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Congrats to Bethany Lewis

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Bethany Lewis as she is taking her softball game to the next level at UW-Superior!



Schuh's Jump-In: A
Community Tradition Lives On

NATASHA WINKLER

In the heart of winter, when the ice
is thick and the air is crisp, the annual
Jerry Schuh Jump-In in Pickerel stands
as a testament to tradition, resilience,
and community spirit. On Feb. 8th 2025,
thousands gathered at Pickerel Lake for
one of the area's most anticipated events,
braving the cold to celebrate a unique
legacy.

The event traces its roots back to 1988
when **Jerry Schuh**, owner of Jerry
Schuh's Sportsman Bar, first dared to
take a mid-winter plunge into the frigid
waters of Pickerel Lake. What began as

a daring polar plunge has since evolved
into something even more exhilarating—
an open-water snowmobile run that has
become a centerpiece of the event. Despite
Jerry's passing, his four daughters have
carried on the tradition, ensuring that the
Jump-In remains a highlight of the winter
season.

A Spectacle on the Ice

This year's event drew dozens of
daring snowmobile riders, skimming
across the water in a test of skill and nerve.

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Wisconsin Healthy Grown® Potatoes Featured on Award-Winning TV Show



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As the 3rd largest potato-producing state in the nation, Wisconsin potatoes have an important story to tell about feeding families with sustainably produced Wisconsin potatoes.

On Thursday, February 20, that story will be loud and clear when the Wisconsin Healthy Grown® Program and its growers are featured on “Wisconsin Foodie,” a three-time Emmy® Award-winning TV show, at 7:30 p.m. CST, on PBS. The episode will air again on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m., on PBS Milwaukee.

An educational and independent series, “Wisconsin Foodie” will give viewers a front-row seat to Wisconsin Healthy Grown® potato growers, their multi-generational family farms, the importance of buying

local, and the sustainable ways they feed families with the highest-quality potatoes and vegetables.

“Wisconsin Foodie” host and chef/owner of the “Driftless Café” in Viroqua, Wisconsin, sits down with some of the state’s finest to take a deeper look at their farms, the crops they produce, their connection to the Wisconsin Healthy Grown® Program, why it’s important, and the benefit of the Wisconsin Healthy Grown® Program for consumers.

Since the mid-90s, the Wisconsin Healthy Grown® Program has helped Wisconsin potato growers speak on an even greater level with their customers about the sustainable ways they produce potatoes and conserve Mother Nature’s resources. This includes, but is not limited to, regularly conducting prescribed burns on their land which aids in restoring natural ecosystems and supporting native plants and animals.

Other highlights of the Wisconsin potatoes episode on “Wisconsin Foodie” include a tour of the operations at Wisconsin Healthy Grown® grower and program advocate Alsum Farms & Produce in Friesland and a visit to Sterling Farms in Grand Marsh, where Wisconsin Healthy Grown® Grower Joe Seis shares his story and passion for potatoes.

The Wisconsin Potatoes episode is one of 13 that “Wisconsin Foodie” produces, which air from January through May. All episodes repeat each week from May through December and are also available on the “Wisconsin Foodie” YouTube channel.

Wisconsin Department of Revenue Reassures Taxpayers Direct File Remains a Safe and Secure Option



STATE OF WI DEPT OF REVENUE

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) wants to assure taxpayers that IRS Direct File, a free and convenient way to file federal income taxes directly with the IRS, remains a safe and secure option during the 2025 tax season.

Direct File utilizes robust security measures to protect taxpayer information. Key security features include:

Secure Data Transmission: Tax information is transmitted securely to the IRS using SSL 3.0 128-bit encryption. This creates as many combinations as the

number of water molecules in 2.7 million Olympic-size swimming pools.

Identity Verification: The program employs rigorous identity verification procedures to ensure the authenticity of filers. Direct File uses ID.me to help prevent identity theft and to protect taxpayer data.

Ongoing Security Monitoring: The IRS continuously monitors the system for any potential security threats.

“We understand that tax information security is paramount,” said David Casey, Secretary-Designee of Revenue. “The IRS has implemented strong safeguards to protect sensitive information throughout the Direct File process.”

Direct File is a free IRS program that offers a convenient and user-friendly way for eligible Wisconsin taxpayers to file their federal income tax returns electronically. It integrates seamlessly with WisTax, DOR’s free online tax preparation software for filing Wisconsin state taxes. Together, they offer Wisconsin taxpayers a secure, seamless way to file both their federal and state return for FREE.

Taxpayers can learn more about Direct File and check their eligibility at <https://www.irs.gov/filing/irs-direct-file-for-free>. Additionally, DOR’s website at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/WisTax/home.aspx> contains information about WisTax, as well as an extensive collection of tax resources for both individual and business filers.

DNR Seeking Public Comment On Future Wildlife Management Objectives

The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the DNR’s next strategic plan for wildlife management

DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently drafting a strategic plan for managing our state’s wildlife species and habitat and is seeking public feedback on the plan’s objectives.

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- 23 percent of teachers have five or fewer years of teaching experience.
- The shortage of qualified agriculture teachers is the greatest challenge facing FFA and agricultural education.

FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN OPERATING UNDER THREE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- TELLING OUR STORY
- DELIVERING THE MISSION
- PROVIDING AMPLE SUPPORT FOR FFA ADVISORS

Since then, THE INDUSTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE STATE OF EDUCATION, AND THE WORLD HAVE EXPERIENCE VAST AMOUNTS OF CHANGE.

WITH CHANGE COMES GROWTH. To keep our programs flexible, engaging, and inclusive, we updated FFA's strategic plan for 2022-25, creating a clear path to meet and exceed our objectives in the next three years.

Our Strategic Planning Task Force, comprised of representatives from all facets of FFA, from the local classroom to the corporate

boardroom together, with our partner The Context Network, designed the new strategic plan and identified the following aspirational attributes:

- Be aligned with and relevant to the agriculture, food, and natural resources industries to help members achieve career success.
- Be innovative, authentic, and inclusive so the organization can attract students those already connected to the industry.
- Be a transparent and trusted partner to all stakeholders.

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Culver's 10% Night to support Antigo FFA on Wednesday, February 19 from 4-8 p.m. at the Antigo Culver's.

FFA Assembly will be on Friday, February 21.

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History

Since its inception in 1928, the National FFA Organization (FFA) has become an integral part of agricultural education by helping make classroom instruction come to life through realistic, hands-on applications. FFA members embrace the concepts taught in agricultural science classrooms nationwide, build valuable skills through hands-on experiential learning, and each year demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world agricultural skills. For more than 84 years, FFA has been making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

What is the FFA Alumni?

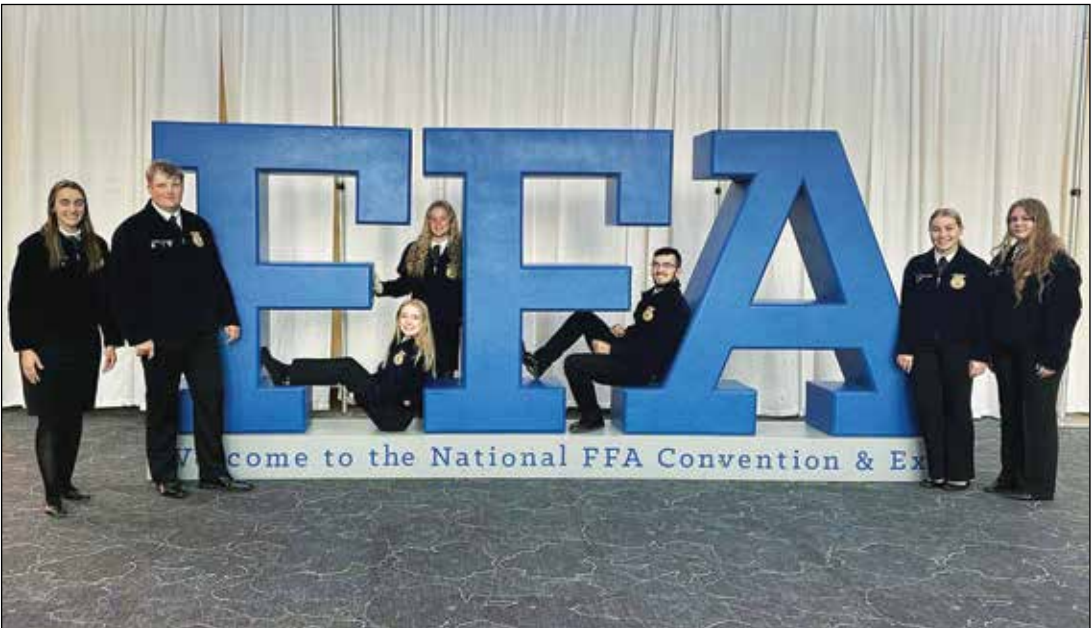
The FFA Alumni is a support group for the local FFA Chapter. Assisting with field trips, serving as judges for Chapter contests, and helping to train members and promoting the Student of the Month. The purpose of the Alumni is to help promote a greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.



2024-2025

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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.

Community Closet Open Mondays 10am-Noon, Wednesdays 4-6pm & Saturdays 9-10am, N9570 Hwy. B, Summit Lake (across from the Summit Lake Post Office) Free Clothing and Jackets (Baby to XXL). Clothing donations are welcome. Everyone is welcome!

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

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Line Dancing Feb. 17th 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) Feb. 18th & Feb. 20th 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

Cardio and Strength Training Feb. 19th 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.

Gather for Games (formerly Cards for the Community) Feb. 18th 1-3:30pm. White Lake Community Center 615 School St., White Lake. Games, dice, cards, cribbage, and puzzles will be provided, but you are welcome to bring any of your favorites to share.

Cribbage League Feb. 19th (Wednesdays) 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. Weekly payouts; no need to sign up or attend every week.

Rolling Stone Lake Fisheree Feb. 22nd 7am. Walley Lodge Bar & Grill N11159 Walley Rd., Pearson. If the ice is not safe, the festivities will still be going on at Walleye Lodge. Tickets are \$10 each. Every ticket is eligible for prizes - you don't need to fish to win. Pre-register at Walleye Lodge. Call 715-484-3333 for more info.

Winterfest at Noboken School Forest Feb. 22nd 10am-3pm. Noboken School Forest W9865 County Highway J, Deerbrook. Snowshoe/hike the trails or ice fish Noboken Lake. Snow painting and crafts and much more. Wildlife displays and activities will be held at the Noboken School Forest building along with invasive species presentation at noon. Free food is provided. Free-will donations are appreciated. All funds help support the school forest program.

ACT's Open Mic Night with Rebecca & Friends Feb. 22nd 8-10pm. 5th Avenue Restaurant & Lounge 715 5th Ave., Antigo.

Pancakes and Bingo Humane Society Fundraiser Feb. 23rd 10-11:30am. Quinn's BarN5298 County Road A, Deerbrook. Breakfast cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids 8 and under. 1 Bingo card is \$20; 2 cards \$35; 3 cards \$50. All proceeds benefit the Langlade County Humane Society.

Antigo Gateway Squares, Inc. - Feb. 23rd 2-4:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County, 623 Edison St., Antigo. Graduation Dance called by Michael Streby; at the Visitors are welcome. Rose Marie Kerner 715-623-2128 or Betsy Lane 715-350-9687.

MEETINGS
Zoning Board of Appeals - Regular Meeting Feb 19th 5:30pm. City Hall 700 Edison St., Antigo.

Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee - Regular Meeting Feb. 19th 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.

GriefShare Community Grief Recovery Seminar and Support Group: Feb. 17th through May 12th 5-6:30pm. Peace Lutheran Church 300 Lincoln St., Antigo. Each weekly session is on a different grief topic. Park in the 8th Avenue lot and enter Door #3 for the Fellowship Hall. Sessions are FREE and no pre-registration is necessary.

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.

If you have an upcoming event or ongoing group activity that you would like to include, please email the information to nwinkler@mmlocal.com



ANIWA
Bethany Lutheran Church 174071 Church Rd., Aniwa Sunday Worship 10:30am
Church of Christ on Village Road P4805 Village Rd., Aniwa Sunday Bible Class 9:30am Worship 10:30am & 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Class 6:30pm www.cocvr.org
St. Boniface Catholic Church W19104 Church, Aniwa Saturday 4:00pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church W18995 1st St., Aniwa Sunday Service 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Member of TULP
ANTIGO
Antigo Church of the Nazarene 230 Elm St., Antigo 715-489-3405 Sunday 9:00am Worship
Antigo Church of Christ 1427 5th Ave., Antigo 715-627-4588 Sunday 9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship
Antigo Community Church 723 Deleglise St., Antigo 715-627-2805 www.antigocommunitychurch.org Todd Stensberg - Executive Pastor Steve Sanford - Teaching Pastor Sunday 9:30am

Antigo Seventh-Day Adventist Church 1515 3rd Ave., Antigo 715-623-4168 www.antigo22.adventistchurchconnect.org Saturday Worship Service 9:00am Sabbath School 10:30am
Antigo United Methodist Church 2034 W. 5th Ave., Antigo www.antigoumc.org 715-623-3802 Sunday 10:00am
Ascension Lutheran Church 1412 Neva Rd, Antigo 715-627-2232 www.ascensionantigo.com Sunday 9:00am Sunday Family Bible Hour 10:15am
Calvary Lutheran Church ELCA 310 S. Superior St., Antigo 715-623-3102 www.calvarylutheranantigo.com January thru April: Service Sunday 10:30am
Christ Central Church 630 Superior St., Antigo PO Box 482, Antigo, WI 54409 715-350-4242, 715-610-1787, 715-610-1788 Sunday 10:00am
Christ Gospel Church 840 7th Ave., Antigo 715-623-6367 Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Morning 11:00am Sunday Evening 6:30pm Wednesday 7:00pm, Friday 7:00pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 717 Sunset Dr., Antigo 715-212-3188 Sunday 9:30am
Faith Center Church of God N2142 Hwy 45 S, Antigo 715-627-7200 Wednesday 7:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Faith United Church of Christ 628 Clermont St., Antigo 715-623-5717 Sunday 10:30am
First Baptist Church 414 Eckart St., Antigo 715-610-0774 Wednesday 6:00pm Prayer Meeting Sunday 10:00am
Homestead Church 710 Center St., Antigo 715-623-5093 Sunday 10:00am www.homesteadantigo.com
Liberty Baptist Church 311 2nd Ave., Antigo 715-623-4304 Sunday 10:30am Kid's Club Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
Peace Lutheran Church 300 Lincoln St., Antigo 715-623-2200 www.peaceantigo.org Saturday 6:00pm
SS Mary & Hyacinth Parish 819 Third Ave., Antigo 715-623-4938 Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 7:00am
St. Ambrose Episcopal Church Sixth Ave. & Clermont St. 715-551-6796 Wednesday Mass 10:00am
St. John Catholic Parish 415 Sixth Ave., Antigo 715-623-2024 www.stjohnnantigo.com Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am
BIRNAMWOOD
First Congregational Church 417 Elm St., Birnamwood 715-524-5724 Sunday 10:30am
St. John Lutheran Church - ELCA W17680 Church Rd., Birnamwood 715-449-3778 January thru April: Service Sunday 8:30am
St. Paul's Lutheran Church N9035 US Hwy 45, Birnamwood 715-449-2101 Thursday 7:00pm Sunday 10:30am

St. Philomena Church 432 State Rd., Birnamwood 715-449-2104 Sunday 8:00am
Trinity Lutheran Church 407 Birch St., Birnamwood 715-449-3778 Sunday 10:00am
DEERBROOK
St. Matthew Lutheran Church (Miss. Synod) N5674 Cty Rd E, Deerbrook 715-627-7989 Sunday 9:00am
ELCHO
Holy Family Parish W10524 Cole St., Elcho 715-275-3750 www.hfstm.org 5893 Brook Trail, Eagle River Thursday 10:15am Sunday 10:30am
St. Luke Lutheran Church (Miss. Synod) N11341 Antigo St. (Hwy 45), Elcho 715-275-3152 Sunday 10:45am
United Church of Christ N11291 Dorr St., Elcho 715-275-3031 Sunday 10:30am
Upper Room Family Church W10285 County Rd K, Elcho 715-275-3255 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm Sunday Service 10:00am
HATLEY
St. Florian Parish 500 Church Ln., Hatley 715-446-3085 www.stflos.org Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 10:30am
St. Ladislaus Parish (Bevent) 6455 St. Hwy 153, Hatley 715-446-3060 www.stladislaur.org Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:10am

KEMPSTER
United Church of Christ N7234 Keen Rd, Kempster 715-275-3031 Sunday 8:45am
MATTOON
St. John's Lutheran Church - LCMS 304 Flint Ave., Mattoon 715-489-3471 Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am
MOUNTAIN
Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church 13825 State Hwy 32, Mountain 715-473-5633 Saturday 6:30pm
NEVA
St. Wenceslaus Parish N5340 Church Road, Deerbrook 715-627-2126 Tuesday 8:00am Sunday 10:30am
PEARSON
Arbutus Lutheran Church - ELCA N6607 Church Lane, Pearson (Just North of Cty T on Hwy 55) 715-219-6363 Sunday 9:45am
PELICAN LAKE
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church 4 Miles West of Hwy 45 on Cty Rd G, Pelican Lake 715-487-5484 Sunday 11:00am
PHLOX
St. Joseph Holy Family Catholic Church W7365 Hwy 47, Phlox 715-489-3330 Father Edmundo Siguenza www.sjhf-phlox.org Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

PICKEREL
St. John's Lutheran Church - LCMS N8934 State Rd 55, Pickerel 715-484-3382 Mondays 10:30am
St. Mary's Catholic Church N9155 State Rd 55, Pickerel 715-484-4300 www.hfstm.org Thursday 9:00am Saturday 4:00pm
POLAR
Polar Mennonite Church N3480 County Rd. S Antigo, WI 54409 Contact: Mervin Brubaker 715-921-2638 Sunday Morning 10:00am 3rd & 4th Sunday Evenings 7:00pm Everyone Welcome
St. Peter Lutheran Church N2891 Cty Rd S, Antigo 715-623-6921 Sunday 9:00am
WHITE LAKE
Four Corners Assembly of God N3891 County Rd. P, White Lake Corner of Hwy 64 and P 715-882-3021 Sunday 10:30am Wednesday (Youth) 6:00pm
SS James & Stanislaus Catholic Parish 235 Bissell St., White Lake 715-882-2551 stjames2551@frontier.com St. James - White Lake Thursday 9:00am Saturday 4:00pm (May 29-Sept. 4) Sundays 8:00am Mass
St. Matthew Lutheran Church 138 Bissell Street, White Lake 715-882-3111 Sunday 10:00am Worship; 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class
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Wisconsin Livestock Owners Encouraged to Renew Their Premises Registration Now for 2025

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), in partnership with the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC), is asking every livestock owner to renew and update their livestock premises registration. State law requires that all livestock* owners register where their animals are kept, and current registrants must renew their premises registration by July 31, 2025.

Registrants can contact WLIC to renew. All registrants should have received email registration notifications from DATCP; however, registrants without email addresses will receive a letter this spring. Livestock owners must register their premises regardless of the number of animals they keep. There is no cost to register. DATCP uses the information to rapidly respond to animal disease outbreaks



to protect animal health, the food supply, public safety, and Wisconsin's agriculture economy. Registrant information is never shared or sold commercially. Examples of locations that require registration include:

- Farms and hobby farms
- Backyard poultry flocks
- Veterinary clinics with large animal hospital facilities
- Stables
- Livestock exhibitions, markets, and feedlots

Dealers and haulers that keep livestock on their property

Slaughter, rendering, and dead animal facilities

Any other location where livestock is kept or congregated

Registration renewal is required every three years. By reviewing the information on the renewal form and providing any updates to WLIC, current registrants can renew their premises registration or, as required, report that they no longer house livestock.

Registering or Renewing a Premises

Those who need to register a new location can find more information on DATCP's website. Failing to register a premises can result in fines and ineligibility for state indemnity payments if animals are condemned due to disease exposure.

Livestock owners can register new premises or renew previous registrations by:

Following the instructions included in the email directing to review their existing premises registration information directly online Visiting <https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/>

Calling WLIC at (888) 808-1910. Downloading and mailing a paper application or returning the renewal form. Registrants will receive confirmation once their registration or renewal is processed. Premises ID numbers may be required by certain municipalities, organizations, and/or fairs.

*Livestock in Wisconsin includes: Cattle and other bovine animals; swine; poultry; sheep; goats; horses and other equine animals; farm-raised deer and other cervids; gamebirds including pheasants, quail, wild turkeys, migrating waterfowl, pigeons, and exotic birds raised in captivity; bison; llamas and other South American camelids; ratites such as emus and ostriches; and farm-raised fish.

DNR To Begin Prescribed Burns Across The State

Current ice conditions provide greater access for crews to safely and efficiently conduct prescribed burns

DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that fire management crews will begin conducting prescribed burns on DNR properties throughout the state where local conditions can provide a safe and effective burn.

The recent, much-needed precipitation

has created conditions that are ideal for burning in certain areas of the state.

Winter burns typically begin with cattail marshes, wetlands and wet prairies. Cattail wildfires can present a control challenge for suppression authorities during the warmer summer months when both dead and live cattails are available to burn. By burning

in winter, DNR staff take advantage of ideal ice and snow cover, which reduces the heat and intensity of cattail marsh and barrens burns. Additional windows of opportunity for prescribed burning will continue through spring and open again in

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- Check the flame on gas appliances. A sharp, blue flame indicates the gas is burning cleanly.
- Never use a gas range for heat. This could create both a fire hazard and a carbon monoxide hazard.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for operation of gas appliances.
- Make sure gas appliances have adequate fresh air and their vent is free of any obstructions.

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The Hidden Heart Risk: How Even One Drink Can Trigger Atrial Fibrillation

We used to think alcohol only caused heart problems with excessive drinking, but now we know that even small amounts can negatively impact AFib

ASPIRUS HEALTH

Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is the most common heart rhythm disorder, affecting millions of people. While

many factors can contribute to AFib episodes, research shows that alcohol is a significant trigger—even in small amounts. Studies indicate that consuming just one drink can increase the likelihood of an AFib episode, sometimes doubling the risk within hours.

As part of American Heart Month, Aspirus Health is raising awareness about how alcohol affects heart rhythm and why people with AFib should consider eliminating it.

“AFib occurs when the upper chambers of the heart, the atria, quiver instead of contracting properly, which can lead to heart failure, stroke, and even early death,” said John Johnkoski, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Aspirus Heart Care. “Alcohol creates a chemical environment in the heart that makes AFib more likely, and studies show there really is no safe level of alcohol for people with this condition.”

For those already diagnosed with AFib, alcohol can prolong episodes, interfere with medications, and increase the risk of stroke and heart failure. Over time, continued alcohol consumption can weaken the heart and contribute to more persistent forms of AFib.

“We used to think alcohol only caused heart problems with excessive drinking, but now we know that even small amounts can negatively impact AFib,” Dr. Johnkoski explained. “Avoiding alcohol gives you the best chance of staying in rhythm, whether you’re managing it with medications, catheter-based therapies, or surgery.”

While everyone's AFib triggers may vary, Dr. Johnkoski stresses that quitting alcohol is the safest option.



"If someone is willing to stop drinking, that's fantastic—that's a win," he said. "If they're hesitant, we might frame the conversation around testing whether alcohol is a trigger for them. But the reality is, studies show there's no truly safe level of alcohol for people with AFib."

The best way to maintain a stable heart rhythm is to avoid alcohol entirely. If you experience symptoms like a racing heart, palpitations, or dizziness after drinking, stop immediately. If symptoms persist or worsen, contact your doctor.

Aspirus Health encourages individuals with AFib or concerns about heart health to speak with their healthcare provider about strategies to manage their condition and reduce risk factors.

WILDLIFE

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This strategic plan will guide how the DNR's Wildlife Program prioritizes its resources and work in the coming years. The DNR values public input and believes that it is important for Wisconsinites to weigh in on the draft plan's objectives and share which are the most important to them.

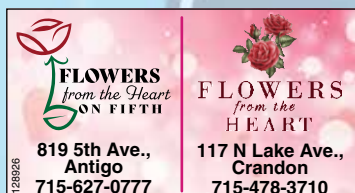
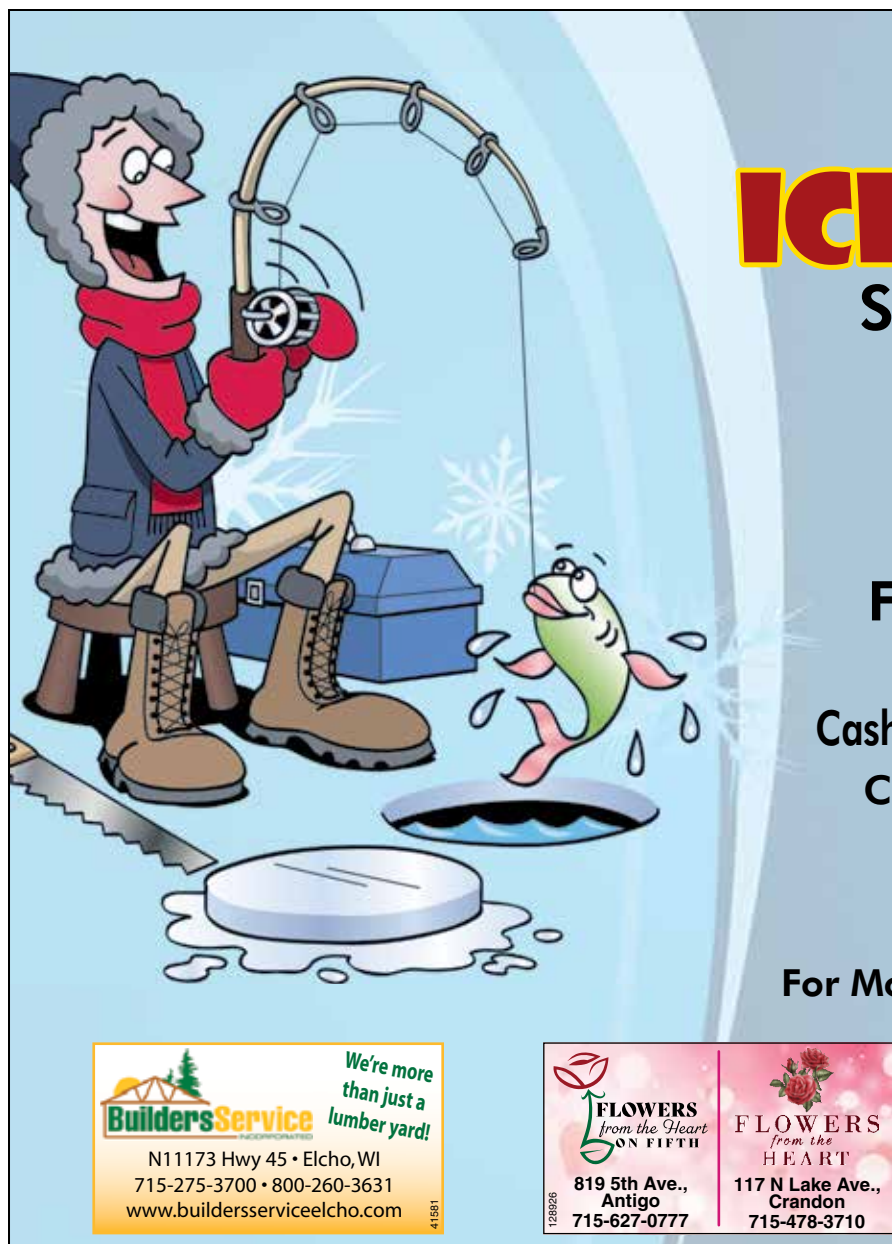
For more information on the strategic planning process and to participate in this public input opportunity, visit our Wildlife Management Strategic Plan Updates webpage. The



webpage explains the planning process, contains a link to the input form and allows individuals to stay engaged in the planning process by signing up to receive occasional updates. We anticipate the input form will take about 10 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary, and all responses are anonymous. For input to be considered, submissions must be completed by Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.

The public is also encouraged to sign up for periodic email updates on the DNR's strategic planning process.

If you have any questions about this process or the input form, contact DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov.



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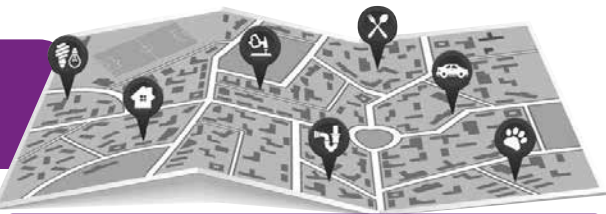
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BURNS

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late summer and fall (mid-July through November).

Prescribed burns support healthy ecosystems for an abundance of plants and animals in Wisconsin. These burns mimic the benefits historic fire once provided but occur under a safer “prescription” range of weather and fuel conditions (compared to most wildfires). Throughout history, many ecosystems in Wisconsin experienced either periodic natural fire and/or were managed with cultural fire by First Nation people. These “fire-dependent” plant communities, such as prairies, wetlands and oak or pine barrens/savannas/woodlands developed a tolerance and eventual dependence on periodic fire, and would not be sustained today without prescribed burning.

Winter burns remove dead vegetation buildup and open

waterways for migratory fowl and other wildlife. The dead vegetation is reduced to ash, transferring this natural fertilizer back into the soil. Following the burn, hazardous fuels are reduced, foraging and nesting improve in the revitalized vegetation, and the stimulated growth of their root systems enhances their ability to store more carbon. Other benefits of prescribed burns include reducing non-native or invasive plant species and increasing regeneration of important native trees like oak and pine.

Planning for prescribed burns can take weeks or months. DNR staff make the decision to conduct these prescribed burns only when weather and vegetation conditions meet strict standards for safety, smoke management and burn effectiveness. Even after such careful planning, the decision to burn on a specific day is reassessed and approved at the regional scale, and once more by the burn boss, who confirms on-site conditions are as forecasted for a safe burn.

When conducting prescribed burns near roads or recreational trails, the DNR will post signs to notify the public. For your safety, we ask you to please avoid these areas while the burn is being conducted. The DNR also notifies local law enforcement and fire officials in advance about when and where DNR prescribed burns will take place. Burns planned for the following day are displayed on the DNR Prescribed Burn Dashboard.

For a more detailed look at historic, current and planned DNR prescribed burns, visit the DNR Prescribed Fire Dashboard. For planning and conducting safe prescribed burns on your own property, visit the Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council for resources and burn contracting information.

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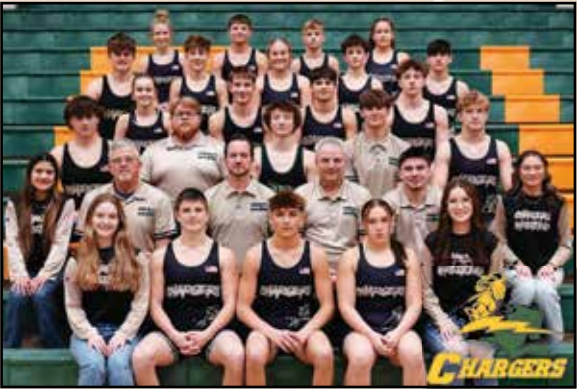
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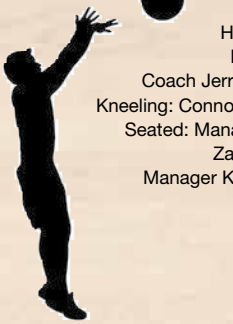
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