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WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

**JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET UPDATE**

Yesterday, the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) held an executive session to vote on budget provisions, closing out the following agencies:

- Wisconsin Elections Commission
- Wisconsin Ethics Commission
- Department of Tourism

Key Takeaways:

Eliminated 9.9 positions that have been vacant at the Department of Administration.

Doubled the funding for the Housing Assistance Program, increasing it by \$600,000.

Invested in technology at the Elections Commission to protect voter data security and prevent cyber attacks.

Approved a Deputy Administrator position at the Ethics Commission to help manage the increase in workload.

Increased funding for Tourism Marketing by \$1.5 million.

Extended project positions for the Office of Outdoor Recreation - which promotes outdoor travel.

The next JFC Executive Session will be Thursday, May 27th. The focus of that session will be on the Department of Public Instruction, the UW System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the Higher Educational Aids Board.

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ELK HUNTING APPLICATIONS DEADLINE MAY 31ST

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds interested Wisconsin hunters to apply for a 2021 elk tag by May 31.

Each spring, the DNR accepts applications for a once-in-a-lifetime elk harvest tag for the fall hunting season. Collaborative reintroduction efforts have grown Wisconsin's elk population enough to sustain an annual hunting season since 2018, and hunters with elk tags have had a 93% harvest success rate. The DNR anticipates herd growth again this year.

Hunters can apply by logging on to their [Go Wild](#) account or visiting a [license agent](#). The fee is \$10 and drawing results will be available in mid-June.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation also sells raffle tickets for one bull tag for \$10 each, and there is no limit to the number of raffle tickets an individual can purchase. Proceeds from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation raffle and \$7 from each DNR tag application go to elk management and research in Wisconsin.

These funds are already enhancing elk habitat, benefiting the elk herd and many other wildlife species that share habitat with elk.

For more information on the elk hunt, [visit the DNR's elk webpage](#).

(From a DNR news release dated May 20, 2021)

DISTRICT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to see your event here, please send them to Sen.Felzkowski@legis.wi.gov.

May 21st-22nd: SXS Sports Spring National UTV Race - Lena

May 28th: Women's Service League Pie Sale & Brat Feed - Manitowish Waters

May 29th: 5th Annual Manitowish Waters Boat & Car Show - Manitowish Waters

May 29th: 34th Annual Lions Club Pork, Steak, or Chicken Dinner - Boulder Junction

May 30th: Main Street Memories Car Show - Tomahawk

May 30th: Lions Club Pancake Breakfast - Manitowish Waters

June 25th: Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show - Minocqua

HODAG HERITAGE DAYS CAME TO THE CAPITOL

Rep. Rob Swearingen and I had the opportunity to start celebrating Hodag Heritage Days a little early this year! We were surprised by a visit by the Hodag who was down at the Capitol.

We had a great time taking some photos. If you have time today, I highly encourage everyone to head to the 'parked parade' in Rhinelander from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

