

# Deer scenting ability hinders and helps hunting

Of all of our area's wild-life, both hunted and non-hunted, it seems to me deer have the best sense of smell. It's probably arguable but tell me, who really knows for sure.

Animals, just like humans, have 12 cranial nerves. They originate in the brain and leave through small openings in the skull. The optic nerve goes to the eye, the auditory to the ears, etc. for all 12.

Interestingly, the number one of those 12, the farthest forward of them all, whether you are a human or a hippo, is the olfactory nerve. It connects to all those microscopic receptor cells in your nasal passages. The more of those an animal has the better they can smell you.

Well deer, no doubt, have many of those receptor cells that all come together and go to the brain via that olfactory nerve to the olfactory lobes. There they mingle



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with others and make the ability of an older buck leap from its bed and be gone in the blink of an eye.

That same ability to smell so well and escape also allows them to avoid coming near your ground blind or elevated tree stand. They can smell you far less when higher in a tree so that is why you see all those elevated stands on edges of trees near cropland. Deer also evolved avoiding ground

predators such as wolves and cougars so they don't look up as much.

But we hunters have figured out how to use those acute senses of smell to our advantage and it's become big business. A number of "manufacturers" now produce a wide variety of scents to attract deer, especially those smart, older bucks.

The one I use the most and have found works the best for me is the doe in estrus. It is bottled deer urine from does that are in the receptive stage of their hormonal cycle.

I use it near my stand, I use it on my boots as I walk into my hunting spot and I spray it high into any breeze that is drifting over me. I am convinced that it works.

Why? One day I watched a mature buck follow my foot steps exactly where I walked to my ground blind. He later that day hung in a tree in our backyard for a 10-day

aging period.

Is that legal and ethical? The answer to both is a simple yes. It is similar to decoying ducks and geese or calling coyotes with a mouth call while imitating a dying rabbit. It allows for a clean kill of our quarry and adds an element to deer hunting we never had a half century ago.

## Late leaving loons

As we tidied up our lake cabin, raked the leaves and drained the pipes ending another year "at the cabin" we noticed two loons nearby. One fished a hundred yards away, the other sailed about 60 yards above me as I took the boat to the landing.

They were both young loons, hatched this spring for sure.

But what are they doing here in mid-Minnesota this late, especially void of parents? It is my understanding

based on reading studies from banded loons, that is normal.

Loons from Minnesota mostly migrate in an east, southeast direction to Lake Michigan. From there they pretty much migrate south-erly to the east shores of the Florida area.

It's also been determined the adults leave early and the young of the year are left behind. Here they will mature further for the long trip south while flying and diving to increase their strength.

It seems no one can really explain how those young birds follow the same path-ways with no adult guidance. Yes, migrations are one of nature's most marvelous of all wildlife activities.

## The joy of trees

My interest in trees began as a teenager on our Murray County farm. How brother

and I talked our dad into planting two fenced off areas of trees on the south side of our farm place I'll never know.

The trees and their leaves were really great this fall considering that we had so much hot dry weather this summer. But maybe that's the reason. I've noticed a lesser volume of leaves but a more enjoyable color.

Two trees I noticed on our cabin lot that were the most beautiful, and held their leaves the longest, were a white birch, single stem, and an autumn blaze maple. The birch was gold and the blaze was nearly red, loved 'em both!

The best part... I planted them both myself. Our three sons all laugh retrospectively about sharing their backseat in our Ford Esquire station wagon with trees of various kinds picked up at Denny's Nursery in Willmar on our way north.

## MEET/ Pack run leads boys to sixth place

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really nice job of pushing each other the whole race."

While Walklin doesn't have experience running at state, her coach has experience with the state course, both as a coach and as a former state qualifier. Pletcher also ran the St. Olaf course while in college at Hamline.

"We're going to keep working her, but we also want to give her a little rest so her legs are refreshed for state," Pletcher said.

"It's been a long season and she's worked hard, so it's a delicate balance going into the state meet. And it's her first time at the state meet. She would have qualified a year ago, but there wasn't a state meet. Runners with experience at state tend to do a little better.

"What we can do to try to prepare her is we'll get the chance to see the course on Friday and we'll compare it to other meets we've run this year. That first corner, in particular, is very similar to Alexandria, where you can't afford to get boxed in. If we can help her visualize those situations, she'll have an idea of what she needs to do and set herself up for success."

Part of setting herself up for success is helping Walklin maintain a pace she's comfortable with.

"There's a lot of adrenaline at state, and

sometimes that causes a person to go out too fast," Pletcher said. "She knows where she compares to the rest of the runners from our section, so it will be important for her to try to find the Luverne and MCC girls and try to run with them."

## Other girls run well

Pletcher was happy with the performance of the Eagle girls' team, which will lose only one senior to graduation.

Alivia Letcher was the second Eagle to finish, taking 32nd (22:06). Ella Smith was 78th (24:10), followed by Mikalah Konz in 100th (25:13) and Aubri Spielman in 101st (25:15).

"Alivia will only improve more as she gets more experience at the varsity level," Pletcher said. "We also ran without Charlotte Nauman, who has run with Alivia most of the year.

"Time-wise, most of our girls had personal bests on Thursday, so that's a great high note to end the season on."

## Boys finish sixth

The Eagle boys followed the pack strategy they have used much of the season, which allowed Windom to turn in a strong sixth-place finish.

"Our boys really finished the season strong," Pletcher said. "We had a very strong race at conference and followed it up with a strong section meet. Now, we need the boys to realize just how close they are and put in the time and the miles in the off-season to take that next step."



HEATHER OLSON

**ELI BORDEWYK tries to work his way up in the field by passing a Springfield runner at Thursday's Section 3A Meet.**

Windom was led by Charlie Smith, who finished 23rd with a time of 18:09. He was followed by Eli Bordewyk in 26th (18:12), Thomas Green in 29th (18:17), Aaden Nauman in 31st (18:20) and Jacob Green in 32nd (18:24).

**Section 3A Meet Girls Results:** 1. Luverne 50. 2. MCCF 69. 3. Canby-Minnetta 78. 4. Redwood Valley 106. 5. SCM 133. 6. Pipestone 174. 7. Adrian-Ellsworth 232. 8. LOPV/DB 233. 9. JCC 260. 10. CMCS 286. 11. SWCE 298. 12. Windom 309. 13. MLA 319. 14. RTR 408. 15. YME 428. 16. Wabasso 439. 17. TMB 446. 18. Montevideo 513.

**Top 8 Individuals and Other State Qualifiers:** 1. Amanda Overgaauw (MCCF) 18:01. 2. Tenley Nelson (Luverne) 18:31. 3. Jenna DeBates (Luverne) 18:46. 4. Ashley Overgaauw (MCCF) 18:51. 5. Kaylee Walklin (Windom) 18:52. 6. Grace Dietz (CM) 19:26. 7. Claire Stoks

(CM) 19:50. 8. Braelyn Merritt (CM) 20:05. 9. Taylor Post (Pipestone) 20:23. 10. Olivia Anderson (JCC) 20:34.

**Other Windom Results:** 32. Alivia Letcher 22:06; 78. Ella Smith 24:10; 100. Mikalah Konz 25:13; 101. Aubri Spielman 25:15; 105. Camryn Einess 25:28.

**Section 3A Meet Boys Results:** 1. LOPV/DB 75. 2. Luverne 81. 3. Canby-Minnetta 93. 4. Redwood Valley 127. 5. JCC 140. 6. Windom 141. 7. MLA 186. 8. SCM 247. 9. Pipestone 261. 10. MCCF 281. 11. Montevideo 303. 12. BOLD/BLHS 362. 13. Adrian-Ellsworth 368. 14. SWCE 380. 15. CMCS 408. 16. HLO 413. 17. Lakeview 425. 18. RTR 505. 19. Wabasso 534.

**Top 8 Individuals and Other State Qualifiers:** 1. Camden Janszski (Luverne) 16:40. 2. Owen Janiszski (Luverne) 16:47. 3. Will Ahrens (RV) 16:49. 4. Payton Sterud (LOPV/DB) 16:55. 5. Andrew Boyum (JCC) 17:04. 6. Zach Ourada (CM) 17:06. 7. Caden Strasser (Pipestone) 17:13. 8. Tim Salentiny (HLO) 17:14. 9. Koton Dues (CM) 17:19.

**Windom Results:** 23. Charlie Smith 18:09; 26. Eli Bordewyk 18:12; 29. Thomas Green 18:17; 31. Aaden Nauman 18:20; 32. Jacob Green 18:24; 60. Zach Squires 19:29; 101. Bryce Green 21:21.

## VB/ Eagles finish year 17-12

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set, they were in control from the start. It was disappointing to see them go on those runs. We just couldn't find a way to get a side out."

As a result, the Eagle offense couldn't get going.

"There were times we handled the serve well, but we just didn't end a rally," Fast said. "Volleyball is a game of momentum, and we never got the momentum back."

Sydney Skarphol led the Eagles from the service line, going 9-of-9 with an ace. Kameron Rupp was 7-of-7 with an ace.

Tristyn Maras led the Eagles at the net with five kills. Skarphol added three kills and two solo blocks. Makenna McNamara had four set assists. Kendyl Sammons finished with 11 digs.

The loss ends the Eagles' season with a 17-12 record.

"A 17-win season is nothing to hang our heads about," Fast said. "The girls gave it everything they had all season. We just came up a little short tonight, but overall it was a very good season.

"We lose four outstanding seniors who saw a lot of court time for us and really poured everything they had into volleyball. They're going to be greatly missed, but they had a tremendous impact on our younger players. We have a lot of girls coming back with experience next year. We had a good B-squad season, so we'll have some talent coming up. I'm excited for our future."

Windom.....16 13 09-0  
JCC.....25 25-3

**Windom Stat Leaders:** Serving: Sydney Skarphol 9-9, 1A; Kameron Rupp 7-7, 1A; Kills: Tristyn Maras 5; Skarphol 3; Elliot Espenson 3; Amelia Rivera 2; Rupp 2. Solo Blocks: Skarphol 2. Set Assists: Makenna McNamara 4; Jenna Veenker 3. Digs: Kendyl Sammons 11; Skarphol 4.

## Eagles top Cardinals

For much of their playoff-opening match, the Windom Eagles were sharp Friday night.

Windom won the opening set in commanding fashion, then were strong in the third and fourth sets, defeating Redwood Valley 3-1 in the Section 3AA playoffs at Windom.

Windom won the opening set 25-12, but the Cardinals answered, winning set two 25-9.

The Eagles responded by neutralizing Redwood at the net. The Eagles had four solo blocks and eight block assists in the match.

Meanwhile, the Eagles fired away for nine ace serves as a team, led by a four-ace performance from Tristyn Maras, who was 20-of-20 serving.

After winning 25-21 in set three, the Eagles were in command early in set four on their way to a 25-15 win.

Maras led the Eagles at the net with 14 kills. Sydney Skarphol added 10 kills and Kameron Rupp had eight.

Kendyl Sammons went 17-of-17 serving with an ace and had a team-high 13 digs. Jenna Veenker finished with 14 set assists. Makenna McNamara had 13 assists.

Redwood Valley.....12 25 21 15-1  
Windom.....25 09 25-3

**Windom Stat Leaders:** Serving: Tristyn Maras 20-20, 4A; Kendyl Sammons 17-17, 1A; Sydney Skarphol 12-14, 2A; Jenna Veenker 11-11, 1A; Kameron Rupp 7-8, 1A; Kills: Maras 14; Skarphol 10; Rupp 8; Elliot Espenson 6; Amelia Rivera 5. Solo Blocks: Rivera 2; Rupp 1; Maras 1. Set Assists: Veenker 14; Makenna McNamara 13. Digs: Sammons 13; Maras 8.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF  
COTTONWOOD  
FIFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.:  
17-PR-21-493  
Estate of  
Viola J. Aberson  
Decedent

### NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated June 18, 2018, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Marsha Hamre and Lisa Erickson, as personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representatives have full power to administer

the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 21, 2021  
/S/Sharon L. Tellinghuisen  
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PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.:  
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Estate of  
Tracie F. Schulz,  
Decedent  
NOTICE AND ORDER OF  
HEARING ON PETITION

### FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, TERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 3rd Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, 56101 for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Kaycie Rashea Jeffs-Cervantes, whose address is 212 12th Street #206, Worthington, MN 56187 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Objections to the petition for appointment of the personal representative must be filed prior to the hearing with the Cottonwood County Court

Administration office by: e-filing (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourt-Admin@courts.state.mn.us or mail at P.O. Box 97, Windom, MN 56101. Any interested person planning on attending the hearing should contact Court Administration at 507-831-4551.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT  
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