

Teaching About the Watershed

In May 2011, Sky (Room 200 and 202) teachers Dawn Liska-Tollefson and Kathy Oker collaborated with other community educators to teach a course to area teachers called “Wingra Watershed Field Experience.”

More than 50 teachers participated, earning three graduate credits through Edgewood College and increasing their understanding of limnology and watershed sustainability. As part of the course, participants shared what they learned by educating the public at “Science Nights” on Thursday evenings during the summer at Wingra Boats.

“It’s been so exciting to witness these ‘students’ taking what they learned in our workshop and then providing this great public service to the community,” says Kathy.

Two years ago this group of educators designed this course for teachers to learn more about how to build a unit on watersheds and water-related science to help students develop a stronger land ethic.

Professionals from Memorial High School, Spring Harbor Middle School, Wingra Boats, Edgewood College, Park Elementary, and UW-Madison Arboretum collaborated to develop and present this course.

This is the second time that Dawn and Kathy have helped teach this course, and their discussions with area educators about how to construct meaningful curricula and engage children in watershed activities

continue to be “invigorating and exciting.”

The course is possible because of a grant from the David S. Bourne Foundation, which the Friends of Lake Wingra received to educate the community about the watershed.



Students in the watershed course get hands-on experience.

Alumni News

Melissa Dembski-Sullivan (1998–2001)

Melissa Dembski-Sullivan was named a 2011 All-State Top Scholar in the Waukesha district.

Congratulations, Melissa!

Bailey Flanigan (1999–2002)

Bailey Flanigan was named a National Merit Semifinalist.

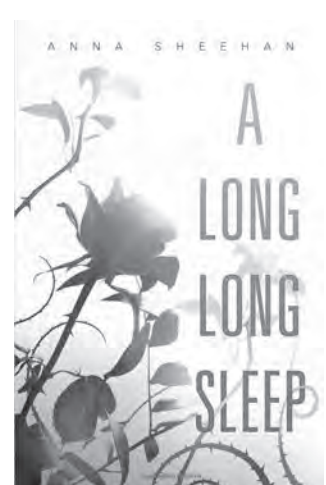
Congratulations, Bailey!

Anna (Stackhouse) Sheehan (1984–1989)

Anna (Stackhouse) Sheehan published her first novel, *A Long, Long Sleep*, a young adult retelling of *Sleeping Beauty* crossed with the *Terminator*. Reviews have been very positive!

It debuted August 9, 2011, in the U.S. and is also being published in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Brazil, and Russia.

Anna is on Facebook and has a website, <http://annasheehan.com>. She lives on a self-sustaining farm in Oregon with her daughter, mother, and assorted Irish Wolfhounds.



This is Anna (Stackhouse) Sheehan’s first novel.