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Old Logging Photos with Ralph Stanley

A collection of old logging photos from the late 1800's to the 1960's with Ralph Stanley songs for effect. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Mursau Bill to Help Logging Industry Passes Assembly

Madison, WI - Legislation authored by Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) that creates width and weight exemptions for certain logging equipment, passed the state Assembly on a voice vote. "This is a simple bill that will make a significant difference for our logging industry," said Mursau. "Requiring these businesses to obtain a permit for what is often times an act of crossing the street is burdensome and just another obstacle for this industry." [Read More](#)

LeFeber Northwoods Camps Update

It is with great emotion Three Harbors Council, BSA announces the sale of LeFeber Northwoods Camps. The decision to sell the camp was made early in 2015 to allow Three Harbors Council to focus on its two southern camps and deliver an improved camping experience to all Scouts. The property was listed with a realtor earlier this year and the sale closed on December 11, 2015. [Read More](#)

Upper Wisconsin River Legacy Forest—New Forest Legacy project completed in Vilas County

The State of Wisconsin's most recent Forest Legacy project was recently completed in the headwaters of the Wisconsin River near Land O' Lakes. This partnership between two private landowners and the State of Wisconsin protects 1,042 acres of wooded forestland and 2 miles of Wisconsin River riparian habitat, and contributes to existing public lands. [Read More](#)

As Axes Fall, Local Economy Rises: Cutting Costs While Cutting Trees

Taking care of urban forests may include the removal of diseased and damaged trees. Sometimes, the axe must fall, and professionals must be called in to remove trees due to storms, disease, or invasive insects. The removal costs can add up quickly — in some cases, to the tune of several millions of dollars. Through careful planning however, researchers, marketing teams, and industry professionals can find more affordable solutions — ones beneficial to the forests, the bottom line, and the local economy. [Read More](#)

German Forest Ranger Finds That Trees Have Social Networks, Too

HÜMMEL, Germany — IN the deep stillness of a forest in winter, the sound of footsteps on a carpet of leaves died away. Peter Wohlleben had found what he was looking for: a pair of towering beeches. "These trees are friends," he said, craning his neck to look at the leafless crowns, black against a gray sky. "You see how the thick branches point away from each other? That's so they don't block their buddy's light." [Read More](#)

Timber! Lumberjacks Fading From The Northern Forests

GREENSBORO, Vt. — In the snowy woods of northern New England and other forested parts of the country, the lumberjack is an endangered species. As markets for forest products change and high-tech machinery replaces chain saws, which themselves replaced the ax, a generations-old way of life is disappearing, one that historically saw fathers pass on to their sons their love and knowledge of the woods and the independence that came from working for oneself. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

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| Snow Train™ – February 13-14, 2016 Ride Amid a Winter Wonderland Wintertime railroading is a unique experience one will never forget. Travel through the Winter Wonderland of scenic Sauk County on our 41st annual Snow Train. All cars are kept comfortably warm using the over century-old tradition of steam heating or coal-fired stoves. | Mid-Continent Railway Museum E8948 Museum Road North Freedom, WI 53951 February 13— 14, 2016 10, 11:30 am and 1, 2:30, 5:30 pm | Each train ride lasts approximately 55-minutes round-trip with the exception of the Saturday evening Dinner Train which lasts 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Coach seating is available on all departures except Dinner Train. | Learn More about this event Fares: vary |