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DNR passes along skills and ethic at Outdoor Education Expo

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More than 3,500 fourth and fifth grade students, teachers and volunteers descended on the Dodge County Fair Grounds in Beaver Dam on May 13 and 14 for the fifth Annual Wisconsin Outdoor Education Expo. As in previous years, DNR programs provided lots of opportunities for the students to experience outdoor skills.



Boating natural resources program specialist Cathy Burrow, Madison, talked about the "Wear it Wisconsin" program, as kids waited in line for the firearm

safety camp.

WDNR Photo

The expo featured camps that included: archery; wildlife and conservation heritage enrichment; camping; team building; firearm safety; fishing; sporting dog demonstrations; and trail recreation. All camps were tied to Wisconsin educational standards geared toward fourth and fifth grade curricula, with activities linked to specific areas of academic achievement including science, mathematics, history and physical education.

Since 2006, about 18,000 students have participated in the Wisconsin Outdoor Education Expo.

Wildlife Management offered several opportunities to young participants

Wildlife education administrator **Mary Kay Salway**, Alma, highlighted the Bureau of Wildlife Management's support of the Wildlife Camp, officially sponsored by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. In addition, Wildlife Management coordinated the Prairie Wildlife Habitat Teaching Station, co-captained by **Missy Sparrow**, Plymouth; **Andy Paulios**, Madison; and **Steve Easterly**, Oshkosh. Co-captains **James Harbaugh**, Green Bay and **Pam Stange**, Mead Wildlife Area, managed the Forest Wildlife Teaching Station. The Wildlife Identification Teaching Station, which focused on birds of prey, found **Chris Cold**, Ladysmith, and **Bill Volkert**, Horicon at the helm.



Wildlife technician Angela Rusch, Hartford, talked with young visitors to the Pretty Prairie Match Game.

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In addition to the co-captains, several Wildlife Management employees provided valuable teaching assistance including **Cortney Schaefer**, Wausau; **Yoyi Steele**, Madison; **Steve Hoffman**, Crex Meadows; **Angie Rusch**, Hartford; **Liz Herzmann**, Horicon; and **Heidi Swan**, Waukesha.

This year, the Division of Forestry sent **Mary Ann Buenzow**, Janesville and **Corey Secher**, Monroe, to assist with the Forest Habitat Teaching Station. Volunteers from Pheasants Forever and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology helped the Wildlife Management staff at the various teaching stations.

DNR's National Archery in the Schools Program coordinator **Dan Schroeder**, Madison, once again assisted the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association at the Archery Camp. The joint program provides much of the archery equipment for this target archery experience. Salway coordinated the overall Bureau of Wildlife Management activities at the Youth Expo, including developing teaching aids and props, and coordinating the staffing plan.

Law Enforcement views interaction with kids as opportunity for

"The Wisconsin Outdoor Youth Expo is a great opportunity for conservation wardens and DNR staff to interact with school age kids and provide a brief experience as to what Wisconsin's outdoors has to offer," said **Todd Schaller**, Bureau of Law Enforcement's (LE) Recreation Enforcement and Education Section chief.



A volunteer hunter education safety instructor from Beaver Dam and DNR warden Mike Disher, Oshkosh, worked with students on the BB gun range.

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Recreational safety warden **Jon King**, Madison, coordinated the BB gun range area. In addition to receiving firearm safety lessons, participants had a chance to shoot BB guns, many for the first time. "You can see the pride and excitement in a child's eyes and smile as they walk away carrying their target," King said.

More than 25 volunteer hunter education safety instructors helped staff the range each day. LE office associate **Marlin Spindler**, Madison, scheduled and coordinated the volunteers for the event.

While the kids stood in long lines leading to the BB gun range, LE staff talked about boating safety and the "Wear it Wisconsin" campaign, encouraging everyone to wear a personal floatation device while boating.

In addition to wardens from across Wisconsin assisting with the BB gun range, wardens **Tim Price**, Eagle River, and **Kelly Crotty**, Florence, helped at the National Archery in School Program area and **Heather Gottschalk**, Poynette, conducted a dog handling and training demonstration.

Expo brings outdoor partners together to pass on outdoor ethic

The Outdoor Expo is coordinated by the [Wisconsin Outdoors Alliance Foundation](#), a nonprofit corporation formed for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, educating the public about the importance of conserving natural resources for future generations and educating children on the benefits of engaging in outdoor activities.

Expo coordinator Heidi Hubble observed the following, tacking on a quote from the story that ran in the "Wisconsin State Journal:" "Children watched in amazement as WDNR Fisheries filleted fish and the children feasted on delicious deep-fried rainbow trout and other types of fish. Hungry children kept coming back for more and more and more...

Here is a great quote from the Wisconsin State Journal: "... the kids were tagged, measured and sent on their way. "I'm a very, very huge bluegill, Lucy Wendt exclaimed."



Gypsy Moth Suppression Program succeeds with an outreach feat

For three years, the DNR Gypsy Moth Suppression Program team has worked to improve outreach and notification regarding program activities. The challenge is to alert residents of low flying, loud airplanes spraying a pesticide that consists of a naturally-occurring soil bacterium over gypsy moth affected areas, sometimes as early as dawn during May days. This is quite a feat in urban areas such as Madison and Milwaukee, considering that the dates are constantly in flux due to the influence of weather and caterpillar development on spray schedules.



Bill McNee, Regional Gypsy Moth Suppression coordinator in Green Bay, talked with campers about gypsy moth, emerald ash borer and not moving firewood. WDNR Photo

In spring 2009, Federal Aviation Administration requirements resulted in the use of a much louder and slower plane than previously used in the program.

“We heard a lot more complaints and concerns from residents than ever before,” said Colleen Robinson Klug, an educator working with the Division of Forestry’s forest health team.

Klug estimates that hundreds of calls came into 9-1-1 in the Madison and Milwaukee areas and many direct calls to the gypsy moth information line. It was clear to DNR that media coverage, along with the information line, gypsy moth email notification list, and websites weren’t sufficient to get the word out. More innovations in outreach would be needed in 2010.

Further steps taken to reach media and public

First, the program personalized the service provided to public service agencies. Each year an email or letter is sent to hospitals, day care centers, emergency management agencies, schools, etc. in spray areas encouraging them to subscribe to our DNR Gypsy Moth Email List Serve for daily updates on spray plans. This year, **Virginia Mayo Black**, communications specialist for the Forestry Program, worked to connect directly with specific individuals at these agencies rather than relying on the general contact number or email. Subscriptions to the list serve doubled again this year, topping out at over 2,000 subscribers.



A plane sprays for gypsy moth infestations above Blue Mounds State Park.

WDNR Photo

Second, Klug created a DNR [media kit](#) regarding the Suppression Program. This kit, posted on the DNR website, is a one-stop shop for reporters who need information about the program to help spread the word on local news broadcasts. Instead of media outlets needing to contact a DNR staff person directly to follow up on our news release, they now had access to information about the Suppression Program goals, locations, spray activities, planes, schedules, updates and more, right at their fingertips.

Third, Klug worked with DNR's regional public affairs managers to stress the importance of getting information about the department's Suppression Program activities to local media outlets in areas where sprayed. Video was provided directly to news outlets to make it as easy as possible for them to cover a story about upcoming spray activities, in an effort to alert the public.

The 2010 Suppression Program concluded with twice as much pre-spraying media coverage; no calls to 9-1-1; and only a couple of direct calls to the DNR Call Center and the gypsy moth information line. What a difference! According to Robinson Klug, the DNR Call Center staff served their third year helping with the gypsy moth program and answered calls thoroughly and to the satisfaction of those callers.

"It really takes a team effort both from inside and outside of the agency to make outreach on gypsy moth activities a success. Moving from hundreds of concerned callers to zero in one year is a huge success, and we are proud of our new tools and resources for getting the word out," said Robinson Klug. The program will continue to work to improve outreach efforts, making them more cost effective and accessible to all.

Read more about suppression and other activities at the joint UW-Extension, DNR and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ["Wisconsin Gypsy Moth"](#) website.

Last "Bill Tracker" full of DNR bills signed by Governor Doyle

By: Paul Heinen, Secretary's Office

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The Final ["2010 Bill Tracker"](#) contains all of the actions taken on bills that DNR has followed during the 2009-10 legislative session. Below are the final bills that Governor Jim Doyle recently signed into law.

This is the last "Bill Tracker" until the Legislature returns in January 2011.

Bills enacted into law or vetoed

- **SB 243**, now **WI ACT 385**: This NRB-approved bill eliminates the three-day waiting period for archers to use their license during the open archery season.
- **SB 264**, now **WI ACT 252**: Introduced by the Legislative Council, this bill allows wardens to enforce trespass violations involving snowmobiles, ATVs and other recreational vehicles on all lands.
- **SB 396**, now **WI ACT 375**: This bill allows able-body people in a boat with a disabled angler to use a trolling motor to fish. Current law only allows disabled anglers to troll.
- **SB 401**, now **WI ACT 364**: This bill creates a new one-day fishing license for both resident and non-resident anglers.
- **SB 557**, now **WI ACT 373**: This bill includes a number of provisions all aimed at letting prospective buyers of land know that there may be wetlands on the property.
- **SB 614**, now **WI ACT 377**: This bill allows certain landowners to use ATVs to get rid of Phragmites on their shorelands.
- **SB 661**, now **WI ACT 391**: This bill allows DNR to issue "General Permits for Federal Wetlands" restoration projects.
- **SB 664**, now **WI ACT 384**: This bill allows the State of Wisconsin to capture an additional \$15 million in Safe Drinking Water funds. The language in the bill was needed to get federal funds and allows some communities to have part of their principal payment forgiven.
- **AB 371**, **Vetoed**: This bill would have changed a number of bear hunting regulations. Things like dog training periods, ages of class B permit holders, and when a Class B permit holder can shoot a bear are among the changes.
- **AB 580**, now **WI ACT 365**: This NRB-approved bill makes a number of changes to the Managed Forest law. The bill includes changes to management plans, ownership transfers, stumpage values and the filing of cutting reports.
- **AB 599**, now **WI ACT 389**: This NRB-approved bill makes permanent the current 55 mph nighttime speed limit for snowmobiles.
- **AB 733**, now **WI ACT 217**: This NRB-approved bill changes the dates and deadlines for municipalities applying for funds under the Safe Drinking Water Act. If they request, the department now can give them more time to apply for funds.

Footnote: *Paul Heinen is the policy initiative advisor for the Secretary's Office.*



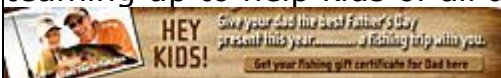
Father's Day gift certificate will build memories for a lifetime

By: Lisa Gaumnitz, Office of Communications

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This Father's Day, forget the tie. Give Dad and Grandpa a gift they'll truly remember: Time spent fishing with their kids.

Fisheries management and the department's online newsletter for kids "EEK!" are teaming up to help kids of all ages resolve that age-old dilemma, "What do I get Dad?"



Kids now can give their Dads and Grandpas a certificate for a fishing trip together.

WDNR Photo

Now web users can visit "EEK!" to print off a "Let's Go Fishing" gift certificate to give their father or grandfather to cash in later for a future fishing trip.

"We hope that the gift certificate prompts people to think about giving the simple gift - the gift of yourself and your time," said **Karl Scheidegger**, fisheries outreach leader in Madison. "In a fast-paced world of high technology and all-too-often high cost, fishing is a simple, inexpensive way of getting back to what matters most - reconnecting with family. It's an opportunity to build memories that will last a lifetime. Most kids won't remember their best day of watching TV, but get them out on the water, and remind them to bring along a camera to capture the moment."

The gift certificate will be promoted in a news release next week in the "DNR News," a "tweet" through fisheries Twitter account, and online advertising on ["MilwaukeeMoms.com."](http://MilwaukeeMoms.com)

The idea for the gift certificate came after overhearing a teenager say he'd made a fishing certificate to surprise his father on his birthday. The young man lives and breathes sports and has balked at going fishing with his dad, so his certificate was a perfect gift.

Footnote: *Lisa Gaumnitz is a public affairs manager for the Division of Water.*



Warden Einar P. Johnson Memorial Park dedicated

By: Jim Chizek, Retired DNR Conservation Warden

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More than 80 years have passed since heroic game warden's death

On Thursday May 16, 1929, Wisconsin State Game wardens **Einar P. Johnson** and **Alan Hanson** contacted two men suspected of buying illegal beaver pelts on Winter Road (now known as Rusk County J) north of Ladysmith. Beavers were near extinction at that time.

The wardens found a stashed packet of illegal pelts, which brought about a deadly struggle. Upon being arrested, one of the suspects pulled a pistol from the pocket of his mackinaw and fired at Einar, who had retreated by jumping across a ditch. Wounded from a bullet in the back, Einar returned fire with his pistol. The frantic rattle of gun shots echoed through the wilderness as both fired repeatedly.



A large group gathered at the new Einar P. Johnson Park to dedicate the property in the Wisconsin warden's name. Johnson's daughter Patricia Fossum stands in the front of the photo. Retired DNR employees also on hand were John Weber and Swede Erlandson. Current wardens included chief warden Randy Stark, Jeremy Peery, Dave Zebro, Casey

Krueger and Scott Bowe.

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Both men were critically wounded. Judging by his experiences in the U.S. Tank Corps during World War I, Einar knew he was critically wounded, yet managed to walk to the nearest farmstead, where he was transported to the hospital in Ladysmith. Einar died the following day at age 27. He had served as game warden in the Ladysmith area for two-and-a-half years.

The shooter, who survived, was charged with murder, setting off a boisterous trial with the public becoming a strong factor in its outcome. In spite of the fact that the murderer—a bootleg whiskey peddler—admitted being a hired gun for the fur buyer, the local citizenry strongly supported him. On several occasions Judge Wickam was obliged to clear the courtroom.

The other culprit was charged, but never apprehended. The "Neillsville Press" stated: "Any lawman makes enemies. Einar was no exception. In the area where many people trapped beaver illegally to sustain their families, public opinion favored the trapper and fur buyer. People worked hard to beat back the wilderness. To trap a few beaver seemed their privilege."

A contrasting item appeared in the "Ladysmith News:" "This brave young man had repeatedly shown his fitness and alertness as a warden. He held to the path of duty regardless of danger. His untimely death is not only a severe blow to his family and friends, but a loss to the cause of conservation in Wisconsin."

1929 Conservation Commission honored Johnson

In July 1929, the Wisconsin Conservation Commission adopted a resolution at their Ladysmith meeting honoring conservation warden Einar Johnson, who they stated was shot while faithfully performing his duty. Chief warden H.W. MacKenzie stated, "He was one of the finest wardens we ever had."

After a long, heated trial, the murderer was convicted of second degree manslaughter. Stating that the jury had shown leniency, Judge Wickam sentenced him to nearly the maximum allowed, six to seven years in the state prison, of which he served five years. Einar was buried in his hometown of Eau Claire, where his young wife Evelyn and two young daughters took up residence after his death.

Einar P. Johnson Park dedicated on May 14, 2010

After more than 80 years, Johnson's sacrifice for the people and resources of Wisconsin was honored on May 14 with the dedication of the Einar P. Johnson Memorial Park in Ladysmith.

The new park hosts a granite stone with a likeness of Johnson and an inscription about his service. Area school students will place the stone in the rock wall they'll build. The park can be found by traveling northeast out of Ladysmith on County Highway "J" to Dairyland Rd., then east one mile to the site.

Dairyland Power, Rusk County Wildlife Restoration Association, Wisconsin Conservation Wardens Association and the Safe Hunters of Tomorrow (SHOT) made the memorial possible.

The dedication event took place on the Friday of the national Law Enforcement Memorial Week that honors all enforcement officials who have fallen in the line of duty.

Southeast Region helps celebrate clean air at extravaganza

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Another stellar year of cleaner air is celebrated thanks to the teamwork of the Southeast Region Air Management employees Jerry Medinger, Peter McMullen and Jessica Lawent. Comprising the Transportation Section, this staff coordinates the "Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air Program (WPCA)," a coalition of more than 300 businesses, community organizations, schools, government agencies and others across the state, though mainly in southeastern Wisconsin, who take voluntary action to improve Wisconsin's air quality.

WPCA has many members who make notable achievements that often go unnoticed. In 1998, the partners decided to establish an annual Recognition Awards program to honor the most exceptional efforts and to encourage other members to follow suit. To attract more participants, the awards now are presented before an audience made up of the members' peers.



Partners gathered for a photo commemorating the Clean Air Extravaganza (left to right): Gloria McCutcheon, DNR's Southeast Regional director;; Bill Weisgerber, manager of Business and Institutional Sales at Milwaukee County Transit System; Sonya Newenhouse, president of Madison Environmental Group; Peter Beitzel, chair of WPCA and vice president of Infrastructure and International Business at Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

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In 2004, the name of the event was changed to the "Clean Air Extravaganza." The mission of the event is to honor the year-round achievements of all WPCA members and highlight the few that get selected for the annual "Recognition Award" and the new "Commuter Champion Award." The "Commuter Champion Award" recognizes employer transportation programs.

The event has a different theme each year, and a few speakers are invited to present relevant information on the themed topic, e.g. clean transportation, alternative energy, air quality impact on children's health, etc. There also are displays to showcase programs of interest to members of WPCA.

The awards motivate members to reach higher. The event also is a great way for WPCA to meet face-to-face, outside its quarterly steering committee meetings, to celebrate

success. The event wouldn't be possible, however, if not for the teamwork between DNR's regional staff and WPCA members.

Clean Air Extravaganza this year's venue

This year's awards were announced at the Clean Air Extravaganza on May 20, at the Children's Health Education Center in Milwaukee. Orion Energy Systems, of Manitowoc, and Riteway Bus Service, of Richfield, received the 2009 "Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air Recognition Award."

These companies have proved through their voluntary actions that they're committed to continuous improvement. Orion has mastered innovation to create lighting technologies that saved over three billion kilowatt hours of electricity and over two million tons of CO₂ in 2009 alone. Riteway implemented a well-rounded program to reduce fuel consumption and maintenance in their bus fleet, while also making operational and facility changes to become more efficient.

The Fiore Companies were honored with the 2010 "Commuter Champion Award," for their all-inclusive menu of transportation benefits available to the employees of the Network 222 building in Madison.

You can find more details about the winners' accomplishments and the annual award and the event at the "[Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air](#)" website.



Make "Great Outdoors Month" a memorable experience

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Governor Jim Doyle has declared June "[Great Outdoors Month.](#)" Virtually everyone living in Wisconsin is touched in one way or another by the emotional, physical, economic and social benefits of the state's natural resources. During June, emphasis is placed on encouraging more people to enjoy the great outdoors.



At the national level, President Barack Obama also proclaimed the month stating: "America's vast and varied outdoor spaces are a source of great national pride, and we have long strived to protect them for future generations. Our lands provide countless opportunities for exploration, recreation, and

reflection, whether in solitude or with family and friends. During Great Outdoors Month, we renew our enduring commitment to protect our natural landscapes, to enjoy them and to promote active lifestyles for ourselves and our children."

The [American Recreation Coalition](#), comprised of outdoor recreation and conservation organizations, requested the proclamation at the federal level. During this month, across the country, organizations are celebrating National Trails Day®, National Fishing and Boating Week, National Get Outdoors Day, National Marina Day and the Great American Backyard Campout. President George Bush called for the first "Great Outdoors Month" in 2004 to "highlight a variety of initiatives, events and themes he embraces – more active lifestyles to combat obesity, volunteerism to strengthen our communities and our shared legacy of parks and forests, protection of our environment and enjoyment of the splendor of the great outdoors."

Stay close to home, enjoying the great outdoors in Wisconsin



A young visitor to Blue Mound State Park studied a maple leaf that had fallen to the ground last fall.

WDNR Photo

Memorial Day Weekend and June represent the beginning of summer in Wisconsin. Families and individuals plan to experience the diverse outdoor recreational opportunities available, whether rock climbing, wildlife watching, camping, fishing, kayaking or any of many other activities.

The state's residents, visitors from out-of-state and travelers from far-away countries flock to the Wisconsin outdoors in droves beginning this month. Learn the benefits to leaving home for a nearby vacation destination at ["Get Outdoors! Wisconsin"](#)

Then, get ideas for planning a Great Outdoors Month getaway by checking out the events page on the ["Parks, Forests, Recreation Areas and Trails"](#) webpage. You'll be on your way to making memories that will last a lifetime.

EPA proposes new air quality standards for ozone

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Earlier this spring , the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released for comment proposed new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, including a primary standard (public health based) somewhere between 60 to 70 ppb (parts per billion) If EPA sets the primary standard at 70 ppb or lower, a number of Wisconsin counties may be affected.

According to their schedule, EPA will publish a final NAAQS for ozone by August 31, 2010. Depending on severity of the pollution levels, attainment in the designated areas would occur between 2014 and 2026.



Counties currently monitored that are exceeding the proposed range for an 8-hour ozone standard. County in blue is at less than 60 ppm, while counties in red are at greater than 70 ppm. Based on 2007-2009 monitoring data.

WDNR Photo

In a letter to EPA, Secretary Matt Frank expressed DNR's support of the primary standard of 60 to 70 ppb proposed by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), EPA's independent group of science advisors. He also favored departing from the practice of establishing a secondary welfare-based standard that is identical to the primary standard. Examples of "welfare" would be damage to ecosystems, damage to flora or fauna, etc.

Sec. Frank referred to the proposed range for the primary standard as "much closer to the public health standard envisaged by the Clean Air Act. When compared to the 75 ppb standard set in 2008 by the Bush administration, he added that, "Promulgation of a standard within the proposed range will improve the health of many Wisconsin citizens." Sec. Frank cited Wisconsin's leadership "in protecting public health with rules such as our multi-pollutant rule and clean air interstate rule." In further reference to the proposed standards, the Secretary commented that DNR:

- Supports the proposed change of the primary standard to a level consistent with CASAC's recommendations.

- Supports adjustment of the AQI (Air Quality Index) to comport with a revised primary standard.
- Supports maintaining the current form of the primary standard, a three year average design value based on the fourth highest 8-hour concentration for each season.
- Supports EPA establishing a separate secondary standard for ozone.
- Recognizing that ozone is a regional pollutant, DNR recommends changing the proposed monitoring network requirements to provide a far more cost-effective and efficient structure for both monitoring network maintenance and implementation plan development.
- As an adjunct to the revised ozone NAAQS, Wisconsin strongly recommends that EPA issue timely implementation guidance and appropriate classification structures that provide realistic opportunity for comprehensive plan development and realistic attainment timelines.

John Melby, director of the Bureau of Air Management, explained that ozone is a regional pollutant and correcting the problem calls for a regional solution. To reduce concentrations of ozone and mitigate any adverse effects on public health, businesses or the environment, DNR will be working closely with neighboring states on a regional air quality plan. If EPA finalizes the new standard this summer, that plan will be due to EPA in December 2013.

Adjustment of Air Quality Index (AQI) to correspond to ozone levels

When pollution levels exceed those set for protecting human health, DNR issues Air Quality Watches. So that the public is certain of the quality of air they breathe, Sec. Frank also expressed support for updating the Air Quality Index (AQI) for ozone in conjunction with establishment of a revised standard.

Read about steps DNR has taken to both monitor and alert the public about dangerously high levels of ozone, as well as steps department employees should take on those days when their activities may contribute to those levels of ozone, in the June 8, 2009 "MyDNR Digest" story ["Air Quality Watches' guidelines for DNR workplaces communicated."](#)



DNR customers now can make E-Check payments online

By: Margaret Hooper Lofton, Bureau of Finance

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Since December 2009, DNR customers have been able to pay for environmental permits, licenses and other fees via the Internet. Invoices issued ranging from a \$75 asbestos removal notification to a \$20,000 timber sale now indicate to the customer that they have ["E-Pay Invoice Payment Options,"](#) allowing them to pay online using an electronic check. In June 2010, more than 8,000 companies will be offered the option to pay their annual environmental bills using the new E-Pay system.

Each year, more and more businesses and customers have asked about electronic payments. E-Check is secure, quick, convenient and less work for our customers. There also is no "service" or "convenience" fee for paying online.

For DNR, E-Checks mean quick payment, less manual work, low cost and fewer bounced checks. It's truly a win-win situation.

E-Pay similar to PayPal for online transactions

The DNR E-Pay system works similar to the popular PayPal system and other online

payment applications. First, a person or business enters their invoice number, followed by their bank routing and account numbers. This results in a one-time withdrawal from their account for that specific invoice. Regular customers can specify that the system save their information, so they don't have to retype it to pay future invoices.

System available for programs with accounts receivable

Any DNR program using the "Accounts Receivable System" can accept money from customers using the new E-Pay system. For more information, contact me, [Margaret Hooper Lofton](#).

Footnote: *Margaret Hooper Lofton is a cashier in the Reporting Section.*

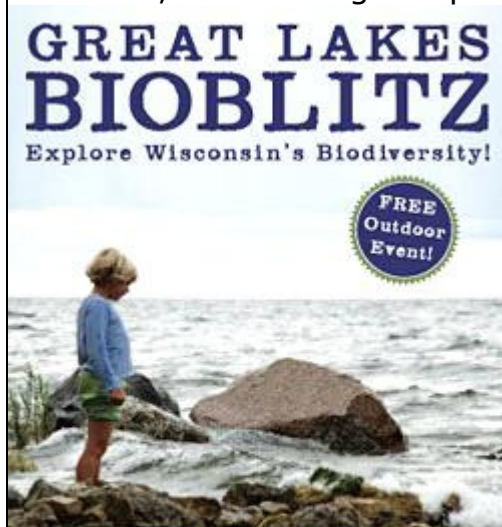


Natural Resources Foundation sponsoring Great Lakes BioBlitzes

By: Jeffrey Potter, Natural Resources Foundation

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If you're looking for a fun, free summer outdoor activity for yourself or your family, join one of three, free Great Lakes BioBlitzes sponsored by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. Each site will feature dozens of free field trips with some of Wisconsin's top scientists, as well as guest presentations and special activities for kids and families.



3 BEAUTIFUL LOCATIONS:
Door County, Cedarburg Bog & Superior

WORK SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH WISCONSIN'S TOP FIELD ECOLOGISTS
LEARN ABOUT GREAT LAKES WILDLIFE ON SHORT FIELD TRIPS
SPECIAL KIDS AREA & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Designed as part educational event, part scientific endeavor and part festival, the Foundation's BioBlitzes will bring together scientists, volunteers and the public to see how many species they can count in a day-long biological survey of Great Lakes State Natural Areas in Ozaukee, Door and Douglas counties.

In addition to short field trips throughout the day, each site will feature special opportunities, including bog walks, live raptor rehabilitation talks, and boat rides on Lake Superior.

The dates and locations for the three BioBlitzes:

- Saturday June 26, Europe Bay Woods State Natural Area, Newport State Park, in Door County
- Saturday July 17, Cedarburg Bog State Natural Area, in Ozaukee County
- Saturday July 24, Dwight's Point State Natural Area, in Douglas County

Work side-by-side with Wisconsin's top field ecologists

Ecologists and scientists from DNR and the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Green Bay and Superior, the Milwaukee Public Museum, the Great Lakes Aquarium, the Urban Ecology Center, and Ridges Sanctuary, as well as non-profit conservationists and skilled amateur naturalists will be on hand all day to lead citizen-scientist teams.

Come for a few hours or stay for the day

Great Lakes BioBlitzes will run approximately twelve hours each, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Short, guided data collection trips throughout the day will include vascular and non-vascular plants, insects, aquatic invertebrates, birds, mammals, trees, herptiles and fish. Each site will include a "headquarters" tent, where scientists can set up their microscopes and examine collected specimens, and members of the public can gather to go on hourly "inventory excursions" with leaders.

Registration is free and recommended, but not required. Find information, maps of the sites and more online at the [Natural Resources Foundation's](#) website. Click on the link at the bottom of the "Great Lakes BioBlitzes Fun and Free Summer Events" box to indicate which event(s) you'll attend. Once registered, you'll receive details on bringing your own food, the appropriate clothing to wear, etc.

Whether you have no experience or a PhD, the Natural Resources Foundation is eager to have you join one of our Great Lakes State Natural Area BioBlitzes.

Footnote: *Jeffrey Potter is communication director for the Natural Resources Foundation.*



Governor proclaims June 10 "Heat Awareness Day"

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Take extra care when working and playing outside

Gov. Jim Doyle has proclaimed June 10, 2010, as "Heat Awareness Day" in Wisconsin. The campaign is to remind people of the dangers associated with extreme heat and to encourage citizens to take protective safety measures. The day is also a good reminder for DNR employees who often are out working in the sun and hot, humid conditions as part of their regular duties.

For more hot weather advice, read the full text of the news release ["Wisconsin's Heat Awareness Day--June 10, 2010"](#) from the Division of Emergency Management.



Former game manager and board chair "Bud" Jordahl dies

By: Jeff Smoller, Division of Customer and Employee Services

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Harold C. "Bud" Jordahl, former Natural Resources Board (NRB) member and chair in the 1970s, died May 11, 2010, prompting personal memories of how natural resources debate has changed over the years and how it has stayed the same. His passing reminds us, too, that with smarts, skill and relationships it's possible to get things done, no matter how complex the issues or how strong the debate.

Jordy Jordahl, Bud's son, reminded me that his dad had an "unending admiration for DNR's many fine staff, especially the field staff. Not only did he never forget that he started as a field game manager in the old Conservation Department, stationed both in Viroqua and Spooner, he also always talked about those years as some of his happiest." Jordy also recalled Bud's commitment to land protection – places to hunt, fish, hike, bird watch and camp. "This was a constant in his career." Constant, too, was Bud's support of planning and master planning. As his student, I recall his constant message about the need to plan, whether it was for land protection, water quality or growth. Jordy also reminded me that his father "thought it was important to hear from the people and have an open process."

All of that and much more merited Bud's entry into the [Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame](#) in 2005.

Jordy's comments and the obituaries I saw missed three things that Bud might want mentioned:

- The first is how he got to be an NRB member. Gov. Pat Lucey nominated him after the nomination of Bud's friend Chuck Stoddard failed in the State Senate. Lucey wanted control of DNR and that meant getting board nominees through Sen. Clifford Krueger (R-Merrill). I remember, the hearing when the man we called "Tiny" warmly greeted Bud: "Welcome Harold," he said. (Tiny always called him Harold.) Then, they traded stories about Tiny's beloved northland. Confirmation was a breeze because Bud and Tiny talked "north," which meant forestry, tourism and jobs. Bud practiced relationships.
- The second is that the DNR that Bud arrived at was in crisis, pounded by the "Milwaukee Sentinel's" "Resources Rip-off" series. When Bud became Lucey's first confirmed appointee, Republican board members knew their rule was ending and agreed to an orderly succession, fostered by the gentlemanly Stanton "Pete" Helland, a friend and appointee of Gov. Warren Knowles. Bud became chair, and chairing was no picnic in those incendiary days. But, he did it by reaching across the aisle just as the other side had reached out to him. Bud practiced mutual respect.
- The third is that Bud was Gov. Lucey's representative on the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, a state-federal partnership to stimulate jobs in the cut-over region of Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, just like the Appalachian Commission. Bud knew about rural poverty and the hard northwoods life. And, he knew the importance of fostering economic development there. In his professional, political and personal lives, Bud remembered the link between economy and natural resources in the context of those folks "up north," who learned that the plow didn't follow the saw. Bud walked in others' shoes.

As a teacher, conservationist and politically-connected "policy-wonk," Bud seemed to fit anywhere he went, often wearing his signature hat, in Washington, Madison, Richland Center or Ashland. And, you just had to like him and want to listen to him, even if his views weren't yours and natural resources politics was rough. I think Tiny Krueger would agree.

Bud Jordahl's memory will be celebrated by Gathering Waters Conservancy, which he

helped found, and Wisconsin's land trust community at the 2010 Land Conservation Leadership Awards Celebration on September 30 at Monona Terrace. Event information can be found at the [Gathering Waters](#) website.

Footnote: *Jeff Smoller was a student of Bud Jordahl's at UW-Madison, served him while on the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, and was Gov. Patrick Lucey's press secretary before coming to the DNR in 1976.*



"MyDNR Digest" to recognize more employees more regularly

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*Giving credit **as** credit is due...*

If you've worked for the DNR for as many years as I have, you probably can remember back to the time when the hardcopy "DNR Digest" contained "Thanks to DNR Staff." And, having recently published the annual employee recognition issue of the "Digest," we've decided that such kudos should occur in a more-timely manner. I conducted a small, informal survey, and others agree.

There seems to be no shortage of appreciation for the accomplishments of DNR employees. Recognition comes in from both internal and external sources, and it may highlight a unique or a routine happening.

Starting with this issue, the "Digest" will contain both text and photo acknowledgement of the work of those committed to the mission of the agency.

Currently, I find most expressions of gratitude in the notes from central office and regional management team meetings. I'm certain that you know of other sources. I'd be grateful for any such notes and/or photos that you want to send my way. If the documentation doesn't provide context, you can help by providing it. Photos can depict employees participating in special events or performing their jobs.

The best way to get notes and photos to me is by emailing them to me at [Diane Brinson](#). The deadline for each issue of the "Digest" is the Friday of the week prior to payday week. For example, if you'd like to submit an item for the June 17 issue, get it to me by June 11.

I'll look forward to hearing from you as you give credit to your colleagues where credit is due, or as you understandably toot your own horn.

Footnote: *Diane Brinson is editor of "MyDNR Digest."*



Employee accomplishments recognized from central office to the regions

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Success stories from the central office

Terry Evanson, hydrogeologist in the Bureau of Remediation and Redevelopment, recently received an honorable mention as a nominee for this year's Virginia Hart Award. "It is a privilege to be included among a group of such accomplished and committed women," said Evanson.



Executive assistant Mary Ellen Vollbrecht congratulated Terry Evanson at the Virginia Hart Award ceremony at the Capitol.

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Success stories from the Northeast Region

- **Jim Ivacko** (forestry technician in Pembine), **Jerry Stoltenberg** (forestry technician in Wausaukee), **Joe Schwantes** (forester in Wausaukee), and **Steve Kaufman** (forester in Wausaukee): After checking the fire yesterday to make sure it was out, the resident located north of the fire approached me and commented on how professional our agency looked while suppressing the fire the day before. He stated that every one was calm, collective, safety conscious, and got the job done very well. He further mentioned that from now on, he is letting his friends and acquaintances know how our agency is very well trained and organized to protect both the public and the resources from forest fires. Thought I'd share that with you. Thank you for a job well done and let our LTEs **Corey Bereza** (emergency fire control firefighter in Pembine), **Mike Caylor** (fire control rider in Wausaukee), and tower man (observer) **Brad Tabbert** (in Wausaukee) know this as well. It feels real good when I get such positive feedback from a citizen. **Cole Couvillion**, *Forestry team leader*
- **Mark Randall** (wildlife biologist in Oshkosh): Thank you very much for coming to Kiekhafer Park this past Saturday (May 1) to help the Cub Scouts of Pack 3707 place new bluebird bird houses in the park. I also want to thank you for sharing your knowledge of bluebirds as well as other birds along with some of the flora and fauna that we encountered as we hike around the park. The boys not only got a good dose of fresh air and exercise, but also learned from you about the ecological life cycle (such as how siting some birdhouses by the wetlands provided an ample supply of insects within a short distance for the birds). The frogs that you pointed out that were singing and jumping in the wetlands off of the trail was a bonus to top off the hike as well. Thank you! **Dean Starks** (*regional information management specialist in Oshkosh*) *Den 6 Leader*. *Randall also received a letter from the Den 9 Leader.*
- Kathy Clayton, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency onsite coordinator and **Jennifer Borski** (hydrogeologist in Oshkosh): I want to let you know that I appreciate so much your work in coordinating the effort to sort out the soil/air contamination issues at the Sterling. The plan you presented was very comprehensible and I want to help you as much as possible. Please let me know should there be anything I can do to help you. Thanks. *Jae, Sterling Cleaners*
- **Shelly Wrzochalski** (forester in Green Bay), **John Huff** (wildlife biologist in Peshtigo) and **James Harbaugh** (wildlife technician in Green Bay): Yesterday evening I went back to Sensiba for a final cutting. I do believe I received my money's worth from the permits. I want to thank you for the opportunity to buy the permits and to cut the wood. It will definitely warm our family home for next winter. I appreciate what you and your department are doing to this special area of our state. I hope to enjoy the future benefits of the forest. Sensiba Wildlife Forest is really a hidden jewel of this area and underutilized. I am privileged to live close by and able to enjoy it. If you decide to do any more cutting

in that area next year, I would be interested in any future opportunity for permits. I hope to see you in the woods. Thanks. *Tom Pierquet*

- Today Veolia, hired by the DNR under the Emergency Response Zone Contract, was at the channel on the west side of Lake Winnebago between Starboard Ct. and Nicolet in Oshkosh responding to an unknown petroleum sheen on the surface water and petroleum stained rocks. Upon arrival, we received another complaint that there was a sheen on the east end of the channel. Veolia did not have a boat with a motor on site in order to respond to the east end of the channel. **Bob Olynyk** (fisheries technician in Oshkosh) brought a DNR boat with a motor to the channel for use by Veolia. Veolia is utilizing the boat to remove petroleum contaminated debris (oiled garbage) from the channel. I would like to thank Bob Olynyk for his time and efforts to assist with the spill clean-up. Without your quick response the response time would have been greatly delayed. I would also like to thank **Robin McLennan** (basin supervisor in Oshkosh) for providing an Eckman sampler and **Kevin McKnight** (hydrogeologist in Oshkosh) for bringing the Eckman sampler to the site and addressing citizen complaints while on site. *Roxanne Chronert*

- **Mary Gansberg** (water resources management specialist in Green Bay), **Brenda Nordin** (fisheries technician in Green Bay), **Sue Kocken** (environmental grants specialist in Green Bay): On behalf of the Hartlaub Lake Association, I want to thank-you for all of your help. Today we received our first EWM treatment. This would not have happened without your quick help and support. I personally found that working with the DNR in Green Bay to be a very easy. You made the process as simple as possible. I am especially thankful for that. I also found the guys from Bonestroo to be very professional and personable. We are looking forward to our next steps....and we will keep you apprised of our progress. *Gene Weyer, Hartlaub Lake*

- **Gary Hanson** (regional trails coordinator in Green Bay) and **Robert Rosenberger** (water management specialist in Peshtigo): Thanks so very much for joining us at our recently held 6th annual OHV Enthusiasts Workshops. Your presentation on the wetlands was outstanding. You did an excellent job of reporting this information to our membership. You're a great ambassador for the DNR and WOHVA wanted to take a moment to let you know just that! It was exceptionally generous of you to take time away from your family to spend time with us. We certainly hope that you will have time to visit with us again next year. Thanks again for sharing your knowledge & expertise with us. WOHVA truly appreciates it! *John Schnorr*

Success stories from the Northern Region

- **Excerpt from a letter sent to Secretary Frank:** I wanted to write to tell you what an outstanding job the Department of Natural Resources staff did with the "Learn About Your Land" series of classes for woodland owners in Iron, Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas counties this past spring. We had 101 landowners sign up for the six-class series. Department staff who made presentations were: **Carmen Wagner** (forestry hydrogeologist in Rhinelander), **Mark Braasch** (forest ranger in Gordon), **Colleen Matula** (forestry specialist in Mellen), **Amy Morales** (forester in Webster), **Darryl Fenner** (forestry team leader in Ashland), **Bruce Bacon** (wildlife biologist in Mercer), **Todd Naas** (wildlife biologist in Ashland) and **Greg Kessler** (wildlife biologist in Brule). The classes covered many aspects of forest management including: planning, silviculture options, forest management for wildlife, tree planting and cost-share programs with specific consideration for the Lake Superior basin eco-regions. All the Department staff involved in "Learn About Your Land," were excellent representatives and created abundant goodwill towards the Department. Even with all the budget cuts and limited staff, the attendees could really see the staff's commitment to natural resource management and protection.

- **Northern Region's 2009 Outstanding Service Award winners:**

Air & Waste: John Robinson, hydrogeologist supervisor (in Rhinelander), stepped up

and took the lead when internal services were impacted by the changes in the frontline staff. He provided a positive attitude and encouragement to volunteers to take on assignments. John has worked as a member of the statewide shooting range team that has drafted a response protocol for managing lead shot as well as shooting over water at shooting ranges. He also volunteered to work on cross border collaboration between Wisconsin and Minnesota coordinating emergency response services along the border in the Superior and La Crosse areas. John cares about the environment, his program, the people who work for him, and the folks he works for...including the citizens of our state. He takes the lead on statewide initiatives, stays up to date on emerging issues, and always makes the time to help those around him, whether it is at work or in his community.

Customer & Employee Services: June Pagel, payroll and benefits specialist (in Spooner), is appreciated for her caring and helpful attitude as well as her devotion to helping the region and the agency keep payroll and benefit information accurate. June does a great job interpreting the requirements in each special circumstance she is asked to review and is very thorough and accurate in explaining the nuances related to a specific situation.

Forestry: Judy Freeman, visitor service associate at the Flambeau River State Forest, has a positive attitude that cascades down to all that she meets. Her outstanding work and assignments that she has taken on beyond her normal duties come include creating systems to track ownership easements and land use agreements, along with systems to track expenses and budgets for multiple ongoing outside projects. She takes her fiscal responsibilities seriously. She now plans on maintaining and improving the website for the forest and maintaining it with periodic updates.

Land: Kurt Dreger, superintendent of Interstate Park, has overseen small, medium and large development projects with an eye on saving energy and "going green." He has revitalized the solar powered water system in the southern end of the park with plans for additional "green" improvements. Kurt has also taken the lead in managing Straight Lake State Park and Wildlife Area, which is in the beginning stages of increased visitation and development.

Science & Enforcement: Jon Simonsen, environmental review coordinator (in Rhinelander) reviews Department of Transportation, local road, and Wisconsin Environmental Protection Act projects in eight counties of the Northern Region. He maintains a delicate balance of preserving the environment while fostering positive working relationships with DOT, consultants, municipalities, and other government agencies. Jon has an inherent ability to see the "big picture" and works diligently to find common sense solutions to problems that can easily become controversial. Jon has a deep appreciation for the wetlands, has extensive knowledge of them and their functional values, and understands their significance in the environment.

Water: Bonita Kotila, operations program associate (in Rhinelander), literally is the glue which holds our Northern Region's wastewater data management together. Through her efforts, our work is presented clearly, concisely, consistently and competently to both our external operators and officials as well as the wastewater staff team. Her knowledge and expertise of the SWAMP database is used to screen violations, which inevitably

results in zero unaddressed violations on the program report.

LTE: Marie Hanson, office operations associate (in Spooner), is a wonderful source of energy for the entire Spooner office. She has a great sense of humor that makes working with her fun for her team members. Her attention to detail can be seen in everything she does from setting up hunter and ATV education courses to processing lake grant applications or even caring for the fleet vehicles. Marie thinks ahead to make everything she is involved in simple and pleasant for her co-workers. Marie does a lot to keep morale up here at Spooner. She posts staff photos and announcements, is willing to help arrange special celebrations and is always doing some type of caring act for a co-worker needing a boost.

Team: Water Regulation & Zoning and Law Enforcement staffs:

- The Water Regulation Staff in NOR have gone to heroic levels to cover our entire regional workload in spite of two long-term vacancies. This program has a mammoth workload, lots of public inquiry and controversy, and a high demand for enforcement. The team has kept up a long-distance rotation to provide coverage for Cumberland and Antigo, traveling from Spooner, Ashland, Hayward, Superior or Park Falls for site inspections and enforcement cases. Their work was accomplished without cutting corners, and with statutory deadlines for permit issuance being met as much as possible. **Jim Grafelman, Dan Harrington, Dan Houston, Wendy Henniges, Travis Holte, Dave Kafura, John Kleist, Steve LaValley, Vicky Nelson, John Spangberg, Carrie Stoltz and Jayne Wade**

- The NOR wardens were included in this nomination for shoreland protection through the water regulation program because of their support throughout these extended vacancies. They have also been covering their own vacancies, while being “first responders” on complaints and water reg violations. **Jesse Ashton, Jason Bayer, Brad Biser, Lance Burns, Kelly Cotty, Brad Dahlquist, Phil Dorn, Andy Dryja, Tim Ebert, Amie Egstad, Russ Fell, Jon Hagen, Tom Heisler, James Jung, John Krull, Matt MacKenzie, Paul Martin, Dan Michels, Sue Miller, Ron Nerva, Nick Nice, Pat Novesky, Tim Otto, Jeremy Peery, Rick Peters, Stu Pfeiffer, Tim Price, Pat Quaintance, Jill Schartner, Mike Sealander, Chris Spaight, Dave Swanson, Rich Thole and John Windt**

Success stories from the South Central Region

- A note of appreciation for **Jeff Ackerman** (hydrogeologist in Fitchburg) and Wendy Weihemuller (environmental program associate in Fitchburg) of the Remediation & Redevelopment program: I am glad we will be working with you on this. I am working with the City of Whitewater, and they couldn't be easier, I just happened to be looking at the BRRTs page because I am putting in a PECFA claim. I may want to discuss it with you one of these days though. I didn't so much like working with XXXXXXXX just because I don't know anyone, and they don't have anyone like Wendy Weihemuller.

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- **Kristin (Hart**, air management engineer in Fitchburg) and **Maria (Hill**, air management engineer in Dodgeville): Thanks for allowing me to tag along with you on your inspection of the Montchevre' Cheese Plant in Belmont. It was so interesting to learn about their processes, and to participate with you as you did your work. I also appreciated the 'car' time with Kristin - it was great to get to know you better. You both do awesome work. I learned a lot about your jobs in SCR! Thanks for the work you do to protect Wisconsin's air quality. **Sue (Bangert**, deputy administrator, Division of Air & Waste Management)

- **Ron (Grasshoff**, environmental analysis & review specialist in Fitchburg); I heard through the grapevine that you are retiring. I would like to wish you all the best in your future endeavors. The industry will surely miss you. I have always respected your common sense approach to construction

and I appreciated your quick responses. *Paul Nortman, Lunda Construction Company*

- Cindy (**Kohles**, forester ranger in Boscobel): I want to express my sincere thanks for the use of the Boscobel hand-crew this spring. We had a record Rx burning season and the hand-crew's assistance certainly contributed to that. Some of our burns would not have happened without their help. The crew was very professional and a great asset to those of us in the Rx burning community. Please pass this on to the hand-crew. I hope that you continue to get funding for a hand-crew in the future; they really help our program out a lot. *Dean G. Edlin, conservation biologist, West Central Region crew leader*

Success stories from the Southeast Region

- Congratulations to **Tony Ratarasarn** (water supply engineer in Waukesha) for a thank you from the City of Whitewater: "I have always strived to do a good job. . . . but it would not be possible without your help. I consider myself very lucky to have a DNR Engineer with a vast amount of knowledge that is willing to share it with me. I pay close attention to what you say and have learned a great deal from you. My sincere thanks to you."
- Congratulations to **Susan Eichelkraut** (wastewater specialist in Milwaukee), **Nancy Gloe** (waste management specialist in Milwaukee), **Pat Iwanski** (water supply specialist in Milwaukee), **Chris Lilek** (wastewater specialist in Plymouth) and **Kevin Shurilla** (water supply specialist in Plymouth) for the thanks they received from Milwaukee Area Technical College students: "Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to shadow you. This chance provided us with good insights into the regulations protecting our natural resources. Thank you for invaluable learning experiences. "
- **Tami Ryan**, Wildlife Health Section chief (acting,) Bureau of Wildlife Management had the privilege of accepting an "Above and Beyond" award on behalf of our agency at the annual Wisconsin Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Awards Banquet. (The mission of ESGR is as follows: "We will gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding supports, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts, through mediation.")



Tami Ryan and Tim Lizotte received an "Above & Beyond Award" for their support of Bill Barthen as he serves in the Army National Guard.

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This was a formal event with approximately 200 attendees and all service members dressed in their military uniforms. There were nine honored employers for 2009. Of the "public agency" category, awards were given to the Rock County Sheriffs Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriffs Department, and the Wisconsin DNR. The award came to us via nomination of a Southeast Region employee in the Wildlife Management Program, **Bill Barthen**, who was hired as a CWD project biologist at the Waukesha Service Center in June 2006. Bill has been serving in the Army National Guard ever since. At the core of his nomination was an expression of his appreciation towards the agency as well as his past and present supervisors for supporting his military service, Tami Ryan and **Tim**

Lizotte (area wildlife supervisor).

Success story from the West Central Region

West Central Region director **Scott Humrickhouse** recently sent in a [complimentary letter](#) regarding La Crosse conservation warden **Dale Hochhausen's** rescue of stranded boaters on the Mississippi River. Regional Law Enforcement leader Mark Burmesch's comment: "Nice work, Dale!! Thanks for being a great representative of the Warden Service and DNR."

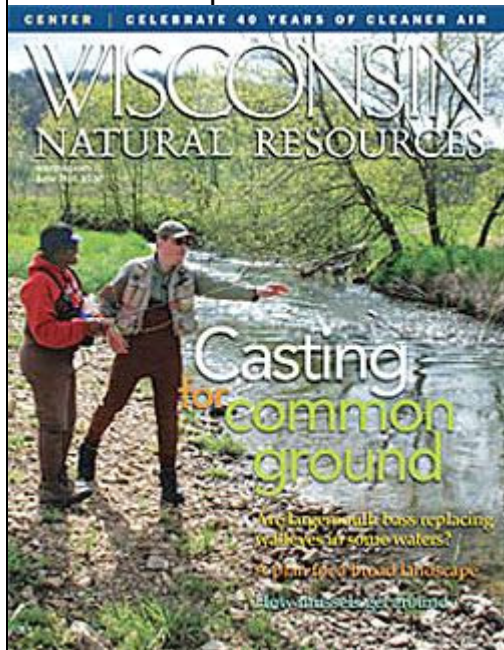
June magazine enthralls with everything from antlions to largemouth bass

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This month's issue of **Wisconsin Natural Resources** magazine contains another interesting mix of enthralling stories. In "Sustaining a fishery or fighting natural change?" public affairs manager **Lisa Gaumnitz**, who works with the Division of Water, writes about largemouth bass and walleye competing for dominance in some northern Wisconsin waters and what's happening to provide quality fisheries.

In "Casting for common ground," West Central Region's public affairs manager **Ed Culhane** describes from first-hand experience a partnership among DNR volunteers, the angling community, and a group of at-risk high schoolers to fuel the students' interest in science and potential outdoor careers.



The cover of the June 2010 **Wisconsin Natural Resources** magazine.

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Follow along with **Heather Kaarakka**, in the Bureau of Endangered Resources, as she shares the unusual strategies mussels use to extend their range in "Saving native mussels reach by reach." Learn how you can join in the first statewide survey in nearly 30 years to find out where mussels dwell.

Celebrate a 40-year commitment to improve air quality in a special insert that engages readers of all ages, including a pinwheel and a crossword puzzle, brought to you by Air Management education staff at "Celebrate 40 years of cleaner air."

See how big projects can bring big results by working in a big space. "A big vision for a broad landscape" showcases collective work on the 15,000-acre Leopold Pines Important Bird Area. **Mike Mossman**, in the Bureau of Science Services, and **Yoyi Steele**, in the Bureau of Wildlife Management, contributed to this story.

Finally, catch "A tiny terror in a sandy pit" and meet one of nature's little tough guys as we introduce you to antlions – small bugs with a fierce demeanor, a lot of fight and some serious engineering skills.

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