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People of the Big Voice—The Ho-Chunk Nation

In this short film, Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Winneshiek is joined by Jon Greendeer, the Executive Director of Heritage Preservation for the Ho Chunk Nation. The two share how everything the Nation does - to advance their business and their people - has meaning behind it and is done with great intention. The video was produced by HBG Design in honor of our Ho-Chunk Nation client. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Naturalist John Bates Can Guide You to the Best Old-growth Forest in Wisconsin

When someone lives to be a hundred years old, everyone asks them for the secrets to their longevity. Trees, on the other hand, live to be hundreds and hundreds of years old. How do they survive? Mackenzie Martin recently headed to an old-growth forest with naturalist John Bates to learn more. [Read More](#)

Jackson County Forestry and Parks Department Takes Care of Themselves

The public wants to think that government agencies try to save taxpayer money as much as possible, but hearing that a department is completely self-funded may be a shock. One Jackson County department has done just that through a mix of tourism and commerce. The Jackson County Forestry and Parks Department manages about 120,000 acres of forestry land, with the timber providing significant income. [Read More](#)

On Wisconsin: Elk Return to Jackson County But Are A Tough Find

MILLSTON – Static and staccato-like beeps crackled on Scott Roepke’s hand-held, battery-powered receiver as he slowly turned a directional antenna in his right hand extended above his head. Somewhere, maybe a half-mile to the east, was an elk equipped with a radio collar. [Read More](#)

Jackson County Home to Three Former Logging Communities

To the naked eye, there is no evidence eastern Jackson County was ever anything but sparsely populated forest land and cranberry marshes. But for a short time in the late 19th century, the area was home to three logging communities, two of which were populated enough to have their own post offices and passenger rail service. [Read More](#)

Ghostly Post: The Vanished Logging Post Offices of Goodyear and McKenna

While the origin of logging in Wisconsin has been dated to 1828, when Lt. Jefferson Davis (later Confederacy President) supervised the cutting of virgin timber along the Yellow River in what is now Juneau County, the prime era for Wisconsin logging is generally considered to have been between 1870 and 1920. [Read More](#)

Chris Hardie: Moss is Big Business in Jackson County

The marshes of eastern Jackson County — remnants of a prehistoric inland sea called Glacial Lake Wisconsin — are home to one of the state’s most unusual crops. From late spring until late fall, harvest of long-fibered sphagnum moss takes place in Jackson County, the largest producer of the horticulture product in the United States. “My dad called it ‘Wisconsin’s silent industry,’” said David Epstein, owner of Mosser Lee of Millston, Wisconsin. [Read More](#)

An Unwritten Page of Early Clark and Jackson County History

Among the early traditions relative to the early settlement of Clark county was one related by the older settlers that was of interest to me. Just how much of it was truth and how much was fiction I was unable to determine as no one seemed to know anything further than that on the banks of Black River extending north from about the southern boundary of Clark county to about six or seven miles north of Neillsville by the river were several old clearings made in a very early day and known by the early settlers as the Mormon clearings. Also the river drivers used to tell of driving logs through the "Mormon riffles" on Black river. Just why these old clearings were called the "Mormon clearings" or why the rapids below were called the "Mormon riffles" no one seemed able to say, but it was supposed by these early settlers that people of the Mormon faith had at some time at a very early day settled along the river, done some clearing and then abandoned them perhaps at the time of the exodus of the Mormons to Salt Lake City. [Read More](#)



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