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Local students to compete in the 2011 Conservation Awareness Poster Contest

Students from local schools are now preparing their posters for the 2011 Conservation Awareness Poster Contest sponsored by the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Committee and Olson Memorial Library. The contest theme this year is "*Forests For People – More Than You Can Imagine*", connecting people to the forest. We all have a connection to the trees in the forest that provide wood for our homes, furniture, or cork for the center of our baseballs. We can be thankful that trees help clean the air we breathe. Trees play an important part in the lives of many farmers across the nation, for food we eat. How our forests are managed is important because of the products we receive from them. Forests are also great for recreational opportunities such as hiking, hunting, bird or wildlife watching. There is a lot to learn about forests!

We invite and encourage the public to drop in and view the student posters at Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River starting on October 18, 2011. Three local professionals will evaluate the posters at the library on October 24. Criteria that the judges will look for in the poster evaluations will include relevance to the annual theme, originality, neatness, readability, and accuracy of the conservation message.

There will be an art reception and award program on October 25, 2011 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the library for all poster contest participants, their families, and teachers. The awards program will begin at 6:00pm. First place winners in each age division will receive a free art lesson with artist / biologist Ms. Terry Daulton from Mercer, WI. First place posters will move on to compete in the regional poster contest to be held in Wausau on October 27, 2011.

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Vilas County students or teachers interested in additional information about the conservation poster contest may contact Carolyn Scholl, County Conservationist with the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department at (715) 479-3747.

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