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**Unemployment And The Death Of The Wisconsin Paper Industry**

Wisconsin Public Radio's Central Time's series on long-term unemployment took a look at the paper industry in late February when Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel economics journalist, John Schmid, discussed the decline of the Wisconsin paper industry. Mr. Schmid talked about the significance of the paper industry in the state over time, factors affecting paper production, and shifts in the types and kinds of papers produced. The 20 minute audio presentation begins with WPR reporter, Glen Moberg, reporting from Brokaw on the effect of mill closures in Wisconsin River Valley communities. [Listen to Audio](#)

In the News

**State Land Under Review for Possible Sale**

MADISON - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has released a list of 33 parcels of land that are currently under review for possible sale in response to a new state law that requires the Natural Resources Board to make 10,000 acres of land available for sale by June 30, 2017. The land under review is located in 23 counties and totals approximately 2,552 acres. [Read More](#)

**Farm Bill, Budget Agreement Bode Well for Wisconsin's Forests**

After lobbying for pieces of legislation aimed at Wisconsin's national forest, the state's Congressional delegation said the farm bill and budget bill provide some help for timber management. The nation's farm bill, signed Feb. 7 by President Barack Obama, includes a provision that clarifies that forest managers and loggers can continue to use forest roads without getting a permit for problematic run-off, a clarification pushed by Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Madison and Green Bay-area Republican Rep. Reid Ribble. [Read More](#)

**Wisconsin DNR Announces 46 Urban Forestry Grants Awarded**

MADISON - The Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant Program has awarded \$602,486 to 46 Wisconsin communities, nonprofit organizations, and counties for community urban forestry projects. Grant funds for 2014 projects will support tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer (EAB) preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training, public education and other urban forestry efforts. [Read More](#)

**Open House Meetings On Gypsy Moth Spraying**

MADISON—The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will host a series of open house meetings to present this year's gypsy moth spraying plans. Meetings will be held March 11 in Madison, March 12 in Menomonie, and March 13 in Hayward. [Read More](#)

**The History of Ireland's Forests**

The Irish Forest Service is responsible for ensuring the development of forestry within Ireland. From their website you can learn about the history of Irish Forests. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
<b>Luck of the Irish Day. Legend of the Wild Swans,</b> Enjoy a traditional Irish story that tells of a wicked spell Can Colleen that keeps brothers swans by day and boys by night.	Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, Wisconsin Nature Center	<b>Saturday, March 15, 2014</b> <b>Noon—3 p.m.</b> <i>Programs are free and open to the public but a state park vehicle sticker is required.</i>	For full details visit: <a href="#">Peninsula State Park Nature Programs</a>
<b>Lumberjack Songs &amp; Stories--The Forgotten Irish Music of the North Woods</b> by Brian Miller and Randy Gossa	Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts Performance Hall 208 S. Chestnut Avenue Marshfield, WI 54449	<b>Saturday, March 29, 2014</b> <b>7:30—9:30 p.m.</b> <i>Tickets: \$12 Adult/ \$10 Student/Seniors in advance; \$15/ \$13 At the Door</i>	For full details visit: <a href="#">Chestnut Avenue Center</a>  Past Performance Video: <a href="#">View: Video 1</a> <a href="#">Video 2</a>