

LOCALNEWS

Outdoors Expo expanded into two days

Expo offers variety of hunting, fishing and outdoor-related speakers, activities March 28 and 29

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Hunting and fishing professionals, an award-winning photographer with local roots, and other wildlife and fish experts round out an expanded two-day International Falls Outdoor Expo.

In its fourth year, the expo will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. March 28 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29 at Evangelical Covenant Church in International Falls.

Admission, and to be eligible for prizes, is by free will offering of non-perishable food items or a monetary donation, however no one will be turned away. All food and money collected will be given to the local Salvation Army Food Shelf and local dialysis project.

Evangelical Covenant Church is located three blocks east of McDonald's on 17th Street and First Avenue East in International Falls. For more information, contact Tom Holt at 283-9985 or visit the website at www.ifallsoutdoorexpo.org.

Speakers include Dave Csanda, Gary Clancy, Jean-Paul Tessier, Don Breneman, Greg Olson and John Erb.

Boone and Crockett professional antler scorers Rodney Dehart and Doug Moss will be on site scoring antlers. Attendees are encouraged to bring their antlers for scoring, which will take place on a first come, first served.

Various vendors will be on hand to answer questions and sell products.

On Saturday, kids can again participate in archery

at the indoor range located in the lower level of the building.

Food will be served both days: Pizza will be offered at 4 p.m. Friday, and Saturday, wild game sloppy joes will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. or until gone. The food is free with admission, but donations are accepted.

Drawings will take place for prizes and gift certificates from local businesses throughout the day, with drawings for grand prizes at the end of each day of a Henry Goldenboy .22 mag and a Mathews Mission bow.

The Larson big game collection will be on display as well as local mounts of all types and sizes. Hunting and fishing mounts will be on view for the annual "best mount" contest. To enter, contact Tom Holm Jr. at 283-2014. Attendees will vote for their favorite mount in the angler, antler and open categories. "Best in show" will be voted on by a previously selected, non-local panel of judges. First place ribbon and prize will be given away in each category.

Clancy has spent a lifetime hunting and fishing in Minnesota, as well as all across the United States and Canada. Although he hunts for just about everything, whitetail deer are his favorite big game animal. His seminar, "Rattling, Calling & Decoying," is his personal favorite, probably because these are all things that Clancy has found to be effective and a lot of fun. The public can join him for an informational, educational

and entertaining seminar both Friday and Saturday.

Csanda spent his first 28 years in the fishing industry as an editor of In-Fisherman publications and co-host of In-Fisherman Television. While closely associated with Wall-eye In-sider magazine and the annual Walleye Guide, he also contributed countless articles to In-Fisherman magazine and co-authored numerous multi-species books including the five-part Critical Concepts Walleye Series. In 2005, Csanda joined Lindner Media Productions to help create Lindner's Angling Edge and Fishing Edge TV, educational DVDs, television commercials and promotional videos for the outdoor industry. In 2012, he was inducted into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame for his contributions to sportfishing.

Csanda contributes educational articles to a variety of fishing and outdoor publications, such as North American Fisherman. He performs frequent radio interviews and maintains an active seminar schedule at sport shows, fishing clubs and in-store promotions. For more on his appearance schedule and activities, go to www.fishspeak.net, his fishing informational website.

Csanda has fished from Alaska to Australia, Europe to South America, and all across the U.S. and Canada for everything from bass to muskies and panfish to trout. He believes every fish species and location offers its own unique array of challenges and enjoyment — casting, trolling, even fly-fishing — and welcomes the opportunity to share his experience with anglers on walleye and trophy pike.

Tessier was born and

raised in International Falls and Rainy Lake. After playing hockey in high school and junior hockey, Tessier was awarded a four-year Division I Hockey Scholarship to Ferris State University. He signed two professional contracts, one each with Pittsburgh and Chicago, respectively. After suffering a career ending knee injury with the Chicago organization, Tessier worked with a large commercial contracting supply company out of Detroit and attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Tessier returned to northern Minnesota in the spring of 2009 to take the general manager position for the Wigwam Resort on Lake of the Woods. After three years with the Wigwam, Tessier determined that his love for the outdoors out weighed his love for the office.

In the spring of 2012, Tessier started the Lake of the Woods Outdoorsman, a multi-media advertising and marketing business based off the internet. With the ability to advertise and market a wide range of outdoor products, and by having his United States Coast Guard captain license, Tessier has been able to make a living by fishing, hunting and sharing the products he uses every day in the outdoors.

Award-winning photographer Breneman will give a presentation on outdoor photography. His book, "Voyageur Skies," won first place in the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards in the art and photography category. A native of Littlefork, Breneman told The Journal in 2012 he was inspired in the field of photography by his history teacher, David Trappe.

Breneman spent his childhood on Kabetogama and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dave Csanda, after a long career in the fishing industry, was inducted into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame in 2012.

Namakan lakes. He said his parents, Floyd and Ruth Breneman, were avid outdoors people and would take Breneman fishing, blueberry picking, and picnicking almost every weekend.

Olson, of Sand Creek Firearm Training, Sandstone, will present "Refuse to Be a Victim," a seminar geared towards a wide variety of citizens who want to learn more on Crime Prevention and Personal Safety.

Dehart has been an associate member of Boone and Crockett for over 20 years, traveling to shows all over the state and the Iowa Deer Classic to score mounts.

Erb is a furbearer and wolf research biologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Forest

Wildlife Research Group.

SPEAKER LINEUP

- Friday:**  
■ Dave Csanda, 4:15 p.m., sanctuary  
■ Greg Olson, 4:30 p.m., main stage  
■ Gary Clancy, 5:30 p.m., sanctuary  
■ Dave Csanda, 6:45 p.m., sanctuary  
**Saturday:**  
■ John Erb, 9 a.m., main stage  
■ Gary Clancy, 10 a.m., sanctuary  
■ Jean-Paul Tessier, 11:30 a.m., sanctuary  
■ Greg Olson, noon, main stage  
■ Don Breneman, 1 p.m., sanctuary  
■ Jean-Paul Tessier, 3:30 p.m., sanctuary

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