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Aim low

Bowfishing continues to grow in popularity in county, state

By Rian Bosse
Daily Journal

Flloating over the murky water of West Lost Lake, Darrell and Tammie Schreiber keep their eyes focused along the reeds off the shallow shore.

“Aim low,” Darrell likes to remind newcomers to the sport of bowfishing. Refraction from the water makes the targets — today the golden tint of carp — look as if they were floating at a higher angle than they appear in the bow’s sights.

With the tight pop of a bow, an arrow is sent plunging into the water and, if the shot is on target, the shooter brings in the fish, pulling hand over hand on the florescent orange line that connects the arrow to the bow. If it’s a miss, a reel device quickly brings the arrow back for another shot.

This is the busy routine that makes up bowfishing, an outdoor sport that continues to grow in popularity around Otter

“The past 10 years have just been full of unbelievable growth. It’s gone from just us being on a lake to six other boats being on a lake as well.”

— Darrell Schreiber, avid bowfisher



Photos by Rian Bosse/Daily Journal

Darrell Schreiber holds a carp he shot on West Lost Lake last weekend. Schreiber and his wife, Tammie, bowfish in the county and across the country.

Tail County and throughout the rest of the state. Instead of using a classic rod and reel to pull in the traditional walleye or bass, the catch involves rough fish, near-giants like carp, bullhead, suckers and buffalo fish, that lurk the depths of lakes in the county.

“I want to say the first 10 years I did it hardly anyone else was out,” Darrell, who was born and raised in Otter Tail County, said. “There were a few guys who did it in the spring, but they wouldn’t go out on lakes and boats like we do now. The past 10 years have just been full of unbelievable growth. It’s gone from just us being on a lake to six other boats being on a lake as well.”

The Schreibers run a company, Carpe Diem Outdoors, which they use to produce photos and videos out on the

water. While most of their fishing is done in Otter Tail County, the sport has brought them across the country to other bowfishing destinations like Texas and Louisiana. Darrell, who has gone after rough fish for 30 years, introduced his wife to the sport 15 years ago. Tammie said she brought a book to pass the time on their first outing together, but when Darrell finally got a bow in his wife’s hand, she was, well, hooked.

“It’s not just a sport for the athletic person,” Tammie said. “Anybody can go out there and try it. Really, everyone can do it.”

It’s that accessibility that has attracted many newcomers over the years and, as Tammie pointed out, has recently

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Attempted murder suspect pleads not guilty

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

An Ogema man who authorities say hit a Fergus Falls woman with a baseball bat, stomped on her head and hit her with a hammer last month in Fergus Falls pleaded not guilty Monday to four felony charges, including attempted murder. The victim reportedly had 75 to 100 bruises on her legs, arms, feet, face and inner thighs.



Rogers

Christopher Lee Rogers, 39, is charged in Otter Tail County District Court with second-degree attempted murder, second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon, false imprisonment and theft of a motor vehicle, all felonies. The case is scheduled for a jury trial in August.

The victim asked Rogers to hand over his keys to the house, and the two argued for about an hour May 20 at a home in the 700 block of Pebble Lake Road in Fergus Falls, according to the criminal complaint. Rogers followed the victim into a bedroom as she tried to get away. In the bedroom, Rogers allegedly grabbed the victim by the hair, pulled her to the ground, kicked both her legs, stomped on her head and blocked her exit to the door multiple times. He also allegedly brandished a six-inch pocket knife, with which he left a cut on her neck after threatening to slit her throat, and hit her in the foot with a hammer.

When the victim managed to step outside the front door, Rogers allegedly picked her up and threw her into the living room. Police say Rogers became irate and said he was going to kill the woman.

He grabbed a baseball bat from the hallway, hit her legs and used the bat knob to hit her in the head, the report says.

They moved downstairs, and Rogers reportedly stuffed a sock or glove in the victim’s mouth and assaulted her again. Rogers watched a movie for about 20 minutes, shut it off, punched the victim and called her derogatory names, the report says. He allegedly

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Lakeside Prairie Farm shifts to community-supported ag

New model may be more productive

By Chris Reinos
Daily Journal

Ryan Heinen and Bryan Simon, who had both been working in conservation, had an epiphany a few years ago.

The men realized they wanted to manage land. They also realized they wanted to combine production and conservation on that same piece of land.

“We felt that doesn’t have to be separate,” Heinen said. “You can have land that produces food but is also good for natural resources.”

Taking that idea, the men began Lakeside Prairie Farm last year

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on rented land. The work was hard and the hours were long, but both men felt they learned a lot and made valuable connections throughout Otter Tail County that first year.

Now they are in the swing of their second year. The work is still hard and the hours have perhaps gotten even longer, but it has been a rewarding experience for two friends that have known each other since the seventh grade.

The men are renting 63 acres of land this year on the farm in Barrett. They provide a wide variety of produce, including squash, tomatoes, onions and lettuce, as well as grass-fed beef, chickens, oats and wheat.

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Last year, they sold their products almost exclusively through area farmers’ markets, including in Ashby, Elbow Lake and Alexandria. But they did not sell enough at these markets to make it worth the time they spent there, so this year they shifted directions.

Now, Lakeside Prairie has become more of a Community Supported Agriculture-based farm. A CSA farm means people can pay a flat fee for a share of the land.

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Chris Reinos/Daily Journal

Barb Youso, Ryan Heinen and Bryan Simon, surrounded by chickens at Lakeside Prairie Farm, began offering Consumer Supported Agriculture services this year for their produce.

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SUNSET TOMORROW: 9:21 pm

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