

Public meetings on Ecological Landscapes Regional Master Plans postponed due to weather

Public comment period will be extended through May 3

With a spring snow storm set to impact much of the state, the public open house meetings for the Superior Coastal Plain, Northwest Sands and Northwest Lowlands Ecological Landscapes have been postponed. Concerns over safety for the public and staff traveling to the meetings drove the decision to reschedule.

The public open house meetings will be held later in April. Both meetings run from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be held:

•Tuesday, April 24, Ashland at Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270

County Highway G.

•Wednesday, April 25, Spooner at DNR Service Center, 810 W. Maple St.

While the public meetings have been postponed, people can still learn more about and engage in the planning processes for Superior Coastal Plain, Northwest Sands and Northwest Lowlands regional master plans online by searching the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov, for keywords "master planning" and selecting the ecological landscape they would like to learn about. People will also

find opportunities to offer their input on the planning and management of the properties.

In addition to the opportunities to offer input online or at public meetings, people may contact DNR Planner Phil Rynish, by email at phillip.rynish@wisconsin.gov, phone at 608-266-5854, or U.S. mail at Phil Rynish, Wisconsin DNR, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921.

The public comment period for the first phase of planning will now remain open through May 3, 2018.

New DNR conservation warden already a big fan of Brule area

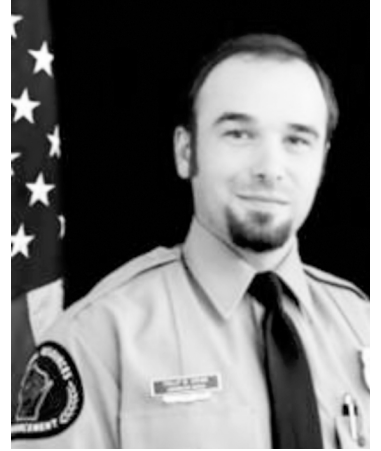
After moving to Douglas County in 2012 to serve the public as a state ranger at Pattison State Park, Phillip Brown accepted another state ranger position two years later at the Brule River State Forest.

And that's when the Department of Natural Resources new conservation warden fell in love with everything the Brule area offers residents and visitors.

"I grew up spending as much of my free time as possible in the outdoors hunting, boating, canoeing, trapping and fishing, especially trout fishing," Brown said. "When the opportunity arose to become a conservation warden in Iron River so close to the Brule River, the decision was an easy one."

The native of Phillips, Wis., whose first day serving the area was March 7, earned his bachelor degree in wildlife ecology/management from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Brown also completed 520 hours of training at Mid-State Technical College's basic recruit academy at Wisconsin Rapids.

"I look forward to maintaining the relationships I've developed over the last 4



Warden Phillip Brown
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years working in Brule, as well as building new ones as I transition into my new role as a conservation warden in western Bayfield County," Brown said.

Brown asks there be no hesitation from anyone to reach out to him. And, he reminds all of the DNR Violation Hotline, a 24/7 service with trained dispatchers who can take your information confidentially and get it to the wardens. Call or text any suspected environmental or wildlife violations to 1-800-TIP-WDNR or 1-800-847-9367.

Spring Election Results

•**Dallet wins Justice of the Supreme Court**

•**State Treasurer and Maple School Spending Referendums both Fail**

April 3, 2018

STATEWIDE RESULTS

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 440,235

*Rebecca Dallet 555,196

QUESTION 1:

Elimination of State Treasurer

Yes 364,971

*No 581,147

BAYFIELD COUNTYWIDE RESULTS

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 1,550

Rebecca Dallet 2,862

County Supervisor, District 3

Larry Fickbohm 431

County Supervisor, District 8

Fred Strand 333

County Supervisor, District 9

Thomas Snilsberg 265

QUESTION 1:

Elimination of State Treasurer

Yes 1,089

No 3,071

TOWNSHIP RESULTS

TOWN OF BELL

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 65

Rebecca Dallet 110

County Supervisor, District 3

Larry Fickbohm 136

Write-in 3

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Jackie Eid 88

*Andrew Sauter Sargent 93

Tom Mason 34

*Jesse Kaseno 125

South Shore School District School Board Member

Town of Tripp

Vote for 1

Frank Lovejoy 73

Keasha Botosh-Wilcox 66

School Board

Member at Large

Robert Schierman 127

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Elimination of State Treasurer

Yes 38

No 128

TOWN OF CLOVER

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 32

Rebecca Dallet 66

County Supervisor, District 3

Larry Fickbohm 77

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Sheryl Isaksson 77

Jack Smith 57

South Shore School District School Board Member

Town of Tripp

Vote for 1

Frank Lovejoy 43

Keasha Botosh-Wilcox 48

School Board

Member at Large

Robert Schierman 76

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Elimination of State Treasurer

Yes 17

No 74

TOWN OF DELTA

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 54

Rebecca Dallet 47

County Supervisor, District 8

Fred Strand 80

Write-in 2

Drummond School District School Board Member

Towns of Barnes

and Highland

Suzanne Widmar 60

School Board Member

Towns of Drummond

and Delta

Jim Crandall 76

Write-in 4

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Elimination of State Treasurer

Yes 34

No 60

TOWN OF HUGHES

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 75

Rebecca Dallet 80

County Supervisor, District 8

Fred Strand 128

Maple School District

School Board

Member at Large

Vote for not more than 2

Adam Landwehr 73

Rachel Zwicky 85

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Elimination of State Treasurer

Yes 53

No 100

"Shall the School District...for the 2018-2019 school year through the 2020-2021 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in...Wisconsin Statutes by \$582,000 each year for non-recurring purposes...?"

Yes 65

No 98

TOWN OF IRON RIVER

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Michael Screnock 151

Rebecca Dallet 171

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Apologies for late paper distribution!

My sincere apologies to my readers and advertisers on the late distribution of this printing of The Connection. It was necessary for me to be with my daughter in Denver, as she had emergency surgery on Friday, April 6 and another surgical procedure on Saturday, April 7. I then felt I needed to stay to make sure she got on her feet when she returned home. I'm happy to say she is on the road to recovery.

Thank you all for your understanding.

Jeanne Gardner, Editor

Cuba is...MORE

The Bay of Pigs; Cuban Missile Crisis, President Kennedy and Fidel Castro are all familiar names if over a certain age or for someone who has studied American History. For some this is about all we know of a country that is only 100 miles from the United States. But isn't a country more?

Come and experience the sights of Cuba through a first-

person account when Gayle Gonsior, Larry Fickbohm, Beth and Pat Palma present their images of Cuba in Iron River at the Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Memorial Library. All will share their travel memories and help provide a different image of this beautiful and diverse country.

The program will be on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 1:00 p.m.