

Interested in working for Adams County?

Go to our website @ www.co.adams.wi.gov and click on "Employment Opportunities" located under Items of Interest. Click on the job you are interested in, click on "Apply", click on "Create an account" and fill out your application. Your application can be used for any County vacancy.

If you would like to be notified when new openings are posted on the website, click on "Job Interest Cards", fill out the form and click "Submit Request".

For more information contact Marcia Kaye, Personnel Director @608-339-4547.

DNR Free Fishing Weekend—Jan 21st-22nd

Well Expo Healthy Living for Women @ Monona Terrace, Madison—Jan 20th-21st

Lake Mason Lion's Club Annual Winter Fisheree—Jan 21 @ daybreak-3pm

Lake Sherwood Ice Fisheree @ Sherwood Lodge—Jan 21, 7am-4pm

A Chocolate Affair—Feb 4th, 10am-2pm

Central Wisconsin Deer & Hunting Expo—Feb 10th-12th

Central Wisconsin Sports Show—Feb 17th-19th

Annual Camelot Ice Fisheree—Feb 18, 7am-3:30pm

Memorial Healthcare Foundation Dinner & Auction—March 4th

Central Wisconsin RV & Camping Show—March 10th-12th

Congregational UCC Corned Beef & Cabbage/Irish Stew Dinner—Mar 13, start 4:30pm

SOMETHING TO DO

"You cannot expect victory and plan for defeat." ~Joel Osteen

Cindy Phillippi

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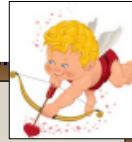


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Valentine's Day Ideas

1. Make a book about things you love about your partner.
2. Enjoy a candlelight dinner at home.
3. Write a poem for your spouse and frame it.
4. Enlist the kids help in making decorated chocolate-dipped strawberries for the family to enjoy after dinner.
5. Each member of the family make home-made Valentine cards for each other.



2016 Wisconsin Recount News

On Dec 1st & 2nd, the Adams County Board of Canvassers conducted a hand recount for the November 8th, 2016 Presidential Election. This process allows the opportunity to visually determine voter intent. There were little to no discrepancies found at the end of the recount. There were up to as many as 10 observers present at one time. All were courteous & respectful of the process. Please thank your local poll (election) workers & municipal clerks for their diligence in trying to keep up on ever-changing election laws, & their willingness to serve.

2017 Election Dates:

- * February 21st ~ Spring Primary (if a primary needs to be held)
- * April 4th ~ Spring Election

Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail ~ Central Sands Prairie Region ~ Adams County Segment

The WI DNR Endangered Resource Program developed bird/nature viewing guides, dividing the state into regions that are unique to the area birds. Adams County is in the Central Sands Prairie region, & includes 4 natural/wildlife areas.

- 1 **Colburn State Wildlife Area:** You can see herons & egrets in the marshes along Carter & Big Dry Creeks, located in the 5,000 acres of this area. Many nesting songbird species & numerous woodpeckers live in the wooded areas. Bald eagles can be seen hunting over Colburn, just a few miles east of the WI River. Deer, badgers, woodchucks, mink, fox & coyotes roam freely on the property. Rustic Road R-50 takes you around/through the property. To get here from Friendship, drive north on Hwy 13 for 10 mi. to Cty C, then east on C, 6 mi. to the property. Common species: Sandhill Cranes, Ruffed Grouse & American Black Duck. Rare species: Sedge Wren, Veery & Pileated Woodpecker.
- 2 **Dells of the Wisconsin River State Natural Area:** Birding is abundant along the gorge, cliffs, canyons & rock formations in the 1,300 acres here. The forest diversity draws in many different species of birds. To get here from WI Dells, go east .6 mi. on Hwy 13, then north 1.7 mi. on River Road to a parking area west of the road. A hiking trail leads to the river. Another parking area is located 1.9 mi. farther north along River Road. The rock formations are best seen by the water. A boat landing is located on River Road, .5 mi. north of Hwy 13. Common species: Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow & Barn Swallow. Rare species: Yellow Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler & Northern Waterthrush.
- 3 **Quincy Bluff & Wetlands State Natural Area:** This is 5,102 acre natural area in the sandy bed of former Glacial Lake Wisconsin. Quincy Bluff & Rattlesnake Mound are both sandstone mesas that border this vast wetland complex. Quincy Bluff looms 200 ft. above the wetland. Grassland sparrows are drawn to the forested areas. Turkey Vultures & Bald Eagles soar overhead, while Red-tailed Hawks perch on tree limbs along woodland edges. To get here from the intersection of Hwy 13 & Cty H, go west 2.4 mi. on Cty H, then north .4 mi. on 16th Ave, then west .5 mi. on Evergreen Ave., then north 2.4 mi. on 16th Dr. to a parking area east of the road. Common species: Willow Flycatcher, Great Blue Heron & Common Raven. Rare species: Blue-headed Vireo, Red-headed Woodpecker, Gray Jay & Golden-crowned Kinglet.
- 4 **Roche-a-Cri State Park & Roche-a-Cri Mound State Natural Area:** This 605 acre state park is dominated by a 300 ft. rocky butte. Climbing to the top of the mound on the 303-step staircase, gives you a bird's-eye view of the flat Central Sands plain. Turkey Vultures use the high mound as a roost site. To get here from Friendship, go north on Hwy 13 two mi. to the park entrance. State Park fees apply. Common species: Turkey Vultures & Bald Eagles. Rare species: Common Raven, Winter Wren & Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.



ADAMS COUNTY CLERK NEWSLETTER

2017 1st Quarter

January, February & March

**Looking for some outdoor winter fun?
Check out one of these festivals!**

Sauk Prairie's Bald Eagle Watching Days

Each winter, bald eagles gather in the Sauk Prairie area due to a unique combination of factors. For winter survival, eagles need open water for fishing, undeveloped shoreline with large trees for perching, & sheltered valleys for night time roosting. There are several event locations & eagle viewing areas such as: River Arts Center @ Sauk Prairie High School, Ferry Bluff Eagle Council Overlooks, Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce, VFW Park, Alliant Energy Hydropower Dam, Wollersheim Winery and Tripp Heritage Museum. Many different programs/presenters will be taking place. This is the festivals 30th year & will be held on January 13th-14th. If you would like more information, you can call 800-683-2453 or visit their website at ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org.

Hudson Hot Air Affair

This is the 28th year for the Hudson Hot Air Affair, located in Hudson, Wisconsin, along the St. Croix River. This year's festival will take place on February 3rd -5th. There will be family friendly events such as an evening parade, hot air balloon launches, geocaching, shopping, smoochboarding, arts and crafts, hot air balloon moon glow and great food to name a few. This years theme is *Gone with the Winds*. This event is run by volunteers and funded by generous sponsors. For more information, you can visit the website at hudsonhotairaffair.com.

SnoBlast WinterFest

This event is held at Lake Arrowhead, in the Town of Rome, in February, every year. The dates for this year's event is February 10th-12th. SnoBlast is fun for the whole family. Many festivities are going on such as: ice bowling, lawn mower races, ice sculpting demonstrations, wine bingo, dart/bingo tournaments, music from some of the areas best bands, silent auction/raffle, Friday night fish fry, breakfast buffet, fireworks, dancing and more. For a listing of event days and times, go to their website at www.lakearrowheadgolf.com/events/snoblast.html.

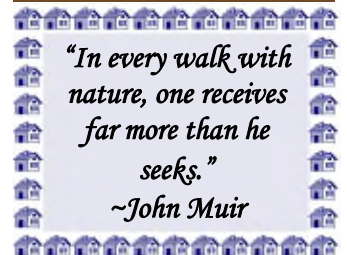
Madison Winter Festival

This year's winter festival is being held on February 18th-19th. In 2017, the festival is relocating from Capitol Square to its new home, Elver Park. Some of the events that are planned are snow carving, curling, hockey, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. For more information on this festival, visit their website at winter-fest.com.



Special points of interest:

- Bald Eagle Watching Days
- Hudson Hot Air Affair
- SnoBlast WinterFest
- Winter Festival
- Tree & Shrub Sale
- The "New" Meth Labs



*"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."
~John Muir*

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Courthouse Closed:

Monday, Jan. 2nd

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." ~ Aristotle



New Year's Resolution Ideas:

- ~Perform a selfless act everyday
- ~Concentrate on being positive at all times
- ~Treat others with kindness
- ~Don't use your phone while driving
- ~Work on listening more in conversations
- ~Schedule some "me" time every day; turn off your cell phone & electronic devices
- ~Don't let things out of your control overwhelm you
- ~Do something out of your comfort zone
- ~Invest in your retirement
- ~Take the stairs instead of elevators

- ~Do more of what you enjoy doing
- ~Spend money on things that create memories
- ~Consider being a volunteer
- ~Use credit cards for emergencies only
- ~Pick up a new hobby
- ~Pay down your debt
- ~Grow an herb garden indoors
- ~Learn to cook 1 new healthy recipe per month
- ~Cook meals using fresh fruits & vegetables in season
- ~Designate a family dinner night at least

- once a month
- ~Commit to getting 7-8 hours of quality sleep every night
- ~Work on trying to walk at least 10,000 steps every day
- ~Do more of what you enjoy doing
- ~Get up 15 minutes earlier every day to watch, read or listen to something that inspires you
- ~Learn & practice 1 new skill every month
- ~Commit to clearing out the clutter, one room at a time

Looking to join a local snowmobile club? Here is a list of clubs in Adams County.

"Conditions are never just right. People who delay action until all factors are favorable, are the kind who do nothing." ~ William Feather

- Coloma Pathfinders**
Club Rep: Alan Anckner
715-228-3952 or 920-858-4451
sanckner@uniontel.net
- Dellwood—Moundview Snowmobilers**
Club Rep: Ron Fiegel
608-339-2340
sfrogger46@gmail.com
- Easton Sno-Seekers**
Club Rep: James Gately
608-584-5564 or 608-474-0349
gately@maqs.net
- Grand Marsh Pathfinders**
Club Rep: Todd Stammen
608-548-3745
- Jack Pine Savages**
Club Rep: Ed Stevens
608-564-2337
- Monroe Center Winter Pals**
Club Rep: Jim Smith
920-583-6022
- New Haven Sno-Streakers**
Club Rep: Pat Hickey
608-844-0849
pathickey@holidaywholesale.com

- Oxford Sno-Mads**
Club Rep: Greg Huber
608-697-4479
ghuber82@gmail.com
 - Rome Sno-Bandits**
Club Rep: Larry Halverson
414-587-6833
L4rry@wctc.net
 - Rustic Ridge Riders**
Club Rep: Dennis Kulwicki
414-688-5053
dennis.kulwicki@gmail.com
 - Twin Valley SnowDrifters**
Club Rep: Dave Cook
608-254-6540 or 608-393-0698
dccook@maqs.net
- *If you are not sure which club would be the best fit for you, you can also contact the Adams County Association President or Treasurer:
- Gordy Carlson (President)**
 - Nancy Carlson (Treasurer)**
608-564-7855
hanyak@frontier.com

These clubs belong to the Adams County Snowmobile Association (ACSA), an organization of concerned clubs whose aim is to serve the needs of snowmobiling in Adams County. Clubs are responsible for maintaining public state funded trails, as well as a private club trail network for its members. There are approx. 200 miles of state funded trails in Adams County that are maintained/groomed by volunteer club members. Clubs work closely with landowners in the placement of these trails, resulting in safe, responsible snowmobiling. The WI trail system ranks among the best in the nation! Consider joining a club to help keep the sport of snowmobiling going strong for years to come!



"Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he can and should be and he will become as he can and should be." ~Stephen R. Covey



Dyracuse Mound Ski Jumping

Are you interested in learning how to ski jump? If so, check out the Tri-Norse Ski Club ski jumping at Dyracuse Mound, in the Town of Rome.

This sport has been taking place here for the past 85 years. In 1928, Ingvar and Ruth Arneson discovered Dyracuse Mound, along with its possibilities as a ski jump. The first tournament was held in 1932, after which the club became affiliated with the Central US Ski Association.

Over the years, jumps of 5, 10 & 22 meters have been built to the west of the 55 meter slide & are

used in developing ski jumpers as they work their way to the bigger slide.

The Tri-Norse Ski Club coaches, instructs & has equipment readily available. They say that no one is too young or too old to learn this fascinating sport.

Tri-Norse makes certain that the safety of the skier is the main concern in preparing the hills for winter.

If you would like more information, check out their website at trinorse.com, or you can contact the Town of Rome @ 715-325-8013.

"Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too." ~ Unknown

The "New" Meth Labs

Methamphetamine users aren't the only people poisoned by this dangerous operation. Meth labs of the past required a large amount of chemicals, cookware, and room enough to set up the lab. Now, making meth using the "one pot" method yields enough for one or two doses, and is accomplished by pouring ingredients into a plastic soda bottle and shaking. Bottles are then easily disposed of by tossing them out the car window creating an environmental and health hazard.

The chemical mixture in a "one pot" container could burst into flames when exposed to oxygen or water, making it extremely dangerous for citizens doing roadside clean up. The bottle could burst open, splashing a dangerous chemical mix over the person holding the bottle, or others nearby. This chemical cocktail can cause life threatening third-degree burns. Should the victim absorb enough of the chemical mix through the skin, death could occur.

Fentanyl – another danger – is a drug 80 times stronger than heroin, and is sometimes being used in clandestine labs. There may be residue on the outside of the bottle. This drug is absorbed through the skin, and very small amounts are producing very dangerous outcomes. For more information on what to look for, what to report to law enforcement, roadside clean-up precautions, staying safe, etc., call Marilyn Rogers, Medical Examiner, at 608-339-4524, and leave a message. She will get back to you.

Land & Water Conservation Department Tree & Shrub Sale

The 2017 Tree & Shrub Sale is underway. The following variety of trees are for sale: Conifers—White Birch; Balsam, Fraser & Cannaan Fir; Norway Red & White Pine; Colorado Blue, Norway & White Spruce. Deciduous Trees & Shrubs—Sugar, Silver & Red Maple; Hazelnut Shrub; Common Lilac; Poplar Hybrid; Midwest Crabapple; Cranberry Highbush; Red Osier Dogwood; Elderberry. You do not need to be an Adams County landowner to order, nor do the trees need to be planted in Adams County.

The order deadline is Friday, February 24, 2017. The pick-up dates are as follows: Friday, April 28, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Pick-up site is the Adams County Fairgrounds on Hwy J. Tree planters are available for rent.

For order forms & more information, contact the Land & Water Dept. @ 608-339-4268 or visit their website @ adamscountylwcd.net.

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Canoecopia is the world's largest paddlesport exposition. It is a yearly event with vendors from all over the world showcasing their newest products from canoes, kayaks, paddles, life jackets, bags, bottles, windsails and much, much more. Numerous classes are taught throughout the 3 day weekend, such as beginners guide to buying the right boat/gear, safety tips, advanced white-water paddling and more. Live demonstrations are given in the hotel pool on what to do if your kayak flips over. Rutabaga Paddlesports hosts this event. It will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Prior to each year's event, Canoecopia planners search the paddlesports world to bring the best gear, at the best prices of the year, for this annual event. Hundreds of canoes/kayaks are out on display for you to climb in and get a feel for the exact boat that fits your needs. You can talk to some of the experts in the field to answer your questions & gain valuable wisdom/insight into the paddle sporting world! This year's event will be held on March 10th –12th. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online, or at the entrance gate. For more information, go to Canoecopia.com.

"Few men during their lifetime come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used." ~Richard E. Byrd