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We've had it so long
I'm here for you til the end of time
Now close your eyes.

Dum Dum

Happy 50th Anniversary

~ April 24 ~

Marlee & Carl Kubaskie!

From Family & Friends

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Spring Boy's Toys Sale

Saturdays thru May 2

- ~ 2008 **Honda 450TRX** (very fast) Low Hours
- ~ 2008 **Polaris Sportsman 700** (4x4)
- ~ (2) **1995 Kawasaki 900zxi Jet Ski w/Trailer**
- ~ 2015 **Ski-Doo Formula550 Snowmobile**
- ~ 2006 **FLHTCU** (Screaming Eagle) **Harley Davidson**
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READY, SET, VOTE

A VERY important moment in American history happens this year. Be a part of it. The nonpartisan Spring Elections are over. Next come the partisan primaries on August 11, when voters choose the candidates that we want to represent them.
Then the mid-term elections happen November 3.
Sometimes these seem like a side-show to politics, less important than the presidential race. But this year they are absolutely **the main event.** After November 3 we will have the same president, but **one third of the power our government - the legislature – may change.**

Some politicians will do what they can to stop you from voting. They want you to prove ***again and again*** that you are a citizen. They say there is a lot of voter fraud in our country. But all studies show voter fraud is VERY rare. But when registering to vote becomes harder, some people give up and decide not to vote. That helps those who want fewer people to vote.

Here is what you can do to get ready:

- Be sure you have a **valid driver's license or ID.**
- Be sure your *correct address* is in the system. Update your address at the DMV or online at **myvote.wi.gov.**
- **REGISTER TO VOTE.** You can do it three ways.
- **#1** Bring your valid ID to your city, town or village clerk and register in person
- **#2** Register on line at **myvote.wi.gov** or
- **#3** Register at the polling location when you vote early or in-person on election day.
- **If you need to vote ABSENTEE**, ask your clerk for a ballot or request one online at **myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee.** When you have the ballot, vote **right away**. Sign it in front of witnesses (an adult friend or family member). **Make sure all parts of the form are complete.** Mail in or hand deliver the ballot. They may not accept it if it arrives late – even if it is post marked on time.
- **For EARLY VOTING** call your clerk and set up a time to vote.

If you vote in person, bring your **valid ID or Driver's license.** Expect to stand in line. Respect poll workers – they are there to help. Don't let anyone scare you away from voting. You are an American citizen. Your right to vote is in the law, and is in your bones and your soul.

Maybe you never voted before. **About 1/3 of Americans have never voted.** Some elections seem boring and irrelevant. This is not one of them. Learn what you need to know. Ask questions. Get your papers together. **Then Vote.**

You may not have another chance. - Really -

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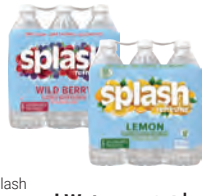

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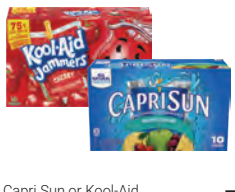

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$10.00 per item for these types of Appliances...

Refrigerators/Freezers	Washers/Dryers	Small Kitchen appliances
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Any questions contact: Jackson County Zoning, Planning & POWTS Department
307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615 • Phone: 715-284-0220
Email for more information: zoning@jacksoncountywi.gov

Trout Run Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

Sun., April 26, 6:30pm at Trout Run United Methodist Church

All Are Welcome to Attend

THRIFT SALE

At the Globe Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Thurs., April 23 & Fri., April 24
• 8am - 6pm •

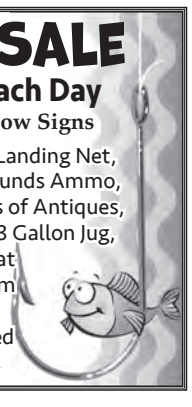
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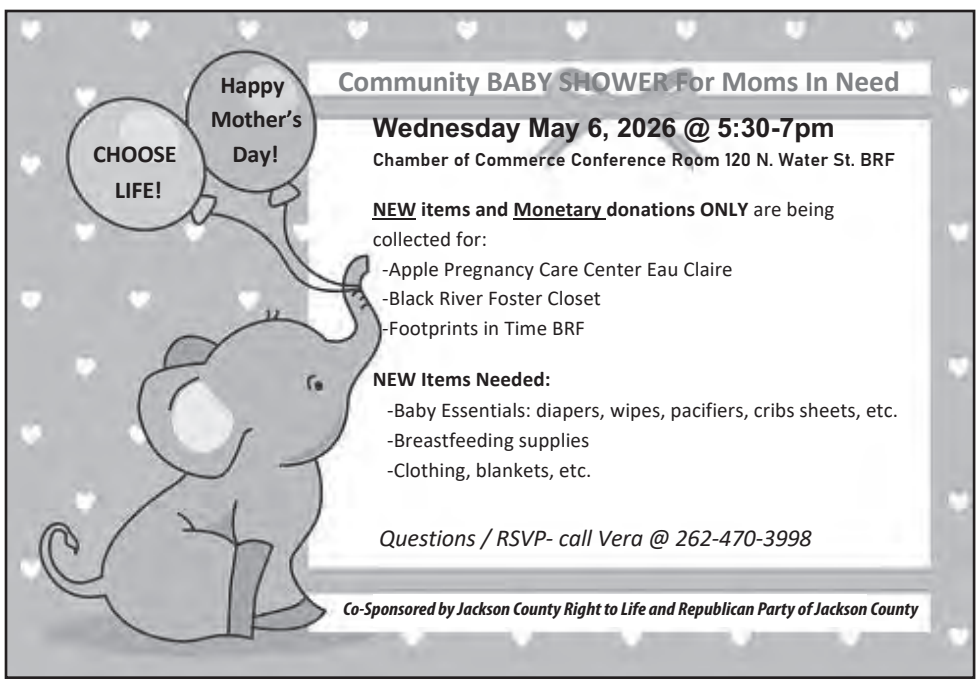
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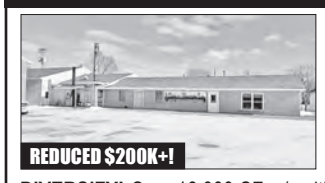
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MACHINERY

- New Idea 10A manure spreader (all new wood)
- 22" Belle City thrashing machine (belts included)
- 5'x10' box wagon
- McCormick corn binder
- 2- NO. 7 silo fillers
- C-40 silo filler (needs new bearings)
- 7' McCormick grain binder with canvas
- 6' McCormick grain binder with canvas
- 8' McCormick Deering grain drill (wooden wheels)
- 8' MM grain drill
- John Deere 336 baler
- Milwaukee engine (needs repair)
- Potato digger (needs parts)
- 3- 24' feeder wagons on rubber
- 16" Bear Cat grinder with auger intake
- 4 cylinder Duetz motor on gear
- 8' Oliver double roll packer
- McCormick side delivery rake
- John Deere 8' single disc
- 4'x8' 2 wheeled trailer on rubber
- 16' car hauler tandem axle (no title)
- Kewanee 500 elevator
- Hay elevator on transport
- McCormick 9 bar green crop hay loader
- New Idea hay loader
- I&J 2 row cultivator
- Gravity box on rubber gear
- Old style hay tedder (kicker)
- Liquid PTO manure pump
- McCormick NO. 9 6 bar hay mower
- McCormick NO. 7 5 bar hay mower
- 2 bottom 12" trailer plow
- Pioneer 1 bottom plow (old style, no back wheel)
- Flare box on steel gear
- 7' quack digger
- New Holland roller bar hay rake
- 2 bottom 14" trailer plow on rubber
- 2 bottom 14" trailer plow
- Allis-Chalmers buzz saw rig (motor seized)
- 4 section spring tooth harrow
- 3'x11' box wagon
- 10' disc
- Rack wagon on steel gear
- 7' snow blade
- Zimmerman band sawmill with trailer package (low hours)
- Single top buggy in good shape
- Single top buggy in rough shape

BUILDING MATERIALS

- Lots of used 10" and 8" cement blocks
- Lots of rough cut 2'x6' and 2'x4' lumber
- Used doors and windows
- Steel trim, soffat, etc
- Pile of corrugated steel
- Glass window blocks
- Bags of screws in different colors
- Approx 1000 4/4 black walnut air dried 3 years
- White pine bar tops
- Rustic oak lumber
- Small wood stove
- Like new shop stove
- Jensen wood furnace setup with fan

SHOP ITEMS

- Heavy duty Grizzly model G-1201 drill press
- Craftsman 12" band saw
- Craftsman 10" radial arm saw
- Delta table saw with swing arm (nice!)
- Craftsman table saw
- Dewalt 12" double bevel chop saw (needs repair)
- 10" Grizzly meat cutting band saw with grinder

MISC

- 16 cattle panels
- 3 calf hutches
- 2- 4'x4' j & D box fans
- 2- 250 gallon fuel barrels
- Well Mate pressure tank
- Rheem hot water heater
- Bolt bins
- Lots of store shelving
- Buggy wheels
- Filing cabinets
- Knee hole desks
- Clipper fanning mill
- Locust fence posts
- Tree stands
- Ladder stands
- Cement mixer
- 4 wash machines (good!)

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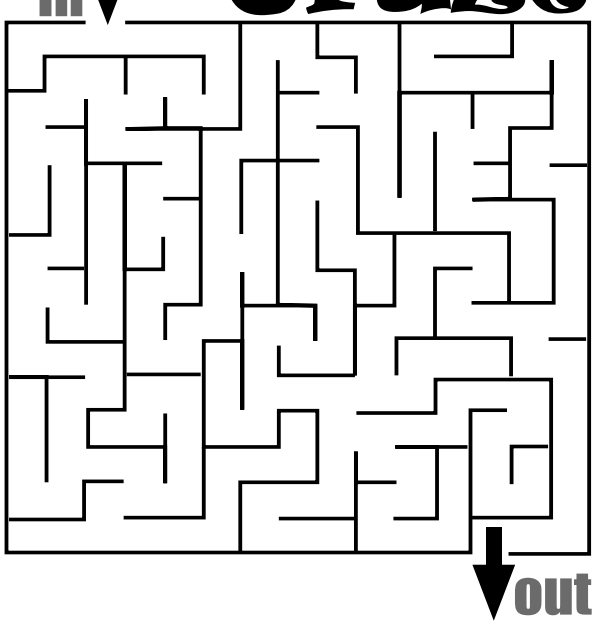
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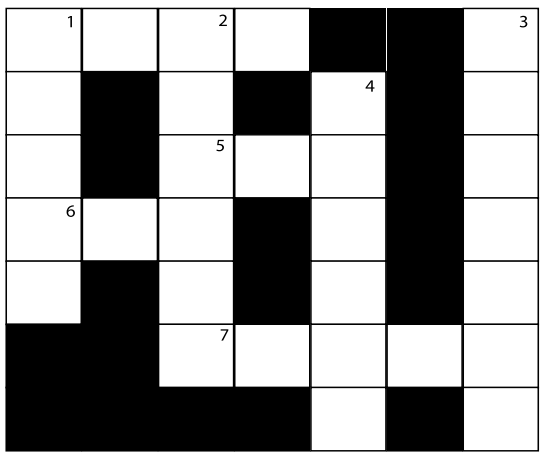
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3. Cleans teeth with special string
4. Consecutive effect

Answers:
Across
1. Soda 5. Ego 6. Lot 7. Rinse
Down
1. Smile 2. Dieter 3. Flosses 4. Domino

SUDOKU

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5	7	2	4	1	9	3	6	8
4	3	6	8	9	5	7	1	2
1	8	2	7	6	3	9	4	5
2	1	7	5	9	8	6	3	4
3	6	9	1	5	7	4	2	8
9	4	5	6	2	8	1	7	3

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Q. If April showers bring May flowers then what do May flowers bring? A. Pilgrims!

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A. A jellybutton

Q. Why did the parrot wear a raincoat?
A. So he could be polyunsaturated

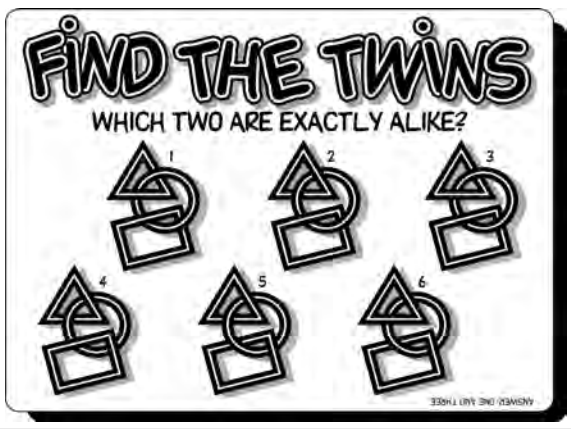
Q. How much does a pirate pay for his corn?
A. A buccaneer

Q. What do mermaids have on toast?
A. Mermerlade

Q. How do porcupines play leapfrog?
A. Very carefully!

Q. What works only when it's fired?
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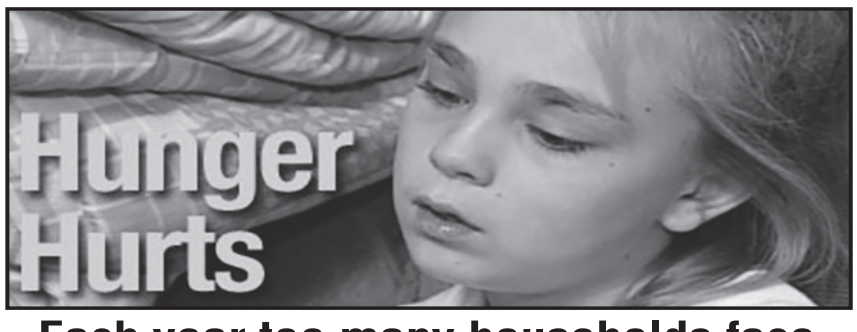
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NOTICE TOWN OF GRANT
BOARD OF REVIEW
will be on May 1st, 2026
from 3:00-5:00 pm at the
Town Hall on W3696 Ridge Rd.,
Granton, WI 54436

Rhonda L. Pernsteiner,
Town of Grant Clerk WNAXLP

Chicken Coops For SALE
7 sizes and most sizes in stock!
Do you have chickens?
Well, you need a coop!
Contact:
Jerry Yoder
W6659 153 Rd, Greenwood, WI 54457

SENIOR NUTRITION MENU
For Greenwood

Mon., Apr. 27: Tater Tot Casserole, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, 3 Bean Salad, Wheat Bread & Butter, Dessert, Milk
Tues., Apr. 28: Chef Salad, Craisins, Garlic Breadstick, Fruited Jell-O, Milk
Wed., April 29: Ham Au Gratin, Asparagus, Side Salad, Biscuit & Butter, Carrot Cake, Milk
Thurs., April 30: Chili, Tomato Basil Salad, Blushing Pears, Cornbread & Butter, Cinnamon Roll, Milk
Fri., May 1: Loaded Baked Potato, Broccoli, Grapes, Dinner Roll & Butter, Zucchini Bread, Milk

Coffee Available at Center
Please Note: Occasionally there may be substitutions to the menu due to shortages from our food distributors.

People 60 years of age and older are encouraged to use the Nutrition Program. Please call **24 hrs.** ahead to reserve or cancel a meal by contacting the ADRC Office at 715-743-7117 or 1-866-743-5144.
Meal reservations and cancellations are needed by NOON (12PM) one business day in advance.
The suggested contribution donation per meal is $4.50. Thank you.
All menu items are prepared in kitchens that are not allergen-free. We cannot guarantee that food allergens will not be transferred through cross-contact.

AD DEADLINE WEDNESDAY @ 3:00PM

NOTICE TOWN OF GRANT
OPEN BOOK
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Granton, WI 54436

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Town of Grant Clerk WNAXLP

ADRC OF JACKSON COUNTY • APRIL 27 - MAY 1
SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM MENUS
All Sites Provide Bread & Butter, Milk or Coffee
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL HOME-DELIVERED & STARRED (**) SITES.
CALL 715-284-3978

BLACK RIVER FALLS HOME-DELIVERED • MON-FRI
11am - 1pm • 715-284-1322
All meals come with bread w/margarine & 1% or skim milk
MON: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, diced peaches
TUES: Tator tot hotdish, squash, fruit cup, chocolate chip cookie
WED: Meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, tomatoes, apple juice, pudding
THURS: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, red kidney beans, applesauce
FRI: Breaded fish, mashed potatoes, broccoli, strawberry shortcake

TAYLOR GENERAL STORE & CAFÉ • MON-FRI
715-662-2225
MON: Beef roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit
TUES: Open face pork sandwich, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit
WED: Goulash, noodles, mixed vegetables, fruit
THURS: Farmers hotdish, potatoes, corn, fruit
FRI: Fish, potato, coleslaw, mixed fruit

MELROSE • CONGREGATE • MON-THURS
Site Location: L&M Café, 608-488-2611
Served 11am-1pm
All meals come with bread, butter, 1% milk, coffee or tea
MON: Broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, country blend veg., gelatin w/fruit
TUES: Spaghetti w/meat & tomato sauce, wax beans, fruit, garlic toast
WED: Brat, american fries, baked beans, fruit
THURS: Fish, augratin potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, fruit

MERRILLAN • CONGREGATE • MON-FRI
Site Location: Merrillan Café, 715-333-9200
Served 11am-1pm
All meals come with bread & butter, 1% milk, coffee or tea
MON: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, peas, salad
TUES: Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad
WED: Polish sausage & kraut, american fries, peas, salad
THURS: Spaghetti w/meat & tomato sauce, garlic toast, green beans, salad
FRI: Fish, potato, green beans/corn, salad, fruit

MILLSTON • WED-THURS
Site Location: TK 400 Club, 715-284-0072 • Served 11am-1pm
All meals come with bread & butter, 1% milk, coffee or tea
WED: Beef tips over noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit
THURS: Scalloped potatoes & ham, peas, fruit

Clark County Humane Society's Pet of the Week

"DARLA"
Darla is the CCHS Pet of the Week!



Darla came to CCHS as a stray from the township of Fremont earlier this January. This pretty Red Heeler is about one year and eight months old (estimated Date of Birth 7/8/24) and weighs roughly 38.2# currently. She is a good-looking girl with her speckled red and white coat. Darla is an absolute ray of awkward sunshine! And she's ready and willing to learn everything you'd like for her to be a really good dog. She is an energetic girl who would love to find a family to romp around with all day. Darla would prefer being the only dog in her new home so that she doesn't have to share her food and treats. Plus then she could soak ap all of the attention she can get! With any rescue, training and socialization are incredibly important to the success of the dog. If you're looking to find a happy new best friend, please apply to adopt Darla today! You can submit your adoption application on our website: www.cchs-petshelter.org/applying-to-adopt.

Do you have a love for cats and dogs and have been thinking it would be nice to help out at CCHS? Well, now's your chance! Whether it's a few hours a week, one day a month, or something in between, this is your opportunity to try it out. We are very much in need of volunteers! You can learn more and sign up on our website: https://www.cchs-petshelter.org/ volunteer or email April at cchsoutreach1@gmail.com. Come join our CCHS volunteer family!

CLARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
12-3 PM Mon / Wed / Fri / Sat • 7.5 mi. SE of Neillsville on Hwy 73
W3926 St. Hwy. 73, PO Box 127, Neillsville, WI 54456
State License #268235-DS
715-743-4550 • www.cchs-petshelter.org
petshelter@email.com • www.facebook.com/petshelter

NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS TIMBER STUMPAGE

The Clark County Forestry and Parks Committee, Courthouse, Neillsville, Wisconsin will receive sealed bids for county forest timber stumpage until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 7, 2026. Contact the Forestry Office for detailed cutting requirements and maps of all tracts. The Forestry and Parks Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Bids will be publicly opened in Room 101 at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court Street, Neillsville, Wisconsin and viewable online at the following web address: https://www.clarkcountywi.gov/timber-sale-bid-opening starting at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2026. The committee will award contracts during their regular meeting on May 12, 2026. Any unsold timber sales will be re-advertised for sale via sealed bid for the June 4, 2026 bid opening.

Clark County Forestry & Parks Committee
John Wendorski, Forest Administrator WNAXLP

Notice of Sale of Clark County Property and Request for Bids

The Clark County Forestry and Parks Committee is accepting bids for the sale of the following ~40-acre property:

PARCEL ID 028.0648.000; LOCATION: Section 34, Town of Levis; ASKING PRICE: $60,000.00

A more detailed legal description with map can be found on Clark County's website (www.co.clark.wi.us).

Bidders shall submit sealed bids by 1:00 pm., Tuesday, May 5, 2026 to: Curtiss Lindner, Forestry and Parks Director, 517 Court Street, Room 103, Neillsville, WI 54456. A public bid opening will be held immediately following the bid deadline at the Forestry and Parks Department office at the above address.

This is a landlocked parcel. All bidders must own property immediately adjacent to or be able to demonstrate legal access to the real property being offered for sale.

Property is sold "as-is" and where-is" without any warranties or representations. Bidders shall complete and submit the Clark County bid form, which is available upon request from the Clark County Forestry and Parks Department office. Bidders shall include 20% earnest deposit with your bid made payable to "Clark County Treasurer". Full payment will be due within 30 days of bid acceptance. Clark County may accept bids less than the asking price but will only accept bids that are most advantageous to the county. Clark County reserves the right to accept or reject a bid and waive any technicalities in a bid.

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TOWN OF MENTOR
Annual Meeting

The Town of Mentor will hold its **Annual Meeting** on **Sat. April 18, 2026 at 10 a.m.**, in the Mentor Town Hall.

Dated 2nd day of April 2026
Jack Ikhtiari Sr–Clerk/Treasurer WNAXLP

Town of Grant – Gravel Bids

Town of Grant, Clark County is seeking Bids / Proposals from qualified vendors for supplying and delivery of approximately 13,500 Tons more or less of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Specification Gradation 3/4" Crushed Aggregate Base Course delivered anywhere in the Town.

Bids / Proposals shall conform to the requirements and specifications noted on the bid / proposal form. Bid / Proposal documents shall be obtained from the Town. Bid / Proposal shall be submitted on Town bid form and signed by the vendor.

Sealed Bids / Proposals shall be received by the Town no later than 7:00 pm on May 6th, 2026; bids / proposals will be publicly opened and recorded at that time. The vendor is solely responsible to ensure Bids / Proposals are received before the deadline at the designated location. Bids / Proposals may be awarded by the Town at a later date.

The Town of Grant reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids / Proposals, or parts thereof, and waive any technicalities.

Ronald Vine, Chairman
Town of Grant
W3866 Hill Rd., Granton, WI 54436
Phone (715) 937-1284 WNAXLP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: Clark County 2026 Chemical Site Preparation
DEPARTMENT: Clark County Forestry & Parks
PURPOSE: Tree Planting Site Prep – 235 acres of Spray Application

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
- *See "EXHIBIT A" of the enclosed sample contract

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND DUE?
IF DUE, AMOUNT FOR EACH TYPE OF BOND
PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED
- 10% of accepted bid value
- Performance bond due with signed contract prior to commencement of the project.

DEADLINE FOR BID SUBMISSIONS
Friday, May 1, 2026 @ 11:00 am

SUBMIT BID TO THIS ADDRESS
517 Court Street, Rm 103
Neillsville, WI 54456

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO
Jake Woodley, Forester – 715-743-5152

DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS RFB
1. Bid Proposal
2. Clark County Standard Bidding Terms and Conditions (will apply)
3. Bidder's Bid Form
4. Sample Contract w/Site Maps

BIDDER RESPONSE SHALL INCLUDE
1. Envelope Marked: "2026 Site Prep Bid"
2. Completed Bidder's Bid Form
3. Proof of Insurance

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EMPLOYMENT

~ HELP WANTED ~
Seeking PT office assistant temp to hire.
Also seeking PT seasonal groundskeeper at local family run resort.
Please send resume to pheasantridge01@gmail.com

JC RECYCLING Center open Wed. 7:30am-3pm; Sat. 8am-2pm. Located behind former Jackson Electric Bldg.

ANDREW BLACKHAWK American Legion Auxiliary Unit 129 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm at the American Legion Post129 Building.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings. Mon, Wed, Friday, 12:00-1:00, open meetings. 22 South First St, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Red door in alley. Contact Tena Quackenbush.

TELE-CARE IS a free telephone reassurance outreach service for older adults and people with disabilities who live in the toll-free area of BRF. Sponsored by Partners of Black River Memorial Hospital. Tele-Care is a daily telephone call to check on your well-being. It is a way to let someone know you are all right. Members of Partners make calls every morning, including weekends and holidays. If you or someone you care about would like this service or more info. call 715-284-5361.



RLJ TRUCKING
is in need of a Class B CDL Dump Truck Driver. Wages based on experience.
Call 715-299-8484 or email: jrandrebecca@gmail.com

HELP WANTED
Licensed Beautician/Barber
to run Taylor Barbershop in Taylor, WI.
Contact Dave at 262-308-4825

Front Desk Person
Busy healthcare facility seeking part-time and full-time front desk person. Tasks would include front desk duties such as answering phones, scheduling patients, scanning and taking payments. Looking for someone upbeat, energetic and comfortable in a fast paced environment. Salary range $17-$21. Matching 401K.
Please send resumes to
administrativeassistantjfc@gmail.com
Black River Falls, WI, 54615

Ad Deadline
Wednesday @ 3 PM

JOB OPENING:
Deputy Village Utility/Clerk-Treasurer

The Village of Merrillan has an upcoming opening for the position of **Deputy Village Utility/Clerk-Treasure.**

This is a full-time position (32 hours per week) with a schedule of **7:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.** The Village offers a comprehensive benefits package, including health, vision, and dental insurance, WRS retirement, and PTO.

Applications along with full job deprescription can be picked up at the Village Hall during regular business hours or online at merrillanwi.gov
Applications are due by **3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.**

The Village of Merrillan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



AD DEADLINE FOR THE BANNER JOURNAL, CLARK CO. PRESS & THE SHOPPER IS WEDNESDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Clark County Press

IMMEDIATE OPENING
• SPORTS REPORTER •

The Clark County Press is seeking a part-time sports reporter to cover Neillsville High School sports.
10-15 hours per week.
THIS POSITION IS HOME-BASED

Email resume with references to:
Tom Finger, Finger Publishing
email: tfinger@fingerpub.com

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Love Animals? Join Our Team at Jackson County Animal Shelter! Jackson County is looking for compassionate and dedicated individuals to join our team as an Animal Shelter Worker! If you have a passion for animals and enjoy helping your community, this could be the perfect opportunity for you.

What You'll Do:
- Provide care, feeding, and attention to shelter animals
- Maintain clean and safe kennel areas
- Assist with client services at the shelter

Position Details:
* Hours: 15-20 per week
* Pay: $13.00 per hour (no benefits)
* Requirements: Must be 18+ with a high school diploma (or equivalent), a valid Wisconsin driver's license, and reliable transportation.

Make a difference in the lives of animals—apply today!
Visit our Employment Opportunities page at **www.co.jackson.wi.us** or scan the QR code.
First review of applications will be April 28, 2026.

Jackson County Human Resources Department
307 Main Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-0216
www.co.jackson.wi.us
Jackson County is an EEO/AA/ADA Employer
Jackson County is a Family Friendly Workplace

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED

The Warrens Cranberry Festival, Inc is seeking a detailed-oriented, people focused individual as our General Manager. The position is responsible for planning, organizing, and executing Festival events from inception to completion.
See Warrens Cranberry Festival webpage for more information and link to apply.
www.cranfest.com
DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2026

NORMANDY Transport

NORMANDY TRANSPORT HAS MILK HAULING ROUTES IN THIS AREA AND IS LOOKING TO HIRE
Full-Time/ Part-Time, relief driver.
Class B license at a minimum with tanker endorsement. We use Straight frame trucks and we haul mostly Organic Milk from farm to Plants in the state.
715-429-1000 call/txt

HELP WANTED - BOOKKEEPER

Part-time bookkeeper with Quickbooks Online experience.

Stetzer Consulting, LLC, Blair, WI
Call Adam at 608-989-2571

JOIN OUR TEAM... WE'RE HIRING!

ASL Educational Interpreter

The School District of Neillsville is seeking a DPI Certified ASL Educational Interpreter for the 2026-27 School Year.

As an ASL Educational Interpreter you will be responsible for:
- facilitating communication between a deaf or hard of hearing student and hearing individuals.
- working one-on-one with the student in the classroom, assemblies, meetings, conferences, and at other school events.
- prepping by reviewing materials to become familiar with the content language.
- collaborating with all individuals to make sure communication preferences are met.

The regular hours for this position are 7:30 am-3:30 pm. Wage is negotiable, and optional benefits are available. Please contact Kory Poeschel, Director of Special Education, at kpoeschel@neillsvillek12.org or 715-743-8806 if you have any questions. Please apply through WECAN or email your resume to kpoeschel@neillsvillek12.org

CLARK COUNTY

Clark County, WI
Founded in 1853

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Campground Maintenance/Dam Operator and Specialist Positions – Forestry & Parks
Seasonal, Non-Benefit Positions

Rehab Supervisor – ADS (Greenwood)
Full-Time, Benefit Position

Rehab Supervisor w/ CDL – ADS (Greenwood)
(required within 6 mo. of hire)
Full-Time, Benefit Position;
Part-Time, Non-Benefit Position

Maintenance Technician – ADS (Greenwood)
Full-Time, Benefit Position

For full details and to apply, visit our Employment Opportunities page at www.clarkcountywi.gov.
Clark County Human Resources Department
517 Court Street, Room 574
Neillsville, WI 54456
715.743.5224
www.clarkcountywi.gov

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WE'RE HIRING



PART-TIME SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

Pay is competitive and aligned with experience.
Flexible scheduling: 10-15 hours per week.

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field preferred.
- 3+ years of experience in an accounting role.
- This position is within a nonprofit organization.

APPLY NOW

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Visit our website
WWW.LUNDACOMMUNITYCENTER.COM
Contact us
715-670-0790 EXT. 103
Come see us
405 HWY 54, BRF, WI 54615

Deadline: May 7, 2026

AD DEADLINE WEDNESDAY @ 3:00PM

HELP WANTED

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER

Full Time Relief RN (Behavioral Health)

$2,000 Sign-On Bonus

The Trempealeau County Health Care Center has an opening for a Full-Time Relief RN in Whitehall. The position will be working at our main facility, behavioral health units. Primarily 2nd shift: however, an occasional overnight shift may be scheduled. 80 hours per pay period. Every other weekend.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Professional leader leading by example.
- Collaborate with other units to ensure resident care is being followed.
- Advise for treatments and medications in accordance with medical staff policies in the absence of a physician.
- Arrange emergency procedures and reallocate personnel during emergencies.
- Performs hands-on care and monitors for compliance with infection control and good quality standards.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Directly supervises staff and carries out supervisory responsibilities.
- Psychiatric assessment skills, psychotropic medication knowledge, psychiatric behavior mgmt.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:
- Current RN
- Current Licensure by State Board of Nursing. CPR certification.

TO APPLY: Contact 715-613-8930 (text/call), visit TCHCC.com to fill out an application or apply on Indeed.

TCHCC is an EEOC employer and complies with the provisions of the ADA

HELP WANTED

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER

2nd-Shift RN (Behavioral Health)

$2,000 Sign-On Bonus

Pay: $37.97 – $39.88 per hour

JOB DESCRIPTION:
The Trempealeau County Health Care Center has an opening for a Full-Time RN in Whitehall. The position will be working at our main facility, behavioral health units. 2nd shift: 2 pm - 10 pm. Every other weekend and every other holiday.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Professional leader leading by example.
- Collaborate with other units to ensure resident care is being followed.
- Advise for treatments and medications in accordance with medical staff policies in the absence of a physician.
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TCHCC is an EEOC employer and complies with the provisions of the ADA

We are Hiring, for a complete list of positions available please visit our Careers page:

Operators
Quality Technician

Nelson Global

For more information and to apply use the QR code above.
Feel free to direct any questions to the below email address:
Amanda.karau-skar@nelsongp.com



Lawn & Garden Guide

Prepare a yard for evening entertaining

Even when the sun goes down, the opportunity to entertain outdoors is still possible. Transforming a backyard into an evening oasis does not necessarily require major renovations, but it should involve adjusting the atmosphere to facilitate comfort and visibility. The following tips can help hosts optimize outdoor spaces for nighttime events.

Layered lighting

Lighting is the main priority when hosting at night. Lighting establishes ambiance and creates safety in the space. Hosts should avoid floodlights which can be too harsh and create a clinical feeling. Instead, melding different lighting options together can set the scene. String lights provide a warm, even glow that can outline the perimeter and "ceiling" of an outdoor room. Low-voltage LEDs or solar lights can make walkways more visible and call attention to changes in elevation. Accent lighting, such as small spotlights uplighting trees or architectural features, will create depth and keep the yard from feeling like an abyss beyond the patio or deck.

Create focal points

Individuals will gather around various focal points in the yard. These established zones will encourage conversation and other activities. A fire pit is a natural magnet for outdoor events. Arrange seating around the fire pit to keep conversation flowing. An outdoor bar also is a great place for people to gather, whether it's stocked with alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks. Mark off an area where people can mingle and dance. Set up an outdoor speaker in this area.

Outdoor comfort

Contending with bugs and weather is a natural side effect of spending time outdoors, particularly in the evening. Citronella candles can keep mosquitoes and gnats at bay. A simple electric floor fan also can be effective against mosquitoes, which are weak fliers that can't fly against the breeze. A fire pit, propane patio heater and a basket of blankets can help tame the chills if the temperature drops. Keeping pop-up canopies at the ready will help if rain starts to fall.

Accessibility to food and drink

Beyond the bar, having self-service stations in various spots enables guests to grab food or drink as needed instead of having to trek indoors. Make sure these spots are well-lit. Space drinks away from the food to prevent traffic jams. Invest in some covered containers that will keep food safe from ants or flying insects and trays to easily transport glassware and other items back into the house.

A yard can be a magical place to entertain at night when hosts take a few extra steps to ready the space.



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2026 X350 Lawn Tractor
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4.9% for 60 months[2]
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SAVE $100[6]

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- Mow up to 2 acres
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- 23 HP* (17 kW) V-Twin engine
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- 3-year/200-hour bumper-to-bumper warranty[1]



4.9% for 60 months[2]
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2026 X570 Lawn Tractor
Price - $8,199
- 24 hp (17.9 kw)* itorque™ power system
- 48-in. (122 cm) Accel deep™ mower deck
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- 4 year/500 hour bumper-to-bumper warranty[1]



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$155/mo

SAVE $1,250 on Z700 M Zero-Turns![4]

2026 Z730M Zero-Turn - $9,509
Cash Price - $9,009 (SAVE $1,250!)
- 24-hp (17.9 kw)* fs series engine
- 60-in. high-capacity pro mower deck with welded deck reinforcements
- 22.5-in. seat with adjustable armrests, springs and comfortglide™ suspension
- cut height adjustment dial adjusts mower in ¼-in. increments from 1.5 - 5 inches



2.9% for 72 months[2]
$144/mo

SAVE $1,500 on Z700 R Zero-Turns![4]

2026 Z740R Zero-Turn - $10,379
Cash Price - $9,879 (SAVE $1,500!)
- 23.5-hp (17.5 kw)* fx series engine
- 60-in. high-capacity pro mower deck with welded deck reinforcements
- 24-in. seat with fully adjustable mechanical suspension
- cut height adjustment dial adjusts mower in ¼-in. increments from 1.5 - 5 inches



2.9% for 72 months[2]
$158/mo

SAVE $750 on Z900 Zero-Turns![5]

2025 Z920M Zero Turn - $14,494
Cash Price: $13,499 (SAVE $950!)
- 23.5-hp gas engine
- 60-in. Side Discharge Mower Deck
- 24-in. seat with fully adjustable mechanical suspension
- Turf Tires
- 3-year, 1200-hour bumper-to-bumper warranty[1]



2.9% for 72 months[3]
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NEW 2025R Tractor w/ Loader - $24,499
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[1]Warranty based on years or hours used, whichever comes first. [2]Financing subject to approved installment credit by J , f.s.b. offers valid on qualifying equipment purchased through April 30th, 2026. [3]Financing subject to approved installment credit by J , f.s.b. offers valid on qualifying equipment purchased through June 1st, 2026. [4]Cash off valid on qualifying equipment purchased through April 30th, 2026. [5]$750 off cash purchase on select Z900 equipment. Offer ends June 1, 2026. Monthly payments do not include sales tax. [6]Cash off expires June 1, 2026. [7]For residential use only.

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JOHNSON TRACTOR - OSSEO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 2 PM–5 PM

FFA SERVED MILKSHAKES • DEMOS • GIVEAWAYS

JOHNSON TRACTOR - ARCADIA

FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 11:30 AM–5:30 PM

THE WOODSHED WOOD-FIRED PIZZA (CASH ONLY) • DEMOS • GIVEAWAYS

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Lawn & Garden Guide

Gardening and mental health go hand-in-hand

Gardening and strong mental health seemingly go hand-in-hand. A study published in 2018 in the journal Clinical Medicine found that exposure to plants and green space, and particularly to gardening, is beneficial to both physical and mental health.

Penn State Extension says working with the soil and plants can help relax the mind and have a grounding effect on the gardener, as gardening can help to reduce stress, anxiety and even built-up anger.

Gardening also helps a person connect to the current moment and not be caught up in their mind. Nearly all forms of exercise, gardening included, can lighten mood and lower levels of stress and anxiety. Also, routines, such as spending a certain portion of the day weeding or tending to gardening needs, creates a soothing rhythm to ease stress.



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Bite back at mosquitoes in the yard

Mosquitoes are winged pests no one wants to have around, except for bats and other animals that eat them for dinner. The World Mosquito Program says mosquitoes can spread a number of nasty diseases, including malaria, dengue, West Nile virus, chikungunya, yellow fever and Zika. Pet owners likely are aware that mosquito bites can transmit diseases like heartworm.

Vector Disease Control International says mosquitoes are some of the most adaptable and successful insects on Earth. Although male mosquitoes only live for six or seven days as adults, females with an adequate food supply can live up to five months or longer. Adult female mosquitoes lay an average of 50 to 200 eggs at one time, ensuring the population continues to thrive. Unless people take adequate precautions, mosquitoes can be anything from a nuisance to a real danger. Controlling mosquitoes around the home helps improve health and comfort.

These strategies can help.

Eliminate standing water

Mosquitoes require stagnant water sources in order to reproduce. Regularly emptying, scrubbing and turning over items that can hold water can help control populations. This includes flower pots, tires, bird baths, and any other vessels that can hold water. For those with ponds or water features on their properties, circulating the water with a fountain or pump can prevent mosquito breeding. Introducing fish that eat mosquito larvae also can help.

Sow the right plants

Mass Audubon says certain scented plants help to repel mosquitoes. Incorporating them around outdoor living areas can keep mosquitoes at bay. Such plants include lemon balm, eucalyptus, marigold, garlic, sage, lemon verbena, scented geranium, catmint nepeta, lemongrass, and others.

Tidy the yard

Mosquitoes love to hide in tall grass and debris. Mowing the lawn and addressing weeds or other natural litter can help deter mosquitoes from hanging around.

Replace outdoor lights

Opt for yellow-colored lights outdoors, which are less likely to attract mosquitoes and other flying insects.

Turn on a fan

When entertaining outdoors, use a box fan to blow toward people, which will make it harder for mosquitoes to fly and land on people since they tend to be weak flyers.

Professional mosquito control services

Sometimes it may be necessary to call in the professionals to treat yards to control mosquitoes, particularly at homes that abut streams or other natural areas where a large number of mosquitoes can be found. Treatment solutions often include products that are both safe for people and their pets. Season-long applications will help tame the number of mosquitoes throughout the duration of the warm weather.

Mosquitoes are a part of warm weather, but they don't have to compromise the comfort of outdoor living spaces.

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When it comes to choosing plant combinations, playing with contrast creates a striking and dynamic effect. Pair bold opposites like red and blue, green and orange, or yellow and violet for eye-catching containers. A favorite for dramatic contrast is a deep blue-purple variety that adds richness and depth, like your favorite dark blazer or moody sweater. For a well-balanced container, use the classic "thriller, filler, spiller" method: include one tall, attention-grabbing plant, a mid-sized filler to add fullness and a trailing variety that cascades over the edge for a lush, finished look.

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Drainage is crucial to outdoor spaces

Outdoor living spaces can be welcoming areas to spend time in nature. Such spaces expand the possibilities for entertaining, as they tend to have more room for guests than home interiors, and they enable people to enjoy sunshine, fresh air and the sounds and sights of wildlife in relaxing settings. When planning outdoor living areas, homeowners must not underestimate the significance of drainage.

Patios, pergolas, decks and landscaping can increase comfort and convenience for homeowners. In fact, connection to the outdoors ranked high on the top 10 list of design drivers in "The Future of Home Design," a survey conducted by the New Home Trends Institute in collaboration with Pro Builder. Fifty-eight percent of survey respondents said connection to the outdoors will be an important influence on their design choices in the years to come.

When planning outdoor living spaces, it is easy to focus on aesthetic appeal and the finished project. But homeowners must carefully consider the impact these modifications will have on the landscape, particularly how they will affect drainage so it will not compromise the integrity of the new design nor impact the surrounding home and other structures.

According to Kelly Masonry in Pennsylvania, without proper drainage, water can accumulate and that can lead to various issues. Here's a more in-depth look at why drainage is crucial when planning outdoor living areas.

• Drainage prevents water damage. When water is allowed to collect on patios and in and around hardscaping features, it can cause the materials to deteriorate over the years. Pavers or stones may shift, crack or become discolored, eventually becoming less safe.

• Drainage reduces accessibility issues and safety hazards. Pooling water can make hard surfaces slippery, possibly leading to falls and other accidents. It also can make lawns soggy and muddy, which can limit easy access to areas of the yard.

• Drainage reduces soil erosion. Water can cause erosion of surrounding soil, leading to uneven surfaces. Erosion also may threaten the stability of nearby structures.

• Drainage deters water infiltration. Water has a way of finding cracks and crevices and thus entering structures. Rainwater that is not properly directed away from a home may eventually seep into the foundation, causing anything from structural damage to mold and mildew to making damp areas conducive to pests.

Homeowners have different options when it comes to drainage in their outdoor living areas. Masonry experts will design patios with a slight slope to allow water to naturally flow away from the surface toward drainage areas. Together with well-placed gutters and downspouts, water can be directed away from the home.

Homeowners also might want to consider two different types of drain systems. French drains are a system that involves a trench filled with perforated pipe and gravel to allow water to drain naturally from the yard, according to the Home Depot.



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Drainage is an essential consideration when planning outdoor living areas. Home-owners must use slope, drains and even vegetation to mitigate water issues on a property.

French drains can redirect water away from living areas. Channel drains are another type of system. Central Turf & Irrigation Supply says channel drains are perimeter drains around patios and other hardscaping that act as an intercepter to prevent water from going where it isn't desired. They are narrow trenches with a grate on top so that water enters and flows away.

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Is your lawn getting enough water?

A healthy lawn thrives with the right amount of water and nutrients. Lawn care is a year-long process. Even when the sun isn't very strong and the temperatures are cold, a lawn still needs water. That water requirement multiplies when higher temperatures lead to increased evaporation.

Many times, precipitation will take care of all of a lawn's water needs. But in times of drought or infrequent rain, it's up to homeowners to provide the water a lawn requires.

The type of soil and grass affects how frequently a lawn needs to be watered. According to the lawn care company Organo Lawn, it's better to do a deep watering two or three times a week to promote strong grass roots and maintain a healthy microbial composition in soil than to water the lawn daily, which leads to shallow roots and can wash away nutrients.

Here are some signs a lawn needs a drink.

• Visible footprints: Elasticity of the grass blades decreases when the lawn is not getting enough water. If you walk on the lawn and footprints do not bounce back in a short amount of time, you likely need to water.

• Gaps between lawn and sidewalk: Lawn Pride says that the soil can shrink in drought conditions. This may be visible where the lawn abuts a driveway, sidewalk or even planting beds. If you walk along the perimeter of a lawn and notice a gap between the grass and hardscape, it is time to water.

• Clumps of grass: It is a sign of drought stress when grass grows in clumps rather than uniformly across a lawn.

• Presence of dollar spot fungus: Grass can become susceptible to this fungus, which also is called ascochyta leaf blight. It only develops in lawns with shallow grass roots caused by improper lawn watering.

• Slow growth: A lawn that doesn't seem to be growing well, or doesn't need to be mowed as frequently, likely isn't getting enough water.

Adequate watering can help a lawn develop strong roots and maintain grass health. Homeowners who have questions about their lawns and watering can consult with a landscaper or a lawn care service.

Drought-resistant plants and trees

A beautiful landscape adds considerable aesthetic appeal to a property and an awe-inspiring lawn and garden can greatly improve resale value. In fact, the American Society of Landscape Architects claims landscaping can increase a home's resale value by as much as 20 percent, a contention that supports the notion that a lush landscape is something buyers want and are willing to pay for.

Maintaining a lush landscape is no small task, but that job is notably easier when homeowners pick the right plants. The right plant for a property depends on where a home is located, but it's worth noting that drought-resistant plants and trees may be especially worthy investments.

When planning a landscape renovation, homeowners must take variables such as climate into consideration, particularly if their end goal is a lush, awe-inspiring lawn and garden. With that in mind, the following are some drought-resistant plants and trees homeowners may want to consider adding to their landscapes.

Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) notes that drought-tolerant trees are ideal as summer temperatures rise in many parts of the world. Drought-tolerant trees can survive in dry conditions, and they also provide great shade that allows people to enjoy their yards even when temperatures rise. The ADF notes that the following are some drought-resistant trees homeowners can consider: Eastern redcedar, Bur oak, Northern red oak, Kentucky coffeetree, Hackberry, Scots pine, Northern catalpa,London planetree, Shumard oak and Live oak.

Plants

Trees add ample aesthetic appeal to a property, but colorful plants also help to create a stunning setting. Homeowners concerned about drought can consider these plants that various garden experts note are tolerant of dry conditions: Aster, Beardtongue, Black-eyed Susan, Bugleweed, Catmint, Lantana, Lavender, Purple coneflower, Russian sage and Stonecrop.

Homeowners are urged to work with local lawn and garden professionals when picking trees and plants for their properties. Such individuals can provide insight about species that are accustomed to local conditions and capable of thriving in them even when precipitation is low.

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Get to the root of a dry lawn

Weather can be unpredictable, even during the warmest months of the year. Summer days may feature strong thunderstorms and downpours, followed by stretches of extremely hot and dry conditions. Weather extremes can take a toll on lawns, especially when drought is part of the equation. The results can be anything from dry patches to a scorched landscape, leaving homeowners wondering what they can do to repair the damage.

According to The Spruce, dry grass can happen in as little as a week without adequate care and water. Sometimes dry grass can be the result of disease, pets or pests. A healthy lawn will be lush and green; a dry lawn quite the opposite. It's crunchy, uncomfortable and muted in color. Here's how to address a dry lawn to restore it to its natural beauty.

Pet urine: Animal urine often is the culprit behind dry patches in a lawn. Lawns need nitrogen to grow, which is why it is included in many fertilizers. But the nitrogen in dog urine is concentrated and directed in one area, so much so that it chemically burns the lawn. This concentrated nitrogen causes the grass to dry out, turn yellow and eventually go brown and die.

Rinsing areas where dogs urinate on the lawn or creating a separate potty area in the yard can help alleviate brown spots.

Lawn height: Sometimes a lawn mower might be to blame for a brown lawn. According to Scotts®, the higher a person mows, the deeper the lawn's roots will grow. That can help the lawn thrive under restricted water conditions and insulate the lawn from some of the effects of hot, dry weather. Never remove more than one-third of the total height in a single mowing, as that can stress the lawn.

Diseases: Leaf blight, brown patches and powdery mildew are just some of the diseases that can affect a lawn. Fungal bacteria can spread on a lawn and contribute to these conditions, which makes it important to aerate and dethatch the lawn in cooler seasons to help prevent disease.

Improper pH: A lawn requires a certain pH to grow well. According to Weed Man Lawn Care Services, the ideal pH range for lawn soil is between 6.0 and 7.0. Anything outside of this range may result in poor, brown grass. A soil pH test will indicate if the soil is acidic, alkaline or optimal. Amend an acidic soil with lime and an alkaline soil with Sulphur in small amounts until a balance is reached.

Pest infestation: People are not the only creatures that like a lawn. Many pests feed on blades of grass or the roots. The result can be patchy, dry grass. Figuring out what is causing any damage is essential. Homeowners can then take steps to remove the pests and return the lawn to its former glory.

Dehydration: Deep watering can help restore a lawn that has widespread wilting and browning. Popular Mechanics advises homeowners begin watering more in spring. Water infrequently but for longer periods of time to encourage roots to deepen. The ideal time to water is between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. to limit evaporation.

Trial and error may be necessary to figure out why a lawn is brown and what's needed to revive it.



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Spring yard work? Remember safety first

Spring is the time to get out your lawn equipment to shape up your yard. But before you fire up your lawn mower, trimmer, and other yard gear, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds you to keep safety in mind.

"We all want to get outside and work on our yards, but your equipment needs some attention first," says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers. "A little prep can go a long way in keeping things safe and running smoothly."

Here are a few simple tips:

• Follow manufacturers' guidance. It sounds basic, but it's important. If you lost the manufacturer's owner's manual, you can usually find it online.

• Inspect your equipment. Check oil and air filters. Buy fresh fuel. Look for damaged or missing parts.

• Never disable, modify or remove safety devices.

• Use fresh fuel. Buy the amount of fuel you need. Never store equipment with fuel in the tank. Remember, storing fuel in hot, humid conditions will make the fuel grow stale more quickly.

• Charge batteries using an appropriate charger. Use the charger that came with your equipment and follow the manufacturer instructions. Follow their guidance on storing batteries properly.

• Clean and store equipment properly. Wipe off dirt and debris and keep your equipment in a dry spot.

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Gardening safety for seniors

Longer hours of daylight and warming temperatures are hallmarks of spring and each of these variables do much to contribute to the reputation of a season that's become synonymous with rejuvenation. After months spent confronting cold temperatures and huddling up indoors, people might find the welcoming conditions of spring irresistible, which compels many to spend more time outdoors.

There's no shortage of things to do outside in spring, and the season marks a perfect time to re-establish one's green thumb and get down and dirty in the garden. Gardening is a rewarding and healthy activity, though some, particularly seniors, may need to approach springtime sessions in the garden with a heightened degree of caution. Seniors can keep these health and safety tips in mind as they celebrate the return of spring and what that means for their gardens.

• Recognize that gardening is exercise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies gardening as a good form of exercise, and evidence supports the notion that gardening is a particularly beneficial form of physical activity. A 2024 meta-analysis published in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry indicated that individuals who engaged in low levels of leisure time physical activities such as gardening are likely to have a lower risk of stroke than peers who are sedentary. It's important to keep these findings in mind when gardening, which is perhaps more physically demanding than some may recognize. Seniors can approach gardening just like they would other forms of exercise, taking the same precautions, such as stretching before and after each session and making a concerted effort to remain hydrated, while out in the garden.

• Incorporate rest into your garden routine. Rest is vital for anyone engaged in physical activity, including gardeners. Frequent breaks during gardening sessions can help avoid strains and sprains and provide opportunities to hydrate and get out of the sun. If possible, seniors can identify a shaded spot on their properties and place a bench there so they have somewhere to rest during gardening sessions.

• Utilize ergonomic gardening tools and other specialized products. The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University notes that ergonomics studies movements of a person's body during physical activities in an effort to produce tools that ensure a task has as little physical impact on the body as possible. Ergonomic tools are designed to lower injury risk, improve efficiency and increase satisfaction that stems from performing a particular activity. Before each gardening season, seniors can inspect their existing tools and replace them with ergonomic alternatives, if necessary. In addition, seniors can utilize specialized products, including long-handled gardening tools that reduce the need to bend over or kneel down, to further reduce their risk of injury while working in the garden.

These simple strategies can ensure seniors' springtime gardening sessions are as safe as they are rewarding.

A spring lawn revitalization strategy

New growth is a hallmark of spring, whether it plays out in the birth of birds and bunnies or with the returned buds on trees and plant stalks. While most greenery rebounds naturally, lawns may need a little extra TLC in order to return to their once lush, green glory.

Revitalizing a lawn in spring is a multifaceted process but can be well worth the reward when green grass adds to a beautiful landscape and functional yard. Here is how to get started when the weather warms, courtesy of The Farmer's Almanac and The Home Depot.

· Clean up debris. Spend a few hours raking up leaves from the lawn and removing any other winter debris like twigs so that air can reach the grass below. Also remove any thatch that has developed.

· Test the soil. Take a sample of the soil to determine its pH level and nutrient needs. Then you can make adjustments to set a strong foundation for the lawn to grow.

· Do some weeding. Pull out any weeds that have poked through early on and apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent additional weeds from taking over.

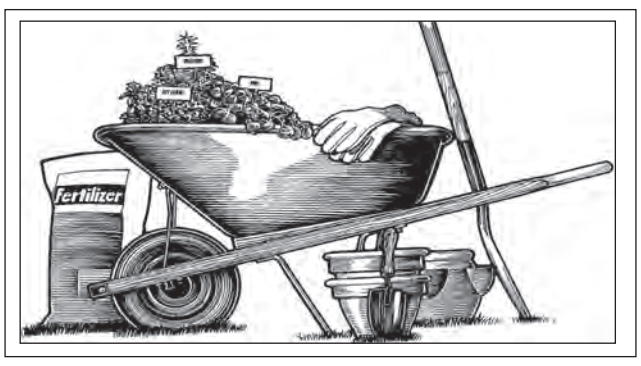
· Start the aeration process. A core aerator punches holes into the soil. This enables air and water to penetrate through to the roots.

· Overseed the lawn. Apply grass seeds over the lawn, paying special attention to any bare or thin areas so that the seed will fill in the lawn.

· Water consistently. It is important to water the lawn deeply and consistently, especially when the weather is dry, to help promote strong root development.

· Time fertilizer correctly. Apply a spring fertilizer around three weeks after the lawn starts to turn green or after the first two or three mowings. If fertilizer is applied too early it can feed weeds instead of the grass and result in fertilizer runoff.

· Mow to an appropriate height. Begin to mow when the ground is dry enough and the grass is long enough to need cutting. Leave some length to the lawn; otherwise, sunlight will reach the soil and encourage weed seeds to germinate.



The effects of soil degradation

Soil degradation is an environmental concern that occurs when land becomes less fit for a specific purpose, like crop production. As the soil loses nutrients, namely phosphorous, nitrogen and potassium, crop yields can decline significantly, compounding the problem of food shortages resulting from a growing global population.

The lack of a strong foundation to grow food and other plants is just one of the problems associated with soil degradation. Here are some additional issues tied to soil degradation.

• Nutritional decline: Food grown in over-taxed soil may have a lower nutrient density. This can lead to micronutrient deficiencies in the human population.

• Farm closures: When soil erodes too much to support agriculture, farmers may abandon the land and their operations.

• Loss of biodiversity: Soils are a reservoir of biodiversity. The Food and Agriculture Organization says that a healthy soil may be home to up to 25 percent of the planet's biodiversity. Degradation can destroy the habitat for bacteria, fungi and insects that contribute to the cycling of nutrients.

• Poor infiltration capacity: Degraded soils are not able to soak up rainwater as effectively as healthy soil. This can lead to water run-off and instances of flash floods. In arid locations, extreme degradation can lead to desertification, which occurs when land is unable to support vegetation.

• Climate change triggers: The ocean, forests and soil are the world's largest carbon sinks, according to Client Earth. When soil erodes or is tilled to excess, stored organic carbon can oxidize and release into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, contributing to climate change. Furthermore, degraded land is not capable of supporting lush vegetation necessary to pull carbon out of the atmosphere.

• Global unrest: As healthy, arable land becomes scarce, the competition for fertile territories can lead to local and international conflict. Food scarcity also contributes to higher prices on products across the world.

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Lawn & Garden Guide

Plants that can accommodate outdoor living spaces

Plants add aesthetic appeal to any landscape. A pop of plant-produced color here and there can complement any landscape, but homeowners also can use plants to liven up hardscapes as well.

Outdoor living spaces are more than just places to relax.

A recent survey from Green Builder Media found that 90 percent of homeowners consider the outdoor living areas on their properties to be important to their health and well-being. That same survey found that four in five homeowners prefer secluded outdoor living spaces that provide privacy. Plants can help fulfill that goal, which might contribute to the greater sense of health and well-being homeowners hope their outdoor living spaces promote. With that in mind, homeowners can consider augmenting their existing spaces with various plants, though it's always vital to consult a local gardening center to ensure plants are capable of thriving in a given region.

• Bougainvillea: Bougainvillea are particularly vibrant and colorful, and HGTV notes these popular vines can add privacy to areas like porches. That same benefit can be gleaned when adding bougainvillea to structures like pavilions or gazebos. Bougainvillea require ample sunlight to thrive, so that's something to keep in mind when choosing where to plant.

• Hibiscus: Hibiscus also produce vibrant colors that can range from red and pink to yellow and orange. Exposure to the sun is considered vital for hibiscus, though precisely how much sunlight is a source of debate. For example, some sources indicate these low-maintenance plants need as much as eight hours of sunlight each day, while others report that as little as two hours of direct sunlight is sufficient.

• Cycads: Cycads are considered tropical plants, so they might not thrive in every region of North America. But these impressive plants, which often can be found in botanical gardens, can help to establish a serene feeling in an outdoor living space. Cycads can thrive when planted in well-draining soil and in pots, which can be chosen to complement existing outdoor furnishings. Cycads planted around the perimeter of an outdoor space or even around the perimeter of a patio can be especially appealing.

• Jasmine: Jasmine can add to the aesthetic appeal of structures such as pergolas or trellises. An added benefit to planting jasmine is their aroma, which many find inviting (some may find the scent of jasmine a bit strong, so this benefit depends on personal perspective). For homeowners who enjoy the aroma of jasmine, adding it to an outdoor living space can make the space more welcoming and relaxing.

Plants merit consideration for homeowners looking for ways to make outdoor living spaces more comfortable, relaxing and welcoming.



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Tips for the gardening beginner

Gardening is a popular hobby all over the world. Ruby Home Luxury Real Estate estimates there are 71.5 million gardening households in the United States alone. That translates to around 185.9 million people engaged in some form of gardening, which places the U.S. among other countries where gardening is wildly popular, including Australia and China.

A greater number of people are showing interest in gardening, which is a rewarding hobby that's good for the mind and the body. Those who are new to gardening may need a crash course to get started. These pointers can help anyone foster a newfound passion for gardening.

Choose the best location. Spend time in the yard and decide where to house a garden. A far-off corner may get the most sun, but will you forget about the garden if it is too far away? Ideally, the garden should be located where it will get at least six to eight hours of sun each day. There also should be a water source nearby. The spot also should be convenient so that it is easy to go and pick vegetables or prune flowers.

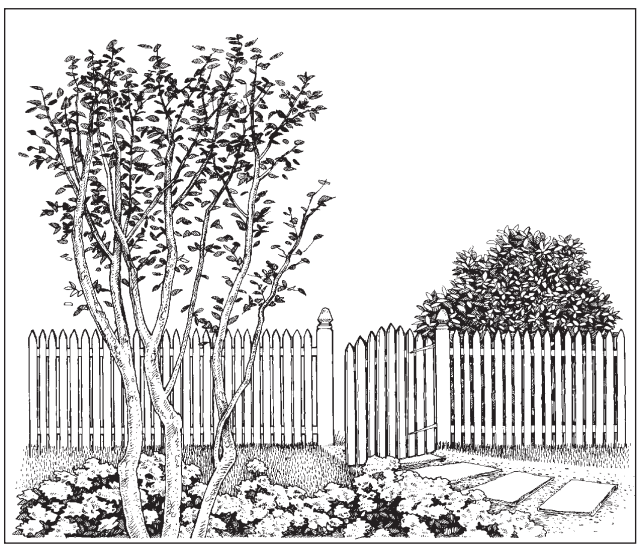
Start small. If you're new to gardening, begin with a small garden footprint so that you can get your feet wet. A raised garden bed can be a good starting point because it is contained and easy to maintain. As your experience (and garden) grows, you can add to the garden size the next time around.

Amend the soil. It's possible but unlikely that the soil in the backyard is the perfect mix to grow healthy plants. It's more likely that the garden will need some soil modification. You can test the soil makeup with do-it-yourself kits or work with a garden center. A garden typically requires a mix of compost to add nutrients to the dirt; peat moss or coconut coir to help with water retention and to make the soil lighter; and vermiculite that helps to retain water. A compost bin set up at the same time as the garden allows gardeners to continually produce nutrient-rich food to add to the garden.

Check out a plant starter guide. It's best to keep a few things in mind when planning the garden. Think about what will grow well in your climate. Consider how big the garden will be and the size of mature plants. A small garden will not be able to accommodate corn, for example. Also, how would you like the space to look and what will be its function? Is this a purely aesthetic garden or one that will be food-bearing?

Start seeds inside. If you'll be starting a garden from seeds, it's best to start indoors before your region's frost-free date. This way the delicate plants will get the needed care and can establish before they go outdoors in the ground. Keep them humid by covering the seedlings in plastic wrap. You can start the seeds in different containers, even empty egg cartons. Transplant to larger containers after the seedlings grow a second set of leaves. Once you're free from overnight frost, you can place the established, strong seedlings in the ground.

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Drought-resistant plants and trees

A beautiful landscape adds considerable aesthetic appeal to a property and an awe-inspiring lawn and garden can greatly improve resale value. In fact, the American Society of Landscape Architects claims landscaping can increase a home's resale value by as much as 20 percent, a contention that supports the notion that a lush landscape is something buyers want and are willing to pay for.

Maintaining a lush landscape is no small task, but that job is notably easier when homeowners pick the right plants. The right plant for a property depends on where a home is located, but it's worth noting that drought-resistant plants and trees may be especially worthy investments.

When planning a landscape renovation, homeowners must take variables such as climate into consideration, particularly if their end goal is a lush, awe-inspiring lawn and garden. With that in mind, the following are some drought-resistant plants and trees homeowners may want to consider adding to their landscapes.

Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) notes that drought-tolerant trees are ideal as summer temperatures rise in many parts of the world. Drought-tolerant trees can survive in dry conditions, and they also provide great shade that allows people to enjoy their yards even when temperatures rise. The ADF notes that the following are some drought-resistant trees homeowners can consider: Eastern red cedar, Bur oak, Northern red oak, Kentucky coffee tree, Hackberry, Scots pine, Northern catalpa,London planetree, Shumard oak and Live oak.

Plants

Trees add ample aesthetic appeal to a property, but colorful plants also help to create a stunning setting. Homeowners concerned about drought can consider these plants that various garden experts note are tolerant of dry conditions: Aster, Beardtongue, Black-eyed Susan, Bugleweed, Catmint, Lantana, Lavender, Purple coneflower, Russian sage and Stonecrop.

Homeowners are urged to work with local lawn and garden professionals when picking trees and plants for their properties. Such individuals can provide insight about species that are accustomed to local conditions and capable of thriving in them even when precipitation is low.



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A well cared for lawn provides a host of benefits, increased home value and contentedness to stay home and enjoy it.

Aeration breathes new life into lawns

Regular maintenance is necessary when caring for a lawn, and various strategies translate into thicker, greener and healthier grass. Much like car owners routinely get an oil change or tire rotation on their vehicles, homeowners should recognize that certain lawn care strategies are periodically necessary to keep a property looking its best. Aeration is one task that can complement other lawn care strategies throughout the growing season.

What is lawn aeration?

The Home Depot says that aeration involves making holes in the lawn to loosen the soil underneath. Over time, the lawn and soil can become compacted, creating a layer of thatch that forms between the soil and the grass in the lawn. Thatch can prevent air, water and fertilizer from reaching the roots of the grass, eventually stifling growth. The holes made during aeration allow oxygen, water and nutrients to reach the lawn's roots.

When to aerate

Aeration can be good for a lawn, but it can cause stress to the grass if timed improperly, advise the lawn care experts at Pennington. Cool-season grasses common in northern lawns should be aerated in the early fall or early spring. Warm-season grasses should be aerated in the late spring or very early summer. Aeration should be done right before the grass reaches peak time for natural growth.

How to aerate a lawn

Homeowners can use different aeration equipment, including manual and automated machinery. Some homeowners wear spiked aerator "sandals" strapped to shoes to walk across the lawn. These may be useful on a small scale, but not on larger properties.

Slicing aerators have rotating blades that slice through grass and thatch into the soil. Core or plug aerators often are preferential for lawn professionals. Hollow tines remove plugs of soil from the lawn and deposit them on top where they break down.

What's next?

According to The Spruce, it is necessary to water the grass every two to three days after a lawn has been aerated. This also is the time to perform overseeding. Apply a quality, slow-release fertilizer to revitalize the lawn. Wait at least a month before mowing, and avoid heavy traffic on the lawn after aerating to prevent grass damage.

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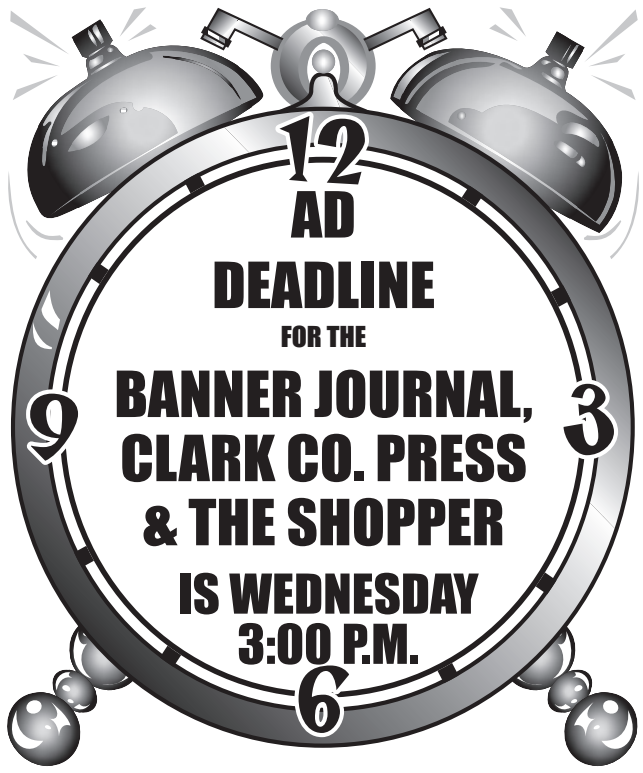
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