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<p>All Stewardship grants programs now reside in the Division of Land</p> <p>Index Next Top Print</p> <p>Division of Land Administrator Kurt Thiede recently announced another change in his program with the move this month of two Stewardship grant managers for the NCO (Nonprofit Conservation Organization) and LUG (Local Units of Government) programs from the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance in the Division of Customer and Employee Services to the Bureau of Facilities and Lands in his division. With this "realignment," all DNR staff with statewide management responsibility for Stewardship expenditures will reside in the Land Division, where Thiede is responsible for overseeing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. With this change, Financial Assistance Specialists Pam Foster-Felt and Lavane Hessler have been reassigned to the Bureau of Facilities and Lands. Thiede and former CAES Administrator Julie Sauer had commissioned an extensive review of</p>

the existing processes for managing Stewardship Grants. Their desired goals included:

- Process/communication consistency;
- Consistent and understood practices on Stewardship real estate/grant transactions;
- Clear and understood decision processes on Stewardship real estate/grant transactions; and
- Consistent and clear reporting to the administration, Secretary' Office, Legislature's Joint Finance Committee, etc.

The recommendation from that effort included this realignment. In addition to aligning the Stewardship Programs in one division, the administrators believed that this relocation of the grant managers will also make for more efficient coordination of:

- The real estate processes, especially the appraisal ordering, review and approval;
- An expanded system to track steps for grant-funded acquisitions;
- Improvements to public information, outreach, mapping and evolving efforts to store and serve up information about Stewardship land and the program's accomplishments; and
- Natural Resources Board and Joint Finance Committee approval of Stewardship expenditures and coordinated reporting.

"Whether a real estate acquisition or a grant process, these transactions are driven by real estate expertise from conception to completion," said Thiede. "It makes most sense to have the appropriate experts in consultation and alongside program staff throughout the process. It will also help to assure consistency, communication and accountability."

DNR also is rapidly evolving its information technology applications to meet the needs of a diverse public enjoying the outdoors. The department believes, therefore, that all land acquisition data, from the beginning of project development to closing, is best maintained in a single database that represents the Stewardship program's collective accomplishments and ensures that information is made available to the public under a single entry point over the Internet.

"The Bureau of Facilities and Lands has invested heavily in the effort to create and maintain the infrastructure and staff resources to best implement that objective," added Thiede.

Over the next month Bureau Directors **Steve Miller** and **Mary Rose Teves** will work with their staffs to assure a smooth transition of the grants programs into the Lands and Facilities program.



Department celebrates success of Lean II Government Initiative

By: Casey Koenig, Office of Communications

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On June 24, a celebration took place to reward the success of those leading and working on the

Lean II Fall Projects. The event acknowledged the twelve projects that began in October 2012 and were finished in May 2013. Multiple programs took part in these projects including: Administration, CAES, Enforcement and Science, Forestry and Water.



Attending the Lean II celebration were (left to right): Richard Doty, John Jorgensen, Kelly Thompson, Cammille Turcotte, Lorie Caffrey, Tim Ryan, Shelly Warwick, Eric Ebersberger and Kristy Rogers. DNR Photo by Casey Koenig

Each project implemented a plan based on the [Lean Government Initiative](#) to reduce workload, accelerate timelines, and improve agency efficiency. Each improvement project in its own way aimed to accomplish DNR's four consistent Lean goals:

- reduce DNR staff workload;
- reduce lead (delivery) time (Lead time is the total time it takes for a customer to receive a product or service.);
- improve customer satisfaction;
- ensure staff and customer safety.

Deputy Secretary **Matt Moroney** and recently-appointed Customer and Employee Services (CAES) Division Administrator **Kristy Rogers** presented each team leader with their award, a yellow belt. The yellow belt signifies certification from Waukesha County Technical College upon completing the necessary training and leading a successful Lean project. Just as in martial arts, the belt indicates the level of training accomplished in Lean Six Sigma. All of the team members also were recognized for their work and received a DNR water bottle as a thank you.

Lean II projects:

- Administrative Rule Process
- Metallic Mining-Environmental Analysis Contracting Process
- Staff Onboarding
- New Hire Pay Setting Process
- Mail Room
- Operator Certification
- Increasing Accessibility to MFL Open Lands
- Aeronautics Management Review

- Forestry Program Review Assessment, Phase 1
- High Capacity Well Review Process
- Stormwater NOI (notice of intent) Process
- WPDES Specific Permit Re-issuance

"I am so proud of the Lean Teams who took a risk to try a new approach and worked hard to improve how they do business," Rogers said, "In just one and a half years, we have accomplished so much. We have improved 21 processes, improved customer satisfaction, provided training and leadership development to over 45 team leaders, and there is still more to come."

These Lean II Projects join the nine previous projects already put in place. Those leading another 16 projects plan to complete and add them to the list by the middle of July.

Footnote: *Casey Koenig is a communication specialist.*



Law Enforcement spent July 4 weekend conducting landing blitz against invasives

By: Bob Sloan, West Central Region

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Deputy Conservation Warden Water Guard **Rebecca Dick** coordinated an aquatic invasive species (AIS) group check with Conservation Warden **Jeremy Peery's** team on Saturday, July 6, 2013. Dick, Conservation Wardens **Shaun Deeney** and **Ken Thomson** and I met at the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club on Lake Wissota. Water Guard **Marcus Medina** from La Crosse also drove up. In addition, Warden **Scott Thiede** worked Lake Holcombe and had a productive day.



Warden Water Guard Becca Dick used a decontamination unit to wash boats on August 12, 2012 at Pine Point

County Park in Chippewa County on Lake Holcombe. DNR Photo

A number of Clean Boat Clean Water (CBCW) staff and lake group-sponsored inspectors participated as well: Andy Kragness, Wissota Rod and Gun Landing; Ty Krejewski, Dunn and Eau Claire counties; Michael Schweibert, Eau Claire and Clark counties; Kevin Mesiar, Chippewa County; Josh Weichert, Chippewa and Eau Claire counties; Brett Evans, Chippewa and Eau Claire counties. Jordan Jones, St. Croix County couldn't make it.

Anna Mares, Beaver Creek Reserve Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator came by as well. She's been a tremendous asset, coordinating a number of outreach/educational activities. Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center (CSC) has been involved with the CBCW program since 2009, when DNR Lakes Specialist "Buzz" Sorge asked if they would coordinate watercraft inspections in the area to make more people aware of AIS and the issues they cause. Through a DNR-administered AIS grants, the CSC hired four full-time watercraft inspectors (WCI's) to cover the busiest landings in Chippewa, Eau Claire, Clark, Dunn and St. Croix counties.

The WCI rotate among four to five lakes on a weekly basis so that they'll visit them during the week and on the weekends. They work from Memorial Day through the middle of August primarily at the landings, but then they also survey those waterbodies for AIS and map their findings. They also attend community events and host booths with CBCW/AIS information.

In addition to having summer staff, CSC works with lake groups to train them on CBCW, get them supplies, attend lake association meetings, and sometimes having the groups contribute to the project by hiring someone just for their landing.

The CSC has been involved with DNR whenever the agency needs an extra hand with their pilot programs or activities including: pilot observational study of AIS law compliance, July 4th landing blitz, and campaign outreach weekend where boaters were encouraged to drain their live wells and were given icepacks. The CSC also is working on a weevil rearing project in conjunction with Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development and DNR.

The team worked a number of area boat landings and Warden Deeney patrolled Lake Wissota in his boat.

Toward the end of the day, as boaters were leaving, Deputy Warden Dick used the hot water decontamination unit for a number of appreciative boat owners.

It was a productive day, with a lot of educational outreach. Fishing towels and bobbers promoting aquatic invasive species control were given out and were a big hit. The younger folks really enjoyed getting the blue "Wear It – Wisconsin!!" wristbands that promote wearing your personal flotation device (pfd).



This decontamination unit is chemical free, using only water to pressure wash boats. The unit heats water up to 140 degrees, which has been proven to kill any invasive species found on boats within five to 10 seconds.

DNR Photo

While DNR promotes education and voluntary compliance, sometimes folks need to be reminded that the real reason for boating enforcement is to try and keep everyone safe.

Toward the end of the day, a woman asked me "what does it cost?" I thought she meant what is the cost to launch your boat, to which I replied that the fee was five dollars. "No, no" she replied, what does a ticket cost for not having enough pfd's on your watercraft? I told her I wasn't sure of the exact amount, but that it was probably a hundred dollars or more. I then said she was missing the point. The laws were in place to protect people, not to issue tickets. She said she realized that, but just wanted to check to see if it was worth taking a chance, because they forgot a pfd at home. She told me she wouldn't go out until they got another PFD, and I said that was a great idea.

The story didn't end there though. Turns out she ran into Warden Deeney and he lent her a spare PFD. She really appreciated that, as she then didn't have to go out a buy a new one. As our team was leaving the boat landing after a long, hot day, the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department boat patrol arrived. Talk about dedication to public safety; the lake was getting choppy and the temperature was getting hotter and hotter, but they were out there.

Footnote: *Bob Sloan is an environmental enforcement specialist and an environmental enforcement liaison to the department's Invasive Species Program.*



New Employee Trust Funds' live webinars scheduled for July 2013

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Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) is offering a series of new, interactive webinars designed to increase your understanding of Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) benefits. Individuals also can ask questions at the end of these sessions.

New! Returning to Work: This webinar focuses on the effect returning to work has on Wisconsin Retirement System benefits.

- July 11, 2013: noon to 12:30 p.m.
- July 16, 2013: 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 18, 2013: 11:30 a.m. to noon
- July 23, 2013: noon to 12:30 p.m.
- July 25, 2013: 11:30 a.m. to noon

New! Beneficiary Designation: This webinar will take you through the process of how to fill out a [Beneficiary Designation \(ET-2320\)](#) form; what it means if you do not have a form on file with ETF; and when to update your beneficiary designation.

- July 9, 2013: 11:30 a.m. to noon
- July 12, 2013: noon to 12:30 p.m.
- July 16, 2013: noon to 12:30 p.m.
- July 18, 2013: 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 19, 2013: 11:30 a.m. to noon

Registration information and complete details are available on ETF's [webinar page](#).



Reminder: Compensation Plan/Performance Measures town hall meeting July 15

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Be sure that your calendar for next Monday, July 15, includes the town hall meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. with Secretary **Cathy Stepp**, Deputy Secretary **Matt Moroney**, Executive Assistant **Scott Gunderson**, Office of Business Support and Sustainability Director **Al Shea**, and Bureau of Human Resources Director **Bob Masnado**. The discussion will cover two topics of significance to employees:

- The effects of the State of Wisconsin Compensation Plan on all employees, including DNR's LTE workforce.
- Changes to DNR's Performance Management System. Today (July 11), Sec. Stepp sent an email to all employees that contained a [video message](#) she recorded regarding these changes.

The message also included [FAQs](#) (frequently asked questions) about the Performance Management System.

As with other town hall meetings, you'll be able to submit questions for a question and answer session. If you're unable to attend in person, the meeting will be broadcast via [Mediasite](#). You'll also be able to watch a recording of the broadcast via the same [Mediasite link](#) beginning Tuesday, July 16. Check within your region/district for group viewing opportunities.



Department of Justice obtains judgment in Oak Creek bluff collapse suit

By: Department of Justice news release, July 9, 2013

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Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced on July 9 that the Wisconsin Department of Justice had obtained a judgment in an environmental lawsuit in Racine County Circuit Court against Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE). Racine County Circuit Court Judge Gerald P. Ptacek approved the settlement on July 8.

The State of Wisconsin brought this case at the request of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for violations that arose during WE's construction of a retention pond at its Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

These violations were discovered by the DNR after it responded to an October 31, 2011, bluff collapse on the south end of the WE facility located on Lake Michigan. The bluff collapse released approximately 22,720 cubic yards of material, including coal ash, a small portion of which was discharged into Lake Michigan. The collapse also carried debris from the construction worksite, including vehicles and heavy machinery down the bluff and into Lake Michigan.

In the immediate aftermath of the collapse, WE undertook response actions, including the placement of containment devices and a geotechnical analysis of the stability of the bluff. WE then undertook additional response actions, including the excavation and removal of the material and debris that had been released as a result of the bluff collapse. This work was completed by late November 2011.

The complaint alleged that WE excavated waste materials and constructed the new retention pond in areas other than those originally approved by the DNR, failed to notify the DNR when grading of the project reached fifty percent completion and failed to revise its erosion control plans when the retention pond was moved. WE agreed to pay the State of Wisconsin \$100,000 to reimburse the DNR \$53,397 for its costs of response, the Wisconsin Department of Justice \$3,000 for its costs of prosecution and forfeitures, costs and surcharges totaling an additional \$43,602. An Environmental Protection Agency report on the incident estimated that the cleanup and associated costs paid by WE for cleanup and remediation was \$12.1 million.



Around the state...DNR employees shine

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Northeast Region success story

"A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of you who volunteered your time and effort to make our annual goose banding program a success on June 24-25 (**James Robaidek, James Harbaugh, Kyle Christianson, Jeff Pritzl, Aaron Buchholz, Tom Bahti** (retired), **Levi Koski, Natasha Siegel, Shawano interns Ryan and Amanda**, Trent Leaf, and **Andrew Krsnich**)! We again finished banding in two days similar to last year. Unfortunately, the birds didn't cooperate as well this year and we ended up just 60 short of our quota of 800 geese. A combination of hot, humid weather and a rain soaked landscape led to the geese being in smaller groups and more scattered than usual. Even though we fell a little short, I still count this year as a success in the long-term. Not only do we have great assistance from the Green Bay Duck Hunters Association year after year, but many other volunteers jump at the chance to handle a live goose and experience goose banding and the jokes, laughs, and camaraderie that goes along with it. That experience is priceless and I hope to see more new volunteers take advantage of the opportunity every year. So If you know of someone that would like to get involved in this annual event, please send them my way and we'll try to get another person hooked on Wisconsin wildlife!" *Josh Jackl, Lakeshore Area wildlife technician*

Northern Region success story

Address to **Jim Jung**, Conservation Warden Jim Jung: "Just a short note to thank you for being out on the marsh yesterday. The problems we have had thus far seem to be from 'tourists' and their being indifferent or unaware of the new ordinance. Your presence made a big difference. Thank you!" *Scott and Ann*

South Central Region success stories

- "Thank you to all of the great DNR employees, present and retired, and special contractors/volunteers that have assisted in the ongoing implementation of the Rock River TMDL (total maximum daily load), especially the Rock River Recovery Implementation Team of: Doris Thiele, **Dan Heim, Eric Rortvedt**, Suzanne Wade, (retirees) **Jim Congdon** and **Ruth Johnson** as sector team leaders; Lloyd Eagan, **Andy Morton, Greg Searle, Tim Ryan, Sharon Gayan** and **Mike Luba** as managing supervisors/sdvisors; **Sarah MacFarland** as assistant implementation coordinator; Southern Water District–East team members of **Jackie Fratrack, Maureen McBroom** and **Bryan Hartsook**; and a special thanks to CO team members of **Corrine Billings, Kari Fleming** and **Kevin Kirsch**; also from CO, **MaryAnne Lowndes**, Amy Callis and **Shelley Warwick**.

"This list expands even further when considering all of the assistance we have received in issuing our first round of WPDES permits. Thanks is extended to permit drafters, limits calculators, computer modelers and others who are helping to make this possible. This includes **Mary Ryan, Amanda Minks, Diane Figiel, Mike Hammers, Jim Schmidt, Rick Reichardt** and their supervisors--**Tom Mugan** and **Mike Lemcke**--**Adam Friehofer, Theresa Nelson,**

Arron Ruesch, Tim Thompson, Song Tran, Amy Schmidt, Dave Carper, Philip Spranger, Brenda Howald, Nasrin Mahajerani, David Mosher and I'm sure **a plethora of people** of whose name is slipping my mind right now--I apologize.

"I not only want to express my gratitude for the fantastic assistance provided, the effort and work completed, but to demonstrate to others around the state, in and out of the water program, how much effort and team work one of these complicated and intricate projects demands. Thank you all for all you have done. Give yourself a pat on the back. You deserve it."

Mike Vollrath, *Non-point Source coordinator, Rock River TMDL, implementation coordinator*

- I'd like to give a special shout out to a really great group of people who helped me out this spring. While we were having a runoff season from hell, I experienced some health problems that prevented me from being at work for a few weeks. I wouldn't have been able to cover all of the bases anyway, but during this time frame, these peoples' assistance went an exceptionally long way: **Mark Cain** and **Mike Gilbertson** as ag runoff engineer and specialist (you guys are great); **Mike Schmoller** as R&R spill coordinator (there's cooperation); **Andy Morton**, RMP supervisor, who tried to deflect as much away from me as possible; Biologist **Jean Unmuth** (who sat in a blizzard w/ me and Conservation Warden **Henry Bauman**, collecting water samples), ever vigilant, **Jim Amrhein**, **Dan Heim**--one of the most dedicated people I know; and **Mike Sorge**; (and a **group of wardens** that I'm sure the rest of the state is envious of. I apologize if I forget somebody, but I know that **Rick DeWitt** was exceptionally active. I also had a great deal of assistance from **Marty Stone**, **Mike Nice**, **Henry Bauman** (as mentioned previously), **Mike Diekhoff**, **Mike Green**, **Paul Nell**, **Ben Nadolski**, **Ryan Caputo**, **Ryan Ellefson**, and again others who may have contacted Mark or Mike Gilbertson as primary contacts while I was out. This group of people worked weekends and well into the evening during some awful weather conditions. Thank you all for your help and support. It was really appreciated at a very difficult time.

Mike Vollrath

- Two Iowa anglers whose boat motor died as they fished the Mississippi River near Wyalusing State Park wrote this [letter](#) of appreciation for Park Supervisor **Chad Breuer's** and Laborer **Zack Raisbeck's** service in rescuing the two men as they sat stranded during a tornado warning.



Emerald ash borer found in Whitewater; Jefferson County quarantined

By: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection news release, July 5

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Jefferson County has been quarantined following the discovery of the tree-killing emerald ash borer just on the other side of its border with Walworth County, and tell-tale signs of the pest were found inside Jefferson County itself.

"What we have found is enough to tell us that EAB is, in all likelihood, present in Jefferson County," said Brian Kuhn, Plant Industry bureau director with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

"The insects will spread naturally at a slow rate, but we're taking steps to try to prevent humans from speeding up that spread, or allowing EAB to leapfrog to new areas by being carried on firewood or other products."



An emerald ash borer is not quite as large as a penny.

In late June, the insects were found in a tree removed from the grounds of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and identified by DNR staff. The city of Whitewater and the campus straddle the Walworth-Jefferson county line, and the tree was about 750 yards inside the Walworth County line.

On July 1, a DATCP specialist worked with the UW-Whitewater grounds crew to remove a tree on the Jefferson County side of the campus. They didn't find any insects, but the tree did show tunneling, or "galleries," under the bark and D-shaped holes that are evidence of EAB infestation.

Walworth County already is under quarantine, because EAB has been identified in other municipalities there. This is, however, the first time it's been found in the city of Whitewater. The quarantine applies to all of Jefferson County, and no one is allowed to move wood products out of the county to areas that aren't infested.

For private citizens, this means that they can't take firewood from Jefferson County to non-quarantine counties. For businesses handling wood products that could carry EAB, it means that they must work with DATCP to assure that their products are pest-free before shipping.

The quarantine was put in place temporarily by a Wisconsin emergency rule, until the U.S. Department of Agriculture completes the process to put a federal quarantine in place.

Kuhn had these recommendations for property owners with ash trees in quarantine counties:

- Keep a close watch on ash trees for signs of possible EAB infestation: Thinning in the canopy, D-shaped holes in the bark, new branches sprouting low on the trunk, cracked bark, and woodpeckers pulling at the bark

to get to insect larvae beneath it.

- If your property is within 15 miles of a known infestation, consider preventive treatments. Whether to treat depends on several factors: the age of the trees, the size of the trees, and the number of trees. Treatment costs vary depending on size of the tree and whether you do the treatments yourself or hire a professional.
- Consider planting different species of trees that aren't susceptible to EAB.
- Contact a professional arborist for expert advice, and visit "Wisconsin's emerald ash borer information source" emeraldashborer.wi.gov for detailed information.

Emerald ash borer is native to China and entered the United States about 10 years ago on packing material, showing up first in Michigan. It appeared in Wisconsin in 2008 in Washington County. There are now 16 Wisconsin counties under quarantine: Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, LaCrosse, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.

EAB adults lay eggs on the bark of ash trees in mid to late summer. When the eggs hatch a few weeks later, the larvae burrow under the bark for the winter and eat the wood, destroying the tree's ability to take up nutrients and water. In summer, the adults emerge through D-shaped holes in the bark. On their own, they may spread about a half mile per year.



"It's your DNR" comes alive through partnerships

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DNR's property webpages now link to Department of Tourism webpage

"Rockin the world!!!!" wrote Secretary **Cathy Stepp**.

"This is great stuff! Good work all!" emailed Executive Assistant **Scott Gunderson**.

These kudos were in response to an email from Office of Communication Section Chief **JD Smith** to Secretary Stepp that read "Awesome!! Excellent work all!! Thank you!!" These reactions pertained to the implementation of a partnering idea **Bobbi Jo Fischer**, environmental analysis and review specialist (Wautoma Service Center), emailed to Secretary Stepp, subject line

"Cooperating Agencies:"

"Hello Cathy. I have an idea I want to share with you.

"When customers come to our website for information on state park camping, it might be helpful to provide them a link to the Department of Tourism website, '[Wisconsin Travel Guide](#).' This could be provided at the bottom of each state park description. This would make it easier for customers to see what attractions, restaurants, events, etc. are going on in the area of our State Parks. With this information, more people might be drawn to staying in our State Parks because they have an idea of the amenities available outside the park. For example, there is a petting zoo and the St. Germain Flee Market on Mondays near our American Legion State Forest. This brings in

additional revenue for surrounding communities and businesses while making our Parks a more attractive destination. Perhaps there would be a way for the Department of Tourism to refine their website to search for "events" and "things to do" using state park names? When agencies create a partnership like this everyone can benefit! Best Regards, Bobbi Jo Fischer"

Smith sent Fisher's idea to **Tia Kropf-Beringer**, Division of Land web coordinator. She set to work to include the link to the Department of Tourism's "TravelWisconsin.com" beyond the Parks and Recreation webpage. Her report back to Smith:

"All of our property pages are now linking to the Tourism web page to improve cooperation between the agencies. This includes state parks, wildlife areas, state natural areas, fisheries areas, state forests, project areas and more. Now it is even easier for web visitors to plan their stay when visiting state properties."

By way of follow-up, Smith provided Sec. Stepp two examples of links to the Department of Tourism website now found on "all DNR 'property' webpages: "

- [Peninsula State Park page](#) ("In the area" tab)
- [Wild Rivers page](#) ("Related Links" right navigation box)



Links of interest...don't miss them

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- **Title & link:** "[Non-Leave Amended Time Reports](#)"

Description: Sent to all supervisors, this memo explains the importance of accurately reporting time worked (non-leave) on time reports. DNR's Bureau of Finance is responsible for complying with various state and federal requirements that time is reported accurately and on time. This memo provides the fiscal year 2014 pay period end dates and the dates by which amended time reports must be reported.

- **Title & link:** "[Petroleum cleanup program gets new home at DNR](#)"

Description: Within the new state budget is provision for moving petroleum tank cleanup award program responsibility to DNR. It's expected that the state will save about \$1 million in the next two years, and program customers will see improved service through the consolidation of environmental programs.

- **Title & link:** "[LifeMatters: A Newsletter From Your EAP and WorkLife Service](#)"

Description: This is the first of the quarterly newsletter from the State of Wisconsin's new Employee Assistance Program contractor. Pick up health tips on eating right and protecting yourself from sunburn. If you're encountering the stress associated with buying a home, the newsletter offers some tried-and-true advice.

Watch for an interview in an upcoming issue of "MyDNR Digest" with Scott Webb, LifeMatters

EAP account executive for the State of Wisconsin.

- **Title & link:** ["2013 Bill Tracker"](#)

Description: This document provides the status of DNR-related bills as they wind their way through the legislative process.

- **Title & link:** ["Peninsula Nature Programs"](#)

Description: If a visit to Peninsula State Park is in your summer vacation plans, check out the nature programs and other activities scheduled for July 12-19. Join Don MaKuen and Charlie Dickson on Monday, July 15, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Peninsula State Park Nature Center for Native American legends following a sing-along of favorite campfire songs. You won't want to miss out on any of the fun if you're "in the neighborhood."

DNR internal program newsletters

To better keep you updated on the work and happenings of the various department programs, this standing feature brings you their internal newsletters.

Note to newsletter editors: Each issue of the "Digest" will include links to program newsletters. Be sure to submit new issues of your newsletter to [Diane Brinson](#) for posting.

- ["Water Division Message June 2013"](#)
- ["SER Tales & Trails"](#) (Southeast Region's newsletter)
- ["AWaRe Air, Waste and Remediation & Redevelopment"](#) (AWaRe Division's bi-monthly newsletter)
- ["Landscapes"](#) (Division of Land)

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- ["Just in CAES"](#)
- ["The ForeSTREEporter"](#)
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DNR corporate challenge team completes Bellin 10k Run/Walk

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The Bellin Run, this year held on June 8, is one of the premier fitness events in northeast Wisconsin and has grown to be one of the largest 10k runs in the nation.

Since 2008, Northeast Region employees have been competing as a Corporate Challenge Team in the medium-sized company category. Consistently placing in the top 10, this year the team of 22 completed the race in seventh place, ahead of 47 other teams.



After the event, the team gathered for a celebratory picnic to relax and share stories about the race. On hand for this photo were: (front row) Lisa Thetreau; (second row) Dave Minkey, Faith Murray, Annette Weissbach, Jessica Terrien and Denise Danelski; (back row) Tom Bahti, Matt Schaeve, Al Nass, Kimberly Vickman, Marcy McGrath and Kelley O'Connor. DNR Photo

Members of DNR's team: **Lisa Thetreau, Dave Minkey, Faith Murray, Annette Weissbach, Jessica Terrien, Denise Danelski, Tom Bahti, Matt Schaeve, Al Nass, Kimberly Vickman, Marcy McGrath, Kelley O'Connor, Wendy Anderson, Roxanne Chronert, Bruce Djupstrom, Tom Hansen, Gary Kincaid, Raquel Sanchez, Ryan Severson, Curt Wilson, Bobbi Winebar, Shelley Wrzochalski and Jim Zellmer.**

This year's event drew exactly 20,000 registrants for the 37th annual race. The organizers' main goal is to promote fitness in the community and make this an event for everyone from world class runners to walkers. The growth of this event is partly attributed to the Corporate Challenge Teams, a friendly competition among area companies for participation and timing awards.

In the timing division, which averages the top five men and the top five women, the team took 33rd out of 84 teams. The top team member, Shelley Wrzochalski, finished in 43:57.

Congratulations Team DNR!



Worth 1,000 words...images of us at work

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Peninsula State Park turns mud into art, into food



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Steiner

Peninsula State Park camper Kim Steiner proudly displayed a mud pie while the Soil Witch, aka Park Naturalist **Kathleen Harris**, looked on. The art project was part of a Mud Day Celebration featuring nature play art. Campers also were treated to dirt parfaits made with dolostone (marshmallows) of the Niagara Escarpment and dirt (chocolate pudding).

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