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Look What's Coming!

The months of February, March and April are busy months for Wisconsin water-related events and activities. Each one provides an opportunity to learn more about improving water quality.

Some highlight steps that we can incorporate into our own practices while others share steps that others (such as the legislature or the ag community) are taking that will lead to cleaner waters in the future.

Please take a look at some of the interesting and informative events below that you can watch or attend.

14-Mile Watershed 9 Key Element Plan Meetings

Adams County is hosting two informational events about the 14-Mile Watershed 9 Key Element Plan on **March 16th at 5:30pm at the Village of Plainfield Town Hall** and on **March 22nd at 5:30pm at the Town of Rome Community Center.** Both meetings will feature a presentation on current progress of the multi-county plan to improve and protect water quality in the 14-Mile Watershed, followed by a town hall style question and answer session.

Food is provided! This meeting is open to the public and anyone with an interest is highly encouraged to attend. Both meetings will cover the same topic, so attend whichever works best for you!

Making Covers and No-Till Successful Long-Term

We are less than a week away from a presentation with Andy Bensend, a Central Wisconsin Farmer with over 30 years of experience using cover crops and no-till. Join the conversation as Andy shares the challenges he encountered early on, and the successful strategies he maintains in his operation today. This presentation will take place **Friday, February 25th at 9:00AM**.

Register at:
https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqc-6rrTwvHtZbOkV2TgH8DJ0sHLOJ4VyT

To see a schedule of upcoming webinars, visit: https://www.mstc.edu/farm-expo

February 25 2022

9AM-10AM

Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo

Presents:

Making Covers and No-Till Successful Long-Term

Andy Bensend, Central Wisconsin Farmer

Click Here To Register

About Andy

Andy Bensend began his farming career after graduating from UW-River Falls in 1979 with a degree in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in Farm Mgt. After spending time as a dairyman and a seed sales manager, Bensend began renting land in 1988. With a modest tractor, planter, and sprayer he began no-till corn and beans on 80 acres. Over the next next 32 years, he expanded to 5500 acres of corn, corn silage, food grade soybeans, alfalfa, and winter wheat and now consults via AB Ag Services, Inc. He has served on the Wisconsin Soybean Association, Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board, Soy and Specialty Grain Association, and has been involved in the Farmers of Barron County Watersheds.

Join us for a conversation with Andy about the attemps, triumphs, and failures he has had over the years, and the strategies he uses to maintain an efficient and resilient operation.

UWSP College of Natural Resources 2022 Spring Seminar Series

The 8th Annual College of Natural Resources Spring Seminar Series features seven speakers, each representing a different level of policy-setting in Wisconsin. This seminar series highlights the roles of the legislature, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, the Tribal Government, Non-Governmental organizations, and citizens in making decisions affecting our natural resources in Wisconsin.

Free and open to all!

All seminars held in Trainer Natural Resources Building Room 170

Wednesdays, 4 -5 pm

Seminars are also live-streamed via the CNR YouTube Channel!

Join live here:

https://youtu.be/aUXafl5Bcqw

Speakers include:

- **February 16** - **"How do we get Back to Center? Depolarizing Discourse on Key Wildlife Issues,"** Scott Walter, executive director of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
- **March 2** – **"Water Quality Policy in Wisconsin: How the Legislature can Lead,"** State Representative Katrina Shankland, WI 71st Assembly District
- **March 16** – **"The Wisconsin Conservation Congress: Facilitating Public Participation,"** Tony Blattler, Wisconsin Conservation Congress chairman
- **March 30** – **"Citizen Involvement in Wisconsin Natural Resources Decision-Making,"** Christine Thomas, dean emerita and professor emerita
- **April 6 – "DNR's Mission and What (Who) it Takes to Complete it,"** Dan Baumann, secretary's director, West Central unit, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- **April 20** – Title TBA, Greg Kazmierski, chairman, Natural Resources Board

- **April 27** – Title TBA, Jon Greendeer, former president, Ho-Chunk Nation

For more information visit : https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/WCW/Pages/2022-Seminar-Series.aspx

Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention

April 6-8 Stevens Point

Many times we discuss ways to manage or lessen some of the damage we have done to our lakes and rivers. Whether it be trying to control invasive species, restoring shoreland, or limiting the capture of certain fish species, we're often playing "catch-up." While all of those restorations and mitigation strategies are necessary, it is also important to protect our waterways that are still healthy! That's the theme surrounding The 2022 Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention: Protecting What We Love for the Future**.**

The hands-on workshops and engaging presentations during this year's event will be centered around this theme of protecting our water resources. Our look "to the future" means we will also be focusing on success stories and recommendations of resilience, adaptation, and action in a changing climate. We will also be intentional about highlighting efforts and ideas that support diversity, equity, and inclusion in water resource protection and management. Mark your calendars for April 6-8, 2022 and join this unique group of citizen scientists, businesses, and lake, river, and wetland professionals.

While we look forward to seeing you in-person in April, we also realize that some might not be able to travel to Stevens Point for various reasons. Because of this, we will be offering one stream of presentations each day that will be taking place at the Convention Cente

For more information visit:

https://www.eventleaf.com/e/wisconsinlakesandriversconvention#ss

14 Mile Watershed Alliance Meeting - March 14

Please join us for the next 14 Mile Watershed Alliance meeting Monday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m.

at the Rome Town Hall or via Zoom.

Pat Oldenburg, *DNR Wisconsin River TMDL Project Coordinator*,

will discuss the Wisconsin River Basin TMDL

Visit our website later this month for Agenda and Zoom instructions.

The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of surface and groundwater in the 14 Mile Creek Watershed in central Wisconsin. See us at 14milewatershed.org or https://www.facebook.com/14MileWatershed

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