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Re: Cabelas coming to Erie!

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The original Cabelas store was and still is in Sidney, Nebraska! I don't know when they got their start but I have personally been doing business with them through mail order since the mid 70's. I visited the store in Sidney back in 1999. They, Bass Pro Shops and Gander Mountain I believe pioneered the mail order outdoor sports industry. Cabelas bought out Gander Mountains mail order business back in the 80's if I'm not mistaken and that's why you don't get a Gander Mountain catalog in the mail anymore.

At 53 I have seen the "big box" stores move in to many medium to small towns and heard the cry that they would drive the small "Mom and Pop" stores out of business and have not seen the evidence. As was said earlier the ones that did succumb were not competing well with the other local stores and were doomed anyway.

I own several Cabelas fly rods and they serve me well 3 were bought on sale and cost me 50 dollars or less and I would not own them except for the clearance price. I don't know what it's like to own a fishing rod let a lone a fly rod that cost over 200 dollars.

Back when I was single, had lots of disposable income and was tournament bass fishing I did the bulk of my equipment shopping at a small tackle store in the village of Woodcock (it don't get any smaller look it up) called Elly's Bait and Tackle. But she didn't carry everything I needed sure she would special order anything I wanted but there was always something she could not get! So once a year I would place an order with Cabelas and Bass Pro (even they could not carry everything I needed or wanted). Her shop went out of business when she retired and her son TRIED to run the business. Nuf said!

I started this thread and my intentions were just to inform everyone of the "impending invasion" not start a debate over not so evil corporations (witch by the way almost all started as a mom and pop at one point) and the small local business.

Oh by the way another fine local fishing establishment that you should consider doing business with is Fish USA mostly an online entity but they do have a brick and mortar store in Erie. I stop in there often when I am in the area. They are a fine example of American free enterprise and ingenuity and in my opinion compete in some areas with Bass Pro and Cabelas!

And he steps down off the soap box! =:-)