

2009 OCTOBER CUFFS AND COLLARS – MISSISSIPPI RIVER TEAM

BUFFALO COUNTY: Warden Bob Jumbeck of Alma and Warden John Collison, Trempealeau, conducted an investigation related to the illegal harvest of several bucks. Three racks were seized along with a rifle and compound bow. The case is still under investigation.

Warden Jumbeck, Alma and Warden Bill Wrasse of Durand, conducted an investigation regarding the harvest of two bucks with archery equipment that took place during the 2008 season. One head mount and one rack was seized for evidence. Charges are pending.

Warden Jumbeck, Alma received a complaint of a setline left in the water for several months. Jumbeck documented the failure to check daily and seized the line as evidence.

Warden Jumbeck, Alma received a call of waterfowl hunting in a closed area above Alma. Upon investigation Jumbeck found two hunters who harvested 4 ducks. Enforcement action was taken.

CRAWFORD COUNTY: Warden Mike Cross of Prairie du Chien was called out by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office around 1:30 AM Sunday morning of the opening weekend of the duck season. The Sheriff's Department received a call from a citizen that several gun shots were heard, in series of three, somewhere out on Pool 9 near Lynxville. The area was searched by boat by Cross and deputies for several hours. Once day light arrived the area was again searched but nothing was located.

Wardens Cross and Dale Hochhausen of Stoddard worked waterfowl hunters on Pool 9. They responded to a hunter harassment complaint where warnings were issued for that and open water hunting. Later in the day the wardens checked a group of fisherman. One angler was arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Warden Cross finalized a boating accident investigation that was initially investigated by Iowa DNR Officers Collins and Walters. A 9 year old was injured when the tube he was riding on struck a navigation buoy on the Mississippi River.

Wardens Hochhausen and Cross responded to an ATV fatality in northern Crawford County. A male subject was found, deceased, pinned under an ATV.

Warden Cross contacted a squirrel hunter who was sleeping in a vehicle at the public hunting parking area. A loaded firearm was located in the vehicle and the investigation revealed the hunter had been hunting without the required blaze orange clothing.

Enforcement action was taken.

Wardens Cross, Dewald, Hochhausen, Stringham, Nice and Deputy Warden Williams worked waterfowl hunters on Pool 9. Citations for loaded firearm in boat and failing to report goose kill were issued. Warnings for open water hunting and unsigned federal stamp were issued.

LACROSSE COUNTY: Wardens Henry Bauman of Onalaska and Russ Wilson of LaCrosse issued citations to waterfowl hunters for hunt w/ gun capable of holding more than 3 shells, fail to validate goose permit and field possession violations on Pool 8 of the Mississippi River. Wardens Bauman and Matt Modjeski of Sparta with assistance from Monroe County Deputies and a LaCrosse County Investigator, apprehended several suspects for multiple night hunting violations in LaCrosse and Monroe Counties including shining and shooting several deer with a rifle and with bow and arrows.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Warden John Collison of Trempealeau worked on a variety of complaints this month; dogs chasing deer, bear complaints, spills, fishing and duck hunting.

Wardens Collison and Bob Jumbeck of Alma worked on an illegal deer case with criminal charges to be filed soon.

Warden Collison wrote citations for fishing violations and a duck hunter with 11 ducks (5 over his limit)

Warden Steve Dewald of LaCrosse apprehended a group of hunters shining deer after 10pm.

VERNON COUNTY:

Warden Dale Hochhausen of Stoddard observed two individuals cleaning fish at a picnic table on a campsite in Blackhawk Park. Hochhausen contacted the two individuals and four others that were using the adjacent campsite. There were three undersize largemouth and smallmouth bass in the livewell of a boat parked at the campsite and one undersize bass that had been filleted. Enforcement action was taken and bass were seized as evidence.

Hochhausen responded to a report of a milk truck that had overturned and milk was spilling into a waterway. The milk truck failed to negotiate a turn and the truck rolled over on it's side. The milk truck slid down the highway through a guardrail and off a 10 foot bridge into an unnamed creek with flowing water. The truck was laying on it's side in the middle of the creek. The truck was hauling about 46,000 pounds of milk, which was leaking out of the cap on the top of the truck. The diesel tank also leaked 50 gallons of diesel fuel. Checked dams were built upstream of the milk truck to hold back water and check dams were built downstream to prevent the milk and diesel fuel from reaching Coon Creek. A septic service pumped up 6400 gallons of milk, water and diesel product that was in the stream.

Hochhausen investigated a DNR hotline complaint regarding an individual that had possibly overbagged on pheasants the previous day near Bell Center. The individual was also hunting the same area the following day. The suspect had shot 3 pheasants including a hen pheasant on an area closed to pheasant hunting, even though a person had placed a note on the suspect's windshield the previous day informing the hunter the limit was two pheasants. Hochhausen issued a citation and seized the three pheasants.

Warden Shawna Stringham of Vernon County, and Wardens Mike Nice and Mike Williams worked waterfowl and small game enforcement on the Wisconsin River. Two citations were written for over bagging on squirrels. Two individuals had a total of 14 squirrels. One individual shot twelve squirrels.

Wardens Stringham and Nice worked a waterfowl complaint and one citation was written for shooting a Canada Geese with no permit. Wardens Stringham and Nice worked archery deer enforcement and issued two citations for group archery hunting.

Warden Stringham of Vernon County, and Wardens Nice and Williams worked the four day antlerless gun season. One individual shot and killed a 12 point buck and claimed to have shot it on the Wednesday before the antlerless season. The individual then altered the registration tag and was not wearing blaze orange.

Wardens Stringham of Vernon County, and Wardens Nice and Williams worked at a waterfowl group check on the Mississippi River. One citation was issued from shooting a duck from a motorboat while the boat was running.

Warden Stringham checked small game hunters in the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. One citation was issued for shooting within 50 feet from the roadway center. Warden Stringham of Vernon County and Warden Nice of Richland County worked the pheasant decoy. Five citations were issued for shooting within 50 feet of the roadway center.