

Adams County Clerk Newsletter



Welcome 2016-2018 Elected County Board

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With the results of the April 5th, 2016 Spring Election, the following Adams County Board of Supervisors were sworn into office during the April 19th, 2016 County Board Meeting.

District 1 (All of New Haven Ward 1 & Part of Dell Prairie Ward 1): **Mark Hamburg**

District 2 (Part of Dell Prairie Ward 2 & Part of City of Wis Dells Ward 5): **Rocky Gilner**

District 3 (Part of Springville Ward 2 & Part of Dell Prairie Ward 3): **Larry Babcock**

District 4 (All of Jackson Wards 1 & 2): **Larry Borud**

District 5 (Part of New Chester Ward 2): **Jerry Kotlowski**

District 6 (Part of New Chester Ward 1 & Part of

Easton Ward 1): **Barbara Morgan**

District 7 (Part of Easton Ward 2 & Part of Quincy Ward 3 & Part of Springville Ward 1): **Fran Dehmlow**

District 8 (Part of Quincy Ward 2 & Part of Town of Adams Ward 1): **Robin Skala**

District 9 (Part of Quincy Ward 1 & Part of Strongs Prairie Ward 3): **Daniel Wysocky**

District 10 (All of Village of Friendship Ward 1 & Part of Town of Adams Ward 2): **Scott Colburn**

District 11 (Part City of Adams Wards 1 & 4): **Peter Hickethier**

District 12 (Part City of Adams Wards 2 & 3 and Town of Adams Ward 3): **Fred Nickel**

District 13 (All of Town of Lincoln Ward 1 & Part

of New Chester Ward 3): **Florence Johnson**

District 14 (Part of Town of Preston Ward 2, All of Coburn Ward 1, All of Leola Ward 1, All of Richfield Ward 1): **Deborah Parr**

District 15 (Part of Town of Preston Ward 1): **Jack Allen**

District 16 (Part of Town of Strongs Prairie Wards 1 & 2): **Robert Grabarski**

District 17 (All of Town of Monroe Ward 1 & Part of Rome Ward 5): **Gordon Carlson**

District 18 (All of Big Flats Wards 1 & 2): **John West**

District 19 (Part of Rome Wards 1 & 2): **David Repinski**

District 20 (Part of Rome Wards 3 & 4): **Paul Piselini**

K-9 Unit Fundraiser

The Adams Co. Sheriff’s Dept. is selling little stuffed dogs & bears for \$15 each. They can be purchased at the Sheriff’s Dept. and the Treasurer’s Office. Proceeds go to the Adams Co. Sheriff’s K-9 Unit.

2015-2016 Plat Books

Adams Co. 4-H Leader’s Association is currently selling 2015-2016 Adams Co. Plat Books for a cost of \$30 each. They can be purchased at the Treasurer’s Office. Proceeds go to Adams Co. 4-H.

2016 Adams County Directory

The County Clerk’s Office is selling Adams County directories for a cost of \$3 each. The directories have been updated with the newly elected official’s information, from the April 5th election.

“Slow down and enjoy life. It’s not only the scenery you miss by going too fast ...you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.” - Eddie Cantor

Dedication of: Persian Gulf Tribute at The High Ground



The Persian Gulf Tribute at The High Ground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville, was built to honor all branches of America's military who served around the world, beginning with Desert Storm, and through multiple Middle East conflicts, all while marching forward in the global war on terrorism. The tribute is in the shape of a large bootprint.

There are many reasons for this shape and symbolism. The impression of the bootprint symbolically recalls the impression these men and women have had in

our world. The bootprint is a metaphor for marching forward in the war on terrorism and a metaphor for walking with you, and not past you. It is divided into two, symbolizing the sorrow felt by the loss of each of these loved ones. The two-piece memorial allows for it to straddle existing trails on the grounds and acts as a gateway for a section of the trail system for future memorials.

The bootprint allows for perennial flower beds to be located in the deepest impressions left by the boot. Symbolically, these deepest impressions allow for the

seeds of hope, the seeds of new life & the seeds of healing. It recalls the variety of impressions left in the sand of the desert-like conditions of the Middle East conflicts. The bootprint allows the Memorial to be located at a lower elevation so that those arriving to The High Ground, can view the Persian Gulf Tribute from above.

The dedication for the Persian Gulf Tribute will be held July 19th-25th. For more information on The High Ground Veterans Memorial Park, you may contact them at 715-743-4224 or visit their website at www.thehighground.org.

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Hiking Trails

The National Wildlife Refuge in Necedah has several different hiking trails that meander through various areas of the refuge for you to enjoy. The **Visitor Center Trail** is a 1.0 mile trail, divided into 2 loops: **Muskrat Loop**, .25 mile trail on a boardwalk that stands above the marsh overlooking animal inhabitants; & **Karner Loop**, .75 mile trail, running through the prairie where you can see the Karner blue butterflies. Both of these trails wind across gravel, asphalt & boardwalk surfaces through prairie, wetland & forested areas. The **Observation Tower Trail** is .8 miles long & it goes through mostly forested habitats to the 2-story tower that looks out over Ryneerson Pool #1, which gives a wonderful landscape view of the wetlands. Half-way along the trail is an open-air observation blind that is set on a peninsula. The **Boghaunter Trail** consists of 3 separate loops, showcasing a variety of wildlife & habitats. The **Meadow Beauty Loop** is .8 miles long & offers a mostly level hiking trail on mowed grass. The **Boardwalk Loop**, which is 1.75 miles long, runs through a native sedge meadow & prairie. The trail is mowed and also crosses over several boardwalks. The **Tamarack Loop** stretches over 3.6 miles of mowed trails. This trail has some hills and offers hikers more of a challenge, winding through a wide variety of habitats, including marshes & forests.



"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."
~ Robert Louis Stevenson



Mark your calendars so you don't forget to come on out and enjoy the fun at the Adams County Fair!



Dates are July 21st - 24th.

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25th, 2016. The National Park Service is inviting everyone to "find your park" and discover the national parks & programs in your own backyard! Centennial events are planned throughout the whole year all over the country. To find events near you, you can visit FindYourPark.com. The centennial will kick off a 2nd century of stewardship of America's National Parks!



Adams County Veteran's Resource & Benefit Fair

When: Wednesday, August 10th, 2016
Time: 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Location: Adams County Community Center
569 N. Cedar Street
For: Veterans, their families, veteran widows
Cost: Free

There will be many informational booths set up, such as: County Vet. Serv. Officers; PTSD/Substance Abuse; Enrollment/Eligibility of benefits; Housing Authority; Aging & Disability Center; Voc. Rehab; Job Center; MyHealthyVet; Social Security; Suicide Prevention; Woman Vet. Health Care; WDVA; Transportation; SSVF; Faith in Action; American Legion; CWCAC; Catholic Charities and VFW. Veterans will also be able to drop off unused medications for disposal. If you would like more information on this event, you can contact Steve Dykes @ (608)339-4221 or Amanda Steinhoff @ (608) 372-3971 ext. 64201.

2016 marks the 53rd Annual Badger Steam & Gas Show. If tractors and engines are an interest of yours, you will definitely want to check out the show! They have scheduled activities such as threshing & baling, chainsaw races, kids pedal pull,

parades and more on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. There is a food court with live music throughout the event. Save time to browse through the flea market to find a treasure! Among the many display buildings on the grounds are a Vintage

Gas Station, Blacksmith Shop, Print Shop, Woodworking Shop, Machine Shop, Hug Sawmill Building and more! The dates for the show are August 19, 20 & 21. It is located at S3347 Sand Road in Baraboo.



"Do not sit still; start moving now. In the beginning, you may not go in the direction you want, but as long as you are moving, you are creating alternatives and possibilities." ~Rodolfo Costa

Hike and Bike Wisconsin State Rail Trails



In 2015, the Wisconsin State Park System celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Rail Trails in Wisconsin with the first rail trail being the Elroy-Sparta State Trail, established in 1965.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, thousands of miles of railroad tracks were constructed throughout Wisconsin to serve passenger and freight needs. However, by the middle of the 20th century, new freight routes and transition of passenger travel to automobiles prompted the gradual disuse and abandonment of some railroad lines.

In 1964, the Chicago and North Western Railway discontinued its freight service through the Elroy-Sparta corridor and decided to abandon the grade. The Department of Natural Resources (then the Wisconsin Conservation Department) negotiated the purchase of the abandoned 32 mile right-of-way and later concluded the acquisition for \$12,000, or about \$375 per mile. The DNR designated the trail on the abandoned right-of-way in 1965 and opened it in 1967 to hikers and bicyclists. Snowmobile use on the trail began in 1968.

Since the establishment of the Elroy-Sparta State Trail in 1965, Wisconsin has developed an additional 40 state trails extending over 2,000 miles. There are now more than 1,900 rail trails spanning 22,000 miles across the country, and it all started here in Wisconsin. Happy Trails to you!

General Etiquette for All Trail Users

~Treat all trail users with respect & courtesy regardless of their sport, speed, or skill level.
 ~Stay to the right and pass on the left. Always look before changing positions on the trail. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots.
 ~Protect our environment. Stay on the trail. Do not use switchbacks or use shortcuts.
 ~Downhill traffic yields to uphill traffic and faster users yield to slower users.
 ~Share the trail, watch & listen for others. Anything you fit in your ear that impairs your hearing may not be safe.
 ~Learn & use appropriate hand sig-

nals. Motorized users often cannot hear voice signals.
 ~Respect trail closures; use only trails posted open. Obey trail signs.
 ~Carry out all litter, including your pet's waste.
 ~All users yield to horseback riders. When in doubt about who should yield, or if it doesn't appear that other users will yield, consider that they may be unfamiliar with trail etiquette. When in doubt, yield to others.
 ~When encountering a horse, speak in a calm, pleasant tone so the horse hears a human voice. Do not hide.
 ~The rider knows the horse the best. Expect the rider to advise you of the horse's temperament.

~Do not approach, scare, harass or feed wildlife or livestock.
 ~Respect private property & the privacy of people living along the trail.
 ~Pets must be kept on leashes less than 8 feet and under control.
 ~Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy. Do not pull bark off of, cut or otherwise damage live trees.
 ~Practice low-impact trail use. Wet & muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage.
 ~Travel at safe and controlled speeds.
 ~Think of yourself as an ambassador for your activity.

"Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself." ~ Paul Bryant

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Castle Rock Co. Park Fireworks—July 2nd @ dusk
- Military/Vet. Family Day @ Milwaukee Co. Zoo—July 3rd (contact Vet. Services for tickets)
- Pancake Breakfast @ Castle Rock Co. Park—July 3rd, 8am-noon
- Annual 4th of July Parade, Main Street—July 4th, starts at 10am
- Chic Nic, VFW Park—July 4th after parade
- Roche-A-Cri Lions 40th Annual Rec Days, Arkdale—July 15th -17th
- Crazy Days A-F Annual Merchants Sidewalk Sales—August 5th-6th
- Adams County Annual Library Book & Bake Sale—August 5th-6th
- 54th Annual Corn 'n Tater Festival, Grand Marsh—August 21st, 11am-4pm
- Central Wisconsin State Fair, Marshfield—August 31st-September 5th
- 30th Annual Easton-White Creek Lions Chic-Nic, White Creek—September 4th @ 11:30am
- Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Fest, Wisconsin Dells—September 16th-18th
- Warren's Cranberry Festival, Warrens—September 23rd-25th

Eco Explorers Day Camp Necedah Wildlife Refuge

Students entering grades 1-6 are invited for 3 days of fun, exploration & outdoor adventure in one of the wildest classrooms around! Youth will work with an experienced naturalist in fun-filled activities, providing opportunities to unplug & enjoy the great outdoors. Youth are grouped by grades 1-3 and 4-6. There are 2 sessions. Session 1: July 26-28, 9am-3pm daily. Session 2: August 2-4, 9am-3pm daily. Registration is required; please call 608-565-4403 or email katie_goodwin@fws.gov.

Wisconsin Trappers' Association, Inc. will be holding their 53rd Annual Convention on Friday, September 9th—Saturday, September 10th at the Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Marshfield, Wisconsin. For more information, you can contact Pam Mather, Convention Coordinator, at 608-835-7561 or email wta.convention@frontier.com



DNR *Go Wild*

Come in & check out our new DNR Go Wild system! Customers are now able to follow along on their own computer screen as transactions are being completed. This system allows for the sale of all DNR hunting & fishing licenses, permit applications, trail passes & the renewal of recreational vehicles. Conservation Cards can be purchased for \$3.50. The cards contain the customer's name & DNR ID#, & can be used year after year for proof of DNR ID#. Customers need to show their Driver's License at all times when using the new system.

Gardening for Monarchs: Creating a habitat for monarch butterflies

Good monarch habitat must meet the needs of all 4 monarch life stages & multiple parts of the monarch migratory cycle. Female monarchs lay eggs on milkweed host plants. Their caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves. Adult monarchs consume nectar from a variety of different flowering plants. They need both milkweed & nectar plants during the breeding part of their annual migratory cycle. As they migrate, they need nectar plants to fuel their long flight. Monarch habitats have been declining over time. Conservation efforts to help ensure the future of these butterflies can start in your own backyard! First, choose a sunny site for your habitat & test the soil to determine if it is suitable for growing plants or amend it if needed. Next, plant milkweed & nectar plants. Adding flat rocks to your garden can help create basking zones for them to regulate their temperature. Include windbreaks, such as a fence, shrub or wall to protect your site. If your space is limited, consider planting in containers!



"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

**Courthouse Closed:
Monday, July 4th
Monday, September 5th**

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- A-F County Market
- Charm Center Beauty Shop
- Friendship Connection
- Mid-Towne Dental
- North Star Daycare
- Practical Cents
- Riverview Family Clinic (Rome)
- Stage Coach Restaurant

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