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SPOTLIGHT | ELKHORN



Fall Season Brings More Reasons to Visit

Highlighting the fall season on October 19 is a local favorite, Elkhorn Oktoberfest. This one-day fest celebrates with German beer, potato pancakes and sizzling sausages! If live music, shopping, eating and beer tasting is your thing, then this is your reason for a day trip to Elkhorn!

Race to Elkhorn Oktoberfest! The early morning fun kicks off with the annual Oktoberfest 5K where racers enjoy a run or walk through the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Racers receive a commemorative tasting glass and complimentary beer ticket to celebrate crossing the finish line! Register to walk/run at 5kevents.raceentry.com.

The city streets of Elkhorn are lined with food trucks and boutique shopping and a classic car show starting at 9 am. Stroll two blocks of colorful cars and learn from the owners what makes their car special. Car show participants attend on a first come, first park basis.

Taste the German goodness on tap at the two Oktoberfest Beer Tents with smooth and delicious brews that include Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbrau, and Paulaner Oktoberfest beers. Making the menu is local brews from Duesterbeck Brewing Company located on Highway O just west of Elkhorn, www.dbcbrewery.com. Swing through this family-owned brewery Tuesday through Sunday to enjoy flights of locally crafted beer. With brews like Pig Farmer, Dairy Aire and Nutty Bill's, there is an entire menu of flavors highlighting the agricultural community and the beloved Duesterbeck family and friends.

Be sure to add the Apple Barn Orchard and Winery to your list of stops when visiting Elkhorn. Find year-round attractions like strawberry picking in the spring, pumpkin patches and apple cider donuts in the fall. The wine tasting and gift shop is good all year too! Check it out at applebarnorchardandwinery.com.

If gifts are what you're in search of, add the Holiday Craft Bash to the list! This one-day craft extravaganza hosted at the Walworth County Fairgrounds on October 6 is loaded with artisanal vendors and crafters. With over 300+ vendors and places to stop and grab a bite to eat, you'll spend the entire day strolling the beautiful fairgrounds.

Whether you're coming to raise a stein at Elkhorn Oktoberfest or making the trek to Elkhorn to procure seasonal pumpkins, apple cider donuts and do a little Christmas shopping, we're excited to welcome you to our quintessential community where our motto is, Small Town - Big Fun! 🍷



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CAPTAIN DAVE DUWE

Friends For Forty

Lake Michigan provides a lifetime of memories

Being born and raised in Southeastern Wisconsin, I know the quality of the Lake Michigan fishery. From a young age, I have been catching trout and salmon from Lake Michigan. Recently, I had a chance to fish with some of my dearest high school friends. We took off from Port Washington Harbor, located 40 minutes north of Milwaukee. A high school friend, Tim Mueller, owns and operates Renegade Sport Fishing.

His vessel of choice is a 36-foot Pacemaker Sportfisherman. This is a far cry from fishing out of his dad's small boat with a very stinky head that we used in high school. We didn't complain about the boat back then, and on nice days, we may have missed a lot of sixth and seventh hours our senior year. We caught a lot of fish and back then our biggest concern was who would pay for gas! On our recent trip last month, we caught up with friends that we haven't seen in twenty years and once the stories started, we realized that we had some terrific and some terrifying memories!

We started fishing straight out of the harbor mouth in 170 feet of water trolling out to 270 feet. Due to the clean water, most action comes away from the boat. This is accomplished by the use of planer boards. Their design allows you to move the lines away from the side of the boat. On this trip, we were fishing 12 lines without a single tangle.

The preferred trolling speed was 1.8 to 2 mph. To make sure the bait speed was correct, we used a Depth Raider. This device tells you both the trolling speed and water temperature at the downrigger ball which was 70 feet down. The best presentation was an eight-inch dodger with aqua/green flies or Moonshine spoons of similar color. Fishing is typically best at first light or dusk, however, we were there at mid-day due to our work commitments.

The seas were calm which was an added bonus. The fish did cooperate and we landed ten; coho salmon, rainbow trout and a lake trout. While the fishing was great, we found that it was actually a secondary event to reconnecting with old friends and talking about the good old days. Apparently, I have forgotten more of the stories than I can remember; it was a great reminder.

An Irish Proverb says: "There are good ships and wood ships and ships that sail the seas. But the best ships are friendships and that may always be."

Let this serve as a great reminder that while we love to fish, fishing with friends is always better!

Lake Michigan continues to be one of the finest salmon fisheries in the nation. It is a vital part of Wisconsin tourism. For charters on Lake Michigan, contact Captain Tim Mueller at 414-659-9577. 🐟



Captain Dave Duwe recently caught up with high school friends, including some he hasn't seen in 20 years, for a Lake Michigan fishing trip.

DENNY MURAWSKA

Gourmet Trout

Marinating mythology

I recently tuned into a television program that featured delicious recipes for trout. I have tried a number of these and they are truly gourmet dishes. However, one recipe had me alarmed. The trout was fresh, and the preparation involved marinating the raw fish in a lime juice concoction. It is believed by many that this "cooks" the fish, and makes it safe for consumption. The bitter truth is, only heat cooks fish. More importantly, such pickle mixes do not kill stages of worm parasites in the fish that continue their life cycle in you, the new human host.

As a lover of sushi, I have consumed more than my share of raw fish. However, these consisted of saltwater varieties like tuna. It is species of freshwater fish or salmon that migrate into fresh water that can cause trouble.

Allow me to introduce *Dipyllobothrium latum* that inhabits such game species as trout, walleye, and pike. Part of the complex life cycle of this worm is spent in tiny planktonic crustaceans, which are consumed by small fish. In turn, predatory fish feed on the little guys. Within the predator, development of larval worms continues. The final host can be any fish eating mammal, including humans. Here, it matures into the classic tapeworm shape that produces massive amounts of eggs which are shed into water. It is with morbid fascination that I mention the length of these worms. How about over 30 feet? Thatsa lotsa linguini.

It always amazes me how even educated, intelligent people continue to perpetuate the myth that citrus juice or vinegar "cooks" raw fish. Would you try this with a trichina infested bear backstrap? The good news is fish that is frozen for over seven days has its parasites killed, and can then be made into a tasty sushi dish or ceviche. Pickled pike is a favorite of mine, and there is no reason to shun this treat. Just don't try it for shore lunch. 🐟



Located in the southwest corner of the state, **Mineral Point** is on the **Cheese Country Trail**. It's a stunning **47-mile ATV route** that offers a unique and picturesque way to explore the countryside. Passing through dairy country and farms that supply milk for Wisconsin's renowned cheese, this trail is a favorite among **ATV and UTV riders**, as well as mountain bikes and hikers.

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Visit www.mineralpoint.com for questions.

Sawyer County-Better Yet

County opens highways to ATV use

After months of informational county meetings, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors voted “yes” in May of 2024 to open our county roads to ATV use.

Less than a month later, the county highway department finished installing the ‘all roads open’ signs and we launched into an exciting new state of better connectivity between our four popular trail systems and the businesses ready to serve our ATV riders.

All our county trunk highways (roads named with letters) are now ATV routes, with the exception of county highways within the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians reservation (LCO). There are a few ATV routes on county roads within LCO, and we hope more will be open in the future. For now, riders must pay attention to mapping/signage to guide them on legal routes through LCO.

Perhaps County Highway B will prove to be the greatest connector of all. This long road stretches from Hayward to Winter and

allows access to all four of our forested trail systems as well as a plethora of businesses eager for ATV traffic. It is also the busiest road in our county, so we urge riders to be very cautious.

The posted automobile speed limit applies to ATVs on our county roads, unless posted otherwise, and we’d like riders to keep up with highway traffic for safety reasons. If riders are not comfortable, or their machines are not capable of traveling highway speed, they should choose an alternative route.

Riders should know that township roads are not covered by this recent action. Each town in our county determines its own ATV usage on their town roads. Most of our towns are currently open to ATV use though, with only four left to hopefully follow suit in the future.

Please riders, state highways (numbered) are not legal to ride unless specifically marked with ATV route signs.

What is the best way to navigate your



County Roads in Sawyer County are open to ATV use.

way around Sawyer County? We suggest riders use the app Trail Treker for the most accurate mapping. Our paper map, published each December, will show the new routes and other improvements as well.

Keep up with trail/route developments and mapping by visiting www.sawyercountyalliance.com or our popular Facebook page, and riders can also find trail

conditions, lodging options, and more at www.haywardlakes.com.

Plan your next ATV adventure in Sawyer County. Our variety of wooded trails and improved connectivity is ready and waiting for you! 📍

By Cathy LaReau, Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance.

TOM LUBA

Fall River Fishing

Shake off the summer heat, turn it up on the water

Early September gives anglers reason to applaud, as the fishing south of Labor Day can make up for time lost to the summer heat. To maximize Fall outings, consider a river, where fish are constantly active from dealing with moving water. Current flow impacts multiple species, like smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye and even panfish. Cooler nights push fish in summer locations to group up.

River smallmouth move the most, from shallow riffles toward deeper water. Some also travel down feeder rivers and join

resident bass heading to wintering holes.

Sixty degree water is the turning point. Seek shallower locations that hold food, because several groups may use them. Key areas should have current breaks, like rocky shorelines, laydowns or sunken wood.

Early, fish deep diving crankbaits, like brown, red craw or firetiger patterns. That lets you cover water fast and find active fish. These holding areas can be good, year after year.

Further cooling pushes the bass deeper and eventually to wintering areas, usually

around 20-feet deep.

When water hits 48 degrees, a switch to jigs and plastics will fare better. Tube jigs in crawfish color or Green Pumpkin produce. Flukes, and Zoom’s four-inch watermelon seed centipede drifted along bottom with a 1/16 ounce weight can score big during October. Another choice is a 3/8-ounce swing jig, with its free swinging hook. Tipped with a plastic bait like Berkley’s MaxScent Creature Hawg, it can be reeled slowly across bottom. Forty-degree water



River smallmouth school up as they move toward deeper wintering areas. Find one and you can find a bunch.

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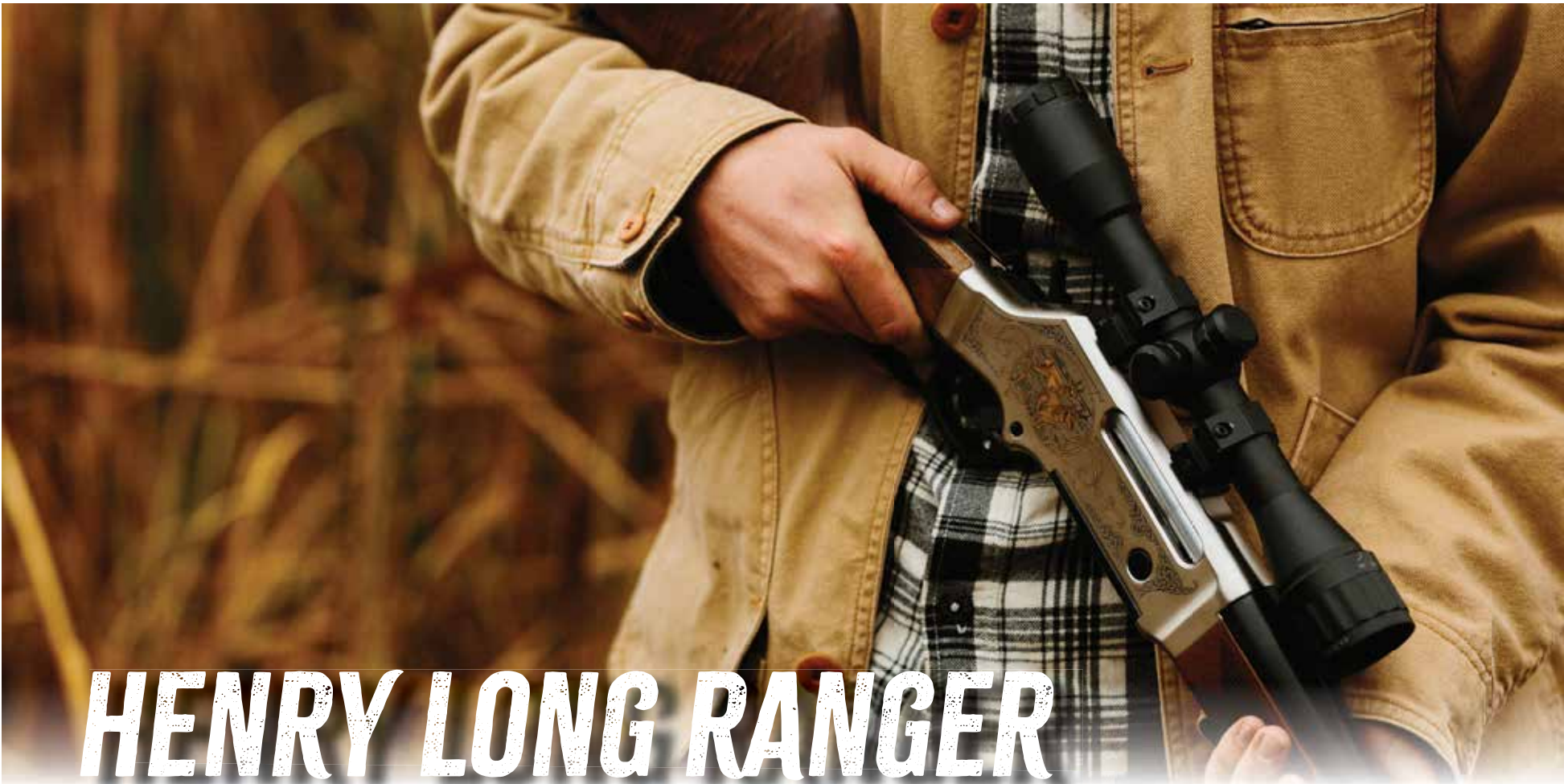
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DAN MOERICKE

An 'Up Nort' Report *Smoke on The Water*

I'm a big fan of smoked fish, and, in my opinion, cisco can be one of the best.

Cisco are also called lake herring or tullibee, but they're all the same fish - a deep water fish that serves as forage for musky, walleye, northern pike and lake trout. They're also pretty fun to catch and serve as great forage when smoked and placed on a cracker.

So, it was great news when my friend Karl Guenther told me that he was catching cisco with regularity. My buddy Puck Johnson and I jumped into Karl's boat at the first opportunity to learn how he was doing it. Our smokers were poised and ready.

Karl got us onto a deep water lake and we spent probably twenty minutes just cruising around until he marked a school of our target fish on his electronics. They were suspended between 35 and 40 feet down in 60 feet of water. Using his trolling motor and electronics,

Karl kept us over the school and the fish bit willingly.

These were nice fish, running between 14 and 17 inches and deep bodied. We were using spinning rods rigged with braided line and a three-foot leader of fluorocarbon. Buckshot rattle spoons were the bait of choice and in a couple hours of vertical jigging, we had a cooler full of cisco on ice.

After gutting and scaling them, I put mine in a salt brine for 24 hours. Then, after drying on racks for six hours or so, into the smoker they went at about four hours at 200 degrees using apple wood for the smoke. They came out golden and delicious.

Some fishermen are interested in finding cisco in hopes that there will be a musky or lake trout in the vicinity. I'm more interested in catching them and firing up my smoker.

Smoke on the water, man! Just sayin'. 🐟



Going from the lake to the smoker. Cisco are tasty!

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PHIL SCHWEIK

Fall Frenzy *Taking on the entire autumn fishery*

When it comes to fall fishing, most of my clients are targeting muskies. I would say that at least 80 to 90 percent of them are looking for that one big fish. They want their shot or opportunity at tangling with the largest fish in the system, and with a little luck they usually get that opportunity.

But what about the other 10 to 20 percent of my clients? What do they want to do? Instead of chasing after that one big fish, they know that fall is the best time to target the rest of the fish in the system. Not only do the muskies turn on the feed bag in the fall, so do the rest of the species of fish in the system. As long as you know how and where to look for them, you can have some outstanding fall days on the water.

How does a 100-fish day of walleyes or crappies sound to you? This is not impossible, and actually more probable than not, especially in the fall where we see multiple 100- to 200-fish days by targeting specific areas that will attract and hold them.

When it comes to finding these fall fish, I like to look for areas that have two things in common, one being some depth greater

than eight feet and the second is some sort of wood structure. The water provides a sense of security, and the wood provides cover. You find these two things in common, and you will find fish.

Once these locations are found, targeting the fish is easy. I have two methods of presentation. One is a simple lead head jig tipped with a fathead minnow that I vertically jig right down in the structure. The second method is a small octopus hook, in red, baited up with a fathead minnow and set below a slip bobber. Make sure that you set it high enough over the structure so you do not get tangled in the wood.

These two methods will catch any fish that hangs around this structure day in and day out. You may want to mix it up a little and try a piece of worm or maybe some plastics if you like, but this is a sure fire method for putting fall fish in your boat.

Have fun and good luck! 🐟

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John Niko and Ron Hall with some nice walleyes.



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TOM CARPENTER

Ruffed Grouse

Every hunter's gamebird

While sometimes called “the king of game birds,” ruffed grouse are anything but elite. Rather they are “every hunter’s” bird. If you are an experienced hunter who has yet to know the magic of pursuing ruffed grouse in Wisconsin’s fall forests, make this season the one. If you are a new or “newer” hunter, ruffed grouse hunting is just the ticket to some great days afield and perhaps a new hunting passion.

Public Lands If there is any limitation to being a hunter in the age in which we live, it is having access to places to hunt. Ruffed grouse solve that problem by living in our northern forests, where public land abounds. You could hunt a hundred lifetimes on land you own, and never hunt the same place twice.

Get an app like onX Hunt, or use a tool like the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ “Public Access Lands” page online.

No Dog Needed While having a dog is ideal for every game bird hunting situation, ruffed grouse are one bird you can hunt effectively without a bird dog to help.

Walk slowly through grouse cover (more on that follows), never taking a straight and predictable line. Zig. Zag. Mosey. Pause often. Birds will get nervous and flush.

If you can hit a grouse on the wing (no small feat), they stay put when down and you can go pick them up. Keep your eye on the spot and make a beeline.

If you have a dog, take it! Any nose will help for finding birds a) to shoot at and b) when you hit one.

Know Grouse Cover Grouse are birds of the young or successional forest. They do not live where tree trunks are big and walking is grand. Rather, grouse live where tree trunks are small (think buggy-whip to baseball bat to arm sized) and close, and walking takes some weaving and work. Aspen forests are prime.

Grouse like to be on edges or seams between cover types. A forest-to-marsh edge, and a forest-to-meadow edge, are classic examples. Grouse also like tag alder patches.

Another great place to hunt ruffed grouse is along tote trails, logging trails, trails for winter snowmobiling and other corridors through cover. There is an edge factor here, and clover in the trail is often an extra attraction for the birds. You probably will shoot more birds by working actual cover, but trails are mighty pleasant to walk and hunt.

Simple Gear You don’t need tons of gear, or fancy gear, to hunt ruffed grouse.

*Shotgun (Use an open choke such as improved cylinder, and size 7-1/2 shot in a low brass load)

*Good Boots (You’re going to be walking a lot; waterproof is good)

*Tough Pants (You’ll be walking through thorns and briars; chaps are an option)

*Hunting Vest (To carry your shotgun shells, any birds you get, water bottle and a



snack)

*Don’t forget to wear hunter orange.

Get Walking Wild places. Forests ablaze with fall color. Miles to walk. A ruffed grouse out there somewhere, ready to thunder-flush and stop your heart as you swing that shotgun fast. And great eating.

Need you any more reasons to get out ruffed grouse hunting this fall? 🦌

Native son Tom Carpenter has been hunting ruffed grouse for 39 years now.

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It's time! You've scouted, found the perfect site, baited diligently and now the season opener is right around the corner. You have bears coming in and have a spot on the wall picked out for your rug. However, when it comes down to the wire it's not always that easy. Here's our top five tips to know before hitting the stand this season.

Scent, Scent, Scent

You've heard us preach it time and time again, for good reason. Scent is one of the most overlooked keys to harvesting a bear. You should never stop putting out bait because one, it continually draws in bears. Two, it lets them know the bait is fresh and that they should check it out. Three, it covers your own scent when you're in the stand, but be sure to never actually apply scent directly to your clothing.

Dawn and dusk

If you're limited on time, just like other wildlife, dawn and dusk are when bears are

most commonly active and will hit your bait. However, most dedicated hunters will sit from sun up to sun down the first few days to ensure the highest odds of harvesting a bear.

Play to the wind

If you're an avid deer hunter you've heard this line before, but with bears it's even more important. Black bears' sense of smell is 100 times greater than humans and even more powerful than a bloodhound. If your bait is downwind from your stand, don't set it!

Go for the double lungs

Different from deer hunting, you almost always want to aim for the lungs on a bear. A double lung shot will often kill an animal quicker, is a larger target and are further away from big bones that will stop penetration. Also note that with the large amount of fat and thick hair that bears

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Discover Marinette's Spectacular Fall Color Tours

Whether you're a local resident or a visitor looking to experience the magic of a Midwest autumn, Marinette's fall color tours provide the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the season's splendor.

The Great Northwoods: A Kaleidoscope of Colors The region's diverse mix of hardwoods, including maples, oaks, and birches, ensures a vibrant and varied color palette that reaches its peak from late September through October.

One of the most popular ways to take in the fall colors is by exploring Marinette County's extensive network of scenic byways and backroads. The Peshtigo River Road, for example, winds through some of the most picturesque areas of the county. The Menominee River Road is another

must-see route and provides access to several scenic overlooks and parks.

Explore the Waterways For those who prefer to experience fall's glory from the water, Marinette's many rivers and lakes offer an unparalleled perspective. Kayaking or canoeing on the Menominee or Peshtigo Rivers is an unforgettable experience.

Head Out Into The County And Explore The Walking And Biking Trails

While exploring, head to one of Marinette County's 15 waterfalls. Make lifetime memories with family and friends.

Hiking Through a Natural Wonderland If you prefer to explore on foot, Marinette offers a variety of

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SPOTLIGHT | PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Discover a Hidden Gem This Fall

As autumn paints Southwest Wisconsin in vibrant hues, Prairie du Chien beckons with a charm that captures the essence of the season. Nestled along the Mississippi River, this historic town offers a unique fall experience blending natural beauty and rich heritage.



Fall transforms Prairie du Chien into a kaleidoscope of color. Explore the scenic landscapes, where the fall foliage creates a breathtaking backdrop for hiking and biking. The crisp, cool air and the rustling of leaves make for a perfect outdoor adventure.

History enthusiasts will find a treasure trove of sites to explore. Visit the Fort Crawford Museum and the Villa Louis Historic Site and learn about how 19th-century frontier life made Prairie du Chien so unique. Stroll through the quaint downtown area, where local shops and eateries offer seasonal treats and unique finds.

Prairie du Chien and Crawford County hosts charming fall festivals, celebrating local culture with artisan crafts, live music, and delicious seasonal fare and all the apple orchards. Whether you're drawn by the natural beauty, the rich history, or the festive spirit, Prairie du Chien promises a memorable fall getaway.

For more information on how to make your Prairie du Chien experience memorable this fall, visit prairieduchien.org or contact the Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce @ 800.732.1673.



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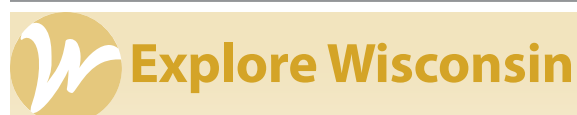
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Fall is a great time to explore new places, and few small cities can boast the allure of cozy Cedarburg! Located just north of Milwaukee, Cedarburg is a great place for an overnight getaway - its walkable downtown is perfect for couples or friend groups, and many of its boutique shops, restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, galleries and attractions are housed in beautifully restored historic buildings along the main street.

The historic downtown is built along meandering Cedar Creek and is anchored by two mills - one houses the three-story Shops of Cedar Creek Settlement, and the other is the creekside home to one of several of Cedarburg's breweries. Whether you're sitting along the creek enjoying the crisp

fall air, or popping in and out of the many shops and stops, Cedarburg is sure to delight all the senses!

Fall weekends bring thousands of visitors to Cedarburg for some of the state's most popular festivals: Wine & Harvest Festival (September 21 - 22) closes down Washington Avenue and fills the streets with hundreds of artists and artisans, plus music stages, food and drink venues and fun fall-themed activities including the Great Pumpkin Growers Weigh-Off and the Giant Pumpkin Regatta, where teams paddle huge hollowed-out pumpkins across Cedar Creek to win prizes. Weeks later Festivals of Cedarburg hosts Oktoberfest (October 5 - 6) with huge tents erected over dance and music stages,

fun competitions, German food and beer, and a live Glockenspiel that delivers laughs every few hours. October also offers the Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour (October 11 - 13), a self-guided tour where dozens of local artists open their studios to the public.

Bike-friendly Cedarburg is also a convenient stop along the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, a 30-mile, family-friendly, paved bike trail that is open year-round and free to all users. 🚲

For more information on these events and others, as well as where to stay when you're in Cedarburg, visit cedarburg.org. For information on Festivals of Cedarburg, visit cedarburgfestival.org.



SPOTLIGHT | FERRYVILLE



We Love Ferryville. You Will, Too.

Fall comes quickly to the Mississippi River Valley and Ferryville. The cool breezes and glorious sunsets capture the spirit of visitors and locals alike with anticipation of the Fall hunting season, tours to see Fall colors and Fall fishing unlike any other place.

This is the core of the Mississippi River Flyway, which means the ducks, geese, swans, white pelicans and so many other birds are organizing to fly south to their winter homes. On the 100-year-old Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge, you can hunt ducks and geese from the islands of the Mississippi River or from boats along the bogs and shorelines. You can fish from the waters that are home to many species and you will get your limit daily. The local Ferryville Boat Launch is ready for you and your boat, your group and your gear. Ferryville is also a pet-friendly place.

There is always the adventure on the Great River Road that runs along the Mississippi River, providing you with that wonderful expanse of brilliant Fall Colors on the bluffs and along the coulees (valleys of the region). Stop in for great food at the Wooden Nickel Saloon, Swede's Swing Inn or grab a to-go sandwich or pizza at Ferryville Cheese. Stay at one of the vacation rentals or Grandview Motel to be able to take it all in and relax. WiFi is good and so is your cell phone service.

Then on Saturdays you can take in the local Farmers Market in Sugar Creek Park or do a hike on Sugar Creek Bluff. Try the local wineries in Ferryville and the area. Be casual and wear comfortable shoes wherever you go because here in Ferryville, you can just be yourself. The welcome mat is out and you are always welcome here. 🍷



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October 10

Soup and Salad Supper, 5-6:30 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

October 12

*Final Farmers Market, 9 AM - 1 PM
Sugar Creek Park*

November 14

Soup and Salad Supper, 5-6:30 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

November 25

Christmas Tree Lighting—Light the tree, visit with Santa, sing carols, and enjoy treats. 6-7 PM.

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SPOTLIGHT | PLATTEVILLE

Celebrate Fall in Platteville

There is much to see and do in Platteville. Platteville celebrates the agriculture and dairy industries each year during the second weekend of September by hosting its Dairy Days Celebration and Historic Re-Enactment. Both events start on Friday, September 6 and run through Sunday, September 8. Learn more below.

FARMER'S 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 Platteville Farmer's Market is the place to find everything from delicious vegetables to a variety of flowers and great gift items to canned preserves and just about everything in between. All Market products are locally grown, harvested, or handmade by local vendors.

HISTORIC RE-ENACTMENT

Experience life as it was like during the

early 1800s at the 27th Annual Historic Re-enactment held at Mound View Park. Demonstrations may include activities associated with period blacksmiths, woodworkers and the everyday life of colonial men and women. Experience a voyager camp, military demonstrations and Native American storytelling. Kids will love the children's games and food. There may be a frybread vendor present throughout the event.

Friday is "School Day" and the Historic Re-enactment provides students with a memorable, up-close look at the history of our region and our country. As always, this event is available free of charge to you and your students. Students will learn about early Wisconsin's role in war, trade, cooperation, and communication in the region and world. Students will explore the contributions and heritage of native nations, including Ojibwe and Potawatomi.

Demonstrations may feature traditional hunting and trapping, lead mining, 1750s French and 1812 American military life, historic music, canon and musket firing demonstrations, historic foodways, traditional woodworking, blacksmithing and silversmithing.

Hours: Friday 8 am - 4pm, Saturday 11 am - 5pm, Sunday 10 am - 3pm. Location: Mound View Park

DAIRY DAYS

This year Platteville Dairy Days celebrate 77 years on September 6, 7 and 8. Many events will be free of charge, including the parade down Main Street, Main Stage entertainment, and exhibits by local students and adults. The Dairy Days celebration is supported by Platteville businesses through sponsorships and providing volunteers. The Platteville Regional Chamber coordinates the parade and assists the Dairy Days committee with

website and promotional materials.

This fun-packed weekend starts Friday with a flea market, amusement rides, beer tent, and musical entertainment. The Main Street Parade on Saturday morning is a must see, with upwards of 80 entries. After the parade, head up to Legion Park, enjoy the flea market and plenty of "fair food!" Evenings are filled with truck and tractor pulls, live music, and more. Make sure to come back on Sunday for the dairy goat show and music on the Main Stage. Then head over to Platteville High School for the 50th annual car show and swap meet hosted by the Southwest Wisconsin Auto Club.

See the Platteville website: www.plattevilldairydays.com for more information. Location: Legion Field.

To learn more, visit www.platteville.com or call the Platteville Regional Chamber and Wisconsin Welcome Center at 608-348-8888.



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On The Cover

Brendan Wherley of Sun Prairie took this 14-point buck with a bow during the peak of the rut November 5th at noon in Columbia County, located in southern Wisconsin. It was Brendan's 12th buck seen that morning. OWO posts a wolf photo received from a Columbia County hunter on page 4. Will southern Wisconsin deer hunting remain outstanding as the growing predator population expands from the north?



SPOTLIGHT | **ALGOMA****CAPT. LEE HAASCH**

Delivering The Extraordinary

Looking for a great adventure this fall? Check out Algoma. From picking apples to visiting the farmers' markets to taking in a kermis or two, the Algoma area has lots to offer as the leaves turn colors.

Fall festivals are happening throughout the area and Algoma hosts the Wet Whistle Wine Fest in mid-September. Almost every weekend you can attend a community festival and enjoy some of the most delicious local ethnic food fares imaginable. A short distance away you can attend a Packer practice or take in a game and tour the Packer Hall of Fame.

From canoeing and kayaking to waterfowl hunting, this is truly a special place. Kewaunee County has hundreds of acres of public hunting land and many of them are stocked with ring neck pheasants. Rich in agriculture, this area produces large numbers of whitetail deer and trophy bucks are a common sight. The Lake Michigan shoreline attracts flocks of geese and the

annual migration of ducks give waterfowl hunters plenty of action.

The Ahnapee River running through Algoma is full of chinook salmon, brown trout and even coho salmon. But my favorite is heading off-shore in one of the many local charter boats and filling a cooler with silver steelhead and young salmon.

Fall is harvest time in Wisconsin and the Algoma area offers the beauty of fall colors, wonderful opportunities to get farm fresh products, award winning wines, local apple and cherry products, and is home to the "Sport Fishing Capital of the Great Lakes." Visit Algoma. We've got it all!

Experience the great fishing Lake Michigan has to offer. And if you want BIG fish, check out Algoma! For charter information or fishing reports, visit our facebook page at: Algoma, Wisc. For fishing, a calendar of events, or activities, visit our website: VisitAlgomaWi.org

LUBA, FROM PAGE 4

dictates a switch to minnows.

Throughout the Fall, northern pike also visit these feeding areas. We've caught fish up to 18 pounds while bass fishing. By the end of October, pike move into backwaters and sloughs; jigs and minnows work best.

Walleye are also on the fall menu, and they'll smack a smallmouth bait, too. High water can motivate walleyes. Vertical jigging deep areas and eddies near deep water produce. Live bait and low light help the bite.

Fall crappie also school up. On the main river look for bottom cover that breaks the

current. You'd be surprised how many fish can pack into a small area. Don't overlook slower current bends, or the slack current in eddies. Significant surface traffic can push them flush to bottom.

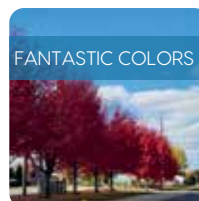
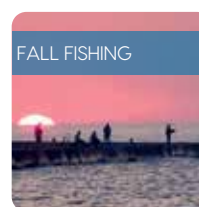
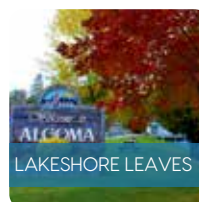
Don't overlook the backwaters for crappie. They will suspend or go deeper here. Start with a slip bobber depth that parallels the first drop-off, then adjust. A light jig (1/32 ounce) and a fathead minnow lets you probe depths, and a drop shot rig can suspend bait at a set depth.

Bluegills also use backwaters. So carry some red worms or crawlers, just in case.

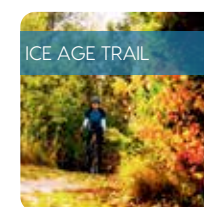
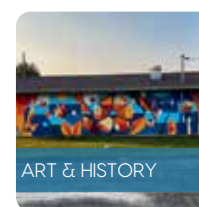
Now's the time to shake off the summer heat and turn it up on those fall fish.



Wet Whistle Wine Fest is fun for the whole family including the grape-stomp competition.



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With opportunities to fish, shop, camp, gamble and ride the scenic trails this fall, everyone can find something they love in Turtle Lake. 🍷



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While summer might be closing out, there's no need to panic! There's still more than enough time to come up north and spend some time on Iron County's trail system before snow flies. The best part about it? The fall colors. On full display and in bloom, you're sure to catch some beautiful scenery while you're off exploring the trails, or just heading off the beaten path for a while. Enjoy the crisp and clean fall air, along with our well maintained trail system. While you're at it, be sure to check out Mercer's Pumpkin Run ATV/UTV Rally taking place from October 10 – 13. These are some of the best months to get out and explore.

For those who aren't huge into ATVing, don't worry. Now is the perfect time to start planning your snowmobiling trip!

ATV trails officially close when snow flies, or December 1 officially, so be sure to get all your accommodations booked, and get in touch with us at the Hurley Chamber of Commerce so we can help you fill in any missing gaps or information. The best part about it? It's FREE. We can send you a snowmobile map, trail map, and even destination guides for Iron County. Call us at 715-561-4334 and we can help you get started today. 🍷



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Reelistic Replicas' Fish Reproductions

Taxidermy is an art that is created through a variety of mediums. There is the version most everyone is familiar with, that which is done with animal skin. Fiberglass replicas made from pictures of trophy or otherwise noteworthy fish and animals have become increasingly popular.

While fiberglass and skin are different mediums, they do share one common trait: They are expensive, sometimes prohibitively so, and some folks object to the art of skin taxidermy.

Brian Luoma of Reelistic Replicas has developed an innovative and cost-effective alternative to traditional fish taxidermy. Using his unique technique, Reelistic Replicas employs specialized printing methods to produce vibrant fish reproductions that create the illusion of depth. Through the interplay of shadows, highlights, and visual textures, these reproductions achieve a remarkable trompe-l'oeil effect, tricking the viewer into perceiving a three-dimensional object on a two dimensional flat surface.



Brian's technique utilizes the interplay of shadows, highlights, and visual textures to create an optical illusion, tricking the viewer's eyes into perceiving a three-dimensional object where there is only a flat surface.

It is said that with adversity, comes opportunity. Brian had to face among the greatest of adversities - Muscular Dystrophy (MD). He had been an avid angler for many years who used to fish and explore the lakes of Northern Minnesota, Canada, and

beyond. His passion was cut short by F.S.H. Muscular Dystrophy, which left him too weak to continue his fishing adventures.

But Brian was not going to let MD define him. He was an artist at heart and owned a print shop. He was also blessed with a

father who was a metallurgical specialist. With these resources, Brian created a technique to create lifelike fish replicas out of two dimensional (flat) laser-cut metal. Over the course of nearly a decade, Brian gradually improved his technique to the point that his work was virtually indistinguishable from the real thing. His creations include brook trout, walleye, crappies, bass, muskies and more.

Today, Brian's creations range from key chains to replicas of full-size muskies. Whether inches or feet in length, they are amazingly realistic and 3D in appearance. The price for these masterpieces are very affordable - \$19.95 for a key chain to several hundred dollars for full-size replicas with personalized backgrounds. A beautiful representative sample of his work, a personalized 18-inch crappie replica with a driftwood background, can be purchased for \$149.95. His work can be seen at reelisticreplicas.com.

Brian is looking to expand Reelistic Replicas. If you're interested in selling or distributing Brian's creations, see his website for contact information.



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BOB'S BEAR BAIT, FROM PAGE 8

have, entry and exit wounds get plugged up quickly resulting in weak blood trails so having an accurate, clean shot is crucial in recovery.

Don't give up

As you've probably heard, if you don't harvest a bear within the first few days of the season opener, your season is over. While your chances of getting a bear will drop with each passing day, it doesn't mean it's impossible to harvest a bear later in the season.

The later it gets, the more bears travel. They'll travel far and wide, fattening up for winter. This is a great time to possibly capture a new bear's attention by continuing to spray scent diligently, as well as always keeping your bait site stocked with small quantities of fresh bait. This is also the time to find a new bait site where bears might frequent, like oak trees, corn fields, etc. Late season hunting takes dedication and commitment, but the reward will be one of the best memories along with a great thick hide to boot!

For more great tips stop in this season and chat with us, we have multiple staff on hand with over 20+ years of combined experience bear hunting and over 13 years in the bear bait business!

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Charitably minded investors can satisfy RMDs with QCDs

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Qualified charitable distributions allow your required IRA distributions to benefit a worthy cause – while you benefit from a reduced tax liability.

Helping others when you're gone is a noble and rewarding aspiration. But think how much more rewarding it could be, both personally and charitably, to help others while you're still here.

Giving during your lifetime can take many forms, one of which is using qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). It's an option that can also reduce your tax liability, as it involves donating pre-tax dollars before they become taxable income as a required minimum distribution (RMD).

Here's how it works.

Transform RMDs into QCDs

Philanthropy is often reward enough, but charity and tax deductions seemingly go hand in hand. As the standard deduction has risen to \$13,850 for individuals in 2023 (double for married filing jointly), you may want to consider giving strategies that don't require itemizing on your tax return. A QCD is a great way to carry out your charitable intent that doesn't require itemizing and also reduces your taxable income.

The required start age to begin taking distributions from your IRA has increased over the past few years from 70 1/2 to 73. However, the age that you can begin QCDs is still 70 1/2. These RMDs are generally treated as taxable income. Thankfully, the Protecting American from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 permanently allowed an IRA owner to make qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a charity without getting taxed on the distribution. Basically, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

There is, however, another important benefit. When a QCD is used to satisfy an RMD, that amount is also excluded from tax formulas that could impact multiple categories such as Social Security taxation, Medicare Part B and D premiums, and the Medicare tax on investment income.

Rules to follow

You must be eligible. You must be age 70

1/2 or older at the time of the QCD (but remember, RMDs now begin at age 73). QCDs from Ongoing SEPs and SIMPLE IRAs are not permitted.

There is an annual limit. Your QCD cannot exceed \$100,000 per tax year, even if your RMD is greater than \$100,000. New legislation, the SECURE Act 2.0, indexes this \$100,000 limit for inflation now in 2024.

Only qualified organizations count. The IRA trustee or custodian must make the distribution directly to a qualifying charity (private foundations and donor advised funds are not eligible). For instance, you cannot take the distribution yourself then write a check to the charity.

RMDs: A real-time legacy

By donating the RMD to a qualified charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a worthy cause while simultaneously reducing your taxable income. This strategy also helps you live out your values in real time, effectively living your legacy in the here and now.

To learn more, seek guidance from your financial and tax advisors. They're a good source of information when it comes to living and giving generously.

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Blue Mound State Park

A Wisconsin blend of spectacular

Intermingle some of the tallest bluffs within Wisconsin, set them against the backdrop of distinctively narrow valleys, and you have a unique set of geological phenomena that provide a platform for some of the most spectacular views in this state.

Blue Mound State Park, located within the village of Blue Mounds in Dane County, has long been noted as a natural wonder because of the views it affords spectators throughout all four seasons. The site is especially popular in the autumn months as fall foliage takes on bright hues.

There are a number of notable features throughout the park's more than 1,000 acres of land — most notably, the twin observation towers, each standing 40 feet tall atop what already is regarded as the highest point in the southern half of Wisconsin. The West Blue Mound formation, for which the park is named, has an elevation of 1,719 feet.

On a clear day, the east- and west-facing observation towers give spectators views into some of the noted natural sites down below. Views into the Baraboo Bluffs and Lower Wisconsin Riverway are possible, as are glimpses into the rolling countryside that graces the entire area.

The twin observation towers are not the only notable feature within Blue Mound State Park. The venue also has the distinction of hosting a swimming pool and accompanying splash pad that is open during the summer months. Blue Mound is the only of Wisconsin's network of state parks to have a pool within its grounds.

While the natural terrain in and near the park can be enjoyed from the pair of observation towers, hikers also can take in views of the overall landscape through the intricate network of trails.

The Military Ridge State Trail within Blue Mound State Park offers up more than 20 miles of established, maintained paths for hiking and off-road biking. In the winter months, the trails are also ideal for cross-country skiing.

Picnicking is possible within the park at a number of different specific spots. Picnic accommodations are available at the top of the West Blue Mound hill, as well as multiple areas along the established trail system.

Camping also is a possibility at the park site by way of the Blue Mound Campground that offer accommodations

A view looking out from the west tower at Blue Mound State Park.



in a variety of different settings. The site includes 77 wooded campsites, in addition to a dozen bike and hike-in campsites. Overnight stays at the park are available year-round.

While admission fees through the state park system help maintain the grounds, grassroots groups, such as the Friends of Blue Mound State Park, have also been credited with ensuring the various amenities across the green space are in good working order. The Friends group also assists with several annual events, including an annual campout and a candlelight ski extravaganza.

Blue Mound State Park is located at 4350 Mounds Park Road in Blue Mounds. The site is open daily for admission from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. 🚲



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OPEN FUN RACING FOR EVERYONE	3 CLOSED on Tuesday	4 FUN RACING + Ladies Night	5 Slicks and Drag Radials	6 Fun Racing & Bikes	7 IMPORT ESPECIAL	8 IMPORT ESPECIAL
	10 Street Car Tuesday Fun-Racing	11 FUN RACING + Ladies Night	12 Slicks and Drag Radials	13 Slicks & Drag Radials ONLY TVC Prep Day	14 STREET CAR RACING	15 FUN RACING for EVERYONE
	17 Street Car Tuesday Fun-Racing	18 FUN RACING + Ladies Night	19 Slicks and Drag Radials	20 Fun Racing & Bikes	21 Big Walkers Memorial Race	22 Fun Racing
	24 Street Car Tuesday Fun-Racing	25 FUN RACING + Ladies Night	26 Slicks and Drag Radials	27 Fun Racing & Bikes	28 Fun Racing	29 Fun Racing

October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Street Car Tuesday Fun-Racing	2 FUN RACING + Ladies Night	3 Slicks and Drag Radials	4 Fun Racing & Bikes	5 Fun Racing	6 Fun Racing
	8 Street Car Tuesday Fun-Racing	9 FUN RACING + Ladies Night	10 Slicks and Drag Radials	11 Slicks & Drag Radials ONLY TVC Prep Day	12 STREET CAR RACING	13 IMPORT WARS
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Wisconsin Werewolves

Steve Krueger’s job as a DNR contractor was to remove the twisted remains of animals that didn’t quite make it across the road. His route took place at night in the early morning hours and covered several counties, including Washington, the site of The Basilica of the Holy Hill. One very early morning in 2006 while driving his route, Krueger spotted a dead deer on Highway 167. He pulled his truck over to remove the carcass and hoisted it on to the bed of his pickup truck. Steve got back inside his truck and began taking care of some paperwork when he felt the vehicle shaking slightly. He ignored it.



But then the truck shook harder and Krueger looked into the rear view mirror and, to his horror, saw in the truck’s dim light a creature with wolf, human, and bear-like features, on its hind legs, wrestling to rip the deer out of the truck. Steve hit the gas, leaving behind deer, monster and an ATV ramp. When he returned to the site the next day to retrieve the ramp, there was no sign of it, the beast, or deer carcass. Krueger reported the incident to local law enforcement who conducted an investigation and also found nothing.

As news of the incident spread, it soon became known that sightings like Krueger’s had been reported for decades, one as recently as two years previously.

The Beast of Bray Road is perhaps the best known and documented of Wisconsin monsters. The road is located near the former St. Coletta Institute for Exceptional Children in Elkhorn. For decades, inside the institute, resided the victim of a real horror story: Rose Kennedy, sister of President John F. Kennedy, whose father had her lobotomized for what he perceived as inappropriate behavior.

One evening in 1936, St. Coletta’s night watchman, Mark Schackelman, was making his rounds around midnight when he spotted what he thought was a dog or wolf digging into one of the Native American burial mounds that dotted the area. That is, until it stood up like a man, revealing a creature that reeked of rotting meat, was covered in hair, and had the face of a wolf. The creature then fled.

Not so the next night as Schackelman made his rounds. This time, the beast, still stinking of rotten meat, barred his fangs at Shackleton and growled in a language that was part human, part animal and then walked away.

Schackelman never saw the Beast of Bray Road again, but the horror of its appearance remained with him the rest of his life.

During the 1980s and ‘90s the creature made a number of appearances along Bray Road, where it was seen eating roadkill, chased children, and peered in windows, among other activities.

Just exactly what are these creatures? Maybe the next time they appear along a lonely road in the middle of the night the mystery will be solved. And there will be other appearances, whether near the grounds of St. Coletta’s or along the winding roads of the Kettle Moraine and Holy Hill.

For more on Wisconsin monsters, read “The Beast of Bray Road, Trailing Wisconsin’s Werewolf,” by Linda S. Godfrey, Prairie Oak Press.

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SPOTLIGHT | OCONTO COUNTY



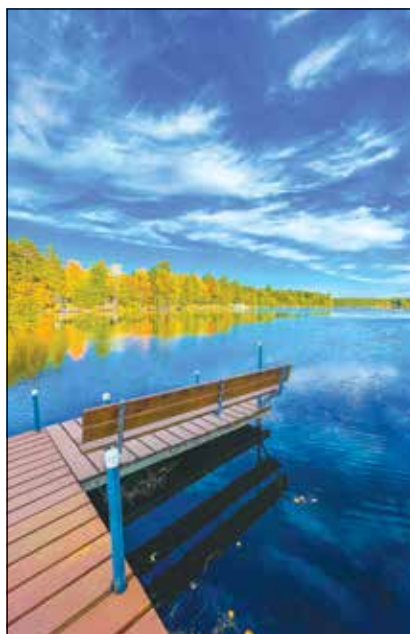
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Oconto County is the place to go if you're looking to explore the great outdoors. For prime leaf-peeping, time your visit for late September or early October – and make Mountain Fire Lookout Tower your first stop. The restored 1935 steel tower stands 100 feet tall over a thick forest, with an unbeatable view of the colors below.

Want to really break a sweat? Hike to Butler Rock, the highest point in the county. A two-mile trek will get you to the top of the peak. Oconto County also offers hundreds of miles of scenic trails open to ATV riding with an easy-to-get pass at bit.ly/atvpass.

Welcome Fall at Festi-Fall from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, September 14. Festi-Fall is an outdoor celebration of the season in Lakewood with musicians and vendors. Over 50 vendors will offer handmade items for sale such as jewelry, rugs, jams, paintings, photos, ceramics, wood carving, and more.

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SPOTLIGHT | SPARTA



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The Elroy-Sparta State Trail is open for all types of recreation. Walking, skiing, fat tire bike riding, biking, of course, and even snowmobiling are some of the various activities that the trail sees.

Throw your line into Perch Lake or the La Crosse River for a little fishing or find a local fish fry at some of our favorite places. Go on your first trout fishing excursion and try to catch a tagged trout between Memorial Day and Labor Day for your chance to win a prize.

As the days grow longer and the sun gets warmer, ride your motorcycle along the

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OCONTO COUNTY

Wisconsin's Oconto County is an incredible place to experience the beauty of fall.

With stunning forests and pristine lakes and rivers, it's the perfect destination for outdoor fun. Take a hike through the woods, go fishing or boating on the lakes or camp out under the stars. The county also offers plenty of exciting festivals and events to add to the season's festivities.

And don't forget to take in the stunning views of the changing leaves! From a scenic drive through the countryside to a hike up the Mountain Fire Lookout Tower, you can admire the beautiful oranges, yellows and reds of autumn in all their glory. Whether you spend your time exploring or relaxing, the fall season in Oconto County is sure to be an unforgettable adventure.

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SPOTLIGHT | ST. GERMAINE

The Heart of Vilas County

St. Germain is the birthplace of the annual Colorama Festival celebrating the changing of the season. This year's celebration will take place on Saturday, September 21, from 9 am to 3 pm. Among the event's many attractions are the crafters' show and farmers' market where you can purchase gifts for a loved one or indulge in something new for yourself. This is an excellent opportunity to get a head start on gifts for the upcoming holidays.

We will be bringing Pints in the Park back to Colorama. Enjoy sampling beers from breweries across the region. Colorama includes a wonderful craft show, mums for sale, and a great car show! There are also activities for the kids, including getting to paint pumpkins! While at Colorama, we encourage you to visit with local not-for-profits. Learn how to support or join the organizations that give back to our communities.

Do you enjoy fishing for the elusive musky? Head to St. Germain for the 36th Annual Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament. This

catch-and-release competition takes place on 10 area lakes from October 5 - 6. Space is limited on the lakes, so sign up early to guarantee your lake of choice.

No matter what the season, there is much to do in St. Germain. Anglers and paddlers will love the seemingly endless lake, pond and river options found around St. Germain - from the lakeside resorts to the quiet shores where you'll have room to spread out.

The Heart of Vilas County Trail awaits cyclists looking to explore a new path, and top quality ATV and snowmobile trails await visitors looking for a rush throughout the year. After enjoying the Northwoods all day, you'll no doubt be hungry. There are some remarkable local restaurants and bars in St. Germain ready to entertain whatever appetite you may bring to the table.

Pack up the car, load up your family or friends and escape to your Northwoods adventure! 🍁





SPOTLIGHT | KENOSHA

Fall in Love With Kenosha

Fall in love with Kenosha. This Wisconsin harbor town is known for friendly and affordable fun. Midway between Chicago and Milwaukee, Kenosha is a convenient getaway for a night, a weekend, or even a longer stay. Autumn offers many delights from beautiful weather and bold colors on the trees, to incredible flavors of the season.

As summer heat gives way to cooler breezes, it's a great time to explore more than 150 miles of dedicated bike lanes and routes in the Kenosha area. From the Pike Bike Trail, which offers amazing views of Lake Michigan, to routes through County Parks, there are endless adventures to be had on two wheels.

Climb aboard a hayride, sip apple cider, and explore hand-painted pumpkin displays featuring popular characters and cartoons at Jerry Smith Pumpkin Farm through

Halloween. Your family will love the outdoor activities and strolling the grounds of this locally owned and operated produce farm.

Take a swing at one of our area golf courses. Petrifying Springs Golf Course is located on the grounds of the oldest Kenosha County Park of the same name. Likewise, Brighton Dale Links is situated adjacent to the Richard Bong State Recreation Area. The two County-run courses offer a combined 63 holes of challenging play on gorgeous greens and tree-lined fairways. Disc golf is a very affordable and fun option at area parks. Playable any season, disc golf allows outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels to pick up a frisbee and try their hand at a game of throws.

Speaking of throws, Kenosha is home to two venues with axe throwing lanes. Hold My Beer offers several indoor lanes for

year-round axe throwing. Digital projectors display targets onto the wood blocks at the end of each alley, keeping the games fresh and exciting, regardless of how many times you play. At Boundless Adventures, outdoor lanes are just one of the activities to enjoy. You can also cruise through the treetops at Boundless Adventures.

If you need more adventure, get out on Lake Michigan before winter arrives. For family fun, duck-shaped pedal boats and other personal watercrafts are available to rent through the Kenosha Community Sailing Center. You can also book a sailing excursion with Sail Away Charters or the Tall Ship Red Witch. Cast a line aboard a fishing boat when you go out on the open waters with the Kenosha Charter Boat Association. King and coho salmon, as well as lake, brown and rainbow trout are among the varieties that you might reel in.

After all the outdoor activities, you'll



Disc golf is an affordable and fun option at Kenosha area parks.

want to explore the incredible dining scene in Southeastern Wisconsin. From traditional supper clubs, such as HobNob Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge and House of Gerhard, to sushi at Ono or an infamous garbage plate at Franks Diner, you'll be well fueled for your next endeavor.

No matter what season you visit, the Kenosha Area is sure to go beyond your expectations with thrills and new experiences. Start planning your getaway at [VisitKenosha.com](https://www.VisitKenosha.com)



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SPOTLIGHT | RACINE COUNTY



In Summer's Wake, September And October Wait

Something funny has been happening in Racine County. We typically shine in the summer months, but recently, the fall season has become just as fun and busy as the summer! Here are just a couple reasons why you should visit us in September and October.

The Bear Den Zoo and Petting Farm in Waterford is legendary all year long, but they really bring it in October. This small zoo is family-owned and operated and has a perfect blend of local wildlife, farm favorites and exotic animals. In October, Bear Den offers an autumn hayride straight to the pumpkin patch, where you can choose your favorite pumpkin to take home. They have hot apple cider and hot cocoa and caramel apples. There is a gift shop available year-round too. The petting areas are open and the play area is available for kids. You get all of this- admission to the zoo, petting areas, hayride, pumpkin patch, play area and picnic area for an amazing, affordable price!

On the opposite end of cuddly animals, there are you crazy people who actually like being scared to death! The Abandoned House Complex is located right off I-94 between Highway 11 and Highway 20, and brings in lines of people every night during the season - every Friday and Saturday starting the end of September through early November. The Abandoned House Complex has three totally different houses with each one needing about 20 minutes to walk through. This attraction prides itself on scaring you in multiple ways, so be prepared not just for zombies, but also for bright lighting effects and illusions. Lastly, the Abandoned Haunted House Complex hosts Blackout Nights, which simply means that all the lights are turned off in one of the houses and you use an LED candle to find your way through the haunts. Go online and buy your tickets soon!



Racine County has pumpkin farms galore!

During the fall, bike paths are open, you can kayak and canoe and boat until you decide it's too chilly, and we have pumpkin farms galore! Apple Holler is always busy and you can leave with your own picked apples. Swan's Pumpkin Farm hosts a Watermelon Festival in September and then goes all out with its fall seasonal events through the end of October. The Franksville Craft Beer Garden keeps pouring drinks and hosting food trucks through November (or until the beer runs out!)

There is literally something to do in Racine County every single day during the fall season and we want you to experience them all!

No matter what time you have, we have time for YOU. Welcome to Racine County!



The Abandoned Haunted House Complex will scare you in multiple ways. Be prepared for zombies and other frights that go bump in the night!

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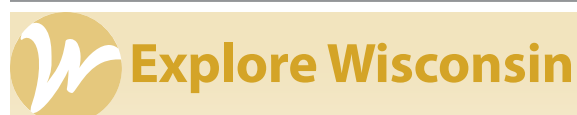
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SPOTLIGHT | **ASHLAND COUNTY**

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Fall is a fantastic season in the Northwoods. The smell of autumn is in the air. Whether you are on your ATV, bike, hiking the trails, or fishing, the scenery is extreme on Chequamegon Bay and the inland lakes. Copper Falls is exquisite. Its regal waterfalls enhance the backdrop of Mother Nature's fall color palette; it is truly stunning.

Fall fishing is quite exciting, and Chequamegon Bay offers an excellent bass fishery. These fish are ready for a fight! Bring the family and enjoy the unique beauty that Ashland has to offer. Visitashland.com 🐟



An Autumn-Mobile Trip to the North!

Fall is a fantastic season in the Northwoods.

The smell of autumn in the air whether you are on your ATV or Bike or hiking the trails, or if you have a fishing pole in your hand, the scenery is extreme on the lakes both Chequamegon Bay and inland. Copper Falls is exquisite with the regal waterfalls and adds the backdrop of Mother Nature's fall color palette to the mix; it is stunning. Fall fishing is quite exciting, and Chequamegon Bay offers an excellent bass fishery. These fish are ready for a fight!

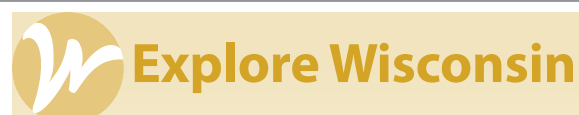
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SPOTLIGHT | **ADAMS COUNTY**

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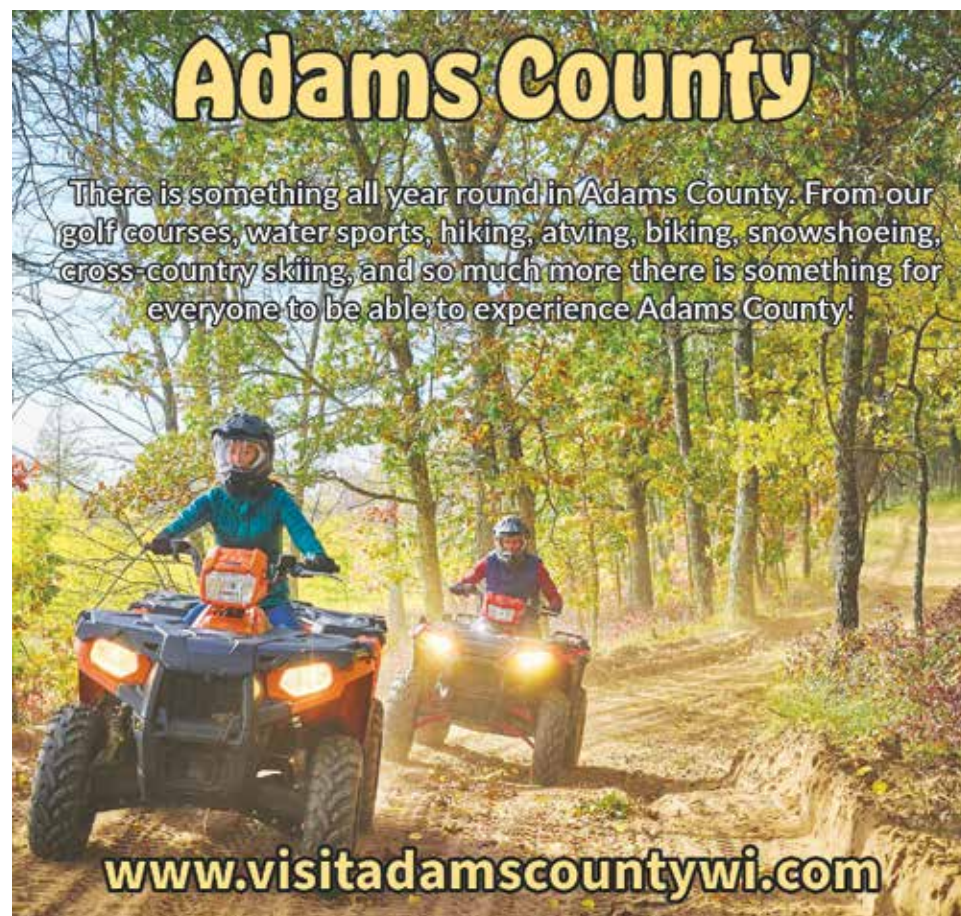
Explore the heart of Central Wisconsin in Adams County, where every season brings a new adventure. From outdoor thrills to cultural delights, our welcoming community has it all. Whether you're hiking through vibrant forests in the spring, enjoying water sports on pristine lakes in the summer, marveling at the colorful foliage in the fall, or embracing snowy landscapes in the winter, Adams County promises endless excitement.

No matter when you visit, you'll discover a treasure trove of activities to make memories that will last a lifetime. Come experience the magic of Adams County, where every season is a reason to celebrate!

Why do ghosts love parties? Because they have a frightful good time! Come experience Trunk or Treat at the Adams County Fairgrounds on Sunday, October 27. Businesses and vendors will deck out their trunks and distribute candy to children in a secure alternative to traditional "Trick or Treating."

There is something all year round in Adams County. From our golf courses, water sports, and a variety of winter activities, there is something for everyone! Pack your clubs, lace up your hiking boots, or grab a good book – whatever your adventure style, Adams County awaits! Let the beauty of our landscapes and the warmth of our community ignite your spirit for exploration.

Whether you're chasing birdies on the green, trekking through scenic trails, or simply unwinding with a captivating read amidst nature's embrace, your next great adventure starts right here in Adams County. Let's make memories that will last a lifetime! 🐾



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SPOTLIGHT | HAYWARD LAKES AREA



Fall Festivals And Fun in The Hayward Lakes Area

Fall is my favorite time of year in the Hayward Lakes Area. It's as if every tree finally shows its "personality" when its brilliant colors emerge. The cool, crisp air offers a respite from the summer heat and provides just the right temperatures for exploring the outdoors. While there are many activities to participate in during the autumn months, fall festivals rank high on my list of fun!

The Hayward Fall Festival is the first of our two local events. This year the festival falls on Saturday, September 21. Main Street in Hayward is closed off to make room for fine art and craft vendors, sidewalk sales from local shops, live music, food trucks, a brat and beer tent, kids' games, mini pumpkin decorating, and more. The local Hayward business community are great sponsors of this event, and the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce does a fantastic job planning, organizing, and

executing this popular celebration.

Celebrating its 46th year, the Stone Lake Cranberry Festival happens the first Saturday in October, falling on October 5 this year. Held rain or shine, this festival draws upwards of 30,000 visitors to the streets of Stone Lake, located about 10 miles south of Hayward. The Cranberry Festival features over 300 vendors, artisans, and crafters. Complete with food and hospitality areas, live music, a parade, and a Cranberry Crate derby, this festival is not to be missed. Did I mention that you can purchase all things "Cranberry?" Fresh cranberries, craisins, cranberry desserts, cranberry wine ... it's a splendid celebration of the tart red fruit!

Although the festival itself is one day, there are some accompanying activities that occur in the days around the main event. The Friday before the festival, there is a Cranberry Baking Contest at the Stone



Mindy Simons, Executive Director of the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau, and friends enjoying themselves at the Hayward Fall Festival.

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Lake Fire Hall. Registration and drop-off happen between 3 pm - 5 pm with judging at 5:15 pm and, most importantly, the bake sale immediately following. On Sunday, you can work off all the bake sale items at the Cranberry Craze 5K from 9 am - 11 am originating from the Whistle Punk in downtown Stone Lake.

Fall is the perfect time for a weekend visit to the Hayward Lakes Area. Come and visit, check out all that the area has to offer, and enjoy one or both of our local festivals. I guarantee you will have some fun! 🍁

By Mindy Simons, Executive Director, Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau.

CITY OF MARINETTE, FROM PAGE 10 hiking trails that showcase the best of the area's fall colors. The Thunder Mountain Overlook Trail is a local favorite, offering panoramic views of the surrounding forests and waterways. This moderate hike is perfect for families and provides numerous opportunities for photography.

Governor Thompson State Park features miles of trails that wind through dense woodlands and serene shorelines. The park's trails are well-marked and range in difficulty, making them accessible to hikers of all skill levels.

A Festive Atmosphere No fall color tour would be complete without a stop at one of Marinette's many autumn festivals

and events. From the city's Fall Fest on September 27 to Marinette's farmers' markets, there's always something happening in this vibrant community. Local vendors offer seasonal treats like fresh apple cider, pumpkin pies, and handmade crafts, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Plan Your Visit Whether you're planning a day trip or a longer stay, Marinette's fall color tours offer something for everyone. The best time to visit is typically from late September to mid-October, when the colors are at their peak. Be sure to check local foliage reports to time your visit perfectly.

In Marinette, fall is more than just a season – it's a celebration of nature's artistry.



SPOTLIGHT | **BARABOO**

Falling in Fall Love

Autumn is the perfect time to fall in love with the Baraboo Area, which pairs breathtaking scenery with lively events.

The Baraboo Hills are set ablaze with fall colors each September and October. Scenic spots like Devil's Lake State Park are ideal vantage points for the changing of seasons. Enjoy a hike atop the towering bluffs, or a late-season paddle on the lake below.

These months also are prime time for outdoor events, as the temperatures are mild and the mosquitos are long gone. One such event is Baraboo Oktoberfest, which will bring the sound of live music and clinking beer steins to Circus World on Saturday, September 21.

The Fest Masters will open the festivities by tapping the golden keg at 3:30 pm. That'll be the cue for the BaraBrew Wisconsin Sing Bierchoir to start singing.



"We are delighted to welcome these bands – both with loyal followings in the Baraboo Area and beyond – to our third annual Oktoberfest," said George Althoff, Executive Director of the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce.

Oktoberfest beers from both of Baraboo's craft breweries – Tumbled Rock Brewery and Al. Ringling Brewing – will be available for purchase. Food trucks will be on hand to serve traditional Oktoberfest pretzels, schnitzel and other fare. For more information, visit oktoberfestbaraboo.com.

Oktoberfest is just one of the fall events that showcase the Baraboo Area's majesty. On Saturday, October 5, more than 100 vendors will pack Downtown Baraboo for Fair on the Square. Later that month, the Fall Art Tour invites patrons to visit dozens of artists in their studios.

After a full day, treat yourself at one of the aforementioned breweries, Baraboo's wineries or the award-winning spirits maker, Driftless Glen Distillery. Plan your trip at baraboo.com.

Fall scenery, outdoor recreation, distinctive events and craft beverages. What's not to love? 🍷

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They're the opening act for Griffy Jim and the Polka Dots, who take center stage at the hippodrome from 4 - 6 pm. A costume contest and other games will take place from 6 - 7 pm as this year's headliners – Madison-based rock/funk/blues group The Blue Olives – prepare to perform from 7 - 9 pm.





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DICK ELLIS

North Dakota's Western Edge *Planning your upland bird hunt*

Our annual return to Dickinson, North Dakota on the “Western Edge” targeting upland game is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. Anticipation hangs out there long before our October departure from All Parts, Wisconsin. We know we’ll be opening something new just down the gravel road; hidden surprises wrapped in rolling fields of endless grassland.

The real gift, though, is exactly what we came for, and what will pull us back again; frenzied dog work, and the royal flush payoff. Even a hunter’s clean miss can’t ruin the gift that keeps on giving.

Wisconsin hunters look elsewhere to find new terrain and hunt new game. When our group plans a North Dakota hunt, we’re targeting the wild pheasants we find only in pockets at home, on vast acres of prairie holding the bonus sharptailed grouse unavailable in Wisconsin. Throw in the certainty of antelope and muley encounters, hopefully like us in 2021, two brutes at first light cracking antlers for sole rights to the Hooper triplets. And finally, we hunt mainly private land, at no cost. You can too.

More than a quarter-century ago lawmakers put the North Dakota Game

and Fish Department to task to establish programs for landowner assistance that stimulated public access to private lands for hunting. The result is the P.L.O.T.S. program (Private Land Open To Sportsmen), including unmistakable triangular yellow signs across the rural landscape telling hunters like our group that 837,000 acres dotting the state are wide open to public hunting. That’s 20,000-plus acres more than were enrolled in the program in 2023. Throw in another 200,000-plus wildlife management acres owned or managed by the Game and Fish Department.

The program, North Dakota upland game hunting, and the unique terrain and wildlife are so appealing that we will return for the 7th straight year of hunting in October. Some of us will return again to hunt the late season on the same license. Contingent mainly on the weather and brood success, our trips have brought hunting varying from excellent to tough. The North Dakota experience though, will pull you back.

In 2023, our group represented Wisconsin north to south. Dick Henske from Manitowish Waters, Eric Pacey from Wausau, Steve Ellis from Junction City, Steve Henske from Stevens Point, John Ellis from Muskego and this OWO publisher from New Berlin. Throw in a company of dogs at various stages of life (See Steve Henske sidebar on loss and gain) and we’re ready to hunt.

Heading into the 2024 hunting season, North Dakota’s bird populations looks



Steve Ellis of Wausau, left, and Dick Ellis of New Berlin with wild pheasants and sharptailed grouse taken from P.L.O.T.S. (Private Land Open To Sportsmen) property near Dickinson, North Dakota. Note yellow sign placed throughout the state telling hunters the land is open.



North Dakota mule deer keep a close eye on Wisconsin bird hunters before exiting the scene.

Steve Ellis and Eric Pacey work another piece of North Dakota heaven for upland game.



excellent. The number of roosters heard crowing during the North Dakota Game & Fish Department’s 2024 spring pheasant crowing count survey was up 37 percent from 2023. “This is really good news, but expected, considering we had such great production last year and the mild winter we had certainly wasn’t hard on the birds,” said RJ Gross, Department of Upland Game Biologist.

It can take a little time to become acclimated to the area and find terrain holding the most birds. Several of our group head out early to scout before the season. In my opinion, hunting the smaller P.L.O.T.S. tracts surrounded, if possible, by food crops is the best way to find more birds. Even a tiny-appearing piece of territory in the guide book will take quite a

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STEVE HENSKÉ

The Roads of The Dog Owner

Saying goodbye to Maya, hello to Mr. Murph

Life as a dog owner can be a pretty bumpy road. The reason we have them in our lives is because of the pure joy they bring us, and that is a good thing; we need that joy to overpower the sad times and heartbreak which is inevitable. I went through this unexpectedly in January when my beautiful female field golden Maya was diagnosed with cancer and I had to say goodbye when she was still a young seven years old. Maya was my sidekick, but she was a superstar as a bird dog. Two trips to Saskatchewan for ducks and geese, dozens of hunting trips to the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and of course many miles in the woods and fields of Wisconsin.

On that final day of final goodbyes, I left my veterinarian with wet eyes and a broken heart. I called Sue Kiefer at Choctaw Kennels in Clintonville where Maya had been bred, fulfilling the obligation of every dog owner to inform the breeder of both good and bad news. Sue shared her condolences, but immediately opened an unexpected door holding the promise of new companionship and future field adventures.

"Steve, I have acquired a frozen semen straw from Copper, and am breeding him to a granddaughter of Thistlerock's Red Ike," she said. "I assume you want a puppy?"

A little background. Choctaw's Yukon Copper was Maya's father. He is legendary, with 61 Master Hunter passes, four Master National Hunter passes and is a member of the Hunting Trial Hall of Fame. Red Ike has a similar resume. "Yes, I want a puppy," I said. "Only this time a boy. The last three girls broke my heart."

On May 14th I picked up seven-week-old Choctaws Mr. Murphy. A field bred Golden retriever that is the result of modern veterinary medicine by surgical artificial insemination via frozen semen, from a famous father that has been in dog heaven for



Maya retrieves another rooster in the North Dakota grasslands.

ELLIS, FROM PAGE 29

while to work. And then it's on to the next.

One of the best tips came from a young hunter working in a local store. I struck up a conversation and asked him if he had any advice for Wisconsin boys hunting P.L.O.T.S. terrain. "Try this one," he said, circling a plot within 20 miles. The small tract gave up three roosters and a miss or two in less than an hour. Sometimes, even on the prairie, it's who you know.

While it's absolutely an option to pay for access to private land, we stick with the P.L.O.T.S. To order a guide, contact the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300 or go to their website at gf.nd.gov. Many North Dakota stores also carry the guides.

In addition to bird hunting pheasants and sharp-tails and close encounters with wildlife, anticipate an adventure on a back drop of open land as far as the eye can see. Don't expect much competition. During the rare times you find others working "your" field of choice, there's more terrain just over the next hill. If you want a quality upland bird hunt, that is reasonably priced and relatively close, consider hunting North Dakotas Western Edge.

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four years. He is the half-brother of my beloved Maya. Will Mr. Murphy have the right stuff? The odds say yes, and now at almost five months I can say his bloodline shows. We have been working pigeons, learning the basics, and the nose and drive are quite obvious. In fact, "The Murph" can now claim five meadow voles, one chipmunk and a Downy Woodpecker. He is certainly all puppy, but I see some great days ahead down the road.

The North Dakota non-resident pheasant opener begins in October. This will be the seventh straight year the On Wisconsin Outdoors crew travels to the Dickinson ND area for opening weekend. My dad will have turned 90 and is still excited to make the trip. He and I both lost our dogs prematurely this year and we each will have a new puppy hunting partner to introduce to prairie bird hunting. I have Mr. Murphy. My dad will have Sitka, another female English Setter. What a great way and place to start over the circle of hunting dog life. Sitka will also be active on Wisconsin Ruffed Grouse this fall and the Murph will be visiting North Dakota again for a late season hunt.

Who knows where else Murph will be hunting? But he will be hunting. And that inevitable bumpy road of the dog owner? Sometimes, after the heartbreak, the smooth ride begins again just over the horizon. 🐾



Mr. Murph's mischief starts at home, but Wisconsin and out-of-state adventures await down the road.

Hunting North Dakota

North Dakota is a sportsman's paradise and, for those looking for a great experience, it's an easy trip from Wisconsin. The drive time from Milwaukee to the city of Dickinson, our hub for the On Wisconsin Outdoors hunt, was 12 hours. Our targets were pheasant and sharp tailed grouse. The cost of a non-resident license was \$122.00.

We stayed at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 552 12th Street West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601 located conveniently off of Highway 22 and surrounded in all directions by opportunity. The staff went out of their way to make sure our stay was enjoyable. Connect for reservations or information at 701-456-2500.

Our late season hunters returning in December on the same license to pothole country took seven hours to travel from Stevens Point to the LaQuinta in Bismark, 2240 N. 12th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501. Reach General Manager Jessica Portra and staff at 701-751-3314. They also take good care of us, as does the Dickinson Area CVB and Executive Director Terri Thiel.

"Our job is to give you the best information for a successful, fun hunt in Dickinson," Terri said. "It might be the questions on lodging and dining options, hunting areas, where you can clean your birds, or where to find a Veterinary Clinic if you should need one for your hunting dog."

"October may be the opening month, but the season lasts until the first part of January, giving plenty of time and opportunity to hunt the birds. Often, mid-November and early December is a great time to run the fields and PLOTS areas." Check out www.visitdickinson.com for information on Hunting, Lodging, Dining and more." 🐾

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BILL THORNLEY

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park

Feeling the ghosts of the original voyageurs

Dressed in buckskin and blanket capotes, they camped beside the Yellow River. These were the voyageurs who first explored and sought furs in Northern Wisconsin, long before it even was Wisconsin. A crackling fire cooked their food and provided heat. They drifted off to sleep to the howls of wolves and calls of loons.

At Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park near Danbury, one can almost see and feel the ghosts of the original voyageurs.

Modern day Forts Folle Avoine is an exact recreation of the winter trading posts that originally existed there, undisturbed for over 200 years. Written records from 1802 - 1805 show that two trading companies, North West and XY, built nearly side-by-side trading posts near the Yellow River in the area known as "le pays du folle avoine" (land of wild oats / wild rice) in what is today Burnett County.

North West Company built three buildings surrounded by a stockade or "Fort" which became known as "Forts Folle Avoine." XY Company built their solitary building just 95 feet south of North West's Fort. This is the only place on the North American continent where competing fur trading companies were such close neighbors. It was short-lived. The two trading posts were only used during the winters of 1802 - 03, 1803 - 04, and 1804 - 05.

Throughout the winter, the traders bartered with the Ojibwe for furs, primarily beaver, which was prized in European markets. The Native Americans shared skills and knowledge. When spring arrived, the voyageurs' canoes were loaded with furs for the journey to Grand Portage on the north shore of Lake Superior.

In the summer, traders came to Grand Portage from hundreds of miles in every direction eagerly anticipating the Rendezvous, a gathering Forts Folle Avoine recreates each July.

Detailed journals of original traders George Nelson and Michel Curot, along with other records, show these trading posts were active in 1803 and 1804. At the end of the 1805 trading season, the fur traders once again loaded their canoes, pushed off into the waters of the Yellow River, and for some reason never returned. The structures were burned, and why remains a mystery. But for modern day historians, it was a blessing. Rotting logs leave no remains; burned wood does.

The surviving journals of Curot and Nelson gave clues to the location of the site. The land was purchased by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and papers were filed, placing the North West Company and XY Company Trading Post Site on the National Register of



Clouds of white smoke form as a blackpowder rifle is fired at the shooting range at Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park. Photo by Bill Thornley.

Historic Places.

During the 1970s and early 1980s, archaeologists from the Wisconsin State Historical Society studied and excavated the site, retrieving thousands of artifacts including, trade beads, axes, gun parts, and clay smoking pipes. The Burnett County Historical Society took over responsibility for the site in 1980.

In the 1980s, 180 years after the fur trading posts had been abandoned, the Burnett County Historical Society, with financial help from a Wisconsin Economic Development Grant, worked on reconstructing exact replicas of the buildings and the stockade. Forts Folle

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RON STRESING

Getting Started in Reloading

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I started reloading shotgun shells as America was celebrating its Bicentennial in 1976. Since then, I am sure I've loaded over 50,000 target and hunting loads in both 12 and 20 gauge. I've never had a mishap. The worst I've had happen was a few "bloopers" caused by incomplete combustion of the powder where the shot barely left the barrel, or dud rounds caused by a faulty primer.

Shooters get into reloading for two main reasons: the cost and availability of shotgun shells and the ability to custom tailor your loads. An example of custom loads would

be my buddy Dale who uses a 28 gauge to hunt small game. Besides being costly and hard to find, 28 gauge shells don't come with a lot of shot size options. Dale handloads copper plated four shot loads that stops rabbits and pheasants cold. At the time of this writing, Winchester "white box" clay target loads are almost \$11 per box (if you can find them). A few years ago, they were half that. In the past five years, they have doubled in cost, with no end in sight.

Back in 1976, I bought a used MEC 600 Jr. loading press from a co-worker. The press came with loading manuals and a few components. I later gave it away, and bought a brand new Lee Load-All for less than \$50 at the time. Shot at the time was \$11 for a 25-pound bag; primers were \$12 per thousand; and wads were about \$15 per thousand. Components have increased fourfold in cost, but you can still save about \$2 - \$3 per box on clay target loads. You can really save on small game hunting loads. A box of lead pheasant loads is anywhere from \$15 - \$25. You can easily hand load



comparable shells for half that. I suggest keeping it simple. Buy components to load one type of hull. The components I use will work for Winchester AA cases and other similar cases made by Remington listed in my reloading data. If you can find someone who is already into reloading, it's great to have a mentor!

For an entry lever reloader, I highly suggest the Lee Load-All, as it comes with all the powder and shot bushings you will

ever need, and is still priced well below \$75. It also comes with a manual that gives step-by-step instructions on loading your shells. Last summer, I came across a used MEC reloader similar to mine at a rummage sale for \$35, and picked it up for my cousin Jim. Yes, it needed a few parts, and Jim had to buy new bushings and a charge bar for it. Bonus is, Jim's Remington 1100 functions better with his hand loads than with factory target loads. 🦋

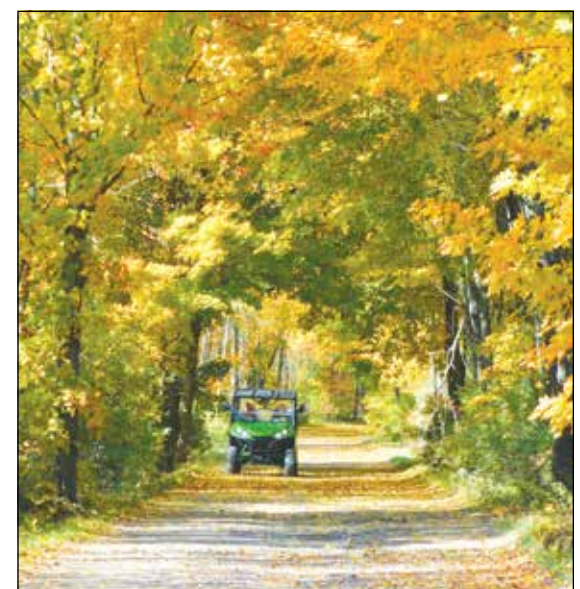
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Get acquainted with the City of Oconto, Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to 4 pm during the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce Harvest Fest, a day-long celebration on Main Street featuring local vendors, kids' activities, food, drinks and live music.

When it's time for dinner, you have plenty of options to satisfy your hunger. Oconto County's two supper clubs, Maiden Lake and Weatherwood, both offer classic Wisconsin fare in scenic, nostalgic dining rooms. For a sweet treat to cap your trip, head to Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe, which has an original 1959 vintage Coke machine and plenty of homemade candies.



For more information, visit ocontocounty.org.



SPARTA, FROM PAGE 21

winding roads through the driftless hills and valleys all while taking in the sights and sounds of Western Wisconsin. If you are staying in town, jump in your UTV and cruise the streets of Sparta hitting all of our local favorite spots. Hit the many ATV/UTV trails that can be found in and around Sparta and throughout Monroe County.

Visit the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum while in town or head over to Memorial Park to find the municipal swimming pool, ball diamonds, tennis courts, hockey arena, playgrounds, and sheltered picnic areas. Fishing, canoeing, and kayaking on Beaver Creek, Perch Lake and the La Crosse River are some local favorite things to do. Find yourself at River Run, our three-star rated municipal course by Golf Digest.

If you are a foodie at heart, Sparta has many shops and eateries that you can sink your teeth into. From ramen and steak to home brewed sodas, fresh sushi plates to being introduced to your new favorite pulled pork and mac and cheese dish, there is something to delight your every taste bud.

Let Sparta be your next favorite destination location. With so much to do, where do you even start? Call the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce at 608-269-4123 and let them help you plan your stay.

**THORNLEY, FROM PAGE 33**

Avoine was reborn, rising from the ashes of history. The 80 acre Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park opened to the public in 1989.

Today, visitors can walk in the footsteps of the early voyageurs. That smell of woodsmoke once again fills the morning air. Venison and wild rice stew is eaten, cooked over a campfire like it was in 1802.

At the Fur Trade Rendezvous, blackpowder shots once again ring out and traders once again exchange beads, furs, blankets and more. Hatchets are thrown, finding their mark in a thick oak log target.

Yes, there are ghosts of the old outdoorsmen and voyageurs on site. They must be smiling, happy that their remarkable legacy lives on.



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DICK ELLIS

A Call to The Ballot

Wisconsin deer hunters, anglers critical to November election

How far we've strayed in 248 years. From the father of our country on his knees seeking God's guidance to defeat the most powerful army in the world at Valley Forge, to a country staggered today and brought to its knees by a corrupt government protected by a corrupt media. Who could have foretold not only these enemies within, but that the Wisconsin hunter and angler would play a critical role on whether or not our Republic "For the People" stands or falls forever in November?

At the final crossroads now on the eve of what could be America's final election, one path means the reaffirmation of the forefathers' declaration that inalienable or God-given rights stand; rights that include owning a gun and hunting, worshipping or not as we choose, and speaking and debating freely without fear, with a Supreme Court guided by the Constitution to preserve or change the laws that make us uniquely American. The other path surrenders those rights of the people and instead hands it solely to the elite and the few, beginning with corrupt politicians from both sides.

Wisconsin is home to one million anglers and 600,000 deer hunters. What the radical elite historically counts on from that population despite the potential to wield a large stick, is a disengaged voting bloc when it's time to cast a ballot. Hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin sportsmen and women are not registered to vote. We are a reliable statistic of apathy to those who want us to stay home in November. Because we are disengaged, we are also vulnerable to the daily media lies protecting the power structure while stealing our freedoms.

Disenchanted hunters are abandoning long-established places to hunt and even their hunting heritage altogether as deer numbers decline. The lie though, hides the astronomical increase in wolf numbers and tells us that state and federal mismanagement are not to blame. Wisconsin fishermen don't know today the quality or quantity of



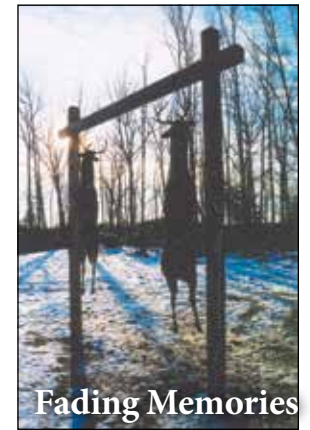
Like thousands of other hunters in northern Wisconsin and ever-expanding regions south as wolf numbers increase, Ellis family and friends have experienced the decimation of deer numbers. Vote out lawmakers who appoint fish and game managers who can't count, and place the wolf ahead of the hunter, rancher, and pet owner.

walleye fishing seen just decades ago in the north country. The lie though, tells us that it is man-made global warming and not spearing that is decimating the fishery.

Read our investigative reports in this issue. Read our two-year investigative reports on the wolf and the correlation with the decline of Wisconsin deer hunting on our homepage at: http://www.onwisconsinoutdoors.com/Content/files/pdf-files/OWOWolfSeries_0724.pdf. Ask us for PDFs of our work to share with your fellow hunters and you will receive it that day. We hope too that you participate in our ongoing wolf population census with your trail-cam photos proving the DNR totally inadequate.

We are an immense militia of Wisconsin hunters and anglers. Take the gift of the ballot that our forefathers gave us. Preserve our freedoms, heritage and traditions for those yet to follow. Peacefully defend America.

Vote November 5th, or before. 🗳️



Fading Memories

On The Cover

Veteran Vietnam Helicopter pilot Steve Ellis, shot down and badly wounded in 1970, was grateful to the Cobra gunship pilots who saved the lives of him and his crew under intense fire, enabling Ellis to return home to Wisconsin. An avid hunter, his new lease on life enabled him to continue his lifelong passion for deer hunting.

Ellis left rapidly declining hunting in Iron County (cover photo) in northern Wisconsin to good hunting again in central Wisconsin's Clark County. The wolves that sent him south are now firmly established on his new hunting property. Read his comments in this issue on page 4, "Seeking Wolf Photos" and view the photo Ellis submitted of five wolves on a deer kill on his new hunting land. 🗳️

When Our Country Hangs in The Balance



George Washington Prays for God's guidance at Valley Forge.

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."-George Washington.

Arnold Friberg painted "The Prayer at Valley Forge" to celebrate our country's bi-centennial in 1976. His now famous painting has been an important part of American history, reminding us of the days that our country hung in the balance.

It was during the long, cold winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge that General Washington sought God's help, in the woods alone and on his knees, a story well documented in the historical records. Isaac Potts, 26, was a resident of Valley Forge and a Quaker opposed to the war. He supervised

the grinding of the grain that Washington ordered the neighboring farmers to bring to his army and came upon the scene never to be forgotten.

"I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods, and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other," said Potts. "Such a prayer I have never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home and told my wife, 'I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before.' We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. We thought it was the cause of God and America could prevail." 🗳️

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JOHN ELLIS

Walleyes in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory

On Wisconsin Outdoors (OWO) is running a continuing series on the damage being done by Chippewa tribal spearing, to the walleye population in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory.

"Walleyes in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory; The real reason for their population decline" was published in our March/April, 2023 issue. It used math and biology to expose the Wisconsin DNR and Chippewa Tribal Leaders as being responsible for the removal of a calculated 13,418,237 **"keeper walleyes"** (fish weighing between 1 ¾ and 2 pounds) from Ceded Territory lakes since 1985. The removal of the fish averaged 40,538 walleyes per lake.

"Walleyes in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory-Part Two" was published in our May/June, 2023 issue. It exposed that while only Chippewa tribal members (about 1% of the Wisconsin population) have participated in spearing Ceded Territory walleyes, all residents of Wisconsin have been helping to subsidize their destruction by paying the tribes to restock them. It also explained that the restocking is an exercise in futility because there is no substitute for the lost natural reproduction of the speared fish.

When Part Two was published, OWO reported that the DNR had paid the **Sokaogon Mole Lake Tribal Fish Hatchery** \$327,478.00 for walleye restocking between 2020 and 2022. Since April 11, 2023, OWO has had an open records request for the amounts paid to the tribes going back to 2013. As of this writing the DNR has not



Tim Tautges with a stringer of healthy male walleyes caught in late April on the Wolf River near New London.



Another fat spring walleye caught on the Wisconsin River near Stevens Point by Ronald Hall, left, and John Niko.

provided us with the information.

Both articles can be viewed in archived issues at onwisconsinoutdoors.com.

Part Three-The impact of 2023 spearing

It takes roughly 1,000,000 walleye eggs to produce 125 **"keeper walleyes"**. These are fish that weigh between 1 ¾ and 2 pounds. The average egg drop per walleye during spawning is 85,000 eggs. This means that it takes 12 female walleyes to produce 125 keeper walleyes. * The math rounded to the nearest number is;

$$1,000,000 \div 85,000 = 12 \text{ female walleyes.}$$

According to the Wisconsin DNR the number of walleyes speared in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory in 2023 was 27,460. Conservatively, ten percent of those were females or 2,746. ** The math is;

$$27,460 \times .10 = 2,746 \text{ female walleyes speared.}$$

Because of the 2,746 female walleyes speared, 28,604 keeper walleyes will never hatch. The math is;

$$2,746 \div 12 \times 125 = 28,604 \text{ keeper walleyes that will never hatch.}$$

Because a 50/50 male to female ratio is the norm in nature, if half of the 28,604 keeper walleyes that will never hatch were females that only spawn once, we have an additional 148,979 keeper walleyes that will never hatch. The math is;

$$28,604 \div 2 \div 12 \times 125 = 148,979 \text{ keeper walleyes that will never hatch.}$$

Because it takes a female walleye 4 to 5 years to reach maturity, and the average age of walleyes in Wisconsin is 7 years, we can conservatively assume 2 spawning years or

an additional 148,979 keeper walleyes that will never hatch.

The total impact of the 2023 Tribal Spearing Season.

1. 27,460 walleyes were directly removed from the lakes as they tried to reproduce. 2,746 were females.
2. 28,604 keeper walleyes will never hatch because of the females speared.
3. 148,979 keeper walleyes will never hatch because of the loss of one spawning year.
4. 148,979 keeper walleyes will never hatch because of the loss of a second spawning year.

Added in total, 354,022 keeper walleyes (1 ¾ to 2 pounds) were removed from the Ceded Territory by the 2023 Tribal Spearing Season.

The damage done to Wisconsin's Ceded Territory walleyes by one spearing season is easily proven using math and biology. As long as DNR and Chippewa Tribal Leaders ignore this, and continue abusing the resource, walleyes there will continue to be decimated.

*Walleye Tactics, Tips and Tales. Mark Strand. North American Fishing Club.

**According to the DNR, only 21,120 of the 27,460 walleyes speared were examined for sex. Of those, 12.4% were females. OWO conservatively used 10% for our calculations. 🐟



JOHN ELLIS

The real reason walleyes are disappearing in the Ceded Territory

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Zachary Feiner of the University of Wisconsin-Madison want you to believe that "climate change" and not mismanagement is responsible for declining walleye numbers in our state. They say Wisconsin lakes where walleyes have always thrived have suddenly become too warm. Feiner of the UW Limnology Department, and a liaison to the DNR, said in a recent article, "Much of the work in the future is, I think, going to be on the social side, laying the ground work for people to be able to accept changing fisheries."

Feiner and the DNR want to condition you to believe the ridiculous, so you don't look too closely at the obvious. Walleyes are thriving all over Wisconsin except in the Ceded Territory. There, the walleye population has been decimated by poor management of the fish by the people in charge; Chippewa Tribal Leaders and the DNR. For four decades they have presided over the continuous removal of walleyes from lakes through tribal spearing as the fish tried to reproduce. Get your calculators out and follow along. The adjacent column tells the real story of what happened to the walleye population in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory. 🐟

One common theme rings true for walleye anglers north, south, east and west of Wisconsin's Ceded Territory. Despite fishing pressure, for example, light on Canadian lakes and heavy on state rivers during the spring runs, walleyes grow bigger and in far greater numbers than in waters where spearing is allowed. Roger Mayer caught and released these fish in 2024 on a central Wisconsin lake.



DICK ELLIS

Seeking Wolf Photos

OWO's informal census continues

On Wisconsin Outdoors' informal wolf census continues. Please send your trail cam photos, videos, or handheld camera shots of wolves in Wisconsin to: wolves@onwisconsinoutdoors.com. List the county where the photos were taken, the date, and verify the number of wolves visible in each photo. Your name will not be published without your permission.

OWO publishers do not believe the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) population estimate that place wolf numbers in Wisconsin at 1007 animals during the winter of 2022/23. We do believe that an unmanaged wolf population in the state directly correlates with a severely declining deer hunting experience. We believe that the decline in our Wisconsin tradition will magnify further as individual wolves and wolf packs continue to expand to create an increasingly out-of-balance predator/prey ratio. Attacks on domestic pets and livestock will continue to increase.

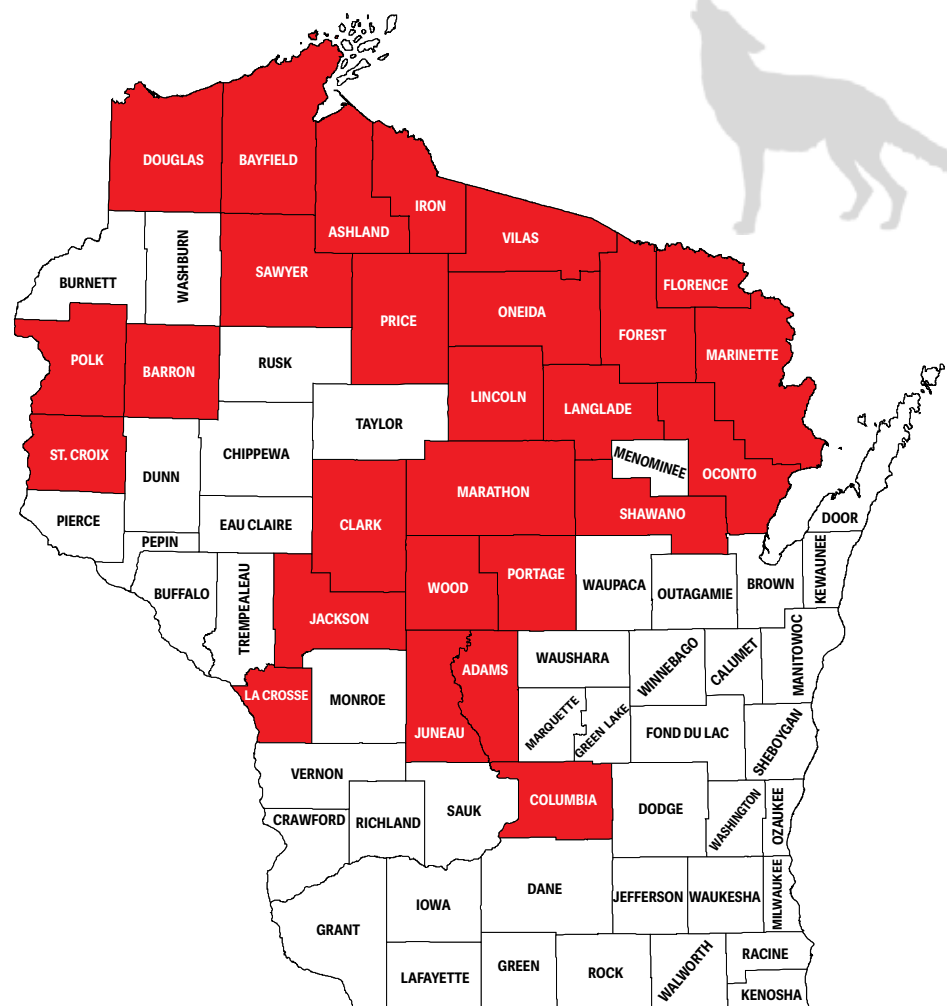
And we believe we are among the majority of Wisconsin deer hunters. This issue, the OWO publishers are turning for feedback from our eldest brother, Steve Ellis, who introduced us to hunting deer in Taylor County and helped build the family cabin in Vilas County before moving his growing family to hunt Iron County. In the last year, he purchased property in Clark County.

"For the past 23 years we've watched the wolf population increase and spread out across Wisconsin, and the deer hunting has become profoundly worse because of it," he wrote. "We have a real wolf problem, and the so-called authorities are not doing a thing to solve it. In 2001 we built a cabin in Iron County for the primary purposes of deer hunting. There were wolves around, but there were also a lot of deer. It seemed to work out fine.

"When I say 'a lot' of deer, the number was really pretty modest. I expected to see about six deer total during the nine-day gun season. One would be a buck; I'd get him and be happy. Over the next 20 years, that level of hunting became steadily worse as the wolf population increased. In the last four years in Iron County, I never saw a single deer, and my deer stands were literally overrun with wolf tracks.

"I ended up selling the cabin in 2023 and buying hunting land in Clark County. It

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1-24-2024 Lincoln County 2 Wolves



6-9-2024 Columbia County 1 Wolf



8-5-2024 Jackson County 1 Wolf



3-13-2015 Monroe County 1 Wolf



7-20-2024 Clark County 5 Wolves



3-17-2024 Price County 4 Wolves



8-6-2024 Oneida County 6 Wolves



4-23-2024 Portage County 4 Wolves



8-18-2023 Adams County 2 Wolves



7-28-2024 Vilas County 1 Wolf

CONGRESSMAN TOM TIFFANY

President Trump Was Right to Delist The Wolf

In proper numbers, Gray Wolf is welcome in Wisconsin

Are you in a better position now than you were four years ago? For many, the answer is a resounding no.

Because four years ago when President Trump left office, inflation was low, our border was secure, the world was less chaotic, and the average 30-year mortgage rate was 2.65%.

Fast forward to the present day, grocery prices have surged by 21.2%, millions of illegals are overwhelming our border, a record 11 U.S. embassies have undergone evacuation, and the average 30-year mortgage rate stands at 7.36% under President Biden.

But that's not all.

Wisconsinites were also gearing up for their first wolf hunt since 2014, thanks to President Trump.

On October 29, 2020, after more than 45 years since gray wolves were first protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), President Trump's Department of the Interior removed the species from the ESA – citing its remarkable recovery with over 6,000 wolves in the U.S.

Following this delisting, Wisconsinites conducted a successful wolf hunt to maintain population control while ensuring the wolves have a continued presence on the landscape.

Nonetheless, a year after Wisconsin's effective wolf hunt, a California judge vacated the final 2020 rule thereby restoring ESA protections for the gray wolf across most of the United States.

It prompts the question: What expertise does a California judge have about the gray wolf population in Wisconsin?

Wisconsin farmers, ranchers, sportsmen, and pet owners have seen enough real-world evidence to know that it is their livelihood and future that's endangered, not the gray wolf. Yet, radical environmental groups and judges have turned the ESA into a statutory Hotel California, where animals check into the endangered species list, but they may never leave.

However, I'm working to change that. Alongside Congresswoman Boebert, I introduced H.R. 764, the Trust the Science Act. This bill aims not only to delist the gray wolf across the lower 48 states but also to shield the issuance of the final rule from judicial review.

This last aspect is crucial. It means that activist judges – like the one in California – wouldn't have the authority to dictate how Wisconsinites manage their wolf population. Instead, the delisting would be safeguarded from judicial interference, allowing states to manage their gray wolf populations without fear of a relisting.

No one understands the gray wolf population better than those who live among them, and it is high time we empower Wisconsinites to oversee our own wolf population.

President Trump was right to delist the gray wolf, and as his Secretary of Interior stated, "The gray wolf has exceeded all conservation goals for recovery... This species is neither a threatened nor endangered species."

President Trump's reelection is imperative to ensure we can finish the task of returning wolf management back to We the People.

Congressman Tom Tiffany was elected to represent Wisconsin's Seventh District. The Trust the Science Act passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee and the House. The next step would be for the U.S. Senate to vote on it. 🐾



Sent by a resident of Bayfield County, a pack of at least three wolves feed on a cow kill.

DICK ELLIS

Wolf Attacks on Pets, Livestock Increase

Loss of family dog leaves owners questioning management

The night of March 5, 2024 near Ashland Wisconsin, Julie Brilla let her 11-year-old labrador retriever, Cassi, out of the home to do her business. Within minutes, her husband John Brilla heard the dog bark in the backyard and Julie went to the door to let Cassi back in. There was no answer from the dog and she was nowhere to be seen.

They immediately called their son-in-law, Greg Martinsen, who arrived within 10 minutes on his Polaris Ranger. What Greg found he described as "horrific."

"The lab was lying dead and steaming in the field 100 feet from their house," he wrote. "The dog was split wide open and the wolves had started eating her. I know there will be questions on whether it was truly wolves. I can say with 100 percent certainty it was."

That fact was verified when the family took Cassi to Ashland, Martinsen said, and met with Ethan Rossing, a wolf specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Rossing completed an examination confirming the wolf attack. This follows confirmed wolf attacks on pets, livestock and sporting dogs annually in Wisconsin where wolves are listed as endangered and not hunted, and recent DNR wolf management practices opposed by many. DNR wolf population estimates are widely challenged as below reality, with the negative consequences already evident for hunters and largely undetermined for residents over much of Wisconsin.

"This experience should be seen as an eye opener for anyone with pets," Martinsen said. "This didn't happen in the middle of the national forest. This happened in their backyard. These wolves knew what they were doing and they made quick work of the family dog. Please take the time to call your state and federal legislators and demand some management of these killing machines. Thank you to Ethan Rossing from the USDA and Game Warden Phillip Brown for your professionalism during this tragic incident."

"Some would say that this land is the wolf's domain, but when they take a beloved, loyal companion, 50 feet from my house, they're encroaching on my domain," Julie Brilla wrote to OWO. "This was not a humane death. It was horrific. The deer population is way down in our area also, with many sightings of wolves. Hopefully, something can be done to better manage the wolf population, so we don't have more of these terrible tragedies. Thank you." 🐾



Cassi, an 11-year-old Labrador Retriever and family dog owned by Julie and John Brilla, was killed by wolves near Ashland after being briefly let out of the family home the night of February 5. The graphic photo is used per request of the owners who want other pet owners to be aware of the danger posed by wolves.

4 Million

**INELIGIBLE VOTERS ON OUR WISCONSIN
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WHO REALLY WINS?

PAY TO PLAY

CAN YOU AFFORD YOUR REPRESENTATIVE?

This video reveals the hidden truth behind the donor-driven money legislators have received in Wisconsin to push Rank Choice Voting.

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ANGIE SAPIK FOR ASSEMBLY	\$2,000.00
ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATIC CAMP COMM - SEG FUND	\$5,000.00
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CITIZENS FOR DALE KOYENGA	\$25,130.00
CITIZENS FOR ROB HUTTON	\$3,650.00
CITIZENS FORDAVE	\$1,845.00
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COWLES FOR SENATE	\$4,000.00
DON VRUWINK FOR ASSEMBLY	\$1,845.00
DONOVAN FOR ASSEMBLY	\$11,150.00
ELECT SCOTT L. JOHNSON	\$2,000.00
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FRIENDS OF ERIC WIMBERGER	\$5,675.00
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FRIENDS OF JESSE JAMES	\$15,360.00
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FRIENDS OF KATRINA SHANKLAND	\$1,045.00
FRIENDS OF LISA SUBECK	\$17,175.00
FRIENDS OF MARK SPREITZER	\$1,000.00
FRIENDS OF MARY	\$8,175.00
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TAXPAYERS FOR MARKLEIN	\$1,925.00
TIP FOR WI	\$7,700.00
TOGETHER WITH JEFF SMITH	\$27,700.00
ZIMMERMAN FOR WISCONSIN	\$8,010.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$465,280.00

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JOHN ELLIS

Election Integrity in Wisconsin-Part Eight

Stay cool, but hold on to your righteous anger

Donald Trump would win Wisconsin easily in November if our election was verifiable. The more than 1.6 million of us who voted for him in 2020 still want him to be elected president, and we carry within ourselves a righteous anger. Using our good judgement, we know the 2020 election was not legitimate, and we've waited patiently for four years to right the wrong. But we're also rightly concerned about the upcoming election, and this is why.

On Wisconsin Outdoors (OWO) has been reporting since November of 2023 that our elections are not verifiable, because the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) has an estimated 4 million ineligible voters on its statewide registration list.

The millions of ineligible voters are the primary source of fraud in Wisconsin, and a few dishonest people with access to the

WEC's list can deny the will of all Wisconsin voters. They simply have to use the names on the list to cast as many fraudulent ballots as they need. This happened in 2020, and it will happen again this November.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (608-237-9163), Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (608-266-2056), and the Republicans who control Wisconsin's Assembly and Senate, are directly responsible for allowing this to continue.

OWO emailed the Republicans about the millions of ineligible voters on November 6th, and again on December 1st, of 2023. The Republicans have had almost an entire year to legislate their removal from the WEC's list. This would have made Wisconsin's elections verifiable, by removing the source of unverifiable, illegally cast ballots. It would have guaranteed that only

verifiable, eligible voters could participate in our elections, and that the will of Wisconsin voters would prevail this November.

But rather than making our elections verifiable, Republicans have left Wisconsin's unverifiable elections in place. They did this because the Republican and Democrat Party leaders, are two sides of the same corrupt coin. They know that Donald Trump is a threat to the power of both parties, so they're working together to defeat him, and us. To do this, they must use deceit.

By leaving millions of ineligible voters on the WEC's list, Republicans can appear to back Trump while making it possible for Democrats to steal the November election from him.

The Republican and Democrat Party leaders are our enemy, because they're cunning liars. In Wisconsin, assisted by

a corrupt media and mute conservative radio hosts, they've tried to distract us with irrelevant issues, while keeping their real intentions hidden. The illusion they've tried to create, and the lie they want us to believe, is that the November election is between Republicans and Democrats.

But in reality, this election is between all of us who love truth and freedom, and the lying Republican and Democrat Party leaders themselves. In the weeks ahead they will lie to us continually about the polls being close, Wisconsin being deeply divided, and the popularity of Kamala Harris. Don't believe a word of it. We are dealing with a relatively small group of devious people, who have proven they will say, or do, anything to deceive us. Stay cool, but hold on to your righteous anger. On November 5th we'll do our best to remove the liars from power. 🗳️

JOHN ELLIS

Democrats, Assisted by Republicans, Intend to Steal Wisconsin's November Election

Democrats in power, including many in the media, lie to us continually and about everything. They lied about COVID-19 and therapeutics. They lied about the verifiability of the 2020 election. They lied about Trump and Russian collusion. They lied about insurrection. They lied about the southern border, illegal immigrants, and fentanyl. They lie about the ability of people to change their sex. They lie about man's ability to control the climate. They lie about wolves and walleyes. They lie about the economy being good. They lie about the polls being close. They lied about Biden's cognitive condition, and they're lying now about the popularity of Kamala Harris.

Donald Trump would beat Kamala Harris easily in Wisconsin, if our elections were verifiable.

But our elections are not verifiable because the Republicans who control Wisconsin's Assembly and Senate, have left an estimated **4 million ineligible voters** on the Wisconsin Elections Commission's statewide voter registration list.

The 4 million ineligible voters are the primary source of fraud in Wisconsin's elections.

The Republicans have done this so Democrats can steal the November election, while they pretend to back Trump.

Call Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (608-237-9163), Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (608-266-2056), and your state representatives, to tell them you know exactly what they're up to. To find out how to contact your representatives go to legis.wi.gov.

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broke my heart to do that, because we loved what it had been. But the wolves stole it, and it was gone. In Clark County, there are more deer now, but much to my disappointment, there is also a huge wolf population. Based on my experience, I know it won't be long until the deer hunting is over in Clark County, too. Already, the doe permits awarded each year seem to be decreasing. And don't even try to tell me it's not the wolves."

Steve Ellis sent us a photo for publication in this issue from his Clark County property taken on July 20, 2024 with five wolves on a deer kill with a probable sixth wolf in the background. As is our practice, we count the lower number when there is question.

By the numbers, since OWO asked for your trail cam photos of wolves, we have now published 38 photos from readers since January, 2024. This includes with this issue an additional 10 photos with wolves from five additional counties not previously represented with photos: Monroe, Portage, Columbia, Vilas and Jackson. Shots published in this issue include photos from Lincoln, Price, Clark, Oneida and Adams counties which were represented with wolf shots in previous issues.

The shots now include a total of 106 wolves scattered over 27 counties. In our ongoing project, red on the adjacent Wisconsin map will represent counties from which we have received wolf photos.

To date, using the state mark of approximately 1000 wolves, with 28 snapshots taken over 31 percent of Wisconsin's 72 counties, we have in theory captured more than 10 percent of the DNR's estimated population. The photo contributions represent only a literal snapshot of the vast territory within each of the 27 counties, with the large majority of Wisconsin counties not yet contributing a single photo to our informal survey. We're confident they will.

Thank you for sending your trail cam photos of wolves, and for informing friends, local sports shop owners, shooting clubs or other possible sources that OWO is asking for photos that will help verify or challenge state population estimates. Healthy, science-based wildlife management is only possible with accurate numbers of predator and prey serving as the foundation for decisions.

Help us verify truth in numbers. Wherever it leads us. 🗳️

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JOAN ELLIS BEGLINGER

No Place to Hide

Tammy Baldwin's disastrous voting record with Harris-Biden is no secret

When Joe Biden touched down in Madison for a scripted campaign rally after his disastrous debate against Donald Trump, he was flanked by almost all of the big names in the Wisconsin Democratic Party. Notably missing was Senator Tammy Baldwin. In fact, she has managed to avoid all five of Biden's recent stops in Wisconsin. A reporter from WLUC caught up with her campaigning in Northeastern Wisconsin and pressed her hard for her thoughts on whether Biden is cognitively unfit for the presidency and should step aside. Though in the past she has referred to Joe Biden as the most accomplished president in a generation, she refused to offer an opinion. The most the reporter could get her to say is "It's not my decision" and "I'm focused on my own campaign." There are reasons for her nonanswer.

Despite her own four-year voting record of robotic-like support for the Biden/Harris agenda (now Harris), it's election year and Tammy Baldwin is executing her all too familiar strategy to dupe Wisconsin voters into electing her for a third six-year term in the United States Senate. She is the epitome of a career politician, having been elected to local and state offices in Wisconsin and then to the House of Representatives and Senate since 1986 when she was 24 years old.

Tammy Baldwin's reelection game plan is to deceive Wisconsin voters into believing that she is just a down-home girl with midwestern sensibilities, while bearing responsibility for the destructive liberal policies that are causing real harm to the American people. Her pattern is to fly under the radar during most of her term, quietly casting votes that impose a radically liberal agenda on the country. When it is time to campaign, she resurfaces and, with help from the corrupt media, tells a story of her service to Wisconsin that bears no resemblance to the truth.

One of her latest campaign ads touts her efforts to crack down on the fentanyl that has flooded our country, killing many, while it is her support of the open border that



Can't keep this secret Senator Baldwin. Americans for Democratic Action, self-described as a home for liberal activists, gave you a 100% rating.

allowed it in the first place. A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article informed readers that Baldwin "passed along Wisconsin voters' concerns to the White House regarding President Joe Biden's ability to lead the country...." If Wisconsin voters were able to determine that Biden is unfit for office from our limited exposure, Baldwin should have been aware given her front row seat for nearly four years. She witnessed the severity of his decline firsthand and had the responsibility to do her part to protect the country from an unfit President. Now, Baldwin stands in full support of the newly anointed presidential candidate Kamala Harris, named in 2020 as the most liberal senator in office.

FiveThirtyEight ranks members of Congress on how often they vote with Joe Biden. Tammy Baldwin has earned a ranking of 96%, nearly perfect. The Biden/Harris catastrophic agenda, with Tammy Baldwin's unwavering support, has plagued the country with misery and threat. We

have high prices that are crushing average Americans, open borders admitting millions of illegal migrants, oppressive green regulation, infringement on individual liberty, unaddressed crime, and national security risks.

Wisconsin is far from a liberal state, yet Baldwin holds the distinction as one of the most liberal members of Congress. Voteview, a publication of the UCLA Political Sciences Department, rates her the sixth most liberal Senator in Congress. Americans for Democratic Action, which describes itself as "a home for liberal activists", gives Baldwin a 100% rating.

Americans have the opportunity to evaluate both candidates for President based on what they have done, not just what they say. We have experienced both Trump's America first leadership and a Biden/Harris agenda that dismantled that great progress in less than four years. Prior to Biden's exit, voters overwhelmingly rated

Trump in surveys as the preferred leader on issues including inflation, immigration, and national security. Harris will fare even worse. Many citizens have been counting the days until they can vote Joe Biden and Kamala Harris out of office on their record of destruction. Without a ballot being cast, one threat to America's Constitutional Republic is down, but an even greater threat remains.

Like it was for Biden in 2020, cheating remains the only path to victory for Harris. The zeal with which his supporters tried to gaslight the public about Biden's impaired condition, despite 52 million Americans having seen it for themselves during the debate, is a true indicator of how they will also attempt to alter the Harris record.

Even worse, the vulnerabilities of our election system have been well documented, with the millions of ineligible voter names the Wisconsin Elections Commission maintains on the Registered Voter lists the priority concern. The legislature continues to ignore this massive reservoir of names available for sophisticated hacking despite unrelenting calls from citizens to purge them. A free and fair election in Wisconsin remains in question. Stay on your legislators to fix the system.

The Wisconsin electorate is signaling it will choose Donald Trump in November. Tammy Baldwin was desperately running away from Joe, but she has no place to hide with her record of support for Biden-Harris clearly visible to anyone who looks. Her record confirms she has been one of the current administration's greatest enablers and, if reelected, she will be one of the greatest obstacles to Donald Trump doing what Wisconsin voters send him to Washington to do. We have a clear choice. Eric Hovde will stand solidly with Donald Trump in reclaiming our country. It's time to retire Tammy Baldwin and send Eric Hovde to the United States Senate to represent our interests. He will work with Donald Trump every day to make America great again. 🇺🇸

DICK ELLIS

In Defense of America

Eyes on the olive branch, arrows at the ready

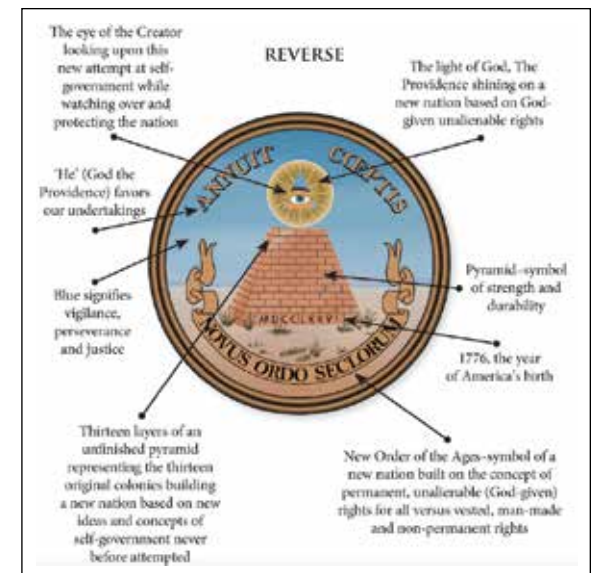
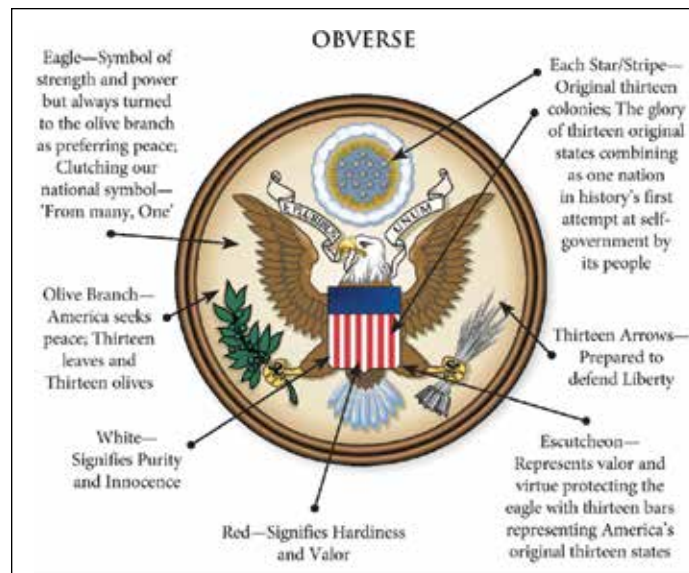
The Great Seal of the United States, used to guarantee the authenticity of American documents, symbolically reflects the beliefs and values that the Founding Fathers attached to the new nation and wished to pass on to their descendants.

On the front, or obverse side, the seal displays the coat of arms of the United States. Prominent is the eagle, America's symbol of strength and power clutching the banner inscribed with the term, "E Pluribus Unum"; from many, one. In its talons, the eagle holds both the olive branch, and 13 arrows representing the original 13 colonies prepared to defend liberty.

Always, the eagle is turned to the olive branch, signifying a preference for peace.

On the reverse or spiritual side, the Eye of Providence alludes to the many interpositions (coming between) of God in favor of the American cause. Novus Ordo Sedorum, or New Order of the Ages, symbolizes a new nation built on the belief of permanent, unalienable, or God-given rights. The government, the founders were telling us, works for the people.

It is significant that the responsibility of the design of the Great Seal was first given in 1776 to Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, the primary author and contributors of the writing of the Declaration of



American Independence. The Continental Congress adopted the Seal on June 20, 1782; six years after design began, according to this information gathered from the Heritage Foundation.

The Seal was first used officially on September 16, 1782 to guarantee the authenticity of a document that granted full power to General George Washington to negotiate and sign with the British an agreement for the exchange, subsistence and better treatment of prisoners of war. Thomas Jefferson was the first Secretary of State to have custody of the Great Seal.

The Founding Fathers believed their own freedom and more importantly freedoms to be passed down to generations following were worth dying for. 25,000 patriots lost their lives in America's war for independence. Each May, Memorial Day allows America to officially "honor and mourn" more than one million military men and women who have died since in the service of their country. July 4, we celebrate our freedoms.

Will we see another? November 5th, election day, will tell us.

Historically, America's enemies have been easily recognized. Because they were, Americans were most often united in the defense of their homeland and all that it stands for. Also recognized was that there will never again be a country like this that called so many to a new destiny, or that we were born into. When needed most, common people who wanted to live instead traded their lives to ensure generations yet to be born would have the same God-given rights and opportunities handed to them. That idea was more precious than their lives and a necessary trade if that was the cost to preserve this Republic.

Now, the most dangerous enemy to ever face the



American Cemetery at Normandy.

American people is here. Recognize it. While others were willing to trade it all for us, this enemy will take it all for them. They come from both sides of the political aisle entrenched in government, from the entertainment industry, corporate America and the education system. The complicit media though, is your greatest enemy. Disregarding a steadfast commitment to delivery of truth and protecting the citizen as is their obligation, primary to their arsenal is the lie.

False witness is defined as a person who deliberately gives false testimony; a person who has lied or who lies repeatedly. Slander is defined as the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation. Libel is defined as a published false statement that is damaging to a person's reputation; a written defamation.

This predominantly defines American media. And erasing American history, censorship, and the orchestrated



"...How can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house." Matthew 12:29.

Recognize the lies that bind America.

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DICK ELLIS

American Enemies

A time to turn away. A time to turn and face.

Those of us blessed to have been born to, and raised by, men who by necessity defended America and survived to talk about it may not have heard about the most graphic memories until our fathers were in the twilight of life. A generation of WWII combat veterans mostly gone now became known for more than extraordinary courage but later, for not always being eager to share their experiences. A story my father told after being shot down as a fighter pilot, severely injured and taken prisoner after three days on the run evading German soldiers leads to the real story here; to remember the fallen.

Following capture, Lt. Don Ellis stood under guard before a German officer. Lt. Ellis had broken ribs and his hands were severely burned, the result of being shot down and bailing from the cockpit of a P-47 engulfed in flames during a strafing run in Italy on October 4, 1944. The officer asked about his injuries. The 24-year-old American pilot raised both hands, which he described graphically to his sons as “raw wieners” with no finger nails and smelling of severely burnt flesh, and responded that he would lose his hands if he wasn’t given medical help.

The officer said he would receive help only in exchange for information he wanted regarding the American airfield. Instead, Lt. Ellis remained silent and turned away, after which he was given immediate medical attention. Ultimately, he would lose one finger and gnarled hands would not prevent extraordinary work as an engineer throughout his life.

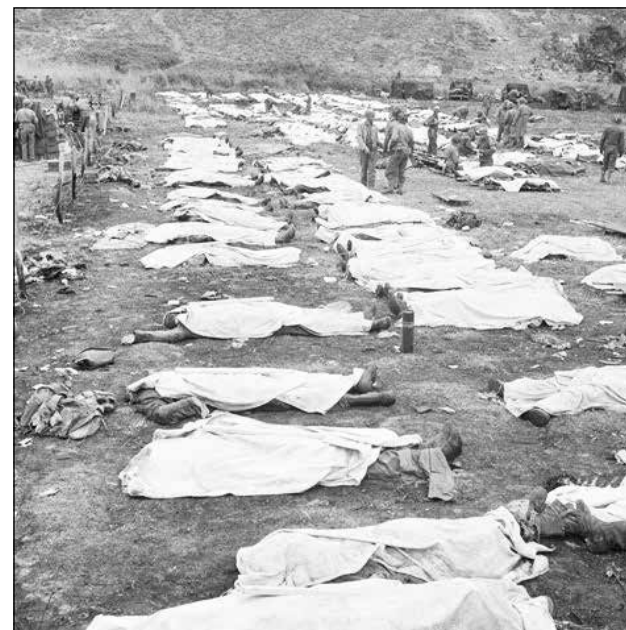
A more difficult loss than physical pain would come with his release from Stalag 7A; the Red Cross during a search



Lt. Don Ellis of Wisconsin Rapids

for his eldest brother informed him that Tank Commander Lt. Charles Ellis had been killed on November 30, 1944, less than two months after the younger brother had been shot down. One of six Ellis brothers from Wisconsin Rapids to serve during the war, Charles, would lose his life near the village of Kleinau, Germany, graphically detailed by a survivor of the tank battle and found online decades later by a nephew.

“In an attempt to flank the village, Lt. Ellis’ tank slid into a bomb crater with four feet of water and flipped over,” writes Mike Kunnen in “Tanks in a Mine Field” which graphically details many men from the platoon killed and wounded by enemy fire over one day. “Lt. Ellis was crushed



Americans killed in Europe await a final resting place.

to death attempting to jump clear. The gunner, Arnold Lien, drowned while Sgt. Oberdan Arizzi tried to talk driver Stewart and bow gunner Hullet out through the escape hatch on the bottom of the tank. Both got out.”

It is right now to remember stories like these passed down over 248 years in gratitude to those who died for our freedoms. It is also right to understand that those freedoms are not ours now to give away, but our most precious gift and obligation to protect and pass on to American generations yet to be.

It is right too, if we can find the courage, to know when to turn away from an enemy. And, because we must now as a nation find the courage, when to recognize a new enemy and face it. 🇺🇸

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and ongoing lie is pivotal to their tactics in destroying our nation.

As our country struggles now to survive, know that you are not alone and are in fact part of the great majority. Propaganda works to isolate. You are surrounded by Americans who are sickened like you at the very thought of losing our America. Count these publishers among you. Like those who have defended and sustained America across the ages, our commitment is to deliver to you only truth gained through years of watching and documenting the words of those who would destroy us.

Acknowledge now the Founding Fathers and those who died or paid a tremendous cost to preserve the idea of America. They gave you the right to defend your country now simply by casting your ballot. Your vote is for those who came before us, and for those yet to be.

Remember that lies die in the light. And remember too.... your eyes are on the olive branch.

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.” John Adams. 🇺🇸

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DICK ELLIS

"They Don't Fear Lies, They Fear Truth"

Media, Democrat corruption compels RFK to suspend campaign, endorse Trump

Citing corruption in media and the Democratic Party, independent candidate for president Robert F. Kennedy Jr. suspended his campaign August 23 and endorsed Donald Trump. Kennedy appeared with the former president later at a rally in Glendale, Arizona.

Kennedy is polling on average at 5-percent nationally, and will remove his name from the ballot in 10 battleground states, including Wisconsin, where suspending the campaign has the potential for massive impact. He is supported by high numbers of young voters and independents.

Kennedy said that he discovered strong agreement with Trump in personal meetings on high priority issues. These include securing the border, protecting freedom of speech, ending "forever wars" and the childhood disease epidemic, and removing US intelligence agencies from "the business of propagandizing, censoring and surveilling Americans and interfering with our elections."



Robert Kennedy joins Donald Trump at a rally in Glendale, Arizona August 23 shortly after suspending his campaign and endorsing the former president.

He said the alliance would allow he and Trump to "disagree publicly and privately and furiously when needed on issues we differ on, while working together on the existential issues on which we are in accordance."

Trump said at the rally that he would also open up to the American people all files on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy

kept hidden for 60 years, and on the attempt on his own life July 13. Like JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, government investigators quickly concluded that Thomas Matthew Crooks acted alone in the attempt on Trump despite numerous questions remaining unanswered.

RFK Jr. was scathing in his attacks on mainstream and social media, the Democratic Party, President Biden, and current DNC candidate Kamala Harris. He called democracy "little more than a slogan" for political institutions, media, government, and the Democratic Party. "In the interest of serving democracy, democrats set itself to dismantling it," he said. "Lacking confidence in Harris that she could win at the voting booth, the DNC waged legal warfare against President Trump and myself. To subvert the will of the voters, they deployed DNC-aligned judges to throw me and other candidates off the ballot, and throw President Trump in jail."

Kennedy directly challenged media

representatives in attendance on censorship of political speech and the First Amendment, calling it the most sacred right on which all Constitutional Rights rest. "I ask you to consider the many ways that your institutions have abdicated this really sacred responsibility," he said. "It's the duty of the free press to safeguard democracy, and to challenge always the party in power. Instead of maintaining that posture of fierce skepticism toward authority, your institutions have made them government mouthpieces, stenographers for the organs of power. You alone haven't caused the devolution of American Democracy, but you could have prevented it."

"The mainstream media was once the guardian of the first amendment and democratic principles. But it's joined the systemic attack on democracy. Media justifies their censorship on the grounds of combatting misinformation. But government and oppressors don't censor lies. They don't fear lies. They fear the truth. And that's what they censor." 🗣️

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A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words

Censorship and election interference

Critical thinking by all voters in interpreting media propaganda or truth is imperative. The assassination attempt July 13 of Donald Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania offers lessons. Although disengaged voters were, likely not tuned-in to the campaign event live, they were with few exceptions, part of the audience of literally millions world-wide who would view the shooting and the images captured by photographers later. The vast majority watched the former president with bloodied face and fist defiantly urging his supporters to "fight" moments after being shot with the backdrop of the hanging American flag. The image would quickly gain status as "iconic", or immediately recognized by almost everyone.

A photo is indeed worth 1000 words. When a vivid memory imprinted on the masses is universally interpreted as extreme courage, "iconic" becomes a threat to the media's primary goal of keeping Trump from regaining office. A threat then, to be neutralized.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel front page photo choice for the assassination attempt might have been bleacher spectators at a Little League baseball game. The exception is two law enforcement officers visible on stage but blending in to the audience. Trump is nowhere to be seen. The reader must rely

on the photo caption information to know that Trump is there somewhere, buried under secret service agents. In contrast, the Waukesha Freeman chooses the iconic photo available to any major publication interested in accurately delivering, in a snapshot, the emotional story to its audience.

Publisher Note:

The following email was sent by OWO to Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MJS) Executive Editor Greg Borowski on August 25:

Dear Greg,

Unless my scrutiny of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel print and online issues Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 is incorrect, there was no coverage of Robert F. Kennedy Jr Friday endorsement of Donald Trump. In suspending his campaign, endorsing Trump, and announcing plans to remove his name from ballots in 10 battleground states including Wisconsin, Kennedy created major election news. As the New York Post stated in a headline prior to Kennedy's official announcement, "How RFK Jr. dropping out could have massive impact in key battleground states."

For publication in On Wisconsin Outdoors, if I am incorrect that there was no coverage of the Kennedy endorsement and

Waukesha Freeman Cover of Trump Attempted Assassination:



stated reasons why, thanks for letting me know and my apologies. Second, if I am correct, why was there no Milwaukee Journal Sentinel coverage?

Thank you for responding by noon Monday August 26. We go to press tomorrow afternoon.

I appreciate it, Greg.

Dick Ellis, Publisher
On Wisconsin Outdoors

No reply was received from Borowski by deadline. On Monday, August 26, MJS published an article from USA Today Network predominately focusing on Kennedy's campaign suspension and questioning whether he would be legally able to withdraw his name from certain battleground states' ballots. No mention of Wisconsin was given. The candidate's endorsement of Trump was mentioned with four words in the seventh paragraph. 🗣️