



# WETLAND'S GAZETTE

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## **New Beginnings** **Article by Doug Aziz, President**

We have begun a new year and this issue of the Wetlands Gazette will provide details of what the MWA staff and Friends BOD have accomplished thus far.

Before we get into that, however, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the newly retired board members for their many years of service to the Friends of Mead/McMillan Association, Inc.

At our annual meeting in January, we installed six new members whom you will meet later in this report. Each of them has brought new experiences and energy to the group and we look forward to our work together on behalf of environmental education at Mead Wildlife Area.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce we have organized the board by establishing committees to more efficiently utilize the time we spend together. The following committees are up and running; finance, communications, membership, fund raising and special projects. Each committee is chaired by a veteran member of the board and includes at least one of the new members, who expressed interest in that particular area of involvement. The principal responsibilities of each committee have been laid out and tied to BOD goals which were identified in a brainstorming session held in 2009. We look forward to working within this system to accomplish the mission of the Friends.

In addition to the committee work described above, the board has agreed to support the development of the Ephemeral Boardwalk and Trail by matching the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant we have been awarded, in the amount of \$20,000 in 2010 and again in 2011. Fund raising for this project will soon begin in earnest and we trust you will be supportive of this significant enhancement of the walking trail system at the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center.

As the budget crunch continues to constrain the scope of the work of the DNR staff, the support of the Friends becomes even more vital. Funding is but one aspect of the support we can provide. One of the others is manpower and I am pleased to report the ranks of the Wildlife Assistant group continue to grow. This group gathers on Wednesdays and usually puts in a full day working on various labor intensive activities which allow the staff to focus on more substantive projects. Anyone who is available on Wednesdays is welcome to join the group. There will always be something for you to do.

Everyone receiving the Wetlands Gazette is recognized as a supporter of environmental education at Mead Wildlife Area. Your efforts to raise funds for the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center as well as a full time educator was a tremendous accomplishment and we want to take this opportunity to encourage you to renew your membership to the Friends if you haven't already done so.

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## **Manager's Report**

### **Article and Photos by Tom Meier**

The later part of the winter was very busy for us here at the Mead. Our field effort to reconstruct several small flowage dike systems was very successful and efficient. With little snow and frozen ground, we were able to truck fill material and rock to the sites with little problem. Once we totally thaw out and dry up a bit, we will be able to place the finishing touches on this project.

In February, we worked with Wisconsin Public Service to construct a new great-blue heron rookery location. The project was initiated due to severe deterioration of the Berkahn Flowage rookery site. The new site is on an island in Little Birch Flowage where 12 poles, to hold artificial platforms, were erected. We originally had plans to erect 48 nesting platforms (four per pole) but because of the unseasonably warm weather, only finished eight before the ice started to deteriorate. Mead Volunteers, Doug Aziz, John Shippy, Don Fox, Steve Meyer, and Donny Furo, as well as WPS employees Keith Markstrum, Fritz Martin, and Randy Murkowski, worked with Mead staff to undertake the project. This spring we will hopefully see birds begin to use the site, with our intention of finishing the project next winter.

The recent and early warm weather has really changed our spring approach dramatically this year. We began our water level management efforts in early March instead of the usual early to mid April time frame. The early spring will alter our survey time periods as well as many of our field activities. We will most likely initiate prescribed burning the last week of March, the earliest ever! Although this is the case, it is wonderful to see all the birds coming back and the warm

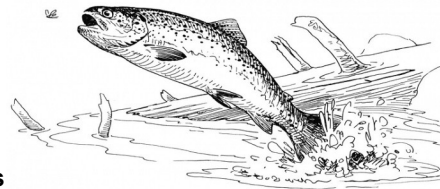




## Mead-elicious Recipe Section

### Herb-Grilled Trout

Author Unknown



1/4 cup dry white wine	1 Tbsp. olive oil
4-(8-ounce) dressed rainbow trout	1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp black pepper	1/2 C. thinly sliced green onions
2 Tbsp chopped fresh tarragon	2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil
1 Tbsp chopped fresh dill	4 lemon wedges
Cooking spray	

Prepare grill or broiler.

Combine the wine and oil; brush inside and outside of fish. Sprinkle the insides evenly with salt, pepper, onions, and fresh herbs.

Place the fish, skin side down, on grill rack or broiler pan coated with cooking spray, and cook for 5 minutes or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve with lemon wedges.

Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 1 fish)

### Maple Syrup Brown Bread by Bruce Thompson



3/4 cup uncooked rolled oats	1 package active dry yeast	1/4 cup sugar
1 1/4 cups boiling water	1/4 cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees)	1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup milk	5 cups all-purpose flour	1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup pure maple syrup	1 cup whole wheat flour	2 teaspoons salt

- ◆ Combine oats and 1 1/4 cups of boiling water in a small bowl; cover and let stand until water is absorbed (about 20 minutes).
- ◆ Meanwhile dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a large bowl. Let stand until bubbly (about 5 minutes).
- ◆ Combine milk, 1/3 cup syrup, sugar, butter, and salt in a small saucepan. Heat over low heat until butter is melted. Cool to lukewarm and then stir into yeast. Add oats mixture.
- ◆ Mix in flour and raisins to make stiff dough. Turn dough into lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic (about 10 minutes).
- ◆ Place in greased bowl and turn it so greased side of dough is up and cover with a towel. Let rise until double in size (about 1 1/2 hours). Dough is ready if impression remains.
- ◆ Punch down dough and then divide in half.
- ◆ Roll each half into a 16x8 inch rectangle. Roll up beginning at short edge.
- ◆ Pinch ends together to seal. Place seam side down into 2 greased loaf pans (8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2").
- ◆ Cover and let rise until double (about 1 1/2 hours).
- ◆ Heat oven to 375 degrees and bake 40-45 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans. Brush tops with maple syrup and sprinkle with maple sugar (optional) while still warm. Cool on wire rack. Makes 2 loaves.





## Ephemeral Trail and Boardwalk Update

Article by Patrice Eyers

The boardwalk project is progressing at a phenomenal rate. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Committee has approved the Friends grant application for 2011 in the amount of \$20,000. The grant now moves on to the Building Commission for final approval in late April.

The "Adopt a Boardwalk Section" fundraising campaign has proven to be extremely successful. Dr. Kent Hall has headed up the fundraiser and once again has confirmed our belief that he is the "Jedi Master" of fundraising! A brochure has been created to aid in the fundraiser and will be going to print soon.

Along with monetary fundraising, it is also time to start putting together some in-kind donations. Many of you



have expressed interest in voluntary labor during the construction process. We are in the process of putting together a couple of work days this summer and fall. If you are interested in participating in one or more of those days, please contact me at 715-574-8973(cell), 715-457-6771 Ext 3 (office), or by e-mail at [patrice.eyers@wisconsin.gov](mailto:patrice.eyers@wisconsin.gov) . Once dates have been established, I will contact those of you that expressed interest, as well as post them on our website [www.meadwildlife.org](http://www.meadwildlife.org) and on our Facebook page.

On a final note, wildlife assistants, whom I'm sure will be very involved in the construction process, have established Wednesdays as their voluntary work day throughout the rest of the year. If you are interested in becoming involved with these volunteers or would just like to help out for a day, please contact me.

Visit The George W. Mead  
Wildlife Area Online  
<http://meadwildlife.org/>

Photo by Tom Brown





## Junior Naturalist



This page is dedicated to the many students & children "junior naturalists" who visit the Mead Wildlife Area. The natural world is filled with plants and animals, each with their own special job or **niche**. A **niche** is the role played by an organism in the natural world. Your role, (**niche**) as a junior naturalist, is to tell us about your experience in the outdoors in the form of a short story, poem, game, riddle or drawing.

### Mead Prairie & Heritage Word Search

Find the words listed below in the puzzle. They may be found across, down or in a diagonal. Happy Hunting!

B	A	G	O	L	D	E	N	R	O	D	Z	P
O	I	S	B	W	E	L	K	P	U	E	O	Y
S	A	G	T	I	O	C	D	R	L	B	C	M
F	L	I	B	V	S	O	N	A	H	I	O	P
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Beaver  
Big Bluestem  
Bison  
Coyote  
Cup Plant  
Deer  
Elk



Fire  
Goldenrod  
Heritage  
Milkweed  
Mullein  
Prairie  
Turkey

### Thumb Print Art

Using a bit of tempera paint, a piece of paper and their *thumb*, children as young as five can create characters and designs.



### Spring Riddle

I'm in a blue egg, Until  
Crick, Creak, CRACK!  
Watch out earthworms,  
It's time for a snack!  
I'll eat  
Then I'll sing.  
I'm the first sign of spring.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Student  
from St.  
Vincent  
DePaul,  
age 10

If you have a story, poem, game, riddle or drawing about your visit with your school group or on your own, please submit them to your teacher or to Pam Stange at [stange.pamela@wisconsin.gov](mailto:stange.pamela@wisconsin.gov).



These two drawings were submitted by 4th graders from Port Edwards Elementary. They depict two educational activities offered at the Mead.



Think Spring!!





## **New Members for Board of Directors**

**Article by Sue Hall**

We are pleased to have six new persons on our Board of Directors. We were very pleased that the following people accepted our invitation to join our Board to help enhance wildlife management and education for future generations.



### **John Crawley Jr.**

Having hunted on the Mead since he was 12 and being an advocate for outdoor education, John brings a background of loving nature and enjoys educating others about his experiences. He presently manages operations of the American Family Insurance in both the Mosinee and Stratford areas.

### **Malcolm Gold**

Loving to promote knowledge and conservation of nature, wildlife and the stewardship of the land, Malcolm is a highly motivated individual for his passions of birding, teaching, and inspiring others. Having received his PhD from UW-Madison, he currently teaches Business and Economics at UWMC.



### **Michael Gross**

Having created the interpretative media for the Mead building and grounds and working in conservation education with Schmeeckle Reserve Interpreters for many years, Mike is looking forward to joining the Board and contributing to its efforts. He was an Environmental Education Professor at UWSP in the College of Natural Resources.

### **Jerry Harvey**

Wanting to improve the educational opportunities for younger generations motivates Jerry. He has been an active hunter, hiker, and wildlife viewer at the Mead since 1964. He has served on the boards of various environmental organizations such as NWTf for 12 years and brings knowledge of the finances to his position on the Mead.





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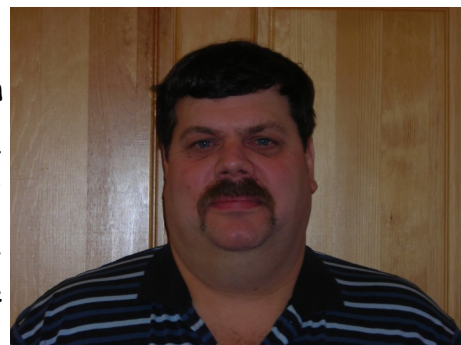


#### **Ellie Kafka**

Living on the Wisconsin River has helped form Ellie's interest in nature and her belief in land stewardship. She recently took an auto tour of the Mead and was amazed how huge the area is and what great potential it has for all kinds of activities. After 30 years, she recently retired from being a nursing instructor/director position at Northcentral Technical College.

#### **Jim Peterson**

Being a long time Friends member and taking his students from Auburndale Elementary School on field trips to the Mead, Jim wants to become more active and brings a unique educational perspective to the board. He also enjoys involving his Boy Scout troop for a clean up day at the Mead as he feels it important to involve youth in environmental activities. Jim teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade science in the Auburndale School System.



## **Retiring Members of the Board of Directors**

**Article by Sue Hall**



#### **Randy Cutler**

In 1995, Randy Cutler joined a group of people interested in promoting the environment and was a founding member of the Friends of the Mead/McMillan. He is quoted as saying that "those of us who are fortunate enough to live near the marshes, have a responsibility to show their value to future generations and help with its management." He helped out with the Sportsman's Auction, pancake festival, Mead picnic and serving on the board of directors before he recently retired. Randy remains active as an antique dealer in Auburndale, raising sheep, being a proud grandfather and local businessman. The board appreciates his long-time service, and we look forward seeing him at our future events.

#### **Beth Clouse**

As an active teacher in the Auburndale School District, Beth joined the board of directors in 2004 and brought her students to the Mead to learn about the environment. She helped with science activities at the Family Art Festival, pancake feed, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Sportsman's Auction. Beth was on the committee that started selling items for visitors and students to remember their experience at the Mead and raise money for education. We will miss her participation on the board, appreciate her dedication and look forward to her continued support as a member of the Friends.





## Mead Building Earns EPA Energy Star Certification

Article by Tom Brown

The Stanton W. Mead Wildlife Area Education & Visitor Center has earned the Energy Star Building Certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A bronze plaque has been provided for the building.

The Energy Star program for new buildings compares the building's actual energy use to the national average for similar building types. The facility was ranked in the top 15% of comparable building types.

The actual energy usage for the building has been carefully tracked, including the electricity generated on-site by the Wind and Solar Photovoltaic systems. Since installation in 2005, they have contributed 23.7% of the building's total energy use, higher than the 20% originally estimated, with a monthly high of 42.6%. The remaining utility-purchased electricity is from 100% renewable energy sources through Alliant Energy's Second Nature program, supported by funding from the Friends.

Total annual energy usage, including plug loads such as computers and other equipment, is only 39% of that for a comparable building built to model energy codes, resulting in an annual carbon footprint reduction of 68 tons of CO<sup>2</sup>. This avoided energy is the equivalent of taking 11.8 cars off the road, 6,928 gallons of gas, the energy consumed by 8 homes, planting 1579 trees, 13.1 acres of pine forest, or diverting 20.7 tons of waste from landfills.

Total cumulative energy usage, from 2005 through 2009, was an equivalent carbon footprint reduction of 306 tons of CO<sup>2</sup>. This avoided energy is the equivalent of taking 53 cars off the road, 31,176 gallons of gas, the energy consumed by 36 homes, planting 7118 trees, 59.2 acres of pine forest, or diverting 93.5 tons of waste from landfills.

The on-site annual contribution of wind and solar photovoltaic renewable energy systems represents a carbon footprint reduction of 10.1 tons of CO<sup>2</sup>. This avoided energy is the equivalent of taking 1.8 cars off the road, 1,032 gallons of gas, the energy consumed by 1.2 homes, planting 235 trees, 2 acres of pine forest, or diverting 3.1 tons of waste from landfills.

The total on-site cumulative contribution of wind and solar photovoltaic renewable energy systems, from 2005 through 2009, represents a carbon footprint reduction of 45.5 tons of CO<sup>2</sup>. This avoided energy is the equivalent of taking 7.9 cars off the road, 4,643 gallons of gas, the energy consumed by 5.4 homes, planting 1,058 trees, 8.8 acres of pine forest, or diverting 13.9 tons of waste from landfills.

The actual energy usage has averaged 46,756 kWh of electricity annually, compared to an originally estimated usage of 35,549 kWh. This 31% difference is primarily due to the increased use of the facility, compared to what was originally projected. Instead of functioning as a small office with intermittent seasonal use by school-groups and visitors, the Mead facility has seen much higher use on weekends, evenings and throughout the year, with an extensive offering of education programs and serves as a popular meeting venue for many groups.







## Nature Niches

### Articles by Bill Hirt & Kent Hall

#### Wisconsin's Tall Grass Prairie by Bill Hirt

As much as 2.1 million acres of tall grass prairie habitat once existed in Wisconsin's Southern and Western regions. In terms of the tall grass prairie ecosystem in the United States, Wisconsin lies on the eastern doorstep of this massive open landscape. The once 240 million acre tall grass prairie ecosystem extended south from Southern Manitoba, Canada, to the Texas coast, east to parts of Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois, and west to Eastern Nebraska, Eastern Kansas, and the Eastern Dakotas.

At present, less than 1% of the original tall grass prairie remains. It is said that in a single person's lifetime this once pristine "sea of grass" dominated by towering grasses, most notably big bluestem, and speckled with beautiful prairie forbs like butterfly weed, blazing star, silphium, and pale purple cone-flower, was converted to a land dominated by row crops and criss-crossed with barbed wire. This transformation was done for the benefit of a young, strong, and growing country, but to the demise of prairie "headliners" like the bison, the prairie chicken, and the Henslow's sparrow.



Today tall grass prairie seeks refuge in roadside ditches, old settler cemeteries, railroad right-of-ways, and small patches of ground too steep or rocky to have been conquered by the plow. And it is here that species like Franklin's ground squirrels, northern harriers, badgers, meadowlarks, upland sandpipers, and blue-wing teal continue to reside.

At the moment, Wisconsin wildlife managers put a considerable amount of effort into protecting native tall grass prairie remnants, performing tall grass prairie restorations, and maintaining other "surrogate" grasslands. (*Surrogate grasslands are artificial grassland communities dominated by non-native agricultural pasture grasses and clovers and are often located in parts of Wisconsin that were forested before being converted to agricultural land.*) However, we need to remember that the tall grass prairie region will always be, and rightly so, a very important agricultural area for this country. Hopefully though, with the help of public and private conservation organizations, a continued presence of "set aside" programs in future U.S. Farm Bills, and prairie conservation-minded landowners, we can continue to provide a home for this unique group of plants and animals we call the tall grass prairie ecosystem.

#### \*The Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk), *Circus cyaneus* by Kent Hall

Starting in late March and lasting into September, you can find this unique species in the grasslands and marshes of the Mead & McMillan State Wildlife Areas.

This is an uncommon hawk with only about 100,000 individuals throughout North America. It has been on the National Audubon Society's "blue list" of potentially seriously declining species since 1972, but has not yet been federally listed as an Endangered Species. This species is found throughout North America to the edge of the tundra.

Although uncommon, it is usually easy to find in spring and summer if you know where it hangs out "in open country, marsh- and grasslands". You can identify this raptor by its moth-like flight, low to the ground with wings slightly elevated. "Dead on" ID characteristics include white at the base of the tail, long-narrow wings and a

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#### Northern Harrier (continued from Page 9)

long tail.

The male is silver gray while the larger female is a muted, dark brown. At this time of year you might see the males do their "sky dance" in which the male attempts to prove to the female he is the "apple of her eye". This dance involves a series of spectacular, repeated barrel rolls (backwards) while the female looks on.

If the dance is successful, mating occurs and up to 7 eggs (average of 4 or 5) are laid on the ground, most often in a dry, upland site. Incubation often begins after the 2<sup>nd</sup> egg is laid, so hatching is asynchronous (common in raptors). Individual eggs take 29-31 days to hatch and chicks take an average of 35 days to fledge.

Harriers are intense hunters. It is estimated that they hunt up to 40% of the day and cover 100 miles during this time (especially during nesting). Their food is mainly rodents, but ground nesting birds and reptiles can be a part of their diet as well.

During nesting, the male does most of the hunting while the female incubates the eggs. As the male or female hunts low over the ground, they use their facial disc and large ears to hear their prey up to 3-4 meters away. They then "hover" over their prey until they herd it into an opening and then pounce for the kill.

The Harrier is the only hawk in North America that has this "location ability". It shares this trait with owls. In fact, it competes with the Short-eared Owl, a species which nests and hunts in similar habitat.

Try heading out to the Mead or McMillan SWA's to find this unique bird of prey - and happy hunting (with binoculars).

\* Source: Hawks, Eagles & Falcons of North America. 1990. Paul A. Johnsgard, Smithsonian Institute.



Photo by Gerard Fuehrer

## Volunteering at the Mead

**Article by Pam Stange**

Two very well attended orientation meetings were recently held for our volunteer Greeters and Educators. These meetings were to help orientate new recruits to the programs and introduce them to our existing volunteers. Thank you to all who attended and for your excellent suggestions to improve our programs.

Volunteer Greeters will be staffing the Mead Center on Saturdays 11am-3pm starting on April 10th. Beginning Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> the Mead Center will be open 11am-3pm also. Greeters will continue to staff the Center through the month of October, but as in years past the Center will be closed on Holiday weekends.

Volunteers are a very important part of the Mead operations. We appreciate their efforts no matter how big or small their contributions. If you have some time or know someone who would like to become part of our volunteer team, please give us a call or visit our website [www.meadwildlife.org](http://www.meadwildlife.org) for a listing of the volunteer opportunities available at the Mead.





## **“Phenology Phun” by Pam Stange**

Phenological records help alert us about the events of nature and provide interesting comparisons between years and among different geographic regions. If recorded carefully and consistently, these records also have scientific value for understanding the interactions between organisms and their environment and for assessing the impacts of climate change.

### **Wisconsin Wildlife Phenology Calendar 2010:**

<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/add.phenologycalendar10.pdf>

#### **March:**

- Vernal Equinox: First day of Spring – March 20
- Wolf pups being born
- Skunk cabbage begins blooming
- Salamanders & newts begin to emerge
- Chorus frogs and Spring peepers begin calling now through 1<sup>st</sup> week in April
- Lynx kits being born
- Common garter snakes coming out of hibernation
- Full (Worm) Moon – March 30
- Canada geese begin laying eggs

#### **April:**

- Belted kingfisher, Big brown bat, Tundra swan and tree swallow arrival
- Ruffed grouse begin drumming
- Peak spring duck migration - April 6th
- Bald eagles begin nesting
- Painted turtles emerging
- Pasque flower blooms
- Coyote pups & Mink kits being born
- White-tailed deer bucks growing antlers
- Prairie smoke, & Serviceberry blooms
- Marsh marigold blooms -Earth Day April 22nd

- Whooping cranes begin laying eggs
- Goslings hatch-Arbor Day-April 30th

#### **May:**

- Large trillium blooms
- Whip-poor-will, warbler, catbird, blue-winged teal, wood thrush, scarlet tanager, indigo bunting, and eastern wood peewee arrive
- Birdsfoot violet blooms
- Wild gooseberry blooms and Ruby-throated hummingbird arrives-International Migratory Bird Day-May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Columbine, shooting star, wild geranium May-apple choke cherry and wild lupine bloom
- Young eagles, mallards, and sandhill crane chicks hatch
- Jack-in-the-pulpit, lilacs, pink prairie phlox, anemone, and wild iris bloom
- Wild asparagus emerging
- Whooping crane, American woodcock, and ruffed grouse chicks hatching
- White-tailed deer fawns are born now into June
- Green frogs & Blanchard's cricket frogs begin calling at the end of May
- Full (Flower) Moon-May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Karner blues emerge & Monarch butterfly arrive
- Beaver kits being born



Visit the Mead Wildlife Area Online Calendar at:

[http://www.brownbearsw.com/freecal/Mead\\_WLA](http://www.brownbearsw.com/freecal/Mead_WLA)



Bring Your Family & Friends  
to the

All You Can Eat!!

# Pancake Breakfast

Saturday May 15, 2010

8:00am-1pm



**Menu:** Pancakes: Blueberry & Buttermilk, Pork Sausage, Wisconsin Cheese, Milk/Coffee, Cranberry Juice, Pure Maple Syrup, Applesauce & Ice Cream Cups.

**Adults:** .....\$6.50

**6-12:** .....\$3.50

**Under 6:** .....Free



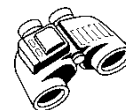
## AFTER Breakfast Take Time to:

- ♦ Hike or Bike the Trails
- ♦ See the Albino Deer Display
- ♦ Walk the Audubon Prairie Nature Trail
- ♦ View the Historical Exhibit
- ♦ Tour the Mead Visitor Center
- ♦ Catch a Wagon Tour into the "Interior" of the property



**Berkhahn Bike Trail Opens: Saturday May 15, 2010**

\*\*\*Remember to bring your bikes, binoculars, and cameras to help enjoy your day.



If you would like to help with the Pancake Breakfast,

Contact Don Furo at (715) 457-6770 or [dfuro@tds.net](mailto:dfuro@tds.net)



**Location: Mead Wildlife Area Education and Visitor Center**

**S2148 County Hwy S, Milladore WI**

Sponsored by the Mead Staff and Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association, Inc.

**All Proceeds Benefit the Mead's Educational Programs**





## Friends of the Mead/McMillan Assn. Inc. Membership

Members of the Friends of the Mead/-McMillan know the value of membership! Great gift for birthdays, Christmas, anniversary or special person who loves the environment! We will send a letter to the recipient letting them know you gave this gift in their name.

Please check the label on the front cover of this newsletter as your membership might have expired. If there is no date on it, you are receiving this newsletter free for now. If your membership is up for renewal or you would like to become a member and help us with our environmental efforts, fill out this form.

If you would like to purchase a membership for your family or friends you can do so by filling out this form. We appreciate your support of our efforts to promote environmental education for youth and adults who come to the Mead Wildlife Area.

The annual membership fee is \$20. Make Check payable to: Friends of the Mead/McMillan. Mail to: Mead Wildlife Area, S2148 Cty Hwy S, Milladore, WI, 54454.

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Gift for New Member \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you for your support with our environmental endeavors!***

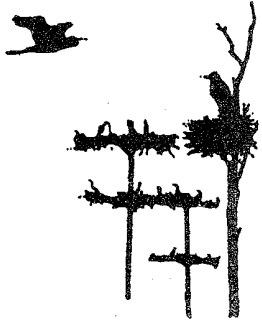


Snowshoeing Across Dragonfly Pond

**Volunteers  
Helping with  
Snowshoe  
Education**

Pointing Out Wildlife Signs





**Friends of the  
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Mailing Address Label

## **Wetlands Gazette**



### **Annual Clean Up Day at Mead**

**Celebrate Earth Week  
Saturday, April 24th 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



Come celebrate Earth Week with us by helping with our annual spring clean-up day. We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to join us in the fun of enjoying nature and helping "spruce-up" the wildlife area. Your efforts will be rewarded with a lunch!!

Meet at the Visitor Center to get your assigned area. We will be working on the following tasks:

- ♦ Repairing bricks and pavers around the center and amphitheater
- ♦ Picking up trash in parking lots and along roadsides at Mead & McMillan
- ♦ Cleaning around the outside of the Center; window sills, bricks, kiosks
- ♦ Gardening activities: raking, weeding, and mulching

*Volunteers should bring their own leather gloves. We will provide rubber gloves & garbage bags. Following the clean up, we will provide a lunch of BBQ's on a bun, chips, and soda. If you would like to contribute a dish to pass, it is welcome, but not necessary. Please let us know though, if you plan to bring something!*

*Volunteers should RSVP by Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 715-457-6771 or by emailing  
[pamela.stange@wisconsin.gov](mailto:pamela.stange@wisconsin.gov). This will help us to coordinate activities.*

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**