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Search DNR's website for specific fun activities and locations

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Finding fun in Wisconsin just got a whole lot easier with the launch this week of a new activities locator that can be found on the [Department of Natural Resources' website](#) by searching on keywords "**Explore Outdoors.**"

This new interactive tool allows users to search literally millions of acres of public lands by county, by proximity to a city, by type of property, or by one of 22 listed outdoor activities. Search terms can be combined to find, for example, dog training areas where you can also ride horseback within a specific county or within say, 50 miles from a listed city.

"Wisconsin has so much to offer in the way of outdoor recreation opportunity that it is a challenge just to tell everyone about the possibilities and to make it easy for them to find the kind of place and activity they're looking for," said DNR Division of Land Administrator, **Kurt Thiede**. "This webpage is the tool to do that, and I plan to make heavy use of it myself with my family."

By clicking the property link from your search results, you get more detail on the property, including maps. The webpage knits together public lands managed by the many functional groups in DNR's organization.

"DNR properties are managed by a variety of bureaus within DNR," explains Thiede.

“Depending on the primary purpose for initially acquiring a property it may be assigned for management purposes to wildlife, fisheries, parks, forestry, endangered resources or others. Most if not all, of these properties offer multiple recreational opportunities and that is what we’re trying to do here, to make all the opportunities to engage in outdoor recreation open and available to folks.”

The webpage can access all types of public lands. Property types include state parks and trails, state forests, natural areas, wildlife areas, fisheries areas and wild rivers. Searches can be done statewide, by single counties or by groups of counties.

The page also directly links DNR’s information service, which operates 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days per week, and a feedback survey so users can help the department make the page even better and more useful over time.



Long-term monitoring study links improved water quality to farming practices

By: Julia Riley, Bureau of Water Quality

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Roger Bannerman (right), DNR water resources management specialist, and Tom Schultz, Buffalo County conservation technician, collaborated on the long-term watershed restoration project. DNR Photo

The US Geological Survey (USGS) recently released a report entitled ["Effects of Best-Management Practices in Eagle and Joos Valley Creeks in the Waumandee Creek Priority Watershed, Wisconsin, 1990–2007"](#) summarizing a 17-year project collecting monitoring data in two creeks in Wisconsin’s Buffalo County, documenting how water quality might improve when farmers implement best management practices (BMPs) to control pollutants from farm runoff and animal grazing, often referred to as “nonpoint pollution.”

The USGS study assessed hydrology, biology, habitat and water quality before, during and after implementation of BMPs. **Roger Bannerman**, water resources management specialist with the Bureau of Watershed Management is a co-author of the report. Bannerman recently celebrated 40 years of state service,

Study location was seriously degraded

The study assessed 19,926 acres of the Eagle Creek and Joos Valley Creek watershed as severely limited by excessive sediment loading, elevated water temperatures and habitat unsuitable to support a coldwater fishery. The characterization of the degraded habitat in both streams depicted the streambanks as trampled by cattle; little overhanging vegetation;

and loose sediment over sandy, unstable substrate. Both creeks were listed on the 1998 list of ["Wisconsin's Impaired Waters"](#) as not meeting their potential designated uses.

DNR helps fund management practices to control nonpoint pollution

Wisconsin's Priority Watershed Program provided over \$392,000 to watershed landowners for cost-sharing on the installation of the BMPs. A special grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency provided an additional \$52,000 for riprap, streambank shaping and seeding, and barnyard runoff control system. The installation of fencing and restricted areas for watering cows in the creek reduced streambank trampling and erosion. Erosion control structures installed on highly-erodible lands reduced the amount of sediment and phosphorus in storm water runoff. New barnyard-runoff control systems helped cut back on the amount of organic matter reaching the creeks.



This recent photo of Eagle Creek documents the watershed's much-improved habitat following the restoration study. DNR Photo

Monitoring results show significant drop in suspended solids and phosphorous

The USGS and DNR collected monitoring data during a pre-BMP implementation period of the study from October 1990 to September 1993 in Eagle Creek, and from October 1990 to September 1992 in Joos Valley Creek; streamflow and water quality samples were collected continuously.

No BMPs were installed in either basin during the pre-study periods. Installation of management practices collection of data occurred between October 2000 and September 2007, representing the post-BMP period for both creeks.

The study found that reductions following BMP implementation were over 80% for suspended solids and 60% for total phosphorus. As a result, the department removed both streams from the 2012 Impaired Waters list. Read more about this specific restoration effort on the ["Featured Water Restorations"](#) webpage.

Footnote: *Julia Riley, a water resources management specialist in the Bureau of Water Quality, photo documented this restoration project.*



Employees responsible for amending non-leave time reports by deadlines

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Starting July 1, 2012, the Bureau of Finance will be restricting the time frame for submitting amended, non-leave time reports. Time reports submitted after the posted due dates below will not be processed.

Both an employee and a supervisor sign the time report certifying that the activity codes and related hours are "true and just." If an employee is working on a new effort, they need to get the appropriate activity code(s) from their supervisor prior to submitting their time report.

Activity Codes are available on the Intranet either on the [Bureau of Finance](#) homepage or on the ["Activity codes handbook"](#) webpage.

The Bureau of Finance is responsible for ensuring revenues and expenditures are reported accurately and on time. The OMB (U.S. Office of Management and Budget) A-87 and the Code of Federal Regulations require that DNR record revenues and expenditures in the time period received or incurred. Grant accountants base grant billings and financial status reports, and management accountants base expenditure transfers, on the information available monthly.

Unfortunately, late amended time reports that move expenditures from one funding source to another funding source result in the related allocable and fringe benefit expenditures remaining on the original funding source. This can result in a distortion of actual expenditures on grants and other projects.

In annual audits, the Legislative Audit Bureau has questioned the need for amended time reports. They find the number of amended time reports and the timeliness of these amendments problematic. Limiting the time frame for amending non-leave time reports will benefit the agency's financial reporting.

The time frame for amended non-leave time reports for FY13 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) will be:

- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **July 14 and July 28** must be **submitted by August 13**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **August 11 and August 25** must be **submitted by September 10**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **September 8 and September 22** must be **submitted by October 8**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **October 6 and October 20** must be **submitted by November 5**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **November 3 and November 17** must be **submitted by December 3**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **December 1, December 15 and December 29** must be **submitted by January 14**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **January 12 and January 26** must be **submitted by February 11**.
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **February 9 and February 23** must be

submitted by March 11.

- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **March 9 and March 23** must be **submitted by April 8.**
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **April 6 and April 20** must be **submitted by May 6.**
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **May 4 and May 18** must be **submitted by June 3.**
- Amended time reports for pay period end dates of **June 1, June 15 and June 29** must be **submitted by July 3.**

The time frame for time reports that amend time from one leave type to another leave type will continue to be based on Bureau of Human Resource's cutoff dates for leave adjustments.



Bike and hike with artists on Glacial Heritage Area trails this Saturday

By: Andrew Savaigan, Southeast Region

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Most people biking or hiking along the Glacial Drumlin Trail on a warm summer day will see a host of flora and fauna, meadowlarks, mallards, cattails and prairie grass to name just a few. On June 30, however, they'll also be able to glimpse a different kind of life along the trail, a variety of artists displaying paintings, wood carvings, pottery and more.

These unique offerings are part of "Bike & Hike with the Artists," an event scheduled for Saturday, June 30 to highlight the Glacial Heritage Area (GHA). GHA is a network of parks, preserves, wildlife habitat and other conservation lands that extends into several counties around Jefferson.

The Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area and the Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills are co-sponsoring the event.

"Bikers and hikers can interact with painters, sculptors and writers who will be working along the trail," said Mary Ann Jackson, Arts Alliance board member. She described the arts that will be on display and available for purchase, including carved pottery, wood burning and bow making, watercolor painting, wood carving, nature writings and needle felting.

The artists will be working along an eight-mile section of the Glacial Drumlin Trail between the town of London to just south of Aztalan State Park. DNR will provide a wildlife display. The department is a key partner in the creation of the Glacial Heritage Area.

The goals of the Glacial Heritage Area include protecting and restoring native grassland, savanna, woodland and wetland habitats; improving water quality for the area wetlands, rivers and lakes; and incorporating significant historical and cultural elements for the enjoyment of all.

The event is free to the public. Visitors can park at Aztalan State Park or the London parking lot, located at the intersection of State Highway 134 and County Road O.

Visit the ["Glacial Heritage Area"](#) website and the ["Bike and Hike with the Artists"](#) webpage for more

information.

Footnote: *Andrew Savaigan is the public affairs manager for the South Central Region.*



Around the state...DNR employees shine

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Central office success stories

- “Hi **Kelly (Kearns)**, conservation biologist in the Bureau of Endangered Resources): After reading the DNR Weekly News Article it reminded me to pass on a thank you for all of the dedicated work that you have done at the Department in trying to manage and control invasive species. I became more aware of the issue when NR 40 was developed and put in place. At that time, you and others accepted input on the rule that would make it more practical to comply with, especially for companies like We Energies who are involved in construction activities as part of our electric and gas utility operations.

“I appreciate that the way to accomplish optimum results is through a balance of education, cooperation and regulation. Nice job with all of the continuing work to prevent and control invasive species here in Wisconsin. Sincerely, *Kathleen Standen, manager, Environmental Regulatory, we energies*”

Editor's note: Kearns added that “The Invasive Species Rule came about after five years of extensive work by the **DNR’s Invasive Species Team**, working in coordination with the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species and the species experts and stakeholders who provided valuable input on the process, the rule and the species involved. ”

- To Office of Communication Director **Laurel Steffes**: “I’ve been meaning to send you a message, thanking you for the media training lesson you taught me in leadership academy oh so many years ago. There’s nothing like experiencing an ambush first hand! I found myself recalling instructions about dealing with media before I did the interview a week ago. I was very comfortable asking up front about the questions that were going to be asked and being aware that I could stop the interview if I needed to do so. Thanks so much – even if it’s a long time in coming.” *Donalea Dinsmore, Great Lakes Funding and Quality Assurance coordinator, Office of the Great Lakes*

- Hey **Susan (Cook)**, Operations Section chief, Bureau of Customer and Outreach Services): “**Adrienne (Sullivan)**, business support specialist) just left our office and I think we are ready to get started! We are pretty excited to be able to offer this to our customers and maybe get a few people in our showroom too that need to do renewals or transfers. Adrienne was excellent and we really appreciate her taking her time and understanding that it is a little hectic around here. We are just about to get started trying our first one on our own- Woo hoo! Thank you so much!!” *Madelyne Helf, Pharo Heating & Pharo Marine, Waunakee, WI*

“Madelyne: “Thank you for your complimentary words regarding Business Support Specialist Adrienne Sullivan. Yes, she is an awesome trainer and truly enjoys helping others learn the vehicle registration system. Your customers are going to love the fact that when they buy their boat from you, you will be able to give them their decals and titles right away, a real one-stop shop!” *Susan Cook*

Editor's note: Pharo Heating & Pharo Marine contacted DNR about becoming a vehicle registration agent, so they can register boats at the time of sale.

- From the *assistant corporate counsel for Forest County* to Statewide Shoreland Policy Coordinator **Heidi Kennedy**: "Heidi, Thank you very much for your detailed and prompt reply. The information you have provided is very helpful. Your knowledge and experience in this area obviously extensive. Coming from a more general law background, I appreciate your expertise and assistance in helping advise our client, Forest County." *John B. Rhode, Sommer, Olk, Schroeder & Payant, LLP, Antigo*

Editor's note: Forest County board and the Town of Lincoln approached Kennedy regarding a proposed shoreland zoning ordinance. They were concerned about the issues related to interaction between NR115 and Act 170. Rhode sent this compliment following Kennedy's response to his inquiry.

Northern Region success story

To Warden **Jim Jung** (Rhineland): "On behalf of Oneida County 4-H, I want to thank you for your participation in our 8th annual 4-H Family Fishing Fun Day in Rhineland. We appreciated your efforts in educating participants and family members with your expertise. This year we had 19 educational stations for 198 registered youth with total attendance of about 375 people. Each youth received a gift bag with coupons. They also received a passport, which when stamped at a station it qualified them for larger prize drawings. Over \$2000 in prizes were given away to families in our community. Top prizes included a kayak, ½ day fish trip, 4 gift certificates, 100 fishing poles and assorted fishing tackle. I hope you will consider being an instructor again in June, 2013. *Thanks again, James Winkler, Associate Professor, UW Extension*"

Southeast Region success stories

- Congratulations to Waste Management Specialist **Melanie Burns** in a handwritten note from the City Clerk of Blair: "I am a new city clerk in the City of Blair. I apologize for not having this completed earlier. With Melanie Burns' help, I was able to complete; she was so-o-o-o helpful."



Those attending the picnic who could be rounded up for a group photo: (L to R): **Pat Stevens, Randy Schumacher, Faraji Starks, Ken Johnson, Michelle Hase, "Gundy" Gunderson, Frank Schultz, Eric Nitschke, Cathy Stepp, Mike Bruhn, Tim Lizotte, Sanjay Olson, Matt Groppi, Mary Mertes, Paul DeLong, Dan Baumann and Tim Andryk.** DNR Photo



Photographer, picnic committee member and Risk Management Specialist **Don Almquist**; picnic coordinator and Program Associate **Sally Seeger** (center); and **Judy Polczynski**, environmental enforcement team supervisor at the regional picnic. DNR Photo

- Secretary Cathy Stepp, Deputy Secretary Matt Moroney, Executive Assistant Scott "Gundy" Gunderson, Regional Director Eric Nitschke and the division administrators hosted the Southeast Region employee picnic on Thursday evening, June 14 at beautiful Lapham Peak in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. A good time was had by all who attended; with our best guess of 90 employees. Thank you to the hosts, who made all the great food possible, Property Manager **Brett Johanen**, Ranger **Jay Abts** and the entire **Lapham Peak staff**, the **picnic committee** (you know who you are), all who attended, and everyone who helped set-up and clean-up. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect summer evening, and thanks to **Tim (Lizotte)** for a perfect "ending" to our event. Below is a sample of pictures, taken by our 'one-handed' photographers Don Almquist and **Mike Zillmer**.

- The Gathering Waters Conservancy, recently announced in its ["E-News from Gathering Waters Conservancy"](#) that DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor **Dale Katsma** received the "Rod Nilsestuen Award for Working lands Preservation" for his partnerships with landowners in southeastern Wisconsin to protect thousands of acres of land for diverse uses. The conservancy honors those who "...demonstrate the diversity of conservation success and effort across Wisconsin and inspire us all to continue protecting the places that make Wisconsin special," with its annual 2012 [Land Conservation Leadership Award winners](#). Katsma will receive his award in October.

Statewide success story



A proud family displays its catch from an outstanding day of Lake Michigan salmon fishing. Photo courtesy of Child's Wish



Display of a true "trophy" caught from Lake Michigan during the 2012 Child's Wish salmon fishing event. Photo courtesy of Child's Wish

"Hello Everyone (Warden **Joe Jerich**, Fisheries Staff Member **Theresa Stabo** and Customer Service Representative **Shirley Zwolanek**): I wanted to take a moment to send a huge "Thank You" for all that you do to make the [Child's Wish salmon fishing outing](#) possible. Everyone really appreciates the time and energy that go into sustaining a world class fishery within Lake Michigan. We also are very appreciative of the donated license fees, without this donation, we would have a difficult time raising enough money to accommodate over 40 families each year out of Port Washington, Algoma, Kewaunee and Sturgeon Bay. Mike Kamin, Port Washington, WI Child's Wish Salmon Fishing Outing 2012" USSA Child's Wish

West Central Region success stories

- Thanks to **Merrick LTE Staff: Lois Larson**, park manager at Merrick State Park, gives high praise to the LTE staff who stepped up and took on additional responsibilities responding to the recent high water at the park. They rearranged reservations and contacted campers to reassure them that they still had a campsite. They continued to remove debris at the boat landings to keep the areas safe for visitors launching their boats. As the water goes down, they are working hard to get the park and its facilities back on line and in great condition for the upcoming weekend.
- "Guys, (**Mike Wenzholz**, shoreland specialist, and **Buzz Sorge**, lakes specialist) 19-7 was the score! Passing the ordinance was a step in the right direction. Thanks for being there last night and all the help and mentoring you've done to get us to this point. We, as an entire community, will become stronger and healthier as a result of the dialogue last night.

"I was surprised that you didn't take the bait when one of the supervisors suggested that the DNR should take the responsibility to come in and solve all our problems.

I also want to mention the importance of getting the reports from **Paul LaLiberte** (basin supervisor) on the TMDL and *Gina LaLiberte* (research scientist) on the results of Blue Green Algae testing vs. health impacts in the county. This data was shared with each of the supervisors prior to the meeting.

"My sincere appreciation for everyone's continued support of the Red Cedar Watershed.
Regards, Dick, president, Tainter/Menomine Lake Improvement Association, Inc."



Be sure DNR-owned ATVs/UTVs comply with registration requirements

By: Gary Eddy, Bureau of Law Enforcement

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Several DNR employees recently have asked about the new requirements for license plates on **DNR-owned** ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) and UTVs (utility terrain vehicles). Although the department issues registration decals, state law exempts all government-owned ATVs and UTVs from the requirement that those responsible for the vehicles display registration decals and license plates if the department's name is visibly displayed on the exterior of the vehicle.



This ATV doesn't have department identification within view, so it displays the required license plate. DNR Photo

Although DNR law enforcement vehicles are exempt from registration, plates and name display, conservation wardens will continue to display registration decals, and now license plates, to provide a model for the public to follow. Other DNR-owned machines that staff uses on ATV trails or other public areas also may properly display registration decals and license plates.

Several years ago, in cooperation with those working on the Bureau Finance's equipment inventory system, all DNR employees received a policy and procedures for registering DNR-owned recreational vehicles (boats, ATVs/UTVs and snowmobiles). The Bureau of Customer

and Outreach Services then issued to responsible employees "Municipal State" registration decals for their machines. There are no fees associated with registering DNR-owned recreational vehicles. Whenever the department purchases ATVs and UTVs, however, Customer and Outreach Services requires that the purchasing program complete a registration application.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements for displaying registration decals and plates versus displaying the DNR name and/or logo, speak with your supervisor.

Footnote: *Gary Eddy is a conservation warden and ATV/UTV safety administrator.*



Put the MacKenzie Center's annual Outdoor Skills Day on your calendar

By: Ruth Ann Lee, MacKenzie Environmental Education Center

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On Saturday, July 14, 2012, the area adjacent to the main lodge of the MacKenzie Center near Poynette will be filled with visitors of all ages who've come to enjoy a variety of outdoor skills during this annual event.



Dressed in period clothing, a member of the Wisconsin Muzzleloaders Association, a Wisconsin Wildlife Federation affiliate, assisted youngsters practicing their shooting skills during a previous Outdoor Skills Day. DNR Photo

Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., you can rotate among the skills at your own pace, or stay at one site the entire time. Participate in archery, fishing, outdoor cooking, hiking, sports shooting and so much more in a festival-like setting.

Admission to the Outdoor Skills Day is free. You can purchase food and drinks at the concession stand. The event will take place entirely outdoors, so be prepared, come rain or shine.

Whether on your own or with your family, friends, scouts, homeschool group, you're sure to enjoy yourself and meet interesting people. Call 608-635-8105 for more information. The [MacKenzie Environmental Education Center](#) is located at W7303 Co Road CS, just two miles east of Poynette and 25 miles north of Madison.

Footnote: *Ruth Ann Lee is the director of the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center and chairs the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's Education Committee.*



Links of interest...don't miss them

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- **Titles & links:** ["Emerald Ash Borer Found in Rock County; Also Found on Public Land in Kenosha County"](#)



This Janesville boy discovered signs of an EAB in a tree in his family's yard after watching a video with his parents. DNR Photo

["Emerald ash borer infests Janesville Trees"](#)

Description: Two traps on DNR-managed Richard Bong Recreation Area property contained emerald ash borers (EAB), making these findings of the destructive beetle the first on state-owned property. On June 26, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) released the news of the latest EAB infestations first found at Bong, in Kenosha County, and in Janesville, in Rock County. The GazetteXtra.com story tells of a five-year-old boy's discovery of the borer in his yard, the first sign of the beetle in Janesville.

- **Title & link:** ["Celebrating Independence Day Safely—And Legally"](#)

Description: As the state prepares to join the rest of the country to celebrate the Fourth of July, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollon's office issued this news release reminding the public of Wisconsin's laws regarding the sale, possession and use of fireworks in Wisconsin.

- **Title & link:** ["Planting a legacy in Wisconsin"](#)

Description: As reported by Forestry Outreach Specialist **Kirsten Held**, WTMJ (Channel 4 in Milwaukee) saw DNR's YouTube piece about forest landowner Casey FitzRandolph (former Olympic speedskating champion) and his family's tree farm. Held worked with Nursery Team Leader **Pat Murphy** and Office of Communication Video Producer **Mary Farmiloe** to create the video. WTMJ will air a follow-up piece sometime before the opening of the upcoming summer Olympics. Watch for it!

- **Title & link:** ["Wisconsin weighs wolf hunting season proposal"](#)

Description: Secretary **Cathy Stepp** describes the legislative requirement to establish an "interim hunting season framework that considers the needs and desires of diverse interest groups." This column indicates that the 2012 season will be an emergency rule and that meeting expectations, complying with the law and setting goals will depend on data collected during the first few seasons.

- **Title & link:** ["Wisconsin's hot, climate study shows"](#)

Description: Filed under "News and Opinion Blogs," this Journal/Sentinel Online story reports on the findings of Climate Central that Wisconsin is among those states that has warmed faster than other states during the past forty years. Admitting to having a political agenda, this group of scientists is seeking action to lower carbon emissions.

- **Title & link:** [Letter to EPA regarding stormwater permits and logging roads](#)

Description: Water Division Administrator **Ken Johnson** and Chief Forester **Paul DeLong** wrote to the Environmental Protection Agency to comment on the Notice of Intent to revise stormwater regulations. DNR's letter explains the steps taken to apply best management practices (BMPs) to assure water quality standards are upheld during the use of logging roads in Wisconsin.



Warden documents man's ride through a Mississippi River dam

By: Joanne Haas, Office of Communication

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Life jacket, two dogs and a lot of luck

Bob Jumbeck had never seen anyone go through a dam and live to tell about it. Add two patient big dogs and a recovered wallet to the situation, and the fourteen-year conservation warden knew this was a rescue for the history books, or at least for a compelling training story highlighting the need for a life jacket.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff at this Mississippi River dam rescued the second dog from a debris pile as their owner and the first dog rescued watched from above. DNR Photo

Jumbeck, a conservation warden based in Alma, got the call late in the afternoon on Saturday June 9, from the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department. "I was told a guy was coming out of the lock and was swamped. I assumed it was a boating accident," Jumbeck said.

So he left his house and headed to the Mississippi River at Alma to investigate what he anticipated to be a potentially bad scenario. Never did he expect to be able to talk with the man, identified as a 49-year-old Winona, Minn. resident named John Amundson, and then document the rescue of his two patient dogs.

"Amundson had been recreating with his dogs on an island north of the dam. Upon pushing off from the island, Amundson failed to make sure his motor started. Amundson attempted to start the 15 horse outboard without success and quickly realized he was floating toward the dam," Jumbeck said. "He attempted to row away from the dam and one of his oars snapped in half. Pretty soon, he was bouncing against the tainter (floodgate) gates."

Another boat, waiting to lock through, observed Amundson in distress. "They tried to come over and help him. But, by the time they got there, they backed off for their safety and saw him get sucked through," Jumbeck said of what the would-be rescuers described as the scene of a man, his two dogs and a swamped boat disappearing. "That had to be a sobering sight for them."

Because of the way the dam gates were positioned, and the fact Amundson had his life jacket on and was holding a seat cushion and trying to maintain connection with his dogs, he didn't disappear for long.

"Amundson popped up on the bottom side of the dam, next to the tainter wall. And then his dogs popped up," Jumbeck said. "John was fine. He came out unscathed."

Jumbeck and Buffalo County Deputy Mike Osmond interviewed Amundson briefly and to make sure he was okay. Amundson waved medical attention and expressed concern for his

two dogs.

"The dams always have a back current, a boil that flows into the base of the dam, and there is a bunch of debris that collected there. John pulled his dogs onto the debris pile. And the dogs stayed there," Jumbeck said.

John was able to climb up the side of the dam and walk to the dam engineer's office.



The dogs were cooperative and, just like their owner John (second from left), survived the ride through the dam unscathed. Also joining for the happy group shot were a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee (left) and two Corps of Engineers employees who played key roles in the rescue. DNR Photo

Next step--get the dogs. "At this point, the U.S. Corps of Engineers took over the responsibility of rescuing the dogs," Jumbeck said.

Jumbeck positioned himself on the dam and photographed the rescue. "The dogs were in good spirits. They were a little nervous, of course, but they were very good dogs."

The corps staff positioned themselves, with Amundson above for the dogs to see, and pulled the dogs up one at a time.

"At that point, anything could have happened. The catch-pole could have slipped. But the dogs did really well," Jumbeck said. "I decided to take the photographs for a few reasons. One, I thought the corps would want to use this for training as well as to document the hazards of the job, and I didn't know what was really going to happen. Most rescue personnel involved were saying: You don't go through a dam, lose the boat and talk about it."

Jumbeck said the boat was recovered about a mile from the dam. The 14-foot Lund with 15 horsepower motor will need some repairs. "We were standing near the dam and John said, 'I probably lost my wallet. I had it in a little corner of the boat.'" Not long and Chief Deputy Severson from the Buffalo County Sheriff's department radioed that Amundson's wallet had been recovered.

"You couldn't have asked for a better ending, with several safety lessons learned," Jumbeck said.

Footnote: *Joanne Haas is a public affairs manager working with the Division of Enforcement and Science. This story originally was posted in the ["Warden Wire."](#)*



Lightning Safety Awareness Week: “When Thunder Roars...Go Indoors!”

By: Wisconsin Emergency Management news release

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Each year more than 400 people are struck by lightning in the United States. On average, 54 people are killed and hundreds of others suffer lifelong pain and permanent neurological disabilities. In Wisconsin, there have been 23 lightning deaths since 1982. Take a look at this map of [“Lightning Events 1982-2011”](#) to see the number of lightning-related events, deaths and injuries around the state.

You can protect yourself and your family by knowing these simple lightning safety facts and tips:

- If you hear thunder, you’re in danger. Don’t be fooled by blue skies. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat. Remember: “When Thunder Roars...Go Indoors!”
- A fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing offers the best protection. Sheds, picnic shelters and covered porches DO NOT protect you from lightning. If a building is not available get into a hard-topped metal vehicle and close all the windows.
- Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last clap of thunder.
- Don’t use a corded phone except in an emergency. Cordless and cell phones are safe to use.
- Keep away from electrical equipment and wiring.
- Because water pipes conduct electricity, don’t take a bath or shower or use other plumbing during a storm.
- Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike taller objects in an area.
- Get an emergency weather radio. It will broadcast the latest forecast for thunderstorms. Remember, any thunderstorm, whether it is severe or not, can produce deadly lightning.

Act fast if someone is struck by lightning

- Lightning victims don’t carry an electric charge and are safe to touch and need
- urgent medical attention. Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death.
- Call 911 immediately.
- Give CPR if the person is unresponsive or not breathing. Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available.
- If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning can strike twice. Don’t be a victim.

Lightning facts

- Lightning occurs in all thunderstorms; each year lightning strikes the United States 25 million times.
- Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially tall isolated objects.
- Most lightning victims are in open areas or near a tree.
- The energy from one lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months.
- The air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000 °F—five times hotter than the surface of the

sun!

- The rapid heating and cooling of the air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave which results in thunder.

Lightning myths

- **Myth:** Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.

Fact: The metal roof and sides protect you, NOT the rubber tires. When lightning strikes a vehicle it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don't lean on the vehicle doors during a thunderstorm.

- **Myth:** If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike you should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lying flat increases your chance of being hit by a ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm keep moving toward a safe shelter.

- **Myth:** If thunderstorms threaten while you are outside playing a game it is OK to finish before seeking shelter.

Fact: Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough. No game is worth death or lifelong injuries. Seek shelter immediately if you hear thunder. Adults are responsible for the safety of children.

For additional information about lightning safety and awareness go to the ["Ready Wisconsin"](#) website. You also can contact your local public health department, county emergency management director or the National Weather Service.



Northeast Region completes the Bellin 10k Run/Walk Corporate Challenge

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Twenty-five Northeast Region employees, along with 18 family and friends, competed in the [Bellin 10k Run/Walk Corporate Challenge](#) on June 9. The Bellin Run is one of the largest 10k runs in the U.S. This year, 18,428 were registered for the 36th running of this event, designed to encourage personal health and fitness among people at all fitness levels.



Available for the photo shoot were (first row) **Brenda Beaudoin, Annette Weissbach, Al Nass, Jessica Terrien, Denise Danelski, Wendy Anderson, Faith Murray, Thomas Hansen, Kelley O'Connor** (second row) **Matt Schaeve, Kathy Halbur, Marcy McGrath, Tom Bahti, Michelle Farley, Stefan Fabian** and **Jason Moeller**. Participants unavailable for the photo were **Shelley Wrzochalski, Mike Hanaway, Bruce Djupstrom, Roxanne Chronert, Curt Wilson, Ryan Severson, Jim Zellmer, Lisa Thetreau, Dave Minkey,**

Joe Baeten and **Mike Stiefvater**. DNR Photo

The team received incentives including early registration gift, optional kickoff presentation, group training run/walks, special packet delivery, team photo, and a staff member got to host a celebratory picnic immediately following the run.

The DNR team came in 27th out of 205 teams, which is pretty respectable. In the category of team size, DNR's team was classified as medium sized (100-199 employees), coming in ninth out of 48. Men and women are combined for timing. The department's top ten consisted of five men and five women, with the first place runner coming in at 47:15. Congratulations Team DNR!



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