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Identifying Axe Types with Craig Roost

Craig Roost from facebook.com/AxeJunkies was kind enough to walk me through the displays at the Axetravaganza in Ohio, and to explain the different types of axes, and their purposes, since the axe is quickly becoming a forgotten tool in today's society.

[Watch Video](#)

In the News

Verso to Idle Wisconsin Rapids, Duluth Mills Indefinitely, Starting at the End of July

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Verso will stop production at its paper mills at the end of July, leaving its future in Wisconsin Rapids uncertain. The company announced Tuesday it will indefinitely idle its paper mills in Wisconsin Rapids and Duluth, Minnesota, while “exploring viable and sustainable alternatives for both mills,” according to a statement. Options include restarting the mills if market conditions improve, selling the mills or closing them permanently. [Read More](#)

May the Forest Be With You During COVID-19 and Beyond

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact the nation, our healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers are heroically keeping the nation afloat. But there's one underlying constant, or force if you will, that touches and protects us all. It's the unsung hero: the forest. [Read More](#)

How to Avoid Invasive Plants in Wisconsin, and Prevent Costly, Frustrating Problems

They can be eye-catchingly waving at you along the roadside or innocently sunbathing on a prominent nursery display, but don't be fooled by invasive plants. Away from the checks and balances of their natural ecosystems, these botanical bullies possess an unfair advantage over essential native plants. [Read More](#)

Grazing Goats Abound: Madison Parks Division Hires Herd To Remove Invasive Plants

The Madison Parks Division has a new tool for removing invasive plants in two of its parks this spring and summer: goats. About 40 adult and young adolescent goats from a local farm will be periodically put out to graze at Greenside Park and Acewood Conservation Park this spring and fall, with exact the timing dependent on weather conditions, analysis of existing vegetation and management goals. It's part of a trial program to manage invasive species and promote the establishment of native vegetation in the city's parks. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Dog Trained to Sniff Out Invasive Species

Mequon, WI -- 19 years ago, a man just outside Milwaukee looked out at a square mile of farmland, and decided it needed to change. With a purchase and donation, a unique, 150-year transformation project began, called Mequon Nature Preserve. Now well-underway, conservationists will spend the next century-plus returning hundreds of acres to the forest, prairie and wetland it was in the early 1800's. It's an incredibly difficult task, made even tougher by an almost constant battle with invasive plants sprouting all over the chunk of land. But staff at the preserve have a new tool to help fight the pesky plants. A tool with four legs and a powerful nose. [Read More](#)

Does Minnesota or Some Other State Have the Best Claim to Paul Bunyan?

The memory inspired Stadheim to seek information from Curious Minnesota, our community-driven reporting project fueled by questions from readers. “Lots of states claim Paul Bunyan as their own — like Maine, Michigan and California. Does Minnesota have the best claim?” he asked. [Read More](#)

Early Lumbering on the Chippewa

It was in 1853, just seventy years ago, that as a young man I left my old home in Canada for the West. After spending two years in Kankakee, Illinois, through a man who had just returned from the "pineries" of the Chippewa valley in northern Wisconsin I became interested in that region. In the late summer of 1855, with a man by the name of Ben Dement, I started out. We went by train to Chicago and by train and mule team from there to Galena. [Read More](#)



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To open the link, place your cursor over [Watch Video](#) or [Read More](#) and so on, and then left click on your mouse. That should open the link in a new window providing access to the specifically linked webpage.

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