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This year, the Alzheimer's Association will be having a 30 minute walk on Thursday, July 13th after lunch. There will also be MIPPA Bingo, prizes and giveaways in addition to many

booths to visit. There will be 3 participants each day that will be chosen to go into the wind machine! This conference will give caregivers the resources and education they need as they move forward with caring for

their loved one.

If you have any questions or would like further information on the conference, feel free to reach out to Dawn Sargent at the ADRC.

Emergency Management

The biggest news this month is that Rhonda Reynolds is leaving the building. I have been so incredibly fortunate to have had the overlap with Rhonda that I was given. I'm sure I will find that she has transferred more knowledge than I was able to retain, but I will only realize it at the worst possible moment!

Thank you, Rhonda. It has been a great six months! I just hope you don't change your cell phone number or block mine!

Disasters!!

The night of May 16th, the residents of Polk, Barron, Rusk, and Price counties were struck with a tornado. Sadly, one person lost their life and several more were seriously injured. Property damage was severe in several areas. Along with all the other Emergency Management staff in Northwest Wisconsin, I responded to assist in the affected counties. It was a sobering, but very instructive, experience.

On Sunday June 11, Burnett County had a strong wind event that toppled many trees, downed some power lines, blocked some roads, and caused minor damage

to a few structures. It was another sobering and instructive event that pointed out how serious our routine summer thunderstorms can be.

LTPO in BC – We are continuing to work on plans for Long Term Power Outage, and as is often the case, every time a stone is kicked over, there are a number of new surprises. All departments are reviewing and updating their Continuation of Operations plans to include the eventuality of a LTPO. It is a step.

National Prep Month -- September is National Preparedness Month and this year I am focusing on encouraging each household to purchase and store enough food and water for 3-7 days. Burnett County will be partnering with Fourwinds Market and the form of the activity is taking shape. I still need a great a logo and Catch Phrase, so any creative people out there – PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL! As a reminder, I want to move away from the Doomsday Prepper tone to one that might be more approachable, less scary, and one the family (and kids!) can have fun with. HELP!!!

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Grills should be positioned at least 10 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep matches, lighters, and starter fluid out of the reach of children in a locked drawer or cabinet.
- Keep children and pets away from grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use long barbecue mitts and long-handled grilling tools to protect from heat and flames. Periodically remove grease/fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Forestry and Parks

With summer in full swing and the fall season just around the corner, I wanted to take this time to let you know that the Forest & Parks Department does offer a number of different permits on the County Forest. We offer firewood permits, Christmas tree permits and camping permits.

For land owners and/or residents of the county, we offer firewood permits that allow you to collect dead and down wood from County Forest Lands for personal use only. Permits are sold on a per cord basis, with 4 cords being the minimum and 10 cords being the maximum permit per household. The cost is \$8/cords or a minimum of \$32 up to \$80 depending how much wood you would like to pur-

chase. Permits go on sale starting July 1st of each year and run until March 31st of the following year. We then have a spring closure for soft ground conditions, fire season, and to follow recommended Oak Wilt guidelines.

We also offer Christmas tree permits to the general public, which allows them to go out on the County Forest and harvest a Christmas trees. Permits are \$5 per permit and you can obtain up to two permits per household. There are restrictions on the size of tree that can be cut, so be sure to read the instructions that go along with the permit.

We also offer camping permits on the County Forest. You can obtain a permit that will allow you to camp up to 10 consecu-

tive nights on the County Forest for a fee of \$15. These are not at designated camp sites so there are no amenities with the permit. There are also restrictions as to how close to water you can camp. We have some areas on the forest that we do not allow camping. This is all explained in our camping permit brochure.

If you are interested in one of these permits or have questions regarding a permit, please feel free to give us a call with your questions. You can also find this information on our web page at www.burnettcounty.com under the Forest & Parks Department/Permits & Licenses.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer season!

Permits and Licenses

Follow links for more information:

- [Camping Registration and Information](#) - Camping is allowed on the Burnett County Forest with a permit. We can issue a permit at any time during the calendar year of the intended use dates.
- [Christmas Tree Permits](#)
- [Firewood Permits](#) - Firewood permits can be issued to Burnett County residents and landowners beginning July 1 each year through March 31. There is no cutting allowed April 1-June 30 every year primarily due to Oak Wilt located in the county.
- [Hunting and Fishing License](#)
- [Snowmobile/ATV/UTV License & Non-Resident Pass Information](#)
- [Youth Camp - Pictures and Information](#)

Health & Human Services

The Department of Health and Human Services would like to express sincere gratitude to Timbers Theatres and manager Faith Bergeron for the generosity in

supporting our Burnett County foster families. Timbers decided to match the county's contribution so that each of our foster families can have a \$50 gift card

to use at the theater. Please extend your thanks to this local business for the wonderful gesture!

Health & Human Services

What is Elder Abuse?

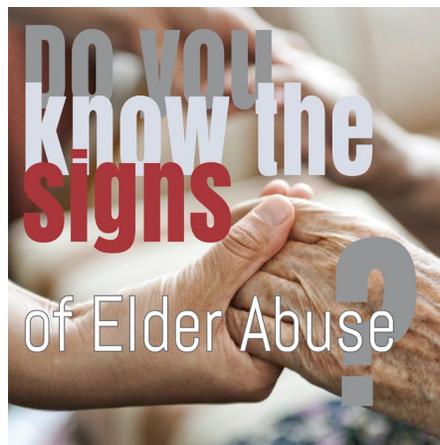
Elder abuse refers to the intentional act of a caregiver or individual that leads to harm of a vulnerable adult. Many victims are medically frail and often depend on others to meet their most basic needs. Other risk factors include Dementia, Mental Illness, Substance Abuse, and social isolation. Six frequently recognized types of elder abuse include:

- **Physical** – Pain or injury as a result of the intentional use of physical force from acts such as hitting, kicking, pushing, slapping and burning.
- **Sexual** – Forced or unwanted sexual interaction.
- **Emotional** – Verbal or non-verbal behaviors that inflict anguish, fear or distress. Examples include name calling or not letting an older adult see friends or family.
- **Neglect** – The failure to meet an older adult's basic needs from a caregiver or through self neglect. Basic needs include food, water, shelter and medical care.
- **Financial** – Illegally or improperly using money, benefits, belongings, property or assets for the benefit of someone other than the older adult. Examples include taking money from an older adult's account without permission, unauthorized credit card, use and changing a will.

Who is at Risk of Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse affects people across all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races. Several factors can increase the risk that someone will hurt an older person. These include using drugs or alcohol, high levels of stress, poor coping skills, lack of social support, emotional or financial dependence of the older adult, struggling with a mental illness and lack of training in caring for an older adult.

Many victims are reluctant to report abuse because they feel ashamed and embarrassed. They can be afraid that the abuser will get in trouble or worry that they will be forced to live in a nursing home. Sometimes they feel guilty or believe they are somehow to blame. It's important to try to stop elder abuse before it starts.



Please visit: <http://www.webmd.com/healthy-aging/elder-abuse-signs#1> to learn about the signs of Elder Abuse.

How Can We Prevent Elder Abuse?

- Listen to older adults and their caregivers to understand their challenges and offer support.
- Educate oneself on the signs of elder abuse.
- Check in often on older adults who have few friends or family members.
- Provide caregivers with respite and emotional support.
- Encourage and assist people struggling with drug and alcohol addictions to seek help.
- Report suspected abuse to Adult Protective Services or call 911 if someone is in immediate danger.

What is Adult Protective Services?

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 7,279 cases of elder abuse were reported in 2015. As the elderly population in Burnett County continues to grow, yearly elder abuse & neglect reports will also increase. Adult Protective Services (APS) is a state-mandated program that helps to ensure the safety of the county's vulnerable adults. An APS social worker addresses potential abuse and neglect for adults-at-risk. When a referral is received, the APS worker completes an investigation which may include interviews

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(both face-to-face and over the telephone) with the potential victim and others involved in the situation, gathers reports from various professionals who may be involved and reviews previous interventions on record at the Human Services Department. After the initial investigation, the APS worker determines what response is needed. Available services may include working with law enforcement, ob-

taining a Guardianship or protective placement, or making referrals to community resources.

Who Do I Call if I Have A Concern?

One phone call can make a difference! Contact Adult Protective Services if you suspect an elder abuse or neglect situation and wish to make a report. When you call you will be asked the details of what has occurred, when and where it took place and the name of the suspected

abuser. To report a concern, contact Burnett County Health & Human Services at 715-349-7600.



Highway Department

Seasonal Employees Make a Difference

Every summer we welcome our seasonal employees back to assist the department in improving, maintaining and repairing of highways. This season's crew consists of four college students. Pictured left to right are: Josiah Wegner, Andrew Coy, Alex Spafford, and Nathan Martin. We also have a retired member

of the department, Jack Erickson, returning for the summer to help.

These valued employees assist with traffic flagging, mowing operations, pot hole patching, crack sealing, other general labor, and assist with traffic studies. They provide the support we need during our busy summer road maintenance and im-

provement season. They obtain on the job training in all areas of small equipment and machinery operation and are required to take a 10-hour OSHA training course which provides the basics for industry safety. We are pleased to have these hard working individuals join our team and assist us in meeting our transportation obligations and departmental goals.



IT Department

Many people think that if you have a good password you can use it on all different types of websites and logins. If it is a strong password then it is not breakable, right? Possibly, but brute force attacks (trying combinations of passwords until you get in) do not happen much anymore.

Hackers have changed to using security exploits to compromise a system. If they can compromise any system on the network, they can use that computer to go after the bigger prizes – the servers and databases. If they can take the password database, then they now have your super secure password that you used everywhere.

Hackers stealing information happens much more than you would think. Has your password been compromised? Find out at this website: <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>. Type in your email address and find out if a business has lost information that contains your email. Details about each hack and what was stolen will be listed.

For me personally, my gmail account information was stolen when an online game Evony was hacked in June 2016. I hadn't played that game for many years but I was still in the system. My work email information was stolen when Adobe was hacked in October 2013.

So how can I use a different password on each website and possibly remember them all? Do not use a word document or post-it note, you need to use an encrypted password database. With an encrypted database, you need to remember one password to open the file, then you can store all your passwords in that database. The IT department uses a shared password database that currently holds 126 different passwords (<http://keepass.info/>). If the file is encrypted with a strong encryption and you have a good long password then your password file is fairly safe. Or at least as safe as you can make it.

Land and Water Conservation

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a non-native, invasive plant that destroys healthy native forests and rapidly overtakes yard and garden areas. One of the worst invasive plants in Wisconsin, this nasty invader can completely monopolize the forest floor in just a few years. It thrives in a wide range of light conditions including full sun and shade, and can smother native spring plants through its high populations and early germinating abilities. Early spring is a good time to identify and control

first-year plants and the mature second-year plants before they produce flowers and seed.

To prevent spreading the plant, always brush off your shoes, clothes, bike tires, and camping equipment before leaving parks or other natural areas that are infested with garlic mustard to prevent its spread.

If you only have a handful of plants, take care of them before they become a big problem:

1. Hand-pull smaller patches of garlic mustard and bag it immediately for trash disposal. Label the bag "invasive plant for dis-

posal" so no one is tempted to add them to a compost pile.

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Garlic Mustard plant in early spring

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2. Garlic mustard can be mowed down to the ground before it flowers, however, re-visit the site to follow up on the re-sprouts by either hand pulling them or using a herbicide treatment.

3. Spot treatment with Roundup during the bolting/flowering stage of garlic mustard in the spring will also work effectively on the mature plants and can control the germinated seedlings. However, any drift of the herbicide can affect desired species, and so this treatment is recommended only at the worst sites that have less desirable species.

If you have a larger patch, break the process down into smaller jobs so that you are not over-

whelmed:

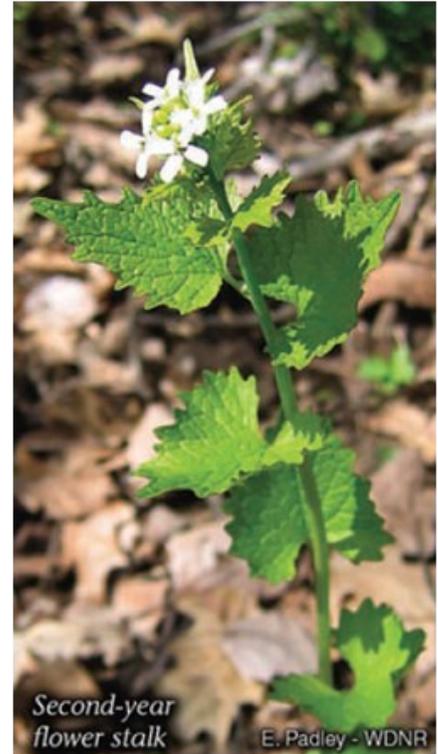
1. Spray with Roundup before desired plants emerge in spring, and in fall after other plants have gone dormant. Always read the pesticide label before applying the product.

2. Annually look for newly germinated plants every spring and fall. Plants green up first in the spring and stay green longer in the fall than most other vegetation.

This Landowner Helpful Tip is brought to you by the St. Croix – Red Cedar Cooperative Weed Management Area (SC-RC CWMA) of which Burnett County LWCD is a member. For more information about the CWMA and invasive species, contact the Burnett County

LWCD at

lwcd@burnettcounty.org or call us at 715.349.2186.



University of Wisconsin-Extension and Tourism

We are excited to announce that Allie Webster officially started work as the 4-H Youth & Family Development Summer Intern on June 1st. Allie was a member of Burnett County 4-H



Allie Webster – 2017 4H Intern

for 11 years and recently completed her first year of college at UW-Green Bay. We look forward to Allie sharing her skills with us.

Some projects she will be working on include: promoting 4-H at the Sheriff Department's Summer Rec Program at Webster Elementary Playgrounds on Wednesdays, Webster Library Summer Reading Program, July 26th 12:30-2:00 p.m., and National Night Out, August 1st 5:00-8:00 p.m. Allie will also be a great help at both 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp for youth in grades 5K-2nd grade and at 4-H Summer Camp for youth ages 8-11. Cloverbud Day Camp will be July 11th and 4-H Summer camp will be July 11-

14th both camps will be held at Camp Burnett on Lake 26. Allie will also be working on many other projects to help our office during the busy summer months.

For more information about the events listed above, find a copy of the 2017 Summer Event Guide in the brochure rack next to the elevator on the first floor or contact Beth Rank for a copy. The Guide was distributed to more than 1400 youth throughout Burnett County thanks to a grant from Polk Burnett Operation Round-Up.