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Wisconsin Public Television University Place: The Christmas Tree Ship

Tamara Thomsen, Maritime Archaeologist with the Wisconsin Historical Society, and John Janzen, Underwater Videographer, present the story of the shipwrecked schooner Rouse Simmons. The ship, filled with Christmas trees, was en route to Chicago when it sank on November 22, 1912. Thomsen and Janzen share a new video which provides an underwater tour of the wreck site.
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In the News

Northern Wisconsin Counties Earn High Marks for Forest Management

Douglas County's forest management practices raised no concerns among auditors reviewing policy and practice for sustainability. Douglas was among four counties in northern Wisconsin audited for certification through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council this summer. Both third-party certification programs came up with no findings that needed correction in Ashland, Barron, Bayfield and Barron counties. *Read More*

Christmas Tree or Holiday Tree? The Frosty Feud Splintering a State

Republicans call it a Christmas tree. The Democratic governor calls it a holiday tree. In a season of partisan bickering, nothing is off limits. *Read More*

Lawmaker Proposes Resolution Naming Capitol Conifer 'Christmas tree'

Days after Democratic Gov. Tony Evers broke with his predecessor in calling the state Capitol's annual evergreen a "holiday tree," a Republican lawmaker is seeking to overshadow the move. On Monday, Rep. Scott Krug, R-Nekoosa, sought support for a resolution that would make clear the decorated evergreen that stands tall in the Capitol rotunda each year be known as "the Wisconsin State Christmas Tree." *Read More*

Assembly Passes Resolution to Name Capitol Tree 'Wisconsin State Christmas Tree'

The Assembly today approved a resolution to call the evergreen displayed each year in the rotunda the "Wisconsin State Christmas Tree." The resolution, which just began circulating yesterday, comes after Gov. Tony Evers went back to calling it a "Holiday Tree" after former Gov. Scott Walker referred to it as a "Christmas Tree." *Read More*

Here's How and Where You Can Cut Down a Christmas Tree in a Wisconsin Forest

Christmas tree farms and lots aren't the only places you can get a real Christmas tree this season. Many of Wisconsin's public forests allow you to cut down a tree for personal use — provided you have a permit and follow a few rules. *Read More*

A Christmas Tree Shortage in Wisconsin? Not Quite

Don't listen to the hype: There is not a shortage of real Christmas trees in Wisconsin — or anywhere in the country — this year. Some news outlets in the nation's top tree-producing states, including Oregon and Michigan, have been reporting tree shortages and possible price increases due to farmers leaving the business after the recession in 2008. But the "shortage is taken out of context," said Tim O'Connor, who heads the National Christmas Tree Association. *Read More*

Indian Creek Woods – Ash Removal and Replanting

The Village of Fox Point has a 2.8 acre natural area called Indian Creek Woods (ICW). Eighty percent of its trees were ash. This natural area abuts a park, multiple backyards, a village road and has a walking trail going through it. Safety is a main concern, especially with the ash trees beginning to decline from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). *Read More*

The Mississippi River Logging Company

One of the strangest and most heroic of American dramas revolved about the great logging and lumbering industries of the Great Lakes states. It would be difficult to find any other industry which contained the elements of the dramatic in more intense and extreme moods. In the second half of the nineteenth century, the logging and lumbering activities of the Mississippi River's Minnesota and Wisconsin tributaries ranked with the most extensive in the world. *Read More*

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