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**Annual Optimist Tree Burn & Food Pantry Food Drive**

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Time: 5:00pm

Location: Antigo High School; south-east edge of the "gravel" parking lot (west of the track)

Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available during the burn.

You can bring your tree to throw on the fire or drop off on the pile the week prior at any time.

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## Aspirus Langlade Hospital Welcomes First Baby of 2025

### ASPIRUS HEALTH

At 4:30 p.m. on January 3rd, proud parents Megan and Nathan Mantor of Antigo welcomed their daughter, Paisley Rae, into the world. Paisley, who weighed 6 lbs. 15.5 oz is the newest addition to the Mantor family, joining her older sister, Avery.

To celebrate the occasion, the Birthing Center staff at Aspirus Langlade Hospital presented the family with a handmade crocheted horse which was made by one of the OB nurses in honor of having the first baby born at the hospital in 2025.

The thoughtful gesture marks a warm and welcoming start to the new year for the Mantor family and the hospital community.



## Underdown Snowshoe Adventure



### FOR MMC

The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will host a guided snowshoe hike in the Underdown area of the Lincoln County Forest on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, starting at 10 a.m. Participants should plan to meet at the Underdown Recreation Area parking lot on Copper Lake Rd.

Come and enjoy the wonderful landscape created by the Great Wisconsin Glacier about ten thousand years ago. A UW geology and geophysics professor described the Underdown as a 'World class hummocky feature' of glacial topography. In simpler terms, the area has swamps, lakes, bogs, and hills abundantly.

The trail is well marked and packed, hikers can choose between distances of one to four hours depending on your ability, experience, and endurance. The trail is 'moderately

See **SNOWSHOE** page 9

# Antigo Wrestlers Shine at Shiocton Girls Clausen Classic

### NATASHA WINKLER

The Antigo wrestling team had a strong showing at the Shiocton Girls Clausen Classic on Saturday, January 4, with standout performances from junior Olivia Hofrichter and sophomore Maycee Dvorak. Hofrichter dominated her bracket to claim first place at 145 pounds, while Dvorak fought through tough competition to secure seventh place at 107 pounds.

### Hofrichter's Perfect Path to Gold

Olivia Hofrichter entered the tournament ranked fourth in the state at 145 pounds and solidified her status with three pinfall victories. In the quarterfinals, Hofrichter faced Jayden Mahlke of Winneconne. She executed a lateral drop just 19 seconds into the match and secured the pin at 43 seconds.

In the semifinals, Hofrichter met Miriam Alberts of Lena, a wrestler she had previously defeated. Hofrichter

dominated from the start, using a series of calculated moves to build a commanding lead. She sealed the victory with a pin at 3:55 after executing a Mills half Nelson.

The final saw Hofrichter square off against Adalyn Barkley of Shawano, who had advanced by defeating the 11th-ranked Hailey Firari. Hofrichter secured the initial takedown with an armspin and used an arm bar to achieve the pin at 1:43, earning her first-place honors.

Hofrichter's performance further solidified her reputation as one of the top competitors in her weight class, improving her record to 13-1 on the season.

### Dvorak's Resilient Run

Maycee Dvorak, competing at 107 pounds, showcased her determination throughout the day. In her opening match against Chloe Nelson of Shiocton, Dvorak used a single-leg takedown and transitioned to a double-leg for the initial points. After a back-and-forth battle, she locked

in a far-side wrist and near-side half Nelson to earn a pinfall victory at 3:43.

In the quarterfinals, Dvorak faced Gwyn Hermann of Shawano Community. Despite taking an early lead and forcing technical violations, Dvorak was ultimately pinned late in the second period. Hermann would go on to finish in second place.

Dvorak rebounded in the consolation bracket, defeating Melanie Behnke of Peshtigo in just 28 seconds with a counterattack and half Nelson. She then faced Brenna Marsh of Wittenberg-Birnamwood in the consolation semifinals but fell via pinfall at 1:50.

In the seventh-place match, Dvorak displayed her grit against Kendall Knope of Shawano Community. After earning a reversal and a body-lock takedown, she powered through with a half Nelson to secure the pin at 1:40, finishing her day with three victories and an overall record of 5-6.



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Whatever I do is not just me; it is many. We are all in this together. No one deserves all the credit, and no one should bear all the blame. Our successes and failures are collective, reflecting the journey we share.

So, let's make it worthwhile. Let's journey together with love and compassion, setting aside denigration and hate. Our shared path is our greatest responsibility and our most profound opportunity.

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**Visit Bald Eagle Watching Days In Sauk Prairie Jan. 18**  
*All Events Are Free And Open To The Public*

**DNR**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources invites the public to participate in the annual Bald Eagle Watching Days happening on Sat., Jan. 18, 2025 in Sauk Prairie. All Bald Eagle Watching Days events are free and open to the public.



Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

Bald eagle lovers can watch eagles soar above the Wisconsin River from a newly renovated overlook located at 490 Water St. in Prairie du Sac. Volunteers will be available at the overlook to answer questions and help visitors spot eagles from 8am-4pm.

Visitors can also enjoy live raptor shows in the River Arts Center of the Sauk Prairie High School, featuring educational birds and trainers from the Schlitiz Audubon Nature Center in Milwaukee, a screening of a recently recorded rehabilitated bald eagle release with a live expert Q&A session and more family-friendly activities. Full details are available on the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council website, including self-guided tours.

"Every once in a while, we need to take stock of how far we've come in the effort to conserve bald eagles," said Sumner Matteson, DNR avian ecologist. "In 1974, there were only 107 breeding pairs in a handful of northern counties in Wisconsin. Fifty years later, we have around 1,700 pairs with bald eagles nesting in all 72 counties."

Bald Eagle Watching Days celebrates eagles as they gather in winter areas, providing fantastic viewing opportunities as eagles from northern Wisconsin, Canada, northern Michigan and Minnesota move south in search of food. These raptors have a diet that includes both carrion and fish. When hunting for fish, they congregate in open water areas below dams along the Wisconsin, Mississippi and Fox rivers, where their growing presence has turned the sites into birdwatching destinations and inspired community events.

This event is cosponsored by Ferry Bluff Eagle Council, the Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce, the DNR and the Tripp Museum in Prairie du Sac.

**Eagle Watching Tips**

The best time to see foraging eagles will be in the early morning (8-10 a.m.) as they depart their nighttime communal roosts to feed along the river and two hours before dusk as they return to their roosts.

When viewing eagles at these events or on your own, biologists advise onlookers not to venture too close as it will cause the eagles to fly off. Guests are encouraged to stay in their cars unless they are at a staffed viewing site.

**APD**

The Antigo Police Department holds multiple warrants for Matthew R. Nance, 31 years old. The warrants are for failure to pay possession of methamphetamine, bail jumping and resisting/obstructing a police officer. Two other failure to appear warrants include substantial battery that intended bodily harm and disorderly conduct.



Those with information on his whereabouts are urged to call the Antigo Police Department at (715) 627-6411 or Langlade County

Crimestoppers at 715-627-NAIL (6245). Callers may remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 app on your device to send in anonymous tips. Those tips are eligible for a CASH reward! The P3 app can be used for more than just sending in tips about warrants. Download it and check it out!

**Winter Tires and Winter Driving**

Now that it's January, the official start to winter is already. If you haven't yet, now is the time to start thinking about putting winter tires on your vehicle, or replacing your old tires all together. Winter tires are designed for safety while driving in snow, rain, slush and ice, giving you more control

behind the wheel. Wisconsin law has certain requirements when it comes to tires on your vehicle.

The law states that the tires have to have at least 2/32 inch tread depth in every major tire groove. If your vehicle is required to have fenders, the tire may not protrude more than 2" beyond the fender line, and all tires on the same axle also have to be the same size. When driving in the winter with snow/icy conditions, just pretend you're taking your grandma to a family gathering. There's a crock pot filled to the brim with baby red mashed potatoes and a gallon jug filled with egg nog in the back seat. Also, grandma is wearing a new dress and holding a freshly baked pecan pie.

**Antigo Optimists Prepare for Christmas Bonfire**

Tuesday, January 14th

**NICK SALM**

Antigo Optimist members will be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate, along with some notes for a story about the Optimist Christmas Tree Burn happening next Tuesday, January 14th at 5:00PM in the south parking lot at the high school.

The Antigo High School south parking lot is beginning to pile up with discarded Christmas trees that will become a great end to the Christmas bonfire Tuesday, January 14th at 5PM. Families are encouraged to bring food for the pantry and enjoy free hot dogs and hot chocolate provided by Optimist volunteers during the bonfire.



Optimists Tim Sharon, Angie Close, Jazmin Maki, Larry Ehlert, Tom Krautkramer, Sam Hardin and Shane Krueger.

Optimist volunteers along with the City of Antigo invite everyone to enjoy this end of season bonfire Tuesday evening with fresh grilled hot dogs and hot chocolate. Christmas trees will be accepted on the pile til the fire starts.

The Antigo Area Community Food Pantry will be on hand to accept food donations for families needing assistance. Bring the whole family to enjoy the fire, free hot dogs and hot chocolate while helping the food pantry. Antigo Optimist mem-

bers meet every second and fourth Wednesday at noon at Northstar Lanes, welcoming people who want to help raise funds and volunteer for activities that encourage and promote positive youth programs in Langlade County.

**Aspirus Offering Free Seminar on Atrial Fibrillation**

Learn About AFib and Protect Your Heart Health

**ASPIRUS HEALTH**

Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is a common but serious heart condition that significantly increases the risk of stroke and heart failure if left untreated. Symptoms such as fatigue, shortness of breath, and dizziness can impact your ability to stay active and diminish your quality of life

To help individuals better understand and manage this condition, Aspirus Heart Care is hosting a free seminar on Wednesday, January 29th. The event will cover the relationship between AFib, stroke, and heart failure, as well as the innovative treatment options available through Aspirus Heart Care.

The seminar will take place at The Hilton Garden Inn in Wausau from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. While the event is free, registration is requested.

Aspirus Heart Care specialists John Johnkoski, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, and Andrew Myktysey, MD, Electrophysiologist, will provide insights into managing AFib. Topics include traditional and minimally invasive



FREE AFib Event

approaches, catheter-based ablation techniques, and combined treatments that aim to reduce symptoms, prevent strokes, and improve quality of life.

"Atrial fibrillation not only disrupts normal heart rhythm but also significantly increases the risk of life-threatening complications like stroke and heart failure," said Dr. Johnkoski. "For patients with AFib, the risk of stroke is approximately five times higher than for those with normal heart rhythms."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**Elcho Area Community Food Pantry** Mondays 2:30-4:30pm. Wednesdays 4-6pm. 11224 Antigo St., Elcho. Food will be distributed based on availability and # of family members. Note that the pantry is not open on holidays, or on days when the schools are closed because of snow. 715-275-5010. In accordance with federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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**Senior Cribbage Group** Mondays 1pm. Summit Lake Town Hall N 9575, County Rd B, Summit Lake. Currently On Hold Due To Low Participation- Plz Call If Interested: Judy Beecher 715-219-4333

**Group Dance Class & Social** Tuesdays 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. learn to dance in a fun, social setting! Each week the lesson rotates to another style of Latin or Ballroom dance (Salsa, Bachata, Cha Cha, Waltz, Rumba, Foxtrot, Swing, Etc.) No Partner (Or Experience) Required! Doors open by 5:45pm. The 45-minute class begins at 6pm and afterwards we'll play a variety of music so everyone can dance and have fun!

**Line Dancing** Jan. 13th 1-2:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County 623 Edison St., Antigo. Line Dancing- Instructions and handouts are provided for every dance. No prior knowledge of line dance is necessary. The goal of the class is to have fun while getting to know others and learning steps to dance.

**StrongBodies Program** (Virtual) Jan. 14th & 16th 9-10:15am. This will be a virtual program via Zoom that you can follow along with at home. Sign up online at <https://go.wisc.edu/j9468d>

**Antigo Optimist Annual Tree Burn** Jan. 14th 5pm. Antigo High School 1900 10th Ave., Antigo. south east edge of the "gravel" parking lot (west of the track). Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate will be available during the burn. You can bring your tree to throw on the fire, or drop-off on the pile the week prior.

**Cardio and Strength Training** Jan. 15th 4:30-5:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County, 623 Edison St., Antigo. Cardio and strength training at the senior center with Dawn. This is designed for all levels of fitness. There is no charge.

**Indoor Cornhole League** Jan. 15th 6:30pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. Cost is \$5/person. Doubles (singles if not enough people) with Round Robin and Bracket Play. With nightly payouts, you can play every week or just a couple. No sign-up needed.

**QPR - Mental Health Presentation** (Elcho Connect) Jan. 15th 6:30-8:30pm. Elcho Community Pavilion N11283 Dorr St., Elcho. QPR is training in suicide prevention. The signs of crisis are all around us. Quality education empowers people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. By: Natalie Wetzels-Rasmussen.

MEETINGS

**Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Commission** - Regular Meeting Jan. 13th 5:30pm. City Hall 700 Edison St., Antigo.

**Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee** - Regular Meeting Jan. 15th 6pm. City Hall 700 Edison St., Antigo.

GROUPS

**AA Support Group** (Open) Wednesdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

**AA Meetings** Tuesdays at 7pm at the Elcho UCC Church N11291 Dorr St., Elcho.

**AA Meetings** Sundays 10am. White Lake Community Center 615 School St., White Lake. Any questions call 715-219-0305

**Alanon/Nornon Group** Mondays 1:30pm. Antigo Community Church School (old St. Mary's), 723 Deleglise St., Antigo. Enter in the back please. For more information including other meeting times and locations call (715-623-4904).

**Alzheimer's Support Group** Second Monday of the month 5-6pm. Rolalia Gardens Door #3 519 Flight Rd., Antigo. 715-610-6681

**Alzheimer's Association Virtual Support Groups** Coffee for Family Caregivers, 2nd Monday of the month 5:30pm-6:30pm. For Persons Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, 2nd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Frontotemporal Degeneration 3rd Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Dementia in the early stages 4th Tuesday of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with dementia living at a facility every other Friday 10-11:30am. Phone In Caregiver Support Group the last Tuesday of every month 10-11:30am. To register for any of the support groups contact the 24/7 helpline. 800.272.3900

**AVAIL Support Group Meetings** on Mondays, 5:30pm-7pm, Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm, Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm and again at 5:30pm-7pm, Fridays 3-6pm. AVAIL Inc. 1410 N. Superior St., Antigo.

**Baby & Me Support Group** Wednesdays from 1-2pm in the Langlade Birthing Center 112 E 5th Ave, Antigo, second floor. Facilitator: RN/International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. For more information please call 715-623-9280. No fee.

**Broken Arrow Christian Recovery Meeting** Thursdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Avenue, Antigo.

**Community Recovery Bible Study** Fridays 6pm. Aspirus Langlade Hospital 112 E. Fifth Ave., Antigo- in the large conference room.

**Life Recovery Group & Christian Recovery Meetings** Wednesdays 8:30am. Church of the Nazarine 230 Elm St., Antigo. This group is for anyone struggling with addiction, anxiety, food, depression, relationships, etc. There will also be Christian Recovery meetings at the same place and time.

**Narcotics Anonymous** Mondays 8am, Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

**Overeaters Anonymous** Mondays 7-8pm. SS. Mary & Hyacinth Parish Center, 819 3rd Ave., Antigo. Room #4 Contact: Rose Marie, 715-623-2128.

**Stroke & Neurological Support Group** (2nd Friday of the Month) Langlade Co. Senior Center 623 Edison St., Antigo.

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ANTIGO HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Antigo High School will be awarding its 30th annual Distinguished Alumni Award at commencement exercises this year on May 25th, 2025. Citizens are encouraged to send a nomination to Trina Borneman, Antigo High School, 1900 Tenth Avenue, Antigo, WI 54409. A committee of former teachers, current teachers, and professionals from the community will choose one recipient of the award. Nominations must include information on how the candidate has used their time and talents to enrich or improve the Antigo community. A plaque containing a likeness of the annual recipient and a summary of his/her accomplishments will be on permanent display at AHS. The nominee will be presented a second plaque.

The winner of this award will be chosen based on his/her distinguished achievement or service in a career, the arts, politics, community service or other fields. The successful nominee must be a graduate of Antigo High School, and must agree to attend commencement exercises on May 25th, 2025. The recipient will be expected to make a brief acceptance address to the class and audience at the commencement.

Anyone may nominate an individual by completing the form below.

Name of Nominee

Address of Nominee

Graduating Class of nominee

I am nominating this person because (200 words or less)

Name, address, and telephone number of person nominating

-- All nominations must be returned by February 3rd, 2025 --

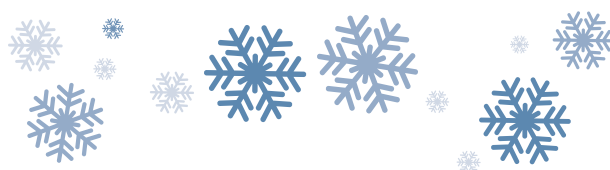
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# Earthy colors dominate 2025

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Change is in the air when a new year arrives. People often use the turn of the calendar as an opportunity to redecorate living spaces or revamp their wardrobes. As individuals narrow down their projects, they may want to incorporate a fresh and trendy palette of colors. For 2025, the options are decidedly warm, cozy and earthy.

Industry color experts routinely recommend hues that can elevate homes, offices and other spaces. The following is a selection of shades that insiders predict will color the world for the coming year.

### Quietude

Sherwin-Williams has named Quietude its color of the year. This soft sage color exudes serenity and understated luxury. Grayish-green with a touch of blue, Quietude is a soothing color of tranquility. Sherwin-Williams also offers a Color Collection of the Year that includes Convivial Yellow,



Spiced Cider, and Nomadic Desert, among others.

### Mocha Mousse

The title of Pantone® Color of the Year 2025 belongs to Mocha Mousse. Just as the name implies, this rich, warm brown suggests the intoxicating qualities of coffee and chocolate. It can create a feeling of comfort in any space, or even serve as

the basis of a chocolate wardrobe color palette. According to Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, Mocha Mousse is "sophisticated and lush, yet at the same time an unpretentious classic."

### Purple Basil

Glidden's 2025 color of the year title belongs to Purple Basil, a dusty,

neutral violet purple hue with mauve undertones. It embraces rich, warm energy, and is equally at home in a bedroom as it is in a dining room.

### Cinnamon Slate

Cinnamon Slate is moody and introspective. This Benjamin Moore color blends rich plum and chocolate brown that the company calls "adaptable, yet distinct." In fact, it is quite similar to Glidden's color of the year, but a tad more brown in nature.

### Caramelized

Homeowners may want to consider Caramelized, an earthy terracotta brown that is Dunn-Edwards' 2025 Color of the Year. Caramelized is versatile and elegant, and it complements both modern and vintage interiors.

### Elderton

Paula Taylor, Graham & Brown's head stylist and trend specialist, calls Elderton "a chameleon color that can be sophisticated yet cozy." This medium brown is contemporary with a huge amount of depth. It may work in a rustic living room or a cozy library.

The new year arrives with a warm, saturated color palette that can revitalize spaces with cozy appeal.

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## Features to consider for a relaxation-themed bathroom remodel

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Homeowners want to view their homes as a respite from all that goes on outside their doors. Indeed, turning a home into a residents-only retreat can ensure everyone looks forward to walking through the front door at the end of the day.

One of the more popular ways to turn a home into one's own personal retreat is to upgrade the bathroom. A renovated bathroom can completely transform how individuals feel about their homes. The following are some features to consider when remodeling a bathroom with relaxation in mind.

- Open shower: An open shower is a visually stunning addition to any

bathroom. Such showers give a bathroom a more open look, thanks in part to the fact that these modern features do not feature a door or require the use of a shower curtain. The result is a clean look that many people associate with a luxury hotel. When speaking with a contractor about an open shower install, homeowners can ask about a half-wall to safeguard against water splashing out of the shower. In addition, a heat lamp can help ensure residents stay warm until they're ready to leave the bathroom.

- Heated features: Additional features to keep everyone calm and warm can be considered when upgrading the bathroom. Radiant flooring can ensure everyone's toes



remain toasty, and the installation of such a feature can eliminate the need for floor mats and bath mats that some homeowners may not like. Commit further to the heat theme with a heated towel rack, which is another feature associated with luxury hotels that can be just as enjoyable at home.

- Soaking tub: An open shower creates an instant feeling of luxury, but few things are more suggestive of relaxation than a soaking tub. A long day at school or the office or a day when winter winds are howling outside is made much better with a good a soak. The National Kitchen & Bath Association notes that luxury bathrooms featuring soaking tubs are wildly popular, and that vaunted status is undoubtedly due to the relaxing benefits of a good soak.

- Skylight: Even if the goal of a luxury bathroom is to leave the outside world outside, allowing some natural light inside is a great way to add a little extra calm to the room. Floor-to-ceiling windows may seem appealing in brochures or advertisements, but such features do not create the sense of privacy many people prefer in their bathrooms. One or two skylights can create that sense of privacy and still allow for natural light to enter the room, making this an option that provides the best of both worlds.

These features and more can help homeowners transform their bathrooms into luxurious, relaxing respites from the outside world.



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# Experience Winter In A New Light At A DNR Candlelight Hike

## Candlelight events are happening across the state this winter

**DNR**  
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to celebrate the outdoors this winter by joining a candlelight event happening across the state. "Winter candlelight events are some of the most popular activities at Wisconsin state parks, forests, trails and wildlife areas," said Steve Schmelzer, DNR Parks and Recreation Management Director. "It can be challenging to stay active outside during the winter

months when daylight is short and temperatures drop, but candlelight events offer the public a novel way to experience our valuable public lands all year long. Many events have become a long-standing tradition at some of our DNR properties, with hundreds or even thousands of attendees."

These free-to-low-cost events typically begin around sunset and offer a variety of ways to enjoy the winter scenery after dark, including hiking, snowshoeing and



cross-country skiing, depending on weather and snow conditions. Many will include activities

such as bonfires, hot chocolate, cider and other refreshments available for sale or by donation, and some will have open warming shelters.

Those who would like to participate by hiking and snowshoeing do not need

to have any experience. These events offer no-commitment opportunities for first timers and can help build connections with other outdoor enthusiasts during the time of year when many people stay indoors.

Although the amount of gear needed varies, warm clothing with layers is recommended for all events. Trekking poles are optional, and a headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Some properties may have other equipment, such as snowshoes or an outdoor track chair, available to check out. Contact the property to see what is available and to make reservations.

Most properties will require a 2025 vehicle admission pass and/or a state trail pass unless otherwise noted. A state park daily admission pass may be available to check out at participating libraries.

Make sure to share your candlelight adventures using the hashtag #OutWiGo on social media.

Thanks to both the Wisconsin State Park System Friends groups and Friends of Wildlife Area organizations, who coordinate many of the events and provide critical volunteers to make these events possible.

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### Candlelight events are happening across the state this winter

#### DATCP

The 2025 Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) petition cycle is in full swing! Petition materials for new designations, and modification to existing AEAs, are available on the Petitioning for AEA Designation webpage. Petitions will be accepted until August 1, 2025.

An AEA designation provides tools to support farmland protection,



conservation, and the local farm economy. Landowners in an AEA can participate in the Farmland Preservation Program through a voluntary 10-year farmland preservation agreement. A minimum of

five landowners and their local governments must file a petition jointly. A petition may take months to prepare to gather information and engage local landowners.

See **PETITIONS** page 10

**“Best of Antigo Area”  
Official Nomination Ballot**

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The “Best of Antigo Area” is a snapshot of the Antigo area and a celebration of all that it has to offer. This is an opportunity for you to give a shout out to the businesses that are the best in what they do!

**This is your ONLY opportunity to nominate your favorite businesses/individuals to be included in the voting for “The Best of Antigo Area.” You may also complete this form online on our website.**

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Accepting Applications for 2025 Farmland Preservation Agreements  
Landowners can apply for a farmland preservation agreement for land owned and located within an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). A farmland preservation agreement requires the land to be kept in agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years and to meet state soil and water conservation standards. In return, the agreement enables the landowner to claim a farmland preservation tax credit.

You can now apply to enroll your lands in a farmland preservation agreement and claim the tax credit for 2025. To find out if your lands are in an eligible agricultural enterprise area, visit the WI Farmland Preservation Online Interactive Map or contact your county conservation department. Application materials can be found at the Apply for a Farmland Preservation Agreement webpage.  
Applications submitted to the department by October 1, 2025 will be processed for tax year 2025. Those received after that date will continue to be processed, but the department cannot guarantee that they will be finalized by the end of the year.

*Congrats to our Christmas Word Search Winner*  
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- Candidates must have graduated from an accredited high school and have experience working in accounting, QuickBooks software, Microsoft Word, and Excel.
- Position offers a flexible work schedule to coincide with Village office hours, work is performed independently and can be completed remotely or at the Village Hall.
- Prior municipal office experience and/or election administration is desired.
- Strong organization and multi-tasking skills are necessary as well as the ability to prioritize accordingly.

Please submit your resume, two references, and a letter of interest to:  
**Village of Birnamwood**  
PO Box M, Birnamwood, WI 54414 OR,  
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# Seniors Easy Living



## Considerations for your Second Act

Many people see their careers as one of their defining characteristics

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Children are often asked what they want to be when they grow up, and as adults they will likely be asked "What do you do for a living?" more times than they can remember. Work is undoubtedly a major component of life for most people from the time they leave school to the day when they retire. And a growing number of adults value work so much that they pivot to second careers.



to set your own schedule or possibly work part-time if that is your preference. This way you can still reap some of the benefits of retirement, including the flexibility to travel.

- **Social interaction:** Adults may lose daily opportunities to be social when they retire, which can compound feelings of isolation common among retirees. Consider a second career that lets you interact with a number of people and continue to build relationships and a good network.
- **Personal passions:** Reflect on what you might

do for work if money were no object. This may help you narrow down new opportunities that are in line with your interests and passions. Find a job that utilizes your skills and experience and meshes with your interests. A former graphic artist, for example, may decide to teach design to young people.

• **Nonprofit opportunities:** Many retirees spent years in high-stress corporate environments where bottom lines may be more important than the bigger picture. Shifting to a career in the nonprofit sector can be a personally fulfilling job that utilizes skills learned in the corporate world.

• **Consulting or contract work:** If you're a retiree who loved your job, you might want to have a second career as a consultant or contractor in the same field. A number of retirees ultimately explore second careers. Finding a match may be easier than one could have imagined.

**WHY PLAN AHEAD**

There's a lot that goes into planning a funeral, but making arrangements beforehand gives you time to consider all of your options and make sure that you're covering all of the necessary details. Still feeling unsure? Here are some of the most important reasons why planning ahead may be the best option.

**It's Easy**  
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**You Decide**  
Pre-planning lets you create your own unique life celebration. We encourage you to bring your family along if you are meeting with us for funeral pre-planning. Including your family in the planning process can help them feel connected to you both in life and in death, knowing that your arrangements reflect your desires.

**Relieve Your Family's Burden**  
Through pre-planning, your family will know what your wishes are, which can relieve the burden of wondering if they are truly following your plans. The family can focus more time and energy on healing and remembrance.

**Where Do I Start?**  
We suggest scheduling a time to meet with one of our funeral directors to discuss your options and make a plan. You may first check out our preplanning checklist and fill out the online form to get the process started.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Home  
Phone: 715-623-5202  
504 Edison Street, Antigo, WI 54409,  
strasserrollerfuneralhome.com

**SEMINAR**

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making treatment more challenging. Early intervention is key to preserving heart health and preventing progression."

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