



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Einar P. Johnson Memorial Park Dedication on Flambeau Reservoir**

LADYSMITH, WI— A dedication ceremony to commemorate Einar P. Johnson, a Wisconsin conservation warden who was killed in the line of duty in 1929, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 14, at a park on the north side of the Dairyland Flambeau Reservoir (“Lake Flambeau”). The Dairyland Power Cooperative-owned park land has been officially named the Einar P. Johnson Memorial Park, and is located on Dairyland Road northeast of Ladysmith off County Highway J.

The Einar P. Johnson Park will now showcase Johnson’s life story on a newly erected kiosk, as well as his likeness carved on a large granite stone. The stone memorial sits in front of the kiosk. A rock wall which was built by Ladysmith-area students encloses the kiosk and stone memorial.

Einar P. Johnson was a conservation warden for State of Wisconsin, stationed in Rusk County in the 1920s. He was shot and killed while apprehending a game violator on May 16, 1929. Friday’s dedication event takes place during national Law Enforcement Memorial Week, which honors all enforcement officials who have fallen in the line of duty.

“As we continually strive to be a good neighbor in the Ladysmith area, we are pleased to help honor Warden Johnson. The story of his life—and death—80 years ago not far from this location is an important piece of area history that will now be shared with visitors to the Einar P. Johnson Park,” said Tony McKimmy, Dairyland Manager, Renewable and Combustion Turbine Generation. “This dedication is a real community effort, with the support of Rusk County, the Wildlife Restoration Association, the Wisconsin Conservation Warden’s Association and the Safe Hunters of Tomorrow making the memorial event possible.”

Dairyland’s Flambeau Hydroelectric Station, a water-powered facility located on the Flambeau River five miles northeast of Ladysmith, has been generating electricity since 1951. Dairyland encourages the public to visit and enjoy Lake Flambeau. The 2,000 acre lake, surrounded by 24 miles of shoreline offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Dairyland established and owns five parks along the lake, three of which have boat landings and one with a handicap-accessible fishing pier. The parks are maintained by Rusk County.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 16 municipal utilities in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland’s generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, landfill gas and animal waste. For more information, please visit [www.dairynet.com](http://www.dairynet.com).

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