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Gaylord Nelson and Earth Day | University Place

Bill Christofferson, author of "The Man from Clear Lake," focuses on the life of Gaylord Nelson. Nelson was Governor of Wisconsin, a U.S. Senator and the founder of Earth Day. Christofferson highlights Nelson's early life and delves into Nelson's role as one of the leading environmentalists of the 20th century. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin Historical Society Shares Preliminary Rendering of New History Center

Madison, WI - The Wisconsin Historical Society is excited to share a preliminary architectural rendering of Wisconsin's new history center as design on the project accelerates. Designed to be a welcoming beacon of inspiration and exploration, the new center set on Wisconsin's Capitol Square in Madison will reflect a modern approach to sharing history. [Read More](#)

Report looks at Outdoor recreation and Land Conservation in Wisconsin. What it says About How We Rank with other States

MADISON - A new report from the nonpartisan Wisconsin Policy Forum urges the state to consider how much its funding for conservation has dropped in recent years. [Read More](#)

Why Wisconsin Maple Syrup Season Started Earlier This Year

MILWAUKEE - Maple syrup-making season is officially underway in northeast Wisconsin. March's weather is usually an ideal time of year for maple syrup production, but producers started tapping trees earlier this year. Weather has a significant impact on sap quality and taste. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture says warm temperatures can cause microbial growth in collection tanks and an off-flavored or bitter product by early bud swell of the trees. [Read More](#)

More Than 1,000 Wisconsin Municipalities Now Known To Have Emerald Ash Borer

In 2022, the number of municipal emerald ash borer (EAB) detections in Wisconsin crossed the 1,000 milestone. The 1,000th municipality (town, village or city) to have an EAB detection was the Town of Lincoln in Adams County on May 19. At the end of the year, EAB was known to be in 1,109 municipalities, up 23% from a year earlier. [Read More](#)

Legislators, Lobbyists Look to Farm Bill to Save American Forests

Congress and the U.S. Forest Service are looking to the farm bill to pour new life into the nation's fire-plagued forests. Against the backdrop of looming threats such as wildfires, legislators and lobbyists alike want to use the mammoth bill, worth more than a trillion dollars, to garner federal funding and create markets to pay for efforts to conserve and restore woodlands. [Read More](#)

Study Reveals a Fifth of California's Sierra Nevada Conifer Forests are Stranded in Habitats that have Grown too Warm for Them

Like an old man suddenly aware the world has moved on without him, the conifer tree native to lower elevations of California's Sierra Nevada mountain range finds itself in an unrecognizable climate. A new Stanford-led study reveals that about a fifth of all Sierra Nevada conifer forests – emblems of Western wilderness – are a "mismatch" for their regions' warming weather. The paper, published Feb. 28 in PNAS Nexus, highlights how such "zombie forests" are temporarily cheating death, likely to be replaced with tree species better adapted to the climate after one of California's increasingly frequent catastrophic wildfires. [Read More](#)

When is Earth Day? Everything to Know About the Holiday, Its History and This Year's Theme

For over 50 years, Earth Day has been celebrated across the country and globe through mobilization for environmental causes. But there was once a time when Americans were unaware of and oblivious to the impacts their consumption had on our Earth. After the publication of "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson in 1962, the general public's attitude and awareness began to shift toward concern for our environment and the links between pollution and health. [Read More](#)

Earthday.org Announces Theme for Earth Day 2023: "Invest In Our Planet"

Earth Day Organization (EDO), the global organizer of Earth Day and the largest recruiter of environmental movements worldwide, announced today the theme for Earth Day 2023 – "Invest in Our Planet." Acting as a continuation of this year's well-received campaign, the theme is focused on engaging governments, institutions, businesses, and the more than 1 billion citizens who participate annually in Earth Day to do their part – everyone accounted for, everyone accountable. [Read More](#)



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