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“It’s all About the Pinery Boys”: Historic Sounds from Northwoods Lumber Camps

Join Jim Leary to learn more about our Scandinavian heritage. From 1937-1946 folklorists working for the Library of Congress recorded old time lumber camp performers throughout northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This presentation draws from a new book/multi-CD compilation--Folksongs of Another America: Field Recordings from the Upper Midwest, 1937-1946 --to feature digitally restored examples of lively step-dance tunes and songs concerning fierce cold, cheerful toil, sudden death, bad food, and sportin' houses. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin Forest Products to be Celebrated

Wisconsin forest products will be showcased on Oct. 20-26 during Forest Products Week. According to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources forestry officials, this designated week celebrates the many vital products that come from our forests, the people who work in and care for our forests and the businesses that manufacture wood products. [Read More](#)

Deadly Oak Tree Disease Confirmed in Forest County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has confirmed that oak wilt, a deadly disease in oaks, was found in Forest County for the first time. [Read More](#)

Machine Learning Used to Help Tell Which Wildfires Will Burn Out of Control

Built around a machine learning algorithm, the model can help in forecasting whether a blaze is going to be small, medium or large by the time it has run its course -- knowledge useful to those in charge of allocating scarce firefighting resources. The researchers' work is highlighted in a study published today in the International Journal of Wildland Fire. [Read More](#)

Timber Industry Pressing to be Included in Trump Trade War Assistance for Farmers

The timber industry is pressing the Trump administration and Congress to be included in the China trade retaliation relief currently available to the agricultural industry. The administration has thus far excluded loggers from assistance, but 65 members of the industry are trying to change that with a lobbying blitz this week. [Read More](#)

Lumber Tokens and Company Scrip A Way of Life Gone By

During the 19th century and into the early part of the 20th century, logging, mining, and coal camps were typically created, owned, and operated by a single company. These locations, some quite remote, were often cash poor. Even those that were not, commonly paid their workers in what is called "company scrip" or tokens, in lieu of cash, or other form of government- issued legal tender. [Read More](#) *(third article in this Forest History Society Newsletter)*

E. M. Griffith and the Early Story of Wisconsin Forestry (1903—1915)

This is a unique trek back into history. For it is re-ported by one who has been there! The author worked with, discussed with, and dreamt with E. M. Griffith. While the book unfolds Griffith's unique contributions, the story also intimately involves the author, and we want to introduce him at the outset. Twelve men reported for a civil service exam in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, on Friday, March 10, 1911 for positions as forest ranger for the State Board of Forestry. One of the twelve was F. G. Wilson. [Read More](#)

Forest Restoration, The Beginning

A Wisconsin state official historical marker titled 'Forest Restoration, The Beginning.' The text reads: "This place on Trout Lake was selected by E.M. Griffith, Wisconsin's first State Forester, as the headquarters for the program in forest restoration of the State Board of Forestry. [Read More](#)



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8o3XS4StHGO>

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<https://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=4665>

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<https://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=4662>

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<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/09/190917133052.htm>

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<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/economy/timber-industry-pressing-to-be-included-in-trump-trade-war-assistance-for-farmers>

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<https://foresthistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/August-2019.pdf>

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http://ppolinks.com/mwhistory/2019_5_7.pdf

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<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Image/IM108079>