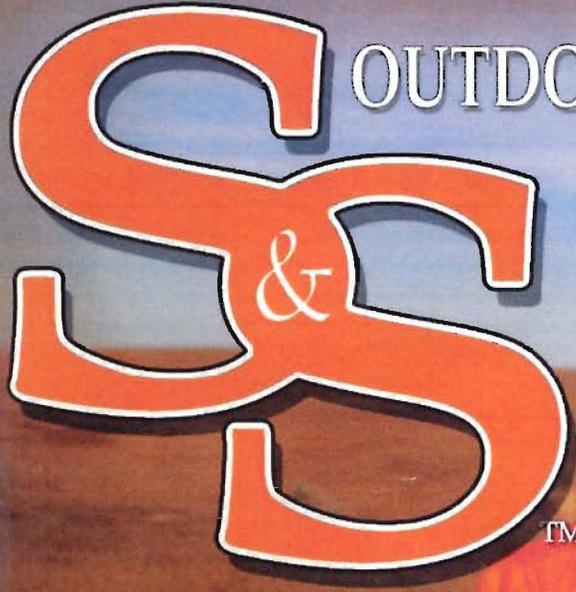
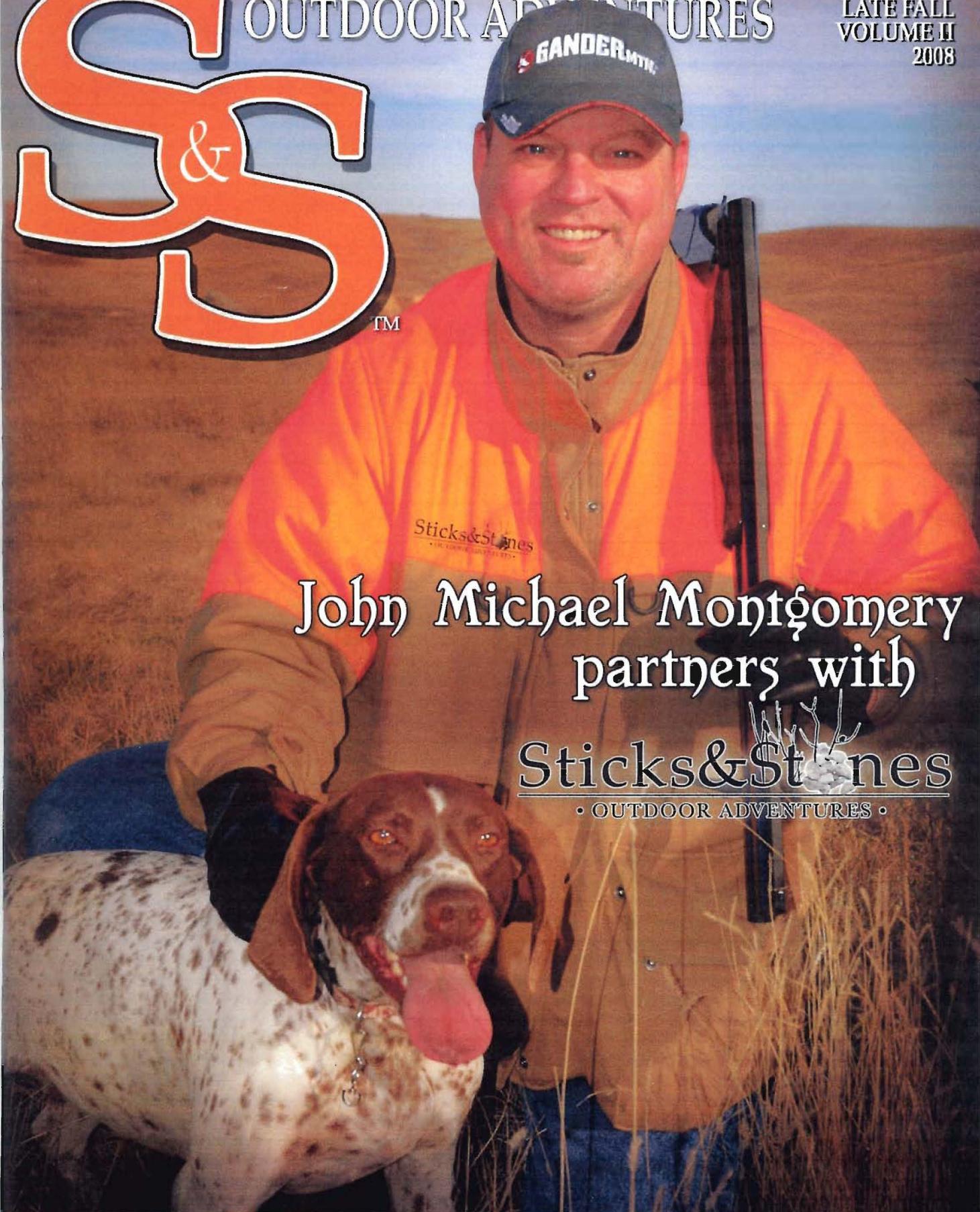


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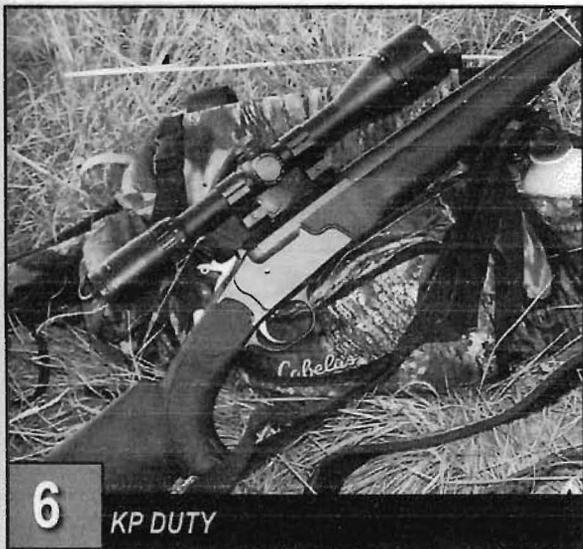
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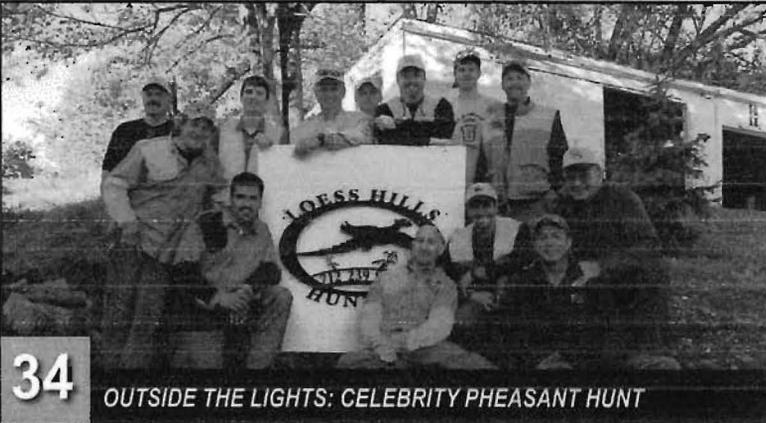
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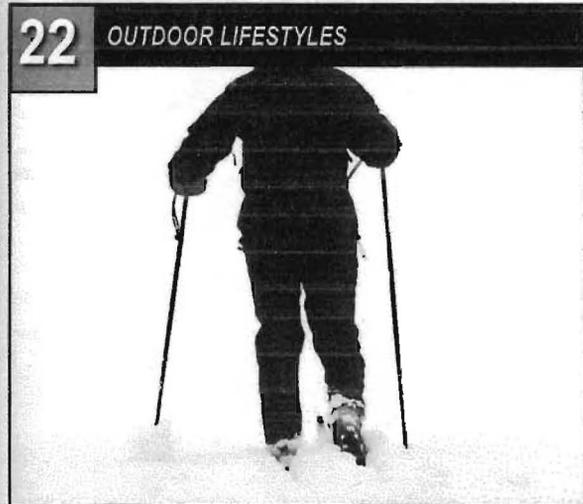
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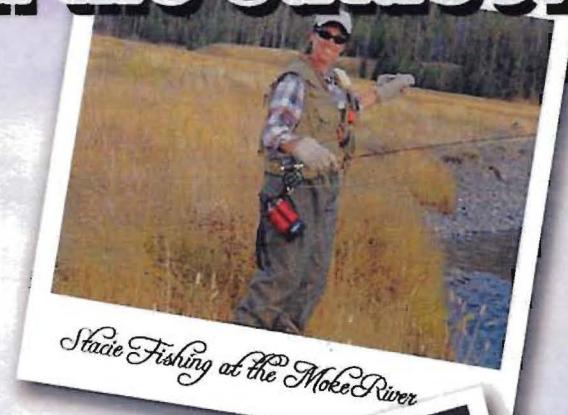
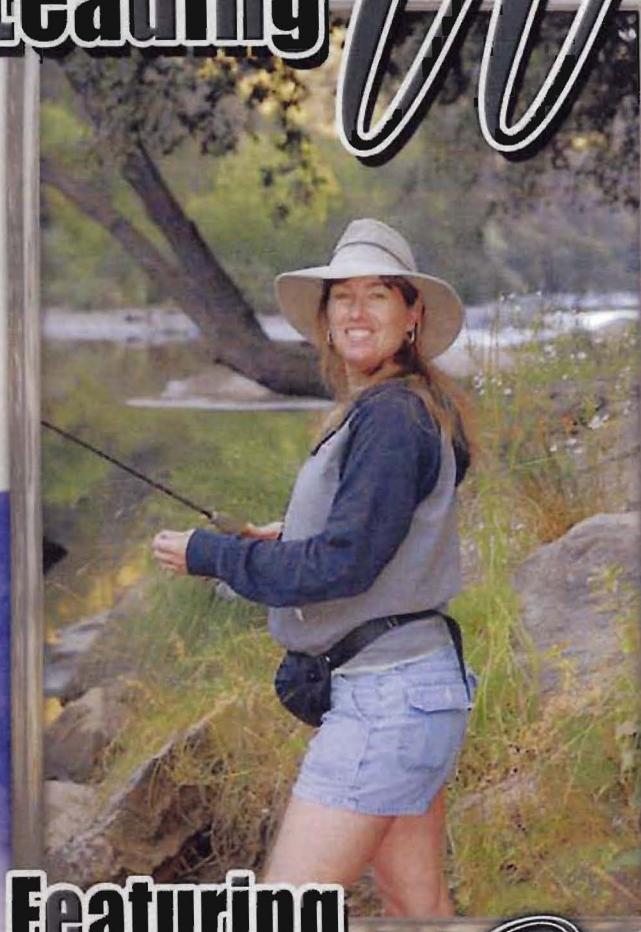


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Leading Women in the Outdoors



Stacie Fishing at the Moke River



Featuring Stacie Albright

“Get outta here!,” he yelled while tossing rocks through the air in the direction of his little sister. “I’m going huntin’ by myself,” he scolded. Stacie scampered back a safe distance, but still managed to follow her big brother into the woods. The buckeye trees provided some good cover for her and she knew she could out-sneak her

brother. She wasn’t giving up. Stacie could smell the excitement in the air – it was hunting season. Even though she was only about 5, it was a good thing she did follow him on that fateful day because Stacie ended up saving her brother from being swallowed up by quick sand...but that’s another story. Let’s fast forward a couple decades.

Since those days in the Midwest with her brothers in the brushy fields of Ohio, snaring rabbits, fishing the creeks, and huntin’ squirrels along the river breaks, Stacie Wentland (now Albright) has been hooked on the outdoors. Whether it’s hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, camping, RV’ing, or taking pictures of someone doing all these things, she

is a woman of the great outdoors. I'm her husband so I can tell this story straight up. And do not get me wrong; "Stac" can get dolled up and look like a million bucks any day of the week. But she'd much prefer to be in jeans and ball cap, climbing in and out of our Jeep while we negotiate some rough country trail exploring the backways of this great country of ours.

She represents what a lot of women – mothers, wives, and significant others – can shoot for when it comes to rounding out their outdoor life experiences. As a mother of two, Ryan 25, Jessica 8 and a grandmother of 1 year old Melodie, she knows the power of taking kids outside to do something other than computer games or staring mindlessly at a television and chowing down junk food. As a partner and wife of a hunter/outdoorsman, she fully understands the importance of sharing the outdoors with the person you love (and doing the things they love). It's all part of what the outdoor family fabric is made of.

As a true American Patriot, Stacie also appreciates enjoying all the things our country has to offer such as the freedom to explore the backcountry by 4x4. Besides her love of being outdoors she also has a passion for saving it for our use; the public's use. As a land use advocate she spends countless hours on the phone and on her computer writing to elected officials and posting up on several forums about the importance of keeping our public land open for the public instead of from the public.

As a volunteer for the BlueRibbon Coalition, www.sharetrails.org, she spends plenty of time on the road with me empowering people with the tools that they need to get involved in their local land use issues. Believe me the threat to our public land is out there folks and it's

literally knocking on everybody's back door. Okay, let's get back to the fun stuff.

Last Fall she was tromping through a rice field with me while we hunted up some China birds (that's all my Dad ever called pheasants). This time she was packing the camera and instead of taking pictures of the mountains and such like usual, she kept after me to hold this pose or that with my gun; shoot this direction; scare up the next bird so she can get a good picture with the sun at her back; etc. It nearly drove me to distraction until I realized how lucky I was. She was loving the hunt as much as I was – and trying to capture it on film for both our memories. Awesome!

A while back we were bass fishing on a nearby lake when the sun was about to turn out the lights and cause us to retreat to shore. I was running the bow trolling motor and she was throwing some ugly contraption I don't know to this day what it was but it had more "hair and color" than some of the lady stuff in her bathroom. ☺ All of a sudden she leaned back, straining hard, pulling up her pole and getting ready to grab the rod with both hands. "What on earth have you snagged?" I yelled. She pulled even harder and I saw the rod start to disappear under the boat. I instantly knew she had a lunker bass. "Yikes, baby, loosen your drag, follow the fish with your rod and ease up on the pull," I coached. Now here's the way cool part. She knew exactly what I was talking about and she followed my lead perfectly. She landed a dandy over-5-lb largemouth in a lake where we typically caught 2-3 pounders. To top it off, she brought two more to the boat that were 3+ pounds and she handled them like a pro. I was impressed. So, ok, worse than that, I was out-fished. ☺ I asked her what she loved most about the outdoors. She said, "I

think mostly it's all about having the opportunity to pass on our family traditions and values that will be taken with our kids into the future." She also added, "I sure do have great memories of growing up pretty much outdoors and having the freedom to explore and learn like a kid should be able to; it's made me a better person and I'm thankful for that. Watching the kids grow up in a place where they know what a frog is and how to bait a hook is priceless in my book. We're just so fortunate."

You gotta love those women of the outdoors and be sure to go and give yours a big smooch!

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By Del Albright

