



There's lots happening at the hatchery!

### **April 28 is the date set for Angler Education**

Friends into Spooner Hatchery (FISH) are sponsoring an Angler Education Instructor Certification Class at 7:00 pm on April 28, 2016 at the Spooner DNR headquarters. The class is free and open to anyone over the age of 18 who would like to share their skills and love of angling with others.



*Frank Pratt, retired DNR fisheries biologist, shares a newly-tied fly with a young angler.*

School teachers, scout masters, rod and gun club members and anyone interested in promoting learn to fish classes and events are encouraged to attend. Class instructor will be Frank Pratt, Retired DNR Fish Biologist from Hayward.

Space is limited so please contact Larry Damman 715-468-7059 or at [larry@shearluckfarm.com](mailto:larry@shearluckfarm.com) to secure a spot.

Visit our website:

[SpoonerHatchery.com](http://SpoonerHatchery.com)



## Wisconsin Fishing Opener Expo at Heartwood

Heartwood Conference Center will be host of the inaugural Wisconsin Opener Fishing & Outdoor Expo, sponsored by Jack Link's Protein Snacks. Heartwood will be celebrating the 2016 Wisconsin Fishing Opener with a Fishing Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 6.

Displays expected include fishing equipment vendors, equipment demonstrations, casting clinics, and many educational displays.

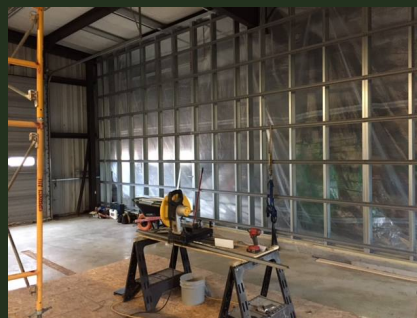
The event is run by Wisconsin Indian Head Country in partnership with Washburn County Tourism, Wisconsin Department of Tourism, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Heartwood Conference Center & Retreat. Sponsors of the event include Jack Link's Protein Snacks, Gander Mountain, Indianhead Foodservice Distributor, MillerCoors, and many other sponsors.

For more information on the Wisconsin Opener Fishing & Outdoor Expo, visit the Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/wifishingopener](http://www.facebook.com/wifishingopener) or contact Michelle at Washburn County Tourism: [tourism@washburncounty.org](mailto:tourism@washburncounty.org) or 715-635-9696.

## Hatchery Renovation

The Governor Tommy Thompson Hatchery is undergoing major renovation these days. At right you can see the start on a new wash bay to disinfect fish trucks, boats,



trailers and gear. Why do we need to disinfect? The answer is VHS, a short name for Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia. It's just as dangerous as it sounds and it's lethal for many Wisconsin fish species.



This is one of the UV lights that will disinfect water coming into the Hatchery that washes over the fish eggs and fry. **See more on our Facebook page.**

**Learn More About VHS...**



## **FISH Spring Open House**

Our Spring Open House is planned for Saturday, May 7. Stay tuned for more information!

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**Want to join FISH?**

We have memberships to suit everyone who loves to fish starting at only \$5 per year! If your family is interested in outdoors, ecology and fishing, [learn more at our website](#). What do you get with a FISH membership?

- special events and opportunities
- conservation awareness and initiatives
- support of a regional historical asset (the hatchery is over 100!)
- educational programs, including
  - ice fishing workshops
  - summer fishing fun
  - learn to clean fish cleaning
  - make your own jig pole
  - make your own lures
  - and so much more



*Summer 2015 fishing on the Yellow River next to the hatchery.*

*We're a non-profit, so your membership fee is tax deductible*

**Learn More...**

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