



If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.
Katharine Hepburn

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Its official! The Human Resources offices have moved into the Erlandson Building. The new address will be 318 Fairlane Drive Suites 92, 94, 96. The new phone number

will be 637-5235. Thank you to all who helped and who made the move possible. Countywide Trail Systems open (weather permitting) on May 1.



Welcome New Employees

We would like to welcome the following new employees to Vernon County:

Aging
Edmund Furo, On-call Meal-site 4/1
Casey Brye, On-call Meal Hauler 4/1

Sheriff
Jeffrey Walbrun, Reserve 4/14/09

Vernon Manor
Courtney Osvatic, On-call CNA 4/1

Computer
Shane Messer, LTE Systems Tech 4/08/09

Sharon Turben, On-call Sec 4/19/09



Memorial Service

Sheriff Cary would like to invite everyone to attend the Law Enforcement Police Memorial Service on Tuesday May 12th 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

The service will be held in front of the Sheriffs Department at 1320 Bad Axe Court in Viroqua Wi.

This is an opportunity for law enforcement to remind the public of the sacrifices made daily by officers in protecting the lives and property of our citizens. Each year approximately 60,000 officers are injured in the line of duty and hundreds more are killed.

Sheriff Cary would like to remind everyone that throughout the nation, National Police Week will be observed May 10th through May 16th 2009. With National Peace Officers Day observed on Friday May 15th in Washington D. C.

Everyone is welcome to attend our local Memorial Service at the Sheriffs Department on May 12th at 10:00 a.m.



In the event of rain, the service will be moved inside the Sheriffs Department.

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Vernon County

04-07-2009
Area Quarantine Imminent

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Madison -- Officials with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Department of Natural Resources today announced that the emerald ash borer (EAB) has been confirmed in Vernon County. The tiny, invasive beetle, whose larva destroys North American ash trees, was discovered in Victory, a small community along the banks of the Mississippi River, about 20 miles south of La Crosse. State officials were made aware of the infestation by an observant property owner. Vernon County becomes the third infested county in Wisconsin. EAB was discovered in Ozaukee and Washington counties last summer. "The presence of EAB in Vernon County was confirmed for us Monday morning. Our agency, in concert with other state and federal partners, is now working out the details of surveying the area and learning more about the age and extent of the infestation," said Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). "Our staff and federal partners have already visited the area and additional assessments will take place in the coming days to gather information that will help us develop a response plan to this new infestation." Because of the proximity to property managed by state and federal entities, and the short distance to counties in

Iowa and Minnesota, developing an area-specific response plan will be a coordinated effort with multiple partners. "We will work closely with DATCP and our neighboring states as we investigate the extent of this new infestation," said Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank. "Invasive species like emerald ash borer don't recognize borders. Working cooperatively we stand a much better chance of limiting our losses and addressing any new sources of infestation." Agriculture and natural resources representatives from Minnesota and Iowa will tour the Victory infestation with Wisconsin officials later this week. One of the first steps in responding to the infestation will be to quarantine movement of hardwood firewood, ash nursery stock, ash timber or any other article that could spread EAB out of the infested area. Federal officials are expected to approve Wisconsin's quarantine request for Vernon and Crawford counties within days. Following placement of the quarantine there will be a thorough survey of the area to determine the size of the infestation. Colleagues in Iowa and Minnesota are also considering survey options in their respective states. Area residents can help prevent the spread of EAB and learn more in several ways:

- Follow all quarantine guidelines. For many people, that will mean not moving firewood out of the quarantined area.
- If cutting down ash trees for firewood, use the firewood and burn small branches, etc. before mid-May. Do not move firewood or other material from downed ash trees away from the area where the tree was felled for at least two years.
- If utilizing ash wood to make products

other than firewood, follow the guidelines for managing infested wood found at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov.

- Learn about the signs and symptoms of EAB infestation, including the characteristics of an infested tree. This information can be found at the Wisconsin EAB Program Web site at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov.
- Report suspicious ash trees or request information by calling the Wisconsin EAB Program hotline toll-free at 1-800-462-2803 or filling out the Report EAB form on the Web site. The adult emerald ash borer is a metallic green insect about one-half inch long and one-eighth inch wide. The adult female deposits eggs on the bark of ash trees. The larvae hatching from the eggs chew their way through the bark, and into the soft layer of wood just beneath. There, they eat their way through the tree's vascular system, cutting off the flow of water and nutrients in the tree, leading to decline and eventual death of the tree. EAB is native to Asia and is thought to have arrived in the United States in the early 1990s in suburban Detroit. EAB has also been found in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, West Virginia, Virginia, Missouri and the Canadian Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. There are an estimated 765 million ash trees in Wisconsin's forests and, on average, one in five urban trees is a species of ash. The Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer Program is a cooperative, multi-agency effort consisting of representatives from DATCP, DNR, The University of Wisconsin -- Madison, UW Extension, USDA APHIS PPQ and the USDA Forest Service.



If you can't walk, please call to contribute!



Do you know someone with cancer?
 Vernon Manor has a Team represented in the
Cancer Society "Relay for Life" Walk
 June 12 & 13 @ the Fairgrounds
 Come join us -- for info contact
 Tara Brueggeman or Sally Hirschfield
 637-5400



Vernon County Calendar

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Zon 8A EOB Hwy 9A Hwy	13	14	15	16
17	18 HS 9A EOB	19	20	21 Fin 9A 309 PC 10:30A 309	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Dept Head 9A TBA	29	30
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Special Dates

May 12, Law Enforcement Police Memorial Service 10:00 a.m.

For more dates and to confirm dates check the calendar at our website:

www.vernoncounty.org

Abbreviations

BR—Boardroom
BOH—Board of Health
HS—Human Services
HR—Human Resources/Personnel
EOB—Erlandson Office Building
Hwy—Highway Department Bldg
VM—Vernon Manor
Vet Ser—Veterans Services
LWC—Land And Water Conservation
Ag/Ext—Agriculture/Extension
Leg Aff—Legal Affairs

Zon—Zoning
Bldg Fac—Building/Facilities
VCCPC—Vernon County Comprehensive Planning Commission
Land Info—Land Information
SWR—Solid Waste/Recycling
RF—Recycling Facility
Em Plan—Emergency Planning
BB—Banta Building
Sec/Fac—Security and Facilities

Vernon County Connection

Other Things

Does anyone recognize the person pictured here? He was seen loitering in the Court-house on April 1.

It seems that April 1 was also a very busy day for custodial staff. Must have been something in the air...



Employee Anniversary Dates May

20 Years

Susan Sherrick, Vernon Manor
5/24

15 Years

Michael Paulsrud, Solid Waste
5/09

10 Years

Bonnie Kearney, Health 5/11

5 Years

Pat Peterson, Aging 5/03

Lois Gardner, On-call 5/17



May 12

Norman Lear's Birthday

A Limerick in his honor:

We live in the county of Vernon,
With critical floods now and then.
Each one hundred years
WAS when they
occurred,
Not yearly again and again!

(My apologies about the scan and rhymes!)
Lori May

Upcoming Events

Tentative Schedule of Human Resources Events for 2009

July 28 Employee Picnic

Sept 29 Employee Anniversary Recognition at Board Meeting

Oct 30 Halloween Extravaganza

Dec 14-15 Holly Gram deliveries

Watch for news on these and other exciting events from your Human Resources Department!

County Board Member Contact Information

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WWW.VERNONCOUNTY.ORG