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Wings Over Wisconsin NEWS

Burt Bushke Hired as the new Wings Project Coordinator

Burt Bushke was recently hired for the position of Project Coordinator. Burt will be a good fit for Wings in this position. He has been a member of the Mayville chapter and the Executive board for 4 years. Burt also helped to establish the Marketing Committee.

Burt graduated from UW Stevens Point with a major in Wildlife Management and minors in Biology and Conservation Law Enforcement. He lives in Mayville with his wife and 2 children and a third due in August.

He is actively involved within the community. Burt coaches youth baseball, basketball and softball. He is also a St. John's school board member.

"I have hunted, fished and trapped since age 12," Bushke said. "I'm pleased to be involved with an organization such as Wings Over Wisconsin. With all of the budget constraints on federal, state and local governments, it's going to take organizations such as Wings to ensure that our great heritage of conservation is continued for future generations to enjoy."

Burt will be getting involved with the Wings chapters to create habitat projects. He will also oversee any state projects and write grant applications among his many duties.



Trees For Tomorrow

The Mayville chapter recently sponsored a student, Amanda Dent, to attend a Trees For Tomorrow four day outing.

Amanda wrote to let us know that she really enjoyed the experience. The program included tours of parks and campgrounds and job shadowing. Amanda was able to shadow an Urban Forester to learn what skills are needed for this job and talk to other foresters there.

Amanda had a good time, learned a lot and met new friends from all over Wisconsin. Amanda wrote, "Trees opened my eyes to what jobs I might want in the future".

WINGS OVER WISCONSIN RACE NIGHT

JULY 17, 2004



Race Night at Powercom Park

Come and join us for a night of racing and fun at Powercom Park in Beaver Dam on Saturday, July 17th. Wings Over Wisconsin is selling tickets for \$7.00 each (normally \$10.00). The races for the evening will be Wisconsin Dirt Late Models, Modifieds, Stocks and Dirt Devils.

Wings members are welcome to help for the evening. We will be handing out the programs along with a Wings brochure at the gates. We will have an info booth set up inside the gate and we will be selling raffle tickets for a pair of

Triple Crown tickets and (2) VIP tables that the raceway has generously donated. We will also be running the 50/50 during the race.

If you would like to purchase tickets or volunteer for the event, just give us a call at 920-387-5198. Hope to see you there!

Banquet Season is Approaching Quickly

Our 2004-2005 banquet season will be starting soon! If your chapter has found any new ideas that really worked well

for your banquet or you would like to try this year, let us know. It would be great if we could share your success with the other chapters. With your help, maybe we could have a fresh outlook and tremendous success this year.

Also, please let the office know when and where your banquets are scheduled so we can update the website. Good luck this year!

"In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we have been taught."

Please Help Us Save Money

We are always looking for new ideas to save money within our organization. One of the large costs we incur is the printing and mailing of the quarterly newsletter to all of our members.

One way we can help to minimize that is if we could utilize the internet. If you would be interested in getting your newsletter or special announcements via the internet, please let us know. Just email us at:

office@wingsoverwisconsin.org

Thanks for your help!

Scholarship Winners Send Thanks

We wanted to share two letters from recent Wings scholarship winners.

Jonathan Bakken received a scholarship from the Coulee Region chapter. He writes:

"I am a sophomore at UW-Stevens Point, and a past graduate of Luther High in Onalaska. I recently received the scholarship money that you usually award to seniors who are entering the field of natural resources. I am writing to say thanks and to let you know how much I really appreciate your scholarship."

"This year I was accepted into my

specific college, the College of Natural Resources, with our University. Also, I will be traveling to Europe this summer as a part of the European Environmental Studies Seminar. It is a six week trip for 8 credits. We will be studying global approaches to Natural Resources, and will be visiting Iceland, Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. Your scholarship will definitely help me out a ton. Thank you so much for it."

"I think that it is great that you support the fields of Natural Resources and Conservation. A lot of people don't realize how much of our future actually depends on them. I hope you are able to continue giving out this scholarship to future high school seniors for a long time to come."

WINGS OVER WISCONSIN

TRAP & SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

JULY 25, 2004

50 Bird Sporting Clays - \$ 15.00

50 Bird Trap Shoot - \$ 10.00

LEWIS CLASS - \$5.00 extra per shoot

RAFFLES

GUN BOARD

CASH PRIZES:

Top Overall
Top Clays
Top Trap

LEWIS CLASS

Cash Prizes

Shooting starts at 9:30 am

Last Squad at 3:00 pm

AWARDS at

4:30 pm

FUN SHOTS

Mayville Gun Club
W2868 Farmersville Rd
Mayville



Please contact Wings Over Wisconsin for more information at 920-387-5198

Rebekah Berger received a scholarship from the Fox Valley chapter. She writes:

"I am writing to thank you for your generous support of my education. For without a doubt it is people like you that make such a wonderful opportunity possible. Through your support I am able to pursue not only my dream, but also a chance to impact the natural world we live in for the better."

"As I grow as a person and as a young professional, I have realized that dreams and goals cannot be accomplished simply by oneself. That in order to be successful one must turn to others as much as they rely on themselves. So I thank you again for your contribution to my dream and to my future as a Natural Resource Professional."

Rebekah is also the Wildlife Society Vice President at UW-Stevens Point.

Elk Feed A Success

The Wings Marketing department held an Elk Feed at the Royal Ridges in Ripon on April 26th. More than 120 people attended this event, which was the first for that area.

The food was delicious and everyone left with a full stomach. The gun boards and silent auctions went great and everyone had fun trying to find the "walk around" raffle sellers with the luckiest tickets.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to the members who helped make this dinner a success! The funds raised will be used to promote Wings Over Wisconsin to new sponsors and new members.

Challenge The Outdoors

Last year the Wingettes donated a outboard motor to Challenge The Outdoors, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the recreational desires of the physically challenged sports person. They recently sent us an update and we wanted to pass it along.

They write, "Our members and other disabled people will use our pontoon and motor at the upcoming Fishing Has No Boundaries event in Oshkosh on Memorial Day weekend and at our annual Fishery on Shawano Lake on June 5th. In addition the club pontoon with your donated motor is available for use by disabled individuals and their assistants for fishing on Shawano Lake throughout the summer and fall seasons. Thank you again for your wonderful donation."

Way to go Wingettes!



Coulee Region Youth Trap Sponsor

The Coulee Region is proud to be a sponsor of the Chad Herbst Memorial Youth Trap program for the third year.

The program was started by Terry Herbst after his son was killed in a car accident. He wanted to get youths interested in the sport of trap shooting. It has since grown to include five gun

clubs around the Lacrosse county area and one in Minnesota.

This trap program is for youth ages 12 to 18 and promotes safe handling of guns and the enjoyment of shooting trap. All participants are required to have completed hunter safety and must be accompanied by an adult during the 6 week program.

The kids attend the shoot one night a week for 6 weeks during June and July. At the end of the program, they have a fun night pizza party and trophies are handed out.

The Coulee region donates money to help fund this great program for youths and they also donate a gun to their annual fundraising banquet.

Markesan Youth Pheasant Hunt

The Markesan chapter will be hosting a Youth Pheasant Hunt on November 6th this year. The hunt will be held at the Lone Oak Preserve and will feature a 10 clay trap shoot, a chaperoned pheasant hunt and a hot dog and brat fry.

This event is unique in the fact that kids ages 12 to 18 have to qualify for the hunt by performing an act of conservation or stewardship. These acts can include a variety of things including working a Wings brat fry, building bird houses, help with pheasant crow counts, and seed and tree distribution just to name a few. The Markesan chapter's goal is to expose our youth to different conservation experiences and then reward them for their efforts.

Last years October hunt had 19 Markesan area kids participate. It was also filmed by Outdoor Wisconsin and the program aired in March of this year!

If you know of any kids in the Markesan, Green Lake, Princeton, Ripon, Brandon or Fairwater areas that would like to participate in this great event, please contact Tom Reinsch at 920-748-6168 or Doug Schroeder at 920-748-3020.

Member Change of Address

Just a reminder to all of our members to please let us know if your address changes so we can update our mailing list.

The address change can be forwarded to the main office. The address there is:

*Wings Over Wisconsin
8 South Main St.
PO Box 202
Mayville, WI 53050*

Or E-mail it to:

www.office@wingsoverwisconsin.org

On-Line Hunter Education Class

The Field and Stream Sportsman's Club in the Mayville area is sponsoring an Internet Field Day. They are looking for working adults and busy people who cannot make our regular evening Hunter Education Program. Gun handling experience is a plus but not required.

The class is limited to the first 20 people. Registration will close on July 9, 2004 or when full. This is a FREE program for those interested.

In order to participate a computer and internet access is required. The class work is done via the internet and a "Hands-On Field Day" is scheduled for Saturday, July 24th.

The Field Day will run from 8:00 am to approximately 2:30 pm. During the day you will receive hands on training of safe firearm handling as well as shooting experience (shotgun and rifle), followed by the Wisconsin DNR written/field test. All firearms, ammo and equipment will be provided. All that is needed for the day is a bag lunch and appropriate clothes for the weather, as the class will be conducted rain or shine.

If you are interested in taking this new class, please contact David Hoffman at 262-257-4364 during the day or 920-583-4634 after 5:00 pm. Please leave a message with name and phone number if he is not available.

"Backwater Solitude" by Sam Timm

The new Wings Over Wisconsin print is a beautiful depiction of a drake and a hen woodduck on an old tree stump with another hen in the water. "Backwater Solitude" will be available for sponsors for the 2004-2005 season.

This is the third painting that Sam Timm has done for Wings Over Wisconsin. Reverend Timm, known simply to his friends as "Sam", is a Wisconsin wildlife artist whose reputation for excellence is well known in the world of wildlife art.

Living in Central Wisconsin, Rev. Timm finds himself close to the wildlife he loves to paint. He is an avid trout fisherman, wing-shooter and bow hunter. Along with his wife, he is constantly near the animals and landscapes that eventually become his paintings.

Just some of his recent winning honors include the 2003 Wisconsin Inland

2004 - 2005 Banquet Season Dates

Iowa-Lafayette

September 4

Dodger Bowl

Dodgeville, WI

Contact: Ron Burbach at
608-776-8048

Northern Skies

September 6th

Holiday Inn

Kelly Lake, WI

Contact: Pete Sytsma at
920-897-4799

Markesan

September 13th

Royal Ridges

Ripon, WI

Contact: Tom Reinsch at
920-748-6168

Mayville

September 28th

Mayville Golf Club

Mayville, WI

Contact: DuWayne Crist
920-387-3955

Trout Stamp, 2000 5th place Federal Duck Stamp and the 2000 Great Lakes Salmon and Trout Stamp.

Thanks For The Recipes!!

The Wingettes chapter held their annual banquet on April 19th this year at the Camelot Golf Club in Lomira. One of their raffles included collecting wild game recipes for the state office. Members could bring up to 5 recipes with them to the banquet and receive a raffle ticket for each recipe for a Terry Redlin "Winter Haven" print.

The idea was a huge success! They collected approximately 180 recipes which we will use in upcoming newsletters and we are also looking into the idea of putting together a Wings cookbook. Thanks again for all of your help and recipes Wingettes!!

Photos Wanted

We would love to publish your photos on the Wings web site and in the newsletter to show off what WOW is all about. If you catch a neat wildlife moment or want to "ham" it up during a WOW event, share it with us.

We are looking for wildlife, nature and event photos. Be sure to include a caption and the photographers name to go with the photo.

You can submit your pictures by mail to: WOW, PO Box 202, Mayville, WI 53050 or E-mail it to: office@wingsoverwisconsin.org

Executive Dinner Cancelled

The Executive dinner was unfortunately cancelled this year due to low attendance. Next year we will be

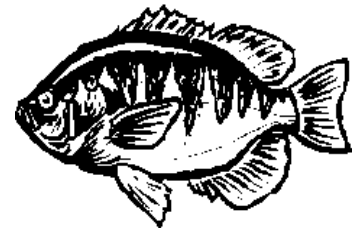
looking at the possibility of making some changes for the dinner that may include having it earlier in the year.

If you have any ideas for making this event a success, please let us know. Your ideas could really make a difference!!

Southwest Chapter Awards Scholarship

Since 1998, the Southwest Chapter, based in Grant County, has offered a scholarship to a Grant County High school senior who is enrolled in a two or four year technical school or college program in wildlife management, natural resource conservation, natural

resources law enforcement, or natural resources management and policy. For the 2004 school year, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to graduating high school seniors. The scholarships have been awarded to Amanda Abing from Lancaster High School, who is enrolled at UW-Platteville, and Annie Sealy from Platteville High School, who is enrolled at the University of Minnesota at St. Paul.



RECIPE CORNER

BEER BATTER PAN FISH

Submitted by: Gail Christian

1 lb Bluegill filets

Special Batter Mix (dry)

1 1/2 cups flour
2 1/4 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 tsp salt

Wash and pat dry fish on paper towel. Roll fish in dry batter mix and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the remainder of the dry batter mix with the following:

1/3 cup lemon juice
2/3 cup beer (any kind, light beer is not recommended)

Stir until the mixture is the consistency of pancake batter (the mixture will foam).

In a large skillet, heat about 1 cup of vegetable oil to 350 degrees.

Dip the fish into the wet batter and place a few filets at a time into the hot oil. Fry about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

IMPORTANT NATURE DATES

- Jul 1 Yellow coneflower blooms
- Jul 8 Painted turtles begin to hatch
- Jul 18 Sandhill crane chicks learn to fly
- Jul 29 Deer antler growth nearing peak size
- Aug 13 Blackberries are ripening
- Aug 15 Northern oriole's second song
- Sep 2 Clean out Purple martin boxes and cover holes
- Sep 16 Canada goose fall arrival from north begins
- Sep 18 Hawks and Blue-winged teal are migrating
- Sep 19 Rattlesnake master and Pasture rose seed collection

2004 Adventure Quest Program

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrote to Wings to send their thanks for our support. They wrote:

Thank you so much for your generous support of our 2004 Adventure Quest Summer Programs at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station! Your

contribution to specific Youth Support will go a long way in making a positive impact on the life of a youngster this summer.

As the registrations for our 2004 Summer Camps continue to arrive, please know that there won't be a day when we won't think of you with great admiration and respect for the gifts that you have shared with us to help make a positive difference in the lives of young campers through our programs.

We have posted your organization's name on our website among our other "heroes" who are working to help make Wisconsin an even better place to live. It is an honor to share in this partnership with you, a partnership that is our future as we help to develop young people who will be strong, capable, and caring stewards for our communities.

Spring Pheasant Population Up

By Jim Lee, The Wausau Daily Herald

Early spring surveys are giving Wisconsin pheasant hunters something to crow about. The number of rooster pheasants heard during the spring mating season appears to be up in most areas of the state, according to Andrea Mezera, DNR wildlife biologist in Madison. "Pheasant crowing counts look very favorable this year," she said. "In a few areas, the number of birds heard was down, but most of those areas are still in the range of last year's count."

Toe Lizotte, DNR wildlife biologist at Oshkosh, said pheasant crowing counts in Winnebago and Fond du Lac counties "were up approximately 25 percent from 2003." The counts were up in those areas last year so fall hunting prospects for this year look good, but

weather and brood survival will be critical. Burt Bushke, project coordinator for Wings Over Wisconsin, provided results from spring pheasant surveys at 1,500 acres of habitat restoration projects which indicate the availability of roosters in those areas remains impressive.

The DNR says that favorable brood rearing conditions will determine the number of pheasants available in October.



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For Sale: Plotmaster implement. Includes 3-position disc harrow, seeder, compactor and chisel plow. Please contact John Haupert from the Southwest chapter for more information at 608-568-3378.

Price reduced!! Call for pricing!

