

# The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame



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## Hall of Fame News

### **Our Newest Inductees: Herb Behnke, Martin Hanson, and Charles Stoddard. Ceremonies Set for April 18, 2009, in Stevens Point.**

The trio will join 63 other distinguished inductees to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point.

[Herb Behnke](#) of Shawano, the late [Martin Hanson](#) of Mellen, and [Charles Stoddard](#) of Minong are this year's inductees. Click the links to read the full story for each inductee.

[Herb Behnke](#) was the longest-serving member of the board that oversees Wisconsin's natural resources. He earned respect in conservation circles for positions he took on behalf of common folks.

[Martin Hanson](#) quietly worked behind the scenes on numerous conservation causes, including establishment of the Apostle Islands National Seashore and reintroduction of elk to northern Wisconsin.

[Charles Stoddard](#) was involved in conservation for most of his life, as a professional forester, a high-ranking official in the Department of the Interior, an author, and, after retiring, as an environmental activist. He was known for resisting political pressure as he made decisions that affected the environment.

Tributes to the inductees will be given at 10 a.m. at Sentry Theater, located at the Sentry Insurance Headquarters, 1800 North Point Drive. A 9 a.m. coffee will precede the program. A luncheon at noon in The Restaurant of Sentry Insurance Headquarters concludes the day's activities. Luncheon reservations cost \$10 and can be made by calling 715-346-4992, the telephone number for the Schmeckle Reserve Visitors Center, where the Conservation Hall of Fame is located.

"The cause of conservation in Wisconsin is an ongoing story. The deeds of these men span most of the 20th century, and their accomplishments serve as living legacies in today's world," said Conservation Hall of Fame Executive Secretary Earl Spangenberg.

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