

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Microsoft Teams: [March 9, 2021 NTC Board of Trustees Regular Meeting](#)

1:00 p.m. Call to order, compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)

I. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. Public Comments

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the meeting minutes from the February 9, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote required to approve.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- a. [Award the Sale](#) – Roxanne Lutgen
Resolution awarding the sale of \$1,500,000 general obligation promissory notes, series 2021A; providing the form of the notes; and levying a tax in connection therewith.

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the resolution awarding the sale of \$1,500,000 general obligation promissory notes, series 2021A; providing the form of the notes; and levying a tax in connection therewith to Colliers Securities LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota at a True Interest rate of 1.1564%.

Roll call vote required to approve.

- b. [Approval of 2021-2022 Final Capital Budget](#) – Roxanne Lutgen

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the 2021-2022 Capital Budget not to exceed the \$14,250,300 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$11,500,000, fund balance use of \$500,000, anticipated donations of \$102,000, and anticipated CRRSAA grants of \$2,148,300, including identified items exceeding \$50,000.

Roll call vote required to approve.

- c. [Award Contract for Audit Services](#) – Roxanne Lutgen

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve to enter into a contractual agreement with Clifton Larson Allen LLP for audit services for the years 2021 through 2025 at a total five-year cost of \$170,100.

Roll call vote required to approve.

IV. CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- a. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda
 - i. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
 - ii. [Personnel Changes](#)

Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College Board approve the Consent Voting Agenda including:

- i. Receipts + Expenditures
- ii. Personnel Changes

Roll call vote required to approve.

V. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- a. Workforce Training + Professional Development Update – Brad Gast

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a. President’s Report
 - i. COVID Vaccine Site Update
 - ii. Legislative Updates
- b. Chairperson’s Report
 - i. Spring Board Appointment Update
 - 1. Appointment Hearing: Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
 - ii. WTC DBA Spring Meeting – Friday, April 16, 2021 (NTC is Virtual Host)
 - iii. Reminder to Complete Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) by 4/30/21
- c. Information
 - i. [Capital Projects Monitoring Report](#)
 - ii. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
 - iii. [Good News](#)

VII. CLOSED SESSION (Immediately following the above Open Meeting)

- a. Adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(b)(c) and (g) for the purpose of:
 - i. Approval of January 12, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Consideration of and action regarding faculty employment, including approving issuance of preliminary notices of consideration of nonrenewal of faculty employment contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - iii. Update on Potential Litigation
 - iv. Personnel Consideration

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Roll call vote required

VIII. OPEN SESSION

- a. Reconvene the Board into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Motion: Reconvene Board into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Roll call vote required

IX. MEETING ADJOURN

Note: Meetings of the Northcentral Technical College District Board are held in compliance with Wisconsin's "Open Meetings Law".

Mission: Northcentral Technical College provides high-quality, learner and employer focused, educational pathways committed to enriching lives and strengthening the economy.

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TOPIC: Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,500,000 general obligation promissory notes, series 2021A; providing the form of the notes; and levying a tax in connection therewith.

POLICY 1.1 – General Executive Constraint – The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in execution of her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either imprudent or *in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* or that results in failure to be accredited.

INTERPRETATION: To avoid *violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 38.16 “District Tax Levy (2) The district board may borrow money and levy taxes to be used for the purchase of construction of buildings and for additions, enlargements and improvements to buildings and for the acquisition of sites and equipment. In financing activities under this subsection, the district may issue its bonds or promissory notes under ch. 67 to pay the cost thereof.”

DATA/RESULTS: The board adopted the resolutions providing for the sale of \$1,500,000 in General Obligation Promissory Notes at its February 9, 2021 meeting. Bids on the issues will be opened March 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The resolution awarding the sale will be updated with bid information, distributed, and acted upon at the June meeting.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Regular Voting Agenda (*Roll Call Vote*)

PROPOSED MOTION:

That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approve the resolution awarding the sale of \$1,500,000 general obligation promissory notes, series 2021A; providing the form of the notes; and levying a tax in connection therewith to Colliers Securities LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota at a True Interest rate of 1.1564%.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Lori A. Waynes

Dated: March 9, 2021

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2021A; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AND
LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the District Board of the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin (the “District”) adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in the aggregate amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of the District’s 2020-21 Capital Budget, to wit: construction of new building space on the Wausau Campus (not to exceed \$1,500,000); remodeling and improvement projects (not to exceed \$1,500,000); and equipment acquisition, installation and related costs (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the District (in consultation with the District’s financial advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co.) caused a Notice of Sale to be distributed offering \$1,500,000 of the District’s general obligation promissory notes for public sale on March 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, a notice of sale was published in the Bond Buyer on February 23, 2021 offering the aforesaid general obligation promissory notes for public sale on March 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, sealed bid proposals were received as summarized on Exhibit C attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bid proposal (the “Proposal”) submitted by Colliers Securities LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota, fully complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the District. A copy of said bid is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board of the District that:

Section 1. Award of the Notes. The bid proposal of Colliers Securities LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota (the “Purchaser”) is hereby accepted, said proposal offering to purchase the \$1,500,000 Northcentral Technical College District General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A (the “Notes”) for the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$1,558,457.75) plus accrued interest to the date of delivery, resulting in a net interest cost of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$102,134.75) and a true interest rate of 1.1564%.

Section 2. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated “General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A”; shall be dated March 29, 2021; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall bear interest at the rates per annum and mature on March 1 of each year, in the years and principal amounts as set forth in the Pricing Summary attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by this reference. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on September 1, 2021. The schedule of principal and interest payments due on the Notes is set forth on the Debt Service Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit E and incorporated herein by this reference (the “Schedule”).

Section 2A. Designation of Purchaser as Agent. The District hereby designates the Purchaser as its agent for purposes of distributing the Final Official Statement relating to the Notes to any participating underwriter in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. At the option of the District, the Notes maturing on March 1, 2029 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity on March 1, 2028 or on any date thereafter. Said Notes shall be redeemable as a whole or in part, from maturities selected by the District and within each maturity by lot, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Section 4. Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged and a direct annual irrepealable tax is hereby levied upon all taxable property of the District. Said direct annual irrepealable tax shall be levied in the years 2021 through 2030 for payments due in 2022 through 2031 in the amounts as set forth on the Schedule.

The aforesaid direct annual irrepealable tax hereby levied shall be collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the District levied in said years are collected. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the tax herein above levied shall be and continues irrepealable except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus in the Debt Service Fund Account created herein.

The District will use excess debt service funds on hand in the amount of \$12,255 to pay interest on the Notes coming due on September 1, 2021. Said sum shall be irrevocably deposited upon receipt into the segregated Debt Service Fund Account for the Notes created below and used to make the interest payment due on the Notes on September 1, 2021.

Section 6. Debt Service Fund Account. There is hereby established in the District treasury a fund account separate and distinct from every other District fund or account designated “Debt Service Fund Account for \$1,500,000 Northcentral Technical College District General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A, dated March 29, 2021”. There shall be deposited in said fund account any premium plus accrued interest paid on the Notes at the time of delivery to the Purchaser, all money raised by taxation pursuant to Section 5 hereof and all other sums as may be necessary to pay interest on the Notes when the same shall become due and to retire the Notes at their respective maturity dates. Said fund account shall be used for the sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes and shall be maintained for such purpose until such indebtedness is fully paid or otherwise extinguished.

Section 7. Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the “Note Proceeds”) (other than any premium and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into an

account separate and distinct from all other funds and be disbursed solely for the purposes for which borrowed or for the payment for the principal of and the interest on the Notes.

Section 8. Arbitrage Covenant. The District shall not take any action with respect to the Note Proceeds which, if such action had been reasonably expected to have been taken, or had been deliberately and intentionally taken on the date of the delivery of and payment for the Notes (the “Closing”), would cause the Notes to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and any income tax regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Regulations”).

The Note Proceeds may be temporarily invested in legal investments until needed, provided however, that the District hereby covenants and agrees that so long as the Notes remain outstanding, moneys on deposit in any fund or account created or maintained in connection with the Notes, whether such moneys were derived from the Note Proceeds or from any other source, will not be used or invested in a manner which would cause the Notes to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of the Code or Regulations.

The Secretary-Treasurer, or other officer of the District charged with responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide an appropriate certificate of the District, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the District regarding the amount and use of the Note Proceeds and the facts and estimates on which such expectations are based, all as of the Closing.

Section 9. Additional Tax Covenants; Exemption from Rebate. The District hereby further covenants and agrees that it will take all necessary steps and perform all obligations required by the Code and Regulations (whether prior to or subsequent to the issuance of the Notes) to assure that the Notes are obligations described in Section 103(a) of the Code, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, throughout their term. The Secretary-Treasurer or other officer of the District charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes, shall provide an appropriate certificate of the District as of the Closing, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, certifying that it can and covenanting that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

Further, it is the intent of the District to take all reasonable and lawful actions to comply with any new tax laws enacted so that the Notes will continue to be obligations described in Section 103(a) of the Code, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The District anticipates that the Notes will qualify for the eighteen month expenditure exemption from the rebate requirements of the Code. The District Secretary-Treasurer or other officer of the District charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes, shall provide an appropriate certificate of the District as of the Closing, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, with respect to said exemption from the rebate requirements, and said District Secretary-Treasurer or other officer is hereby authorized to make any election on behalf of the District in order to comply with the rebate requirements of the Code. If, for any reason, the District did not qualify for any exemption from the rebate requirements of the Code, the District covenants that it would take all necessary steps to comply with such requirements.

Section 10. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Secretary-Treasurer shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The District shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

The 15th day of each calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes. Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the District maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer at the close of business on the corresponding record date.

Section 11. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only-System. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), the District has heretofore agreed to the applicable provisions set forth in the DTC Blanket Issuer Letter of Representation and an authorized official of the District has executed such Letter of Representation and delivered it to the DTC on behalf of the District.

Section 12. Execution of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in typewritten form, one Note for each maturity, executed on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer (except that one of the foregoing signatures shall be manual), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the District of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery. In the event that either of the officers whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the delivery of the Notes, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until such delivery. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized to do all acts and execute and deliver all documents as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing.

Section 13. Official Statement. The District Board hereby approves the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deems the Preliminary Official Statement as “final” as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission

pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Rule”). All actions taken by officers of the District in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or Final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with Closing, the appropriate District official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or Final Official Statement. The appropriate District official shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or Final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 14. Payment of the Notes. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer or his or her agent in lawful money of the United States.

Section 15. Continuing Disclosure. The District hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of its Continuing Disclosure Certificate, which the District will execute and deliver on the Closing Date. Any Noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Section.

Section 16. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the District or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2021.

Paul C. Proulx,
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Charlie Paulson,
Secretary-Treasurer



Upcoming Calendar Overview Result Excel

Colliers Securities LLC - Minneapolis , MN's Bid

Northcentral Tech Coll Dt
\$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A

For the aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000.00, we will pay you \$1,558,457.75, plus accrued interest from the date of issue to the date of delivery. The Bonds are to bear interest at the following rate(s):

Table with 3 columns: Maturity Date, Amount \$, Coupon %. Rows include dates from 03/01/2022 to 03/01/2031 with amounts ranging from 125M to 180M and coupon rates from 1.5000 to 3.0000.

Total Interest Cost: \$160,592.50
Premium: \$58,457.75
Net Interest Cost: \$102,134.75
TIC: 1.156385
Time Last Bid Received On:03/08/2021 10:27:17 CST

This proposal is made subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Official Bid Form, the Official Notice of Sale, and the Preliminary Official Statement, all of which are made a part hereof.

Bidder: Colliers Securities LLC, Minneapolis , MN
Contact: Michael McMahon
Title: Senior VP
Telephone:612-337-5766
Fax:

Issuer Name: Northcentral Technical College District Company Name:

Accepted By: Accepted By:

Date: Date:

EXHIBIT B

(Form of Note)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CLARK, LANGLADE, LINCOLN, MARATHON, MENOMINEE,
PORTAGE, PRICE, SHAWANO, TAYLOR AND WAUPACA COUNTIES
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2021A

REGISTERED
NO. R-__

MATURITY DATE: ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE: INTEREST RATE: CUSIP

MARCH 1, 20__ MARCH 29, 2021 _____% 658545__

DEPOSITORY OR ITS NOMINEE NAME: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ DOLLARS
(\$ _____)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Depository or its Nominee Name (the "Depository") identified above (or to registered assigns), on the maturity date identified above, the principal amount identified above, and to pay interest thereon at the rate of interest per annum identified above, all subject to the provisions herein regarding redemption prior to maturity. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on September 1, 2021 until the aforesaid principal amount is paid in full. Both the principal of and interest on this Note are payable in lawful money of the United States. The principal of this Note shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Note at the office of the District Secretary-Treasurer. Interest payable on any interest payment date shall be paid by wire transfer to the Depository in whose name this Note is registered on the Bond Register maintained by the District Secretary-Treasurer at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding the semi-annual interest payment date (the "Record Date").

For the prompt payment of this Note together with interest hereon as aforesaid and for the levy of taxes sufficient for that purpose, the full faith, credit and resources of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Note is one of an issue of Notes aggregating the principal amount of \$1,500,000, all of which are of like tenor, except as to denomination, interest rate; maturity date and redemption provision, issued by the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of paying the cost of the District's 2020-21 Capital Budget, to wit: construction of new building space on the Wausau Campus (not to exceed \$1,500,000); remodeling and improvement projects (not to exceed \$1,500,000); and equipment acquisition, installation and related costs; all as authorized by resolutions of the District Board duly adopted by said governing body at meetings held on February 9 and March 9, 2021. Said resolutions are recorded in the official minutes of the District Board for said dates.

At the option of the District, the Notes maturing on March 1, 2029 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity on March 1, 2028 or on any date thereafter. Said Notes are redeemable as a whole or in part, from maturities selected by the District and within each maturity by lot (as selected by the Depository), at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

In the event the Notes are redeemed prior to maturity, as long as the Notes are in book-entry-only form, official notice of the redemption will be given by mailing a notice by registered or certified mail, or overnight express delivery, to the Depository not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date. If less than all the Notes of a maturity are to be called for redemption, the Notes of such maturity to be redeemed will be selected by lot. Such notice will include but not be limited to the following: the designation, date and maturities of the Notes called for redemption, CUSIP numbers, and the date of redemption. Any notice mailed as provided herein shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Depository receives the notice. The Notes shall cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date, provided that federal or other immediately available funds sufficient for such redemption are on deposit at the office of the Depository at that time. Upon such deposit of funds for redemption the Notes shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, things and acts required by law to exist or to be done prior to and in connection with the issuance of this Note have been done, have existed and have been performed in due form and time; that the aggregate indebtedness of the District, including this Note and others issued simultaneously herewith, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law or the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin; and that a direct annual irrepealable tax has been levied sufficient to pay this Note, together with the interest thereon, when and as payable.

This Note is transferable only upon the books of the District kept for that purpose at the office of the District Secretary-Treasurer. In the event that the Depository does not continue to act as depository for the Notes, and the District Board appoints another depository, new fully registered Notes in the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the new depository upon surrender of the Notes to the District Secretary -Treasurer, in exchange therefor and upon the payment of a charge sufficient to reimburse the District for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall not be obliged to make any transfer of the Notes (i) after the Record Date, (ii) during the fifteen (15) calendar days preceding the date of any publication of notice of any proposed redemption of the Notes, or (iii) with respect to any particular Note, after such

Note has been called for redemption. The District may treat and consider the Depository in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Northcentral Technical College District, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin, by its governing body, has caused this Note to be executed for it and in its name by the signatures of its duly qualified Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer; all as of the 29th day of March, 2021.

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT
CLARK, LANGLADE, LINCOLN, MARATHON,
MENOMINEE, PORTAGE, PRICE, SHAWANO,
TAYLOR AND WAUPACA COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

By: _____
Paul C. Proulx,
Chairperson

By: _____
Charlie Paulson,
Secretary-Treasurer

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

(Name and Address of Assignee)

(Social Security or other Identifying Number of Assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____, Legal Representative, to transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

(e.g. Bank, Trust Company
or Securities Firm)

(Depository or its Nominee
Name)

(Authorized Officer)

NOTICE: The above-named
Depository or its Nominee Name must correspond
with the name as it appears upon the face of the
within Note in every particular, without alteration or
enlargement or any change whatever.



EXHIBIT C

Northcentral Technical College District

Results of Competitive Bids

\$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, 2021A

Bids Received by 10:30 AM (CT)

Monday, March 8, 2021

Rank	Bidder	True Interest Cost
1	Colliers Securities LLC	1.1564%
2	BNYMellon Capital Markets	1.2908%
3	Bernardi Securities, Inc.	1.3455%
4	UBS Financial Services Inc.	1.3612%
5	Huntington Securities, Inc.	1.3753%
6	Northland Securities, Inc.	1.4005%

EXHIBIT D



BOND PRICING

Northcentral Technical College District (Aa1)
 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A - FINAL
 NBQ; Callable 3/1/2028 or any Date Thereafter
 Colliers Securities LLC

Bond Component	Maturity Date	Amount	Rate	Yield	Price	Yield to Maturity	Call Date	Call Price	Premium (-Discount)
Serial Bonds:									
	03/01/2022	125,000	2.000%	0.200%	101.657				2,071.25
	03/01/2023	130,000	2.000%	0.300%	103.255				4,231.50
	03/01/2024	135,000	2.000%	0.450%	104.494				6,066.90
	03/01/2025	140,000	2.000%	0.600%	105.418				7,585.20
	03/01/2026	145,000	2.000%	0.700%	106.278				9,103.10
	03/01/2027	150,000	2.000%	0.800%	106.927				10,390.50
	03/01/2028	160,000	3.000%	0.950%	113.702				21,923.20
	03/01/2029	165,000	1.500%	1.100%	102.658 C	1.148%	03/01/2028	100.000	4,385.70
	03/01/2030	170,000	1.500%	1.200%	101.986 C	1.264%	03/01/2028	100.000	3,376.20
	03/01/2031	180,000	1.500%	1.300%	101.319 C	1.357%	03/01/2028	100.000	2,374.20
		1,500,000							71,507.75

Dated Date	03/29/2021	
Delivery Date	03/29/2021	
First Coupon	09/01/2021	
Par Amount	1,500,000.00	
Premium	71,507.75	
Production	1,571,507.75	104.767183%
Underwriter's Discount	(13,050.00)	(0.870000%)
Purchase Price	1,558,457.75	103.897183%
Accrued Interest		
Net Proceeds	1,558,457.75	

EXHIBIT E



BOND DEBT SERVICE

Northcentral Technical College District (Aa1)
 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A - FINAL
 NBQ; Callable 3/1/2028 or any Date Thereafter
 Colliers Securities LLC

Dated Date 03/29/2021
 Delivery Date 03/29/2021

Period Ending	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	Annual Debt Service
03/29/2021					
09/01/2021			12,255.00	12,255.00	12,255.00
03/01/2022	125,000	2.000%	14,512.50	139,512.50	
09/01/2022			13,262.50	13,262.50	152,775.00
03/01/2023	130,000	2.000%	13,262.50	143,262.50	
09/01/2023			11,962.50	11,962.50	155,225.00
03/01/2024	135,000	2.000%	11,962.50	146,962.50	
09/01/2024			10,612.50	10,612.50	157,575.00
03/01/2025	140,000	2.000%	10,612.50	150,612.50	
09/01/2025			9,212.50	9,212.50	159,825.00
03/01/2026	145,000	2.000%	9,212.50	154,212.50	
09/01/2026			7,762.50	7,762.50	161,975.00
03/01/2027	150,000	2.000%	7,762.50	157,762.50	
09/01/2027			6,262.50	6,262.50	164,025.00
03/01/2028	160,000	3.000%	6,262.50	166,262.50	
09/01/2028			3,862.50	3,862.50	170,125.00
03/01/2029	165,000	1.500%	3,862.50	168,862.50	
09/01/2029			2,625.00	2,625.00	171,487.50
03/01/2030	170,000	1.500%	2,625.00	172,625.00	
09/01/2030			1,350.00	1,350.00	173,975.00
03/01/2031	180,000	1.500%	1,350.00	181,350.00	
09/01/2031					181,350.00
	1,500,000		160,592.50	1,660,592.50	1,660,592.50

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TOPIC: 2021-2022 Capital Budget Planning

POLICY:

1.3.1 Budgeting – may not cause or allow budgeting which contains too little information, as determined by the Board to enable *credible projection* of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, cash flow, and disclosure of *planning assumptions*.

1.6.5 Asset Protection - may not make any purchases or commit the organization to any *expenditure of greater than \$50,000*.

INTERPRETATION:

Credible projections are based on multiyear plans supporting community benefits statements and executive limitations. *Planning assumptions* are based on multi-year capital expenditure plans and funding sources. *Expenditures greater than \$50,000* must have board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: Attached are three planning documents:

1. *2021-2022 Capital Expenditure Funding Sources* shows the funding plan for the next year's capital budget.
2. *2021-2022 Capital Expenditure Summary* shows categories of capital expenditures for next year's capital budget.
3. *2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Requests* provides additional information and identifies *expenditures greater than \$50,000* requiring board approval.

At this meeting today, NTC is presenting the Board with a resolution to approve capital expenditures of \$14,250,300, which includes a June 2021 borrowing of \$11,500,000, fund balance use of \$500,000, anticipated donations of \$102,000 and anticipated CRRSAA grants of \$2,148,300.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

- Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approval not to exceed the \$14,250,300 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$11,500,000, fund balance use of \$500,000, anticipated donations of \$102,000 and anticipated CRRSAA grants of \$2,148,300, including identified items exceeding \$50,000.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Dr. Lori A. Weyers

Dated 3/9/2021

2021-2022 Capital Expenditure Funding Sources

\$14,250,300	Total Capital Expenditures Budget
\$11,500,000	Funded through Annual Capital Borrowings
\$ 500,000	Funded through Fund Balance
\$ 102,000	Funded through Anticipated Donations
\$ 2,148,300	Funded through Anticipated CRRSAA Grants

2021-2022 Capital Expenditure Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2021-2022</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Previously Committed Capital Expenditures		
Distance Education Leases	\$ 115,320	
Licenses & Other Items	<u>\$ 1,153,982</u>	
		\$ 1,269,302
Capital Contingency Fund	<u>\$ 383,888</u>	
		\$ 383,888
Technology Maintenance		
Advanced Technology Initiatives	\$ 1,680,000	
Microcomputers and Consulting	\$ 906,000	
Network Equipment	\$ 2,112,000	
Smart Classrooms	<u>\$ 800,000</u>	
		\$ 5,498,000
High Priority Educational Needs		
Equipment and Software	<u>\$ 3,618,800</u>	
		\$ 3,618,800
Long Range Facility Plan Recommendations		
Regional Campuses	\$ 1,570,310	
Central Campus	<u>\$ 1,910,000</u>	
		<u>\$ 3,480,310</u>
Total Capital Expenditures Budget		\$14,250,300

2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
Information Technology	District-Wide	P	Capital Contingency for Information Technology	IT renovations related to building remodeling requires contingency as needs become apparent throughout the remodeling project.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	District-Wide	P	Smart Classrooms – NTC Connect (35 rooms)	Converting existing smart classrooms to the new NTC Connect format including the ability to conduct Zoom learning sessions.	5	Growth and Innovation	\$690,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	District-Wide	N	Virtual Desktop structure for students	Increase virtual desktop infrastructure to allow computer lab access to students at home.	5	Growth and Innovation	\$100,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	District-Wide	N	Laptop/MiFi vending \$15K/regional* 6 (Phillips, Antigo, Medford, Spencer, Merrill, Wausau)	Provide easy access to MiFi technology to the distance students.	5	Growth and Innovation	\$90,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Campus-Wide	P	Advanced Technology Initiatives (*WorkDay \$1,600,000 implementation, \$360,000 annual maintenance for HR/FN) (People resources from Unborrowed Funds/Use of Fund Balance) (FY24 is a placeholder for WorkDay Student)	WorkDay is our replacement for PeopleSoft Human Resources and PeopleSoft Finance.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$1,680,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Antigo Campus	N	Technology Hub (\$50K trailer, \$12K MIFI, \$33,500 laptops, and other Technology)	The Regional Campus Technology Charter has specified technology initiatives which include items such as laptops, student MiFis, parking lot charging stations, enhanced campus space aesthetics, Business and Industry service model, virtual campus resources (Financial Aid, Career Coach, Advisor, ARC, Library, Help Desk, etc.).	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$165,655	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Phillips Campus	N	Technology Hub	The Regional Campus Technology Charter has specified technology initiatives which include items such as laptops, student MiFis, parking lot charging stations, enhanced campus space aesthetics, Business and Industry service model, virtual campus resources (Financial Aid, Career Coach, Advisor, ARC, Library, Help Desk, etc.).	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$70,155	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Phillips Campus	N	Technology Hub (\$50K trailer, \$12K MIFI, \$33,500 laptops)	The Regional Campus Technology Charter has specified technology initiatives which include items such as laptops, student MiFis, parking lot charging stations, enhanced campus space aesthetics, Business and Industry service model, virtual campus resources (Financial Aid, Career Coach, Advisor, ARC, Library, Help Desk, etc.).	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$95,500	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Microcomputers & Consulting	R	Maintain 3-year Replacement of lab workstations and 5-year Employee.	Workstation replacements per the long-term computer refresh plan.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$400,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Microcomputers & Consulting	P	Advanced Consulting Line Item (Kamran, Steve, Kurt)	District wide and distance learner impact.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$506,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	R	Data Cabling & Telephones in remodeled areas	Renovations related to building remodeling.	15 years	Growth and Innovation	\$50,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022

2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	N	Cameras and Equipment for Safety & Security	Increased Safety and Security for all students and staff.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$75,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	R	Server/Network/PC Replacement	Servers that provide services and communications within the network as well as the network itself need regular maintenance and replacement.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$300,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	R	CHS Network Switch Replacement	Network switch replacement for the Center for Health Sciences building per the long-term switch replacement plan.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$100,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	P	HD Video Conferencing (IVC sub committee recommendation-replace technology)	Convert our IVC system/Smart Classrooms per the NTC Connect plan.	5 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$300,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	P	PeopleSoft Replacement (add to PS reserves)	Building reserves to pay for the replacement of PeopleSoft software.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$750,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	P	PeopleSoft Upgrades	Software maintenance on this system is required and a replacement plan is currently under development.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$115,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Network Equipment – Servers / Repairs	N	Regional Campus Technology Center (RCTC) plan Cellular LTE Point of Presence Site	Pilot the feasibility of providing LTE internet access to students within 7 miles of the Center for Excellence in Agriculture.	5	Growth and Innovation	\$50,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Distance Ed Leases	P	Charter and other providers (Wide Area Network)	District-wide and distance learner impact. Provides connectivity to regional campuses and the Internet. Impacts all students, employees, and stakeholders.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$74,820	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Information Technology	Licenses	P	Microsoft software and other software licenses	Software licenses necessary to conduct business and training throughout the District.	Non-Depreciable	Growth and Innovation	\$955,782	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022

2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
Facilities	District-Wide	R	Construction Contingency	Renovations related to building remodeling requires contingency as needs become apparent during remodeling projects.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Automotive Air Handler	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$75,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	CHS HVAC Upgrades (Phase 1)	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$200,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	CHS Roof Top Exhaust Fan Replacement & Fan Wall (Phase II)	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$200,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	E101 & E102 Improvements	Enlarge E101/102 conference space by replacing wall dividers and minor facility improvements. (FTE)	15 Years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$50,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	G Building AHU Replacement (moved from FY2021-22 to cover Diesel Parking Lot)	Life cycle replacement	15 Years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$150,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	H Building Roof Replacement	Life cycle replacement	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$350,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	N	Industry 4.0 Addition	Expand the AME Lab in the I Building to provide new space for Industry 4.0 programming. (FTE)	25 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$400,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Lighting Upgrade to LED	Lighting upgrades to LED.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$50,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Sidewalk Replacement/Curb Replacement	Sidewalk/curb replacement on Wausau Campus.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$200,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022
Facilities	Wausau Campus	R	Student Services Reconfiguration	Reconfigure Student Services office cubicles to comply with Covid social distancing guidelines, increase staff capacity for additional grant positions, and erect privacy walls around the One-Stop and Student Finance counters.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$135,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	
Facilities	Phillips Campus	R	Phillips Technology Hub	Renovate portions of the Antigo Campus to create a new Technology Hub. The hub will provide greater internet access for students in the rural Phillips community.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$310,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Phillips Campus	N	Welding Dust Collection (Future Overhead Manifold, Requires Learning Collaboration)	Upgrade ventilation system in Phillips welding lab for new equipment and increased student safety.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$60,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	Robotic Milker	Life cycle replacement.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022
Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	Showers/Lockers/Water Storage	Install additional showers/lockers/and water storage capacity to meet Covid social distancing guidelines and protect staff, students, and animals for infection.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$350,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	
Facilities	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	VetTech Lab/Classroom Renovation	Renovate portions of the Agricultural Center of Excellence to provide mock x-ray suites for the VetTech Program.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$50,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022

2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
Facilities	Antigo Campus	R	Antigo Technology Hub	Renovate portions of the Antigo Campus to create a new Technology Hub. The hub will provide greater internet access for students in the rural Antigo community.	15 years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$360,000	7/1/21	6/30/22	6/30/2022
Facilities	Antigo Campus	R	Saw Filing Improvements	Aesthetic improvements to the old AutoBody Shop for new Wood Saw Filing Program. (FTE)	15years	Continuous Quality Improvement	\$150,000	7/1/2021	9/24/2021	6/30/2022

2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
Learning	District-Wide	N/R	Emergency Dollars for Learning Capital equipment and projects	Emergency capital dollars for equipment requiring unexpected replacement / fix or new initiative equipment needed during the year.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$81,376	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	Electrical Power Distribution Equipment	Used Digger/Derrick – current digger/derrick is a 2006 vintage truck. This equipment sees heavy use throughout the program, and is integral to the curriculum.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$110,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	N/R	Farm Learning Equipment	Skid Steer with pilot controls + Corn planter/sprayer tractor + New CVT program equipment.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$299,500	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Agriculture Center of Excellence	R	Robotic Milker	Current Robotic Milker is over 10 years old and is due for an update.	10 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$125,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	N	Clark Island Innovation Center	Industry 4.0 Equipment	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$65,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	N	Civil Engineering Technology Equipment	Drone Package + Survey Equipment Storage Cabinets + GPS Package. This is a new program and we need the equipment to deliver a high quality class.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$95,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	R	Dental Equipment	Six Dental Operatory chairs – they need to be replaced periodically due to high use in the clinic.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$136,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	R/N	Diesel Equipment	Used Class 8 Tractor with Updated Technology - to allow the program to stay current with the latest advances in technology.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$80,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	R	Electromechanical Technology Equipment	Two Fluid Power Trainer and Six Mechatronics Trainers.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$75,500	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	N	Industry 4.0 Addition	Equipment to develop a unique one of a kind production cell, that not only has the ability to serve as a show piece for students and industry partners but uses the latest industry 4.0 technology that will help us educate and prepare current and future students for a successful career in high-tech industry 4.0 manufacturing.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$1,435,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	P	Miller Welding Agreement	Leasing of new welding equipment which allows NTC's welding lab to stay on the cutting edge of welding equipment and in line with industry standards.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$63,024	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Wausau Campus	N	Saw Filing Equipment	Equipment for new Saw Filing certificate which will create one of, if not the only saw filing program at an institution of higher education. Equipment purchased will be for both band and circular saws, and fill a needed gap in training for the woods industry.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$173,000 + \$102,000 Donations	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022

2021-2022 Capital Equipment Budget Request (Items \$50,000 or more)

Division	Item Requested	(N) New (R) Replacement (P) Previously Committed	Definition	Impact (FTE, Headcount, Location, Program, etc.)	Depreciable Life	Strategic Direction College Goals	Cost	Estimated start date	Estimated end date	Estimated date all proceeds spent
Learning	Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence	R	CDL Equipment	New Class A Tractor - Sleeper cab truck with 10 speed transmission. We need to continue to update our fleet to ensure we have working trucks for our students.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$100,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence	N	EMS & Paramedic Equipment	Four Ares Mid Fidelity Manikin - The State of Wisconsin EMS allows some competencies to be done on advanced simulation manikins. These new manikins will allow for different medical and traumatic scenarios. Portability will allow for use at all our campuses.	5 years	Growth and Innovation	\$100,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022
Learning	Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence	R	EMS & Paramedic Equipment	Ambulance & Stryker Power Cot - Our current 2004 ambulance (230,000 miles) has continual numerous mechanical problems with it and it has become a vehicle we can't rely on.	5 years	Continuous and Quality Improvement	\$173,000	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2022

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TOPIC: Award Contract for Audit Services

POLICY 1.1 – General Executive Constraint – The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in execution of her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either imprudent or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics or that results in failure to be accredited.

INTERPRETATION: To avoid *violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 38.12 **District Board Duties (5)** “The district board shall annually authorize an audit of the district...”

DATA/RESULTS: NTC presented a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the public jointly with Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC), Western Technical College (WTC), Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC), and Nicolet Area Technical College (NATC). The Board is requested to approve the awarding of NTC’s five-year audit contract to the firm of Clifton Larson Allen LLP. Our current contract with Wipfli LLP expired with the year ended June 30, 2020.

NTC staff analyzed results from the four responses to the “Request for Proposal (RFP) for Auditing Services” against specific weighted criteria:

1. Qualification of the firm, (30 percent)
2. Relevant experience, (25 percent)
3. Responsiveness to the RFP (20 percent) and
4. Audit bid cost summary (25 percent).

NTC recommends awarding the audit to Clifton Larson Allen over the incumbent Wipfli, based on similar scoring in the first three categories, combined with a significant savings of nearly \$36,000 over five years.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

✓ Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

To enter into a contractual agreement with Clifton Larson Allen LLP for audit services for the years 2021 through 2025 at a total five-year cost of \$170,100.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Lois A. Weyers

Dated March 9, 2021

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

POLICY 1.1 – General Executive Constraint – The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in execution of her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either imprudent or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics or that results in failure to be accredited.

INTERPRETATION: To avoid *violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 38.12 **District Board Duties (2)** “...All expenditures exceeding \$2500 shall be approved by the district board.” Also, in compliance with Wisconsin statute 38.12(4) District board duties, “The publication proceedings shall include a statement of receipts and expenditures in the aggregate.”

DATA/RESULTS: The following Status of Funds listing receipts and expenditures including operating transfers in the aggregate is included for informational purposes as of **January 31, 2021** (preliminary).

YTD Fund 1 – 7 Revenues: \$57,209,547.19

YTD Fund 1 – 7 Expenses: \$48,796,774.12

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Lois A. Weyns

Dated 3/9/2021

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TOPIC: Personnel Changes

POLICY 1.1 – General Executive Constraint – The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in execution of her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either imprudent or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics or that results in failure to be accredited.

INTERPRETATION: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 118.22 (2) "...No teacher may be employed... except by a majority vote of the full membership of the board. Nothing in this section prevents the modification or termination of a contract by mutual agreement of the teacher and the board."

DATA/RESULTS: A request is made to approve the following personnel changes:

New Hires:

1. Sallie Daigle – Student Connection Specialist
2. Nikki Framke – Library Student Outreach Specialist
3. Markel Happli – IT Help Desk Technician
4. Matthew Hoenecke – Student Connection Specialist
5. Brittany McHugh – Nursing Faculty

Resignations:

1. Savannah Felch – Human Resources Specialist
2. Darrell Wehrman – Custodian
3. Catherine Yang – Assistant, Business and Industry & Continuing Education

Position Eliminations:

None

Retirement:

None

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Lois A. Wayner

Dated 3/9/2021

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TOPIC: Capital Projects Monitoring Report

POLICY 1.6 – Asset Protection – Capital project monitoring reports will be presented to the Board.

INTERPRETATION: The Board reviews the year-to-date financial progress on the fiscal year’s capital projects.

DATA/RESULTS:

All projects are on track to completion within dollar amounts allotted.

- See the following *2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Summary of Projects*.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Other Information that may properly come before the board

PROPOSED MOTION:
(None required)

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Lori A. Weyers

Dated March 9, 2021

**Northcentral Technical College
Capital Projects Activity
Fiscal Year 2020-21
As of January 31, 2021**

Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Expenditures	Remaining Balance	% Complete
Antigo Disaster Recovery Site *	905	904	1	100%
Wausau Storage Garage *	265,798	257,946	7,852	97%
Academic Excellence Renovation	17,663	17,663	0	100%
Virtual Learning Lab Software	292,600	143,742	148,858	49%
Predictive Analytics *	45,000	44,798	202	100%
User Experience (UX Project) *	730,583	479,065	251,518	66%
New System Infrastructure/ERP (Borrowed Funds)**	150,000	-	150,000	0%
New System Infrastructure/ERP (Non-Borrowed Funds)**	750,000	-	750,000	0%
Starfish Software *	54,886	51,558	3,328	94%
Red Shed	140,000	34,516	105,484	25%
Scheduling Software	109,000	67,180	41,820	62%
Tableau Implementation Salary *	130,000	127,815	2,185	98%
Civil Engineering Remodel/Equip	98,436	65,964	32,472	67%
Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Renovation**	553,829	-	553,829	0%
I-Wing/Ind 4.0 Addition & Equipment**	1,645,000	5,145	1,639,855	0%
Foundation/Grants Renovation	497	497	0	100%
Student Services Renovation**	91,700	0	91,700	0%
Merrill Campus Projects *	44,362	44,362	1	100%
Culinary Addition & Equipment *	19,845	19,844	1	100%
Other General IT/IVC Projects	5,042,860	2,253,687	2,789,172	45%
Other General Facilities Projects	2,165,298	1,650,983	514,315	76%
Instructional Equipment	1,367,044	979,747	387,297	72%

*Continued Project – does not include amount spent in prior fiscal years.

**Continuing Project – will be continued in subsequent year.



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Tom Felch	Kristine Gilmore	Lee Lo	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Ruth Risley-Gray	Dale Smith	Maria Volpe
2020										
MONDAY July 13	Annual Organizational Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
July 24	WTC DBA Summer Meeting (Marshfield)						X			
Aug 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sept 22	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	X	E	X	E	X	E
Oct 5 - 8	ACCT Leadership Congress (Virtual Event)									
Oct 13	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X
Oct 23	WTC DBA Fall Meeting (Virtual)						X			
Nov 11	WTCS Board Meeting Featuring NTC (Virtual event)		X							
Dec 1	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U
2021										
Jan 12	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
Jan 15	WTC DBA Winter Meeting (Virtual)									
Feb 9	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
Feb 15-19	ACCT National Legislative Summit									
Mar 9	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)									
Apr 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)									
Apr 16	WTC DBA Spring Meeting (NTC)									
Apr 29	Scholars & Donors Reception									
May 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)									
May TBD	A Day for NTC Students (Wausau)									
May 15	Commencement (Wausau West Fieldhouse)									
June 8	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (Public Budget Hearing at 12:00pm, Regular Meeting at 1:00pm)									
MONDAY July 12	Annual Organizational Meeting									

All Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meetings begin at 1:00pm and are held on the Wausau Campus located at 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 in Room D100 – Timberwolf Conference Center unless otherwise noted.

(Note – Due to COVID-19, the NTC Board of Trustees are currently holding all meetings in a virtual manner through June 2021. Meeting format will be reassessed prior to that time.)

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Northcentral Technical College in Wausau expected to serve as COVID-19 vaccination site as state looks to get more shots in arms

Allison Garfield

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WAUSAU - Marathon County will host one of four new community-based vaccination sites in the state, with plans to open mid-April, according to the county's health department.



The county's health department recommended the "super site" be located at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, as it is easy to find, has the space and parking to support a large clinic and is on the bus route, said Judy Burrows, the health

department's spokesperson. The college has been used in previous months as a drive-thru coronavirus testing site.

Residents of other counties will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this site, too. All individuals currently eligible for the vaccine, regardless of where they live, will be able to schedule an appointment.

"We are very excited host one of the four large vaccination sites located across Wisconsin," Burrows said. "Vaccine supply is beginning to increase and when it does we will have a clinic ready to serve north central Wisconsin."

Through partnership with the state's health department and AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, the regional vaccine site will help distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, especially for people reluctant to go to hospitals and clinics. The regional clinic will also be able to push out more vaccine doses than are currently available.

Gov. Tony Evers confirmed the Marathon County site, along with three other locations in La Crosse County, Racine County and the last clinic split between Douglas and Barron County. All four locations will open within the next two months.

"We are continuing to work to get vaccine doses across our state as soon as we have doses available," said Evers in a statement to the media. "These community-based sites are going to be critical to our work making sure that Wisconsinites can get vaccinated so we can put this pandemic behind us."

The announcement was prompted by the success of the first community-based vaccination clinic in Rock County, which started distributing the shots last Tuesday. The site in Janesville has started with smaller daily doses of around 200, which is similar to how Marathon County's site would operate.

The sites could eventually distribute up to 1,000 doses of the vaccine per day, five days a week, said Joan Theurer, Marathon County's health officer.

The new clinics were selected to address gaps in vaccine access and support vaccination efforts. Factors like population demographics, local health capacity,

operations and concentration of other vaccine providers were taken into consideration, according to Evers's statement.

As of Feb. 22, 1,186,325 total vaccine doses had been administered in Wisconsin, according to the DHS website. Still, COVID-19 vaccine requests far exceed supply in central Wisconsin, causing wait lists to grow.

In central Wisconsin, 11.5% of residents in Marathon County have received at least one dose of the vaccine. In Portage County, that number is 9.9%. In Wood County, 14.6% and in Clark County, 10.3%.

The Wisconsin DHS determines how many doses each vaccinating agency will receive from the state's shipments of vaccine from the federal government. Burrows told USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin the state DHS itself is undersupplied with vaccines given the national demand among eligible groups. She said she hopes the regional site will help supply the community with the vaccine.

"This is a very positive step forward in assuring the health of our community," Burrows said. "We are very happy to be part of planning this vaccination site."

Vaccine appointment registration is not yet available for the Marathon County regional site. Once a website is established, it will be shared on the county health department's website, Burrows said.

"This is a very positive step forward in assuring the health of our community," she said.

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Northcentral Technical College District, WI -- Moody's assigns Aa1 to Northcentral Technical College District, WI's GO notes

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Rating Action: Moody's assigns Aa1 to **Northcentral Technical College District**, WI's GO notes Global Credit Research - 26 Feb 2021 New York, February 26, 2021 -- Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aa1 rating to **Northcentral Technical College** District, Wisconsin's \$1.5 million General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A. Moody's maintains the Aa1 rating on the district's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) debt. Following the sale, the district will have \$35.8 million of rated GOULT debt outstanding. RATINGS RATIONALE The Aa1 rating reflects the district's large and diverse tax base, a solid financial position despite limited revenue-raising ability, and modest long-term liabilities. While the coronavirus is driving an unprecedented economic downturn, the district's solid operating reserves and proactive management will provide a buffer against any near-term impacts of the pandemic. RATING OUTLOOK Outlooks are typically not assigned to local governments with this amount of debt. FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OF THE RATING- Material strengthening of the district's tax base and resident demographic profile- Enhanced budgetary flexibility that could arise from growing enrollment or relaxed statutory restrictions on raising local revenue FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DOWNGRADE OF THE RATING- Significant weakening of the tax base- Narrowed financial reserves- Material growth in the district's debt or pension burden LEGAL SECURITY Debt service on the district's general obligation debt, including the current notes, is payable from its pledge to levy a designated property tax not limited by rate or amount. USE OF PROCEEDS Proceeds from the notes will finance building remodeling and improvement projects, including new building space on the Wausau Campus. PROFILE **Northcentral Technical College** District encompasses approximately 5,900 square miles, providing comprehensive education and vocational training to residents of all or part of ten counties, including Marathon (Aa1), Lincoln, Taylor (A2) and Price Counties. METHODOLOGY The principal methodology used in this rating was US Local Government General Obligation Debt published in January 2021 and available at https://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBM_1260094. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology. REGULATORY DISCLOSURES For further specification of Moody's key rating assumptions and sensitivity analysis, see the sections Methodology Assumptions and Sensitivity to Assumptions in the disclosure form. Moody's Rating Symbols and Definitions can be found at: https://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC_79004. For ratings issued on a program, series, category/class of debt or security this

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Intelligent.com Announces Best Community Colleges for 2021

By Intelligent.com

SEATTLE, Feb. 26, 2021 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ -- [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com), a trusted resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning, has announced the Top 50 Community Colleges for 2021. The comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 1,187 accredited colleges and universities in the nation. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment.

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, potential return on investment and leading third party evaluations. [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com) analyzed 1,187 schools, on a scale of 0 to 100, with only 50 making it to the final list. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.

Students who pursue any one of these programs can expect to gain employment much quicker in comparison to candidates without a degree. In addition to accessibility and cost, the steady job growth in this market is one of the many reasons [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com) researched and ranked the Top Community Colleges. To access the complete ranking, please visit: <https://www.intelligent.com/best-community-colleges/>

2021 Community Colleges featured on [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com) (in alphabetical order):

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Amarillo College
Barton County Community College
Bladen Community College
Carl Albert State College

Casper College
Central Community College
Central Texas College
Coastline Community College
Cochise College
College of Central Florida
Cuyahoga Community College
De Anza College
Delgado Community College
Flint Hills Technical College
Florida State College, Jacksonville
Foothill College
GateWay Community College
Georgia Southern University
Independence Community College
Inver Hills Community College
Itasca Community College
Kilgore College
Maricopa Community Colleges
Marion Military Institute
Mayland Community College
Mesa Community College
Moraine Valley Community College
Muskegon Community College
New Mexico Military Institute
North Central Kansas Technical College
Northcentral Technical College
Northwest Florida State College
Northwest Iowa Community College
Oakton Community College
Pearl River Community College
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Santa Barbara City College
Scottsdale Community College
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NTC earns 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation

by Shereen Siewert February 24, 2021



(WAUSAU, Wis.) – **Northcentral Technical College** (NTC) announced today that it has earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey with 747 earning the designation.

The 2021-2022 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Viqtory with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey response set and government/agency public data sources, within a logic-based scoring assessment. We measure the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence

(Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

“It is an honor to be recognized once again as a Military Friendly School,” said Lori Weyers, NTC President. “This recognition is a tribute to the amazing work our staff does to ensure the success of all students, including those who served our country honorably. We appreciate the opportunity to help and support veterans and active duty military personnel as they pursue their educational goals.”

“Military Friendly® is committed to transparency and providing consistent data driven standards in our designation process. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to consistently evolve and invest in their programs. Schools who achieve designation show true commitment and dedication in their efforts. Our standards assist schools by providing a benchmark that promotes positive educational outcomes, resources, and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the Military Community.” – Kayla Lopez, National Director of Military Partnerships, Military Friendly®



4 New Community-Based COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics To Open In Wisconsin

Eligible Wisconsin Residents Can Make Appointments At Any Of The Clinics

By Megan Hart

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Over the next two months, Wisconsin will open four new community-based vaccination clinics, Gov. Tony Evers announced Tuesday.

One clinic will be split between Barron and Douglas counties, while the others will be located in Racine, La Crosse and Marathon counties. A community-based vaccination clinic opened at Blackhawk Technical College in Rock County last week.

Any Wisconsin resident eligible for vaccination may schedule an appointment at any of the clinics.

Northcentral Technical College is the proposed site for the clinic in Marathon County, said Judy Burrows, public information officer for the county's health department. She said its location — at the crossroads of Interstate 39 and Highway 29 — makes it accessible for people driving from out of town. It's also located along local bus routes.

"It really feels like we are getting close to the end of this," she said. "Vaccine will finally be available for everyone soon, and I can't tell you how good that makes me feel about the future for all of us."

Vaccines will still be available from local health care providers in the areas nearby the clinics. Burrows said the Marathon County clinic will serve "as an adjunct to a good, strong health care system," allowing vaccinators to reach even more people per day.

The clinics will be run by AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, a Virginia-based company. Their locations were selected to help ensure equitable vaccine access across the state. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) looked at factors like geographical diversity, population size and existing vaccine coverage when selecting the sites, said to Deputy Secretary Julie Willems Van Dijk. She noted her agency is working with officials in Milwaukee County to possibly open a FEMA vaccination site in the area. "We are continuing to work to get vaccine doses across our state as soon as we have doses available," Evers said in a statement. "These community-based sites are going to be critical to our work making sure that Wisconsinites can get vaccinated, so we can put this pandemic behind us."

Officials say the new clinics will play an important role when Wisconsin expands vaccine eligibility to include teachers and child care workers on March 1.

Demand for vaccine continues to outpace supply in Wisconsin, though the state is getting more doses. More than 35,000 doses were spread across 178 Wisconsin Walgreen's stores this week, according to DHS. That's twice the number of doses the pharmacies received last week.

And this week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will meet to discuss the approval of a third COVID-19 vaccine, this one from Johnson & Johnson. Recently, Dr. Anthony Fauci, coronavirus advisor to the White House, said vaccine supply will surpass the speed at which vaccines are administered in the coming months. The new clinics will open with 200 doses per day, said to Willems Van Dijk. But Burrows said that number is expected to grow. It takes time to set up a clinic, she said. That's why it's important to get them ready now.

"We're told we'll be able to give up to a thousand doses per day, and that would go a long way to vaccinating north central Wisconsin," she said.

DHS Reports 33 COVID-19 Deaths

Officials reported 566 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the average for the past seven days to 604 daily cases. After two days in a row with zero deaths, DHS reported 33 new deaths Tuesday.

The latest figures bring the overall number of positive cases in Wisconsin to 560,564. A total of 6,317 Wisconsinites have died from COVID-19.

According to DHS, more than 1 million doses of vaccine have been administered in Wisconsin as of Tuesday, with 47.3 percent of Wisconsinites age 65 and up receiving at least one dose of the vaccine so far. DHS reported 815,516 Wisconsin residents had received at least one dose, representing 14 percent of the state population. As of Tuesday, 366,096 people in Wisconsin have received both shots, completing the vaccination series.



GREEN BAY AREA REGIONAL NEWS: Brown County

Brown County's WEL Companies receives DWD grant for mentorship program

LOCAL NEWS

by: [Natasha Geiger](#)

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(WFRV) – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has announced businesses and organizations are receiving [Wisconsin Fast Forward](#) grants.

The department is giving out more than \$1.65 million worth of grants that will provide funds to support worker training, education and recruitment.

[Third stimulus checks: Here's who would get \\$1,400 under the plan approved by a House committee](#)

A total of 13 grant recipients were announced including a business from right here in Northeast Wisconsin.

[WEL Companies](#) in Brown County is awarded \$53,040 to launch a mentorship program to help train 125 current employees to become compliant and legal tractor-trailer operators. Recent graduate students from tractor-trailer truck driving school will also enter the program.

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High school juniors, seniors invited to participate in The Branch Academy

by Shereen Siewert February 19, 2021



The Branch

WAUSAU — This summer, The Branch Academy will return to offer juniors and seniors to be (in the 2021-2022 school year) an opportunity to earn college credit while showcasing their talents for business and community leaders.

Students will work weekly as a team on a challenging innovation problem presented by [Northcentral Technical College](#). The Branch Academy will present students with a unique opportunity to add a real-world experience to their college applications and career portfolio.

The program's summer session is accepting [applications](#) through Wednesday, May 12. Coach mentors for the program are also needed and can [apply on The Branch's website](#).

The Branch and The Branch Academy are workforce development initiatives formed in partnership by the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce, [Northcentral Technical College](#) and Church Mutual. The programs serve as skills accelerators which build businesses and retain talent in central Wisconsin. Both programs teach collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity through the exercise of entrepreneurship.

“This is an opportunity for students to enter an environment where they can apply their classroom skills and transfer it into a real-world business setting.” said Dave Eckmann, President/CEO of the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce.

Students and their guests are invited to attend The Branch Academy's Demo Day 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 12 in the Timberwolf Conference Center at **Northcentral Technical College** in Wausau. The event will include a presentation by students to the leadership team from **Northcentral Technical College**. Those interested in attending Demo Day should register at WausauChamber.com or RSVP by Friday, August 6 to Brian Otten, marketing manager at the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce at botten@wausauchamber.com or 715-848-5947.



Story By Maya Reese

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Madison - Businesses and organizations across Wisconsin are getting more than \$1.65 million in grants from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The grants are part of DWD's Wisconsin Fast Forward initiative that provides targeted funds to support worker training, education, and recruitment.

This year's 13 grant recipients represent a variety of industries, from agriculture to information technology. Wisconsin Fast Forward encourages statewide economic growth by helping employers across the state train workers and fill positions to meet critical needs for a skilled workforce.

"In addition to serving employers, these Industry Sector Worker Training Grants offer a path to well-paying jobs for unemployed workers and higher wages and more opportunities for growth for current employees," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek.

Wisconsin Fast Forward connects employers with local or regional economic development organizations, workforce development boards, post-secondary institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private training providers. The program aims to enhance equity and economic opportunity across the state by giving preference to projects that recruit socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, including veterans, people with disabilities, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, people with lower incomes, and ex-offenders.

An additional \$10 million in funding for Wisconsin Fast Forward is part of Gov. Tony Evers' Badger Bounceback agenda, which was unveiled last week in his biennial budget. The additional money will support training for individuals, businesses, and organizations affected by the pandemic.

"These additional dollars will allow DWD to continue to fund effective training for those out of work and those looking to advance in their industry by providing new, transferable skills for the unemployed and employed alike," Secretary-designee Pechacek said.

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For more information and learn about the next round of WFF grants, click [HERE](#).



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Agribusiness Classic highlights election, award winners

The Wisconsin Agri-Business Association recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic. The event typically is held each year in Madison. But due to COVID-19



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pandemic restrictions, the 2021 event was hosted online.

The Wisconsin Agri-Business Association named its 2021-2022 officers and new board members during its annual meeting.

■ President – Rob Evans of Rosen’s Inc.

■ Vice-president – Howard Hartmann of Hartmann Farms LLC

■ Secretary – Tony Grapsas of Jay-Mar Inc.

■ Treasurer – Garry Gard, Diodion Inc.

■ New board member – Steve Hellenbrand of Insight FS

■ New board member – Jeff Hodge of Heartland AG Systems

■ New board member – Ladd Pettit of Middleton Farmers Cooperative

The association also recognized

recipients of the 2020 Wisconsin Agri-Business Association Awards.

■ Distinguished organization award – for exemplary industry professionalism – Rosen’s Inc.

■ Education Award – for leadership and commitment to educational excellence – Cyndi Wentland, Intentional Leaders

■ Outstanding Service to Industry – for dedication and support to the Wisconsin Agri-Business Association and its members – Randy Tenpas, Fox Valley Technical College

■ Friend of Wisconsin Agri-Business Association Award – Rep. Gary Tauchen

■ President’s Service Award – for dedication, service and leadership – Tom Hoffman, ProVision Partners

■ Board Member Service Award – for full-term board of directors service – Scott Firlus, United Cooperative, Tom Hoffman, ProVision Partners, and Joe Kennicker, Greg’s Feed & Seed

The Wisconsin Agri-Business Association provides more than \$20,000 in scholarships each year to students from across the state. Recipients of the association’s 2020-21 scholarships were recognized.

■ Bryce Rufener, University of Wisconsin-Madison

■ Mitchell Oswald, UW-River Falls

■ Laurel Deitch, UW-Stevens Point

■ Blake Crubel, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

■ Marisa Radloff and Lydia Kildahl, [Northcentral Technical College](#)

■ Alexis Lins and Noah Mast, Fox Valley Technical College

■ Tamra Lawrence, Western Technical College



■ Megan Krueger, Lakeshore Technical College

■ Ryan Erickson, Collin Weltzien, Lindsey Augustine and Cortney Zimmerman, Wisconsin Association of FFA members

During the Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic the association unveiled its new webinar series. The webinars will be held the third Wednesday of each month. The program is free to members. Visit bit.ly/WABAWebinars for more information.

The 2021 Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic was held Jan. 11-14. The next Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic is scheduled to be held Jan. 11-13, 2022. Visit wiagribusiness.org for more information.



Learn basics of starting, running a small business

By **Kevin Passon**

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Thinking of starting your own business?

The Langlade County Economic Development Corp. (LCEDC) is offering a Spring Entrepreneurial Training Program for would-be business owners.

“Langlade County Economic Development Corporation saw a need to create an entrepreneurship program based on the number of requests that came

into the office requesting help in creating a business plan for financing reasons,” said Angie Close, executive director of the LCEDC. “At that time, the resources were very limited to Langlade County as many of the outreach programs (SBDC, WWBIC, SCORE) were not willing to drive to Langlade County to offer such services.”

Classes will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays starting Feb. 11 and running until April 8 (graduation

night). The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) course will be offered virtually or in-person at

Northcentral Technical College—Antigo Campus.

Close said the program is meant to offer entrepreneurial education, mentorship and training to aspiring entrepreneurs who live



Close

in Langlade County and surrounding areas within a 60-mile radius.

Two experienced business professionals will co-teach this course and use Zoom breakout rooms, polls and interactive group discussions and individual activities to keep the instruction fresh and engaging. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The program is offered

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every spring and fall.

“This program started in the fall of 2015 thanks to the generous support of Phyliss Suick and the Suick Family Foundation,” Close said.

Participants explore all major aspects of starting and running a small business. The course moves at a quick pace to complete a thorough business plan. Langlade County participants are eligible for a partial course reimbursement if the participant completes the course requirements.

Based on the completed business plan and presentation at the end of the course, a grant opportunity is available to entrepreneurs that complete the course and are opening a business or already have an established business in Langlade County.

The program’s cost is \$1,000, but for those who complete the course, they would received grants of \$750 from Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and \$150 from LLCEDC, making their

final cost \$100 for Langlade County residents.

“Today, because of the success of the program, this program has helped students get the approval of loan applications from our local financial institutions due to the quality of the applications and business plans that are coming from the graduates of this program,” Close said. “To date, the Suick Family Foundation has granted LLCEDC Entrepreneurship Program \$85,000 to help with costs of implementing the program and to award graduates of the programs that were ready to start their business over \$42,000 in business start-up grants.”

Since its conception, the program that has graduated 69 students as of May 2020.

“These graduates have made a huge difference in Langlade County and surrounding areas like Merrill, Aniwa and Marathon County,” Close said. “Twenty-three new businesses have been created here in Langlade County, three new businesses in our surrounding areas, and the graduates are continuing to explore great ideas for

our area.”

One of the first graduates would go on to receive the Rising Star Award in 2016 during the Marketplace Governor’s Award banquet.

“Also included in this program are additional business education series that have brought crucial business topics to over 90 entrepreneurs and small businesses in our area since 2015,” Close said.

Close said the program’s success is due to the LLCEDC’s collaboration with many partners, including the Suick Family Foundation, North-central Technical College, Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation, SBDC, Roberts Marketing Alliance, NEWCAP Services, AT&T and many volunteers offering mentoring services.

An orientation session to explore if the program is the right fit for prospective business owners was held last month, but people can still attend the program even if they missed the orientation.

Register at www.uwsp.edu/etp or contact Close at 715-623-5123 or aclose@co.langlade.wi.us.

'Employees' check out careers in tech ed course

Exploration enhanced with equipment bought with referendum funds



Waylon Resch, teacher at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, explains a technique that can be applied in one of the two new metal lathes to Dalton Resch, a senior. The younger Resch said added he wished they'd had the new equipment, including the lathes, when he was a freshman. "I've definitely experienced more pathways with the new equipment."

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Reporter

"Employees" have definite requirements in their WB Manufacturing positions in Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's technical education courses.

"Yes, I call my students 'employees.' They are to show up on time every day and get used to the 'work' feeling. I feel this will make them better employees in the long run," said Waylon Resch, instructor for the technical education courses.

Resch's students can follow two career pathways — manufacturing/engineering and automotive.

Resch's classes have been enhanced with equipment made possible with the approximately \$17.5 million from the district's 2018 referendum. For example, if a student is following the high school automotive skills pathway, Resch said he or she can now learn how to operate safely and properly the same car lift used at [Northcentral Technical College](#), a pre-requisite for the technical college's program, Resch pointed out.

Students have been turning out a variety of projects on the new laser engraving machine with wood carvings of favorite cars and girlfriends the most popular subjects. Resch added insulated mugs and water bottles are also produced on the laser engraver.

Dalton Resch, a senior, said he's found using the laser engraving to convert photos into wood carvings has been really satisfying but he hasn't tried anything original yet. He is not closely related to his instructor.

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Although Dalton Resch likes welding, it gives him a headache and so he's now thinking of training for the plumbing or electrical trades. "This has definitely showed me where I want to be the work force. It's definitely given me a lot of options."

Waylon Resch said that's exactly the kind of outcome that he wants for his students.

"They come to a point where they can make decisions" about their future," he said. "I want them to experiment with everything we have to offer."

Waylon Resch draws on his own job odyssey for his teaching philosophy. He recalled that had he not experienced all of the details of becoming a laser technician, one of his early ambitions, like chemistry, he may have made a poor career choice.

As it was, it was only in his third year of a sheet metal apprenticeship that he discovered he had a passion for helping other students.

"I got quite a bit of satisfaction from helping people get their projects done," Waylon Resch said.

Students have yet to explore a "pick-and-place" robot, Waylon Resch said, "but that's huge. A lot of companies are adding robotics."

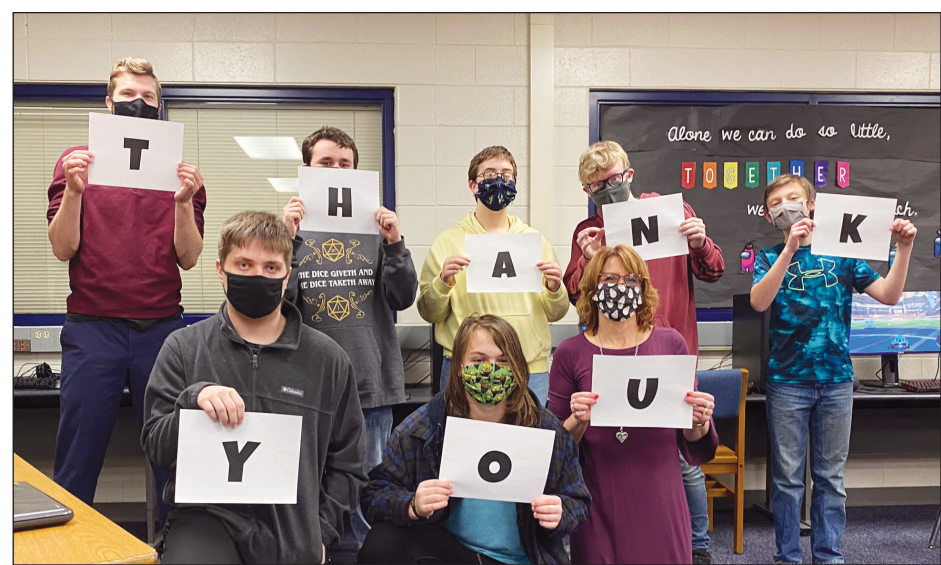
J&D Tube Benders in Schofield, a frequent field trip destination for the classes, is a good example where prospective employees need to know

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Tomahawk High School's new eSports club gearing up for Spring League competition

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A new eSports club has been launched at Tomahawk High School and is getting ready to compete in spring. The team was founded with the help of various grants and donations.

Paula Norman, Library Media and Instructional Technology Coordinator with the School District of Tomahawk, is also the ad-

visor for the eSports team. "To be honest, I knew nothing about eSports until a year ago," Norman stated. "Simply put, eSports is a form of sport competition using video games. eSports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individual-ly or as teams. In our case, we compete against teams in other school districts who have enrollment sizes

similar to ours, much like athletics." Norman explained that, also similar to athletics, there are varsity and JV squads, rosters, and selected captains. Statistics are tracked – in the case of eSports, stats include kills and assists, among others. In-season records determine which teams advance to the State competition, and based on stats, participants can receive conference honors – First Team All-Confer-

ence, Second Team All-Conference, and Honorable Mention. "eSports is the fastest growing sport, and students can receive college scholarships for eSports, just like regular athletes," Norman noted. During the COVID-19 school shutdowns in March 2020, Norman attended a series of webinars focused on eSports and later learned that [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) in Wausau

had recently built its own eSports stadium, which the college allowed high school students use for practice. "I knew from talking to my husband, who teaches in the high school, and from my years of teaching in the district that we had a number of students who played video games and were looking for a place to fit in at the high school,"

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Norman said. "I also knew more screen time would be controversial; however, I knew the population that plays video games was going home and doing it, so my thought was 'Why not have them working together and communicating with others in a controlled environment?'"

The first step in forming an eSports team in Tomahawk was securing funding. In spring 2020, WILS (formally Wisconsin Library Services) announced a grant opportunity.

"Needless to say, I applied, and in August, the dream started with an email announcing that I received a \$5,000 grant to get eSports off the ground at Tomahawk High School," Norman stated. "WILS gave out seven grants, and we were the only school district to receive one. We were chosen because of the profound impact they felt this would have on our students, community, other school districts, and with NTC."

Norman then turned her attention to achieving club status in order to "officially receive the grant and get this club off the ground."

By Oct. 2020, the club had written its bylaws, developed its code of conduct, and elected officers. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month to conduct club business to comply with club standards in hopes that, in two years, the district will sponsor the extracurricular activity. Currently, the eSports team has not received any district funding. Norman, history teacher Aaron Wickman and school counselor Daniel Reiter volunteer their time to coach the eSports squad.

Norman noted that the eSports team at one point



had 18 students interested in joining, so she continued to seek grants, since most games require teams of three to five.

"Three computers with so many kids wasn't going to allow us to compete," she said.

Norman reached out the Tomahawk STAR Foundation, and after a meeting in Dec. 2020, the foundation agreed to donate \$3,000 to the eSports team.

The Tomahawk Area Foundation for Youth, Inc. (TAFY) informed Norman on Jan. 1, 2021 that it would contribute \$7,500, allowing the eSports club to purchase more computers. The team currently has five functional computers.

"The last five (computers) are on backorder, as the graphics cards are in low supply," Norman explained, adding that with 10 computers total, multiple teams will be able to practice and/or game simultaneously.

"Both foundations gave us the grant because the eSports club is targeting a group of students who have been forgotten, and the foundations value the importance of finding a place to belong," Norman

stated.

The eSports club held a Serogy Candy Bar fundraiser from the middle of Nov. 2020 through Dec. 2020 as a way of letting foundations know what the club was doing to raise money and to show the foundations that the club was invested in its own cause. The roughly \$500 raised by the fundraiser paid for excess costs not covered by the grants, as well as the team's registration fee to the WIHSEA (Wisconsin High School eSports Association), which will allow the club to compete in the Spring League.

Norman said there are currently a dozen "very active" members of the eSports club, and players and coaches alike are "learning a lot in this process."

"Most of the students who have joined this club



Photos submitted by Paula Norman

have never stayed after school for any event prior to this," Norman stated. "They are learning that attendance and grades are a priority in co-curriculars, so through academic coaching by the advisors, they are slowly understanding the commitment and time management aspect of extracurricular participation."

The club practices every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after school from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"The dialogue and excitement is very evident amongst the team members," Norman noted. "It is really neat to see students who may not talk much in class take on a leadership role."

The eSports club has signed up to compete in Rocket League, described by Norman as "essentially three-on-three soccer with cars," and SmitE,

a five-player game of take part in the Spring League this year.

Although competition officially kicks off during the first week of March, being a newly-formed squad, the eSports team has scrimmages on the horizon. The team will receive its schedule soon.

The team is in the process of determining how it will stream its matches, but it will likely take place on its own YouTube channel, Norman said. The league's streaming platform, www.twitch.tv/wihsea, will feature livestreams of state competitions, as well as some regular season matches throughout the week.

Norman said that when she wrote the WILS grant, she figured the team would begin competing in its second year. However, "thanks to the generosity of the different foundations," the club is set to

take part in the Spring League this year.

"I never dreamed that would be possible, and the eSports club is extremely grateful for the support," Norman stated. "The excitement is real and growing. We have middle schoolers inquiring about how to join eSports when they get into high school. No matter our win/loss record this spring, I consider this team winners for persevering through tech issues and laying the groundwork for the future during a pandemic. I can't wait to see where this sport goes."

Donations to help the Tomahawk High School eSports team purchase needed supplies and practice time at NTC can be mailed to eSports, c/o Paula Norman, Tomahawk High School, 1048 E. King Rd., Tomahawk, Wis., 54487.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Feb. 8: A Gleason man, 48, is facing charges of violation/harassment of a restraining order and two counts of bail kumping following an incident that occurred in the Township of Russell on Thursday. A woman from Sugar Grove, Ill.,

63, received non-life threatening injuries when the snowmobile she was riding rolled over Friday evening in the Township of Bradley. The woman was reported to be travelling at slower speeds when the ski carbide caught and caused the snowmobile to roll. A Tomahawk man, 28, was stopped and cited for travelling

74 MPH in a 45 MPH zone Friday night on Thiessen Rd. near County Rd. L in the Township of Bradley. A Merrill man, 38, was arrested for a second offense operating while intoxicated Sunday morning on USH 51 near County Rd. K in the Town of Merrill. Thursday's snowfall and glazed

roads over the weekend caused several vehicles to slide off the roadway. Deputies responded to 12 vehicles in the ditch between Thursday and Sunday. Cold weather also caused problems, as deputies responded to 13 motorist assist calls. Three people reported striking deer last week.



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NTC announces Medical Assistant Apprenticeship

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce a one-of-a-kind apprenticeship program that aims to help increase essential healthcare workers this spring. The Medical Assistant Apprenticeship gives learners the opportunity to earn a college degree while completing a State of Wisconsin Registered Apprenticeship.

“Healthcare employers can build their pipeline of medical assistants by partnering with NTC to offer this apprenticeship option,” said Katie Metko, Apprenticeship Manager at NTC.

“It’s also a win-win for apprentices because they get paid by their healthcare employer while learning on-the-job and through supplemental classroom instruction.”

Medical Assistants perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by a physician.

“Registered Apprenticeship is a time-tested workforce solution that benefits both employers and apprentices,” Wisconsin Apprenticeship Director Joshua Johnson said.

“This collaboration between NTC and DWD helps to create a stronger, smarter, and more skilled workforce for Wisconsin.”

Employers interested in offering a Medical Assistant Apprenticeship position should contact Katie Metko, NTC Apprenticeship Manager, by calling (715)803-1242 or emailing metko@ntc.edu.

To learn more about the Medical Assistant Apprenticeship program at NTC, visit: <https://www.ntc.edu/academics-training/apprenticeships/medical-assistant>.

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Senior Spotlights



Hope Evans

Hope Evans, daughter of David and Bonnie Evans said her best high school memories are from Homecoming and Winterfest. Although we never won, the dress-up days and decorating the hallways, posters, and floats were always entertaining. She has fond memories of choreographing a dance for Winterfest her junior year with a group of friends. It turned out awesome and is a memory that she will always remember. Some of her accomplishments in-

clude being a member of Spanish Honor Society and having a 3.5 gpa throughout high school. She has also received awards for her art work which is a great accomplishment for her.

In the past 12 years she has learned that there is no point in wasting energy stressing about things that are out of your control and at the end of the day the only person that can control your happiness is yourself.

After high school she plans to attend Northcentral Technical College for Dental Hygiene.

She would like to thank Jesus and her family for having faith in the decision she makes and for shaping her and allowing her to grow into the person she is today. She would also like to thank her teachers who went above and beyond to make sure she was able to succeed and achieve her goals.



Logan Sturzl

Logan Sturzl, son of Jim and Susie Sturzl said some of his best memories were being part of the Crandon Trap Team. His high school accomplishments were building things for the community in shop class, such as a conference table for the Crandon Police Department, a memorial sign for Steve Sekel, and signs for the Veterans Memorial Park.

In the past 12 years he has learned that hard work pays off. If you believe that you can do something and work had you can accomplish anything.

After high school he plans to finish college with a Welding Degree Spring 2021. His future plans are to have a career in welding and fabrication.

He would like to thank Mr. Krause for all the knowledge and opportunities he gave him in his shop classes. Craig Deer and Kody Kulinsk for everything they have taught him with welding and fabrication. His parents for supporting him and always encouraging him to work hard.



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Edgar FFA president profile: Hailey Fahey

Reporter Casey Krautkramer asked the same set of questions to each local high school FFA chapter president about themselves, and they gave him their answers. Edgar FFA president Hailey Fahey is featured next below:

1. What are your parent's names and did you grow up on a dairy or hobby farm, and if so in what township?

"My parents are Jim and Tammy Fahey. I also have a younger brother, Austin Fahey, who is our chapter's Sentinel this year. I turned 18 this past October and I have grown up and helped operate our organic dairy farm my whole life. We are located in the township of Cleveland, southwest of Edgar. We have roughly 38 milking cows but the whole herd is roughly 85 cows.

As toddlers, we came to the barn and sat in a wagon or played with the cats. We started helping out by sweeping up the mangers or feeding mineral and corn. Slowly we eased into bigger roles and by the age of twelve, I helped milk cows with my parents. Most of the chores are done by either my dad or my brother Austin though. I have a youth apprenticeship at our local bank through [Northcentral Technical College](#) so I work weekdays but I still do night milkings when I can on weekends or if dad needs extra hands after I get home."

2. How many years have you been a member of the Edgar FFA? Why did you decide to join the Edgar FFA and what is attractive about being a member of the FFA? Is this your first year as your FFA chapter's

president, and what are your duties as president? What types of Edgar FFA, state or national FFA events have you participated in over the years and how have they helped you mature as a student and person?

"I have been a member of the Edgar FFA chapter all four years of high school. We do not have a middle school FFA but if we did I would have joined sooner. I joined FFA because my dad was once a member as well. We were cleaning out the basement once and I found his old jacket from 1993 when he was the Edgar chapter president his senior year of high school. My parents wanted me to be a part of FFA and I always heard of cool activities our chapter did. My family always helped with the alumni's tractor pull and dairy breakfast. As kids, we would walk around with mom setting tables and bringing more maple syrup to tables. My older cousins were also members and one was chapter president my freshman year. I like to think that I am part of a legacy.

My favorite memories were made on trips to leadership conferences and conventions. The first time I was awestruck at how huge our organization is, was when we went to sessions at the national convention my sophomore year. It is held at Lucas Oil Stadium, and when you walk into the stands and just hear the roar of, instead of Colts fans, FFA members, it makes your heart leap out of your chest. Just seeing that many corduroy jackets is mind-boggling. You feel like you are just a tiny member of a chapter of roughly 40 people when you are at school, but once you go to nationals, and see hundreds of



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Tribute to local FFA

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thousands of fans cheering for the National Blue and Corn Gold, it makes you feel like you are a part of a so much bigger picture.

I have been an officer since my sophomore year. I was a reporter, then secretary my junior year, and president this year. My duties consist of jointly approving ideas that come across our advisor's lap, help organize meetings, and help organize activities. I am a little bit of everything in our chapter.

In my freshman year, I did creed speaking CDE. This is when you memorize the FFA Creed by heart and recite it in front of three judges who then rank you on presentation and memorization. After you recite the creed the judges ask you three questions pertaining to the creed to see if you understand the meaning behind it. I received fourth place at the district level. I received the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, and I hope to get my State Degree this next year. I have attended national convention twice and state convention once. I have attended three years of sectional leadership conferences and have also attended 212/360 leadership workshops three years as well. Sectional leadership workshop splits members apart from the officers and the officers then go to rooms for their designated

position. I have attended as a member, reporter and secretary. The state officers moderate and we all think of ways to help improve our chapter by being better officers and explaining our positions more in-depth. Being an officer is more than a word sewn into your jacket. You have to earn it. So I try to learn new things to help my chapter whenever possible."

3. What's this past year been like as an FFA member during COVID-19? How has your Edgar FFA chapter adapted to doing things or holding your normal community events during COVID-19? What are some ways your Edgar FFA chapter has needed to be more creative during COVID-19 to still get things done, compared to how things were normally done in the past?

"This past year as an FFA member has been really different. FFA is usually an always busy club for me. The dairy breakfast was canceled but it has been moved to this coming June of 2021. My family is actually hosting, so it will be very exciting. We have lots of fun activities planned for kids that will be educational and fun. Organic Valley, our coop we sell our milk to, will be supplying the dairy breakfast with many nutritious organic

dairy products. Every time we have an event, there is usually another one around the corner. Since most things are virtual this year there has not been as much anticipation and excitement in the air. I feel for the freshman that joined this year expecting to be able to attend FIRE conference and Sectional Leadership Workshop to experience events with other members, but cannot because it is either virtual or got canceled. We have seen a slight decline in our membership because there are not as many freshmen joining as years prior. There was also quite a bit of members that graduated last year though as well.

We were not able to do a get-together for the virtual state or national conventions because we were either all in quarantine and did not hear about it, or no one was interested. No one really wants to sit in front of a computer for hours after school if they were already sitting in front of their computer all day.

We are trying to have one community/service project a month. For September we did highway cleanup, October we were supposed to do leaf raking but it rained the day/night before, November we helped with FCCLA in putting up lights at the Marshfield

zoo for their "Winter Wonderland", and for the end of November into December we teamed up with NHS for a food drive and 'coin war.'"

4. Are your parents members of the Edgar FFA Alumni, and do you plan to join the Edgar FFA Alumni after graduating from high school this spring? If so, what's the benefit to continuing to be involved in the FFA beyond high school: What are your education plans after high school? What future job profession would you like to hold?

"My parents are a part of the FFA Alumni. My dad was an active member in high school. My mom was not a member in high school but she is an active member of the alumni as a supporter and the chapter treasurer. I will join the alumni after high school to be able to still stay connected. Being a part of the alumni will I am going to college virtually/online so I will be able to attend meetings and events. I got accepted to Lakeshore Technical College in their court reporting program. I plan on being a stenographer after I graduate unless something changes along the way."



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FFA has a proud history of serving agriculture

In 1928, 33 students from 18 states gathered in Kansas City, Mo., to form the Future Farmers of America. The roots of FFA originate from a time when boys were losing interest and leaving the farm. Walter S. Newman, who in September 1925 became the Virginia State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, sought a solution to the problem with Edmund C. McGill, Harry W. Sanders and Henry C. Groseclose, staff members of the

Virginia Polytechnic Institute Agricultural Education Department. Newman proposed forming an organization that offered farm boys "an opportunity for self-expression and for the development of leadership. In this way they will develop confidence in their own ability and pride in the fact that they are farm boys." Groseclose immediately began work on a constitu-

tion and bylaws for the new organization, and J. O. Hoge later suggested the name: Future Farmers of Virginia. The idea was presented during an annual vocational rally in the state in April 1926, where it was met positively. The Future Farmers of Virginia was born. Two years later, the idea reached the national stage during the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas

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Medford FFA officers and their advisors Lisa Kopp and Casey Anderson.

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FFA vice president of students Chloe Ertl plans to attend NTC in Fall of 2021 to study Agribusiness.



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In September, the Medford Culver's ran "\$1 Scoop of Custard for Education" promotion. Recently, Medford Culver's owner Steven Lawrence presented Medford agriculture teacher Lisa Kopp and members of the Medford FFA chapter with a check for \$546 from the event. Pictured are (l. to r.): Lisa Kopp, Hudson Brost, Culver's Owner Steven Lawrence, Perla Herrada-Moreno and Chloe Ertl. Medford Culver's will also be working with Medford FFA for a Food For the Future program on Thursday, Feb. 25 with 10% of sales that day donated to the Medford FFA.

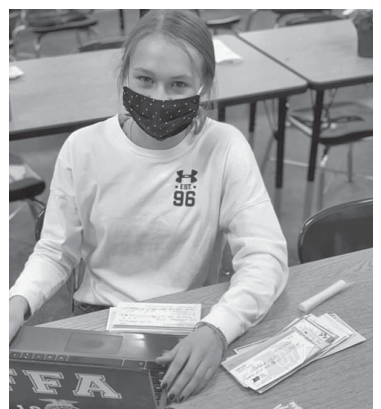
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FFA member Meredith Richter counts the money during the FFA Fruit and Nut sale fundraiser.



FFA secretary Perla Herrada-Moreno is a senior at Medford Area Senior High School.



Last spring with schools closed due to COVID-19 and dairy farmers facing plummeting milk prices, the FFA spearheaded efforts to help area families by working with businesses to get milk and dairy products purchased and delivered to families of students in the district. The efforts were a success assisting families with much needed support while their kids were home from school.

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★ History of FFA shows many changes over the decades

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City, Mo. That's when 33 young students from 18 states gathered at the Hotel Baltimore to establish the Future Farmers of America. The group elected Leslie Applegate of Freehold, N.J., as its first president and adopted the national emblem – a mark similar to that of the original Virginia emblem – during the new organization's first convention.

In 1929, national blue and corn gold became the offi-

cial colors of FFA. A year later, delegates adopted the official FFA Creed and by 1933 the familiar Official Dress of blue corduroy jackets was adopted after convention delegates were enthralled by the jackets worn to Kansas City by members of the Fredericktown, Ohio, FFA chapter.

The New Farmers of America

Less than a decade after the formation of the Future Farmers of America in 1928, a national organization for African-American boys interested in agriculture formed in Tuskegee, Ala. The New Farmers of America (NFA) was modeled after another Virginia organization – the New Farmers of Virginia – and began in 1935. The New Farmers of Virginia was instrumentally started by G.W. Owens and J.R. Thomas, teacher-educators in agricultural education at Virginia State College, and Dr. H.O. Sargent, a federal agricultural education official who later proposed NFA.

The NFA and FFA shared common beliefs. The NFA Creed had six paragraphs, each beginning with "I believe," and its emblem featured only one stylistic difference: an outline in the shape of a cotton boll instead of an ear of corn. A total of 13 states received NFA charters, and by 1965 the NFA and FFA consolidated in recognition of shared missions for agricultural education.

In 1974, Texas' Fred McClure became the first African-American national FFA officer, and in 1994 Chicago's Corey Flournoy became the first African-American national FFA president.

Female members gain official standing

Girls were restricted from the earliest forms of FFA membership by delegate vote at the 1930 national convention. The decision to deny female members for many years denied recognition of the key role women have played on farms and in agriculture since the days of the American pioneers.

It wasn't until 1969 that females gained full FFA membership privileges by vote of the national convention delegates, despite many state associations permitting female members long before. New York's Anita Decker and New Jersey's Patricia Krowicki became the first two female delegates to the national convention in 1970.

Today, females represent more than 45% of FFA members and roughly half of all state leadership positions. In 1976, Washington's Julie Smiley became the first female national FFA officer. California's Jan Eberly became the first female national FFA president in 1982.



Picking rock is an activity that many rural youth experienced while getting fields ready for planting.



FFA members help prepare the field behind the Simek Center for planting a pumpkin patch.

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Sue Seefeldt puts a sheet on a bed as one of her tasks as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Homme Home for the aging. She told Justin Cieslewicz, the facility’s aging unit director, she became a CNA because her grandmother was also a CNA who worked at the Wittenberg facility. Seefeldt remembered her grandmother telling her she is such a caring and “people person” that she would do well as a CNA. Seefeldt gave it a try and enjoyed the job so much that she knew this was the right job for her. Sue received her CNA diploma in 1985 and has been at Homme for those 35 years caring for our residents, Cieslewicz said. Seefeldt keeps coming back to work every shift because it’s rewarding to her to care for her residents, Cieslewicz said, adding she loves seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents, and knowing that she makes the lives of our residents enjoyable.

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NTC, a partner with Homme Home on training new CNAs, says of the career choice, "The focus of the program is on providing personal care to residents/patients of nursing

homes, hospitals and other health agencies. Student nursing assistants learn basic nursing and personal care.

Employees in this field are required to do lifting and moving of residents/patients in bed and to and from chairs.

The job also requires considerable walking and standing.

Potential occupations include: Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide.

After successful completion of the Nursing Assistant course, students will be able to take the State of Wisconsin Nurse Aide Certification Exam. Certification is required for employment at any federally funded healthcare agency.

The Nursing Assistant course is required for admission to the **NTC** Nursing Associate Degree program and certification is needed if you desire to seek employment as a Medication Assistant or Student Nurse Intern while completing the Nursing Associate Degree program."

Homme Home also looks for CNAs to be activity aides in helping residents travel or do other activities.

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Zone coverage

A mistake in zoning sparks controversy over a contaminated city-owned property

A city-owned property that now has documented contamination on site has become the center of controversy again — this time because of a zoning mistake.

And if things such as zoning errors make your eyes gloss over, this particular one has real impact - it could impact the cleanup of the contamination on the site.

The city's Plan Commission authorized a public hearing on whether to rezone 1300 Cleveland Avenue from Medium Industrial to Residential zoning. That hearing has not yet been set as of press time. A committee of the whole reviewed the contamination on the site Tuesday.

What happened? The city council had voted to rezone the property in 2018 from industrial to residential as part of a larger move toward removing industrial uses from the city's core. Other examples include moving Wausau Chemical and Great Lakes Cheese from the riverfront area to the city's industrial park.

But, when the city redeveloped its zoning map, an error changed the property back to industrial zoning. That map was approved by the city council in 2019, officially making the zoning industrial again, even though it was an error. To correct the error, the city must go through the zoning process again.

Why does it matter? The city has tried to market the property to developers a couple of times. One round of proposals saw everything from manufacturing to a community non-profit campus. But the city held off because of contamination believed to be on the site - and a recent report confirmed the presence of high levels of heavy metals and other contaminants.

The site had been the city's business incubator before the new entrepreneurial center was built on the west side of town. At one point it belonged to Connor Forest Industries, which documents show buried barrels on its site.

The zoning matters because that could determine what cleanup standard is required on the site, DNR spokesperson Matt Thompson says. And it could



▲ The city-owned 1300 Cleveland Avenue property, behind St. Vincent de Paul south of Thomas Street, has been controversial for some time, but a zoning error has the potential to impact how it's cleaned up.

constrain what goes there. If the site is cleaned up to industrial standards but a proposal comes through for residential, it would need to be cleared up to residential standard, he says.

NTC could become state COVID vaccination hub

The Department of Health Services is eyeing Northcentral Technical College to become a regional vaccination site in Marathon County.

The state is eyeing Marathon County as one of six to ten sites that would become a regional COVID-19 vaccination site. The state has already set up one site

in Rock County, and a Marathon County hub could serve Marathon County and other counties in the north-central region of the state.

Marathon County Health Officer Joan Theurer told the Marathon County Board Thursday that Marathon County is being strongly considered because of its population density, health care organization presence and highway accessibility.

The state considered three sites in Marathon County, and has its eye on one in particular, Theurer told City Pages. Theurer did not specify the site at the meeting, but later told City Pages upon request that DHS evaluated three potential sites: NTC, UWSP Wausau and the mall. DHS is most interested in NTC because of the infrastructure and access it provides, Theurer told City Pages.

The state DHS is still making its evalu-

ation, but it sounds very promising, Theurer says. The site could eventually provide upward of 1,000 doses per day.

Deputies make arrests in Spencer homicide

Two people are now facing charges related to a homicide Marathon County Sheriff's Office investigated late last year.

Deputies arrested 50-year-old Shawn Carl on suspicion of first-degree intentional homicide related to death of 20-year-old Christian Schauer of Marshfield, who was found in the town of Spencer. Police were first alerted to the presence of a dead body on the south end of Abe Lincoln Avenue in Spencer on Dec. 29. The property is in the McCmillan Wildlife area and a fur trapper first found the body, police say.

Deputies as part of their investigation went searching for Schauer's car, and ultimately found it at the residence of 19-year-old Jared Carl, police reports say. Deputies arrested Jared Carl on suspicion of possessing stolen property related to the homicide, as well as drug and weapons charges, according to police reports. Shawn Carl, Jared's father, was arrested several days later this month on suspicion of first-degree intentional homicide.

School "assassination" assignment sparks controversy

A school assignment that involved a fictional assassination attempt has sparked controversy and drew a statement from the Wausau School District.

According to posts with screenshots on social media, a teacher in a Wausau school assigned a high school physical science class a story problem that featured a fictional crime scene investigation of an assassination attempt of a school mascot. Students were to calculate the velocity of various rifles to determine which suspect had committed the fictional crime.



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In a statement from the Wausau School District, school officials looked into the matter after a parent complained about it. They had a talk with the teacher, and it was agreed the problem would be replaced.

The district, according to its statement, will make no further comment on the matter.

City committee passes support for conversion therapy ban

A city committee this month passed support for a statewide ban on conversion therapy.

The city's Public Health and Safety Committee this month passed a resolution supporting a statewide ban on conversion therapy, which seeks to change a person's sexual orientation or gender. The practice has been discredited and roundly rejected by professionals in the psychology field.

The state legislature took up a bill that would have banned conversion therapy statewide but the bill did not pass in April of 2020. A group called the People Against Conversion Therapy has been fighting to get a ban passed ever since.

Currently, there are no conversion therapy practices in Wausau. Local Clinical Psychologist Heather Meggers-Wright in a statement to the committee said that the practice is considered unethical. "Mental health professionals treat dysphoria, depression, anxiety, family conflict, relationship conflict, etc. that occur in people of diverse sexual orientation and diverse gender identity but professionals--MDs, PhDs, PsyDs, LPCs (licensed professional

counselors}, LCSWs (licensed clinical social workers), LMFTs {licensed marital and family therapists), etc. do not attempt to change a person's sexual or gender identity with therapy," Meggers-Wright said in the statement. "It is simply unethical."

The resolution passed after several members of the LGBTQ community spoke out about what the resolution means to them and the discrimination they have faced because of their orientation.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg says she became more aware of these issues after the pride month controversy during her time on County Board. "I think it's really important that we recognize that Wausau is here for everybody," Mayor Katie Rosenberg says. "We care about everybody, no matter how you identify, your history, all of those things.

"You can bet we won't let that (conversion therapy) happen here," Rosenberg added.

Correction

In a story in last week's edition, we wrote that a public meeting was scheduled for March 15 to discuss potentially charging fees for users of park services for major events. That was true at the time City Pages collected the information, but the story was held for some time and by the time it ran, the meeting had been pushed to late March/early April, Finance Chair Lisa Rasmussen told City Pages. Also, Rasmussen says, any fee changes wouldn't happen until the following year, which wasn't clear in last week's story. **CP**

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Marathon County selected for regional COVID-19 vaccination site

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WAUSAU - Marathon County will host one of four new community-based vaccination sites in the state, with plans to open mid-April, according to the county's health department.

The county's health department recommended the "super site" be located at **Northcentral Technical College** in Wausau, as it is easy to find, has the space and parking to support a large clinic and is on the bus route, said Judy Burrows, the health department's spokesperson. The college has been used in previous months as a drive-thru coronavirus testing site.

Residents of other counties will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this site, too. All individuals currently eligible for the vaccine, regardless of where they live, will be able to schedule an appointment.

"We are very excited host one of the four large vaccination sites located across Wisconsin," Burrows said. "Vaccine supply is beginning to increase and when it does we will have a clinic ready to serve north central Wisconsin."

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Through partnership with the state's health department and AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, the regional vaccine site will help distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, especially for people reluctant to go to hospitals and clinics. The regional clinic will also be able to push out more vaccine doses than are currently available.

Gov. Tony Evers confirmed the Marathon County site, along with three other locations in La Crosse County, Racine County and the last clinic split between Douglas and Barron County. All four locations will open within the next two months.

"We are continuing to work to get vaccine doses across our state as soon as we have doses available," said Evers in a statement to the media. "These community-based sites are going to be critical to our work making sure that Wisconsinites can get vaccinated so we can put this pandemic behind us."

The announcement was prompted by the success of the first community-based vaccination clinic in Rock County, which started distributing the shots last Tuesday. The site in Janesville has started with smaller daily doses of around 200, which is similar to how Marathon



A member of the Wisconsin National Guard signals for the next vehicle to move forward at a drive-thru testing site for COVID-19 on May 19, 2020, at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, Wis. TORK MASON/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

County's site would operate.

The sites could eventually distribute up to 1,000 doses of the vaccine per day, five days a week, said Joan Theurer, Marathon County's health officer.

The new clinics were selected to address gaps in vaccine access and support vaccination efforts. Factors like

population demographics, local health capacity, operations and concentration of other vaccine providers were taken into consideration, according to Evers's statement.

As of Feb. 22, 1,186,325 total vaccine doses had been administered in Wisconsin, according to the DHS website.

Still, COVID-19 vaccine requests far exceed supply in central Wisconsin, causing wait lists to grow.

In central Wisconsin, 11.5% of residents in Marathon County have received at least one dose of the vaccine. In Portage County, that number is 9.9%. In Wood County, 14.6% and in Clark County, 10.3%.

The Wisconsin DHS determines how many doses each vaccinating agency will receive from the state's shipments of vaccine from the federal government. Burrows told USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin the state DHS itself is under-supplied with vaccines given the national demand among eligible groups. She said she hopes the regional site will help supply the community with the vaccine.

"This is a very positive step forward in assuring the health of our community," Burrows said. "We are very happy to be part of planning this vaccination site."

Vaccine appointment registration is not yet available for the Marathon County regional site. Once a website is established, it will be shared on the county health department's website, Burrows said.

"This is a very positive step forward in assuring the health of our community," she said.

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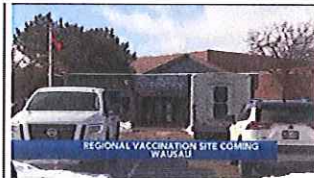
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mid-april. the vaccination site will be operated by a-m-i healthcare. the site remains up in the air but judy burrows with the marathon county health department -- says it will likely be at northcentral technical college. ((kassandra)) packers quarterback aaron rodgers starts his run as a guest host on jeopardy on april 5th. a newly released schedule shows the upcoming celebrity hosts now that ken jennings' six-week run has ended. mike richards took over on monday -- and will host until the end of next week--- when katie couric starts. rodgers will host until april 14th. ((emerson)) a watermain break on church street in stevens point has closed down one lane of traffic in both directions on business 51. the break happened late tuesday night

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clinic will be able to give out up to 1- thousand vaccinations a day. we don't know yet exactly where the clinic will be--but burrows says it will likely be at northcentral technical college. ((kassandra)) junior and senior high schoolers will be going back to in-person classes in the district. the school board made the decision monday night. it starts on april 5th with the start of the 4th quarter. the in-person classes will be 4- days a week, with e- learning on wednesdays. the district says it's working to get teachers vaccinated as soon as possible. ((kassandra)) 300 pre-packaged food boxes will be given away friday at the wausau



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:08 ((kassandra)) once fully operational--the clinic will be able to give out up to 1- thousand vaccinations a day. we don't know yet exactly where the clinic will be--but burrows says it will likely be at northcentral technical college. ((kassandra)) more than 815- thousand people have now gotten at least one dose of the covid-19 vaccine in wisconsin. that's 14-percent of the state's entire population. 366-thousand wisconsinites have received their second dose to complete their vaccination. that's a little over 6- percent of the population. ((kassandra)) more than two- thirds of people who suffer from migraine headaches don't get enough exercise. that's according to a new study presented at the american

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Hello Kelsi!

I am the Nutritional Services Director at Aspirus Langlade Hospital, in Antigo. (As you can see below 😊).

We have signed up 11 people for the SERV safe Class that is being offered by NTC.

I just wanted to tell you that since we started this process, your team...EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM...have been the absolute BEST!

I worked with Dawn Engel, Amanda Brzezinski, Irina Koehler, Patty (From NTC Antigo, I'm ashamed I don't know her last name she's an absolute angel).

The customer service program that your team attends must be "top notch". As I mentioned earlier, every single person I talk to or questioned is just fantastic.

Today, I was running into a little glitch with the class, and everyone I talked to...only wanted to solve my problem.

Thank you for offering such a wonderful service to those of us that need your help. I am truly grateful, for each person that has helped me within your organization.

Have a great day! Penny

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