

Annual clinic hooks kids on summer sport

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the skills and joys of fishing.

The clinic is held in conjunction with the Smoky Cardens Carp Tournament, planned for this weekend. The tournament allows fishermen to help rid the lake of carp and have a little fun. In the past, sponsors say, kids who participated in the clinic went on to fish in the tournament.

"We had 28 kids in the morning and 22 this afternoon and most everyone caught fish," said Lynn Davignon, one of the instructors. "Smoky Gardens is a good lake to hold clinics at because there is a very good blue gill population."

"Blue gill like to stay close to the shore and the kids can catch a lot of them."

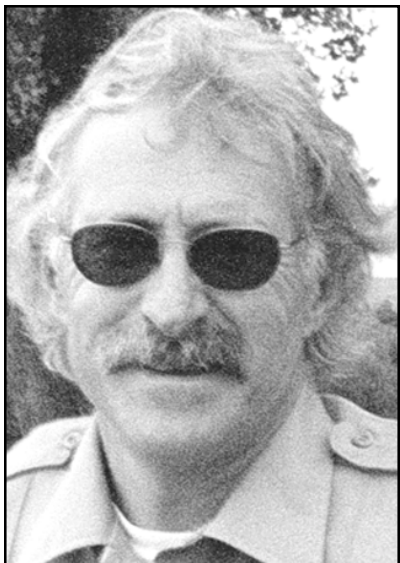
Before the participants were allowed to fish, Davignon taught them about casting, how to bait a hook, and most importantly, how to fish safely.

"Before you cast, make sure that no one is within 15 feet of you," Davignon told the kids. "You don't want to catch someone with a hook. That would hurt."

He also taught them how to carry their poles and what to do when they caught a fish.

Of the 22 kids in the evening session, four were from Wallace County and the rest from Sherman.

"Most of the kids that participate come from Sherman County, but we get a few from Wallace County every



Lynn Davignon, group leader

year," Davignon said.

For many, the opportunity to fish is their first, and a catch brought shouts of joy from along the banks.

Stephen Buller, Goodland, jumped up and down and nearly fell into the lake after catching his first fish, a six-inch blue-gill.

"This is the first time I've fished, I think," Buller said. "This is also the first fish I have ever caught!"

Brian Smith, Goodland, failed to catch a fish but appeared to master another key element of fishing.

"I'll probably catch a 100-foot fish," Smith said. "It will stretch across the whole lake and probably take 100

people to pull it in.

"I did catch a big one, though, but it wiggled out of my hands and jumped in the lake. You guys just didn't see it."

The kids didn't mind getting dirty in their pursuit of a fish. Morganne Baehler's mom told her her face was dirty.

"Mom," she said, "we're going fishing, not to a fashion show!"

Kids had cast over a high growth of weeds, grass, and poison ivy on the bank. Lines got snagged on the growth around the bank, causing some anxious moments as kids tugged on their poles to free the hooks. Once one managed to pull the hook away, the hook and worm would fly high in the air.

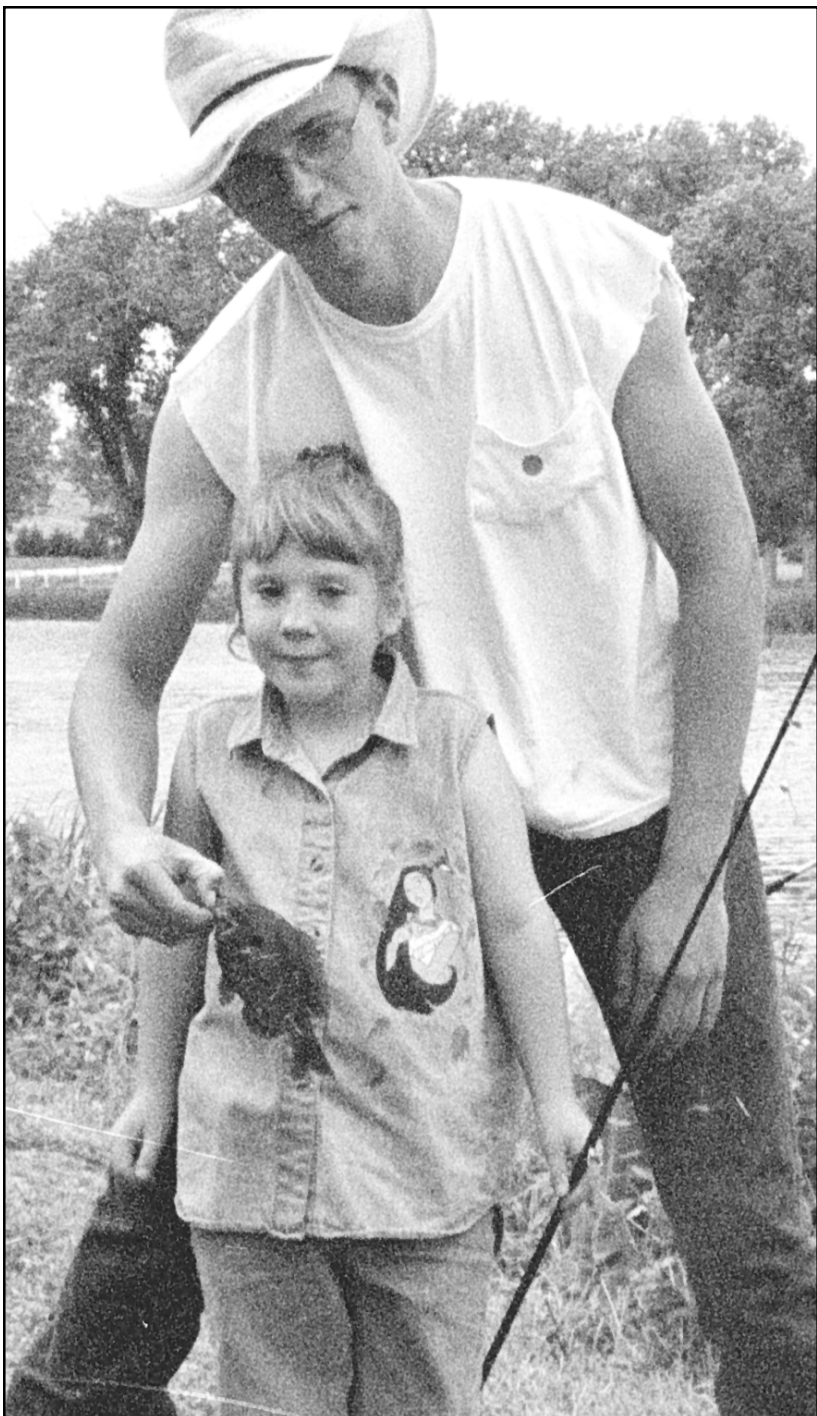
Davignon and his group leaders worked hard to make sure the kids fished safely and helped them unhook their lines.

"It would be nice if there were some more clear areas on the banks," he said. "The groundskeeper doesn't have a mower that can mow the banks, and because most of the fish are close to the shore, the kids' lines keep getting snagged."

"We also need to spray the poison ivy."

After the fishing was done for the day, the kids were treated to barbecued hot dogs. Even during the meal, Kendall was talking about the one that got away.

"That fish tricked me," she said. "He pulled the bobber under and then ran away."



Kylee Kendall and her group leader, Matt Gattshall, proudly displayed Kendall's first fish. She caught two blue gill on her first two casts but didn't feel like touching either one. Photo by Lester Bolen/The Goodland Daily News

Red Wings coach back

DETROIT (AP)—Scotty Bowman, the NHL's winningest coach, is returning to the Detroit Red Wings for his 30th season behind the bench.

There had been speculation that the 67-year-old coach might retire after ap sports briefs

having knee-replacement surgery and an angioplasty that caused him to miss the early part of the 1998-99 season.

Bowman was named The Sporting News NHL Coach of the Year this season after leading the Red Wings to a 49-20-9-4 regular-season record for 111 points and the Central Division title.

He has coached 2,059 regular-season NHL games, won 1,193 of them and coached 330 Stanley Cup Playoff games with 207 wins. His eight Stanley Cups ties him with Montreal Canadiens legend, and Bowman's mentor, Toe Blake for the all-time record.

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Duane Sutter signed a two-year contract with the Florida Panthers, removing the interim label from his title and joining two of his five brothers as NHL coaches.

Darryl Sutter coaches the San Jose Sharks and Brian Sutter coaches the Chicago Blackhawks.

Sutter guided the Panthers to a 16-24-6 record after replacing Terry Murray, who was fired in December.

FOOTBALL

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Running back Antowain Smith signed a one-year contract with the New England Patriots after four years with the Buffalo Bills.

Smith, the 23rd player taken in the 1997 draft, was released May 18 as the Bills cut his \$1.25 million salary from their payroll. He had lost his starting job in the third week of last season.

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baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	24	.586	—
New York	33	25	.569	1
Toronto	28	31	.475	6 1/2
Baltimore	27	31	.466	7
Tampa Bay	16	43	.271	18 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	19	.667	—
Minnesota	37	21	.638	1 1/2
Chicago	25	31	.446	12 1/2
Detroit	23	33	.411	14 1/2
Kansas City	21	38		
.356	18			
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	46	12	.793	—
Anaheim	29	29	.500	17
Oakland	28	30	.483	18
Texas	20	38	.345	26

Wednesday's Games				
Detroit 7, Boston 3				
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 2				
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Baltimore 4				
Kansas City 12, Chicago White Sox 6				
Seattle 7, Texas 3				
Oakland 4, Anaheim 1				
Thursday's Games				
Toronto 8, Tampa Bay 7				
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 1				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 0				
Boston 8, Detroit 1				
Cleveland 6, Minnesota 2				
Anaheim 6, Oakland 4				

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Florida (Smith 3-1) at Toronto (Hamilton 2-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Blank 0-1) at Baltimore (Towers 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
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Atlanta	32	26	.552	4
Florida	28	30	.483	8
New York	26	34	.433	11
Montreal	23	37	.383	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	21	.632	—

St. Louis	32	27	.542	5
Houston	29	28	.509	7
Milwaukee	29	28	.509	7
Cincinnati	23	35	.397	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	18	39	.316	18
West Division				
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Arizona	36	24	.600	—
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