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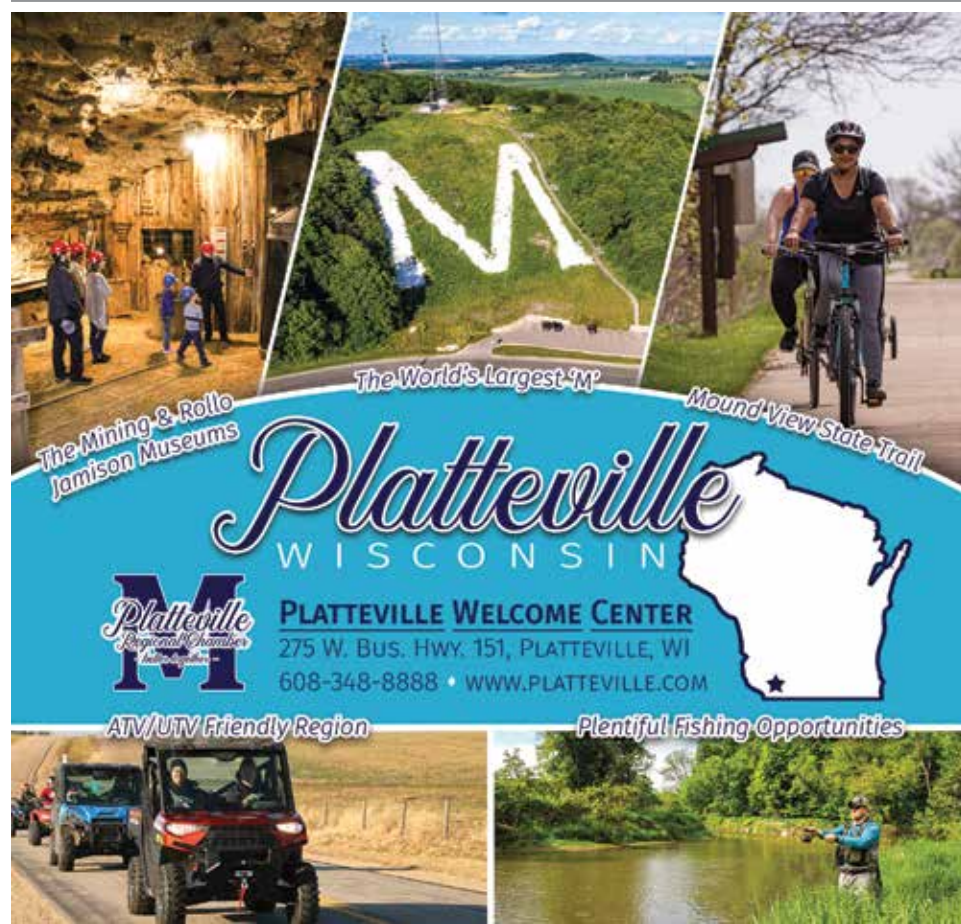
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Platteville's Southwest Music Festival July 15th

Platteville will be the place to be on Saturday, July 15 with lots of activities for the 26th Annual Hometown Festival Week kickoff. This nine-day event traditionally begins with the Southwest Music Festival, but has added many other opportunities for people to spend the entire day in our great community. This year's event has doubled the number of bands and extended the day.

Farmers' Market Begin your day at the Platteville Farmer's Market held each Saturday from 8 am to noon from May to October. Located in the heart of downtown, the farmer's market is the place to find everything from delicious vegetables and flowers, gift items and canned preserves, and just about everything in between. All the products you will find at the market are locally grown, harvested, or handmade by local vendors.

Bike Race (50 Miles) And 5K Run/Walk The Platteville Family Resource Center is proud to present the Second Annual "Breaking Away from Domestic Violence" Bicycle Race and 5K Run through the beautiful hills of Southwest Wisconsin. In partnership with WiSport, this is a 50-mile bike race with awards provided for registered race participants. The 5K Run will be along the Rountree Branch Trail. For family fun, there will be a recreational ride around Mound View Park to raise awareness. There will be family activities in Mound View Park after the ride,

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SPOTLIGHT | **ALGOMA****CAPTAIN LEE HAASCH**

Fish, Explore and Relax in Algoma

Trevor climbed topside as we left the harbor. "Better go a bit farther this morning," he said as he handed me a cup of coffee. It was going to be another warm one, with temperatures predicted to hit 90-plus with very little wind and lots of sunshine. Typical July mornings on the Lake Michigan coast usually start a bit cooler than a balmy 82 degrees at 3:45 am. This summer's hot temps, following a mild winter, was certainly going to have an impact on how and where we fish.

The 15 pound weights on my down riggers will get us deeper later on, but as Trevor set his corner rods at 65 feet, his rod bent sharply and the drag started screaming. "Fish! Fish! Fish!" he shouted to customers, "It's a big one!" Just then, my rod bent to the water, drag screeching. I kept setting the poles on my side and moved a few out of Trevor's way.

While the center of the state has been hot and dry, the Algoma lakeshore has been busy with visitors looking to cool off and enjoy the quiet side of the Door Peninsula. Our beautiful and well-groomed sand beach has attracted thousands of visitors already, and with the hot summer months ahead, we expect and welcome a lot more. The Ahnapee River, one of most pristine tributaries to Lake



Go fly a kite on Algoma's beautiful sand beach and enjoy the cool breezes.

Michigan, offers over 10 miles of wild and preserved nature for anglers and kayakers to explore and enjoy. The Ahnapee Trail offers miles of groomed trail to bike or hike and enjoy nature.

Folks in search of unique shopping and dining experiences or looking to enjoy a cold beverage will find some very special opportunities in Algoma. How about the home of the number one loaded, Bloody Mary in Wisconsin? Every weekend Smashed on the Rocks serves up their specialty. Ahnapee Brewery taps and serves their unique brews in The Garage and no trip

to Algoma is complete without a visit to the oldest winery in Wisconsin, Von Steihl Winery.

During the warm summer months, cool off in friendly Algoma and enjoy the beauty, serenity and laid back life on the quiet side of the Door Peninsula. Experience for yourself all that Algoma has to offer. Put your feet in our sand, paddle upstream on the Ahnapee River or enjoy a unique dining experience at Son of Skaliwags.

And if you want BIG fish, check out Algoma! For charter information or fishing reports, visit my website at: www.FishAlgoma.com or call 1-920-255-0604. From Capt. Lee and the crew aboard the Grand Illusion 3, good luck and good fishing! 🎣

Capt. Lee Haasch is a charter captain out of Algoma. He has over 50 years of Great Lakes angling experience and has been instructing anglers for over 35 years through seminars and outdoor publications.

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On The Cover

Two 4-1/2 week old field bred Golden Retriever puppies view a new world from an old ammunition box. From the Wisco River Golden Retrievers litter of Maya and James (Choctaw's Mayan LX Sajai x HRCH Highland's Virtue Mine Honor MH WCX CCA). Photo by mama Maya's owner Steve Henske in Stevens Point.



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SPOTLIGHT | MARINETTE COUNTY



Cheating the Day in Marinette

You wake up just before dawn, excited about your kayaking adventure in the picturesque North Woods of Marinette. Exploring somewhere new and different is always refreshing, not the same ol' same ol'. You head to Menekaunee Harbor to launch your kayak from their state-of-the-art launch site. As you head out of the harbor, you spot a 15-foot carved bear silhouette on the island's tip. According to the story, this bear is the Menominee Indian Nation's birth origin and the animal that birthed their nation. You paddle out of the harbor, and the colors of the sunrise intensify over the horizon. You hear fish breaking the water, wings flapping, and loons calling out. Suddenly, the sun breaks the horizon, and you witness a sensational sight that leaves you in awe.

After witnessing the breathtaking sunrise, you visit the historic Menominee Lighthouse, which is equally stunning. You admire the natural beauty and rugged shorelines as you paddle

up the Menominee River. You notice a ship in the distance along the Menominee Shoreline, but as you get closer, you realize it's a recently built naval combat ship. You feel amazed, exhilarated, and patriotic at the sight of this impressive metal structure. You can't believe you are paddling next to such a fantastic structure. You continue up the Menominee River until you reach Stephenson Island, where you dock your kayak. As you explore the island, you're struck by the metal art, monuments, and an original log cabin from one of the area's first settlers over 150 years ago.

This day has been like no other, filled with unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime. It's incredible how much you've experienced and how much you've seen in just one day. You're grateful for this opportunity to visit Marinette and explore its wonders. 🎯

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DAVE DUWE

Simple Success

Thoughts on how to become a better angler

The most important characteristics of any good angler are confidence and a willingness to put time in on the water. The more time you spend, the more experiences you have to draw upon when fishing is tough. It may take hours to find biting fish, but if you give up, you have no chance of catching anything. Always expecting to catch fish is the key to confidence.

Boat positioning is a huge factor in catching fish. Using a fish locator to find the fish and the trolling motor to keep you on top of them in any wind conditions certainly sets you up for a good day fishing.

When you are fishing docks and piers, you want to fish into the wind for better boat control. Floating with the wind will make you fish too fast and miss opportunities as you drift past ideal structures. When fishing in the wind, it is essential to leave your outboard a little in the water to act as a rudder. Having it fully out of the water will make the transom of the boat swing around. When I catch a fish, I stop and try to catch all the fish around a particular structure before moving away from it. Leaving active fish to search for more active fish seldom works.

Sometimes artificial baits just don't work as well as live baits, which is why I bring a selection of bait, such as chubs, worms, and nightcrawlers. I have caught everything on a nightcrawler from muskies to carp and everything in between. When artificial baits don't produce, switch to a live presentation.

A simple presentation, such as a single hook and a round split shot, can work wonders. The deeper the water, the heavier



Father and son with a Lake Geneva smallmouth double.

the split shot needed. You want to be on or near bottom. Many fish will strike as the worm falls, so stay alert for line twitches or movement. Pay close attention to structure, whether it's a weed line, a point, or a transition from soft to hard bottom. Your fish locator is an essential tool for this and many can actually pinpoint individual fish.

My goal is to always catch something. Do not pigeonhole yourself into a species. Everybody wants to catch big fish, but some days they can be elusive. When the bass aren't biting, try fishing for northern pike or crappies. I'd rather catch any fish than go home empty handed.

Every time out you should see some improvement in your abilities. Don't get set in your ways and make sure you are open to new methods, spots and species. 🎯

Dave Duwe specializes in the lakes of Southeastern Wisconsin. For guided trip information, contact him at 262-728-8063.

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TOM CARPENTER

Fishing the Bass Bowl

Hunting summer largemouths in the "glacial scoop"

When the last glaciers scoured most of Wisconsin and then receded northward 10,000 years ago, they left us a treasure chest of "glacial scoop" lakes in the northern third of the state.

These lakes range in size from mere ponds to hundreds of acres and hold plentiful numbers of largemouth bass. Scooped out by glaciers, the lakes are basically round or oblong-shaped, with sand or muck for bottom. There is little classic structure and they are usually rimmed with weeds. The lakes drop off into deeper water that may be clear, greenish or tannin-stained. In essence, these lakes are bowls.

The patient and painstaking approach necessary to catch bass here doesn't always jibe with today's kinetic fishing styles. The simpler you keep things, the more fish you will catch. Here's how:

Fish Early

In summer, your best chance to catch bass in a bowl comes during that magical hour or so before the sun comes up, and then for an



hour afterward. Now is when bass come up out of deeper water and roam the shallows and shorelines in search of prey.

Stay quiet and keep disturbance to a minimum. It doesn't take much to spook cruising bass. Row, drift, or hum along under electric power, fishing those three- to five-foot depths that will be lit up and boiling away under a hot sun later.

Choose baits that will work through or over the top of weeds. Weedless spinnerbaits are perfect, while minnow-baits are a close

second.

Frog The Pads

Many bowl lakes are home to lily pads. Pads usually grow at one end of a lake (often the shallower, marshier end) or all around the rim. Pads can hold big fish all day because of the shade and cover offered.

Fishing for bass using imitation frogs is exciting. Frog baits must be weedless (hooks facing up) so you can work them through and across the pads. Cast to openings and let the ripples fade. Skitter the bait across pads and weeds and rest it in the next opening as you work it back.

Because frogs are soft and pliable, bass will hold onto them longer than most artificial baits. When the hit comes, keep a fairly tight line and wait until you feel the weight of the fish, then set the hook.

Jig 'Em Up

Weedless jigs featuring cone-shaped heads that slip through weeds easily, as well as wire or bristle weed-guards to protect the hook point from hang-ups are must-haves for every bass bowl angler.

Best dressings include lively rubber skirts, but fat curlytails also work. In clear bowl lakes, opt for dark colors, such as black or red. In murky or stained waters, use bright colors such as chartreuse, yellow and neon green to start. A pork frog presents a fine third option for dressing a weedless jig. Row, electric-troll or drift slowly along, working the weed edges as you go.

Night Bite

Some bowl lakes feature water that is dark or even stained. Bass in these lakes stay active longer during the day, and might not travel as deep. On the other hand, clear bowl lakes can be tough to fish more than an hour after dawn or before dusk. Night fishing is often worth the effort.

Use surface lures that make some noise. The gurgling, churning lure action gives bass something to home in on. Good nighttime bass baits include prop baits, chuggers and buzz baits. Whichever you select, with the proper technique, you'll find success. 🐟

DENNY MURAWSKA

Of Robins and Raccoons

Nocturnal raids, daylight rebuilds

There is a spot in the bend of my gutter, under the eave, that has been a favorite of a certain robin for the last three years. I can see why it was chosen; it is a near perfect shelter from the vagaries of wind and weather. She has raised a number of young here under my watchful eyes, and been admired for her resourcefulness.

Early the other day as I sipped my coffee, my heart sank as I saw fragments of her nest dumped on the ground, along with a pile of feathers. A nighttime raid by some predator had ended the life of my friend. So I thought. Just in case, I picked up the intact nest and wedged it back into its former niche. Not five minutes later, a robin was back checking things out. She was tailless, and I was elated. Birds in such circumstances can grow back tail feathers, sometimes in the course of five or six weeks.



While most birds do not reuse nests, I kept seeing the female squatting on her egg cradle. I then decided to do what I could to help. I took a wad of my taxidermy mache, colored it brown, and slapped it under the nest and around it a bit. As it hardened up, I was sure it was the best I could accomplish. It is too early to tell whether she will use it or not. Perhaps the trauma of her predator encounter will prove to force her to see a more secure location.

At any rate, this was a lesson for me in resilience, perseverance, and flat out fearlessness. If I had half this bird's gumption, I would not be the melancholy, reclusive old chap that I remain. Words we use for the highest of human attributes apply to many of the creatures we share this world with. Pause, and reflect. 🐦

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Dam Fine Summer Fishing

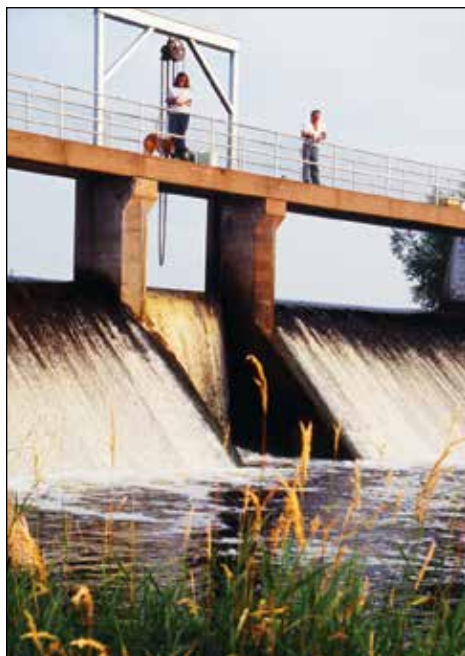
Target man-made structures to counter warm-weather slow-downs

To increase your fishing odds in summer's warmer weather, consider waters that contain dams. Dams come in all sizes. Many rivers are broken into divided pools, bookended by dams. A single dam may serve as a lake exit and also attract bass, panfish, walleye and other target species by providing them with oxygenated, moving water and food. Dams generate current and most have structure close by. Structure brings smaller fish to the table for minnows, insects, and plankton.

That's when the game fish wake up. They will station themselves in areas where something on the bottom deflects the flow, like rock or wood, excess materials left from older bridge foundations and anything else that can break the current.

Some dams constantly run. Others may be used to create hydroelectric energy and are turned on and off. If they are not generating electricity, the water flows at a slower rate through normal gates. Both situations create feeding opportunities. Current can sweep those areas clean, offering deeper safety as well as hideouts in bottom cover the current can't dislodge. Fish find those areas and use them as ambush points for feeding.

One example is the Menominee River which borders Northern Wisconsin with Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which is broken up by a number of dams, creating a run of flowages. Current is present. So are the fish. The entry from one pool to the next through a dam means generally good fishing during the warm weather months. Walleye are drawn to them for spawning, then spread out as it warms up. Hot weather surface fishing for smallmouth



A fixed dam with high water. Fishing can be exceptional, then slow down as water levels fall.

can be a big attraction.

In the opposite scenario, a river like the venerable Wolf has only one dam, located in Shawano. Otherwise, it's clear sailing all the way to Lake Butte de Morts near Oshkosh. You'll find multiple species available along the entire river.

Space is usually limited around dams, even the larger ones. I try to stay away from shore anglers and other boats. Artificial baits can work, especially on smallmouth. You can cover territory with a crankbait. But due to that

limited space, I generally work live bait and jigs, unless there is ample room. Leeches are one of the better live baits for bass and walleye as they are more durable, but crawlers also work.

Other dams have a fixed height, to control water level, like at the tail end of a lake as it empties into a river. When the water is normal to high, it can call fish like a magnet. Lower water doesn't draw gamefish as well, but some are usually present. Lower water doesn't sound the clarion call like high water. With a heavier flow, the fishing can be exceptional.

Check out the dams in your area. Match your equipment to the depth and species. Usually spinning with six or eight pound test with light weights, or lighter bait casting tackle that still gets bait to bottom. Some areas are best fished with boats, but others can be fished from shore.

Enjoy. 🎣



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**PHIL SCHWEIK**

Back to Basics Back to the past

With all the new technology and electronics now available to anglers, sometimes it's just nice to get back to basics. I remember countless summer days of sitting on the shoreline of the mighty Wisconsin River with nothing more than a couple of bank poles rigged up with a simple hook and split shot. The bait of choice was red worms that I dug out of my parents' garden or, if I was lucky and we had some rain the night before, a few nightcrawlers that I had picked up.

As we fast forward some 40 years later to 2023, I think back to those days and remember how much fun and exciting it was to just sit on the shoreline watching my poles for that tell-tale jump in the line of an

unsuspecting fish. You never knew what it was going to be or how hard of a battle you were going to be up against, but the anticipation was always there.

Remembering those days seems like yesterday and, to this day, I still incorporate some of those techniques, but only in a little different fashion. Instead of sitting on the shoreline amongst the weeds and brush, I now sit in the back of my boat. And instead of a broken off branch that I had shoved into the ground for a rod holder, my fishing rods are now safely secured in permanent holders mounted on my boat. Yes, I lost a few rods in those early days when a large fish would grab the bait and take off with it, ripping my rod out of its makeshift holder and into the river.

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Rhonda Schweik with a back-to-basics walleye.

So, if you're ever cruising on the river, you may just see me somewhere along the way. I will probably be set up over a deeper hole with several rods in holders with nothing more than a simple hook and sinker baited with a nightcrawler. Chances are, I will be kicked back in the driver's seat just waiting for the action to start. Stop and say "Hi." 🐟

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SPOTLIGHT | CAMBRIA AND FRIESLAND

The Place to Be...

Tarrant Park in Cambria is the place to be the first weekend in August where the festivities kick off with a softball tournament Thursday night along with food and refreshments. The parade is held on Saturday morning with lots of fun and games, and food in the park throughout the day. The beauty of the summer season is upon us and one of the lush farming communities in Columbia County surrounds the Cambria and Friesland area where crops are bursting with life. One of our major businesses that contribute to the produce industry, Alsum Farms & Produce near Friesland, will be celebrating 50 years in business this year. A community celebration will be held on Saturday, August 12 with the public participating in a 5k run and 2-mile walk, a vendor and produce market along with a tour of the potato and pumpkin farms in the Grand Marsh area.

The hundred-year-old tradition of a community band concert and pie social continues throughout the summer on Tuesday nights on the Friesland Village Square. All are invited to join in this unique social event.

The 19th Annual Dump Poker Run for charity will take place on Saturday, August 26 starting out in downtown Cambria and put on by The Dump Bar and Grill. The Dump is a great eatery and bar in downtown Cambria and is famous for their burgers and live music and great outdoor dining area.

The great beauty of the country roads and bridges that encompass the Cambria and Friesland areas make it a great place to explore whether it be by car, motorcycle or perhaps a bicycle. There are eating places and campgrounds and parks nearby where anyone can enjoy the quiet country atmosphere. Come visit and stay awhile! 🐾



Cambria Friesland Events

- July 4th** Celebration and Fireworks - Friesland Village Square
- July 14** Community Night - Tarrant Park, Cambria (6:00-9:00pm)
- August 4-6** Park Days Softball Tournament, parade and festivities (Tarrant Park, Cambria)
- August 12** 50th Alsum Farms & Produce Celebration and Tator Trot 5K Run (Friesland)
- August 16** Community Night-Tarrant Park, Cambria (6:00-9:00 pm)
- August 26** 19th Annual Dump Poker Run-Cambria
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There's live music at Merrill & Houston's and Liberty House Grill every Friday night, truck'd on Thursdays, and The Rooftop at Hotel Goodwin on Sundays. Watch for live outdoor music at the Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market. Visit Beloit's Wednesday Wind Down, Wednesdays, at the Library, The Rockton River Market, Sky Carp baseball games, The Butterfly Club, The Rock Bar & Grill, DC Estate Winery, and more. Keep an eye on The Castle at 501 Prospect for concerts as well.

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DAN MOERICKE

An Up Nort' Report *Driftless Area trout*

According to Wikipedia, the Driftless Area is a topographical and cultural region in the Midwest that comprises southwestern Wisconsin, southeastern Minnesota, northeastern Iowa, and the extreme northwestern corner of Illinois. Never covered by ice during the last ice age, the area lacks the characteristic glacial deposits known as drift. Its landscape is characterized by steep hills, forested ridges, deeply carved river valleys with spring-fed waterfalls and cold-water trout streams.

To be totally honest, I don't know if I'd ever even heard about the Driftless Area until my son Steve moved there and began exploring the woods and trout streams in the area. It has since become one of my favorite trout fishing destinations. The streams are beautiful, uncrowded, and based on my experiences, full of willing trout.

About half a century ago, my brother Jerry along with his good buddy Donny Parks got me started in fly fishing and fly tying. Together, we whipped the waters of Central Wisconsin to a froth. I'm embarrassed to confess that my fly fishing efforts in the intervening years bordered on non-existent. That is until my son Steve and my son-in-law Chris got bitten by the fly fishing bug and got me back into it. Now any visit to Steve's place in southeastern Minnesota has me packing my waders and a fly rod.

If you've ever biked on the Root River trail down by Lanesboro, Minnesota, you've had a chance to get a really good look at the South Fork of the Root River. If there's an ounce of fishing DNA in your body, you had to have thought about wetting a line there. Trust me, it would be worth it.

The Root River, Whitewater River, and others like it in the area, seem to have an abundant trout population. From my experiences, mostly browns with an occasional rainbow thrown in. The boys have me throwing nymphs and midges so small that my aging eyes can barely see them without the help of reading glasses. The trout, however, are somehow able to see them just fine.

As I write this, my wife and I are packing up the car for a trip to Steve's place in Minnesota. The waders and fly rod are already in. Just sayin' 🙌



Son Steve slides a net under a brown trout on a stream in the Driftless Area.



DICK HENSKE

Seven Decades of Ducks

A waterfowl hunter's migration

My dad introduced me to duck hunting when I was 13 years old. I hunted lakes and rivers in Waukesha County targeting teal, mallards and wood ducks using a canvas covered skiff filled with old, beat-up decoys.

Once I started driving, my buddies and I gravitated to Horicon Marsh, hunting adjoining farm lands and the marsh itself. We made crude field decoys and mixed them with my old blocks. It was a dream in the early days.

As migrating flights moved west and Horicon hunting slowed, I was fortunate to move to La Crosse, taking the school principal position in Holmen. The school district bordered the Mississippi River. What luck! I hunted before and after school whenever possible.

New buddies and I used old strip 14-foot wood boats with motors that always needed tweaking. We wound our way through the stump fields to shoot the back waters of the big river. We also walked the backwater areas near Trempealeau and Brice Prairie to jump shoot.

What great times! My children helped me pick up spent shells and were involved in reloading.

A job change brought me back to the Milwaukee area and back to Horicon Marsh. We made marsh skis out of ash wood planks eight feet long and eight inches wide. This gave us access to miles of cattails and ponds to jump shoot mallards. We used small boats or walked in from the dikes.

The time came when the birds were moving west and Horicon was too slow. We followed, finding 3000 to 4000 acre farms in North Dakota to hunt ponds and fields. We hunted there for 15 years until the farmer shut down the building we rented. With duck hunting slowing a little each year, we transitioned from waterfowl but still target pheasants and sharpshooters.

Hunting has been a lifetime pursuit; a hobby that made me the person I am today (good or bad). I still have 20 decoys from the early days on display in my home. I have bags of decoys in storage and my Mac Loader is still on my workbench turning out grouse and pheasant



A successful Canadian duck and goose hunt for author Dick Henske of Manitowish Waters and son Steve of Stevens Point.

loads. The steel shot needed for waterfowl sits in bags. I do load steel sometimes because on some restricted areas you can only shoot steel for pheasants and other game. At 87 years, I am proud to have shot only reloads all these years.

Today, I am a pass shooter and jump shooter in my area of northern Wisconsin still offering some great duck spots. This year,

I only hunted a slough off a huge lake and shot a few mallards and wood ducks. Duck hunting for me has changed. All or most of my buddies are done hunting or have passed away. I remember all the places I've loved with the people who shared them with me.

I do miss the "good old days." I'm slowing down, but quitting is not an option. If you rest, you rust. 🦆

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TOM MUELLER

Teaching Obedience

Improving your dog training

Training the average family dog to be as obedient as a retriever running in hunt tests or field trials is not a daunting task, but it does take a consistent effort. My first dog, Nugget, did not come from any hunting, hunt test, or field trial lineage, but she was obedient and she could hunt and retrieve. Looking back, and reflecting on how she did that, I realized I taught her to do that by training her to do that. Very simply, it was my effort to work with her on a consistent basis over an extended period of time that made her the obedient family dog that she was. Most members of the Fox Valley retriever club go through the same training process to teach their pups and young dogs to be obedient.

Most family dogs are brought into the home as puppies, but just as many arrive when

they are a bit older. Whichever the case, the training should start immediately. Give the dog a few days to get somewhat acclimated and then start teaching your obedience commands. Sit, stay, come, and heeling are the most important and the training of those commands is easiest done using food rewards. Those rewards are what make the dog focus on you, which is key to teaching the dog. Depending on the age of the dog, work on this for just a few minutes and then increase it to a 10 to 15 minute session each day. The sessions can be done once, twice or even three times a day.

The secret to the dog being obedient is consistency over a long period of time. Like playing a musical instrument, practice, practice and more practice is what makes one an accomplished musician. Over-training can get boring, but is worth the time spent. Additionally, reinforcing the command both positively as with food rewards and negatively as with a tug on the leash makes the dog learn to always comply. Something I've learned over the years from training retrievers is that it's far better to over-train than to train just enough to where the dog has learned the command. You want to teach the dog to always give you a solid response to any command. 🐾

Tom shares his skills teaching others how to train their retrievers at the Fox Valley Retriever Club. For more information, contact him at winddancer.rtrvrs@hotmail.com or Facebook.



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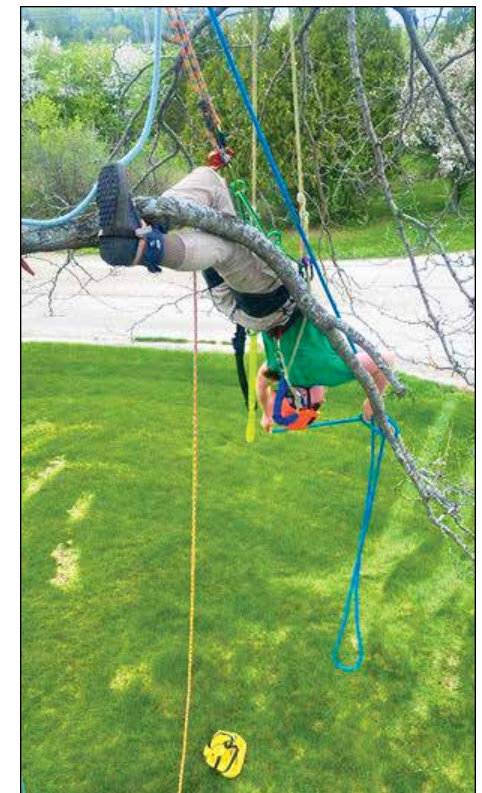
Look for these five symptoms of a sick or dying tree

If a tree falls in the woods, who cares if it makes a sound? On the other hand, when that sick ash tree in the front yard falls, the whole neighborhood will hear about it. Trees are seen as pillars of strength, enduring storms of all kinds until they don't. Seemingly overnight, that dependable wooden figure can end up strewn across the lawn when it was "just fine" last season. You can't prepare for everything, but keen-eyed homeowners can learn to spot the signs of a tree in distress. Take advantage of warm weather to inspect your property and be proactive about troubled timber.

Here are five signs that a tree is calling out for a professional arborist:

Altered leaves - Wisconsinites know that leaves are green in the summer and shades of yellow or red in fall. If leaves are yellowing, discoloring, dropping early, have stunted or disfigured growth, or are missing from large sections of the tree, something isn't right. Some symptoms may be purely cosmetic, while others can be signs of real issues. Browning and loss of needles are normal for conifers, too, just watch for any dramatic changes.

Peeling or cracked bark - The area directly underneath the bark is considered



Grace, a recent graduate of MATC Mequon's Landscape Horticulture program, practices a variety of rigging techniques and situations in a low-risk environment close to the ground. Photo Credit Grace Pribbernow.

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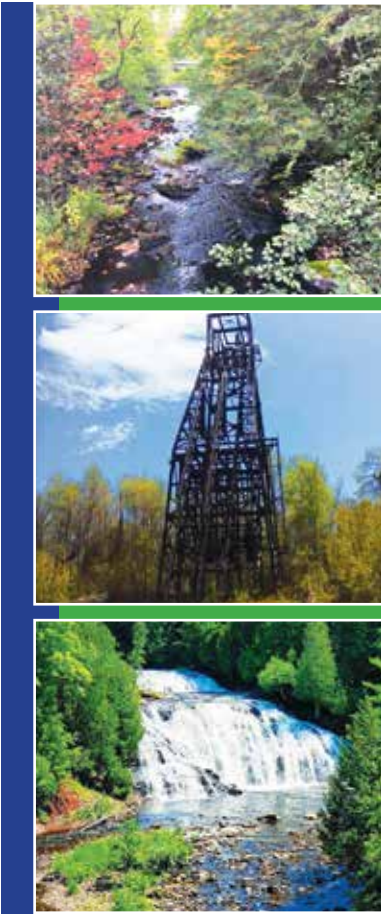
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Iron County has over 214 named lakes for fishing, paddling and simply enjoying. 154 of those lakes have public access, as well as 136 miles of trout streams. There are a variety of lakes that provide different fishing opportunities from bluegill to musky. Anglers have multiple options to fish lakes with primitive walk-in type access or developed boat launches. Detailed lake maps are available to help you experience the best adventure possible.

Iron County has over 170,000 acres of county land, much of it accessible through back roads and old logging trails. Adventurers can explore the area and camp for free, for up to two weeks. Campers are also welcome at county parks, including Weber Lake and Schomberg Park. Both have ATV/UTV trail access. Located close to Saxon Harbor, campers will find Frontier Campgrounds and the Driftwood, both privately owned with ATV/UTV trail access. Call our office for a guide to campgrounds.

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which will include live music, face painting, food, and more. For additional information, visit <https://www.familyadv.org/break-away-from-violence>

Car Cruise In On Main The Southwest Wisconsin Auto Club hosts their Third Annual "Cruise In On Main" event on Platteville's Main Street from 3 pm to 8 pm. All makes and models are welcome. This event has no entry fee and no admission charge. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Music will be heard coming from Historic Second Street as the Southwest Music Festival is under way. For more information, see the Southwest Wisconsin Auto Club Facebook Page.

Southwest Music Festival The gates for this year's festival open at 11 am with Stolen Grace beginning at 11:30 am. 2022's Emerging Country Artist of the Year, Donice Morace, will take the kickoff stage at 2 pm and play until 4 pm. The night continues at 5 pm with classic rock act Sonic Circus, featuring Platteville's own Jeremy Martens, followed by the country act, Madison County, closing out the show performing from 9 pm to midnight. Madison County is the WAMI People's Choice winner for six years in a row. Tickets are \$25 at the gate for all this entertainment beginning at 11:30 am and going until midnight. Advanced tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Platteville Chamber office or ordering from the website. 🎵

To learn more, visit www.platteville.com or call the Platteville Regional Chamber and Wisconsin Welcome Center at 608-348-8888. Details of the Hometown Festival Week can be found there as well.

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After a day of adventure, be sure to stop at any of the local establishments. A variety of cuisine is available from fresh homemade pastas and pizzas to prime rib or a fresh hand packed burger. The locally owned bars/restaurants specialize in fantastic food and friendly service.

Plan A Getaway And Enjoy Our Local Heritage

The Iron County Heritage Festival begins Friday, July 26 and continues through Sunday, August 11 throughout Iron County. Sign up for the Heritage Days Parade to be held on Saturday, July 27, held annually in Hurley. Featuring the famous Hurley Alumni Band along with many class reunion floats, everyone enjoys the parade. The parade starts at 2 pm. For more information, contact the Hurley Chamber at 715-561-4334.

Fun, food, music and raffles await at the annual St. Mary's Church Bazaar on Sunday, July 28. Starting at noon, you can enjoy fry bread, burgers and more. Bring the kids to enjoy games and don't forget bingo! For more information, call St. Mary's at 715-561-2606.

Iron County Fair will be held August 1 - 4 at the fairgrounds in Saxon. Friday August 2 is the 4H Youth Horse Show, Market Poultry Judging, live music beginning at 3 pm with "Flashback" and at 7 pm, the Whitehouse Players. Saturday's schedule includes the Antique Tractor Pull, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Horseshoe Tournament and live music at 3 pm with Bella Musik and Starlette's Web at 7 pm. Come on out to the fair for exhibits, rides and, of course, food!

Festival Italiano, Saturday August 31

A trip to Hurley for the last hoorah of summer won't disappoint! The day is filled with food vendors lining Silver



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**SPOTLIGHT | PRAIRIE DU CHIEN****The British are Coming to Prairie du Chien – July 15-16**


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Visit Villa Louis Historic Site for other exciting programs throughout July like the Riverfront Walking Tour, Free Speaker Series and Behind the Scenes Tours.

Prairie Dog Blues Fest – July 27-29

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How to Navigate Inflation While in Retirement

Retirement and longevity

If you're close to or in retirement, recent inflation has likely been unnerving, particularly given that stock markets have experienced significant volatility since early 2022. That is, you're looking at higher prices while parts of your portfolio have lost value and your purchasing power has slipped. So, how should you respond to protect your retirement goals?

When it comes to investing, the best strategy generally is to think long term, develop a plan with your advisor and don't panic. The long-term planning and diversification you and your financial professional have already done were designed to help you weather multiple scenarios, including rising inflation and zigzagging markets.

But what if you're in or nearing retirement? Then do you have cause to panic? No. There's still time to adjust your strategy and/or cut costs, and chances are your current retirement savings (paired with inflation-adjusted Social Security benefits) are already diversified enough to withstand inflation.

Maximize Steady Income

Social Security benefits and other annuitized income can help you keep pace with inflation during retirement. Most retirees, with a few exceptions, receive Social Security retirement benefits, which include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) designed to keep pace with inflation.

Because Social Security benefits are adjusted based on inflation, a portion of your retirement portfolio is already automatically protected from a significant erosion in purchasing power.

You can further strengthen your protection from inflation by including annuities with COLAs in your portfolio. Annuities are insurance contracts that pay out invested funds in defined, guaranteed monthly payments in the future (regardless of how the market is doing). When you choose an annuity, you can select one that includes a COLA to further strengthen this guaranteed source of income. Guarantees are based on the paying ability of the issuer.

Hurry Up And Wait

A diversified retirement portfolio may reduce inflation risks because some of the asset classes within it may perform well during times of high inflation, balancing out lost value from other asset classes.

But what if you're in or near retirement and fear you don't have enough time to make up for losses? That fear may drive action, but it's likely better to do nothing at first. It's time to use your sounding board. Before you make any changes to your financial plan, it's critical that you consult with your family and financial professionals to temper heightened emotions. Because each person's needs, goals and options are unique, a customized strategy based on your long-term goals is essential.

Next Steps

Work with your advisor to develop a long-term financial plan.

Examine your portfolio and research annuitized income sources to determine if they are right for you.

Avoid making emotionally driven or hasty investment decisions.

There is no assurance any investment strategy will be successful. Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of capital. Diversification does not guarantee a profit nor protect against loss.

Sources: investopedia.com; schwab.com; fidelity.com

For full article, please see: <https://www.raymondjames.com/commentary-and-insights/retirement-longevity/2023/04/14/how-to-navigate-inflation-while-in-retirement>.

SPOTLIGHT | **HAYWARD LAKES**

Strategies for Mid-Summer Bass

The Hayward Lakes area of Northwestern Wisconsin is best known for its giant muskies, but don't overlook the other species swimming in our pristine waters. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass are prevalent in the rivers, lakes, and streams here in the Hayward area. Not only are these fish increasing in size and numbers, but they are also becoming popular targets both for serious anglers and families looking to have fun fishing with their kids.

July and August can be challenging times to fish, with high pressure dominating the weather pattern and bright, sunny skies with little wind; but it is certainly possible to get on a good bite - you just need to know when and where to look for the fish.

If you are an early riser and like to get out on the water before it gets busy, topwater baits are your best choice for the first part of the day. Walking baits are a great choice when focusing on lake points and edges. Bass will move up in the morning to grab an easy meal. Don't be afraid to target open water just off points, as the fish will sit and wait to drive smaller baitfish into the point.

As the day progresses and the sun gets higher in the sky, both largemouth and smallmouth bass retreat to shaded areas or deeper water. Largemouth bass like to sit underneath the canopy of lily pads to find respite from the sun. Working a frog bait slowly over a field of lily pads is one of the most exciting ways to catch a largemouth bass. When the water explodes and your bait is suddenly engulfed and pulled under the pads, adrenaline kicks in for a fight to land the fish.

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Want to make a weekend out of it? There are primitive campsites to stop and set up camp along the way. Fishing your hobby of choice? Anglers can try their hand at catching everything from smallmouth bass to muskellunge, walleye,



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trout and panfish. Stock up on your supply and rental needs at AAA Sports Shop, located just off Highway 53.

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Whether you're looking to rough it in the great outdoors or prefer more of the family lodge feel, Spooner is the place for you this summer! Start planning your trip today at www.spoonerchamber.org. By Lauren E. Hartwig, Executive Director, Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce



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the week, including live blues every Monday. The 5Bar is another great stop for live music at night throughout the week.

Harry's Place offers free outdoor dance lessons followed by open dancing. The lessons are held every second and fourth Monday throughout June, July, and August. There's also free line dancing lessons at the Grand Avenue Pub on Wednesdays. Looking to let loose on the dance floor? Grand Avenue Pub, Coyote's Night Club, 5Bar, and The Club Tavern are just a few great options.

In August we welcome our Downtown Beloit Street Dance where hundreds of locals and visitors fill the 300 block of State Street with live music, dancing, beer, and good food. And it happens again in September for Oktoberfest! Both are hosted by the Downtown Beloit Association and are two of Beloit's most popular outdoor events.

Explore the music scene and hear the difference in Beloit with live music, night life, dancing, festivals, and outdoor concerts in the summer. Get all the details at visitbeloit.com/hear. 🎵

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Smallmouth prefer to go deep and hang around large boulders when the heat of the day hits. Targeting these fish requires some finesse, and a drop-shot rig is perfect for enticing these finicky swimmers. It's best to have your net handy, as light line set-ups can prove challenging with these feisty fish. The fight of the smallmouth is one of the very best, and landing these gorgeous fish for a quick picture and ultimate release is some definite summer fun! 🎣

Check out www.haywardlakes.com for more information on fishing in the Hayward area, along with the weekly Outdoor Report! Author Mindy Simon, Assistant Director of Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau.



The author after landing an exceptional smallmouth bass.

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Sugar Creek Park is a great spot for kids to play. Take a trip to the Farmers Market on Saturdays. Campsites are simple and cost only \$10 per night. Hike nearby Sugar Creek Bluff for a breathtaking, panoramic view of the Mighty Mississippi River Valley and its variety of wildlife. Bring your bug spray!

Ferryville events are a summer staple. On July 22, the River Bluff Daze Farmers' Market takes place from 9 am to 3 pm and a nature



Setting off to catch the "Big One." Photo by Sherry Quamme

hike starts at 8:30 am from Sugar Creek Bluff. Additional highlights include a tractor pull at the Community Center from 10 am to 1 pm. Check out the music downtown and cap off your adventure by watching free fire works by the Mississippi River.

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a "living" part of the tree, transporting water and nutrients throughout its systems. If large sections of bark are missing and expose the "dead" wood inside, those areas can become compromised. Without living tissue to cover that area, the inner wood becomes susceptible to moisture and pests before rotting.

Suckering - Trees enjoy balance in life as much as any of us. For as much vegetation there is above ground, there is typically an equal or greater amount of root mass underground. If the canopy of a tree is stressed, damaged, or dying, it may begin to grow suckers or shoots from the trunk and base to make up for lost energy production and to regain balance. Some species willingly send out new shoots, even when healthy, so watch for concurrent symptoms before raising alarms.

Messy Eaters - Everyone has to eat. Unfortunately, some organisms prefer the taste of wood. If you notice piles of sawdust around a tree, excessive holes in the bark, fungus growing from the trunk or branches, weeping or oozing, or other obvious signs that someone's been dining on your tree, there could be more issues lurking inside.

Narrow branch union - This natural process isn't caused by disease but still creates problems. The point where two or more branches of a tree connect is known as a crotch or union. When these branches are too close to each other, water, bark and other organic material become enveloped by the growing tree and create a point of weakness prone to breakage. Strategic pruning may remedy this problem.

This short list covers the basics of signs and symptoms to watch for. For pressing concerns, make sure to reach out to a local arborist sooner rather than later. Like any other professional service, don't be afraid to ask for references, license and insurance, quotes in writing, or a second opinion before moving forward. By catching problem trees early on, you'll be more flexible in scheduling and knowledgeable about your options. And if you're worried about missing that old tree once it's gone, the benefits are well worth it: peace of mind, a blank canvas, and wood for projects or bonfires. If all else fails, plant a new tree! 🌱

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is a dinner bell to a bear looking for an easy meal. Scent lures are what provides mature, wary bears the reassurance to enter a bait site.

How To Not Make This Mistake

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How To Use Scent Lures

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trees near your bait and you're set to go.

How To Maximize Your Scent Lures

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August is a gorgeous time of year in the Driftless Area and Ferryville is where you want to be. The Farmers Market has great produce, fruit from the nearby orchards, music, bakery, Amish quilts, crafts, pies, breads, canned goods and furniture. Explore the

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By Sherry Quamme, Ferryville Tourism Council



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August

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Head to Downtown Elkhorn for this summer's Elkhorn Truck & Shuck on July 29th. Taste-test delicious menus from 20 food trucks and visit the Sweet Corn Tent for locally sourced roasted sweet corn. Enjoy a cold brew in the park while listening to live music all day. Visit elkhornchamber.com

Keeping summer primed for FUN is DAS Fest USA at the Walworth County Fairgrounds August 4th - 6th. Celebrate German culture and cuisine in the heart of Walworth County. Three full days of Bands, Brats & Biers. Come raise a stein to support charitable organizations and #DiscoverYourDeutsch! Visit dasfestusa.com

Before heading back to school, head to the Walworth County Fair, August 30th - Sept 4th. The Elkhorn Community will welcome the 174th Walworth County Fair to highlight agriculture, performing artists, food and beverages. Guests will need all six days to eat their way around the fairgrounds and savor the flavor of summer at this hometown favorite! Visit walworthcountyfair.com

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JOHN ELLIS

Election Integrity in Wisconsin - Part One

How those we entrusted with election integrity have been taking it from us

In October of 2013, the Waukesha County Board approved a resolution to subsidize the purchase of new election equipment for its 37 municipalities. It did this without the knowledge or consent of Waukesha County residents. According to current Waukesha County Clerk Meg Wartman, there was no referendum on the issue. The amount of money allocated for the purchase was \$2,318,000. Agreements between Waukesha County and the participating municipalities were signed by former Waukesha County Director of Administration Norman Cummings and former Waukesha County Clerk Kathy Novack. Among the equipment subsidized were ballot marking machines to mark ballots for voters.

One of the participating municipalities was Muskego. There the Common Council and Mayor Rick Petfalski, again without the knowledge or consent of local residents, purchased eight Express Vote ballot marking machines. The machines were purchased from Election Systems and Software (ES&S), located in Omaha, Nebraska.

Express Vote ballot marking machines unnecessarily complicate voting by placing a computer interface between the voter and their ballot. They add multiple steps to the voting process and have a machine do for the voter, what the voter can easily do for themselves.

They also require annual maintenance from an ES&S technician, effectively "outsourcing" our elections. The people responsible for buying the machines cannot service them. *

When *On Wisconsin Outdoors* asked the mayor how the machines, which he signed off on, improved election integrity over traditional paper ballots, he didn't respond. Instead, he passed the question on to Muskego City Clerk Kerri Roller, who passed the question on to the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC). **

The WEC didn't answer the question either, but tried to divert from it by saying that the Express Vote machines meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. When we asked the WEC to cite where in the HAVA it said that a municipality could not be ADA compliant by using

traditional paper ballots, they said:

"The Wisconsin Election Commission cannot provide you with legal advice concerning compliance with HAVA or other laws relating to disabilities."

This reporter believes that the WEC did not answer the question because they know that municipalities can be ADA compliant using traditional paper ballots. There is nothing in the HAVA that says municipalities are required to use machines for voting. What the HAVA says is that whatever "system" a municipality chooses to use for voting, it must be ADA compliant and available at each polling place. The law provides protection for municipalities that use traditional paper ballots, and they're used all of the time for absentee voting. ***

Fundamental to having election integrity is voters having direct control over marking their ballots. But in Waukesha County, local politicians and government employees have been taking away that direct control, without the knowledge or consent of residents, by buying ballot marking machines.

There are only 10 months until Wisconsin's Presidential Primary Election and 17 months until the General Election. It's important that you contact your local clerk, alderman, or mayor, to find out what's been going on where you live. **** If your community has been buying ballot marking machines, don't use them. Vote early absentee if you can, but if you choose to vote on Election Day, remember that the simplest, and surest, way for you to mark your ballot is to put a pen to paper and mark it. ♻

*Muskego signed an annual service contract with ES&S for \$3,419.00.

**Not one politician or government employee responsible for buying ballot marking machines in Waukesha County could explain how the machines improve election integrity over traditional paper ballots.

***The relevant parts of the HAVA that cover this can be found in Title III of the law.

****While this article is about Waukesha County, *On Wisconsin Outdoors* believes that the buying of ballot marking machines is going on throughout Wisconsin. We suggest that you email your local officials so they're on the record. Ask them the same questions that we asked.



JOHN ELLIS

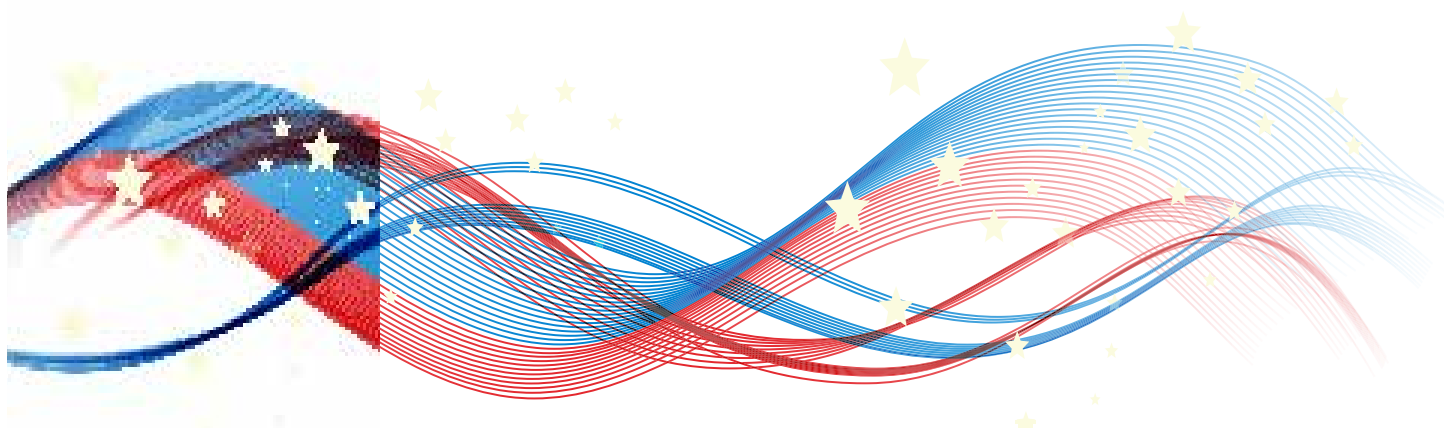
What Taking Election Integrity Very Seriously Actually Means

During Wisconsin's Spring Election, the City of Muskego mailed 10 absentee ballots to the wrong addresses. After the mistake was caught by an "educated voter," the mayor sent an email to City Council members stating that the mistake was caused by human error, corrected, and that the mayor takes election integrity very seriously.

On Wisconsin Outdoors only learned about this incident because a concerned City of Muskego employee sent us the internal email. We're confident that because of this report, this is the first time many Muskego residents are finding out about it.

When a politician or government employee says that they take election integrity very seriously, it has to be more than a cliché. It has to be demonstrated by what they do. A mistake like the one made in Muskego compromised election integrity, and government officials there had an obligation to tell residents what happened. This was not just an internal issue.

People need to know what kind of job those entrusted with running their elections are doing so they can decide whether or not they want them to continue running them. That's what taking election integrity very seriously actually means. ♻



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DICK ELLIS

The Real Insurrection *Media voter suppression*

Learning to critically read, listen to, and decipher “news” delivered by the media over the next 18 months will be critical to whether or not our Constitutional Republic survives beyond election day, 2024. It’s a somber message to hear as we celebrate Independence Day, in the wake of our nation “officially honoring and mourning” the more than one million men and women who have died in defense of our freedoms. It’s also the truth.

You are being misled by the media, via lies or complete omission of the news. The latter, the ongoing refusal to inform you at all, should be your first warning that the media is hiding truth necessary for a democracy to survive. Those who are confident in their position, or in this case reporting, want as many eyes and ears on the story as possible; the whole story. You, the voter, will cast your ballot then as your left or right or center beliefs compel you. It is as simple as that. No one hides in the dark what they should be shouting from the rooftops.

Media truth and transparency is imperative to survival of this cherished Republic. In 2016, we endorsed candidate Donald Trump for president. Trump had vowed to nominate to the Supreme Court only from a candidate list acknowledging their commitment to render decisions based on Constitutional principles. He kept that promise with his three appointments to the nation’s highest court, offering a temporary reprieve to an America that was staggered in 2016 and would have already perished had those appointments been filled with radical left Justices who embrace discarding the Constitution to govern from the bench.

Voter fraud involves “illegal” interference with the process of an election, either by increasing the vote share of a favored candidate, depressing the vote share of a rival candidate, or both. That would include violating state laws by allowing drop boxes, removing voting deputies from overseeing voting in nursing homes, or curing (fixing) ballots incorrectly filled out, all of which occurred in Wisconsin in 2020.

Voter suppression is a strategy used to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting. Voter suppression attempts to gain an advantage by reducing the turnout of certain voters. Suppression tactics like omission of news may be legal; it is our responsibility as American citizens to seek out the truth. But to label these daily media propaganda tactics anything less than lies would be a lie in itself.

As we head into our Independence Day the Supreme Court, led by Trump-appointed constitutionalist justices, rendered the following decisions:



1. Colleges cannot use affirmative action for admissions.
2. A Colorado website developer is not mandated to create websites for homosexuals because it violates her 1st amendment rights.
3. Biden’s \$400 billion student loan forgiveness program was struck down because he does not have that authority. Congress writes laws.

Whether or not you agree with those decisions is solely for you to determine. Shout it from the rooftop now. Cast your ballot on it later. The 1st Amendment is your unique American right.

But bet your Constitutional Republic on it. The media already is. 🗳️

Publisher’s Note: For a specific 12-page On Wisconsin Outdoors special report detailing omission of news and voter suppression in the Wisconsin media, connect after July 4 with “Ellis Blogs” at www.onwisconsinoutdoors.com.

JOAN ELLIS BEGLINGER

Elections Matter *Now more than ever*

This month, the Dane County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution making the county a “sanctuary” for “transgender and nonbinary” people, the first in the country. After four hours of public comment, mostly in opposition, the resolution passed 25 – 1. The resolution is considered a preemptive strike against any statewide legislation that attempts to restrict “gender affirming care” by banning puberty blocking drugs or surgeries for minors. The resolution “urges the sheriff to make enforcement their lowest priority” in the event such legislation is passed.

The liberal push to force mainstream society to embrace the lie of transgenderism is abetted by a media that has abandoned truth in favor of promoting the liberal agenda. Donald Trump correctly called the media an “enemy of the people” for the threat they pose to freedom.

The Associated Press (AP) has long been the go-to source for journalists. Their style book is a reference used by journalists everywhere. The AP just released new guidelines intended to suppress transgenderism as an ideology and require journalists, in the name of good journalism, to treat it as a fact. Included in the guidelines are:

“Do not use the term *transgenderism*, which frames transgender identity as an ideology.”

“Avoid references to a transgender person being born a *boy or girl* or phrasing like *birth gender*.” “*Sex assigned at birth* is the accurate terminology.” The document goes on to claim that “sex is usually assigned at birth by parents or attendants, sometimes inaccurately.”

The AP also bans journalists from referring to “*preferred* or chosen pronouns,” instead using phrases such as “*the pronouns they use, whose pronouns are, who uses the pronouns*.”

Regarding sports, the AP tells journalists to avoid “phrasing that misgenders people or implies doubt, such as *former men’s swimmer* or *currently competes as a woman*.”

The liberal campaign to normalize the lies that there are more than two genders and gender is a choice is intense and unrelenting. Make no mistake. Adults in a free society can live their lives as they choose and should always be treated respectfully. Mistreatment of any person for any reason cannot be condoned or tolerated. However, the campaign to confuse children with the lie that they can choose their gender, or be no gender at all, is doing real and lasting harm and must be aggressively defeated.

Creating a sanctuary for transgenderism is the focus of the Dane County story but it is not the only important lesson we should take from it. We are in the midst of the systematic dismantling of the branches of government, which were thoughtfully designed by our founders to maintain balance and protect freedom. Urging the Sheriff of Dane County to disregard the law within the text of a legislative resolution should alarm us. All across the country we are seeing district attorneys disregarding laws they are legally bound to enforce, legislatures neglecting to pass laws that are clear and reflect the priorities of the people who elected them, and judges who legislate from the bench rather than interpret the law. Our freedom will not stand if we allow the functions of government to collapse. Safeguarding our republic will require electing the right people at all levels and we have a lot of housecleaning to do. Elections matter...now more than ever. 🗳️



Presents Firearms Info from Ron Stresing

RON STRESING

Steel and Beyond *Non-toxic hunting loads*

State and federal laws mandate the use of non-toxic shot for waterfowl and some other hunting. Hunt mourning doves on your farm's back 40 and inexpensive lead trap loads are legal. Hunt them on state land and non-toxic shot is required. Steel or non-toxic shot has been required for all waterfowl hunting since 1978. There are, however, more effective legal, non-toxic alternatives to steel. New bismuth and tungsten alloy shot like TSS have become game changers.

Steel Shot: Probably 90% of the non-toxic shot used to harvest game is familiar steel shot. Most hunters know the rule of going one choke more open and a shot size larger. My advice is using the fastest loads of steel you can find. Doves are not very durable, and I've used old waterfowl loads and steel target loads of #7 shot for them. I've cleanly killed mature mallards and rooster pheasants with one ounce of high speed #6 steel and light modified choke. Switch to #3 or #4 steel for diver ducks and BB or BBB for harvesting Canada geese. BB and BBB will also work for predator calling raccoons or fox.

Bismuth Shot: Bismuth is about as "non-toxic" an element as you can get, as it's used in the popular over the counter

medicine Pepto-Bismol. Its stomach settling properties were used to treat GI's going overseas on troop ships during WWII. Bismuth shotshells seem to be more popular and easier to find than ever. Yes, it's pricier than steel, but allows the use of grandpa's old classic double barrel or other fixed, full choke guns. Steel loads could not only bulge the barrels, but break apart the soldering holding the barrels together. It's about 80% the density of lead shot, and patterns similarly. Today's bismuth shot is light years ahead of the bismuth that first came out in the 1980s. The first bismuth shot on the market tended to crack and the patterns would be a little sketchy from shot to shot. Today you can find a wide variety of bismuth waterfowl loadings in just about any gauge, for just about any game. I can even find bismuth shotshells for my 16 gauge guns! Yes, they are about double the price of premium steel.

Tungsten Matrix, Hevi-shot and TSS Shot: The heavier-than-lead properties of alloys like TSS (tungsten super shot) have made things like harvesting a turkey with a .410 and #9 shot possible. The high density also allows for tight patterns with the proper chokes, and using a much smaller diameter pellet. Smaller pellets allow for denser patterns. For example,



a #9 TSS pellet will carry the energy of a #6 lead pellet at the same velocity. When some of the first hevi shot alloy loads came out, I tried some in #2 shot. A friend had wounded a goose that was flying away and attempted a long shot to drop the wounded bird. The pellets dropped the goose at an honest 60 yards and all four pellets that hit passed clean through. Yes, it's very pricey. I think I saw a box of five .410 shells for about \$45.00!

No matter what the environment or the game in question, there is a non-toxic shot option to match your hunting needs.



BOBBIE SMITH

Breaking Boundaries

Shooting sports, archery programs prepare students for success

The USA High School Clay Target League and the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) are nonprofit organizations that are breaking boundaries set by traditional school sports. The target league provides extracurricular co-ed and adaptive shooting sports opportunities for students in grades six through 12. The league began in 2007 and is now the fastest-growing high school extracurricular activity in the nation. The 2022 season had 1,503 teams with 44,900 participants.

NASP is an in-school program for students in grades four through 12 that was spearheaded by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2002. Since its inception in 2002, NASP has put a bow and arrow in the hands of over 18 million students.

Both organizations stress patience, safety, teamwork, mental focus, ethics, self-discipline, and other imperative skills that prepare students for success as adults and a lifelong passion for shooting sports.

Participants don't need to be the biggest, fastest, or strongest to achieve success in trap and archery. These organizations provide students with activities that don't discriminate against participants based on their popularity, gender, or athletic abilities. Young men and women compete side by side. With the exception of ping pong, archery and trap are the safest extracurricular school sports. In fact, USA High School Clay Target League has no reported injuries since its inception in 2001.

NASP participants use the same state of the art Genesis bow that is designed to fit the individual needs of each participant. NASP allows modifications based on abilities. For example, a stroke survivor can use a mouthpiece designed to release the bowstring. The USA High School Clay Target League allows adaptive modifications such as allowing participants to shoot from their wheelchairs.

Blake Borman is a junior at Columbus High School in Wisconsin. He is a member of the Fall River Clay Target

Team and the Columbus Archery Team. Growing up, Blake struggled with traditional sports due to a social developmental disability, Autism, that affects his ability to communicate and interact with others and learn. As Blake got older, participating in traditional sports became extremely difficult, and he stopped participating. In 2019 Blake joined the newly formed Fall River Trap Team. In 2021 Blake joined the Columbus Archery Team.

The skills taught to participants by their coaches carry into education and adulthood. Through trap and archery, participants learn how to tune into their emotions, face them head on, and learn how to regulate them in a safe, controlled environment. For neurodivergent children (including ADHD, autism, and other disorders that create mental or neurological function that is different from the norm), this is an incredibly hard thing to do, but is equally as crucial to learn in order to navigate the world. For Blake in particular, trap and archery

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have completely improved how he is able to handle his emotions, and this skill has translated into his life in school, the workforce, and his relationship with friends and family.

The coaching and mentorship extend deep into the shooting community. For the past two years, Blake has attended the Wounded Warrior Fundraiser at the Waterloo Gun Club as well as many other shoots. At each of these events, seasoned shooters have offered up support and mentored Blake by offering conversation and encouragement, providing tips and techniques, and allowing Blake to test out different types of equipment, including guns. These wonderful interactions have aided in instilling a deep passion for and, most importantly, acceptance into a wonderful sporting community.

For more information on how to join, volunteer, start a team, support, or donate to your local trap or archery team, contact: USA High School Clay Target League at wiclaytarget.com/teams/NationalArchery in the Schools Program naspschools.org/



Blake Borman traveled to Louisville Kentucky in May along with the high, middle and elementary archery teams from Columbus to compete in the 2023 NASP National Tournament.




Logan Reader (left) and Blake Borman (right) both members of the Fall River High School Trap Team.



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Puzzle Piece

Putting together clues to determine the origin of a Luger

Some firearms get no respect. Rifles and handguns stamped with the names of their importers and/or assembled from non-matching number parts are the Rodney Dangerfields of guns among some collectors. But like Dangerfield, these weapons have a large and appreciative audience. These “lesser” guns often shoot as well or better than their matching-number counterparts and frequently have captivating origin stories.

The P08 featured in this article is one such gun and tracing its history has proven to be a fascinating and ongoing quest. P08s, commonly referred to as “Lugers,” made up of all matching parts and in the same condition as they left the factory, are easy to trace. Without much work, their manufacturer, source country, and assembly date can be found with a quick Internet search. Borrrring.

Mismatched parts guns are another story. A brand new, never fired, unissued, World War I-era Colt 1911 is a beautiful, collectible, and valuable handgun. But its life story in a sock drawer is not especially compelling. A German firearm surrendered to the Russians during World War II or gathered from an Eastern Front battlefield, rebuilt in the Soviet Union and stored in a Ukrainian salt mine in preparation for World War III, sold to a Western arms dealer and imported to the

United States for retail sale when the Iron Curtain fell, is a gun rich in history.

The story behind this Luger remains incomplete. After hours of research scouring firearm forums and books, the source and intended use of this gun remains somewhat of a mystery, although there are clues. But first a little background. The gun is in excellent condition, its replacement barrel marked “Made in Austria,” and it is bereft of any original markings, including serial numbers, date of manufacturer, and with one exception, proof marks. This gun was scrubbed of its original markings, rebuilt, renumbered and refinished. It exhibits post-World War II Vienna proof marks and a code suggesting that the work was done in Austria in 1963. No import marks are apparent, meaning the gun was probably re-armored and imported to the US prior to the Gun Control Act of 1968. The barrel and flat surfaces of the frame and receiver were highly polished before being reblued. Areas that were not easily accessible during the polishing process exhibit consistent freckling, leading me to believe that the gun may have been an intact, matching numbers example before being rebuilt.

A couple of clues hint to its original configuration. On the breech block, there remains a faint, but unmolested German

military proof mark used from 1908 to 1918. If viewed in just the right light, the ghost of a German DWM logo used from 1900 to 1922 can be seen on the highly polished toggle. Austria was aligned with Germany in World War I and World War II. When Austria began rearmament in the mid-1950s, further investigation revealed that the Bundes Heer, or army, rebuilt many P08s (and other guns dating to the World Wars) and removed them of most, if not all, vestiges of their past. Guns brought back into service by the Bundes Heer were proofed with the letters BH. Those without the letters were intended for civilian use.

What little material exists of Post War Austrian Lugers suggests that the Bundes Heer sold its surplus P08s to some unidentified commercial concern, my guess is Interarms, and these guns were then sold to US soldiers in the 1960s and ‘70s at PX stores.

That’s the story so far, and in view its storied history, this P08 deserves some respect. 🎯



Some highbrow collectors look askew at Lugers and other collectible firearms that don't have matching numbers.



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