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## **MWHI hosts Calhoun Point Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project Dedication Ceremony**



**On November 7, 2011, MWHI hosted the Calhoun Point HREP dedication ceremony held at Pere Marquette Visitor Center, Grafton, IL. MWHI President Scott Bryant (above picture) welcomed speakers and attendees, including:**

**Col. Chris Hall, - Commander St. Louis District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Director Marc Miller – Illinois Department of Natural Resources,  
Bob Clevensine – U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 3 National Wildlife Refuges,  
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**(See page 13 and 14.)**

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Monday, February 6, 2012

**MWHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
at 2404 E. Broadway, Alton at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

**MWHI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
at Alton-Wood River Sportsmen Club  
in Godfrey, IL at 7:00 pm

Monday, March 5, 2012

**MWHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
at 2404 E. Broadway, Alton at 6:15 pm

Saturday, March 31, 2012

**MWHI 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**WETLAND CONSERVATION BANQUET**  
at K.C. Banquet Hall, Godfrey, IL

Saturday, May 5, 2012

**MWHI 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL**  
**TIM WATSON MEMORIAL SHOOT**  
at Otter Creek Hunting Club, Jerseyville, IL  
for more information call Craig Sondker 618-593-8421

Monday, April 2, 2012

**MWHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
at 2404 E. Broadway, Alton at 6:15 pm

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**Flambeau Standard Decoys with strings and weights. \$25 per dozen. Call 618-530-8458**

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## 2011: A Year Not to Remember

What happened to the best duck season in 50 years? I guess if you hunted Batchtown or certain blinds around the state, you may consider 2011 to have been a good year. But as far as what I have seen and what I have heard from a lot of other hunters, the 2011 duck season was pretty poor. It seemed like every time we got new ducks in, a day or two later they were gone and the hunting was slow again. This left most areas with a handful of blinds killing most of the ducks that were turned in daily. I read the printout for the hunting areas around here, and it looks like some have set a record this year, like the Glades. Batchtown and Diamond also had a duck harvest in the top five years on record. Yet, I still heard from the Glades hunters that record year or not, they still were not seeing the ducks. I know at Calhoun Point we just didn't see the ducks that usually go back and forth to Missouri; that is, only about ¼ of the ducks we normally see per day. After driving over to the Missouri side, we found the fields were plowed under and only bare dirt showed as far as you could see. I think the absence of corn fields really hurt us this year. We had only about 5 days of what I would call 'good hunting.' Now, we did kill some ducks on almost every day out, but it's hard to keep getting up early and go hunting for only 2 to 4 ducks a day, especially after all the talk of a great duck hatch we heard all year long.

In my way of thinking, the best duck flight in 50 years should mean that the skies are filled with ducks for many days on end. Every state wildlife agency from north to south should have been jumping for joy because of all the ducks their hunters were seeing and harvesting. The internet should have been gushing with duck hunters boasting about the great duck hunting they were experiencing. Every duck hunter in the Midwest should have put this season down as an all-time great one. Instead, all I have heard is remarks like, "the season is all screwed up," "where are all the ducks at," "the ducks are still up north," and finally "no, the ducks are already in Arkansas."

Guys, I have seen 'supposedly' bad hatch years like the 1991 season, and that year every state from Minnesota to Louisiana had several weeks of good hunting, including us. I got on the Internet many times throughout last December, and hunters all over the Mississippi Valley were complaining about a lousy season. On the Internet, five guys in a certain part of the state would talk about how bad the hunting was, while one guy nearby would claim to be having a good year. To me that says that the duck hunting was spotty at best. Guys, if all the ducks stayed up north, then how come Wisconsin and Minnesota didn't hammer them either. Now did 70% of all the ducks stay in Canada till after Christmas or where did they go? This was supposed to be a record hatch year, yet the only two states that were consistently posting good duck reports in December were Kansas and Oklahoma. Does that mean most ducks in this flyway went to those two states to winter? So far, government agencies and the Internet have been no help in figuring out what happened this year. I guess after all the hunting is finally done, we will hear about which states had a good hunt and which did not.

Let me ask you, are we too spoiled as duck hunters to enjoy anything but a great year or did the ducks, 'mallards,' just not get here? Was the absence of feed in the bottoms, the refuges and the hunting areas the reason why some of our areas suffered? All I know is that I watched a lot of high ducks go down river on windy flight days and the next day I didn't see any more ducks flying around than before. I guess all the talk of the best duck flight in 50 years just got our hopes up too high. In 1999, the Feds predicted the best flight in 50 years, too, and most hunters complained that year also. I guess we can always hope for a better season next year and, hopefully, the Feds won't predict the best duck season ever for us.

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### IDNR News Bits, January 2012

**2012 Illinois Licenses Available Jan. 16:** Illinois fishing, hunting and sportsman's combination licenses for 2012 will be available starting Jan. 16 from DNR Direct license and permit vendors, online through the IDNR website [www.dnr.illinois.gov/online/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/online/Pages/default.aspx) or by calling 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648). The system is available 24 hours a day. The 2012 licenses purchased beginning Jan. 16 will be valid through Mar. 31, 2013 unless otherwise noted.

**IRAP Youth Turkey Hunting:** IDNR will offer expanded youth hunting opportunities during the 2012 Spring Wild Turkey Season through the new federally-funded Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP). Interested youth turkey hunters should download an application for an IRAP Youth Turkey Hunting permit through the IDNR website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/IRAP>. Hunters will need to choose the county in which they wish to hunt and a random drawing may be held for each county/site. Youth hunters can request up to two turkey IRAP permits for the upcoming spring season. Check the IDNR website to see which counties have IRAP youth turkey hunting available. For more information on IRAP, contact Tammy Miller at [tammy.miller@illinois.gov](mailto:tammy.miller@illinois.gov) or go to IRAP website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/IRAP>.

# **2011 End of Waterfowl Season Report**

**Submitted by Kim B Postlewait, IDNR Site Superintendent III**

**A complete/comprehensive 2011 waterfowl report will follow in January**

We have managed to get through the season without a prolonged freeze up or a flood, which has been different from the last four years. This has been the third best year on record with all but Stump Lake making it into their top ten years and the Glades with its best year ever.

Batchtown has harvested 6,807 ducks up 30% over the long term average. They have harvested 37.4% mallards, 5%, 9.4% pintail, 17.35% green wing teal, 5.5% redhead, 5.2% ringneck, 5.3% bluebills and the rest were under 5%. The bird per man average is 1.76

Calhoun Point has harvested 2,692 ducks which is 52% over their long term average. They have harvested 44.5% mallards, 5.8% gadwall, 10.6% green wing teal, 5.5% ringneck, and 18.2% wood ducks, the rest were under 5%. The bird per man average is 0.92

The Glades has harvested 3,411 ducks up 82.5% over their long term average. They have harvested 45.8% mallards, 6.9% gadwall, 6.4% pintail, 14.8% Green wing teal, and 11.9% Wood duck, the rest were under 5%. The bird per man average is 1.09

Godar has harvested 4,902 ducks 42.9% over their long term average. They have harvested 53.9% mallards, 6.6% gadwall, 5.4% pintail, 10.5% green wing teal, and 10.8% wood duck, the rest were under 5%. The bird per man average is 1.34

Stump Lake has harvested 4,198 ducks which is 18.4% over the long term average. They have harvested 46.3% mallards, 7.1% gadwall, 6.8% pintail, 11.2% green wing teal, and 10.6% wood duck, the rest were under 5%. The bird per man average is 1.01

MRA totals for check station areas 22,010 ducks which is 42.3% over the long term average. They have harvested 45.1 % mallards, 6% gadwall, 6.9% pintail, 13.4% green wing teal, and 9.2.5% wood duck, the rest were under 5%. The bird per man average is 1.24. ###

**The snow storm that started on Jan. 12 should move a lot of waterfowl south soon.**

## **Mild weather keeps waterfowl, birds in Wisconsin**

January 11, 2012 at 08:05 AM  
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — More waterfowl and birds are staying in Wisconsin, thanks to mild weather in the southern part of the state.

The lack of snow and the presence of open water in many southern Wisconsin counties mean many ducks, geese and other birds that would have headed south by now are still around.

Sara Kehrli, a DNR wildlife biologist in Columbia County, says numbers were up during last week's annual mid-winter waterfowl survey. She tells Wisconsin Public Radio she also saw many sandhill cranes during an airplane flight over some sandbars along the Wisconsin River.

DNR wildlife biologist -- -- -- Nikolai has been counting birds in Outagamie, Brown and Calumet counties. He also says waterfowl numbers are up, and notes there are hundreds of bald eagles along the Fox River near Wrightstown.

Submitted by Ray Marshall, 1/18/2012  
State Waterfowl Biologist  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**



### **The Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act**

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) Situation Room is an up-to-date watch and alert center. It provides a quick review of some key issues on which USSA is working.

House Resolution 2834, the Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act would:

- Help ensure that federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) are open, and remain open, for hunting, fishing and recreational shooting;
- Puts into law, for the first time, that these federal lands are "open until closed" for hunting, fishing, and shooting. This means that government agencies could not close lands to sportsmen arbitrarily and could only close lands where there is an actual and necessary reason for doing so;
- Close legal loopholes used by anti-hunting organizations in the courts in their attempts to try and ban hunting on these federal public lands; and
- Despite the claims of some anti-hunting organizations, the bill **will not** authorize the use of motor vehicles on roadless or Wilderness areas.

**Take Action!** Contact your U.S. Congressman today and ask for their support on H.R. 2834. To find your U.S. representative's contact information, use the USSA Legislative Action Center at [www.ussportsmen.org/lac](http://www.ussportsmen.org/lac).

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## License Sales for Blind Drawings

Kim Postlewait, IDNR, MRA Site Superintendent III

Many people have questioned the fairness of our blind drawings due to the fact that people buy licenses and stamps in order to get more people in the drawing to skew the odds in their favor. We all know this happens but to what degree? In order to get an idea of just how far this is carried, I contacted Chris Hill, who is in charge of the point of sale license system. In order to reduce the data, I requested only the number of waterfowl stamps sold in Calhoun, Jersey, Madison, Macoupin, and Greene Counties. My choice of these counties was not based on any statistical model, but solely on my experience of where the vast majority of where our MRA hunters reside. My choice of waterfowl stamps eliminates the non waterfowl hunters as hunting license sales would not.

I received the following table from Mr. Hill.

2010	COUNTY	License	Number Sold
2010	CALHOUN	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	431
2010	GREENE	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	61
2010	JERSEY	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	1037
2010	MACOUPIN	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	478
2010	MADISON	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	2368
2011	CALHOUN	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	861
2011	GREENE	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	80
2011	JERSEY	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	1515
2011	MACOUPIN	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	621
2011	MADISON	STATE WATERFOWL STAMP	2808

Duck stamp sales, the data shows an increase in sales of 430 stamps in Calhoun , 19 in Greene, 478 in Jersey, 440 in Madison and 143 in Macoupin counties for a total of 1,510 new stamp sales over the previous year. Horseshoe Lake also had their drawing at the same time which could account for a portion of Madison numbers. Mississippi River had 4,552 people in the drawing Horseshoe approximately 800 for a total of 5,352 drawers. If all 1,510 license were for people who just got license for the draw, that would mean 28% of the people in the drawing were plants to up someone's odds.

This analysis is in no way complete, it does not take into consideration new hunters , hunters who had dropped out the previous year or hunters that have quit this year. It also does not take private land use into consideration. This is only a possibility of the effects of the drawings.

The benefits to IDNR are \$15,100 in stamp sales plus an unknown increase in license sales. If we assume that 75% of the new drawers had to buy a hunting license also that would be an additional \$14,156 for a total of \$29,256 additional revenue in license sales. An additional benefit would be the revenue received from the federal government that is based on the number of license sold.

If non hunters were eliminated from the drawing IDNR would need an additional \$7.60 per hunter just to break even with license sales and not including the loss of Pittman Robertson dollars.

So what is the solution? I am guilty of having ringers in the drawing. I bought a license and stamp for my wife and a duck stamp for a friend. I had seven people in the drawing. I was in the drawing for Stump Lake due to the necessity of having a superintendent run that draw (so I was a ringer for someone else, though I bought my own license and stamp). I was drawn 10<sup>th</sup> at Stump, one of my ringers was drawn 3<sup>rd</sup> at Riprap. I should have bought lottery tickets instead. Two of my seven drawers is 28%, so I guess I too, am the problem. We did extremely well and didn't have a bus load of ringers. I suspect we were close to the norm of everyone there.

As far as the wealthy buying the blinds, money will always be a factor. I hunted next too some very impressive decoy spreads and enough robo ducks to stir a breeze, but I don't want to get into limiting decoys or anything else we don't have the manpower to enforce.

Illinois needs hunters and needs the dollars that these drawers bring to the budget. These drawers may try duck hunting since they have a license or since they drew a blind for someone who would surely take them. Our declining sport is in desperate need of more people willing to fight for our rights to enjoy our sport.

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# Is 2012 Our Year

by Don Bekeleski, ISRA 1/5/2012

We're into a new year! I hope this is the one all you freedom fighters will be applauding and jumping for victory. It's been a long time coming and victory will surely be sweet after such a long battle. This could be the year for Illinois Conceal Carry. Why? Litigation plus a committee has been formed by the Ill House to look into Conceal Carry and report back. Whether it be by litigation—legislation from the Washington resolution or by a full proof veto vote of our legislature I feel it's upon us!

If enough Representatives don't change their mind—the courts may do it for them. If not, a lot of them are up for re-election in November. Maybe if we don't have it by then, it's time for a revolt at the polls. There are groups forming in Chicago to get Reps elected that will stand behind law-abiding citizens and not dictate 'no' to our Constitutional right of self-defense! This could mean new Reps from that area.

I don't travel very much but over the holidays I carried concealed lawfully in Wisconsin with an out of state permit that Wisconsin honors. It really felt good. As I sat in a hotel and watched people pass by I wondered how many were armed just like me. The 2<sup>nd</sup> thought I had was if they were, everything was really copasetic and just like any other day!

I thought to myself what the hell is all the hoop-la about. There were many people just like me that were armed and everything was just as if we weren't armed. They were just ordinary people going about their business and everyone being polite and carrying on as usual. We took a bus ride to see all the Christmas lights and the same atmosphere for me was on the bus.

Then my thought drifted to Illinois. I thought it could be the same in my home state. Our legislators that voted no to Conceal Carry should make a trip up here or to any other state and see just how there are no problems in any of these areas.

What makes them think that the people of Illinois are somehow different and don't deserve this right for themselves? All the facts are there for them to see that it works, so how can they vote no. As we approached the Illinois state line my daughter had to pull over so I could disarm myself and not become a felon in my home state. As I got back in the car after casing the gun my daughter said, "How stupid that crossing this line says that now you and all of us become targets and victims for any goofball that wants to try something. I said yes it's an insult to the people of Illinois for the legislature to have the attitude that somehow they are not capable of behaving ourselves, like the people in the other entire 49 states do, even Wisconsin which we just left.

So the Holiday trip for me was an experience and a real wake up call. It told me that the Illinois legislature had to look really ignorant to not pass something the rest of the United States has passed for all their citizens.

Being armed and being with many armed law-abiding people proved to me that if something terrible and life threatening was to happen, there were many people who could act to stop it, instead of everyone screaming, ducking and praying that they would not be the next casualty.

The feeling coming back into Illinois was that if something were to happen to us now we would have to wait for 911 to arrive. When seconds count, the police are minutes away. I think our Reps should find it hard to sleep at night knowing people are getting killed because they voted no for them to have the right to live on, by granting them Conceal Carry.

I know if I was one of those that voted no, I would hang my head and cry every time I hear of another killing that could have been prevented. How could it not bother you and not make you feel responsible in some way!

Don't give up the fight. Instead become more intense! Help IGOLD grow this year. When it does finally become law, you will be able to tell all the people that told you "no way" that it was your fighting along with all of us, that made it happen—AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!

This article is the opinion of the author and is not necessarily the official position of the ISRA.

**Pere Marquette Bald Eagle Programs:** Enjoy watching bald eagles on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers near Pere Marquette State Park this winter by participating one of the park's popular Bald Eagle Days tours. The site interpreter at Pere Marquette presents informative programs about bald eagles on select dates through early March. All programs begin at the Pere Marquette Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 618/786-3323. To check the schedule of program dates, go to the Pere Marquette Bald Eagle Days webpage at [http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R4/Bald\\_Eagle\\_Days.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R4/Bald_Eagle_Days.htm)



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## **Calhoun Point Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program**

The Calhoun Point – HREP project highlights a partnership between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Located at the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, this 2,157 acre site consists primarily of forested and non-forested wetland habitats. Its complex topographic diversity was created by the dynamic rivers which today form some of its boundaries. This rich landscape hosts a wide range of macro and micro habitats providing homes for a diverse fish and wildlife community.

Completion of the project allows resource managers to replicate natural hydrologic cycles that follow historical seasonal fluctuations in water levels. These professionals work at times with the river and at other times independent of the river to accomplish management objectives to benefit a wide variety of fish and wildlife species. The rehabilitated and enhanced wetland and aquatic habitats provide breeding, nesting, and feeding habitats for many species of waterfowl, mammals, reptiles and amphibians as well as spawning, nursery, and overwintering areas for riverine fishes.

Although not a project purpose, Calhoun Point also provides a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. Waterfowl hunting and fishing remain the most popular.

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# Officials Celebrate Wetland Rehab Project

Jill Moon, The Alton Telegraph, 11/8/2011



Col. Chris Hall, St. Louis District U.S. Corps of Engineers



Director Marc Miller, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

GRAFTON — Local and federal officials are praising a wetland rehabilitation project that some feel could boost tourism at the same time it provides vital habitat area for waterfowl, fish and forest species in Calhoun County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a dedication Monday for Calhoun Point, a multi-million-dollar project years in the making.

The corps' St. Louis district, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service each touted the economic impact upon the region of the Calhoun Point Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project, as well as its benefits to wildlife.

"This is one example of a nature-based tourism destination," Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau President Brett Stawar said at the ceremony Monday afternoon at Pere Marquette State Park Visitors Center. Visitors to the region leave behind \$389 million in tourism dollars, he noted. The total Calhoun Point project cost approximately \$9.9 million.

The 2,157-acres Calhoun Point is located at the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers as part of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program. It consists primarily of forested and non-forested wetland habitats. It can be accessed off the main road through Calhoun County, just west of the Brussels Ferry.

The rehabilitated and enhanced wetland and aquatic habitats provide breeding, nesting, and feeding habitats for many species of waterfowl, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, as well as nursery areas for fish.

The general vicinity of Calhoun Point provides a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities including waterfowl hunting and fishing. The economic impact from hunting, fishing and wildlife watching in Illinois is \$4.2 billion. Hunting alone is enough to support 22,000 jobs, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller said at the dedication.

A variety of speakers took part in the ceremony, including Miller and Stawar; Col. Chris Hall, commander of the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers; Scott Bryant, president, Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc.; and reps from Congressman Bobby Schilling's office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The landscape for the project forms a variety of macro and micro habitats, providing homes to a wide variety of fish and wildlife.

## **Calhoun Point project facts**

The Calhoun Point project was completed in August 2011 and highlights a partnership between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Calhoun Point approved for general design 1989

Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project DPR completed in 1996

Calhoun Point project was approved for construction in 1999

Three phases of construction in various periods from 2003 to 2011.

Total project cost approximately \$9,875,000

Today, the site provides feeding, resting and breeding habitat for waterfowl, improved habitat for many forest dwelling species, and productive spawning and nursery areas for riverine fishes.



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Programs and Project Management Division  
Project Development Branch

Mr. Scott Bryant, President  
Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc  
2404 East Broadway  
Alton, Illinois 62002

Dear Mr. Bryant:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the Calhoun Point Dedication Ceremony. I enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the efforts that led to this success. I was impressed by the many individuals, organizations, and agencies that worked together to make this project a realization.

On behalf of the St. Louis District, I thank you for serving as the Master of Ceremony and your organization's support of the Calhoun Point Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project Dedication Ceremony. More importantly, thank you and the membership of Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc. for your long time support of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration, Environmental Management Program. The completion of the project is yet another example of the value of partnership.

We look forward to continuing this relationship as we move forward on other Environmental Management Program projects.

Please continue your organization's open dialog with Brian Markert, St. Louis District EMP Program Manager, at (314) 331-8455, or email [Brian.J.Markert@usace.army.mil](mailto:Brian.J.Markert@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

Christopher G. Hall  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander

# Winners of the 2011-12 MWHI Gun Raffle

## One Winner Every Month

October -	Super X3 Camo	- please see next issue
November-	Savage Bolt Action Slug Gun w/scope	- please see next issue
December-	T/C Pro Hunter Endeavor	- Fred J. Bort
January-	T/C Venture x/scope	- Chris Dawdy
February -	AR 14 .223	
March -	Taurus Judge	
April -	Rem 870 Supermag Turkey Gun	
May -	XDM .45	
June -	1911 Springfield .45	
July -	44 Mag Taurus	
August -	Benelli M2	
September -	Beretta Xplorer	

**For more information, please contact Eric Rheude at 618-410-9853**

## Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc. Seeks Scholarship Applicants

*The mission of the MWHI is to encourage protection and restoration of waters, wildlife, forest and field; to work toward the elimination of pollution in all forms; to discourage unwise drainage of wetlands; to seek wise land and water use for migratory waterfowl hunting; to nurture and improve wildlife stocks; to restore and rehabilitate wildlife environment; to aid youths and adults, through conservation education, to recognize resource conservation as vital to the perpetuation of the sport of migratory waterfowl hunting.*

***Application Window: December 1, 2011 to March 1, 2012***

**For an application or for more information,  
please contact MWHI President Scott Bryant at 618-535-0151  
or visit us at our website: [mwhi.org](http://mwhi.org)**

**Order Your Wood Duck Nest Box now!  
They should be installed in February/March.**

**To order a wood duck nest box, contact Eric Rhuede at 618-410-9853**

