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Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line

Organizations, individuals boycotting ATC advisory council

The American Transmission Company (ATC) recently sent invitations to organizations and grass-roots groups opposed to the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line asking them to participate in an environmental advisory group. However, so far the WSN has not learned of any takers. Instead, groups are choosing not to participate in anything other than public meetings on the proposed transmission line that may be organized by the Public Service Commission.

The invitation from the ATC's Rita Hayden read in part, "We realize we cannot achieve our environmental goals on our own — we need your help. I am inviting you to help ATC improve its environmental performance by participating in ATC's Environmental Advisory Group. My vision is that this group could provide two-way communication and education on issues related to the electric transmission system, provide a forum to debate issues common to construction projects, and identify potential collaborative projects."

SOURCE: WSN.

Namekagon River gathering draws many paddlers

Folks from all over Wisconsin and Minnesota came out on May 10 in support of the Namekagon River. Paddlers of all kinds took to the river Saturday morning for a group paddle to show their support for keeping the Namekagon River scenic and beautiful.

The paddle was organized by Clean Wisconsin, SOUL (Save Our Unique Lands), the River Alliance, the Wisconsin Stewardship Network, and Protect the Earth. The five groups were concerned because the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line is slated to cross the Namekagon. The National Park Service is currently working on an environmental impact statement to determine whether they grant a permit to allow the line to cross the river.

More on the Namekagon paddle

You can read another take on the canoe paddle at <http://www.fightingbob.com/article.cfm?articleID=52> by Nick Vander Puy who lives 10 miles from the Namekagon River and is senior producer for the Superior Broadcast Network.

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Gaylord Nelson, former Wisconsin Senator and founder of Earth Day, attended the event to the delight of many people. Said one Clean Wisconsin member and attendee, “I was lured to this gathering by the opportunity to be counted as one person opposing the proposed power-line and the chance to canoe one of my favorite rivers with Gaylord Nelson. I got to canoe the Namekagon with one of my heroes. For me it’s like canoeing with Thomas Jefferson or Mark Twain.”

Several drum groups from the Mole Lake reservation and the Potawatomi reservation started the opening ceremony. Representatives from the tribes presented Gaylord Nelson with a beautiful blanket in thanks for his years of service to the environment. Tim Rudnicki, an American spokesman for the Pimicikamac Cree Nation spoke about the environmental destruction the Cree are facing from a large hydropower project on their land; this hydropower would be brought through Wisconsin by the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line. Former DNR Secretary George Meyer also attended the event and spoke words of praise for the fight to keep the Namekagon beautiful.

Between 60 and 70 canoes floated down the Namekagon River in the cool morning air. Following the launching ceremony at the Stinnett landing paddlers embarked on the two hour float to Springbrook. The river was running well, having received heavy rain the previous day. The float started with a chute that dropped abruptly. Several boats capsized but the many wonderful volunteers in attendance quickly rescued the swimmers. Along this stretch of the river is a nice combination of flat water and relatively easy whitewater. The scenery was good and the shoreline undeveloped, thanks in large part to Senator Nelson and the National Wild and Scenic River designation. Canoes and kayaks of various ages and styles could be seen with people of various ages and styles maneuvering, or attempting to maneuver their watercraft through the twists and turns of the River. There were a few spills and other mishaps, but nonetheless, everyone seemed to be enjoying a fine day on a great river.

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After the float paddlers arrived at the Town Hall where there was plenty of great food and a live broadcast over the airwaves of WOJB Radio. People were given an opportunity to state their positions regarding the proposed transmission line. The hope is to convince the National Park Service to deny any permit for the transmission line to cross the Namekagon River. Of all the words spoken on this day the most simple and direct came from Gaylord Nelson, “The Namekagon River is a beautiful place. There is nothing we can do to improve it.”

SOURCE: Claire Schmidt and Clean Wisconsin member Paul Meyer, schmidtc@cleanwisconsin.org.

DNR Independence and PIO Restoration

Fair Motorboat Gas Revenue Allocation

Farm Manure Management & Polluted Runoff Enforcement

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Manitowoc County denies feedlot permit

A local citizens group, Citizens For Responsible Agriculture and a Clean Environment, prevented a 5,000 head feedlot from locating in a residential area with highly fractured bedrock susceptible to groundwater contamination and other nuisance impacts. The feedlot would have supplied slaughter cattle for Packerland Packing, a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods. Smithfield has publicly stated its intent to slaughter up to 200,000 cattle per year in Wisconsin.

Manitowoc County denied the conditional use permit for the 5,000-head feedlot, and the feedlot owners sued the county in state court. The citizens group intervened, and is represented by Garvey & Stoddard, SC and Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc. The feedlot owners argued that state law pre-empted the county's right to deny the conditional use permit because the feedlot would allegedly comply with state water quality requirements. The court rejected that argument and found that the county board of adjustment properly exercised its judgment in rejecting the application.

SOURCE: Andrew C. Hanson, Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc., 702 E. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53703
www.midwestadvocates.org.

DATCP releases livestock planning guidance

The WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has started a web page devoted to agriculture planning at http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/land-water/ag_planning/index.html. The site will help rural communities answer these questions: why should we plan for agriculture, what does rural planning involve, what help can DATCP provide?

According to DATCP Secretary Nilsestuen's preface, the Livestock Guidance is the product of the collective best efforts of an advisory committee representative of the broad range of interests and perspectives raised by the complex issue of livestock facility siting and expansion. The advisory committee brought to this project a commitment to balance different concerns: the growth of the livestock industry, agriculture's responsibility to meet environmental standards, the need to address local priorities.

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SOURCE: For more information contact Richard Castelnovo at (608) 224-4608 Richard.Castelnovo@datcp.state.wi.us or Paul Benjamin at (608) 224-4648 Paul.Benjamin@datcp.state.wi.us.

Groups charge EQIP rule illegal

The NRCS's release of its final rule on administration of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program has already provoked a firestorm of criticism. An alliance of family farm, conservation and humane groups have charged that the new EQIP rule violates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Magna Carta of U.S. environmental law. Under NEPA, a federal agency proposing a significant action like distributing huge sums of taxpayer dollars for manure management on concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) needs to evaluate whether there could be negative environmental consequences of that action. Instead, the Environmental Assessment that accompanied the release of the new EQIP rule analyzed only whether using an allocation formula would yield more environmental benefit than allocating dollars equally between states or not implementing the program at all. Defenders and ten other organizations responded with a letter pointing out that, by law, the Natural Resource Conservation Service needs to take a much closer look at the potential negative impacts of some of the practices EQIP could fund, such as manure management at new or expanding CAFOs, manure management at CAFOs located in floodplains, and the conversion of wetlands to deep irrigation ponds. For a copy of the letter explaining that the final EQIP rule is released in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), visit www.familyfarmer.org.

SOURCE: Scotty Johnson, sjohnson@defenders.org, www.familyfarmer.org (520) 623-9653 x3.

Summary of new DATCP publications

To give residents in rural communities more appropriate tools for planning, DATCP has prepared these two publications.

Planning for Agriculture in Wisconsin: A Guide for Communities is intended to help communities find constructive ways to address agricultural planning issues. Communities using this guide are likely to have some interest in protecting their agricultural resources, but they also may be uncertain how they will balance these interests against other locally important goals. There is no single answer to balancing these interests. The Guide focuses on developing a good process and providing enough information about the trends, community goals, and possible strategies to encourage an informed community discussion.

Livestock Guidance: Local Planning for Livestock Operations in Wisconsin provides specific help for communities seeking to respond to changes in the livestock industry. In addition to planning guidance, this publication offers the following ag-friendly innovation:

- A system of multiple agricultural zoning districts, which features a special district for intensive agriculture such as a large livestock operations.
- Changes in the administration of conditional use permits to ensure fairer treatment for farmer applicants.
- Stipulated agreements as an alternative to a conditional use permit for construction or expansion of livestock operations.
- Performance standards as an alternative to traditional setback requirements to reduce impacts by focusing on management and structural controls.

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Iowa officials pushing for better air quality

The May 19 Des Moines *Register* reports that Iowa environmental regulators watched as the state legislature nullified new rules regulating ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions. Ammonia and hydrogen sulfide are gases commonly emitted from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and are linked to health ailments including respiratory problems and death. The rules were intended to put the lawmakers' year-old law restricting pollution from CAFOs into place along with the state's first limits on gases from livestock operations. However, the sewer and power plant industries complained when they realized the rules would affect them. They felt the current set-up, having negotiations rather than fines, is sufficient to deal with the pollution. The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission vows to have new regulations in place prior to the next legislature session that begins in January. Federal officials and activists were watching the Iowa rules closely after the recent announcement that the agriculture industry is in amnesty talks with the EPA regarding emissions. For more information on how your state can deal with CAFOs, visit: <http://www.serconline.org/cafos.html>.

SOURCE: SERC *Wildlines Report*, May 27, 2003, wildlines@serconline.org.

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Forest Fragmentation

Minnesota Senate's ATV bill keeps environmentalists happy

The May 14 Duluth *News Tribune* reports that Minnesota's Senate passed a bill that week that will allow the DNR to decide which lands should be protected and which should be designated as ATV recreation areas. The resolution strikes a compromise between conservationist and recreational interests. While it disallows ATV users from traveling anywhere they like in state forests, it mandates that the DNR designate at least 1,500 miles of trails for ATV use within the next three years. The Senate's version of the bill conflicts with the House's, which favors leaving all state forest trails currently used for ATV riding open until the DNR decides they should be closed. For more on how your state can encourage responsible ATV use, see <http://www.serconline.org/orv/index.html>.

SOURCE: SERC *Wildlines Report*, May 19, 2003, wildlines@serconline.org.

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Alaska bill changes primary purpose of state forests

Alaska's Senate recently approved a bill that changes the primary purpose of state forests from multi-use to timber. Currently, state forests are managed to accommodate diverse activities such as mining, dog mushing and other recreational activities. The bill would make timber the primary use of the forests, thus giving the industry the upper hand in conflicts with other uses. The bill will

also require the Department of Natural Resources to publish a five-year list of timber sales every other year, and would eliminate the five-year review schedule for forest management plans.

SOURCE: SERC *Wildlines Report*, May 19, 2003, wildlines@serconline.org.

Mercury Reduction

Metallic Mining

Speculation continues on Connors' role in Crandon Mine

The public continues to wonder who is the partner behind the Crandon Mine's new owner, Gordon Connor. Curt Anderson recently commented in the *Green Bay News-Chronicle*, "The recent purchase of the Crandon Mine property by Northern Wisconsin lumber baron Gordon Connor Jr. has many people wondering why a lumber magnate would be interested in mining. You know what they say: Do what you do best and leave other work to others. So why would this lumber guy buy the mine property? Many think Connor is merely a front to hide the ugly multinational mega-corporation that Wisconsinites suspect will stiff us for our precious metals and leave us with a hole in the ground and a poisoned Wolf River. Other speculation concerns the opportunity for Connor to get the permit to mine and then resell the property to the original owners for a tidy markup. It is uncertain whether Connor has enough money to bribe (they call it 'campaign donations') Republican legislators for several years with no guarantee of a permit. To buy the property, Connor borrowed \$4.25 million from a Green Bay bank, borrowing the remaining \$8 million from BHP Billiton, the former owners. That \$12.25 million is a far cry from the ludicrous \$50 million asking price from last year.

SOURCE: WSN and *Green Bay News-Chronicle* via Tom Wilson.

WWEP to discuss Crandon and proposed U.P. mine

The next meeting of the Wolf Watershed Educational Project will be on Saturday, June 14, at Mole Lake from 10-3 in The Mole Lake Environmental Center on Sand Lake Road, one block east of Highway 55. It will be the same time as the June 13-15 Strawberry Moon Powwow, and we encourage people to attend the powwow afterwards at the powwow grounds on the south end of the reservation.

We have a lot to talk about, including the so-called "purchase" of Nicolet Minerals by the Northern Wisconsin Resource Group, owned by the Connor logging family that originally sold most of the mine site to Exxon in the 1970s. The \$12.3 million "sale" was in the form of two mortgages; one for \$8 million involving a BHP Billiton firm in the Netherlands, and the other for \$4.3 from Gordon Connor. NMC has rehired former CEO Dale Alberts; meet the new boss, same as the old

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boss. Although the new company is trying to put on a “local” face, it is looking for a new multinational corporate partner that is actually qualified to run a mine.

At our April meeting in Shawano, we met with members of our sister group from just across the Menominee River border in Michigan. The U.P. group FRONT 40 is fighting mineral exploration in the same ore vein as Crandon, a stones throw from Wisconsin. Our July meeting will be on the Wisconsin side of the border, to get Marinette County citizens involved in the fight to protect our Green Bay watershed. For more information call (906) 753-4493 or menomineeriver@yahoo.com or <http://www.menomineeriver.com>.

Also note this new address: Wolf Watershed Educational Project, c/o Midwest Treaty Network, PO Box 1045, Eau Claire WI 54702 (715) 833-8552 or 882-4800, mtn@igc.org hotline: (800) 445-8615 <http://www.treatyland.com>.

SOURCE: WWEP.

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Shoreland Zoning & Water Protection

Lake and river grant programs escape JFC ax for now

We are very glad to report that...as part of Joint Finance Committee’s (JFC) work on the Department of Natural Resources’ Water Division Budget, the River and Lake Protection Grant Programs that were at risk of substantial cuts or even elimination emerged unscathed. Furthermore, the Division was spared any additional cuts to staffing levels and overall funding. Have no doubt that the phone calls many of you made opposing these potential cuts made the difference! Over the last two weeks, our staff and volunteers heard time and again that legislators were hearing a loud and clear message from their constituents — no drastic cuts to the DNR Water Division or to the River and Lake Protection Grant Programs.

If you contacted your legislators or members of JFC on this issue, now is the time to thank them. Please contact them once again and tell them that you appreciate their work to preserve current water programs in our state.

Once JFC has completed their work on the budget, the full Assembly and Senate will act. So while things could still change, these water programs have survived the toughest part of the process. In coming weeks, we will continue to update you on budget-related issues as they impact Wisconsin’s rivers.

SOURCE: River Alliance of WI.

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AG settles Lunda/WI Central construction violation cases

Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager announced today that her office has settled twelve civil and criminal cases being prosecuted against Lunda Construction Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd. Lunda allegedly violated state environmental protection laws while replacing bridges for the

railroad in Sawyer and Washburn Counties during 2000 and 2001. Wisconsin Central Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railroad Company that merged with Wisconsin Central's former parent corporation in late 2001. Lunda Construction is headquartered in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and traditionally has done much of Wisconsin Central's bridge building and repair work.

"Lunda Construction and Wisconsin Central are paying the financial penalties they incurred for serious environmental violations in Sawyer and Washburn Counties; paying for stream improvements; and taking steps to avoid future violations that harm Wisconsin wetlands and streams," Lautenschlager said.

The Sawyer County cases concerned a construction project over Little Weirgor Creek, a class I trout stream. The companies were charged with:

- Putting metal pilings and earth fill for a temporary bridge into the stream without a DNR-required permit;
- Failure to report and promptly clean up a spill of hazardous substances (waste corrosive chemicals, creosote-containing timbers, oil and ash from the burn pile) into Weirgor Creek;
- Open burning of waste including railroad ties, oil filters, plastic bottles and other discarded material; and
- Violating numerous requirements and prohibitions of a DNR permit they had obtained for replacing the permanent railroad bridge, including a prohibition on engaging in in-stream construction activities during winter months, failures to prevent erosion of soil into the stream, and unlawfully grading the stream's banks.

The Washburn County cases concerned a construction project over Frog Creek. In those cases the companies were charged with:

- Driving steel beams into the bed of the stream and constructing a low-lying temporary bridge without required DNR authorization; and
- Unlawfully obstructing navigation of the stream with the temporary bridge.

Under the terms of the settlements announced today, the companies will pay \$75,000 in forfeitures, penalties and costs and pay another \$75,000 for stream improvement projects. Lunda will first attempt to eliminate an existing barrier to trout migration at a rail bridge over Spring Creek in Douglas County. The Department of Justice brought the cases at the request of the DNR following the DNR's investigation. The DNR asked for these civil and criminal prosecutions by the Attorney General's office after it concluded that the issuance of citations, a less severe enforcement alternative previously used with these and other construction companies, may not be a sufficient deterrent to violations.

SOURCE: Melinda Walker, Attorney General's office, WalkerMM@DOJ.STATE.WI.US.

Update on Polar water bottling proposal

At the May 15 meeting of the Polar Township (Langlade Co.) Board of Supervisors this evening, Dennis Hose — who sought to rezone two acres of his property to install a 500 gal/min high-cap well and associated buildings for extracting and bottling spring water — withdrew his petition to

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rezone after the Polar Town Chairman read to the audience the restrictive covenants that the town sought to apply to his rezoning request (covenants that really weren't as strong as we would have liked to have had!). So, for the moment, we can rest. We know that this isn't the end of it, as we anticipate that he will come up with a "Plan B," But at least we have lucked out (perhaps temporarily, albeit) from having a "Perrier-type" situation on our hands.

SOURCE: WSN source via John Welter, jwelter@ameritech.net.

MMSD asks for disciplinary action after contractor spill

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The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is demanding that its private contractor United Water Services Inc. (UWS) take disciplinary action against a UWS wastewater treatment plant operator who performed an unnecessary in-plant diversion on May 30, 2003.

SOURCE: MMSD.

Daily coastal beach conditions available online

Swimmers planning to visit Wisconsin's coastal beaches...can help ensure their fun and safety by going online before they enter the water. Results of water quality testing at Wisconsin's Great Lakes beaches will be posted daily on a single unified beach health web site at <http://infotrek.er.usgs.gov/pls/beachhealth/>.

SOURCE: WDNR.

Water law and policy conference May 28 at UW-Madison

The University of Wisconsin Law School, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is pleased to present a conference on Wisconsin water law and policy. The program explores many significant issues in law and policy and draws on the expertise of a distinguished list of speakers. Examples of topics to be addressed include:

- New directions in groundwater management,
- Tribal authority and water quality regulation,
- Revisions to Wisconsin's shoreland zoning code,
- Wetlands compensatory mitigation, and
- Dockminiums and water privatization.

The Conference will take place on May 28, 2003 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School. Space is limited. Registration information and program specifics can be found in the attached document.

SOURCE: Tamara A. Dudiak, College of Natural Resources, UW-Stevens Point, (715) 346-4744.

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DNR's wetland team leader receives national award

A veteran state wetland official receives a prestigious national award today, May 20, in the nation's capital for his efforts to help Wisconsin and other states protect and restore wetlands. Paul Scott Hausmann, who leads the DNR's multidisciplinary wetland team, has won the 2003 National Wetlands Award for Outstanding Wetlands Program Development. The award honors Hausmann for his 29 years of work, inspiration, and leadership.

SOURCE: WDNR

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DNR fielding West Nile virus concerns

Some of us have been fielding questions about why DNR is protecting wetlands when wetlands are breeding grounds for mosquitoes that could carry WNV. A fact sheet is available for public consumption. The wetland folks will be posting it on their web pages. A second, single-page fact sheet is planned with just the tips for controlling mosquitoes around the home, and some ways to reduce exposure. A third will address how communities can reduce mosquitoes, and will go over the permit process. Contact Lisa Gaumnitz of the WDNR for more information.

SOURCE: WDNR "Basin Briefs," 5-21-03.

Luthin moving from WWA to Natural Resources Foundation

I'm writing to announce that I have accepted a new position as executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, a private, statewide non-profit conservation organization that assists the DNR with endangered species and habitat conservation initiatives, including the whooping crane reintroduction project. In this capacity I will be working with many of my colleagues at the DNR and in the conservation community to focus the Foundation's modest funding on critical habitat management and protection activities. Check out the Foundation's website: www.nrfwis.org.

SOURCE: Charlie Luthin, WI Wetlands Assn.

Sefton leaving WI Assn. of Lakes

I will be leaving the Wisconsin Association of Lakes on June 13, 2003, to become a pri-

BACKGROUND: About the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

Anticipating budget cuts in the mid 1980's, the Natural Resources Board (NRB) of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) investigated private donations as an alternative source of funding. They decided a foundation was needed to serve as a conduit for private contributions to the agency. In 1986, the NRB authorized departmental support for the creation of a natural resources foundation to support the goals and needs of the WDNR.

In 1986, the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. (NRF) was formed. NRF sought to develop alliances and expand the base of funds available for Wisconsin natural resources. NRF began a "friends group" relationship with the WDNR to seek new ways in which the public and the WDNR could support each other to preserve and protect Wisconsin's natural resources heritage. —from NRF web site

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vate consultant. I am still very interested in working in the environmental field, where I have over 26 years of experience. Please keep me in mind as you hear of openings or need assistance. After June 13, my e-mail will be seftondonna@hotmail.com.

I have truly enjoyed working with you and would like to remain on your distribution lists. Perhaps I will be able to be more actively involved now in the entire environmental field than I could while at WAL, where I was expected to be a full time Executive Director and 2/3 time technical and educational specialist to actually do the programmatic work as well. Warm regards, Donna Sefton.

SOURCE: Donna Sefton, Executive Director, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, One Point Place, Suite 101 Madison, WI 53719 (608) 662-0923.

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RAW's Goodman subject of *Grist* magazine "Day in the Life" feature

River Alliance of WI staff member Lisa Goodman was profiled daily during the week of May 27-30 in *Grist* magazine. Visit *Grist* Magazine at <http://www.gristmagazine.com/dearmer/goodman052703.asp> to read about Goodman's activities on behalf of Wisconsin's rivers.

Louisiana votes to raise wetlands funding cap

Louisiana's coast is closer to restoration after a House committee voted to double the amount of money that can be placed in the wetlands protection fund and eliminated a provision to spend some of the money on highway construction. In addition, the House Appropriations Committee amended a package to channel a significant portion of the money the state gets from judgments against oil and gas companies into the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund. Louisiana's administration stated that these measures are critical to giving the state leverage to seek \$14 billion in federal dollars to pay for coastal restoration.

SERC *Wildlines* Report, May 27, 2003, wildlines@serconline.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Conservation observance day June 20

Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) would like to invite you to join us on Friday, June 20th, to recognize the 2002 Conservation Farmers of the Year, the Ula Homestead Farm. This year the celebration will be held at the York Memorial Church, at the corner of Highways 78 and 39, Blanchardville, near the Lafayette/Green County border. Join over 200 people, including County Board members, County Land and Water Conservation Department staff, Wisconsin Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Natural Resources staff, USDA and UW-Extension personnel, and others interested in the protection and sustainable use of Wisconsin's natural resources. For more information, call Lisa Draeger at the Wisconsin

Land and Water Conservation Association (608-833-1833) or visit the WLWCA Web site at www.wlwca.org.

Schumann leaving WISPIRG for new advocacy position

As many of you know, this week will be my last as WISPIRG's director. After 13 years working with WISPIRG in various capacities, I decided this spring to take on a new project that is a joint effort of WISPIRG, River Alliance, Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, Clean Wisconsin, Biodiversity Project and Citizen Action. Mail can be sent to me care of the River Alliance, 306 E. Wilson, #2W, Madison, 53703. An announcement on the new program will follow shortly.

SOURCE: Kerry Schumann.

WWA seeks new ED

Wisconsin Wetlands Association (WWA), a statewide non-profit organization, based in Madison, Wisconsin seeks a qualified person to serve as executive director. WWA is a national leader in wetland protection with an exciting strategic plan, an active board of directors and an array of statewide programs including public education about wetlands and their conservation, and wetland advocacy. The organization presently has a staff of three full-time employees (executive director, program director and director of outreach and communication) and an annual budget of \$175,000.

SOURCE: WWA, derek@wiscwetlands.org.

Volunteer seeking full-time position

Highly motivated, professional individual seeking a position with a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation or restoration of the natural resources of Wisconsin. Skill set includes: degree in writing, experience composing and editing newspaper and newsletter articles, extremely organized and detail-oriented, ability to interact with the public, experience researching grant sources for various non-profits, ability to learn quickly, initiate action, and bring projects to completion, passionate interest in conserving the diversity of our state's native environment.

Please contact me to receive a resume with full qualifications and work history. I currently do volunteer work with four different groups, but would be willing to discuss other volunteer opportunities as well to learn more about a specific position.

SOURCE: Andrea Good, 2072 Spring Rose Rd. #2, Verona, WI 53593 (608) 848-1480 andreasacorn@hotmail.com.

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of Lakes, Wisconsin State B.A.S.S. Federation, Wisconsin's Environmental Decade, and Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, plus individuals who serve as at-large members.

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