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Service and Waterfowl Management Legend Art Hawkins Leaves a Lasting Mark

Art Hawkins, a tireless opponent of unfettered development, an early pioneer in waterfowl management and mentor to generations of like-minded students and conservationists, died March 9, at his home in Hugo. He was 92.

Family members said he suffered a heart attack during a hike on his

50-acre former dairy farm. He died with a pair of binoculars around his neck and ski poles, used as walking aids, still in his hands.

As one of the last living students of Aldo Leopold, the father of modern wildlife management, Hawkins helped pioneer waterfowl surveys that spanned North America, and

he spent nearly 40 years as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife manager.

But he also was a local environmental activist; at age 80, Hawkins was sued by a developer for defamation after he spoke out against a town-house project on nearby Lake Amelia.

“He was a biologist but also an environmental advocate,” said his son, Tex, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife manager in Winona, Minn. “It went back to Leopold’s roots: He

felt environmental protection and restoration was everybody’s responsibility.”

Said conservation advocate Dave Zentner of Duluth, Minn.: “For me and our state, it’s the passing of one of our most notable members of those pioneering conservationists. He labored for the benefit of ducks, but he saw a bigger picture. He talked about Homo sapiens needing to prove we aren’t an endangered species.”

Hawkins served as the flyway’s chief biologist from 1954 to 1972, when he retired from the Fish and Wildlife Service, though he worked part time until 1983.

“Art was a real legend in the waterfowl and wetland research world,” said Harvey Nelson, a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife manager, adding that Hawkins influenced generations of waterfowl biologists in the United States and Canada. *By Chris Niskanen, St. Paul Pioneer Press. Reprinted with permission.*



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Art Hawkins' family attended the 2006 Rally for Ducks, Wetlands and Clean Water at the Minnesota State Capitol. Governor Tim Pawlenty officially dedicated the rally in honor of Hawkins.

Kitchen Earns Secretary’s Four C’s Award

Art Kitchen, a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Private Lands Office in Madison, Wis., was awarded the Secretary of Interior Four C’s Award during a May 4 ceremony in Washington, D.C., for his exceptional work on a three-year project that resulted in more than 42 miles of improved fish habitat and 25 miles of sport fishing opportunities for the public along the Pike River in Kenosha County in southeast Wisconsin.

Kitchen, a 14-year Service veteran, coordinates the Service’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife program in southern Wisconsin.

Beginning in 2002, he enlisted the support of more than a dozen public and private partners to remove a 1950s-era concrete dam from the Pike River in Kenosha County. The “Pike River Dam Removal and River Restoration Project” was completed in 2005 and resulted in 25 additional miles of sport fishing opportunities for the public, and 42.5 miles of increased forage fish habitat for trout and salmon. The project also stopped erosion on 800 linear feet of stream banks and reduced sediment being delivered to Lake Michigan. *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*



USFWS/Jim Ruwaldt

Art Kitchen waits to meet the Secretary and receive his award.

Acting Secretary Visits Prescribed Burn Site at Big Oaks Refuge



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Lynn Scarlett, Acting Secretary of the Department of the Interior, paid an unexpected visit to the fire crew at Big Oaks NWR. The Acting Secretary was near the refuge on other business and wanted to take the opportunity to see the refuge and learn more about its fire program.

HAPET Office and Service Highlighted on Scientific American PodCast

Rex Johnson, HAPET Team Leader, talked with Scientific American’s Steve Mirsky about how the Habitat and Population Evaluation Team provides information to develop strategic approaches to habitat conservation.

The May 10 episode can be downloaded as an MP3 file from Scientific American’s website at:

http://podcast.sciam.com/sa_podcast_060510.mp3

Minnesota Valley Refuge Partners with Hilton Hotels to Encourage Guests to Visit the Refuge

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge is located adjacent to a major metropolitan area of more than two million people. However, just being close to a large population doesn’t mean all of those people will visit the refuge.

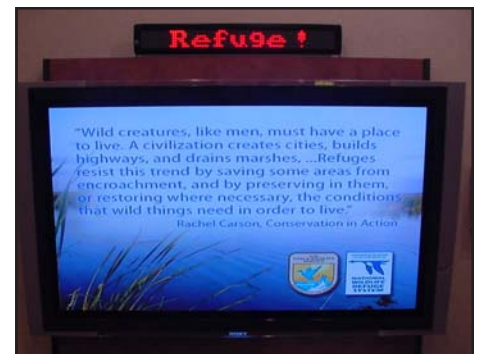
Refuge staff and a nearby Hilton Hotel teamed up to develop an interpretive media station to help introduce hotel guests to the refuge. The media station installed in the hotel displays wildlife, landscapes, recreational activities, as well as aerial views of hiking trails, orientation maps, and information regarding guest services at the hotel. Hotel staff members also have additional information about the refuge, such as trail maps, to share with their guests.

In addition to the exhibit in the lobby, the hotel worked with refuge staff to name their conference rooms after animals and habitat on the refuge. Each room contains a print of a native animal of the refuge with interpretive panels describing its habitat and needs.

This partnership has benefited

the Refuge and the Hilton Hotel and its guests by helping them learn about the refuge while staying at the hotel and hopefully encouraging them to take advantage of the resource that is just outside their hotel room. *Matt Conner, Minnesota Valley NWR*

This display in the hotel lobby encourages guests to visit the refuge.



Hail & Farewell

Region 3 is a dynamic organization. Quality employees are continuously coming to the region or leaving for new challenges. Each month, we will do our best to publish a list of new and retiring employees. Names are provided by the Human Resources Office.

This month, we welcome the following new permanent employees: **Kasharn A. Gillard**, RO-ABA; **Denise Gilsrud**, Minnesota Valley NWR; **Katie Stone-Weston**, RO-Law Enforcement; **Joan Weisz**, RO-External Affairs; **Nicole Jimenez-Cooper**, RO-Federal Assistance; **Vernon Hadley**, RO-Contracting; **Diane M. Webber**, RO-Human Resources; **Joshua S. Drury**, Pendills Creek NFH; **Matthew L. Kersten**, Pendills Creek NFH; **Paul Vas**, Pendills Creek NFH; **Anthony Wizauer**, Pendills Creek NFH; **Jeffery D. Finn**, Ottawa NWR; **Tate D. Fischer**, Necedah NWR; and, **Eduardo Torres**, Rosemont LE.

Finally, we bid farewell and say thank you to the following retirees: **Dan P. Stinnet**, Twin Cities FO and **Barbara A. Milne**, RO - ABA.

Study Finds Heart Defects in Songbirds From PCB Polluted Areas

In 1995, contaminants biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bloomington, Ind., Field Office and researchers from Indiana University began studying songbirds at several PCB-contaminated sites and at a reference site in Monroe and Lawrence Counties, Ind. Our preliminary evaluations of heart development in passerines from these PCB contaminated sites summarized in 1997 indicated that virtually all species studied (eastern bluebirds, Carolina chickadees, house wrens, red-winged blackbirds and tree swallows) were sensitive to the effects of PCBs.

This study was conducted to quantify and provide a detailed evaluation of the PCB-induced cardiac teratogenicity in the five passerine species exposed under field conditions. Our goals were to systematically characterize a suite of necropsy observable cardiac deformities and changes in gross heart

shape and size in avian wildlife; and to quantitatively correlate each deformity and change with total PCBs and dioxin-like toxic equivalent concentrations (TEQs) by species, establishing the relative sensitivity of each passerine species.

These findings are important for two reasons:

1) It was documented in the 1970s that these types of cardiac effects occurred in chickens fed PCB-contaminated feed. Laboratory chicken studies evaluating the effects of PCBs and dioxin also produced these types of cardiac deformities. It has been widely accepted (perhaps in error) that chickens must be more sensitive to these type of cardiac effects than other birds. Prior to this study, none had looked for these cardiac effects in passerine field studies.

2) This study confirms that significant adverse impacts can occur to passerines at concentrations be-



Photo by Dr. Diane Henshel, Indiana State University

On the left is a healthy eastern bluebird heart and on the right is an example of moderately deformed eastern bluebird heart found during the study.

low those known to cause a reduction in hatching success, a more commonly studied endpoint.

This work was published in the February 2006 issue of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, a publication of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. Dan Sparks, Bloomington FO

What the Cool People Are Wearing

Looking for some new Midwest Region apparel? The Friends of Windom WMD are offering a wide variety of fleece outerwear with a Midwest Region logo.



What all the conservation legends are wearing. Contact Mark Vaniman (the guy on the right) at Windom WMD for ordering information.

About the Cover



USFWS/Kurt Svendsgaard
Detroit Lakes Prescribed Fire Specialist Linden McNeilus explains to a TV reporter how a prescribed burn on Kasin WPA in Clay County, Minn., will be conducted.

New Fish Tagging System Being Evaluated at Iron River

Coaster brook trout yearlings destined for Whittlesey Creek were implanted with Northwest Marine Technology, Inc., Visual Implant Elastomer (VIE) tags, a biocompatible, two-part material that is mixed before use and then injected as a liquid that cures to a pliable solid. The VIE tags are



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A coaster brook trout is injected with the VIE tag in liquid form.

implanted beneath transparent tissues but remain externally visible. This technology has been around for many years, but this is the first time it has been used at the Iron River National Fish Hatchery.

Staff from the Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Ashland Fishery Resources Office joined Iron River National Fish Hatchery staff to learn about and then participate in the tagging process. A total of 2,200 coaster brook trout were tagged. This included 1,100 Tobin Harbor strain, which received red tags, and 1,100 Siskiwit strain, which received

green tags. All of the tagged yearling brook trout will be stocked into Whittlesey Creek as part of an ongoing fish evaluation. We are hopeful that the tags will help biologists easily recognize these fish as coming from the Iron River National Fish Hatchery, and since we were able to use a unique color tag for each strain of fish, there will be no need to do an expensive genetic analysis to determine the strain of fish captured. In addition, the strain determination will be immediate, which will hopefully save time in the field.

We will continue to work with the Whittlesey Creek NWR and the Ashland FRO to evaluate the retention success of the VIE tags in coaster brook trout, and are hopeful that we will be

able to use them in other evaluations in the future. *Kurt Schilling and Angela Baran, Iron River NFH*



The tag becomes solid and is easily visible, which should make field evaluations quicker. A variety of tag colors can be used to help biologists identify the strain and origin of the fish.

Silver Eagle Award Presented to Indiana Natural Resources Commission Chairman



USFWS/Paul Glander

Regional Director Robyn Thorson presents the Silver Eagle award to outgoing Indiana Natural Resources Commission Chairman Michael Kiley.

Mr. Michael Kiley recently received the U.S. Fish Wildlife Service's Midwest Region Silver Eagle Award in recognition of his many years of service on the Indiana Natural Resources Commission. Regional Director Robyn Thorson presented the Silver Eagle pin and certificate to Mr. Kiley in South Bend, Ind.

Kiley recently retired from the Indiana Natural Resources Commission, which addresses issues pertinent to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Kiley served on the Commission for 29 years, the last 15 as chairman.

Kiley is a strong supporter of wetlands conservation and his accomplishments increased migratory bird habitat areas. Many of these areas were acquired, or are operated with, funds from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant programs. *Paul Glander, Federal Assistance*

Around the Region



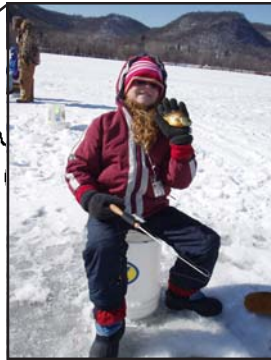
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Crane Meadows NWR Refuge Manager helps a visitor build a wood duck nest during Crane Meadows Habitat Day.



USFWS/Ken Phillips

Fish Health Biologist Terrence Ott conducts a spring fish health inspection of brood and production fish at Iron River Hatchery.



USFWS/Mary Stefanski

A happy angler shows off her catch during the Upper Miss. Refuge - Winona District ice fishing day in February.



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Big Oaks NWR Refuge Manager Joe Robb presents Acting DOI Secretary Lynn Scarlett with a painting of an historic stone bridge located on the refuge.



USFWS photo

A young visitor makes a bluebird mobile during Crab Orchard NWR's monthly Families Understanding Nature (FUN) program.

Steve Dushane

Assistant Refuge Manager, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

Growing up in Monroe, Mich., I always knew I wanted to work with wildlife. My family took advantage of the resources around us by going hunting, fishing and camping when we could. In addition, many of my relatives have degrees in natural resources. Unfortunately, none of them were ever able to find a job in the field. Despite the poor track record of my family and a bleak job outlook, I decided that I needed to follow my dreams and decided to get a degree in biology and see if I could make it work for me.

I started going to school at Central Michigan University. While in college, I started volunteering at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, driving more than an hour one way after classes to work there. I continued volunteering at Shiawassee and also took a summer job with the Michigan DNR after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology and Management. I applied for every job there was, but it seemed the bad luck of my family was continuing with me. Things were not looking too good for my dreams and the reality of paying bills and starting a family was setting in. I had to give up the dream for awhile and started a painting business...not exactly what I had dreamt of.

I was beginning to think the dream was over when David Peters, a biotech at Shiawassee, called. He remembered me from my volunteer days and wanted to see if I was interested in applying for an intermittent job they had open. I applied for the job and the day Refuge Manager Doug Spencer called me to offer me the job, I

threw down my paint brush and moved to Saginaw. The job was intermittent, there were no benefits and no guarantees, but it was my last chance at living my dream.

I remained an intermittent employee for three years before the job became temporary. Still, no guarantees, but I was getting closer. I finally became a permanent employee when I was selected as the private lands biologist at Ottawa NWR. The job was a dream come true. I worked with private landowners, starting with a blank sheet and developing a plan for their land. In the early days, I'd be up on the backhoe breaking tiles or on a tractor planting native grass, I was able to leave my mark on the landscape. A year after the work was done, I could go back and see ducks nesting in what we had created. The landowners were happy and supportive of the work we did with them. I could have easily done that for the rest of my life.

In 2005, I was offered the opportunity to work at Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. It was a great opportunity for career progression and it also allowed my wife and me to be closer our families. Working on a refuge in the middle of an industrial area is unique to say the least. However, coming from this area, I -- and the other six million people who live



- USFWS/Scott Flaherty

Steve Dushane leads a tour of Humbug Marsh along the banks of the Detroit River.

here -- "get it" and know the wildlife value of this place. People who don't live here likely only think of the industry; not about the world class walleye fishery, the millions of waterfowl and the amazing number of raptors that live and migrate through the heart of Detroit. Everything we do here is a new project, so in that way it's like my work with private landowners. We are able to start from scratch and put our mark on the landscape. We have a chance to save this place, if we don't do it now, Detroit will be come what the rest of the world thinks it is. We will have done a great disservice to the wildlife of this region.

My wife Terri and I are very happy to be back living where we grew up. We'll be able to expose our two daughters, Alyssa, who just turned eight on Earth Day, and Emily, who is four, to many of the same experiences we both had growing up here. Plus, I kind of like being close to my relatives, just so I can rub it in that I was able to make my dream a reality.

Barbara Milne

Assistant Regional Director - Budget and Administration

What is your most memorable experience while working for the Service?

I have had many great experiences and I can't really narrow it down to just one, so the top three that come to

mind are: First, recruiting students for the Student Career Experience Program for positions within the Region and then following their careers as they advanced in the Service. Secondly, mentoring others and sharing their excitement and wonder of working for an agency with such a great mission. And, finally, the opportunity to manage the Mingo Job Corps Center and to see students who over came life obstacles to succeed through the dedication and support of the Center's staff.

What is the most important piece of advice you would give to someone you were mentoring?

Enjoy what you are doing. Be sure to balance work, family, health, friends, and integrity. Learn to stay flexible, because you will have a variety of supervisors/managers during your career. Move to another position when you love the one you are in. As you advance in your career, pass on what you have learned to others.

What was the last field station you visited?

The first Service field station I visited was the La Crosse Fishery Research Laboratory when I was in elementary school. During my 28 years in the Budget and Administration program, I have had the wonderful opportunity to visit most of the field stations in Region 3. The last three field stations I visited were Agassiz NWR, Rydell NWR, and Fergus Falls WMD. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the beginning of spring come to the heartland.

What do you see as the most important thing the Budget and Administration Office does for field staff?

President Lincoln's philosophy of statesmanship was that he always sought the meeting point between what was right in theory and what could be achieved in practice. I always used this philosophy when approaching new initiatives. I believe that the role of ABA is to support field personnel by streamlining processes, providing timely and quality service, and updating employees/managers on current information so they could make informed employment decisions.



Assistant Regional Director for Budget and Administration Barbara Milne.

Barbara was born and raised in La Crosse, Wis., and earned a degree in Sociology and Urban Planning from Mankato (Minn.) State University. She started working for the Service in 1978.

Barbara and her husband David have three children and six grandchildren and they try to spend much of her free time with her family. If they are not with their family, Barbara and her husband are likely on a golf course.

Barbara retired from the Service on May 1, 2006, with 30 years of service and no regrets.

We wish her, and her family, all the best.

Accomplishment Reports

The following accomplishments reports were processed between February 1, and April 1, 2006.

1. **La Crosse Fish Health Center Staff Complete Wild Fish Health Survey at Genoa Hatchery**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*
2. **Neosho National Fish Hatchery Participates in High School Job Shadowing Program**, *David Hendrix, Neosho NFH*
3. **La Crosse FRO Hosts Internal Meeting on the Driftless Area**, *Heidi Keuler, LaCrosse FRO*
4. **Alpena FRO Participates in Monthly Radio Program with Congresswoman Miller**, *Jerry McClain, Alpena FRO*
5. **National Fish Habitat Initiative Discussed at Tri-State Partners Meeting**, *Jerry McClain, Alpena FRO*
6. **Thunder Bay Project Implementation Working Committee Meeting**, *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*
7. **ESA Outreach to Native American Tribes at the Intertribal Timber Council Conference**, *Catherine Carnes, Green Bay FO*
8. **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Tri-State Meeting**, *Heather Rawlings, Alpena FRO*
9. **Alpena FRO and Michigan DNR Coordinate Prey Fish Collections for Lake Huron Study of Predator Response to Prey Abundance**, *Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*
10. **Kresge Foundation Awards Grant to Wayne County Parks for Green Design of Refuge Gateway**, *John Hartig, Detroit River*
11. **Michigan Felon Sentenced in Federal Court for Illegally Possessing Firearms**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*
12. **Annual Lake Trout Marking Project Completed at Jordan River NFH**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*
13. **Jordan River Hatchery Staff Member Bob Peterson Attends NWTFF Event**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*
14. **500 Attend Habitat Day at Crane Meadows Refuge**, *Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR*
15. **Marsh Madness at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center**, *Molly Stoddard, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC*
16. **Green Bay Fishery Resources Office Provides Update on Lake Trout Restoration in Lake Michigan**, *Charles Bronte, Green Bay FRO*
17. **Lake Michigan Fish Stocking Activities and Lakewide Trends in Creel Data Summarized for Lake Michigan Committee Meeting**, *Dale Hanson, Green Bay FRO*
18. **A Sure Sign of Spring: Wild Whooping Cranes Return to Wisconsin – Congressional Notification**, *Jane West, External Affairs*
19. **Detroit River/Western Lake Erie Indicator Project**, *John Hartig, Detroit River*
20. **Charter School Students Tour Jordan River Hatchery**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*
21. **DeSoto Refuge participates at local Bass Pro Shops Fishing Classic**, *Cindy Myer, Desoto NWR*
22. **Gill Net Maintenance**, *Scott Koproski, Alpena FRO*
23. **Holt County Career Day**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*
24. **Service and State Present State of Lake Huron Lake Trout**, *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*
25. **Women’s History Month Recognized at Regional Office**, *Peggy Nelson, ABA (DCR)*
26. **Spring Spawning Activities Begin at Genoa National Fish Hatchery**, *Roger Gordon, Genoa NFH*
27. **Detroit Lakes Fire District Completes Inter Agency Annual Fire Refresher for 66 Firefighters.**, *Steve Schumacher, Detroit Lakes WMD*
28. **ANS Tissue Samples Transferred to the University of Toledo for Genetics Studies**, *Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*
29. **Windom WMD Hosts Interagency Fireline Refresher**, *Eric Earhart, Windom WMD*
30. **Diversity Report**, *Laurie Gucinski, Iron River NFH*
31. **Fish are More and More Fun at River Hatchery**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*
32. **3RD Annual Mississippi Valley Fishing Expo at the Omnicenter, Onalaska, Wis.**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*
33. **Wisconsin Woman Sentenced in Federal Court for Ordering Dumping of Pesticides on Fox River National Wildlife Refuge – Congressional Notification**, *Jane West, External Affairs*
34. **GOTCHA! Refuge Employees Get Eagle Handling Training on the ‘Upper Miss’**, *Jennifer Lilla, Trempealeau NWR*
35. **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and Shiawassee River State Game Area Hold Joint Staff Meeting**, *Steve Kahl, Shiawassee NWR*
36. **Alpena FRO Helps University of Wisconsin Graduate Student**, *Adam Kowalski, Alpena FRO*
37. **Talking Asian Carp with Fisheries Administrators**, *Greg Conover, Carterville FRO*
38. **15-year old Student Wins Junior Duck Stamp Competition for Minnesota**, *Matt Conner, Minnesota Valley NWR*
39. **Jordan River Hatchery Project Leader Attends Upper/Lower Lakes Meeting, Eh!**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*
40. **Agents Attend and Report on Sea Lamprey Control Activities at Combined Upper and Lower Great Lakes Annual Meetings, Windsor, Ontario**, *Jessica Doemel, Marquette Bio Station*
41. **Anglers Catch Current Info at Fishing Expo**, *Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO*
42. **Squaw Creek Staff Gets Fired Up**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*
43. **Norton Announces Gray Wolves in Western Great Lakes Region Proposed for Removal from List of Endangered and Threatened Species – Congressional Notification**, *Jane West, External Affairs*
44. **Service Biologist Chairs Modeling Subcommittee Meeting for 1836 Treaty Waters**, *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*

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45. **Charlevoix Kiwanis Club Learns About the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery**, *Rick Westerhof, Jordan River NFH*

46. **North American Wetland Conservation Act Funds 15 Proposals in Midwest**, *Paul Richert, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

47. **Midwest Driftless Area Restoration Effort Presentation at UMRCC meeting**, *Louise Mauldin, Columbia FRO*

48. **Lake Huron ANS Sighting Information Provided to Update ANS Distribution Maps**, *Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*

49. **Green Bay Biologist Participates on Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Sea Lamprey Research Board**, *Charles Bronte, Green Bay FRO*

50. **East Lansing Field Office Staff Give Lecture at Michigan State University**, *Jack Dingleline, East Lansing FO*

51. **Judging the Mid-America Science Engineering Fair**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*

52. **Fourteen Lake Sturgeon Captured in Osage River**, *Corey Lee, Columbia FRO*

53. **Wood Duck Nest Boxes - A Cooperative Project**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*

54. **Upper Mississippi Refuge Staff Attend the 14th Annual 'Canoeopia' in Madison, Wis**, *Tony Batya, UMRNW&FR-Winona Dist.*

55. **Hocking College Intern Completes Term at Jordan River Hatchery**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*

56. **Reaching Out to Local Educators**, *Catherine Carnes, Green Bay FO*

57. **Wisconsin Man Sentenced in Federal Court for Dumping Pesticides on Fox River National Wildlife Refuge - Congressional Notification**, *Jane West, External Affairs*

58. **Congressional Outreach on Fisheries and FWS Habitat Programs**, *Mark Dryer, Ashland FRO*

59. **Fish Health Inspected During March At Jordan River Hatchery**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*

60. **Mancelona Baptist Church Seniors Visit Jordan River NFH**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*

61. **Second Grassy Island Public Forum Held**, *Stephanie Millsap, East Lansing FO*

62. **CPR and First Aid Training**, *Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*

63. **Red Lake Technical Committee is Awarded a Special Recognition by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**, *Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*

64. **Wisconsin Man Ordered to Pay Restitution of \$1,552 For Dumping Pesticides on Fox River National Wildlife Refuge**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

65. **University of Toledo's Gard Island Added to Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge**, *John Hartig, Detroit River*

66. **Prairie Science Class Evaluation Report for 2004-2005**, *Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR*

67. **Iowa/Nebraska Partnership Receives \$1 Million NAWCA Grant**, *Paul Richert, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

68. **Pheasants Forever and Partners Receive \$1 Million NAWCA Grant**, *Paul Richert, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

69. **West Wisconsin Land Trust and Partners Receive \$1 Million NAWCA Grant**, *Paul Richert, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

70. **Mr. Smith goes to Washington...Fisheries Friends Initiative Hits the Ground Running!**, *Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*

71. **TCFO employees attend the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society's Propagation Workshop**, *Susan Oetker, Twin Cities FO*

72. **Genoa's Mussel Conservation Efforts Featured at National Mussel Propagation Workshop**, *Tony Brady, Genoa NFH*

73. **Multi-Agency Cooperation Results in Completion of Roseau Wetland Restoration Plan**, *Laurie Fairchild, Twin Cities FO*

74. **St. Mary's School Impressed With Jordan River Hatchery Outreach Programs**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*

75. **Silver Eagle Award Presented to Outgoing Chairman of the Indiana Natural Resources Commission**, *Paul Glander, Federal Aid*

76. **Sherburne Refuge Honors 700 Volunteers at Recognition Dinner**, *Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR*

77. **Columbia FRO Biologist Participates in the National GIS Workshop**, *Nicholas Utrup, Columbia FRO*

78. **Another Splendid Week in Washington, DC**, *Rick Westerhof, Jordan River NFH*

79. **The La Crosse Fish Health Center participates in March Madness in Washington, DC.**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

80. **Coaster Brook Trout Receive Colored Implants**, *Kurt Schilling, Iron River NFH*

81. **Friends of the Neosho National Fish Hatchery Attends National Friends Workshop for Fisheries in Washington D.C.**, *David Hendrix, Neosho NFH*

82. **DeSoto Refuge hosts 'Bird Feeding' Family Fun Day March 5th!**, *Cindy Myer, Desoto NWR*

83. **Winter Weather Does Not Stop Restoration Efforts**, *Stewart Cogswell, Green Bay FRO*

84. **Former Wisconsin Outfitter Adam Lawinger Sentenced Two Years in Prison**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

85. **Bad River Pipeline Stabilization and Lake Sturgeon Habitat Project**, *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*

86. **Raising awareness of the Midwest Driftless Area Restoration Effort at the Minnesota Natural Resources Conference**, *Louise Mauldin, Columbia FRO*

87. **Agencies Propose Plan for Wolf Damage Control in Wisconsin; Public Comment Sought - Congressional Notification**, *Jane West, External Affairs*

88. **Long Time Volunteer Honored at Jordan River National Fish Hatchery**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*

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89. **New Sturgeon Egg Incubation System Installed at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery**, *Nick Starzl, Genoa NFH*

90. **Green Bay Fishery Resources Office Processes 1,250 Lake Trout Coded Wire Tags from Lake Michigan in 2005**, *Dale Hanson, Green Bay FRO*

91. **Service Biologist Participates in Lake Michigan Lake Trout Aging Workshop**, *Dale Hanson, Green Bay FRO*

92. **Paper on Performance of Hatchery Lake Trout in Lake Michigan to be Published**, *Charles Bronte, Green Bay FRO*

93. **Toxicology Class Learns About Contaminants Issues in Detroit River**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*

94. **Body Art for Coaster Brook Trout**, *Angela Baran, Iron River NFH*

95. **Scott Yess Selected as New UMRCC Coordinator**, *Heidi Keuler, LaCrosse FRO*

96. **Student Recruitment Efforts Pay Off**, *Jeff Finley, Columbia FRO*

97. **Service Maps 2005 Stocking Trips of M/V Togue**, *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*

98. **Service and State Update Lake Trout Stock Assessment Models in 1836 Treaty Waters of Lake Huron**, *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*

99. **Fish Health Inspection at the Iron River National Fish Hatchery**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

100. **Assistant Project Leader Represents Jordan River Hatchery at NCTC Training**, *Timothy Smigielski, Jordan River NFH*

101. **Ottawa Refuge Receives Overwhelming Response from Volunteers for Restoration Project.**, *Sara Mason, Ottawa NWR*

102. **Ice Fishing Day HOT at Upper Miss Refuge - Winona District**, *Mary Stefanski, UMRNW&FR-Winona Dist.*

103. **Carterville Fishery Office Helps Enhance Sport Fishing at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge**, *colby wrasse, Carterville FRO*

104. **Blue Goose is Really a Fish**, *Heidi Keuler, LaCrosse FRO*

105. **Necedah Refuge Hosts Massasauga Meeting**, *Bill Peterson, Necedah NWR*

106. **Refuge Hosts Research Reporting Symposium**, *Scott Ford, Neal Smith NWR*

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