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### Invasive Species with Bridget O'Brien: Garlic Mustard

Master Naturalist Bridget O'Brien recently discovered invasive Garlic Mustard at Marshfield's Wildwood Park. Learn more about this (and other) invasive species! [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### A Railroad Runs Through it: Author Details the Historic Influence of Rails in Price County Area

The metallic clink of logging chains joined the chickadee calls, the sound of a horse pulling logs backed by the rhythmic shhh-shhh chorus of a two-man saw, and in the distance, the whistle of the locomotive coming to take the logs away. In a northern old-growth forest in the late 1800s, these were the sounds that filled the woods. For historian and author John Berg, history is not dry facts listed in dusty books but fully alive in his imagination. The product of a lifetime of research, his book (now ready for publication) on the communities the logging railroads connected – and even created – was fueled by a long-lost locomotive and a series of questions. [Read More](#)

#### Verso Could Exit Bankruptcy by July

WISCONSIN RAPIDS - Verso Corp., the owner of paper mills in Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point, said Thursday it could emerge from bankruptcy by the end of July. The announcement came the same day a federal judge confirmed Verso's Chapter 11 reorganization plan — a major step in the bankruptcy process — and nearly five months since the company sought bankruptcy protection in late January. [Read More](#)

#### Wood That Could be Mistaken for Glass

This block may look like plastic, but it's actually wood. Using a two-step process, researchers at the University of Maryland, College Park, stripped away the plank's tan and brown color and made it clear. The see-through wood, which the scientists say is stronger and a better insulator than glass, and more biodegradable than plastic, could one day be used in windows, tables and other building supplies. [Read More](#)

#### The Emerald Ash Borer Took More Than Shade

Most people who appreciate the natural resources of Northern Michigan are aware of the unnatural changes underway in our forests. Over the last 15 years or so, we've watched as most of the ash trees have succumbed to attacks by the Emerald Ash Borer. Representing 15% or more of all trees in the forests of our region, this is a big loss. We'll miss those compound leaves turning dark green in the summer and shade. But there's much more to an ash tree than the comforting shade. [Read More](#)

#### Will Skyscrapers of the Future Be Built From Wood?

New York City is home to some of the most famous skyscrapers in the world, from the Chrysler Building to the Empire State Building—structures of concrete and steel that, when built, seemed to defy both the bounds of human innovation and the laws of physics. But visitors to New York City's West Chelsea neighborhood might have another surprising building to admire in a few years—a ten-story residential high-rise built from wood. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

Event	Location / Dates	Cost	Notes
<p><b>Cowboy Reenactment</b></p> <p>Step back in time and come take part in a Wild West train robbery. An authentic Cowboy Reenactment and robbery of the Lumberjack Steam train. Come and ride the train and experience the Wild West up close.</p>	<p><b>Camp 5— Lumberjack Steam Train</b></p> <p>DEPOT Address: 5068 U.S. Hwy. 8 Laona, WI 54541</p> <p><a href="#">Driving Directions</a></p> <p>Sat, July 16</p>	<p><b>Rates &amp; Running Times</b></p> <p>Adults - \$ 20.00 Children (Age 4-16) - \$ 8.00 Family (2 adults and 3 or more children ages 4-16) - \$ 60.00 Children under 3 - FREE</p>	<p><b>For Further Information</b></p> <p><a href="#">See More</a></p>