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William Holmes & Son Logging

Opening events for the recent FHAW annual meeting were held at the Four Seasons Resort on Miscoano Island at Pembine, Wisconsin. Following the evening meal FHAW member, Al Ochs, shared highlights of the life of William Holmes, a prominent lumberman of Marinette and Menominee Counties. Holmes, besides his logging interests also owned and operated the Wisconsin-Michigan Railway. It was that railroad company that in 1905 transformed the island, then known as Holmes Island, into the original summer resort. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin Forest Advocates Hope to Emulate Unusual Alliance

APPLETON, Wis. — Six years ago, activists with Greenpeace chained themselves to Kimberly-Clark office buildings and disrupted the global tissue manufacturer's operations in Canadian forests — but the two groups have since become unlikely allies. Forest advocates in Wisconsin hope to borrow the strategy of bringing together environmental groups and pro-business factions [Read More](#)

October 8, 1871, The Night America Burned

The Great Chicago Fire is the most famous inferno in American history. But it wasn't even the worst fire that night. This is the story of America's most fiery night, and the crackpot theory about a lost comet that's meant to explain what really happened. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Public Television Presentation, The Great Peshtigo Fire

Scott Knickelbine, author of "The Great Peshtigo Fire: Stories and Science from America's Deadliest Fire", shares the history and relevance of the Great Peshtigo fire. The forestry and agriculture in Peshtigo, together with unusual environmental factors in 1871, come together to create this Wisconsin disaster. [Watch Video](#)

A Giant in Forestry is Gone: Bill Hagenstein, 1915-2014

Bill Hagenstein, a giant in the forest industry and the history of American forestry, had died. The following biography is adapted from the files of the World Forestry Center, which he helped to establish in Portland, Oregon. [Read More](#)

The First North American Forestry School

Dr. Carl Alwen Schenck founded the first American school of forestry and brought his thorough training in scientific silviculture to the United States. Schenck was German born and retained his German citizenship until his death in 1955 at the age of 87.

American forester Gifford Pinchot and world renowned European forester Sir Dietrich Brandis selected Schenck to fill the role of chief forester for George Vanderbilt and his Biltmore Estate property near Asheville, North Carolina (Pinchot was the first forester hired by Vanderbilt). That appointment led to the founding of the first forestry school in North America and later to be called the "Cradle of Forestry". [Read More](#)

Beyond Killing Trees, Emerald Ash Borer May Leave Lasting Impression

The Emerald Ash Borer has all but wiped out ash trees in and around the Pittsburgh region, and even though the insect only goes after one tree species, the effects will be felt on a much wider scale. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
Pioneer Farm Days—Vintage steam, gas and diesel tractors and engines are on display and working. You can see a real sawmill turn logs into lumber and a threshing machine separating the grain from it's straw. There are demonstrations of feed grinding, cedar shingle making, blacksmithing and much more!	American Legion Park Oak Creek, Wisconsin Approximately 6 miles South of Milwaukee. From Interstate 94, exit at Ryan Road (Hwy 100). Go East 2 miles to Shepard Avenue, then North on Shepard 1/4 mile to show	October 11—12, 2014 8 am to 5 pm Admission: Adults, \$4 Kids under 12, Free	For Full Details: Visit Here