



**County Board Meetings:**

**October 17~November 21~December 19**

All regularly scheduled County Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless stated otherwise. The dates/times are always posted on the home page of our website at

www.co.adams.wi.us. Agendas for meetings

are usually available about 1 week prior to the meeting date, and can be picked up at the County Clerk's office. The meetings are held in the County Board Room A230, on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. For more information regarding the meetings, you can contact the County Clerk's office at 608-339-4200.

**\*Note: The November 21st meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will include adopting the 2018 budget, tax levy and mill rate for Adams County Government.**

**If You Think** ~Author Unknown  
 If you think you are beaten, you are;  
 If you think you dare not, you don't!  
 If you like to win, but think you can't,  
 It's almost a cinch you won't.  
 If you think you'll lose, you are lost;  
 For out in the world we find  
 Success begins with a fellow's will;  
 It's all in the state of one's mind.  
 If you think you are outclassed, you are,  
 You have got to think high to rise,  
 You have got to be sure of yourself before  
 You can ever win a prize.  
 Life's battles don't always go  
 To the stronger and faster man,  
 But sooner or later the man who wins  
 Is the man who thinks HE CAN!

**"Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool & unruffled under all circumstances."  
 ~Thomas Jefferson**

**Hunters' Code of Ethics**

1. Respect Landowners
  - Be courteous, follow the landowner's rules/treat their property with respect.
2. Respect other Hunters
  - Don't interfere or disrupt the hunt of another. Treat other hunters in a manner that you would expect to be treated.
3. Respect Non-Hunters
  - Understand that not everyone supports hunting.
4. Respect Wildlife/Natural Resources
  - Follow all hunting laws & report violations observed to your local warden.

**Basic Rules of Firearm Safety**

**T = Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.** Never assume a firearm is unloaded; never treat it that way, even if you watch as it is unloaded. Make it a habit to treat guns like they are loaded all the time.  
**A = Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.** About one third of all hunting incidents are self-inflicted injuries. That means the muzzle was pointed at some part of the hunter's body. A safe direction is a direction where the bullet will travel & harm no one in the event of an unwanted discharge. There are no accidental discharges with firearms, only unwanted discharges.

**B = Be certain of your target & what's beyond it.** Positive target identification is a must. To shoot at something you only think is a legal target is gambling. In the case of human injury, that means gambling with human life. You must be absolutely certain & correct in judgement before deciding to shoot. Otherwise, it's reckless behavior. In addition to identifying the target, a hunter must know that a safe backstop for their bullet is present in every shooting situation. We don't always hit our target; in some cases the bullet passes through the target. A safe backstop guarantees that no one will get hurt.

**K = Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.** If a hunter stumbles with a firearm in one hand & nothing in the other, whatever that person does with their free hand will automatically happen with the hand holding the gun. If a finger is inside the trigger guard, that hand is likely going to close around the pistol grip of the gun & on the trigger causing an unwanted discharge.

Planning your fall hunting trip also means having your gear in proper working order. Firearms should be cleaned & closely inspected for any signs of mechanical wear that could result in a problem in the field.

Firearms aren't the only items that need to be checked well in advance of a hunting trip. Clothing & other equipment should also be inspected for signs of wear & tear. Anything that might cause you to compromise safety should be repaired, discarded or replaced. Blaze orange clothing that has faded over time, a jacket that doesn't fit right or a scope that isn't adjusted correctly can compromise your safety & the safety of others.

~ Further reading/information on this can be found at [dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt).

**"The great charm of all power is modesty." ~ Louisa May Alcott**

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- \* Adams County Library
- \* Four Season's Mini Mart (Dellwood)
- \* Kwik Trip
- \* Rite Way Laundromat & Car Wash
- \* Wall Chiropractor

For a list of the services provided in the County Clerk's Office, please see our website at [www.co.adams.wi.gov](http://www.co.adams.wi.gov).

**Disclaimer:** While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of information, events/dates/times etc., are subject to change. Contact information is provided when available.

**2018 ELECTIONS**

Spring Primary February 20th  
 Spring Election April 3rd  
 Partisan Primary August 14th  
 General Election November 6th

**Courthouse Closed**

November 23  
 November 24  
 December 22  
 December 25

**2017 4th Quarter**

**October, November & December**

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- ⇒ Veterans Service Dog Pilot Program
- ⇒ Rock Formations in Adams County



**Adams County Clerk Newsletter**

**Keeping you informed...**

Would you like to become more involved in your local government? The 2018 Spring Election is right around the corner! If you are interested in getting involved and making a difference, consider running for County Board Supervisor for the municipality that you live in.



The County Clerk's office is already making preparations for the Spring Primary (should there be one) and the Spring Election. The dates for these elections are:

**~Spring Primary is February 20, 2018**

**~Spring Election is April 3, 2018**

Candidates for County Board Supervisors must submit their **Declaration of Candidacy** and **Campaign Registration Statement** to the County Clerk's Office prior to circulating their Nomination Papers for required signatures. These are the dates that you will need to keep track of:

**📅 December 1, 2017 ~ 1st day to circulate Nomination Papers**

**📅 January 2, 2018 ~ Deadline to file Nomination Papers in the County Clerk's Office**

\* Note: Please file your paperwork as soon as you have the required information. The Clerk's office needs sufficient time to verify that all of the information that you have provided is complete/accurate. If more information would be required, there would then be enough time for you to get that information before the deadline.

For questions, contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-339-4200, email us at [countyclerkdept@co.adams.wi.us](mailto:countyclerkdept@co.adams.wi.us) or stop in by our office at 400 N. Main Street in Friendship, entrance door "D".

**\*\*Material packets for candidates will be available to pick up from the office in November.**

**Student Government Day 2017 ~ A Huge Success!**

Student Government Day was held on May 4th, 2017, with 28 students participating in this year's event. It was a joint effort that was planned, coordinated & presented by UW Extension staff, SaYL student—Keaton Klaus, the County Clerk's office staff & myself.

This is a day set aside for youth (grades 10th—12th) to come meet with elected officials/county leaders, for the purpose of learning how government works.

This year's theme was 'CSI Report—Crime Scene Investigation'. A mock crime scene investigation took place by the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney & Medical Examiner. Also during the day, students were given an overview of the Adams County committee structure, discussed the purpose of a resolution & taught the basics of Parliamentary Procedure. A tour of the Courthouse, with the assistance of Jane Gervais, Emergency Management Director, took place after a Taco Salad lunch. The day turned out to be a huge success!

Thank you to all those who helped in various ways by bringing something for the meal, speaking, being a tour guide & by bringing students to the courthouse. Also, a thank you to County Board Supervisor Rocky Gilner for participating in the event!

*"All of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon—instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today." ~ Dale Carnegie*



The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program offers 0% interest loans to low to moderate income individuals, and 1.5% interest loans for rental unit repairs.

Some eligibility requirements include:

- All sources of income reported
• Must be at least 18 years old
• Mortgage property taxes must be current
• Property must be insured

Eligible households can use funds for repairs; examples include, but are not limited to roofs, siding, windows, plumbing, electric, septic, etc.

For more detailed information, contact Sue Koehn, MSA Housing, at 1-800-552-6330, i.e. applications, income levels, documentation requirements, etc.

- 1. Exploration Station—Nature Art: Sun., Oct. 1st, 11am—1pm @ Devil's Lake State Park
2. Exploration Station—Fur, Scat, Tracks: Sat., Oct. 7th, 10am—12pm @ Devil's Lake State Park
3. Exploration Station—Rocks: Sun., Oct. 8th, 10am—12pm @ Devil's Lake State Park
4. Exploration Station—Bees: Sat., Oct. 14th, 11am—1pm @ Devil's Lake State Park
5. Magical Migration: Sat., Oct. 14th, 3pm—7:30pm @ Sandhill Wildlife Area
6. Friends Halloween Hike: Sat., Oct. 21st, 6pm—8:30pm @ Devil's Lake State Park
7. Saw-Whet Owl Banding: Sat., Oct. 21st, 7pm—10:30pm @ Sandhill Wildlife Area
8. Fall Night Scavenger Hunt and Campfire: Sat., Oct. 28th, 7:30pm—9:30pm @ Devil's Lake State Park

\*Events are listed on the dnr.wi.gov website, under the Recreation tab, 'Outdoors & Events Calendar'

Adams County Food Pantry

It is located in the back of the CWCAC building at 1874 Hwy 13 in Friendship. Donation drop-off times: Wednesday 8am—12pm (back of building) or Monday—Friday 8am—4:30pm (front of building). Monetary donations are accepted as well. Pick-up times: Wednesdays 1—4pm, Fridays 9—12pm Contact information: Dinah Short @ 608-393-2641 \*Families in need may pick up food once per month.



'Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.' ~ Sandra Carey

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) in Wisconsin

A program, aimed at teaching women skills in anything outdoors, all in a few days. In the 1990's, a group of professors at UW Stevens Point began this program.

BOW is for adult women of all ages & fitness levels; no experience or special equipment is necessary. Outdoor workshops are held throughout the year, in safe atmospheres with patient, enthusiastic instructors, where women are taught skills such as firearm handling/rifle & shotgun safety/fly fishing/sewing with fur/kayaking/crossbows/ chainsaw safety/wildlife habitat/dutch oven cooking/tree camping/wild edibles & more!

Yearly international trips are also held. The 2017 trips were to Costa Rica, Baja Mexico, Trinidad/Tobago & Iceland.

The next upcoming event, Sporting Clays & Pheasant Hunt, will be in early November. For fees/registration info., visit their website at www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/bowWI or contact the coordinator, Peggy Farrell, at pfarrell@uwsp.edu.

TO HONOR THE VETERANS

WITH BRAVERY AND STRENGTH THEY SERVE, WITH DIGNITY AND PRIDE THEY STAND, WITH COURAGE AND HOPE THEY FIGHT, THE LIFE THEY LIVE IS DANGEROUS, TREACHEROUS, ROUGH, AND HARD GOING, BUT WHEN THE FOG CLEARS THEY ARE THE ONES WHO STILL STAND.

'The law-of-destination is straightforward and simple: It is not possible to arrive where we never take the time to go. ~ Heather K. O'Hara

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is looking for veterans with PTSD & other mental health issues to participate in a service dog pilot program. These veterans are diagnosed as having visual, hearing or substantial physical mobility impairments that can be helped with the assistance of a guide dog/service dog. VA already helps many qualified veterans work with outside agencies to help obtain service dogs.



This pilot program adds chronic mental health issues as potential factors that may limit a veteran's mobility. The VA is expanding their interpretation of 'mobility issues' by saying that veterans suffering from severe PTSD or other mental health issues may be prevented from leaving their home/interacting with the public as a result.

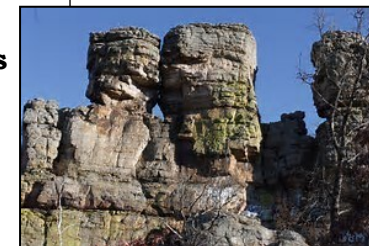
The program seeks to provide service dogs to 100 veterans with mental health issues. The VA must determine if the service dog can assist a veteran by enhancing their mental health/mobility. The VA doesn't breed dogs but relies on outside organizations to raise/train them; they do provide vet care/equipment to dogs that come from accredited agencies, but do not pay for boarding, grooming, food or any other routine expenses associated with owning a dog.

Veterans with post-traumatic stress, depression or anxiety can apply to be part of this pilot project if they receive care from the VA. Interested veterans should talk to their treatment team & ask to be considered for a service dog under this program. For more information on this program, visit the US Department of Veterans Affairs website, contact the VHA Center for Compassionate Innovation at VHACCISD@va.gov, or contact the Adams County Veterans Services Department at 608-339-4321—Stephen Dykes, VSO or Richard Schlichtmann, Deputy VSO would be able to assist with this information.

Did you know that there are 23 rock formations, mounds, bluffs, cliffs & rock outcroppings located throughout Adams County?

Below is a listing of their names & the municipalities they are located in:

- 1) Anderson Bluff ~ Town of Springville
2) Cottonville Rock ~ Town Preston
3) Dyracuse Mound ~ Town of Rome
4) Easton Mound ~ Town of Easton
5) Elephant Back Rock ~ Town of Dell Prairie
6) Friendship Mound ~ Village of Friendship
7) Hamilton Mound ~ Town of Rome
8) Horse Shoe Bluff ~ Town of Lincoln
9) Houghton Rock ~ Town of Adams
10) Keystone Rock ~ Town of Big Flats
11) Lighthouse Rock ~ Town of Adams
12) Lone Rock ~ Town of Quincy
13) Minnie Rock ~ Town of Big Flats
14) Owens Rock ~ Town of Leola
15) Pilot Knob Bluff ~ Town of Lincoln (\*Note: This bluff is located on private land.)
16) Preston Cliffs ~ Town of Preston
17) Quincy Bluff ~ Town of Quincy
18) Rabbit Rock ~ Town of Big Flats
19) Rattlesnake Mound ~ Town of Easton
20) Roche-A-Cri Mound ~ Town of Preston
21) Ship Rock ~ Town of Richfield
22) Spring Bluff ~ Town of Lincoln
23) Steamboat Rock ~ Town of Dell Prairie



'The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it & ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.' ~ Winston Churchill

Train Rides

All Aboard....Family Fun for Everyone! The 2017 'Special Events' Mid-Continent Railway Museum train rides for the last quarter of the year are: Autumn Color TM Weekend ~ Oct. 6th—8th Pumpkin Special TM ~ Oct. 14th—15th Santa Express TM ~ Nov. 25th—26th

The train rides are on the former branch line of the Chicago & North Western Railway, located in the valley between Baraboo Hills, in Sauk County. The ride lasts for 55 minutes & goes approximately 7 miles. Passengers ride in restored steel coaches that were built a century ago. Some of the rides offer dining on their elegant dinner train. They offer several different fare options for you to choose from. In addition to their special event rides, Mid-Continent Railway also offers many different rides to choose from throughout the year, with & without meal service. For more information about jumping on board for one of these rides, check out their website at midcontinent.org or call them at 608-522-4261 or 800-930-1385.



'What we love determines what we seek, what we seek determines what we think and do, what we think and do determines what we become.' ~Uchtdorf