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Tri-County Member Receives Waterfowl Heritage Award

MARSHALL, Wis. – Local sportsman and conservationist Tom Bergholz was presented the Waterfowl Heritage Award for his dedication to promoting and protecting waterfowling in Wisconsin.

The Mississippi Flyway Council, Law Enforcement Committee presents a Waterfowl Heritage Award to recognize a citizen, group of citizens or an organization for outstanding long-term support in the promotion of the sport of waterfowling, waterfowl law enforcement, waterfowl biology and waterfowl management benefiting the resource and the public.

Conservation Warden Tyler Strelow nominated Bergholz for the award to recognize Bergholz's continued contributions toward waterfowling in Wisconsin. "Tom's life truly revolves around natural resources, he dedicates all his free time to promoting the safe and wise use of the resource," says Warden Strelow.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sets aside two days in the early September as a Youth Hunt to promote passing on the tradition of waterfowl hunting. One of the major criteria for winning the Heritage Award is promoting the tradition of water-

fowling. Bergholz with the assistance from the conservation group Wings Over Wisconsin organizes and funds a youth waterfowl hunt every fall. Between 20-30 kids ages 12-15 take the field with an experienced mentor to try their hand at hunting waterfowl.

Bergholz continues his passion for waterfowling throughout the year. In the early springtime Bergholz maintains 60-100 Wood Duck nesting boxes and makes an additional 300-500 new nesting boxes a year. Bergholz distributes the boxes to landowners and other waterfowl enthusiasts who promise to put them up and maintain them.

Warden Strelow stated, "Tom is a dedicated sportsman who promotes hunting, habitat protection, youth recruitment and passing on the conservation ethic. If all sportspeople were to do as much as Tom does in one year, in their entire lifetime our natural resources and the conservation ethic would live on forever."



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Denmark Chapter Donates Birdhouse Supplies

Members of the Maribel and Francis Creek Sportsmen's Clubs are again busy constructing wood duck and bluebird houses. So far this winter we built some 200 wood duck and 300 bluebird houses that we are giving away to the public free of charge.

This is possible because of a very generous donation from the Wings Over Wisconsin Denmark chapter. The donation of \$1,500 worth of lumber supports this ongoing project.



Nature Dates

Jul 10	Purple clover blooms
Jul 21	Purple martins gather
Jul 26	Big bluestem in pollen
Aug 10	Stiff goldenrod blooms
Aug 25	Black-eyed susan seed collection
Aug 28	Snapping turtle eggs hatching
Sep 1	LABOR DAY
Sep 2	Clean out Purple martin boxes
Sep 7	Ruby throated hummingbirds begin southern migration
Sep 11	White-tailed bucks begin to shed velvet
Sep 16	Migrating Canada geese begin to arrive
Sep 24	Leaves are turning color
Sep 25	Canvasbacks begin southern migration

Address & Email Changes

Just a reminder to let us know if your address or email address changes. You can call us at 920-387-5198 or email tracy@wingsoverwisconsin.org.



Southwest Scholarship Awarded



Ryan Davis of Blue River is the proud recipient of the 2008 scholarship. Ryan will be attending UW Stevens Points, majoring in Natural Resources.

It's here!!! The 2008 Football Mania Sweepstakes has officially begun!



Here is your chance to win up to \$500 each week and the \$1,000 grand prize. Your donation of \$20 will enter you in this exciting sweepstakes based on the 17 week NFL football season.

FootballMania Ticket Overview

Each ticket contains 3 random football teams each of the 17 weeks of the FootballMania season - a different set of teams each week. No two tickets have the same 3 teams in any given week.

The total number of points scored by the three teams determines the value of the ticket. If the teams on the ticket have one of the 4 highest or 2 lowest total combined points scored among all the 4,960 different tickets, then that ticket wins! In case of ties, total net yards is used as a tiebreaker (the more combined total net yards by the teams, the higher the score).

Each ticket holder has 6 chances to win a prize in each of the 17 weeks of the fundraiser plus a chance to win one of two grand prizes. That gives each ticket 104 total chances to win a prize throughout the fundraiser.

Ticket Promoters need to keep track of all ticket stubs and turn them in to their Fundraising Organizer on or before the established deadline date. Only tickets whose stubs have been turned in are eligible to win prizes.

FootballMania Ticket Overview

Your ticket # **4612 - 7F968**

Your Football Teams by Week

Week #	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3				
Week #1	Cleveland	Cincinnati	Week #2	Chicago	Week #3	Carolina	
Week #4	Baltimore Ravens	Week #5	Atlanta	Week #6	San Diego	Week #7	Atlanta
Week #8	Buffalo Bills	Week #9	San Diego	Week #10	San Diego	Week #11	San Diego
Week #12	Buffalo Bills	Week #13	San Diego	Week #14	San Diego	Week #15	San Diego
Week #16	Buffalo Bills	Week #17	San Diego	Week #18	San Diego	Week #19	San Diego

Winning ticket (example)
Let's say your ticket has the following 3 teams in week 11:

Team	Points scored in week 11
Buffalo	31
San Diego	24
Tampa Bay	28
Total Points scored	83

If your 3 randomly assigned teams were the 3 highest or lowest scoring teams that week, then you win!

The value of your ticket

This year, in the case of a tie, the "total net yards" gained by the tickets assigned teams is used as a tiebreaker to determine the winner.

If you are interested in entering this sweepstakes, please mail your \$20 donation along with your name and address on a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Wings Over Wisconsin
 8 South Main Street
 PO Box 202
 Mayville, WI 53050

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ X \$20.00

Youth, mentors participate in 4th annual turkey hunt

The weather was that of another unpredictable early April day; it was overcast and drizzly, and flurries set in later in the morning. It was not an ideal day for sitting patiently in the woods waiting to shoot a turkey.

A large group of youth hunters and their mentors had gathered in Tom's Guns in Marshall on April 12, filling their bellies with a home-cooked lunch courtesy of co-owner Julie Bergholz. Despite the weather, the room buzzed with the sound of the unique camaraderie gamesmen, and women, enjoy. No one had reported a kill yet, but there was still a day and a half of hunting left.

The group was gathered for the Wisconsin DNR's Youth Turkey Hunt, hosted by Tom's Guns and sponsored by several other organizations including the Tri-County chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin. The event is also made possible by area landowners who donate the use of their land for the purpose of the hunt.

The hum of the hunters' dialog was interrupted by an enthusiastic message: "She got one!"

A smiling young woman arrived, followed by her mentor. Fifteen-year old Kassidy Lemminger of Johnson Creek bagged a turkey at approximately 6:30 am that morning, after hunting with her father, Jim, for about an hour and a half.

About 35 youth hunters registered for the

two-day hunt, which is specially designated by the DNR as a hunt for 12-15 year-old hunters.

While many of the youths were hunting with parents, the event was also an opportunity for youth whose parents do not hunt to be accompanied by an experienced hunter. Owner Tom Bergholz said providing an opportunity for kids who wouldn't ordinarily have the chance to hunt is a huge motivator in hosting the event.

The hunt drew many local youth hunters from Marshall, Waterloo, Lake Mills and Johnson Creek; but also students from as far away as Horicon and Pewaukee.

Lemminger was all smiles as she recounted the thrill of her hunt.

"We got out there and we heard them gobbling," she said. They quieted, and then the pair could hear them gobbling again. Lemminger said she watched three turkeys march over the hill, and the sharp-shooting teenager dropped the leader of the pack with one shot.

The weekend hunt saw nine other youth hunters take home turkeys.





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Recipe Corner

Beer Battered Panfish

1 lb Bluegill fillets

1 1/2 cups Special Batter Mix

1/3 cup lemon juice

2/3 cup beer

1 cup vegetable oil

Special Batter Mix

Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, 2 1/2 tsp baking powder, 3/4 tsp baking soda, 1 1/2 tsp salt. Mix well.

Place fish on paper towels and pat dry. Roll fish in batter mix and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the remaining batter mix with lemon juice and beer (the mixture will foam). Stir until the mixture is the consistency of pancake batter.

In large skillet, heat oil to 350 degrees. Dip rolled fish into the batter and place a few at a time in the hot oil. Fry about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

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MAIN STAGE

			
Friday August 15th Leon Russell	Friday August 15th Commander Cody <small>Also Appearing: 88hearts</small>	Saturday August 16th Poco <small>Also Appearing: Hanky Tom Twister</small>	Saturday August 16th Rosie Flores

Northern Skies Donates to DNR Burn Program



The Northern Skies chapter recently donated to the DNR to help purchase the Polaris 6x6 and trailer pictured at left.

The trailer, 2008 Polaris Sportsman 6x6 and custom built low profile baffled aluminum tank with Honda Pump and foam unit will be used on prescribed burns primarily in Marinette and Oconto county, but it may also be called to help on burns anywhere in the region. When not being used on prescribed burns, this unit will also be a regional resource to help with wildfires.

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve is a 76-acre urban nature reserve with habitats including forested wetland, cattail marsh, open water, open field, and upland forest. Persisting despite the urbanization that continues to grow around it, the Reserve is home to numerous species of reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Migrating songbirds and waterfowl nest and feed in its protection.

The 4,000 square foot Nature Center features a "Living Waters" exhibit with an indoor live wetland, and aquariums that are home to local fishes, crayfish, turtles, and snakes -- surrounded by a display of mounted Wisconsin mammals and birds. Outdoor exhibits include a memorial butterfly garden and bird feeding area, as well as a pond, bog and stream complex. The Nature Center facilities feature a workshop/meeting room, a classroom amphitheater/Discovery Den, Solarium, and a resource library.

Three miles of elevated boardwalk trails provide access to the wetland habitat to all visitors to explore and enjoy bird watching, walking, photography, and snowshoeing in winter.

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

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