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Into Careers: Heroes of the Forest

The Division of Forestry is one branch of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; they partner with organizations, industries and other professionals to ensure sustainable management of our forests. Into the Outdoors Adventure Team members Charlie and Lucas are on a "special mission" to explore the diverse career opportunities and pathways for young people interested in natural resources. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Here to Help: Third-Generation Logger Finds Partner in Wisconsin DVR

FOREST COUNTY— Ask Steve Mihalko how he became a logger and his answer is straight to the point: "It's all I've ever known. Sawdust is in our blood." But when the dangers of logging became a stark reality for Steve, the path to stay in the profession was hard to see. [Read More](#)

What are Wisconsin's Ghost Ports?

State Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough never heard of a "Ronksville" in Wisconsin until the descendants of brothers Nicholas and Paul Ronk contacted the Wisconsin Historical Society. The descendants requested copies of a society poster featuring the wreck of a schooner called "Northerner." Nicholas Ronk was the last known owner of the ship. The Ronk brothers, Rosebrough would learn, founded the Luxemburger Pier Company of Ronksville in 1858. But their descendants had no idea where in Wisconsin this eponymous community once existed. [Read More](#)

Northwoods Tree Chosen as State Capitol Christmas Tree

RHINELANDER -- (WAOW) If you're taking a trip to Madison during the holidays, you'll see a little piece of the Northwoods, after one family's tree was chosen as the official Christmas tree for the Wisconsin State Capitol building. Last year, another tree from Rhineland was chosen to light up the capitol, and that got Bev and Rick Burke thinking. They saw a large Balsam Fir tree in their backyard, and reached out to the capitol's Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. [Read More](#)

Gov. Evers Announces Theme for 2024 State Capitol Holiday Tree, "125 Years of Wisconsin's State Parks"

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced "125 Years of Wisconsin's State Parks" as the theme for the 2024 State Capitol Holiday Tree and invited students to contribute handmade ornaments celebrating how the park system reflects who Wisconsin is as a state. "Next year, in 2025, we'll be celebrating 125 years of Wisconsin's state parks, so to kick off the celebration, I am excited to announce that the theme of the 2024 Wisconsin State Capitol Holiday Tree is 125 Years of Wisconsin's State Parks!" wrote Gov. Evers in a letter sent to students and educators. [Read More](#)

State Land or Family Farms: Where You Can Harvest Your Own Christmas Tree

MILWAUKEE — Lunchboxes are filled with turkey scraps and the pines are calling for tinsel, ornaments and — if you follow German tradition — a pickle. There are many locations in Wisconsin to harvest a Christmas tree, and some of those places are in Wisconsin's public forests. [Read More](#)

How Regional Mass Timber Markets Can Support Decarbonization and Help Build Local Economies

The global market for mass timber — construction products made of multiple layers of wood that are used for beams, columns or panels — is expected to grow to \$3.7 billion by 2032 from \$1.5 billion in 2020, according to a recent report. This growth is being driven by the US, Europe and Asia-Pacific building construction industries, as developers see the environmental and economic benefits of mass timber. [Read More](#)

Check Conifers For Invasive Adelgids

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) and balsam woolly adelgid (BWA) are invasive, aphid-like insects that cause tree mortality in North America. Neither has been found in Wisconsin so far, but they are likely to arrive at some point, as they have been confirmed in Michigan. [Read More](#)