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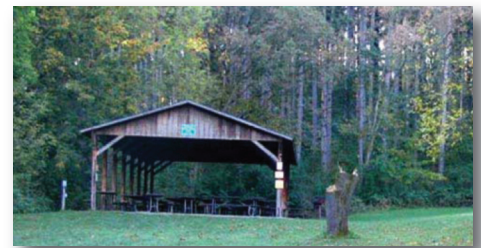
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The MacKenzie Center... An Autumn Get-A-Way

Reprinted from Wisconsin DNR

The MacKenzie Center, just 25 miles north of Madison, is located on a 500-acre property near Poynette in Columbia County and is one of the most diverse education centers in Wisconsin. With interpretive trails, exhibits, museums and programming available for school and youth groups, The MacKenzie Center is a wonderful place for anyone to visit and learn about the natural world. Their amenities include:

- Interpretive trails that wind through forest and prairie habitats
- Conservation and logging museums and exhibits
- A wildlife habitat area that features animals native to Wisconsin
- An arboretum that includes more than 100 species of trees
- A nature study pond
- An observation tower to view the property and countryside
- A large picnic area with a shelter and restrooms
- A lodge and dormitories for overnight field trips



EXPLORE the PROPERTY

There are many self-guiding, interpretive trails to explore at MacKenzie. The Nature Trail begins near the main parking lot and winds through the woods connecting to the logging museum and wildlife exhibit. The Arboretum Trail begins just past the conservation museum and goes uphill back to the main parking lot, passing through the heart of the sugarbush.

Along the Nature Trail you'll see the **wildlife exhibit** which houses live animals native to Wisconsin, including bison, bobcat, deer, mountain lions, gray wolves and many raptors. All of the animals in the exhibit were injured, orphaned or raised in captivity and cannot be released into the wild. These animals are cared for as part of an educational exhibit.



Further down the trail you'll encounter the **logging museum**, located in a log home that was built in the early 1880s near Grantsburg. Inside are images of Wisconsin's logging industry in the late 19th century, historic tools used for timber harvests and two dioramas depicting logging practices. The **sawmill exhibit** near the logging museum provides an opportunity to see how lumber was processed in the early days of Wisconsin's booming lumber industry.

When exploring the Arboretum Trail, Paul Bunyan and his ox, Babe, greet you as you enter the **conservation museum**. Here you can learn about Wisconsin's conservation legacy along with a variety of topics including wildlife management, environmental health, bird and fish identification, resource management and more. And, before you get to the parking lot you'll pass through the "sugarbush" - an area where maple trees are tapped to collect sap and produce syrup or sugar. Harley MacKenzie planted enough maple trees in the arboretum to create this "sugarbush." Each spring, the MacKenzie sugarbush produces around 35-40 gallons of pure maple syrup, also known as "MacKenzie Gold".

All of this beauty can be seen from the MacKenzie 80-foot tall **fire tower** which has been relocated to MacKenzie from the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in West Allis. The observation platform at 40 feet above the ground (the highest point accessible to the public) provides a good view of the MacKenzie property and surrounding countryside.

For a map of the property visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/education/mackenzie/>

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Dates

November through April
May through October

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NORSKE NOOK to *OPEN* in DE FOREST

(Reprinted from Wisconsin State Journal, 3/11/15)



The Osseo restaurant and pie purveyor has long been a convenient stop and quick detour off Interstate 94 for travelers between Madison and Minneapolis with the restaurant's famous pies making a celebrity chef of original owner Helen Myhre. Myhre opened the original Norske Nook in Osseo in 1973.

As the reputation of her pies grew, Myhre received visits from the "Today" show's Willard Scott, former CBS "Sunday Morning" host Charles Kuralt, and sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer. David Letterman even flew her to New York to teach him how to bake a pie.

Jerry Bechard bought the Norske Nook from her in 1990, and in 1993 he built a larger location across the street from the older building, which is now a gift shop. Many people wanted him to build by the highway, but he wanted to keep the character of the

restaurant and the character of the community downtown, he said.

The original Norske Nook could seat 60 to 80 people and had a small kitchen and bakery area. In 1990 it only offered 12 to 15 styles of pie. Now there are more than 70.

"In the summer, each store can put out more than 100 pies a day," Bechard said. Toward Thanksgiving, it goes up to 200 or 250 per day. The day before Thanksgiving can see sales of 500 to 600 pies.

Now a Norske Nook Restaurant and Bakery is set to open at 100 E. Holum St. in DeForest this fall, said owner Jerry Bechard, who also has locations in Eau Claire, Rice Lake and Hayward. The building is being built, so its opening date depends a lot on the construction schedule, he said.

Bechard said he's gotten a lot of requests to open a Norske Nook from customers in the Madison area as well as from people in Janesville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Duluth. He estimates the restaurant gets a call, email or a letter with that request "at least two or three times a week." He's looked in the area for a couple of years and never found the right spot.

"For some reason things came together there in DeForest," he said. "DeForest seems like a really good fit from the standpoint of both highways skirting the edge of the community."

He is still looking for another location in Verona or Stoughton, but wants to get the DeForest one up and running first.

"We have a lot of people who go up to the Minocqua and Tomahawk area from down in the southern part of the state and Illinois that want us

to come up to Minocqua or Tomahawk, so we thought we'd head 'em off there," Bechard said chuckling.

The DeForest location will be a cross between the Rice Lake and Osseo stores, using Rice Lake's floor plan but having Osseo's more strongly Scandinavian-looking exterior. At 4,800 square feet, the new, fifth location will be comparable in size to both.

NORSKE NOOK PIE DAY

Tuesday, September 22

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

DE FOREST FARMERS' MARKET

Mark your calendars for September 22 and see the newest restaurant in town and purchase some of their famous pies! Whole pies (9") will be on sale as well as individual pie slices. You will also be able to purchase the Norske Nook Book of Pies - their newest cookbook released this last Spring 2015 and signed by the authors.

PIE SLICE FLAVORS FOR SALE WILL INCLUDE:

- Raspberry Cream Cheese
- Death by Chocolate
- Blueberry
- Harvest Apple
- Pecan Fudge
- Pumpkin Cream Cheese
- Snickers
- Chocolate Peanut Butter
- Lingonberry Sour Cream
- Cherry Crunch
- Sour Cream Blackberry
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Where can I find *PUMPKINS* near Lake Wisconsin?

Whether you prefer to paint them or carve them, bake them or eat them, September and October are great months to get out to the pumpkin patch to pick out your favorite pumpkin for the fall season. Every autumn you will see pumpkin patch signs in many locations throughout the state of Wisconsin helping to entice everyone to seek out their local pumpkin patch / market in search of the best. Sometimes that means tall and skinny, sometimes short and round, sometimes even green and misshapen; the perfect pumpkin is loosely defined and its beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

So whether you want to choose your own pumpkin to take home, are craving a slice of pumpkin pie or just want to celebrate its existence, there are tons of ways to enjoy the power of the pumpkin in Wisconsin. Here's a sampling of some of the great pumpkin patches / markets around this area.

TREINEN FARM - LODI

Treinen boasts Wisconsin's largest corn maze, horse drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, a tube slide, tractor tire playground, mini-maze, pumpkin slingshot, farm animals, and plenty of seasonal fall foods. They even offer a Pumpkin "Daycare" so your pumpkins are safe while you have fun... For more information visit their website at www.treinenfarm.com

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Twist and turn through the 18-acre corn maze. Board a hayride to the pumpkin patch, have the kids play in the Farmacy's "Back 40" playground, complete with swings, corn sensory tables, play structures and a 70' gunny sack slide. For more information visit www.creekbedcountryfarmacy.com

COUNTRY BUMPKIN FARM MARKET - WISCONSIN DELLS

Fall is great time for a visit to Country Bumpkin Farm Market. Here you'll find many varieties of pumpkins, colorful broom corn, Indian corn, various shaped gourds and squash, and fall décor items to make this time of year fun, festive, and easy. They also make nice, thick and strong, corn shock bundles and hay bales. Open every day from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information visit their website at www.countrybumpkinent.com

GREEN THUMB FARMS - PRAIRIE DU SAC

Green Thumb is easy to locate right on Hwy 12 just a couple miles northwest of Sauk Prairie. They offer a corn maze, horse drawn hay rides, store and some hot snacks. The funnel cake fries are great! They also have a huge variety of

pumpkins and colorful squash for sale including giant pumpkins for a good price. For more information call 608-643-2613.

SKI-HI FRUIT FARM - BARABOO

Ski-Hi Orchard is located just off Highway 12 near Devil's Lake State Park and is another fine choice for an autumn day. Ski-Hi has lots of great products and snacks to take home or to enjoy on their deck or out in the vast picnic area. They have squash, gourds and some pumpkins, but mostly apple orchards galore and anything "apple." Be sure to take a walk down the hill to find the picturesque log cabin. For more information you can LIKE them on Facebook.

**Autumn starts
September 23rd**

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Lake Wisconsin Alliance Announces *NEW* Website!

On August 29th during the Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) Annual meeting, a first time LWA website was unveiled to all members in attendance; www.lakewisconsinalliance.org. The website was professionally developed by Imperial Multimedia in Baraboo, WI and is currently up and running. The purpose of the website is to provide a resource for learning more about Lake Wisconsin and to help provide a greater awareness of the LWA and its mission/goals. Kirk Boehm, the President of LWA said, "he expects the website to be a resource not only for the local residents of Lake Wisconsin but also for anyone who is interested in learning more about Lake Wisconsin." LWA also unveiled its first brochure and released its first ever logo (see above).

In addition to the Annual meeting this summer, LWA hosted the fourth (of six) educational programs for 2015 titled "Blue-green Algal Blooms in Wisconsin: Identification, Ecology, Causes, and Potential Health Effects" at Lucky's on Thursday, July 9, 2015. This free event focused on blue green algae: how to identify it, public health concerns associated with it when it forms toxic blooms, and what we can do to prevent it from getting out of control.

Speakers included Gina La Liberte, a Research Scientist with the Wisconsin DNR, Sarah Koske, a CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and Mike Gilbertson, a Water Resources Management Specialist with the Wisconsin DNR. Gina explained how to identify blue green algae and described how it can become a toxic bloom. Sarah explained the public health impacts of blue green algae blooms including the signs and symptoms humans and animals may display after exposure. Mike explained how land uses within a watershed can contribute to excessive algae growth. He also provided recommendations on what residents can do to help reduce their contributions to algal blooms. Water samples from different bays in the lake were also on display exhibiting blue green algae and other algae.

The PowerPoint presentations from this event will be available on the Lake Wisconsin Alliance website.

The next session is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015, and is titled "Shoreline Restoration Tour". See the opposite column on this page for details and additional information.

Additional Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Thursday, September 24, 2015**, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Lucky's Bar & Grille on Lake Wisconsin. (Check LWA website to verify location)
- **Thursday, October 22, 2015**, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Lucky's Bar & Grille on Lake Wisconsin. (Check LWA website to verify location)

If you have questions about membership, feel free to contact Ross Ament at 608-635-2779 or rament1@hotmail.com or to be added to the email communication list, contact Kirk Boehm at 608-209-2850 or kmb.boehm@gmail.com.

Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) – a recently developed, non-profit (501)(c) 3, citizen advocacy organization with a mission to endeavor to balance the diverse interests of the Lake Wisconsin community while improving recreational opportunities, water quality, and sustaining a healthy ecosystem within the Lake Wisconsin watershed.

Lake Wisconsin Alliance to Host SHORELINE EROSION *Site Tour*

The Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) will be hosting a Shoreline Erosion Site Tour on Thursday, September 10th. Those interested in attending should meet at Michael Park in Harmony Grove (corner of West Harmony Drive and Park Street) at 5:30 p.m.

Shoreline erosion occurs on many lakes in Wisconsin. It can be caused by wave action and also by ice pushes in the spring. Sediment eroding from shorelines can have negative impacts on water quality and also deteriorate fish spawning and foraging habitat. Stabilizing the shoreline with rock, bioengineered material, or native vegetation helps prevent shoreline erosion. This tour will show case two sites with different erosion control practices planned. These practices will help stabilize the shoreline and prevent further erosion from occurring. Attendees should plan on wearing walking shoes as one site will require a short walk to access it. Contact Melissa Keenan at 608-355-4838 or mkeenan@co.sauk.wi.us if you have any questions.

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LODI CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES - September 11th-13th. Make sure to contact Lodi Enterprise to reserve your spot on the map! www.information@lodiwisconsin.com

YAHARA RIVERFEST – September 12th, 2pm-8pm, DeForest - Children's games and family activities all day. Rubber Duck Races (come and decorate your own duck!), Riverfest Trail Tromp Run/Walk, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Youth Fishing Clinic, Self-Guided Sunset Trail Tour, Wine Walk with Bonfire and live music. www.yaharariverfest.com

PARDEEVILLE WATERMELON FESTIVAL – September 12th, 10am-4pm. Speed-Eating and Seed-Spitting Championship, Inc. - Chandler Park, Pardeeville. Family Friendly Festival, featuring free sliced watermelon, kid's games, entertainment, craft vendors and watermelon contests with seed spitting and carving - Todd Hepler, 608-697-6198 www.pardeevillewatermelonfestival.com

WISCONSIN DELLS WO-ZHA-WA FALL FESTIVAL 2015 – September 18th-20th. A festive celebration of autumn including an arts and crafts fair, antique flea market, Maxwell Street Days, live entertainment and a 100-unit parade. Enjoy great food from service clubs and downtown restaurants, visit attractions and the street carnival. All activities located in Downtown Wisconsin Dells & Bowman Park. www.wozhawa.com

WO-ZHA-WA RUN 2015 – September 19th. The 48th running of Wisconsin's Oldest Long Distance Race. Once again we offer a challenging half-marathon and four-mile courses plus a weekend of fun in Wisconsin Dells. Both races begin at 8:00 am with start and finish at Wisconsin Dells High School. For full details: www.wozhawarun.com

ANNUAL TRI-LAZY – September 19th. Tri-Lazy Triathlon is a biking, canoeing and running event. Sponsored by the Fall River Pirate Foundation. For additional information: www.fallriverpiratefoundation.com

DEVIL'S CHALLENGE TRIATHLON – September 20th. The Devil's Challenge Triathlon closes out the 2015 WI Tri Series! After a swim in Devil's Lake, challenge yourself with a hilly bike ride through the beautiful Baraboo bluffs and a 5K run through the quiet park roads of Devil's Lake State Park. www.racedayeventsllc.com

FALL FESTIVAL AT THE GLEN – DURWARD'S GLEN RETREAT CENTER, Baraboo – October 10th, 10am-4pm. Guided tractor tours of our historic grounds, flea market, artists and other vendors, bakery goods, brats and refreshments. Free. Donations warmly welcomed. For Additional Information: www.durwardsglen.org

HALLOWEEN AT THE PORTAGE THEATRE – October 24th. A great Halloween themed event for the kids. Costume contest and sidewalk parade leaving from St. Mary parking lot (along Conant St.) Following parade – free movie with non-perishable food item donation. 608-742-6678, www.portagetheatres.com

BREW-B-QUE DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY - September 26th, 10am-5pm. Join us for the 8th annual Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Brew-B-Que in downtown Lodi. This great event takes a Backyard BBQ and turns it into a Huge Block Party as we close Main Street for the day and offer great food, a Kids Zone, live music and craft beer. Gates open at 10 am – 5 pm. Admission is Free!! www.lodilakewisconsin.org

CHAMBER OF HORRORS AWARD WINNING HAUNTED HOUSE – October 10,16,17,23,24,30,31, 7pm-10pm. Voted last 3 years as Winner of Visitor's Choice award for Favorite in SW Region of Wisconsin Haunted House, is located on Heppie Rd. Fall River, WI – Sponsored by Fall River Chamber of Commerce. For additional information www.fallriverhauntedhouse.com

FALL FAIR ON THE SQUARE – October 10th, 9:00am. Downtown Baraboo, 120+ Artisans and Crafters, Food, Live Music, Entertainment, and Kids Area. Street closed around the square. www.downtownbaraboo.com

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- Poynette, through September 27th, Saturdays, 8am-11am – Pauquette Park, 106 S. Main St.
- Portage to October 30th, Thursday, 12noon-6pm – Commerce Plaza (corner of Cook & Wisconsin Streets)
- Baraboo through October, Saturdays, 7:30am-1pm – Courthouse Square on Oak Street between 3rd & 4th Streets
- DeForest through October 20th, Tuesdays, 3-6pm, Veteran's Memorial Park, Main Street



Welcome Fall!

Fishing on *Lake Wisconsin and the Wisconsin River*

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September... the kids are in school and football season is underway, it must be fall right? Not so fast. From a fishing perspective, in south-central Wisconsin the month of September is the last month of summer, and marks the beginning of a period of transition from summer to fall. The days are getting shorter, and the water temperature swings from

daytime to nighttime are becoming significant. The changing day length, air and water temperatures introduce instability to the aquatic environment, and will influence both baitfish and predator fish locations.

A variety of summertime presentations will work in September, depending on the conditions of the day. The usual summer time tactics of trolling crankbaits behind planer boards on the flats, pulling bottom bouncers on channel edges, casting to shallow structures in low light and pulling lead core in deeper water are all still applicable, but the jig rods that have not seen much action since the start of summer, will get dusted off as well. The instability caused by temperature swings somewhat mimic small cold fronts on a daily basis, and presenting baits such as a jig and plastic trailer or a jig and crawler in a slower, more precise manner, can help trigger more bites.

As we move into October, declining water temps will trigger baitfish to move shallower to the warmest water available, and predators will follow. The month of October typically sees an increased shallow water night bite as well, although few anglers capitalize on that. Casting crank baits, jerk baits, and swim baits can be very effective, and don't be afraid to use larger sized baits, as baitfish have grown to a substantial size over the summer. Cooler water also seems to increase the effectiveness of scents as well. Tipping jigs with live bait, using scented plastics, or applying liquid scents such as Kick'n Walleye to artificial baits does help to get more bites. The key to unlocking good fishing in September and October is being versatile in regard to presentations, locations and baits. *Tight Lines...*

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Homeowners obviously know their homes better than anyone, but that doesn't mean they're the best salesperson for their property. Sellers are tempted to try a For Sale by Owner or FSBO because their area is in the midst of a sellers' market and they think they can sell easily with help. Others try the FSBO route because they want to maximize their profits and avoid paying a commission to a realtor.

However, statistics show that selling your home with the assistance of a professional real estate agent will garner you a higher profit, enough to cover the commission as well as put more money in your pocket. According to the National Association of Realtor's 2013 PROFILE OF HOME BUYERS AND SELLERS, the average FSBO sales price was \$174,900 with the average price for a home represented by an agent was \$215,000, a difference of \$40,100.

Why to Sell With a Realtor

Choosing to sell with a professional rather than on your own makes sense for a variety of reasons:

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- Realtors have professional marketing expertise, contacts with other realtors who work with buyers, and the support of a brokerage that can market your home more widely than you can as an individual.
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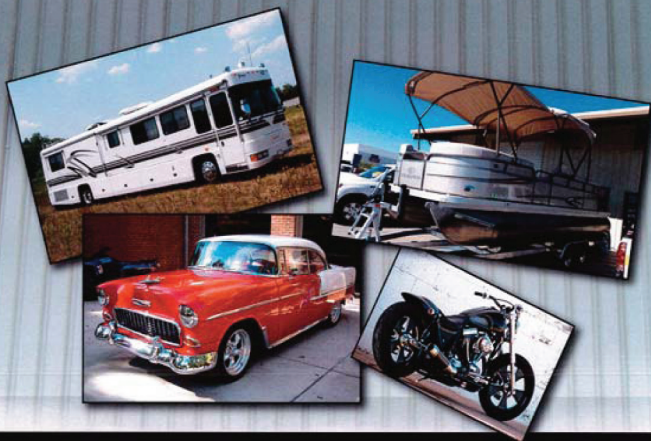
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