

Dodgeville Team Warden Webpage Report September, 2009

Warden Rick DeWitte, Cassville, was driving along a rural Grant County Roadway and encountered an individual riding an ATV with his 7 year old son along the roadside. Individual was contacted and stated that he had used the ATV to visit friends (5 mile round trip) and thought it was legal to ride along the road. His son was not wearing a helmet as required. Enforcement action was taken.

Wardens Rick DeWitte, Cassville, Martin Stone, Fennimore, Mike Nice, Richland Center, Shawna Stringham, Viroqua, Supervisor Charles Horn, Dodgeville and Deputy Warden Mike Williams, assisted with a Learn to waterfowl hunt involving both Richland and Grant county individuals along with the Grant County Outdoor Sport Alliance. The event was held at the Boscobel Sportsman Club with the club members providing the free lunch and trap shooting range and shotgun shells. 11 students participated in the afternoon/evening hunt on the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers. A bright, warm 78 degree waterfowl day, but all participants reported an excellent outing.

Warden Rick DeWitte, Cassville, and Supervisor Charles Horn, Dodgeville, assisted with the Grant County Outdoor Sport Alliance/DNR Learn to pheasant hunt held at the Bloomington sportsman club. A free lunch and use of the trap range along with free shotgun shells were provided by the Bloomington Sportsman club. Nine individuals participated in the event with an afternoon hunt on private property near Mt. Hope. A great time was had by all.

Warden Joe Frost, Dodgeville, assisted Wardens Mike Nice, Richland Center, and Shawna Stringham, Viroqua, and Deputy Warden Mike Williams with an individual harvesting ginseng illegally on state property and without a ginseng license. About 50 plants were seized. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Joe Frost, Dodgeville, received a complaint about an illegal tree stand on state land. The person was found one evening as he left for the night. He left his stand in the tree and had cut ten trees to clear shooting lanes. Enforcement action was taken.

ATV Enforcement was the primary focus over the Labor Day holiday weekend in Lafayette County. Warden Jeff King, Darlington, investigated a serious ATV crash on the trail where alcohol was a contributing factor. Wardens arrested 3 drunk drivers. Warden King had a fleeing event where the suspect was ultimately arrested and jailed on a probation violation and cited for fleeing and careless driving. Warden King also investigated several loud noise and speed violations.

Warden Jeff King, Darlington investigated a hotline complaint reporting late night goose hunting activity. Warden King conducted an investigation and learned that 4 men were goose hunting well after hours. Two of the men did not have hunting licenses or stamps.

Other violations included unplugged guns and hunt with non-toxic shot. Several citations were issued as a result of the investigation.

Warden Dave Youngquist, Spring Green, and Warden Dave Wood, Madison, found extremely heavy use of the Wisconsin River and sandbars by campers and day users with about 2,000 people on the Wisconsin River between Sauk City and Arena and issued a number of citations for boating related and glass possession violations.

Wardens Dave Youngquist, Spring Green, and Joe Frost, Dodgeville, audited the business of an Iowa County taxidermist and found 21 record keeping violations and found that he does not have a taxidermy license. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Supervisor Charles Horn, Dodgeville, received information from the Iowa County Sheriff's Dept. regarding a trespass complaint with hunting violations. Investigation revealed that four hunters had a total of 27 squirrels, the daily bag limit is five per hunter. The subjects were also found to be in possession of 3 turkeys and a morning dove all shot with rifles. Enforcement action was taken.