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A Brief History of the Cranberry Industry in Wisconsin

Philip M. Brown, President of the South Wood County Historical Corporation shared this history with members of the FHW during the 2018 Annual Meeting held at Wisconsin Rapids. His presentation provides an interesting account of Wisconsin's cranberry history from a time when the state was covered by a huge glacier to contemporary times, Wisconsin has become the number one state in cranberry production . [Watch Video](#)

In the News

How an Elm Tree Helped Win America's Independence

The story of America's struggle for independence tells tale of heroic men and women united in their noble quest for freedom -- but one of the most enduring figures at the center of that revolution was not a person at all. Years before the Founding Fathers gathered in stately halls and meetinghouses to shape what would become the Declaration of Independence, the seeds of liberty had been planted and nurtured in a far more humble setting -- beneath the branches of an elm tree. Just a few short years after the arrival of Puritans to the New World, when the land was yet untamed, an elm tree sapling took root. In the decades which followed, the city of Boston would rise up around that elm tree -- but their humble beginnings could hardly predict the important role both town and tree would have in shaping history. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Panel OKs Preserving 14,000 Acres of Forest Land

More than 14,000 acres of forest land in northern Wisconsin would be preserved for public access and protected from development under a \$4.3 million purchase approved Tuesday by the Legislature's budget committee. But the committee lowered the amount of money available for the purchase by \$500,000 from what the Natural Resources Board approved, a move that one of the chief proponents of the deal said could jeopardize the sale. [Read More](#)

Is My Campfire Really a Campfire?

The first step in campfire safety is to understand the difference between a campfire and a fire to dispose of debris. Campfires, solely for warming or cooking purposes, are smaller in size and comprised of clean and dry wood, contained within a designated fire ring or surrounded by rocks. Campfires are allowed anytime, except when Emergency Burning Restrictions are in effect. [Read More](#)

Browning on Tamarack Needles

Defoliation from larch casebearer (*Coleophora laricella*) is showing up in some areas of northeast and northcentral Wisconsin. The defoliation is patchy and of moderate intensity, resulting in trees with various degrees of browning due to the insect's feeding habits. Some appear pale yellow or brown throughout the crown while others only have partial browning. [Read More](#)

Some Green Ash Trees Show Some Resistance to Emerald Ash Borers

Genes in green ash trees that may confer some resistance to attacks by the emerald ash borer express themselves only once the tree detects the invasive beetle's feeding, according to Penn State researchers. Knowing this, geneticists may be able to selectively breed trees to strengthen them and perhaps move the resistance response earlier to ward off the beetles' onslaught, explained John Carlson, professor of molecular genetics. [Read More](#)

How to Erase 100 Years of Carbon Emissions? Plant Trees—Lots of Them

An area the size of the United States could be restored as forests with the potential of erasing nearly 100 years of carbon emissions, according to the first ever study to determine how many trees the Earth could support. [Read More](#)

When Woodsmen Bested Spacemen

Capitalizing on the excitement surrounding the Apollo space program and the first Moon landing on July 20, 1969, the Weyerhaeuser Company published an article in its company magazine that December. "Spacemen become Woodsmen" recounted the visit by four Apollo astronauts to its Millicoma Tree Farm property the previous year for an elk hunting trip. You can read that article [here](#). Field and Stream ran an article by Herb Williams, the photographer on the trip, in its August 1969 issue. He most likely wrote the Weyerhaeuser one. [Read More](#)



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