Grant & Crawford Counties, Wisconsin

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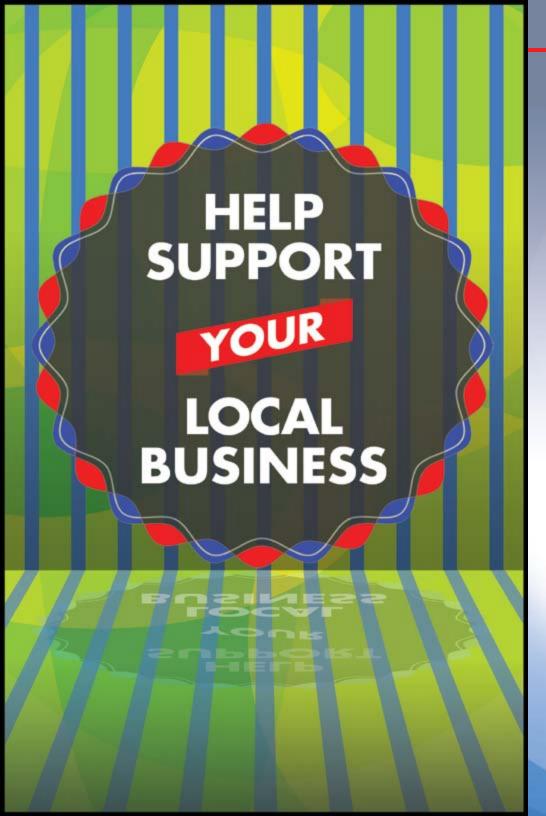


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GRANT AREA EVENTS

CRAWFORD AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

O'Cooch Indoor Brush Shoot | Fennimore Kickapoo Valley Reserve Winter Fest | La Farge Chaseburg Snowtrailers Trail Days New Year's Day Brunch | Prairie du Chien

FEBRUARY

O'Cooch Indoor Brush Shoot | Fennimore Port of Potosi Cave Party | Potosi Ski Busters MS poker Run and Auction | Cassville Cassville FFA Alumni Breakfast | Cassville

MARCH

Conservation Club Fish Fry | Cassville
O'Cooch Indoor Brush Shoot | Fennimore
Taste of Fennimore
St.Patrick's Day Parade | Cuba City
Port of Potosi Annual Breweriana Collectors Show
Kids for Hunger Food Bagging | Cassville

APRII

Fireman's Fireworks Fundraiser | Bobscobel
O'Cooch Outdoor Brush Shoot | Fennimore
Steak Feed | Boscobel
United Methodist Church Election Day Pasty & Chicken N Biscuit
Supper | Hazel Green
St. Charles Fish Fry | Cassville
Cub Scout Easter Egg Hunt | Cassville
Conservation Club Fish Fry | Cassville

MAY

Library Tea (fundraiser) | Livingston
FFA Plant Sale | Cassville
Cassville Ferry Begins Operation
City Wide Garage Sales | Lancaster
Farmer's Market | Boscobel
Fennimore Legion Spaghetti Supper
Farmer's Market | Cassville
35th Annual Morel Mushroom Festival | Muscoda
Fireman's Steak Feed | Muscoda
Memorial Day Service/Parade | Fennimore

JUNE

Fun Fest | Fennimore
Drenched on the River 5k | Cassville
Pride of Cassville Ferry Days | Cassville
Veteren's Memorial Main Street Dance | Hazel Green
Ice Cream Social | Fennimore
Fireman's Steak Feed | Fennimore
Mid West Great River Rally | Boscobel
Power Pull Weekend | Cuba City
Brew and Blues | Lancaster
Fireman's Picnic in the Park | Cassville
Celebrations Festival | Livingston
Kickball Tournament | Livingston

JULY

Thunder in the Valley | Bagley
Wisconsin River Trails Chicken Dinner | Boscobel
4th of July Fireworks | Boscobel
Community Picnic | Kieler
Night in the Park | Cassville
Fennimore Chamber Chicken BBQ & Community Awards
Street Dance | Cuba City
SW WI Tractor & Equipement Ride | Fennimore
Woodward Baseball Camp | Fennimore
Do It for Derek Ball Tournament | Fennimore

AUGUST

Jamestown Park Fish Fry
American Legion Tonnage Tournament | Cassville
Grant County Fair | Lancaster
Stonefield's Raifoad Days | Cassville
Firemen's Catfish Festival | Potosi
Blue River Autumn Fest | Blue River
End of Summer Fest | Kieler
Potosi Brewery Brewfest | Potosi

SEPTEMBER

Car Cruise | Cassville
Cassville Park Preservation Party
Fireman's Chicken BBQ | Muscodo
St.Charles Fall Festival | Cassville
St.Francis de Sales Famous Fall Festival | Hazel Green
Great River Road Festival | Cassville
Fall Harvest Celebration | Montfort

OCTOBER

Annual Fire Prevention Parade | Kieler Annual Fireman's Dance | Fennimore Harvest Festival Parade | Lancaster Hog Roast | Hazel Green Swiss Steak Supper & Bazaar | Livingston 7th Annual Flea Market & Beer Show | Potosi Safe & Spooky Halloween | Cassville STS Andrew Thomas Fall Festival | Potosi

NOVEMBER

Annual Christmas Creations Craft Show | Fennimore Small Business Saturday | Cuba City Back Home for Christmas | Potosi, Tennyson

DECEMBER

Hometown Heartfelt Holiday | Lancaster Christmas Glow Parade | Cuba City Christmas Fest | Boscobel St. Charles Advent Breakfast | Cassville

JANUARY

Winter Film Festival | Marqutte Snowball Fest | Prairie du Chien New Year's Day Brunch | Prairie du Chien

FEBRUARY

Annual Fisheree | Prairie du Chien
A Night of Astronomy | Marquette
Villa Louis Eagle Appreciation Weekend | Prairie du Chien
Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast | Ferryville
Prairie Rod & Gun Club Deer Show | Prairie du Chien
Cabin Fever Weekend | Marquette
Bald Eagle Appreciation Weekends | Prairie du Chien

MARCH

Bald Eagle Day | Ferryville St.Patrick's Day Parade | Prairie du Chien Shamrock Shuffle 5k | Prairie du Chien

APRIL

Timberdoodle Dance | Prairie du Chien Spring Fling Weekend | Marquette City Wide Garage Sales | Prairie du Chien Quilt the Day Away | Prairie du Chien National Park Week | Marquette

MAY

Spring Bird Migration Hike | Ferryville
Banding of the Hummingbird | Bagley
Mother & Daughter Breakfast in a Victorian Kitchen | Prairie du
Chien
PdC UnCorked | Prairie du Chien
Uff Da Fest | Marquette
Spring Arts & Crafts Festival | McGregor
Memorial Day Parade | McGregor

JUNE

Crawford County Dairy Festival
Friday Night Music on the River | McGregor
Centennial Celebration | Wyalusing State Park
Free Summer Concerts in the Park | Prairie du Chien
Annual Prairie Villa Rendesvouz | Prairie du Chien
Soldiers Grove Dairy Days | Soldiers Grove
Annual "Pies-A-Plenty" | Prairie du Chien

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Marquette Chamber of Commerce Annual Fireworks | Prairie du Chien War of 1812 Reenactment | Prairie du Chien Waterfront Rock | Prairie du Chien

July (cont.)

Great River Annual Car Show & Cruise | McGregor Riverbluff Daze | Ferryville Prairie Dog Blues Festival | Prairie du Chien Dino Day | Marquette

AUGUST

Friday Night Music on the River | McGregor Country on the River Music Fest | Prairie du Chien Smokey Bear's 73rd Birthday Bash | Bagley Kid's Archaeology Day | Marquette End of Summer Blast | Marquette Crawford County Fair | Gays Mills

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Parade | McGregor
City Wide Garage Sales | Prairie du Chien
Annual Villa Louis Carriage Classic | Prairie du Chien
Mississippi Mud Run | Prairie du Chien
Railroad Days | Marquette
Driftless Area Art Festival | Soldiers Grove
Fall Fest | Ferryville
Kickapoo Brave Ride | Gays Mills
Gays Mills Apple Festival | Gays Mills
Froelich Museum Fall-Der-All | Froelich
Harvest Festival | Bagely

OCTOBER

"Visiting our Ancestors" | Prairie du Chien Fall Arts & Crafts Festival | McGregor The Haunted Halls of Terror | Prairie du Chien Hawk Watch | Marquette Leaf Arts & Crafts Festival | McGregor Oktoberfest | Prairie du Chien Spirits of St. Feriole Island | Prairie du Chien

NOVEMBER

Fall Bird Migration | Ferryville Holiday Craft & Gift Fair | Prairie du Chien Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot | Prairie du Chien

DECEMBER

Holiday Parade | Prairie du Chien Christmas at the Fort | Prairie du Chien Christmas at the Wetland Centre | Marquette Carp Fest | Prairie du Chien "Droppin' of the Carp" | Prairie du Chien

Residential Services

GRANT COUNTY

Aging & Disability Child Support County Clerk County Health Department District Attorney Emergency Management	(608) 723-6113
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County Clerk	723-2675
County Health Department	723-6416
District Attorney	723-4237
Emergency Management	723-7171
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Highway Land Conservation	723-2595
Land Conservation	723-6377
Maintenance	723-6438
Public Defender	723-6436
Register in Probate	723-2697
Register of Deeds Sheriff	723-2727
Sheriff	723-2157
Social Services	723-2136
Treasurer	723-2604
UW Extension	723-2125
Veterans Services	723-2756
Zoning	723-2848

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Aging & Disability	(608) 326-0235
Child Support	326-0218
Child Support	326-0205
Coroner	326-1117
County Clerk	326-0200
Emergency Management Highway Human Services	326-0266
Highway	734-9500
Human Services	326-0248
Land Conservation	326-0270
Sheriff	326-0241
Public Health	326-0229
Register of Deeds	326-0219
Treasurer	326-0203
UW Extension	326-0223
Veterans Services	326-0204
Zoning	326-0294

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GRANT COUNTY HISTORY



rant County was named in honor of James Grant, a local fur trader who traveled the river. Rolling prairies, ample timber, fertile soil and mineral deposits attracted settlers and early industry was led by agriculture and mining. Residents raised wheat and corn and mined copper, lead and zinc.

Lancaster was selected as the county seat due to its central location, railroad expansion and the advancement of steamboat travel allowed for dramatic growth. The population of Grant County grew from 2,763 in 1838 to 14,016 in 1847 and the area continued to develop. Today Grant County is home to approximately 48,965 residents.

CITIES:

PLATTEVILLE – pop. 11,224 LANCASTER (county seat) – pop.

3,868 **FENNIMORE** – *pop.* 2,500 **BOSCOBEL** – *pop.* 3,231

CUBA CITY — *pop. 2,086*

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES: GLEN HAVEN – *pop. 73*

KIELER – *pop.* 497 **SANDY HOOK** – *pop.* 185

TOWNS:

BLUE RIVER – pop. 437
BLOOMINGTON – pop. 735
BAGLEY – pop. 400
HAZEL GREEN – pop. 1,200
DICKEYVILLE – pop. 1058
CASSVILLE – pop. 947

LIVINGSTON - pop. 664

MONTFORT – pop. 718 MT.HOPE – pop. 225 MUSCODA – pop. 1,299 PATCH GROVE – pop. 198 WOODMAN – pop. 132 POTOSI – pop. 688 *Populations are approximate.

GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITIES

CUBA CITY

Cuba City is located across two counties in Wisconsin. The residents fo Cuba City are mainly located in Grant County, but a portion is also located in Lafayette County. Although the histroy of the city begins in 1836 with the American Government's acquisition of 160 acres, Jack Deboard is considered to be the first settler of Cuba City in 1846. Originally called "Yuba City," the name was changed to "Cuba City" when it was discovered there was already another town by the name of Yuba.

BOSCOBEL

Boscobel started as a stop along the now obsolete Milwaukee Road and is still served by the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. Boscobel calls itself the "wild turkey hunting capital of Wisconsin". It also hosts several living history and re-enactment events each year, including Society for Creative Anachronism and American Civil War events. The city covers just over 3 square miles and has around 3,231 residents.

FENNIMORE

Fennimore was named after John Fennimore, a farmer who disappeared during the Black Hawk War. The Black Hawk War was a quick conflict in 1832, between the United States and Native Americans. Fennimore is surrounded by hills and valleys and is often referred to as the Driftless Area. The city covers 1.62 square miles and is home to around 2,500 residents.

LANCASTER (COUNTY SEAT)

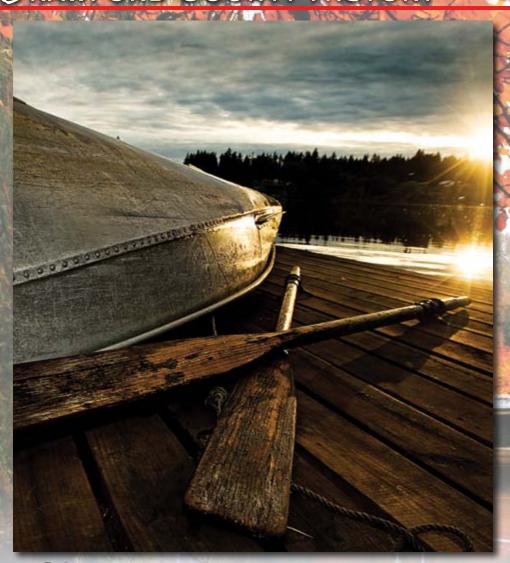
Called "The City of the Dome," after the octagonal courthouse constructed of glass and copper built in 1905. Lancaster was home of Wisconsin's first governor Nelson Dewey. It was originally laid out in 1837 by Major G.M. Price, a land speculator, and named after Lancaster, PA.

PLATTEVILLE

Platteville is named after the adjacent, Platte River. Originally a small farming and fur trading community, the area saw a mining boom in the 1820's due to the discovery of lead ore. It is home to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. The school started as the Wisconsin Mining Trade School, then the Wisconsin State College and Intitue of Technology, becoming a branch of UW in 1971. UW-Platteville is known for its engineering and criminal justice programs.

CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORY

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITIES



for President James Monroe and the county was one of the first three counties organized by Governor Lewis Cass. Ample timber, fertile soil and its proximity to water attracted settlers and early industry was led by agriculture and lumbering. Residents farmed wheat, harvested pine and the discovery of copper and lead continued to draw settlers. Prairie du Chien was selected as the county seat and railroad expansion along with improved river travel allowed for growth. The population of Crawford County grew from 692 in 1830 to 1,409 in 1850 and the area continued to develop. Today Crawford County is home to approximately 16,731 residents.

CITIES & VILLAGES:

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (county seat) - pop. 5,911

BELL CENTER – pop. 117

EASTMAN – pop. 428

FERRYVILLE – pop. 176

GAYS MILLS – pop. 491

LYNXVILLE — *pop.* 132

MOUNT STERLING – pop. 211

SOLDIERS GROVE – *pop. 592*

STEUBEN - pop. 131

TOWNS:

BRIDGEPORT – pop. 946

CLAYTON — pop. 956

EASTMAN (TOWN) — pop. 790

FREEMAN - pop. 719

HANEY – *pop.* 309

MARIETTA – *pop. 510*

SCOTT – *pop. 503*

SENECA – *pop.* 893

UTICA – *pop. 674*

WAUZEKA – pop. 711

*Populations are approximate.

GAYS MILLS

The village of Gays Mills is named after James B. Gay, John Gay, and Thomas Gay. James B. Gay was the first of the brothers to build a dam and a sawmill on the Kickapoo River in 1847. The Gay brothers were native to Indiana, but in 1865 as James' health was failing, he convinced his brothers to move to the area. John Gay built the first flour mill in 1865, and Thomas Gay and his family founded the first Congregational Church in 1872.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (COUNTY SEAT)

Prairie du Chien was originally established by French explorers in the late seventeenth century as a European settlement. The Fox Indians occuppied the area at the time. The chief's name was Alim or Chien in French, which translates to Dog in English. Located near the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers, it is located at a strategic point along the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway that connects the Great Lakes with the Mississippi.

SOLDIERS GROVE

Soldiers Grove was first settled by Joseph H. Brightman in 1856. Brightman established a saw-mill in the area that would later be known as Soldiers Grove, on Kickapoo River. The area was originally called Pine Grove, but the name was changed to Soldiers Grove in 1867 to honor the troops that camped in the area during the Black Hawk War. The town has had a tumultuous history with the Kickapoo River. The inhabitants of Soldiers Grove have relied on the Kickapoo for tiber rafting and hydropower, but they have also suffered from several serious episodes of flooding throughout the history of the town.

Preparation & Clean Up

- · Clean out the gutters.
- · Clean or replace dirty furnace filters.
- Clean humidifiers by replacing old filters and clean the inside compartment.
- Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- · Winterize air conditioning unit (depending on climate).
- · Remove fallen leaves from the lawn and fertilize.
- Service sprinklers and irrigation system.
- · Put away seasonal furniture.
- Put up storm windows.
 - · Repair damaged sidewalks, driveways and steps.
 - · Seal windows and cracks around the house.
 - · Insulate the duct work in your home.
- Test smoke and CO monitors also inspect fire extinguishers.
- · Get the furnace and water heater checked by a professional.
- · Check fireplaces for soot or creosote build-up.
- · Get your winter equipment ready.
- · Inspect your roof for damage.

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- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight
 of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore
 is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!



Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.
- When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up. You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.
- You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Maintain Your Cooling Systems

- Schedule service for your cooling system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

Appliances and Electronics

- Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.
- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Lighting

• Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

Winter Energy Saving Techniques

Windows

- Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and close them at night.
- Tape a clear plastic sheet or film to the window frames.
- Install insulating drapes or shades on windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down about 12 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating bills.
- You can set programmable thermostats to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Air Leaks and Insulation

- Seal the air leaks on the inside and outside walls of your home. These can be holes for pipes and wires, gaps around chimneys, or unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Check your attics insulation. Depending on what climate you live in there are different insulating products and thickness that work best for your area.

Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnace Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Fireplace Clean the flue vent regularly and the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.

Lower Your Water Heating Costs

• On average 18% of the energy consumed in your home is from the water heater. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to a setting around (120°F). This will save energy and can help prevent burns.

Lighting

• Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span.

PARKS & RECREATION

GRANT COUNTY

BRUCE VILLAGE PARK

Bruce Village Park features a ball field, a lighted pavilion and a play area.

CONRATH COMMUNITY PARK

Conrath Community Park features a small gazebo, picnic areas and a garden.

GLEN FLORA PARK

Glen Flora Park features ball fields, a pavilion and a play area.

GREENWOOD PARK

Greenwood Park features bird watching, hiking trails, a nature study, a scenic creek and snowshoeing.

HALEY PARK

Haley Park features camping, canoe access, a covered shelter, fishing and a picnic area.

HAWKINS COMMUNITY PARK

Hawkins Community Park features two halls available for rent, a ball field, horseshoes and a picnic area.

INGRAM COMMUNITY PARK

Ingram Community Park features a pavilion, a picnic area and a walk-in cooler.

JOSIE CREEK PARK

Josie Creek Park features archery, camping, fishing, picnic areas, a playground and a shooting range.

LAKE FLAMBEAU COMMUNITY PARK

Lake Flambeau Community Park features a boat landing, fishing, and a picnic area.

LAKE FLAMBEAU POINT PARK

Lake Flambeau Point Park offers fishing opportunities.

MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park features basketball courts, a boat landing, horseshoes, lighted pavilions, a playground, tennis courts and a swimming beach.

MURPHY FLOWAGE RECREATIONAL PARK

Murphy Flowage Recreational Park features biking, camping, fishing, hiking and a picnic area.

O.J. FALGE PARK

O.J. Falge Park features a fire pit, horseshoes, an ice skating rink, a lighted pavilion, playground equipment and a volleyball court.

PERCH LAKE CAMPGROUND

Perch Lake Campground features camping, cross-country skiing, boat landing, picnic tables and swimming.

RIVERSIDE PARK

Riverside Park features hiking trails.

THORNAPPLE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Thornapple River Campground features camping, fishing, golfing, a picnic area, swimming and whitewater paddling.

THUT PARK

Thut Park features horseshoes, an ice skating rink and picnic tables.

WEYERHAEUSER COMMUNITY PARK

Weyerhaeuser Community Park features a ball field, basketball courts, coolers, a lighted pavilion, a kitchen, picnic areas, a playground, a tennis court and volleyball pits.

WYALUSING STATE PARK

Audie Flowage Park features camping, cross-country skiing, fishing, mountain biking and skiing.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

BATTLE BLUFF PRAIRIE

Site of one of the battles of the Black Hawk War. The bluff offers a great view of the Mississippi River after a rise of 480 feet.

BERGEN BLUFFS

An oak forest primarily dominated by white and red oak, with other tree species present. A breeding habitat for native songbirds.

BLACK HAWK COUNTY PARK

Public boat launch and private concession stand on the banks of the Mississippi river.

DUCK EGG COUNTY FOREST

707 acres used mainly for timber management. There are also trails for hiking, snowshoeing, and horseback riding.

ESOFEA-RENTZ MEMORIAL COUNTY PARK

Camping, picnic areas, hiking trails, a soccer field, and fishing in five ponds and on the North Fork of the Bad Axe River.

KICKAPOO WILD WOODS

A diverse forest and a critical habitat for Southern Wisconsin forested birds.

KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE

The Kickapoo Valley Reserve is a 8,569 natural area full of multi use trails. Biking trials, equestrian trails, cross country ski trails, snowmobile trails, and camping.

KOOYUMJIAN-LOST CREEK FOREST

120 acres of public hunting and and hiking trails.

LIMERY RIDGE SAVANNAH

An undeveloped bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. A critical habitat for interior nesting songbirds.

RUNGE HOLLOW LAKE

Fishing pier and a boat ramp for public use.

RUSH CREEK

Two-miles of dry lime "goat prairies" on the Southwest facing bluffs above the Mississippi River located near Ferryville.

SIDIE HOLLOW COUNTY PARK

520 acres of camping, hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, and fishing in the Sidie Hollow Lake.

SUGAR CREEK BLUFFS

Dry goat prairies and a class 2 Trout stream

TUNNELVILLE CLIFFS

A series of sandstone cliffs situated above the east branch of the Kickapoo River. Ice caves, waterfalls, and a goat prairie.

WAUZEKA BOTTOMS

Part of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway with many species of rare birds and mussel species.

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Wildcat Mountain State Park is 3,603 acres of trails for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

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HUNTING SEASONS

DEER

Archery & Crossbow Sept. 16–Jan. 7, 2018
Youth Deer Hunt Oct. 7 & 8
*Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters
with Disabilities Oct. 7–15
Gun Nov. 18–26
Muzzleloader Nov. 27–Dec. 6
Statewide Antlerless Hunt Dec. 7–10
*This is not a statewide season.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant
Statewide Oct. 14 (9 AM)—Dec. 31†
Bobwhite Quail
Statewide Oct. 14 (9 AM)—Dec. 6
Hungarian Partridge
Statewide* Oct. 14 (9 AM)—Dec. 31†
* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse
Zone A Sept. 16—Jan. 31, 2018
Zone B Oct. 14—Dec. 8
Sharp-tailed Grouse
Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for

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Crow

Statewide Sept. 16—Nov. 16 &
Jan 18 - March 20, 2018
†Season may extend to Jan. 7, 2018. Go to dnr.
wi.gov and search "hunting regulations" for updates.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose
Statewide Sept. 1–15
Early Teal Season
Statewide Sept. 1–7
Duck Season
Youth Sept. 16 & 17
Northern Zone Sept. 23–Nov. 21
Southern Zone Sept. 30–Oct. 8; Oct. 14–Dec. 3

MIGRATORY BIRDS (CONT.)

Mississippi Zone Sept. 30–Oct. 6; Oct. 14–Dec. 5
Regular Goose Season
Exterior Zone–North Sept. 16–Dec. 16
Exterior Zone–South Sept. 16–Oct. 8; Oct. 14–Dec. 21
Mississippi Zone Sept. 30–Oct. 6; Oct. 14–Jan. 4, 2018
Horicon Zone Sept. 16–Dec. 16
Woodcock
Statewide Sept. 23–Nov. 6
Mourning Dove

FURBEARERS

Statewide Sept. 1-Nov. 29

Coyote
Hunting Continuous open season.
Trapping Oct. 14—Feb. 15, 2018
Beaver
Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 4—Apr. 30, 2018
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 4—Apr. 30, 2018
Zone C (South) Nov. 4—Mar. 31, 2018
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to
Mar. 15, 2018
Mink and Muskrat
Trapping Only

Statewide Oct. 28—Mar. 4, 2018
Mississippi River Zone Nov.13**—Mar. 4, 2018
**Zone opens either the day after the duck
season closes or Nov. 13, whichever occurs first.
Fox (Red and Gray)
Hunting and Trapping Oct. 14—Feb. 15, 2018

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 14—Feb. 15, 2018

Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required

Period 1 Oct. 14—Dec. 25

Period 2 Dec. 26—Jan. 31, 2018

Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required

FURBEARERS (CONT.)

Various zones Oct. 14—Dec. 31† †Season may extend to Jan. 7, 2018. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search "hunting regulations" for updates. Otter Trapping Only - Permits required North Zone Nov. 4—Apr. 30, 2018 Central Zone Nov. 4—Mar. 31, 2018 South Zone Nov. 4—Mar. 31, 2018

Hunting and Trapping
Resident Oct. 14—Feb. 15, 2018
Non-resident Nov. 4—Feb. 15, 2018
Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare
No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt Apr. 15 & 16

Raccoon

Open Zones
Spring Period A Apr. 19–25
Period B Apr. 26–May 2
Period C May 3–9
Period D May 10–16
Period E May 17–23
Period F May 24–30
Fall Zones 1-5 Sept. 16–Dec. 31†
Zones 6 & 7 Sept. 16–Nov. 17
†Season may extend to Jan. 7, 2018. Go to dnr. wi.gov and search "hunting regulations" for updates.

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted: Sept. 6–Oct. 10

- · with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs All other zones where dogs are permitted: Sept. 6–12

• with aid of dogs only

Sept. 13-0ct. 3

- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods

0ct. 4-10

- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit
Northern Zone Sept. 16—Feb. 28, 2018
Southern Zone Oct. 14 (9 AM)—Feb. 28, 2018
Squirrels (Gray and Fox)
Statewide Sept. 16—Jan. 31, 2018

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See 2017
Small Game Regulations for more details.

*Please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

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Season Dates (2017 - 2018)

Early inland trout (Catch and release)

January 7 - May 5

General inland trout May 6 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15 proposed

Largemouth bass northern zone May 6 - March 4

Smallmouth bass northern zone catch and release
May 6 - June 16

Smallmouth bass northern zone harvest June 17 - March 4

Large and smallmouth bass southern zoneMay 6 – March 4

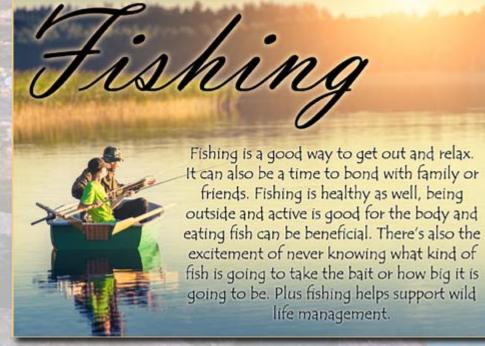
Musky - northern zone May 27 - Nov. 30 Musky - southern zone May 6 - Dec. 31

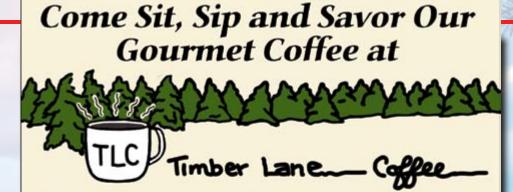
Northern pike May 6 - March 4

Walleye May 6 – March 4

Lake sturgeonSeptember 2 - September 30

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PRODUCTIVITY TIPS

Get up earlier

Some of the most successful people in the world start their days before 6 a.m. It may be hard at first, but you can start by waking up 15 minutes earlier and gradually increase the time from there. Soon enough you will be awake and getting things done before most people are out of bed. That will allow you a head start on everybody else.

Start with "me time"

First thing in the morning go through all of your social media posts, respond to all of the little things that others need you to so they can get to work and set up a schedule for the rest of your day. Getting organized in the morning will help the rest of the day go smoother.

Sleep well

While waking up early is important, so is going to bed early. The bare minimum a person needs to sleep is 7-8 hours at a time to stay healthy. You will be able to think more clearly and make better decisions if you have a good night's sleep.

Use time-blocking

Take your to-do list and block off a time to get each item done. Make sure all of your desktop, online, mobile, and physical calendar's are in sync. You want to be on the same page with all your devices.

Once you have the time set aside to accomplish a task do not get distracted. If turning off your phone and locking yourself in a room is what it takes, then do that!

Use checklists

If you are operating under a deadline or you have a lot of tasks to accomplish, a checklist will help you keep you focused and on track.

Schedule breaks

Taking breaks is important because it allows your body and mind to get organized. If you schedule your breaks regularly it allows your mind to structure your day better. It would be hard for most people to do but if you can take a 10-20 minute power nap right after lunch it may help you feel energized and refreshed!

Clear your clutter

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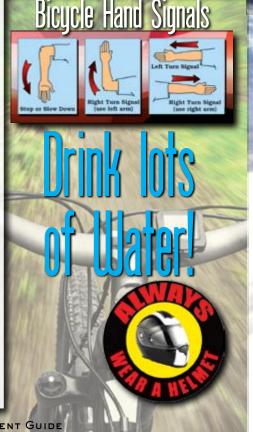
It is important to keep a clean work station because order will help your mind focus on accomplishing your goals. Even if it looks like a mess to others having a place for everything will help anybody focus and be more productive.

Get Fit

Being in shape and exercising regularly will help keep you energized throughout the day.

Be Aware of your Surroundings

• Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head. • Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly. • Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure. • Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals. • When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions. • Cross only at intersections. • Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals. • Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars. • Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets. • Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents. • Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights. • When biking with friends, ride in a single file. • Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known. Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traf-



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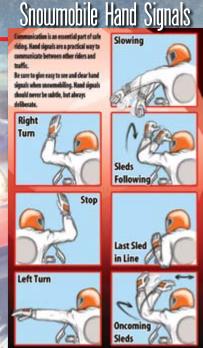


Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

• Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death. Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal. • If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights. • Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone. • Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice. • Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile. • Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris. • Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile. • Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before. • Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions. • Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use. • Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile. • Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.





Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on

trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all

state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

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HEALTHY HABITS

Eat Breakfast

A healthy balanced breakfast every morning is very important. It allows your body to run smoothly throughout the day and can help with weight control while lowering your cholesterol levels. It will improve things like concentration, performance and strength. Also studies have shown that women who skip breakfast have a higher chance of developing diabetes and men who skip breakfast have a higher chance for heart disease.

Eat Your Greens

Leafy greens and vegetables contain phytochemicals which help to fight diseases. This will help against things like metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cancer and strokes. Vegetables are also rich in fiber which helps with hunger. The recommended amount of vegetables for the average person is around 2 ½ cups a day.

Drink Enough Water

Many people don't get enough water throughout the day. It is recommended that the average person drinks roughly a half gallon a day which is equal to about eight 8 ounce glasses. Water helps rid the body of toxins and with unwanted weight gain by flushing out byproducts of fat in your system. Water also helps your immune system, energy levels, focus and mood.

Take a Walk During Lunch Break

Your body and mind benefit greatly when getting out for a quick walk. A walk can help with weight management, blood pressure, bone strength, balance and coordination. Plus it helps you focus by getting extra blood flow and oxygen to your brain. Also a lot of people don't get enough vitamin D in their diet and getting outside is one of the easiest ways to ensure you are getting your vitamin D.

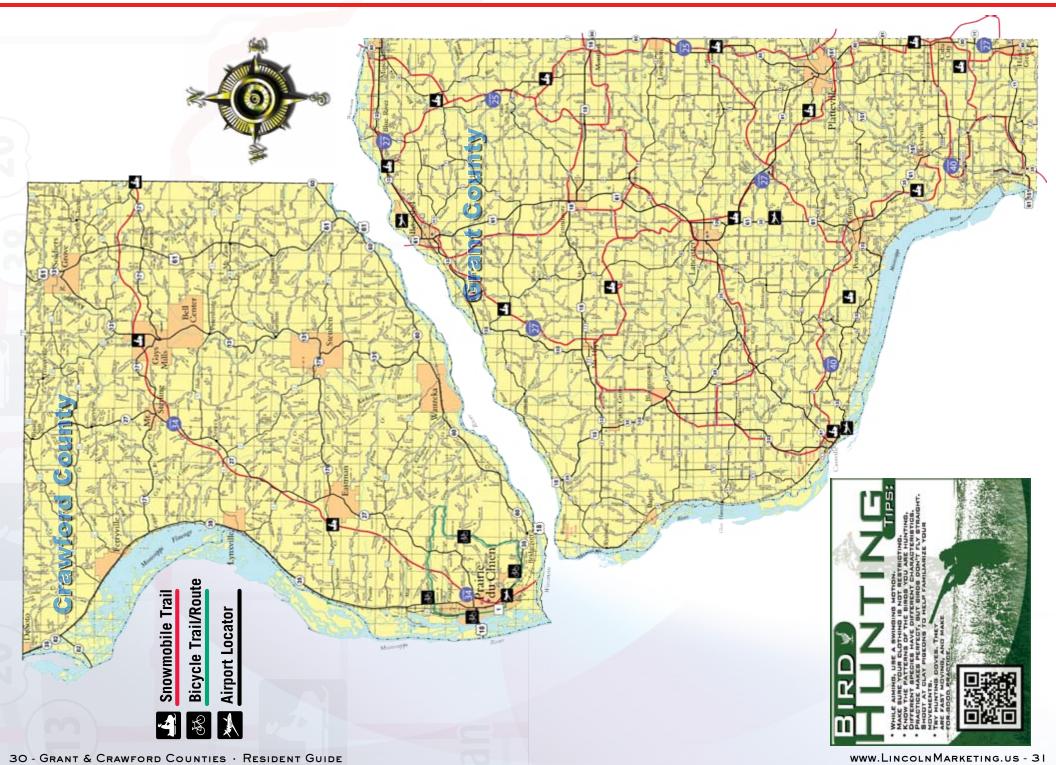
Get Up and Move

It is important to try and get around 10,000 steps in per day. It is very hard on our bodies when we are slumped over a desk or kicked back in a recliner all day. Studies have shown that just from walking more you can lower your risk of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. It may be hard to get the 10,000 steps in every day but doing small things like getting up from your desk every so often and doing a lap around the office or parking farther away from your destination will help.

Floss and Brush

This might not seem like the most significant health issue but it is very important. If you don't floss and brush daily you build up plaque on your teeth and at the gum lines. This can lead to things like gum disease and if not treated can enter the bloodstream and trigger

inflammation in the arteries causing things like heart disease, diabetes, erectile dysfunction in males and delayed conception for women.



${\mathscr W}$ inter Safety:

The winter can be tough for everyone. During these months you find yourself dealing with cold temperatures, ice, and snow. Here are a few ways to make your winter safer and more enjoyable.

Prevent slips and falls on ice.

- Wear cleats on your boots or shoes while outdoors.
- Take you boots or shoes off when indoors. They may have snow or ice on the bottom making them slick on smooth surfaces.
- Salt and sand driveway and sidewalks or have someone do it for you.
- Step down when getting out of a car or off a curb instead of stepping out.

Keeping warm

Before going outside in the wintertime you need to prepare yourself to prevent things like hypothermia or frostbite. Warning signs of hypothermia include, lots of shivering cold skin that is pale or ashy, feeling very tired, confused and sleepy, feeling weak, problems walking, slowed breathing or heart rate. Warning signs of frostbite include, skin that's white or ashy (for darker skin) or grayish-yellow (for lighter skin), skin that feels hard or waxy, and numbness. Dress in Layers when going outside. For the best results, wear polypropylene or another man-made fabric next to the skin, a knit middle layer, and a man-made outer layer. Never stay in the cold if you have wet or damp clothing, it cools the body more quickly. Depending on the temperature or wind chill you may want to cover all exposed skin to reduce the risk of hypothermia or frostbite.

Carbon monoxide poisoning and fires

During the winter months the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning and fires is much greater due to the different heating methods used to stay warm. While trying to stay warm we are heating our houses with fire places, furnaces, electric heaters, and boilers. When one of these heating methods fail or stop working properly there are potential safety hazards.

- Make sure carbon monoxide detector and fire alarms are working properly.
- Have fireplace and chimney cleaned or furnace and boiler inspected.
- Make sure electric heaters are working properly and not to close to anything flammable.
- Keep a fire extinguisher easily accessible in the areas of your home that have a potential fire hazard.
- Never try heating your home with things that are not made for it like, a stove, oven, or grill.

Winter Driving

- Don't drive in bad weather unless you have to.
- Never use cruise control on snowy, icy, or wet surfaces.
- Increase your following distance.
- Have a phone on you and let someone know your plans.
- Check your car or get it inspected to make sure things like the tires, antifreeze, window wipers, window washer fluid, oil, battery, and other components are up to date and working properly.
- Stock your car with emergency supplies like a first aid kit, extra warm clothes or blankets, jumper cables, shovel, window scraper, a warning device like a flare or caution lights and a material like kitty litter or sand in case your stuck on ice.
- Keep your gas tank close to full in case you end up stuck or stranded and to prevent gas line freeze.
- Clear off the entire car for increased visibility.
- Never warm up your vehicle in an enclosed area like a garage.

SAFETY TIPS

PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that
 you know your parents have okay'd
 them to come over.



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite seek medical attention immediately.

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the

poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals,

too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.





FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxe<mark>n or Acetaminop</mark>hen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911
DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.
DO NOT remove burnt clothing.
Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.
If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.
Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.
Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

LOCALLY ...and support the community you live