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From turtles to trout



Peter Pittner, president of the GLC Board of Directors, pulls buckthorn with Kohler Hospitality workers who were volunteering at Willow Creek Preserve in Sheboygan on Aug. 20.

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Inside GLC’s Willow Creek restoration projects

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SHEBOYGAN – Miriam Duero stands in a marshy area of Willow Creek Preserve on a sticky day in late August.

With a radio receiver in a small blue metal box slung around her neck, she holds a long antenna out, twisting it horizontally and vertically, trying to get a signal. She turns slightly and walks forward, listening for a chirp to pop through the static hum.

Duero, land director for Glacial Lakes Conservancy, is monitoring for turtles, tracking the movement of a few part of a species of special concern around the property. The Sheboygan Press is not naming the species because it can be a target of harassment.

Each turtle has a radio taped to its shell and a unique frequency, which Duero can dial to on the receiver.

She adjusts the settings to pick up a broader signal but changes those to get a finite signal when she feels like she’s close. Then, she listens for a loud beep.

“That’s how you know you’re on top of them, basically,” Duero said.

Turtle monitoring is among several land management projects at Willow Creek, one of five preserves in the region owned and managed by land trust Glacial Lakes Conservancy, which also owns and manages conservations easements on about 30 private properties. Other GLC preserves include the Amsterdam Dunes Preserve in southern Sheboygan County and Hunner Preserve in Kewaunee County.

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Miriam Duero, land director for Glacial Lakes Conservancy, monitors for turtles at Willow Creek.

AROUND THE LEGISLATURE

Bills include displaying gas tax, in-vitro tax credit

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A busy year in the state Capitol is winding down — lawmakers likely won’t reconvene as a full body until January.

But there’s still been plenty of debate over pending bills — especially one that would legalize online sports betting — and new proposals are entering the pipeline.

New bills introduced in November include displaying the state gas tax at the pump and providing grants for religious organizations to enhance security. Other bills have been brought back from previous years.

Many of the following bills are bipartisan, but none have received public hearings. Lawmakers have drafted more than 700 pieces of legislation this year, and only a fraction will end up becoming law.

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Christmas concert planned for Dec. 6

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KIEL – Kiel Municipal Band will present its annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Kiel High School Performing Arts Center.

The band will perform traditional favorites of the Christmas season, according to a community announcement.

The concert will open with a medley of traditional Christmas songs, “Festive Christmas.” It will continue with a symphonic movement based on the hymn tune “Wake, Awake,” Alfred Reed’s setting of “Greensleeves,” a new arrangement of “Silver Bells,” a collection of popular Christmas songs titled “Christmas Portrait,” Leroy Anderson’s “Christmas Festival” and a march for the new year by Karl King, “Auld Lang Syne.”

Santa said he wants to make a test flight to Kiel that evening to check out his new reindeer hitch with turn signals and brake lights. While he is here, this is a chance for children of all ages to tell him what they want for Christmas and get a treat.

The concert is free and open to the public, with an opportunity to make a freewill donation. The performing arts center is handicapped accessible.

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