**October 2020 Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting**

The October Monthly Meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:00 pm.

**2020 Big Buck Contest**

Make sure you sign up for the annual Bow and Gun Deer Contest. Cost is $5 per category. Last chance to sign up will be at the October meeting.

**Virtual Sportsman's Banquet**
Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for the 14th Annual Mondovi Conservation Club Sportsman's Banquet.  A big “Thank You” to Matt Thompson and all those on the banquet committee for their hard work in putting together another very successful banquet and congratulations to all the winners.

**2020 Sight-In Day**

There will be ranger officers on site to assist during this time and targets will be provided.

There will be no charge for this and is open to the public.

**Pheasant Release**

The annual Fall Pheasant Release took place on Oct 14th.  All properties that pheasants were released on will be available for pheasant hunting.  A list of available properties and contact phone numbers is on the Club's website.

**Deer Hide and Carcass Disposal**

The dumpster is in place and will be available into January. There is one dumpster available for carcasses and a bin for deer hides. This service is available to club members and to the general public. To help offset the cost of disposal, those who are disposing carcasses are encouraged to donate their hides in the designated container.

**November Meeting**

The board has made the decision to NOT hold a November meeting again this year.

**Members Monthly Raffle**

We will have our monthly progressive drawing. Pot is now at $650.

All current paid club members will be in for the drawing.

One numbered chip for paid family membership. You need to be present to win.

If no winner drawn than another $25.00 will be added the following month.

**Youth Raffles**

All youth attending our Monthly Meetings will be entered into a monthly drawing for a gift card and a semi-annual raffle for a $100.00 gift card. The gift cards will be given away at the January meeting and the Spring Cookout/Swap Meet.  Youth attending the September, October, and January meetings will be entered into the January drawing. Youth attending the February through May meetings will be entered into the Spring Swap Meet drawing.

**Up Coming Events:**

* 2019 Sight-In Day –
* Club Christmas Party – Friday December 4th, 2020
* Application Deadline for Spring Turkey & Bear – Tuesday December 10th, 2020

**Other Local and State Information**

**Hunter Education is Available Online FOR ALL AGES**

Effective October 15th, the DNR has now made Online-Only Hunter Education available to all ages. This change is only effective temporarily through December 31, 2020. To learn more, read the press release at: [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/38551](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Frelease%2F38551&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755143856%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vrmac5AgULgUwOGswWYfhZi8ToJ8Qr2QL95tIipWhy8%3D&reserved=0).

**Buffalo County Conservation Alliance Updates**

The Alliance met on Tuesday, October 13th at Waumandee and conducted their annual raffle. We'd like to thank all the members that supported the raffle and the funds raised will be used for the county wide Trout Stream Restoration projects which include Rossman Creek, Waumandee Creek and Danuser Creek. These projects are all scheduled to start and complete within 2021. Raffle winners are posted on our Facebook page.

**EHD Update**

There was an EHD outbreak near Fountain City and this is the latest report from Mark Rasmussen, Buffalo County Wildlife Biologist, Phone: 608-418-0259 Email: MarkA.Rasmussen@wisconsin.gov.

40-45 deer have been reported that are associated with the EHD outbreak north of Fountain City.  Reports of people finding dead deer in this area have really slowed down – all of the recent reports have been deer that were dead for at least a couple weeks.  I think that the light frost we had a couple weeks ago, paired with those we had last week, probably nocked the midge population way down in the EHD area.  Since we have had a deer test positive for EHD, we no longer plan to test any additional deer for EHD – it’s not necessary once it’s been confirmed.  That said, if people do find groups of dead deer near water sources, they should still report them to me.  This outbreak has been limited to a fairly small area N of Fountain City, it won’t have any impact on the deer population in the county as a whole – very localized impacts overall, which is a good thing.  Nothing really can be done about EHD, it just pops up randomly in different locations across WI.  Something local landowners will have to keep an eye out for in future years.

**Emerald Ash Borer Update**

Adam Foehring, Buffalo County Forester provided this update on the progression of the Emerald Ash Borer: Emerald Ash borer (EAB) continues to be detected in multiple counties across the state. Most newly confirmed counties are in the north as EAB has pretty well covered southern Wisconsin by now. EAB is widespread in Buffalo County. Landowners with substantial amounts of merchantable ash should consider commercial management options (i.e. salvage/pre-salvage logging), contact DNR Forestry with questions or to coordinate a site visit.

**Buffalo County Land Conservation Department 2021 Tree and Shrub Ordering**

Order on-line to ensure availability by January 31, 2021. Orders will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Trees will arrive in April 2020 –weather permitting. Trees are grouped in bundles of 25 each and will be available for pick-up at the DNR storage shed, S1594 Cty Rd I, Alma (1/2 mile from State Rd. 35, just north of Alma). You will be notified by email or mail when and where to pick up your order. There is no guarantee or warranty on any tree purchase.  [https://www.buffalocounty.com/184/Land-Conservation](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.buffalocounty.com%2F184%2FLand-Conservation&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755143856%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=rqWHs1MrTUvnNCIt%2F0phChlwdCtRl1jSNcrS5CTui7o%3D&reserved=0)

**CWD Testing**

Kiosks are available at CFC and Mondovi to submit your deer for testing. There will be a concerted push to collect CWD samples in Buffalo county this year, in the areas north & west of Mondovi close to the wild CWD+ deer found in Eau Claire county. Please get your deer tested!

**Buffalo County CDAC to Meet**

The Buffalo County Deer Advisory Council will be meeting on December 15th at 7:00pm via Virtual Conference to discuss the new 3 year deer herd goal for Buffalo County. The county has been on a decrease goal for the last 3 years and the council will determine if the county should continue to decrease the deer herd, increase the herd or maintain the herd.  Information on how to attend the meeting will be posted on our Facebook page once we learn of the details.  More information can be found at: [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Hunt/cdac](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Ftopic%2FHunt%2Fcdac&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755153811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2B4EFEpI6H%2FHlkvGisc9wikISuGecwxxJNRhLzO%2B57rI%3D&reserved=0)

**Buffalo County ATV/UTV Referendum**Many of you may have seen the recent ads in the papers about the upcoming referendum that will be voted on Nov. 3rd. This is an advisory question and approvals and advancements would still need to go through the Committee and County Board.

**Snapshot Wisconsin**

The new Snapshot WI “Data dashboard” is live now. Lots of interesting data on different species available on the dashboard. Learn more at [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/38336](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Frelease%2F38336&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755153811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OjFKR3ff5sqQ8lVbjYaOGom88WQyJ7ltV%2BcLiPqJ86Q%3D&reserved=0). We still only have 10 snapshot cameras in Buffalo County and would love to see more landowners get involved in this – the more cameras we get, the better data we get out of it. Learn more at [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/research/projects/snapshot](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Ftopic%2Fresearch%2Fprojects%2Fsnapshot&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755153811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2P8%2BntzoI%2BvFoaRMEtUU%2Bp3IMkYY4f67GjK2ZxbXwP0%3D&reserved=0).

**WI Natural Resources Board (NRB)**

The next virtual NRB meeting is slated for October 28th. If you would like to comment, you need to submit your request by October 21st. The full agenda can be found at [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/About/NRB/2020/27-October](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2FAbout%2FNRB%2F2020%2F27-October&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755163769%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7t8Kj6ccFt9Q0gSPdY7MJRLRNqD%2BClckYVSQbyukv5g%3D&reserved=0)

**Public Input**

The DNR has a number of upcoming opportunities for the public to provide input to differing issues throughout the state. Check out and subscribe to the DNR press releases so you can take the opportunity to provide your input to issues you are interested in. Press Releases can be found here [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Fnewsroom&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C82411e2f241e4c4daada08d871815ee3%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637384147755163769%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Z3Od9aFoFQnuy19dVVwWv9pB3jrGlgpNV8JQ0fFP3rM%3D&reserved=0).