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## President's Message Scott Goetzka



Scott Goetzka - President

**WOW!** What a winter and generally expensive operating year, hope we don't see one like that again for a while!

I was at our credit union's annual meeting last week (my wife Kris works there), they had an economist from Corporate Central Credit Union there as a guest speaker. I want to share some of the things he spoke about with you; the first thing is economists are expecting the third quarter to be the beginning of the up-swing in our economy. He also said we should look at the positive aspects of things right now, 92% of the country is working, fuel cost are half of that last summer, 94% of the mortgages are being paid on time, people have more spendable income at this point than they had last year. I know when I plan out my year I always plan to succeed - not to fail. We have to look at it in a realistic way but I feel we as small business owners are very good at adapting to our ever changing situations in our farms and trying keep them profitable. We have to look at it as the glass half-full not half-empty.

A little old business. Have had some calls about the Class B hunting preserves hen hunting. The rule was changed last summer but law enforcement and licensing were not made aware of it. I talked to Shirley in licensing and Scott Loomuns about the mix up. It should be changed on the web site by the time you receive this newsletter and Scott is sending out an email to update law

enforcement. Shirley will be sending a map out with the Class B applications showing the counties of the original pheasant management areas, we hope this should take care of it. Please let me know if you have problems.

The fall meeting this year looks to be a good one; Jeff and Phyllis Rice are putting together a great event. We are going to have fun trap shoot Sun afternoon, kind of like the old chicken shoots of days past, this will be a fund raiser for the scholarship in honor of Gerry Raddatz. Jeff has set up several vendors, an agronomist, and more. Scott Gunderson will be there speaking Sun night. He is a long time friend of our organization and sportsmen. The meeting will be held on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> - please put this down on your calendar and try to make it. It should be good annual meeting and great camaraderie with other people in our business.

This summer should be an interesting one as the country climbs it way out of the recession and our industry goes through its own resetting as I like to call it. Have a great productive summer and please try to make the meeting late August it should be a good one.

I can't go with out a little political plug. **Redneck** word of the day is **Obama**, how to use in sentence: **I bought a case a beer today and drank it Obama self.**

After that sad piece of humor I will sign off,

Scott Goetzka

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The WGPA website has been updated. Check it out at: [www.WisconsinGPA.org](http://www.WisconsinGPA.org)

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

### SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE FILES CHAPTER 11

Sportsman's Warehouse, Inc., one of the better brick-and-mortar retailers of hunting equipment and guns has announced that it has filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

[www.huntthewest.com](http://www.huntthewest.com)

### WOLVES DELISTED IN MONTANA & IDAHO

Idaho Fish and Game officials welcomed the announcement from Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on March 6th which affirmed the decision to delist the gray wolf in the Northern Rocky Mountains. The announcement doesn't include Wyoming because that state's wolf management plan has not met the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Idaho and Montana have approved wolf management plans.

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### LANDOWNERS UPSET WITH DNR DECISION TO CLOSE LAND TO HUNTING

Landowners in Manitowoc County are joining forces. They are upset the DNR is again proposing aggressive deer herd control measures in their area, and now they're, and now the DNR is saying their land is completely off limits to hunting.

[www.wbay.com/global/story](http://www.wbay.com/global/story)

### ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON AUTHORIZING SUNDAY DEER HUNTING IN NEW JERSEY

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee has unanimously released legislation to authorize Sunday as a day permissible to

hunt deer with bow and arrow throughout that particular season.

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### 2008 MONTANA BISON SEASON IS A BUST

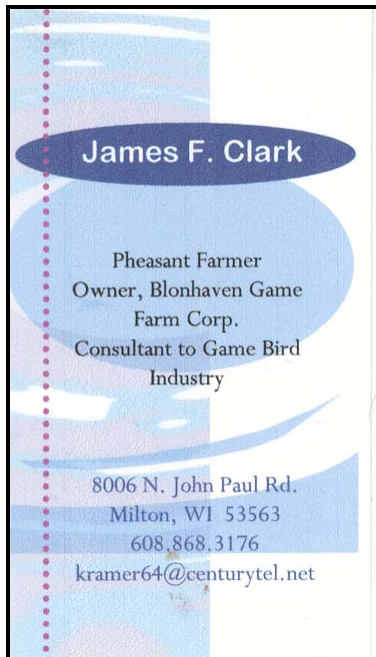
The 2008/09 Montana bison season ended on February 15th, 2009. A total of 44 tags for bull bison were issued, and up to 100 cow/calf licenses were approved for issuance on an on-call basis. Throughout the entire season, only one bison was taken.

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### ARIZONA'S COLLARED JAGUAR DEAD FROM KIDNEY FAILURE

Less than two weeks after its initial capture and release, a 16 year old collared jaguar from southern Arizona was recaptured for medical intervention. The cat was euthanized after veterinarians determined the cat was in severe and unrecoverable kidney failure.

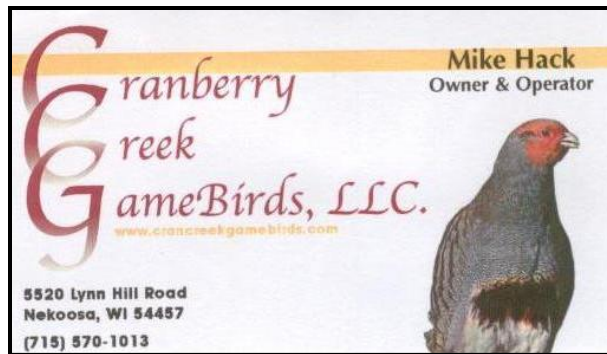
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gary Goyke - Lobbyist

WISCONSIN GAME PRESERVE ASSOCIATION JOINS LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY COALITION.

The WGPA has added its name to a growing list of livestock organizations warning about pending attacks on its members. Communication with the Wisconsin Legislature on this subject will be ongoing.

Livestock production, whether it is dairy and beef cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or even pheasants makes up nearly two-thirds of the agriculture industry's \$51 billion economic impact to our state. For many decades, Wisconsin's family farmers have integrated the best science, practices and industry guidelines to achieve an unprecedented level of professionalism efficiency and success, both environmentally and economically.

Recently, the livestock industry in other states has come under legal and legislative assault by the misinformed and radical agenda of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Unfortunately, it appears the battle is now knocking on Wisconsin's door.

It has come to our attention that the HSUS has recently opened an office in Madison. The first thing you should know about the HSUS is these are not the same people who care for unwanted cats and dogs in communities across our state. Instead their radical agenda seeks to dismantle the livestock industries that provide our nation with safe, affordable and abundant food.

The WGPA will take an active role in aggressively combating any misinformation that is presented by the HSUS to the Legislature. We are very proud to join the ranks of the following organizations who will be working together to prevent the advancement of any misguided agenda.

Wisconsin Livestock Industry Coalition: Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Wisconsin Pork Producers, Dairy business Association, Wisconsin Agri-Service Association, Cooperative Network, Wisconsin Farmers Union, National Farmers Organization of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Soybean Association, Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, Wisconsin

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## Is Ethanol's Waste Product Winding Up in Your Feed?

By Brad Lillie—MacFarlane Pheasants, Inc.

We as pheasant producers, as well as all other livestock producers have entered into a whole new era of feeding the animals we farm. Until recently, feed price fluctuations did not have as big of an impact as they do today. For the last couple years we have been on a roller coaster ride with corn and soybean prices, which in turn have fallen over into current feed prices.

In the past, the major ingredients in commercially produced feed have pretty much remained unchanged. However with commodity prices on the rise, new ingredients have become very attractive to feed producers to keep their cost down, and to keep the prices we pay for feed as reasonable as possible. There could be a hidden cost to this.

Ethanol production, which sparked the rise in corn prices, has created a product that is finding its way into commercially produced feed more often - distiller's grains. This by-product is what is remaining of the corn used in the ethanol production process. Readily available now due to the growth of ethanol production, it appears on the outside to be a good addition to livestock feeds due to its high protein content. But buyer beware, distiller's grains can be some pretty scary stuff.

First off the ethanol production process concentrates the naturally occurring mycotoxins in the corn. This can lead to higher levels than normal in the feed, which can result in higher mortality, lower egg production, and poor absorption of nutrients.

Second, the fermentation process causes chemical changes to the proteins in the feeds. So, despite the fact that a chemical test reveals a certain level of nutrients, the availability of the bird to use this nutrition is much lower. This results in further poor performance if the diets do not take this lower nutritional density into account. Finally, distiller's grains just smell bad, which results in the birds refusing feed if the levels of distiller's grains are too high.

Most research on using distiller's grains in poultry feeds universally states that no more than 10% of finished feed should be made up of distiller's byproducts. Though we know, from experience, some diets designated for pheasants are being formulated above those recommendations across the country. We, at MacFarlane Pheasants, Inc., would recommend that no distiller's grain products be used in starter and breeder diet formulations, and serious consideration should be taken with respect to the levels of distiller's grains in other diets.

So, the best advice is to be aware. Talk to your feed representatives about what products are being formulated into your feeds. In many cases they might not be aware of the potential pitfalls of distiller's grains or other by-product they are or might use in the future to keep the cost of feed down.



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## 2009 FALL MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual fall meeting will be held on August 30th and 31st at the Burlington Conservation Club in Burlington. All members are encouraged to attend.

On Sunday, August 30th, a special trap shoot will be held from 2pm to 5pm. Anyone interested in shooting is welcome. This event is not limited to WGPA members. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Gerry Radditz scholarship fund. Take a break from shooting to visit with various vendors or take a walk through the sorghum. A test plot of 6 different types of sorghum will be available for comparison. Find out the differences in each to ensure you are using a variety that best suits your needs.

A social event will be held after the shoot starting at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 pm. Dinner will consist of pork chops cooked on a manure spreader! Ralph and Mary Rice have been cooking pork chops in this manner since 1976 and have been told they have perfected the pork chop. A live auction will be held directly after dinner. Republican Scott Gunderson will give a brief talk on Sunday night.

Rep. Gunderson has been in the Wisconsin State Assembly since 1994. He represents the 83rd Assembly District which includes portions of Racine, Walworth and Waukesha Counties. He has been extremely active in sporting and natural resource issues for some time. He is a sporting goods store owner and operator. He has quite honestly one of our hero's in the Legislature. We are very happy he has accepted our invitation.

Monday's festivities will include a host of speakers, which will include a legislative update by our lobbyist, Gary Goyke, Dave Gentry from Growmart, and Deb Ramish to speak about carbon credits. A lunch, business meeting, and silent auction will conclude the meeting.

A block of hotel rooms are blocked at the American Lodge for \$99 per night. Make sure and mention you are from the WGPA to get the discounted rate. Rooms must be booked 30 days prior to the meeting. Call (262) 534-2125 for reservations.

Camping is also available at the Bong State Recreational Area. Sites fill up fast, so if you are interesting in camping, reserve one soon. Call (262) 878-5600 for reservations.

This is going to be a unique meeting. Make plans to attend today!

## LEGISLATIVE DAY SCHEDULE

Our 2009 Legislative Day will take place in Madison on Thursday September 24th. We will meet at the Best Western Inn on the Park, 22

S. Carroll Street, Madison Wisconsin starting with coffee and rolls at 9:30 a.m. Our official meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. I will ask DATCP to present an update to us as well. The day will conclude around 2:30 at the state capital.

We will have some great speakers and a good deal of time to spend meeting and talking with Legislators. I have also arranged a meeting with Governor Doyle's staff for 1:30 p.m. We will meet in the Governor's conference room. We have a great story to tell and hope that many of our members can take the time to attend. The WGPA has always offered this at no cost. It is a benefit of membership.

## ANIMAL FACTIODS:

- \*Pigs are rated as the 4th most intelligent animal.
- \*In Denmark, there are twice as many pigs as people.
- \*A giraffe can clean it's ears with it's tongue.
- \*The tongue of a blue whale is as big as an elephant.
- \*Sharks are immune to all known diseases.
- \*New Zealand is home to 70 million sheep and 4 million people.
- \*75% of all wild birds die before they are 6 months old.
- \*A house fly only lives for 14 days.
- \*A crocodiles tongue is attached to the roof of its mouth and can not move it.
- \*The heaviest crustacean ever found was a lobster weighing 42 pounds!
- \*There are about 2 million insects for each person in the world.



## ETHANOL INDUSTRY TO SEEK GOVERNMENT BAILOUT

Along with Russia, Venezuela, Iran and the Dubai property market, add another name to the list of bubble economies hurt by the falling price of oil: the ethanol industry. And naturally, the ethanol lobby is looking for a bailout on top of its regular taxpayer subsidies.

The commodity bust has clobbered corn ethanol, whose energy inefficiencies require high oil prices to be competitive. The price of ethanol at the pump has fallen nearly in half in recent months to \$1.60 from \$2.90 per gallon due to lower commodity prices, and that lower price now barely covers production costs even after accounting for federal subsidies. Three major producers are in or near bankruptcy, including giant VeraSun Energy.

So here they go again back to the taxpayer for help. The Renewable Fuels Association, the industry lobby, is seeking \$1 billion in short-term credit from the government to help plants stay in business and up to \$50 billion in loan guarantees to finance expansion. The lobby would also like Congress to ease the 10% limit on how much ethanol can be added to gasoline for conventional cars and trucks -- never mind the potential damage to engines from such an unproven mix.

Of course, the ethanol industry wouldn't even exist without the more than \$25 billion in taxpayer handouts over the past 20 years. Congress only recently passed energy and farm bills that further greased ethanol production with a 51 cent a gallon tax credit, corn subsidies, plus increasingly stringent biofuel mandates. We were told, as usual, that profitability was just around the corner.

The uglier realities of corn ethanol are at least becoming more widely recognized, even on the political left. The Environmental Working Group and five other environmental organizations said this week they oppose a bailout because subsidies "for corn-based ethanol have produced unintended, yet potentially catastrophic environmental consequences, with little or no return to taxpayers in energy security [or] protection from global warming."

Don't expect Congress to listen. Ethanol may never be profitable in the real world, but in Washington it's a lucrative business that provides jobs and votes. Like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, ethanol is a business created by Congress that now has to be bailed out to save Congress from embarrassment.

-story taken from The Wall Street Journal

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## 2009 BOARD MEETING

The 2009 Board of Directors meeting was held on 2/23/09 at the Inn on the Park in Madison. Scott Goetzka, Jeff Rice, Bruce Kapanke, Chris Theisen, Gary Goyke, Mike Haack, Jim Johnson, Diane Redman, and Steve Messner were in attendance.

Gary Goyke invited Steve Bo (an aid for Mark Radcliff) to speak with us. We discussed several issues, including renewable energy, agricultural education, and moving quail to the Dept. of Ag.

Ben Bransel is retiring and Gary Goyke suggests we meeting his replacement.

There was discussion about a legislative day, which was promptly agreed upon. The legislative day will be held on September 24th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Gary will get a bill drafted that will move quail to the Dept. of Agriculture. This draft will be completed by 9/24/09.

The sales tax seems to be rearing its head again. It is important to keep an eye on this issue. There is a new farm bill sponsored by Ron Kind and Herb Kohl. There is a new bill in the works concerning licenses from the Dept. of Ag. for dog breeders.

Milford Hills & Gary had a reception at their club for a legislator using pheasant food items. Gary suggests we try to do something like this every year.

Details of the annual state meeting were discussed and finalized.



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**If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed. They will be happy to answer your questions.**



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