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The Fearsome Critters of the Pinery

Marathon County Historical Society historian, Ben Clark, and guest expert Erick Konop chat about the fearsome critters of the Pinery, those mythic, cryptic beasts and creatures invented by the lumberjacks of the 1800s, and passed down to us today. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin Coalition Vies for \$100M Grant to Add Thousands of Forest Industry Jobs

A coalition that includes Wisconsin paper makers, loggers, educators and union workers wants to reshape the forest products industry to meet new demands for sustainable packaging, climate change mitigation and green forest management. The group, led by the Wisconsin Paper Council, is among the finalists for a federal grant worth up to \$100 million called the Build Back Better Regional Challenge. [Read More](#)

Celebrating Wisconsin's Champion Trees

"Each of us from birth to death is intimately connected with trees. On their beauty and longevity we hang our memories and beliefs, trusting trees to be symbols of our achievements and things we hold dear," wrote renowned Wisconsin arborist, R. Bruce Allison, in his wonderful book Every Root an Anchor, Wisconsin's Famous and Historic Trees. [Read More](#)

This Earth Day, Stay Focused

Imagine looking out an airplane window and catching the first glimpse of your tropical island destination. A tiny speck of green in a vast sea of blue. It's a vision of beauty, isolation, and fragility. Then, the plane lands. Immediately, your focus shifts to details and you lose the big picture. I would imagine seeing Earth from space is a similar experience. A speck of blue in the vast blackness of space. It emanates serenity, but for only as long as it stays in focus. Consumed by the details of daily life, we don't see the fragile beauty of our planet. Earth Day helps us keep it in focus. [Read More](#)

Couple Electrocuted to Death Making Art Hyped Online, Officials Say

When investigators responded to an April 6 fire at a Wisconsin home, they were immediately stumped. The house in Marathon County, northwest of Green Bay, was badly burned, and its owners were nowhere to be found. But once the blaze was extinguished, officers found two bodies in the garage. [Read More](#)

Water: The Most Important Forest Product, Let's Act Like It

We in the forest sector love to remind people of the thousands of products made from trees. Beyond lumber and paper, we are quick to note, among others, the filler in grated parmesan cheese, rayon clothing, toothpaste and more. Yes, it's true, that we who steward and make our living from forests touch every person on the planet every day. [Read More](#)

Survivor Elms

The durable, stoic elm tree has become an emblem of American landscapes. And for good reason. "Elms have huge inputs to any ecosystem," says Benjamin Held, a researcher in the Department of Plant Pathology at the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources Sciences (CFANS). These charismatic trees intercept thousands of gallons of runoff each year and offer food and habitat to insects and other animals. [Read More](#)

The Legend of the Music Tree

Exotic lumber salvaged from a remote forest in Belize is the world's most coveted tonewood. Not long ago, while browsing a craft fair in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, I spotted a guitar like no other I'd ever seen. It hung half-hidden behind a display of cutting boards and wooden bowls in the booth of woodworker and luthier David Smith. Noting my hungry stare, Smith gently lifted the instrument from its perch and urged me to give it a try. [Read More](#)



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