. Ornate box turtles, prairie king snakes, western hognose snakes, cricket frogs and more are here. For this trip, I might have to work; tagging along as DNR's wildlife diversity crew updates a management or research project.

**September...**I'll be paddling new water and looking up at the steep bluffs along the Boone or Upper Iowa rivers. Then, it's off to one of the new passages at Charles City or, maybe, Manchester or Quasqueton. Late summer water levels are usually a little low and more manageable. If the leaves are just starting to turn, so much

the better. Lowhead dam 'rebuilt' are going to be major recreation draws in Iowa. Get in on it early.

**October...**This one has to be sitting in an early morning deer stand. For about a week, sunlight hitting the turning leaves creates a yellow glow in the woods. It's also great time to pattern deer; and watch the other wildlife critters, unaware of the intruder. I'll be back in November for the peak of the rut, but it is hard to beat the mid-October woods.

**November...**Dozens of choices. A good bet, though? Watching the southwest Iowa snow goose migration. Though hit or miss recently--the migration seems to have shifted west-- you can still look for thousands of snows winging overhead, settling in—or taking off--around the refuge at Riverton or at Forney Lake. Besides just watching; it has become, perhaps, Iowa's premier duck hunting locale.

**December...**A trip to Beemer's Pond! An aerator keeps a corner open on this eight acre pond in Hamilton County; home to Iowa's largest winter population of trumpeter swans. Get to within several yards of North America's largest waterfowl. Extirpated from Iowa for 100 years; now, you can see 100 swans or more—and listen to their melodic 'French horn' calls. It's five miles west of Webster City on Highway 20. Turn south on R-21 for a mile. The pond is on the left.

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## TREES FOR KIDS GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Trees For Kids applications are available online for schools and communities to involve youth in planting trees on School grounds and other public property.

In 2014, Trees For Kids Grants were awarded to 40 schools and communities which planted more than 1,600 landscape trees, and involved over 5,200 youth.

Trees For Kids Grants pay up to \$5,000 for landscape trees and mulch for schools and other public areas. Trees may be planted in either spring or fall. The deadline for submitting a spring application is March 2, 2015.

Each planting project is required to have an educational component with the youth, and Project Learning Tree training is also provided to educators to create lesson plans and utilize curriculum with the planted trees.

Trees planted around schools and in neighborhoods have been shown to give youth increased levels of concentration, lower levels of aggression, lower levels of obesity, and fewer symptoms of ADHD.

Communities are made more livable by having a healthy, diverse tree canopy.

The Trees for Kids and Trees for Teens grant program is funded by Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Bureau, MidAmerican Energy, Black Hills Energy, Alliant Energy, Iowa Bankers Association, Trees Forever, Iowa Tree Farm Committee, and the Iowa Woodland Owners Association.

For information about how to apply for a spring Trees For Kids grant, go to <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Education/ForTeachers/EducationTrainingPrograms/TreesforKidsTeens.aspx> or contact the grant coordinator at [laura.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:laura.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov).

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