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Progress Continues on Tomahawk Documentary, Eyeing Premiere Next Summer

The Tomahawk Community has rich history, and that story is being told in a movie made by an award winning documentarian. Last summer we introduced you to this film project titled: Tomahawk: A city in the pines. Tomahawk native Clay Schmit is the visionary, producer, and local tie. He's working with friend and Academy Award-winning filmmaker John Newcombe. The duo have been frequent guests on our morning conversation providing updates. They were back again on Thursday, and brought along another guest in John Pietrowski from PCA. [Read More & View Trailer](#)

In the News

Know Before You Go: Fall Color in Wisconsin

Fall color fans: The wait is finally over! As days grow shorter and the weather cools down, Wisconsin is thrilled to welcome one of the most special, scenic times of year to our state. Wondering where you'll be able to spot color this fall? Which trees will be the brightest? It's all up to Mother Nature, but we've done our best to compile the resources, info and tips you need to plan your perfect fall trip. You asked, so we answered: What do I need to know about fall color in Wisconsin? [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Wildfire Prevention Efforts Adapt as Risks Evolve

Wildfires in Wisconsin may not dominate headlines in the same way as the massive blazes burning across Canada and the western United States, but the risk is still very real — and evolving. [Read More](#)

Logging can Lead to Better Hunting

When I first started hunting, a massive amount of logging was being done in the woods behind our house. In the matter of days, acres upon acres of beautiful woods were clear-cut to the point where only a few trees were left standing in some areas. It was sort of a sad sight to see. I grew up in those woods. It would take nearly a lifetime until those woods grew back to the way I knew them. Little did I know how beneficial those clear-cuts would be toward the wildlife in my favorite hunting grounds [Read More](#)

This Wildfire Season Shows the Limits of Forest Management in the Face of Climate Change

During this summer of hazy views, unhealthy air quality and canceled outdoor events, it's hard to miss the effects of wildfire smoke. Now, some Midwest lawmakers are directing blame at what they see as the cause — Canada's forest management. U.S. Reps. Tom Tiffany and Glenn Grothman, and Wisconsin state Rep. Calvin Callahan, all Republicans, recently voiced concerns about wildfire smoke this summer — Tiffany and Grothman in a letter to Canada's ambassador, and Callahan in a formal complaint to U.S. and international agencies. [Read More](#)

DNR Looking To Buy Bushels Of Red And White Pine Cones

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) needs the public's help collecting red and white pine cones for its reforestation program. "state nurseries will pay collectors to bring in these cones," said Joseph Vande Hey, Wisconsin DNR reforestation team leader at the Wilson State Nursery in Boscobel. "We have a network of seed- and cone-buying stations scattered across the state." Early September is the prime time to collect mature red and white pine cones, when the color has just turned brown, but the scales have not yet opened to release the seeds. [Read More](#)

A century Ago, the Government Hired Unemployed Young Men to Build America's Forests, Trails, and Parks

In 1933, the Ohio River spilled over, flooding Louisville, Kentucky. Franklin Roosevelt blamed soil erosion and forests lost to the timber industry, which were among the reasons conservation was one of the new president's top priorities. Within months, the US Army and other agencies were putting together plans for Roosevelt's "tree army," as the Civilian Conservation Corps became known. The goal was to have 250,000 teens and young men in camps around the country by July 1. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Claims Record Deer Populations and High Harvests, But CWD Trouble Looms

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources this week released its chronic wasting disease sampling numbers, which paint a picture of a slow-growing plague, and scary-high prevalence rates in some counties. The spread of CWD is an old story in Wisconsin, and it's one that many deer hunters tend to tune out. After all, the DNR's harvest numbers and the overall deer population estimates both look great (more on this in a minute). However, a deeper dive into county-level data shows what could be the start of a troubling trend. [Read More](#)