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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Bridal Expo | La Crosse
Gun Show | La Crosse
Midwest Farm Show | La Crosse
Winter Rec Fest | La Crosse
Junior Ski Jumpers Competition | Westby
Monster Truck Show | La Crosse
Snowflake Ski Jumping Competition | Westby
Great Tri-State Rail Sale | La Crosse

FEBRUARY

Yes Holmen | Holmen
Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner | Westby
Boat, Sport, Travel, RV and Hunting Show | La Crosse
Mardi Gras Costume Ball | La Crosse
Greater La Crosse Golf Expo | La Crosse

MARCH

Sweet, Sweet Spring | Coon Valley
La Crosse Area Home & Builders Show
Custom Auto Show | La Crosse
Flea Market | La Crosse
Greater La Crosse Golf Show
Model Railroad Show | La Crosse
Monster Truck Show | La Crosse
Spring String Festival | La Crosse
St. Patrick's Day Parade | La Crosse
Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo | Westby
Maple Syrup Fest | Lanesboro

APRIL

Antique Show | La Crosse
Beer, Wine & Cheese Festival | La Crosse
Wellness Expo | La Crosse

APRIL Continued

Wisconsin Rumble | La Crosse
Easter Egg Hunt | Westby
Harlem Globe Trotters | La Crosse

MAY

Blues Bash | La Crosse
La Crosse Fitness Festival
River to Ridge Run/Walk | La Crosse
Riverside Family Fun Fair | La Crosse
Wienerfest | La Crosse
Vernon Trails Annual Community Bike Ride
Viroqua Main Street Arts & Crafts Crawl
Frokost Norwegian Breakfast | Westby
Sons of Norway Pancake Supper | Westby
Syttende Mai Norwegian Festival | Westby
Syttende Mai Banquet & Coronation | Westby
West Salem Village-Wide Rummage Sale

JUNE

Festival Foods Salute to the 4th | La Crosse
Freedom Fest | La Crosse
Island Days | La Crosse
Mid Summer Dance | La Crosse
Outdoor Art Fair | La Crosse
Ranger Rally | La Crosse
Veteran's Memorial Ride | La Crosse
Watercross Races | La Crosse
Norskedalens Midsummer Fest
Upper Mississippi Outdoor Expo | Onalaska
Brice Prairie Morris Run/Walk | Onalaska
Butterfest | Sparta
Rock & Gem Show | Viroqua
Hamburgers in the Park | Westby
Westby City-Wide Garage Sale

JULY

Art Fair on the Green | La Crosse
Barron Island Rendezvous | La Crosse
La Crosse Interstate Fair
Jazz Party & Art Show in the Park | La Crosse
Krazy Daze | La Crosse
Rail Fair | La Crosse
Riverfest | La Crosse
Youth Outdoor Fest | La Crosse
Outdoor Art Fair | Onalaska
4th of July Fireworks | La Farge, Westby
Bluegrass & Gospel Festival | Viroqua
Maxwell Street Days | Viroqua
A Sprint Triathlon | Viroqua
Westby's Garden Party
Norskedalen Fair & Soiree | Westby

AUGUST

Bangor Lions Fun Daze
Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull
Labor Day Celebration | Hillsboro
Kornfest | Holmen
Lions Car Show | Holmen
Miss Holmen Pageant
WI High School Regional Rodeo | Holmen
Bark in the Park | La Crosse
Centurytel's Sand on the Riverfront | La Crosse
Great River Folk Festival | La Crosse
Great River Jazz Fest | La Crosse
Irishfest | La Crosse
Pride Fest | La Crosse
Wild West Days | Viroqua
Snowflake Open Golf Tournament | Westby
Sesame Street Live | La Crosse

SEPTEMBER

Tri-Quest | Holmen
Applefest | La Crosse
Elvis Explosion | La Crosse
Lipizzaner Stallions | La Crosse
Story Fest | La Crosse
Rocco's Memorial Gun Show | Onalaska
Vernon County Fair
Cranberry Festival | Warrens
Bicycle Festival | La Crosse

OCTOBER

Historic Downtown La Crosse Day
UW-La Crosse Centennial Celebration
UW-La Crosse Homecoming Weekend
Viroqua Partners City-Wide Rummage Sale
Viroqua Partners Safe Trick-or-Treat
Outdoor Quilt Show | Westby
Oktoberfest | La Crosse

NOVEMBER

Majesty of Christmas Pageant | Holmen
Holiday Fair | La Crosse
Thanksgiving Day Dinner | La Crosse
Viroqua Fire Department's Chili Supper
Viroqua Partners Twinkle Fest
Fall Bazaar | Westby
Rotary Holiday Lights | La Crosse

DECEMBER

Caroling of the Choirs | Viroqua
Old Fashioned Christmas | Westby
Skyrockers New Year's Eve Fireworks Display | La Crosse

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LA CROSSE COUNTY

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Attorney.....	785-9604
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County Treasurer.....	785-9711
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Emergency Services Department.....	785-9634
Facilities Department.....	785-9770
Finance Department.....	785-9580
Health Department.....	785-9872
Highway Department.....	786-3810
Human Services.....	785-5875
Information Technology.....	785-9601
Land Conservation Department.....	785-9867
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Sheriff.....	785-9629
Solid Waste.....	785-9572
Veterans Service.....	785-9719

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Administrator.....	(608)637-5271
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County Clerk.....	637-5380
County Treasurer.....	637-5365
Health Department.....	637-5251
Highway Department.....	637-5452
Human Services.....	637-5210
Information Technology.....	637-5310
Land & Water Conservation.....	637-5480
Sheriff.....	637-2123
Solid Waste.....	634-2900
Veterans Service.....	637-5274

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The first permanent settler in the area was fur trader Nathan Myrick in 1841. He set up a trading post with Eben Weld on what was referred to at the time as Barron's Island. The lumber industry began over-taking the fur trade business and by 1848 Myrick had noted that there were already eleven sawmills on the Black River. La Crosse became the main site for cargo boats to unload their goods. Local merchants were middlemen, collecting commission for storing and forwarding goods. The growing demand for boats to be built and fixed became an important industry which helped the village grow. La Crosse County was formed from Crawford County in 1851. In 1856 the La Crosse settlement became a city and the first mayoral election took place with Thomas Benton Stoddard as the first mayor of La Crosse. The La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad was completed in October of 1858 and the Southern Minnesota Railroad was built from Wells, Minnesota, connecting La Crosse to the west. Eventually bridges were built across the Mississippi River ending the need for ferries. By 1900 La Crosse County had a population of 42,997. Today, La Crosse County is home to approximately 111,791 residents with the city of La Crosse as the county seat.

CITIES:

LA CROSSE – pop. 51,840

ONALASKA – pop. 16,644

VILLAGES:

BANGOR – pop. 1,400

HOLMEN – pop. 7,342

ROCKLAND – pop. 628

WEST SALEM – pop. 4,731

TOWNS:

BANGOR – pop. 583

BARRE – pop. 1,014

BURNS – pop. 979

CAMPBELL – pop. 4,441

FARMINGTON – pop. 1,733

GREENFIELD – pop. 1,538

HAMILTON – pop. 2,301

HOLLAND – pop. 3,042

MEDARY – pop. 1,455

ONALASKA – pop. 7,658

SHELBY – pop. 4,592

WASHINGTON – pop. 738

**Populations are approximate.*

CAMPBELL

In 1851, the town of Campbell was settled. It was named for former Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, Erasmus D. Campbell. In May of 1851 one of the area's first settlers Joseph French arrived. Most of the settlers were of French Canadian descent, primarily from Quebec. They settled the area that is part of a large island bordered by the Mississippi and Black Rivers and Lake Onalaska. The island is known as "French Island". Today, Campbell is home to approximately 4,441 residents.

LA CROSSE (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1841 La Crosse was settled by fur traders. They had a trading post and traded heavily with the Ho-Chunk Native Americans. In 1848 the lumber industry over-took the fur trade. The town grew rapidly at this point, expanding from six to eight homes, to a population of 745 in a three year period. On March 14th, 1856 La Crosse became a city as well as county seat. Today, La Crosse is home to approximately 51,840 residents.

ONALASKA

In 1851, Onalaska was founded by Thomas G. Rowe, a New York Native. Rowe named the settlement Onalaska after a favorite poem titled, "The Pleasures of Hope," by Thomas Campbell. The site of Onalaska is located on a ridge that overlooks Lake Onalaska, the Black River, the Mississippi River and the bluffs three miles away in Minnesota. Early industry was led by lumbering, but today the community is widely recognized as the sunfish capital of the world. Today, Onalaska is home to approximately 16,644 residents.

ROCKLAND

The first settlers landed in the area in the mid 1800s. They were primarily of German, Dutch and Irish descent. They cleared the forested land and built homes and farms. As the population grew, small businesses became established which included a sawmill, a feed mill and several cheese factories. The first town meeting was held in 1856. The town had only five one-room school houses until the 1960's when they were included into surrounding school districts. Today, Rockland is home to approximately 628 residents.

WEST SALEM

The first settler Thomas Leonard arrived in 1851. He moved to the area from New England and along with his family, built the first log cabin on the settlement. A neighboring village, Neshonoc, was founded by Monroe Palmer. There was a rival between the two towns until the railroad arrived. Leonard donated his land to the railroad and a depot was built there, meanwhile Palmer wanted the railroad to buy his land. Leonard's village over-took Neshonoc when most of its settlers moved to what was to become West Salem. The name originally suggested for Leonard's village was Rupert however, West Salem was the name that was chosen. Today, West Salem is home to approximately 4,731 residents.



Vernon County was named after president George Washington's home Mt. Vernon and the green pastures located throughout the area. Vernon County was originally named Bad Axe County but it was renamed in 1862 because residents thought "Bad Axe" was considered unfavorable. Early on Vernon County was formed from portions of Richland and Crawford counties. The first settlers arrived to the area in the spring of 1844. John McCullough was considered the first settler of Vernon County which was then part of Crawford County. Many settlers were farmers and were attracted to the lush lands for agriculture as well as the Mississippi River to the west. Populations increased with the rise of agriculture and the introduction of steamboats in the upper Mississippi River. In 1900 Vernon County had a population of 28,351. Today Vernon County is home to approximately 29,324 residents with the city of Viroqua as the county seat.

CITIES:

VIROQUA – pop. 4,335

WESTBY – pop. 2,045

VILLAGES:

CHASEBURG – pop. 306

COON – pop. 683

COON VALLEY – pop. 714

DE SOTO – pop. 366

GENOA – pop. 263

LA FARGE – pop. 775

ONTARIO – pop. 476

READSTOWN – pop. 395

STODDARD – pop. 799

VIOLA – pop. 667

TOWNS:

BERGEN – pop. 1,317

CHRISTIANA – pop. 871

TOWNS (Cont).

CLINTON – pop. 1,354

FOREST – pop. 583

FRANKLIN – pop. 923

GREENWOOD – pop. 770

HAMBURG – pop. 848

HARMONY – pop. 739

HILLSBORO – pop. 1,302

JEFFERSON – pop. 974

KICKAPOO – pop. 566

LIBERTY – pop. 167

STARK – pop. 349

STERLING – pop. 713

UNION – pop. 531

WEBSTER – pop. 676

WHEATLAND – pop. 533

WHITESTOWN – pop. 509

**Populations are approximate.*

DE SOTO

De Soto was originally recognized as Winneshiek Landing until it was renamed "Desoto" in honor of Hernando De Soto who discovered the Mississippi River. Early industry was led by logging and businesses included sawmills, breweries, hotels, a creamery and a variety of specialty shops. Its proximity to the Mississippi River allowed for easy transport of goods and the area continued to develop until the arrival of the railroad in 1882 which halted river traffic. Today De Soto is home to approximately 366 residents.

HILLSBORO

In 1850 the earliest settlers to the area began to arrive. Hillsboro was named after early settlers Valentia Hill and his brothers. One of the first businesses was the saw mill which was followed by a grist mill on the Baraboo River. From there a blacksmith, hotel and school were established. In the 1880s the first creameries were established and the first hospital was established in 1911. Today Hillsboro is home to approximately 1,302 residents.

LA FARGE

The first post office in the La Farge area was established in 1863 a few miles south of its present site. The first postmaster Mr. S.W. Green named the post office La Farge after coming across the French name in a book. The post office was relocated to an area referred to as De Jean's Corners, and from there the village got its start. The first hotel The La Farge House was established in 1895. Soon after a photography studio, general store and a stave and heading factory were also established. The railroad was built through the village in 1897 and the community began to thrive and was incorporated in 1899. Today La Farge is home to approximately 775 residents.

VIROQUA (COUNTY SEAT)

Moses Decker Viroqua's first settler arrived in 1846 along with his sons built a cabin. The village was platted in 1850 by Samuel McMichael and in 1851 Decker, along with the community constructed a house that was needed for a meeting place. It also served as a courthouse and later became a school and a church. In 1852 Decker donated forty acres of land to help Viroqua become the new county seat of Vernon. Today Viroqua remains the county seat and is home to approximately 4,335 residents.

WESTBY

The Westby area was originally occupied by the Sac, Fox and Winnebago Indian tribes. Their population decreased in the area after the Black Hawk War of 1832. In 1837 the Winnebago ceded all their land that was east of the Mississippi to the United States and in 1848, Norwegian immigrants began settling in the area. Ole T. Westby established a general store in 1867. When the railroad was built through the area, a station was built and named Westby, honoring Ole T. Westby. In 1896 Westby became incorporated as a village and was incorporated as a city in 1920. Today Westby is home to approximately 2,045 residents.

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AREA TRIVIA/FUN FACTS...

- La Crosse County and the City of La Crosse were named after the Native American game "Prairie La Crosse," a game played with cross-shaped sticks.
- Vernon County was originally called Bad Axe County. The name was changed to Vernon County in 1862.
- Onalaska is named after an Aleutian island and fishing village from the poem "The Pleasures of Hope," by Scottish poet Thomas Campbell.
- Westby is named after Ole T. Westby, a Norwegian immigrant who owned a general store and fought for the Union in the Civil War.
- West Salem was originally named Salem by Baptist minister Elder Card after the Hebrew word for "peace." The name was changed to West Salem due to postal confusion with a different Salem.
- Campbell is named after Erasmus D. Campbell, Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin from 1858 to 1860.
- Hamilton is named after Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.
- Onalaska is known as "The Sunfish Capital of the World."
- La Crosse's drinking water, which comes from an Artesian aquifer, won the Wisconsin Water Association's competition for the best natural tasting water in the state in 2007.
- La Farge is home to Organic Valley, the largest organic dairy cooperative in the world. Viroqua was nicknamed "The Town That Beat Walmart" by Smithsonian Magazine in 1992 because of its thriving small businesses. The town is a Wisconsin Main Street City, and its downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Westby is home to one of the largest ski jumps in the United States and attracts competitive skiers from around the world.
- A prehistoric rock shelter called the Agger Rock Shelter is located in Stevenson.
- Roy Patterson, a Major League Baseball player for the Chicago White Sox, is from Stoddard.
- Dexter Bean, a NASCAR driver, was born in Westby.
- Mark C. Lee, a United States astronaut, is from Viroqua.

Precautions:

- KNOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE SHELTER IN SECONDS.
- HAVE A PLACE, EVERYONE KNOWS, TO GO TO AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED.
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- DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & "EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU.
- ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
- FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD. TORNADOS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A VISIBLE FUNNEL.
- HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY EERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
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Unplug any unused appliances. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.



Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recyclable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.



Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.



Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and repurpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.



Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.



Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent blackouts.



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 Bobwhite Quail | Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 9
 Ruffed Grouse
 Zone A | Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016
 Zone B | Oct. 17 - Dec. 8
 Sharp-tailed Grouse | Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.
 Hungarian Partridge | Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31
 *Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties
 Crow | Jan. 24 - Mar. 20 & Sept. 12 - Nov. 19

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose | Sept. 1 - 15
 Early Teal Season | Sept. 1 - 7
 Regular Duck and Goose
 Dates will be established in mid August
 Woodcock | Sept. 19 - Nov. 2
 Mourning Dove | Sept. 1 - Nov. 29

FURBEARERS

Coyote Hunting | Continuous open season
 Trapping | Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Beaver Trapping Only
 Zone A (Northwest) | Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Zone B (Northeast) | Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Zone C (South) | Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 Zone D (Mississippi River) |
 Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2016
 Mink and Muskrat Trapping Only | Oct. 24 - Mar. 6, 2016
 Fox (Red and Gray) Hunting and Trapping | Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Bobcat Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
 Period 1 | Oct. 17 - Dec. 25
 Period 2 | Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2016
 Fisher | Trapping Only - Permits required
 Various zones | Oct. 17 - Dec. 31
 Otter | Trapping Only - Permits required
 North Zone | Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Central Zone | Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 South Zone | Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 Raccoon | Hunting and Trapping

FURBEARERS (Cont)

Resident | Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Non-resident | Oct. 31 - Feb. 15, 2016

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt | Apr. 11 - 12
 Spring
 Period A | Apr. 15 - 21
 Period B | Apr. 22 - 28
 Period C | Apr. 29 - May 5
 Period D | May 6 - 12
 Period E | May 13 - 19
 Period F | May 20 - 26
 Fall | Sept. 12 - Nov. 19
 Zones 1-5 | Nov. 30 - Dec. 31

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted: | Sept. 9 - Oct. 13 with aid of bait with all other legal methods not using dogs
 All other zones where dogs are permitted: | Sept. 9 - 15 with aid of dogs only | Sept. 16 - Oct. 6 with aid of dogs with aid of bait with all other legal methods | Oct. 7 - 13 with aid of bait with all other legal methods not using dogs

WOLF

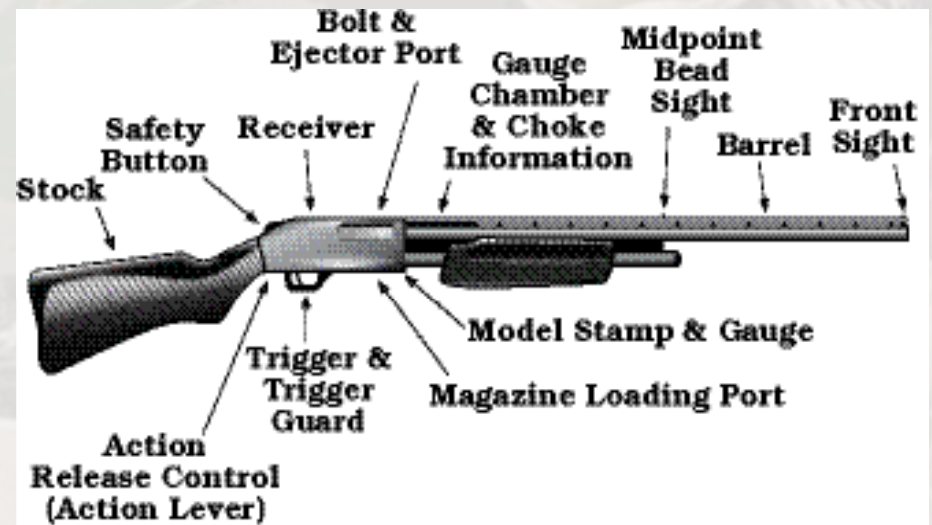
Hunting and Trapping | Oct. 15 - Feb. 29, 2016*
 Hunting with the aid of dogs used for tracking and trailing | Nov. 30 - Feb. 29, 2016*
 *Season may close early if quota is likely to be reached. See 2015 Wolf Regulations for more information.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit
 Northern Zone | Sept. 12 - Feb. 29, 2016
 Southern Zone | Oct. 17 (noon) - Feb. 29, 2016
 Squirrels (Gray and Fox) | Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species, such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose, and flying squirrel, is prohibited.
 See 2015 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.



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online: www.dnr.wi.gov, Toll Free: 1 (888) 936-7463
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ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
- The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
- 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!**

THIN ICE!

FISHING SEASONS

Early inland trout

March 7 (5 a.m.) to April 26

General inland trout

May 2 (5 a.m.) to Sept. 30

General inland fishing

May 2 to March 6, 2016

Largemouth bass northern zone

May 2 to March 6, 2016

Smallmouth bass northern zone catch and release

May 2 to June 19

Smallmouth bass northern zone harvest

June 20 to March 6, 2016

Large and smallmouth bass southern zone

May 2 to March 6, 2016

Musky - northern zone

May 23 to Nov. 30

Musky - southern zone

May 2 to Dec. 31

Northern pike

May 2 to March 6, 2016

Walleye

May 2 to March 6, 2016

Lake sturgeon

Sept. 5 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

Free fishing weekends

January 17-18, 2015 (winter)

June 6-7, 2015 (winter)

January 16-17, 2016 (winter)



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Operating Watercraft

FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING.
- ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET.
- DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE.
- DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD.
- KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION.
- IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE.
- TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED.
- SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN.
- DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
 - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
 - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:**
 - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER OLD ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



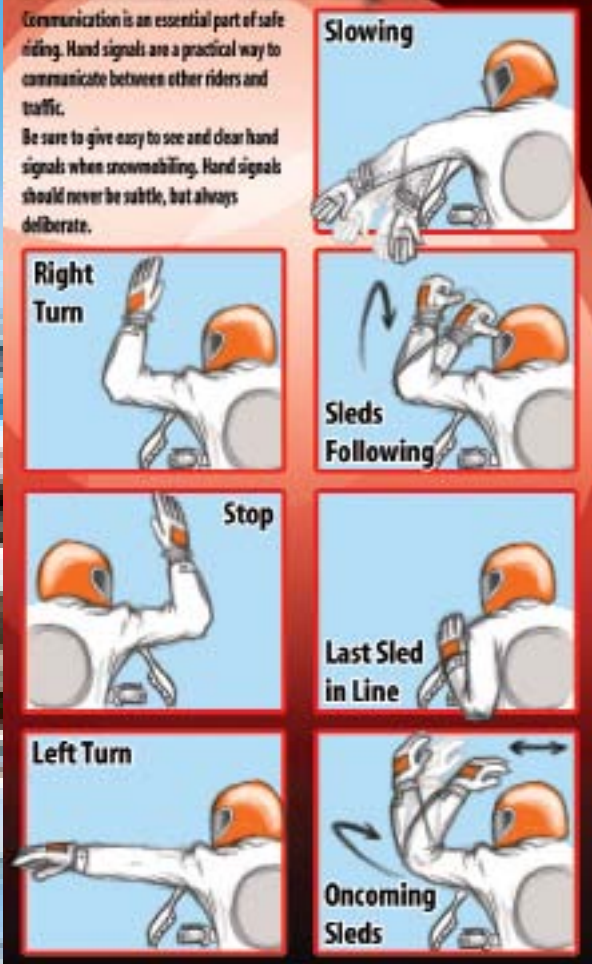
All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals



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.

Know Your ATV

Drink lots of Water!

- 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 traffic of your changing direction.

Be Cautious of Other Bikers



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.

- 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.

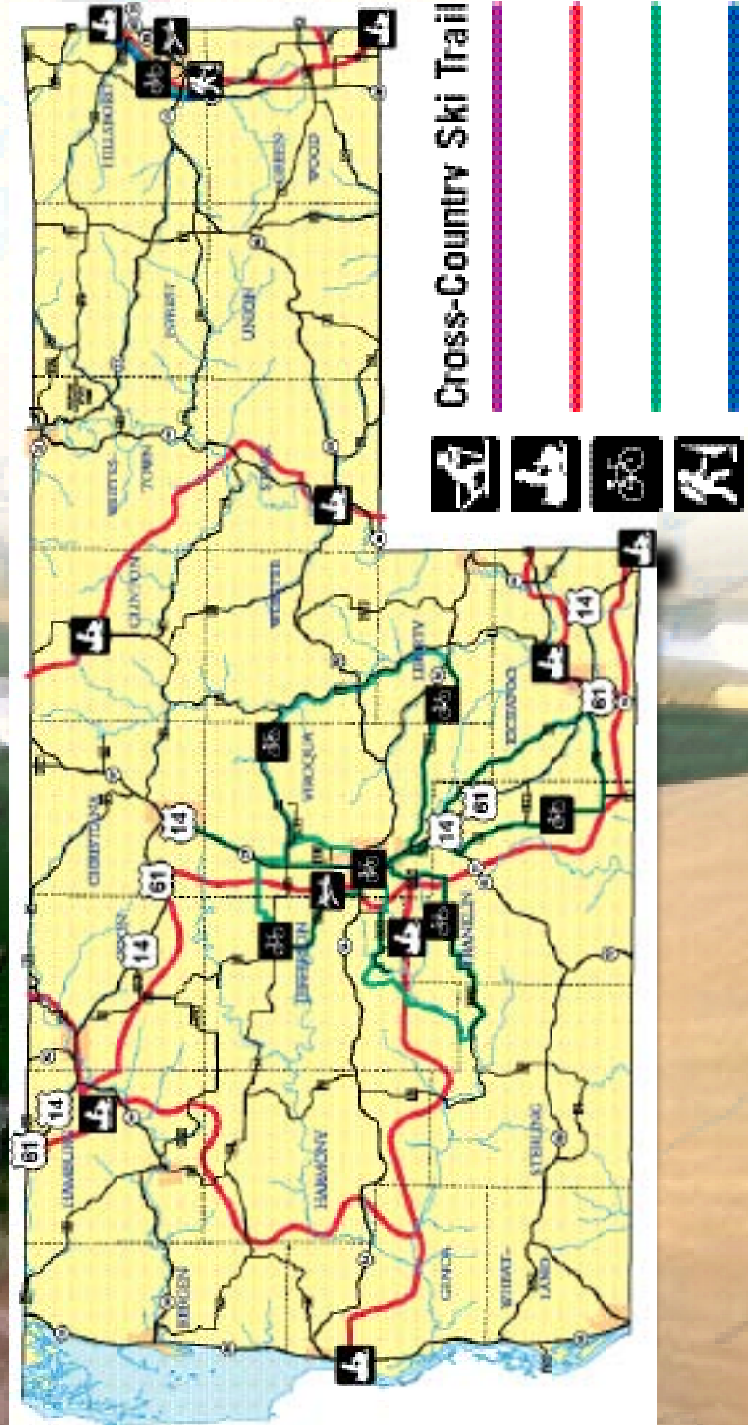
Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.



LA CROSSE COUNTY TRAILS

VERNON COUNTY TRAILS



Hey!
check
it out!!!

color me!



silly JOKES...

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?
A: Because it's hard to run in squares!

Teacher: Teacher my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?
Teacher: Use a pencil 'til I get there!

Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?
A: The food

Q: Who invented Graduation?
A: Henry the 17th!

Q: The Perfect homework excuse...

Teacher: Where is your homework?

Student: I feel it fighting this 'til who said you weren't the best teacher in the school!

Q: Why does a flamingo lift up one leg?

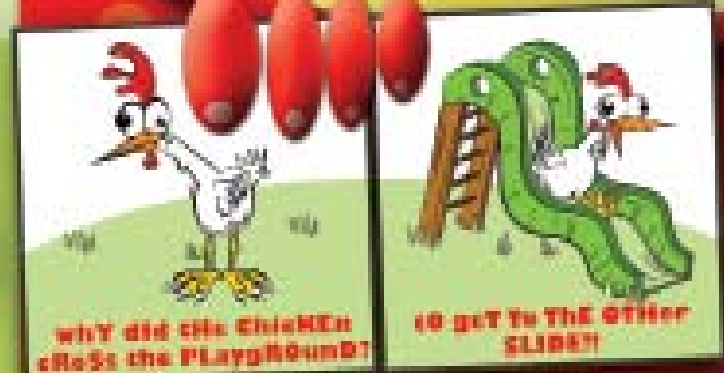
A: Because if he lifted up both legs it would fall over!

Q: What runs but never walks?

A: Water!

Q: Did you hear about the fool who keeps going around saying 'no'?

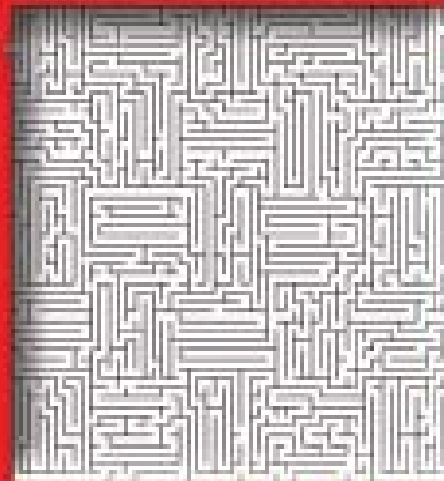
A: Yes... 'T' 'D', so it's you!



WHY did the CHICKEN cross the PLAYGROUND?

TO GET TO THE OTHER SLIDE!

Can you find your way?



Sudoku

5					
2		7 3			6 1
3 8 7			2		4
8	5		6		
7 3		4		9 6	
	3		3	2	
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9 7		1 8			3
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Brain food
TRY IT!!

End Here!

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 with these symptoms:

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, Naproxen or Acetaminophen 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 sun-screen 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.



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