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# DeKalb teacher dies in rafting accident

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OGLESBY — A first grade teacher from DeKalb will be remembered at a funeral after authorities said she died in a rafting accident on the Vermilion River in LaSalle County.

The funeral for 36-year-old Jennifer Wehling will be this Wednesday. Wehling taught first grade at St. Mark School since 2001. Illinois Conservation Police say the raft Wehling was in became caught when it went over a dam on the river on Thursday. Rescuers pulled Wehling from the water and she died at a hospital in nearby Peru.

Two passengers in Wehling's raft, 38-year-old Timothy Ruse of Sarasota, Fla., and 23-year-old Janelle Veseling of St. Charles, face charges of operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.