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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

Alex Garner

Sheboygan Press | USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

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.

## Officials: More credit needed in high school

Teachers would require more training for classes

Miranda Dunlap and Natalie Yahr

Wisconsin Watch

It's fourth period in the auto lab at Madison's Vel Phillips Memorial High School, and a dozen students maneuver between nearly as many cars.

At one bay, a junior adjusts the valves of an oxygen-acetylene torch and holds the flame to a suspended Subaru's front axle to loosen its rusty bolts. Steps away, two classmates tease each other in Spanish as they finish replacing the brakes on a red Saab. Teacher Miles Tokheim moves calmly through the shop, checking students' work and offering pointers.

After extensive renovations, the lab reopened last year with more room and tools for young mechanics-in-training. What visitors can't see is the class recently got an upgrade, too: college credit.

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## Wreath ceremony planned by community

Nida Tazeen

Reporter Assisted by AI

FOND DU LAC – The Fond du Lac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will coordinate and lead a wreath-laying ceremony as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

The event, scheduled for 11 a.m. Dec. 13, will take place at Avenue 795, 795 Fond du Lac Ave., according to a community announcement. Wreaths will be laid at Calvary, St. Charles and Taycheedah cemeteries immediately following the ceremony.

The ceremony is part of a larger effort, with more than 4,225 locations across the country participating in National Wreaths Across America Day. The Fond du Lac chapter has raised funds throughout the year to sponsor the

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