

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go... ~Dr. Suess, Oh, the Places You'll Go

The High Ground Veterans Memorial Park, located in Neillsville, Wisconsin, is asking for your help in the form of monetary donations to bring the Military Working Dog Tribute to fruition. This new tribute will honor all military dogs for their sacrifice and service. If you are interested in helping this cause out, you can contact them @ 715-743-4224 or email them at highgrnd@tds.net. Visit their website at www.thehighground.org.



Get outdoors and have some fun!

Enjoy a FREE fishing weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 16-17, 2016.

Don't Forget~2016 is a Leap Year!

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
All the rest have thirty-one
Save February, she alone
Hath eight days and a score
Til leap year gives her one day more

What is the purpose of a leap year? Every 4 years in the Gregorian calendar, an extra day is added to the calendar in order to synchronize it with the solar year. This is because it takes the Earth a little longer than a year to travel around the Sun—365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes & 46 seconds.



Looking for something to do? Check out these events:

- Sauk Prairie's Bald Eagle Watching Days in Sauk City & Prairie du Sac—January 15-16
- Lake Mason Lion's Club Annual Winter Fisheree—January 16, Daybreak-3pm
- Lake Sherwood Ice Fisheree @ Sherwood Lodge—January 16, 7am-4pm
- Hudson Hot Air Affair in Hudson, WI—February 5-7
- A Chocolate Affair—February 6, 10am-2 pm
- Snoblast Winterfest @ Lake Arrowhead in Rome—February 12-14
- Madison Winter Festival—February 13-14
- Central Wisconsin Sports Show—February 19-21
- Annual Upper Camelot Ice Fisheree—February 20, 7am-3:30 pm
- Castle Rock Bassmasters Annual Fisheree on Friendship Lake—February 20, 7:30am-3pm
- KC's Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner—March 5, 3:30pm-7:00pm
- Congregational U.C.C. Corned Beef & Cabbage/Irish Stew Dinner—March 14, starting @ 4:30pm
- White Creek Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Lion's Park—March 26, 10am
- Lake Arrowhead Easter Egg Hunt @ Pines Driving Range—March 26, 10am, ages 12 and under

Courthouse Closed:
Friday, January 1st
Friday, March 25th

2016 Election Dates:

- February 16th ~ Spring Primary (if a primary needs to be held)
- April 5th ~ Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
- August 9th ~ Partisan Primary (if a primary needs to be held)
- November 8th ~ Fall General Election



The County Clerk Newsletters are available at the following locations:

- County Clerk's Office
- Adams County Library
- Rome Library
- Oxford Library
- Wisconsin Dells Library
- Adams County Meal Sites
- Kwik Trip
- Pritzls (Rome)
- Myrt's Handi-Mart (Grand Marsh)
- Four Seasons Mini Mart (Dellwood)

For a list of the services provided in the County Clerk's Office, please see our website at www.co.adams.wi.gov.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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The County Clerk Newsletter



2016 1st Quarter

January, February & March

Become a Conservation Patron

What is a Conservation Patron?
A Conservation Patron is someone who enjoys being outdoors, hunting, fishing and helping to conserve Wisconsin's natural resources.

Who is a Patron?

A Conservation Patron is someone who is an avid sportsperson. The license offers many different privileges, including licenses, stamps, applications, state park admission and much more.

Why become a Patron?

You get all of your basic fishing and hunting privileges at a great price! Plus, your license purchase supports all of Wisconsin's fish and wildlife programs, including habitat management and research.

What is included in my license?

Included in the license is your annual fishing license, Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp, inland trout stamp,

small game license, pheasant stamp, gun deer hunting license, archery, crossbow, trapping, both spring and fall turkey applications, licenses and stamp, annual state park sticker, annual state trail pass and much more.

What is the cost per calendar year?

Wisconsin Resident ~ \$165
Wisconsin Resident Purple Heart ~ \$10
Wisconsin Junior ~ \$75
Non-Resident ~ \$600
Non-Resident Purple Heart ~ \$161
Non-Resident Junior ~ \$77

Where can I buy a license?

They can be purchased at the County Clerk's office.

Want more information?

You can find out more about this license by checking out the DNR website or by calling 1-888-936-7463.



Fish come and go, but it is the memory of afternoons on the stream that endure. ~ E. Donnall Thomas

"Encourage yourself, believe in yourself, and love yourself. Never doubt who you are." ~Stephanie Lahart

Snowshoe Saturday

The Sandhill Wildlife Area will be hosting "Snowshoe Saturday", an event that will be held on January 23rd, 2016, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., weather permitting. Those attending the event are to meet at the Outdoor Skill Center, and will be taken on a short, fun hike through the property. You may bring your own snowshoes or use a pair of theirs. Hot cocoa is offered afterwards.

If you plan on attending the event, please call ahead by noon the prior Friday, @ 715-884-6335. For more information, contact Britt Searles, at the number above or email her at britt.searles@wisconsin.gov.



Tree & Shrub Sale



The Adams County Land & Water Conservation Department is currently selling trees and shrubs for their Spring 2016 sale. The following variety of trees are for sale: Eastern Arborvitae; Balsam, Fraser and Canaan Fir; Norway Red and White Pines; Colorado Blue, Norway and White Spruce;

Sugar, Silver and Red Maple; Hazelnut Shrub; Common Lilac; Poplar Hybrid; Magenta Crabapple; American Highbush Cranberry; Red Osier Dogwood, Elderberry; American Hybrid Chestnut. You do not need to be an Adams County landowner to order, nor do the trees need to be planted in Adams County.

The order deadline is Friday, February 26th, 2016, with a pickup date of Friday, April 29th, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 30th, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Pickup site is at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Tree planters are available for rent.

For order forms and more information, please contact the Land & Water Conservation Department at 608-339-4268 or visit their website at adamscountylwcd.net.

Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial 1916-2016

The year 2016 marks the Centennial of the Convention between the United States and Great Britain (for Canada) for the Protection of Migratory Birds, signed on August 16, 1916. The resulting Migratory Bird Treaty and the three others that followed—with Japan, Russia and Mexico—form the cornerstones of our efforts to conserve birds that migrate across international borders.

The Migratory Bird treaties connects the U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Service with our federal, state, private, non-governmental, tribal, and international partners, who share our long, successful history of conserving, protecting and managing migratory bird populations and their habitats.

Throughout the year, the Service will work with partners to create awareness, promote actions, increase support, and expand engagement in the conversation of migratory birds.

While International Migratory



Bird day is typically held on the second Saturday in May, any day can be a day of celebration!

For more information on the Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial celebration or to get involved in the celebration, you can visit the website of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services or contact them at MBTREATY100@FWS.GOV.

NEW Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Requirements

Voters are urged to make sure they have an acceptable photo ID to vote in the coming Elections.

Voters must show one of the following photo IDs before they can cast a ballot:

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card

* These IDs are still valid if expired **after** November 4, 2014.

The following forms of photo ID are also acceptable:

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within two years of issuance
- Driver License Receipt issued by the WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college, or technical college along with an enrollment verification document, valid for two years from date of issuance. (Please contact your local clerk, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board or your college or university for specifications)

* An acceptable photo ID is **not** required to include a current address.

Please contact your local DMV for information, if you do not have a valid Wisconsin Driver License or State ID. You can receive a free State ID if you specifically request a free ID for voting purposes. If you do not have a birth certificate, the DMV can help with that, too.

Voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail, must include a photocopy of their photo ID with the request, or the ballot cannot be mailed.

Voters who are "indefinitely confined" because of age, illness, infirmity or disability, and voters in care facilities, do not need a photo ID. Instead, an absentee witness verifies the voter's identity.

Active members of the U.S. Armed Services who are away from home are also exempt from the photo ID requirement. Please contact your local municipal clerk's office for more information.

Voters are also encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board's Photo ID website, www.bringit.wisconsin.gov for information about the new law.



*"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."
~Abraham Lincoln*



Don't let winter slow you down....stay active!

the winter season. Most of these events are held on Saturdays.

The events are put on by the Friends of the Park. They offer hot chocolate and campfires to warm up by. Donations are appreciated to help in continuously being able to provide wonderful, fun events as such, in the future!

State Park Stickers are required and can be purchased at the County Clerk's Office.

For more information, contact the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov or call them at 1-888-936-7463.



*"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
~Confucius*

What's new... Resident Wisconsin Snowmobile Trail Pass

In compliance with Wisconsin Act 142, all snowmobiles, including those registered in Wisconsin, are required to display a trail pass, placed on the lower center of the windshield, to operate on Wisconsin State Trails. This law went into effect July 1st, 2015.

- If you are currently a member of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) and a snowmobile club member, then you may purchase a trail pass at a discounted price of \$10, through the AWSC website, or the DNR office in DeForest, Wisconsin.
- If you are **not** an AWSC and snowmobile club member, the cost is \$30 per snowmobile, per year. This pass can be purchased at the County Clerk's Office.
- For non-residents, the trail passes are \$50 per snowmobile, per year. These passes may be purchased at the County Clerk's Office.
- For non-residents, whose snowmobiles are registered in Wisconsin and are a current member of AWSC and a snowmobile club, then you may purchase a discounted price pass for \$10. It can be purchased through the AWSC website or the DNR office in DeForest.

Revenue generated from these sales is used to maintain and develop Wisconsin's snowmobile trails. For details on finding a Wisconsin snowmobile club to join, visit the AWSC website @ www.awsc.org. For more details on the Trail Pass, visit the DNR website @ dnr.wi.gov and search "snowmobile" or call 1-888-936-7463.



In Need!

Coats for Kids

All it takes to buy a local child in need of a new warm winter coat, is \$11.00. If you would like to help, please contact Laurie Falash @ 608-547-6829, or mail a donation to Coats for Kids, PO Box 351, Friendship, WI 53934.

*"There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot. Like winds and sunset, wild things were taken for granted until progress began to do away with them."
~Aldo Leopold*



Where to buy Junior Duck Stamps

U.S. Postal Service
www.usps.com (1-800-782-6724)

Amplex Corporation
www.duckstamp.com (1-800-852-4897)

Some national wildlife refuges
www.fws.gov/refuges
(call refuges to find out if they sell them)

Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest

This is an art contest that is held every year for kids in grades K-12 to submit drawings/paintings of waterfowl. Each state holds this contest and winning artwork pieces are then sent on to the national contest to be judged. One piece of artwork is then chosen and will be turned into the official Junior Duck Stamp for the year.

A list of instructions can be found on the U.S. Fish

& Wildlife Services website. To obtain free curriculum and education tools for students to learn about waterfowl and wetlands in North America, go to www.fws.gov/juniorduck/curriculum.

Artwork is submitted to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge for judging. Entries will be judged on the basis of original design, anatomical accuracy, artistic composition and suitability

for reproduction on a 1 1/2" x 2" stamp. All entries need to be post-marked on or before March 15th, 2016. The national contest is held in late April.

For questions regarding the contest, contact Katie Goodwin, JDSP Coordinator, Necedah NWR, N11385 Headquarters Rd, Necedah, WI 54646, 608-565-4403, Katie_goodwin@fws.gov.

