

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)
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CALL TO ORDER

- A. Compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Public Comment

Public Comment periods are not considered to be public hearings or a forum for public debate. No person may speak more than once to an issue or for a period longer than three (3) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak during this period must complete the sign-in form at the meeting location no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The total amount of time devoted to public comment at any given meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2025, Board of Trustees Organizational + Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- A. [Remodeling: Wausau – High-Tech Conference Room + HR Renovation](#) – Cher Vink
- B. [Approval of Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan](#) – Cher Vink

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:
 - a. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
 - b. [Personnel Changes](#)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
 - a. Board Development Topics
 - b. Comments from Informational Update

B. Chairperson's Report

- a. Community Safety Simulation Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., CSSC at Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence
- b. Legal Issues Conference: October 16-17, 2025 at WCTC (Pewaukee)
- c. WTC DBA Fall Meeting: October 17-18, 2025 at WCTC (Pewaukee)
- d. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

C. Information

- a. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
- b. [Good News](#)

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 enriches our communities by providing high quality learner and employer focused educational pathways that transform lives.

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

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

TOPIC: Remodeling: Wausau – High-Tech Conference Room & HR Renovation

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38 – Technical College System, 38.14 District Board Powers – (2) Buildings and Equipment. (a) For the use of the district schools the district board may: (3) Construct, enlarge, or improve buildings.

TCS 5.04 (4) (a) A resolution of the district board approving the remodeling of existing facilities, (b) A resolution of the district board requesting board (WTCS) approval of the remodeling.

INTERPRETATION: Remodeling of existing facilities requires Board approval.

DATA/RESULTS: This project entails the transformation of approximately 2,300 square feet within the former Foundations, Grants and HR office suite into a state-of-the-art executive conference center. The reimagined space will be engineered to support high-capacity, hybrid collaboration with a seating capacity for 25–30 participants. The conference room will feature a fully integrated, enterprise-grade video conferencing system, including native support for platforms such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and other unified communication tools to ensure seamless virtual and in-person interactions.

To enhance hospitality and event management capabilities, a full-service kitchenette will be constructed with independent ingress, allowing catering services to operate discreetly without disrupting meetings. This layout enables the space to host extended engagements and cross-functional sessions with minimal operational friction.

Currently, the College lacks a dedicated environment capable of accommodating large-scale executive or partner-facing meetings. This renovation will fill a critical gap by offering a professional-grade meeting venue that can also be leveraged by external partners, including organizations such as CWAIC, for community collaboration and strategic convenings.

To support the new conference environment, the project also includes the modernization of an additional 900 square feet within the existing Human Resources suite. This sub-project will introduce a purpose-built reception area featuring a visitor seating area—addressing the current issue of guests waiting in the hallway. It will also create additional enclosed offices, strategically oriented to ensure confidentiality and direct visual access to the main entry point by all front-line HR personnel.

All spaces will be updated to reflect modern accessibility, technology, and professional standards, creating a more welcoming and functional environment for both staff and visitors. The estimated budget for the project is not to exceed \$350,000. To begin construction this spring, the College will be requesting WTCS State Board approval at its September Board Meeting. The NTC Board is asked to approve the proposed renovation and request the WTCS State Board to do the same. A packet evidencing compliance with the statutes will be submitted to the State Board with the application.

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northcentral Technical College Board approves the Wausau High-Tech Conference Room & HR Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$350,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same.

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

Signed: Dr. Janis Worden Dated: 8/19/2025

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

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

TOPIC: Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan 2026-2028

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38.04 (10) requires each Wisconsin Technical College District to prepare and submit a Three-Year Plan to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCBS). The plan must be approved by the District Board. The plan will be accepted and reviewed by the WTCSB but no action will be taken.

INTERPRETATION: Northcentral Technical College's Three-Year Plan is submitted for the District Board of Trustees review and approval.

DATA/RESULTS: The Three-Year Plan for 2026-2028 outlines projects for the current fiscal year and proposed capital improvements, acquisitions, remodeling and new construction exceeding \$50,000 but not greater than \$1,500,000 pursuant to s. 38.04 (10). The Three-Year Plan informs the WTCS Office of potential plans but does not ask for permission to proceed. Each project must be approved on a project-by-project basis following requirements set forth in WTCS administrative policy.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:
The Board approve Northcentral Technical College's Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan 2026-2028.

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

Signed: 

Dated: August 19, 2025



Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan

FY 2025 – 2026
FY 2026 – 2027
FY 2027 – 2028

Introduction

Through continuous contact with students, employees, community members, Advisory Committees, community forums with stakeholders, and strategic planning, Northcentral Technical College ensures its plans and goals are aligned with the future growth and innovation needs of its students, employees, and district communities. The NTC Board of Trustees recognizes and supports the efforts of the College to provide facilities that meet these needs.

The Three-Year Facilities Plan aligns with the College's 2024-29 Strategic Plan and supports its goals to expand comprehensive support to ensure learner success; foster a leading-edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology; build on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs; and effectively use resources to enhance future stability. The NTC Board of Trustees understands the College must have the facilities necessary for student and staff growth, productivity, health, safety, and success and the infrastructure critical for expansion of space, technology, and programming.

This Plan addresses projects for these necessities. The Plan also responds to current trends in higher education affecting physical space, on-line learning, changing enrollments, as well as increased costs of maintaining and adding physical space, supply chain issues and labor challenges which continue to have an impact on the College's facilities and facility projects. This Plan takes into account these trends while providing state-of-the-art facilities to ensure our learners are learning in the most innovative spaces on the most advanced equipment and technology.

The following pages outline the Three-Year Facilities Plan for Fiscal Years 25-26 to 27-28 that support the College's Strategic Plan.

Jeannie Worden

President

Northcentral Technical College | 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

Project Summary

FY2025 – 2026

Additions/Acquisitions

Wausau Single Site

- Ag Heifer Barn Addition/Third Calf Pen

Remodeling/Renovation

Wausau Campus

- A Building WTPD Lease Offices & Entrance Renovation
- Accommodations/Testing/Security Renovation
- Ag Center Utilities Building Renovation Warehouse
- High Tech Conference Room & HR Renovation

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- Ag Center Vet Tech Entrance Windbreak
- Ag Culvert/Roads
- Ag South Field Drain Tile
- Alt High Improvements
- CHS Dental Casework & Flooring
- CHS Roof Top Chiller Replacement
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- G Building Chiller Refurbish (Main Building Chiller)
- General Facility Contingency
- HVAC Controls A & F Buildings
- IT Reception & Training Room Reconfiguration
- iTEC Improvements
- Landscaping Dental Addition
- Radiography Equipment Replacement
- Sustainability
- Shipping Fork Lift
- Signage District Wide
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement
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Regional Campuses

- Antigo Boiler Replacement
- Merrill CSSC Parking Lot & Exterior Façade
- Merrill TSR Rubber Wall Lining

Additions/Acquisitions

Antigo Single Site

- Merrill CSSC Expansion & Storage Addition

Wausau Single Site

- Ag Center Event Addition
- Wausau Motorcycle Storage Garage Addition

Remodeling/Renovation

Wausau Campus

- Bookstore & The Den Renovation
- CHS Stairs Upgrade
- Student Advising/Transfer Center Renovation

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- Ag Center Canvas Building Concrete Floor
- Ag Electronic Entrance Gate
- Ag Landscaping (Phase 3)
- Ash Tree Removal & Replacement
- Auto Service Area Blacktop Resurfacing
- C & B Building Roof Replacement000
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- Custodial Equipment District Wide
- F & G Building Roof Replacement
- F Building Air Handler Replacement
- Fleet Vehicles
- G Building Air Handler Replacement
- General Facility Contingency
- Library Window Replacement
- Maintenance Equipment
- Medical Lab Technician Equipment Infrastructure
- Sidewalk Replacement
- Signage District Wide
- Sustainability
- Wausau Restroom Entrance Improvements

Regional Campuses

- Antigo Wood Tech Exterior Siding Staining
- Diesel Flooring (Restrooms & Classroom)
- Medford Rural Design Lab
- Phillips Welding Dust Collection

FY2027 – 2028

Additions/Acquisitions

Antigo Single Site

- Merrill Expansion

Remodeling/Renovation

Wausau Campus

- F Building Renovation (Stairs/Entrance/Classrooms/Offices)

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- A Building Restroom Improvements
- A Building Window Replacement
- Ag Boiler Replacement
- Ag Exterior Improvements
- Ag Blacktop
- Ag Overhead Door Replacement
- B Parking Lot/Curb Replacement
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- Drinking Fountain Replacement
- Electrician Van Replacement
- General Facility Contingency
- H Building Air Handler Replacement
- H Building Roof Replacement
- Main Road/Curb Replacement
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

Regional Campuses

- Antigo & Phillips Water Heater Replacement
- Antigo Faculty Suite
- Antigo Restroom Flush Valve Replacement
- Antigo Roof Replacement
- Merrill TSR Exterior Brick Replacement
- Phillips Exterior Siding Painting

Three-Year Budget Summary

FY2025-26

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 225,000
Remodeling:	\$ 2,450,000
Improvements:	\$ 3,082,000
Total:	\$ 5,757,000

FY2026-27 (Estimate)

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 1,825,000
Remodeling:	\$ 1,500,000
Improvements:	\$ 3,475,000
Total:	\$ 6,800,000

FY2027-28 (Estimate)

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 500,000
Remodeling:	\$ 1,500,000
Improvements:	\$ 4,005,000
Total:	\$ 6,005,000

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

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

POLICY 1.1 – Presidential Expectations – The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

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 **June 30, 2025** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue: \$102,603,716.60

F1-F7 Expense: \$114,920,335.62

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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Signed: 

Dated: August 19, 2025

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

TOPIC: Personnel Changes

POLICY 1.1 – Presidential Expectations – The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

INTERPRETATION: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 38.12 (3) "The district board shall employ and fix the compensation..." and 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:

- Dr. William Akey – Program Director, Dental Therapy
- Matthew Cavenaile – Technician, Library Services
- Zach Knetter – Faculty, Automotive Technology
- Greg Lang – Analyst, Student Information Systems
- Donna Stankowski – Assistant, Central Services

Resignations:

- Jodi Garvin – Assistant, Human Resources
- Lisa Krause – Specialist, Testing
- Rebekka Sekeres – Instructional Assistant, Nursing
- Michael Sewell – Faculty, CDL

Retirements:

- Anne Drake – Analyst, Business Solutions

AGENDA CATEGORY:

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PROPOSED MOTION:

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Signed Dr. Janis Worden

Dated 08/19/2025

Board of Trustees Upcoming Meetings + Events – 2025-2026
Updated: 8/13/25

Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntin	Tom Felch	Renee Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann	Rainer Shooter
2025										
MONDAY July 14	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
August 13	Regional Forensic Science Center Grand Opening + Ribbon Cutting Ceremony			X	X		X	X		
August 19	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
September 14-16	Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3) Annual Conference <i>(Various NTC Locations)</i>									
September 25	Community Safety Simulation Center (CSSC) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony <i>(10:00 a.m. @ NTC Public Safety Center of Excellence)</i>									
October 16-17	WTC DBA Legal Issues Conference <i>(Waukesha County Technical College - Pewaukee)</i>									
October 17-18	WTC DBA Fall Meeting <i>(Waukesha County Technical College - Pewaukee)</i>									
October 21	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
December 13	Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony <i>(10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)</i>									
2026										
February 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 10	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 7	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 16	WTCS Ambassador Banquet <i>(Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells)</i>									
April 17	WTC DBA Trustees + Ambassadors Breakfast									

	<i>(Wisconsin Dells)</i>									
April 17	WTC DBA Spring Meeting <i>(Wisconsin Dells)</i>									
May 5	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 16	Spring Graduation Ceremony <i>(10:00 a.m. @ TBD)</i>									
June 2	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(Public Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:15 p.m. Regular Meeting at 12:45 p.m.)</i>									

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



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Antigo Daily Journal



Langlade County chairman, two supervisors resign

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ANTIGO — The chairman, as well as two Langlade County supervisors submitted their resignations during the board of supervisors meeting on Monday, June 23.

Chairman Ben Pierce, along with District 2 Supervisor Roy Dieck and District 13 Bruce McDougal submitted their resignations from the Langlade County Board.

Pierce will officially be stepping down as chairman on July 1. The

Langlade County Board elected Steve Maier as the new county board chairman; John Medo as first vice-chair and Justin Sorano as second vice-chair.

“In my experience, it is not uncommon for members to vacate their seats prior to the end of their term of office,” said Robin Stowe, Langlade County corporation counsel. “Personally, I have great respect and appreciation for our community members who are willing to serve on our local governmental bodies.”

The board discussed the county’s budget at the meeting as well. Currently, the county is waiting for the fiscal year 2024 audit to be completed before the 2026 budget can begin.

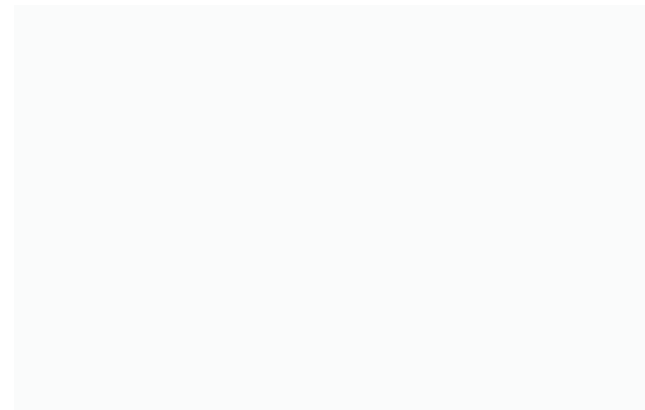
Stowe said the interim finance director confirmed the budget is on schedule with the preparation of the budget.

“At the end of each fiscal year Dec. 31st, the books are not closed until later in the Spring — March or April — because revenues and expenditures that need to be accounted for

that fiscal year are still being processed,” Stowe said. “Then, by statute, an external audit for that year must be completed and based upon the financial systems

that we use — we cannot start printing out budget packets for our departments until the audit is completed.”

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Langlade County Clerk Judy Nagel explained that, in the event of a vacancy, the following process will be used to fill the vacant seat.

"One: a notice of the vacancy will be published at least once in the Antigo Daily Journal or posted explaining the process for a qualified elector to apply for the vacancy; two: a notice of the vacancy will be sent to the municipal clerk(s) of the electoral district(s) for posting at a public place within the Town; three: the applicants will be screened by the County Board Chairman; four: the Board Chairman shall make an

appointment of the candidates; five: a majority vote of the County Board is required to confirm the appointment to the vacant seat for the remainder of the term," she said.

The following vacancy notices are what Nagel provided the Antigo Daily Journal.

District #2
"The Langlade County Board of Supervisors presently has a vacancy for the Supervisor position representing District #2, City of Antigo — Ward 2, Langlade County. A map showing the boundaries of District #2 is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

"Any qualified elector of District #2 (U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, who resides in the election district) interested in this County Board Supervisor Position, please submit a letter of intent and a resume of experience to: Langlade County Clerk, 800 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI 54409 by July 11, 2025.

"The individual appointed to fill the vacant County Board Supervisor position for

District #2 will serve the remaining term, which ends April 14, 2026. Contact the Corporation Counsel if you have any questions at (715) 627-6297."

District #13
"The Langlade County Board of Supervisors presently has a vacancy for the Supervisor position representing District #13, Town of Antigo — Ward 1: Town of Polar — Ward 2, Langlade County. A map showing the boundaries of District #13 is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

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"The individual appointed to fill the vacant County Board Supervisor position for District #13 will serve the remaining term, which ends April 14, 2026. Contact the

Corporation Counsel if you have any questions at (715) 627-6297."

District #17 (open July 1)

"The Langlade County Board of Supervisors presently has a vacancy for the Supervisor position representing District #17, Town of Langlade — Ward 1 — Town of Wolf River — Ward 2, Langlade County. A map showing the boundaries of District #17 is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

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"The individual appointed to fill the vacant County Board Supervisor position for District #17 will serve the remaining term, which ends April 14, 2026. Contact the Corporation Counsel if you have any questions at (715) 627-6297."

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ANTIGO LEGION POST #3 TYPHOON 2025 SCHEDULE			
		CORPORATE SPONSOR NIGHTS	
7:00pm	@ Rhineland	7:00pm	
7:15pm	@ Appleton	8:00pm	
7:30pm	Rhineland	7:00pm	Perennial's Best Night / Mid-Wi Divergence Bubble Night / Southside Tire Co.
7:45pm	Clintonville	7:00pm	Lee Beverage Miller Lite Night
8:00pm	Koskovo	(DK) 8:00pm	Cuba's Cuban Night / Colterage Credit Union Day
8:15pm	Wausau	7:00pm	Little League Night / Bill Jack's Pizza Night / Parsons of Antigo
8:30pm	Shawano	7:00pm	Wagner Oil + Wacky Wednesdays / Elbert & Gerbers / Hunt Brothers Pizza Night
8:45pm	@ Glenview	7:00pm	
9:00pm	@ Seymour	(DK) 8:00pm	Antigo Stations Night / Edman Meats Steak Night / Langlade Co. Tavern League Night
9:15pm	Marquette	8:00pm	Featuring Tap House, Animal's, and Katsanya
9:30pm	@ Shawano	7:00pm	
JANUARY 2025 SUMMER TOURNAMENT			
Tournament sponsored by: Holiday Inn Express & Hotelier Lanka - New Owners: Matt Miller & McCarthy Families			
7:00pm	Kretz Park	D.C. Everest vs. Medford	
7:15pm	Kretz Park	Germanstown vs. Gladstone	
7:30pm	Kretz Park	Fond du Lac vs. Antigo	Starting in the afternoon on Saturday Reef Taps & Mixed Potatoes
7:45pm	Kretz Park	Gladstone vs. Antigo	
8:00pm	Kretz Park	D.C. Everest vs. Fond du Lac	
8:15pm	Kretz Park	Medford vs. Germanstown	
8:30pm	Kretz Park	Fond du Lac vs. Gladstone	
8:45pm	Kretz Park	Germanstown vs. Antigo	
9:00pm	Kretz Park	Gladstone vs. D.C. Everest	
9:15pm	Kretz Park	Medford vs. Fond du Lac	
9:30pm	Kretz Park	D.C. Everest vs. Germanstown	
9:45pm	Kretz Park	Medford vs. Antigo	
10:00pm	@ Stevens Point	7:00pm	
10:15pm	@ Neesham	7:00pm	
10:30pm	Wittsburg	7:00pm	
For every home game...			
Every 4th inning in honor of Bob LaVigne and Howie Wagner			
Wagner Oil + Wacky Wednesdays is the corporate sponsor for our home run inning, co-sponsored by the LaVigne Family			
with Elbert & Gerbers sponsoring the 400th inning.			
Every 8th Inning, sponsored by Joe Orsagie, Orsagie Propane Burner to 2nd base.			
Regional Playoffs: July 25th - July 28th • State Tournament: August 4th • August 5th at New London			

SAWMILL TOUR

With the board meeting being at North Central Technical College, county board supervisors toured the facility and were shown the new one-of-a-kind sawmill for the college's lumber and forestry program.

The new sawmill was unveiled in mid April. It stands as the only commercial scale training facility of its kind in the United States. The sawmill is designed to prepare students for careers in the lumber industry, the facility features advanced commercial equipment and emphasizes safety, efficiency and best practices without the pressure of full-scale production.

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Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
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Roderick & Leona Cook
Scholarship/St. Mary



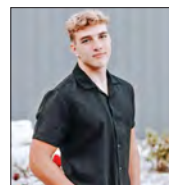
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Wisconsin Technical
Excellence Scholarship,
Don Voelker Memorial
Scholarship



Angelique Hernandez
Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
Memorial Scholarship,
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Tucker Hayes
Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
Memorial Scholarship



Jacob Hoppe
Dorchester Library Stepping
Up,
Dorchester Lions Club,
Dennis and Jan Engel
Memorial Scholarship,
Roderick & Leona Cook
Scholarship/St. Mary



Olivia Johnson
Vorland Family Scholarship



Harrison Schmitt
CUDA Youth Football &
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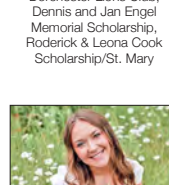
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Lucia Perez
Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
Memorial Scholarship,
The Doctors' Healthcare
Scholarship



Emma Rachu
Eileen Rosella Keller Trust
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NTC Foundation Harvey
Nelson Trust Scholarship,
David I. MacArthur Memorial
Scholarship



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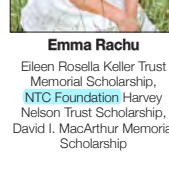
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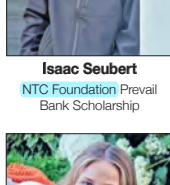
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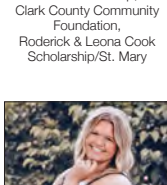
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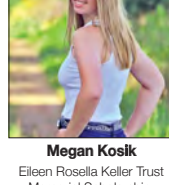
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FEATURE STORY

By Mikayla Pozorski



The organizer of the Film, Farm & Culture Fest of Wausau is Jila Nikpay, who teaches videography at [NTC](#). Mikayla Pozorski photo

A brand new annual festival is beginning this year in Wausau.

It is called the Film, Farm & Culture Fest of Wausau, and it is being presented by [Northcentral Technical College](#).

The film festival will serve as an annual summer meeting place for audiences to celebrate award-winning independent films selected from around the world. The film festival program will include fiction and documentary films exploring the relationships between farming, land and rural life.

The organizer of the film festival is Jila Nikpay, who teaches videography at [NTC](#).

Nikpay emigrated from Iran at the age of 19, and attended the University of Minnesota, where she earned a B.A. in studio arts, a B.A. in economics and an M.A. in photographic communication.

Nikpay moved to the Wausau area about three years ago and now teaches full time at [NTC](#). While teaching, she has created many short films.

Her latest film is called *Fragments of Freedom*. *Fragments of Freedom* is a feature documentary that was released in 2024. It explores the impact of events on small business owners during the 2020 riots in Minneapolis.

Last year, Nikpay decided that Wausau needed a film festival and that she wanted to be the one to organize it.

She said that her students helped to inspire the film festival because she wanted to show them that film festivals

can be a good opportunity for those in the film industry.

"If you want to make short films, long films, any type of films, a film festival is a place to show your work and find your audience," said Nikpay.

She asked her students to come up with ideas for a film festival and that helped lead to the creation of what is now the Film, Farm & Culture Fest.

"I saw their enthusiasm and I thought that this would be a really great idea," said Nikpay.

"I had to really build it from the ground up," she said. "We did not have any structure to create the festival, so I had to find a venue, which is the Woodson History Center, and I also licensed all the films from around the world."

To select the films that will be shown, Nikpay said that she watched at least 100 and had to narrow it down to eight.

"It was almost like two full-time jobs, between teaching full time and doing this full time," she said.

Despite the long hours, Nikpay said that she enjoyed the process of organizing the film festival.

"I really like to envision something and then create it step by step, then problem solve and work with people," she said.

Nikpay said she hopes the film festival will get more people interested in the video program at [NTC](#).

[NTC](#) is very technical oriented, and we're a little odd because we combine technical skills with being creative,

and I find that to be very unique," she said.

With the theme of the film festival being geared toward small towns and agriculture, Nikpay said she intentionally chose films where the stories take place in villages from North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

There are eight films in total. The film screenings will be held from July 18–August 9 on Fridays and Saturdays. Film titles for the weekly screening will be officially announced Monday, July 7, but below is a sneak peak of each of the chosen films.

Through Rocks and Clouds directed by Franco Garcia Beccaca

Through Rocks and Clouds is the first film that will be shown during the festival. It is a drama about a shepherd boy who dreams of seeing his country win the FIFA World Cup while his home is being polluted by a mining company.

The Outpost directed by Edoardo Morabito

The Outpost is a documentary film that explores the story of Christopher Clark, an eco-warrior who established an "Outpost of Progress" in the Amazon rainforest. This Outpost aimed to be a utopian society in harmony with nature and technology, run by the indigenous inhabitants.

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However, as wildfires threaten to destroy the Outpost, Clark comes up with a seemingly improbable plan: organizing a Pink Floyd concert within the rainforest to gain attention and convince the Brazilian government to establish a nature reserve.

My Sweet Land

directed by Sareen Hairabedian

My Sweet Land is a coming-of-age story set against a multigenerational war in the post-Soviet Caucasus Mountains. It follows an 11-year-old boy named Vrej, growing up in Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) who dreams of becoming a dentist in his picture-postcard village. Vrej's life takes a sudden turn when war erupts, forcing him to flee with his family.

A Man of Integrity

directed by Mohammad Rasoulof

A Man of Integrity is about a goldfish farmer in a small Iranian village who faces financial ruin when his river-sourced water supply is cut off.

Rowdy Girl

directed by Jason Goldman

Rowdy Girl follows the story of a Texas cattle rancher who decides to go vegan after a spiritual awakening. She then transforms her husband's beef operation into a sanctuary.

Forest

directed by Lidia Duda

Forest is about a Polish couple who decide to move to a remote cabin in Bialowieza Forest and home-school their children. They think their new home will be an innocent paradise far from the modern world's problems, but soon they find that Europe's humanitarian crisis and oppressive border politics has entered their woods.

The Return of the Projectionist

directed by Orkhan Aghazadeh

The Return of the Projectionist is a documentary about an elderly TV repairman in a remote village in Azerbaijan's Talysh mountains. He dreams of bringing movies on the big screen back to his rural community.

Swimming Out Till the Sea Turns Blue

directed by Jia Zhangke

The final film is *Swimming Out Till the Sea Turns Blue*. It centers around three modern Chinese writers: Jia Pingwa, Yu Hua and Liang Hong. Through reflections on their childhoods, careers and lives, the authors discuss the changes China has undergone since their births in the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

"The theme of small town and village life is constant throughout all the eight films that I selected," said Nikpay. "That is very important to me because I want our audience to sort of relate to the films, and I want our students and aspiring filmmakers to see that they can find film ideas in their own backyards."

Nikpay said that she would like people of all ages to take part in the film festival because it is never too late to discover new interests or learn new skills.

"I would like it to be cross generational," said Nikpay. "Both young people and everyone from the community can be interested in independent films."

In addition to the film screenings, NTC's video production faculty will offer summer labs for aspiring filmmakers. The video production summer labs aim to educate future filmmakers through hands-on, collaborative filmmaking at Studio 7, a state-of-the-art video production facility on NTC's Wausau campus.

**Video Production
Summer Lab Schedule:**

Short Narrative Production:

July 14, 16 & 18 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Documentary Production:

July 21, 23 & 25 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Product Commercial:

July 28, 30, August 1 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Intro to Motion Graphics:

August 4, 6 & 8 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

There is also an opportunity for people looking to build upon the ideas presented at the film festival. The opportunity comes in the form of a Film Fan Hub. Its mission is to engage future filmmakers and the community with award-winning independent films, and inspire filmmakers to find engaging stories right in their backyards.

The Film Fan Hub will offer a free membership, monthly film screenings that capture contemporary issues, post-screening discussions, guest filmmakers from around the world, screening of local filmmakers' work for audience feedback, tips on various technical topics and 48 hours film initiative and screening at the NTC cinema.

"I hope the film festival will help create empathy and help people to understand different cultures," said Nikpay. "We are in such a troubled world right now, and this is such an important step. I am so happy that a film festival is coming to Wausau at this time."

To learn more about the film festival and all of its offerings, either attend one of the events or go to filmfarmculturefest.com. **GP**

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Council hears NTC's plan for Timber Wolf Cabins



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This is an artist's rendering of what the cabins and outdoor recreation space will look like.

CHELSEA DELORIA

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ANTIGO — The Antigo City Council listened to a presentation on Northcentral College's site plan that will include new Timberwolf Cabins during Wednesday night's monthly meeting.

Recently NTC announced a partnership with the NTC Property Foundation to create

housing options that support learners in the woods/forestry industry at NTC's Antigo campus, Kelsi Seubert, NTC Manager of Marketing Relations said.

"Timberwolf cabins will provide learners with a unique space to live and learn while attending classes at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence and Sawmill," she said.

According to President of

NTC Jeannie Worden, Ed.D., students travel across the nation for hands-on training in the forestry industry NTC's Antigo campus provides.

"We recognized the need for additional housing options for our students and are grateful that the City of Antigo supports our plan for Timberwolf Cabins."

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Timberwolf Cabins will be a campground-style cabin with a one to two person occupancy. Each cabin includes a bedroom, bathroom, and open kitchen with a dining and social space. The cabin comes fully furnished. Those using the cabins will also have access to an outdoor social area, laundry

facilities, business equipment and recreational equipment as well.

Seubert said the Timberwolf Cabins will provide housing options for incumbent students attending four to eight week continuing education programs, "or traditional college students enrolled in a one to two year credit program."

The projected economic impact includes \$225,000 annually from

incumbent worker training in Antigo, as well as having the opportunity to support educational partners, which will bring in additional money. These partners could be Aspirus and traveling nurses, as well as out of area employees attending professional development.

The Timberwolf Cabins already have support from: the NTC Woods Advisory Committee; Elwyn Remington

Foundation; Robbins; Kolbe Windows & Doors; Pukall Lumber; Central Wisconsin Woodworking; Kretz lumber and Zelazoski Wood Products.

The first Timberwolf Cabin is fully funded through the Elwyn Remington Foundation. This donation launches the NTC Property Foundation's campaign to raise funds for another five cabins.

Mark Bradley, a founding member of the Remington Foundation, said, "as a lifelong resident of Antigo, Al Remington understood the important role the timber industry plays in the Antigo area economy; thus, the board of directors of the Remington Foundation thought a gift to construct the first cabin was a wonderful way to honor Al's commitment to education and economic

development."

Recently the initial location for these cabins was identified as being in the northwest corner of NTC campus property. The group received REI utilities rendering to maximize current infrastructure for sewer, water and utilities. They have also begun collaborating with Star Cabins on a design that aligns with city ordinances and requirements for certification.

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Kyana Janda
Earl & Vivian Haefs Alumni, NTC Foundation



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Youth Apprenticeship



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Ray & Marie Goldbach Foundation, Stonemark Wind, Youth Apprenticeship, Berlin-Hamburg Lions Club, Winona State Presidential Honor



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Athens Education Association, Athens VFW Scholarship, David Belter Memorial, Youth Apprenticeship



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High school principal, associate principal discuss course offerings

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ANTIGO — Antigo High School Principal Trina Borneman and Associate Principal Matt Meronk discussed the high school’s scheduling process during Monday night’s school board meeting.

“Antigo High School follows a process each year to collect student course requests, build the master schedule to make sure of correct individual student schedules,” Meronk said. “Enrolment numbers are also carefully reviewed to ensure fiscal responsibility.”

For the 2026-26 school year, Antigo High School is projected to serve approximately 600 students, Meronk explained.

“That’s 190 fewer students than in the previous year, which is largely due to eighth graders transitioning back to the middle school (instead of being housed at the high school),” he said.

In the 2024-25 school year, two CTE (Career in Technical Education) taught at the middle school and high school levels to support and grow the middle school CTE programs, Meronk said.

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"With the return of eighth grade to the middle school and a projected decline in enrollment, staff needed to be continued to be evaluated," he said.

In February of 2025, the course of offerings for the 2025-2026 school year were shared with all students. A newly added social studies course and a spring dual credit firefighting academy in partnership with NTC were added to the

schedule.

"Students then had time to talk about the courses that they needed and wanted," Borneman said. "In March of 2025, Mr. Meronk and the counselors went into English classes during the day to help students

select the courses they needed."

"Students had a week after to make changes to their course selections. All courses and the course planning catalogue were available to students at that time."

According to Meronk and Borneman, all CTE classes were available for students to select,

including Red Robin Machining.

"Several staffing and schedule changes were made in response to enrollment and student course selection," she said.

In the previous year, several high school course sections had 10 or fewer students enrolled, Meronk said.

"That's not physically sustainable," Meronk said. "As a result the staffing audit was conducted. Staffing levels in social studies, science, consumer education, German and metals were all reduced based on enrollment trends and student interest."

Borneman and Meronk said carpentry courses generated a strong student interest at the high school.

"By moving carpentry classes fully back to the high school and allocating a full FTE (full time equivalent, teacher) to that program, the .5 FTE for the metals position was able to absorb the middle school sections resulting in a full position," she said.

The change supports concurrent enrollment, but also is expected to promote continual interest in the metals program, Meronk explained, as the students transition from middle to high school.

"One of the reasons we've seen a decrease in student requests for metals courses is the increased participation in the Welding Academy at NTC," he said. "This program provides students with an excellent opportunity to earn credits while directly entering into the workforce after graduation."

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PLIA Community Building, 8684 County Road K, Elcho, WI 54428
 Saturday, August 3, 2024

9:00 a.m. - QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Approve meeting minutes from May 17, 2025
3. Approve Treasurer's report for most current period
4. Committee & Coordinator Report
 - Boat Landing Committee - John Steber
 - Lake Management Committee
 - a. Review status of the Aquatic Plant Survey
 - Weed Management & Harvesting Committee - Mike Misterek
 - b. Update on 2025 Season
 - Lake Safety Committee - Andy Joswiak
 - Dam Management Committee - Jeff McKinney/John Steber/Andy Joswiak
 - Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network - Andy Joswiak
 - Web Site Development & Management - Phil McGrath
 - Langlade Count Water Ways Association - Kay Provance
 - PLIA - Dave Leslie
5. Old Business
 - a. Update for the Enhance Wake Sport survey
6. New Business
7. Any non-action items that can legally be discussed
8. Next Meeting: December 6, 2025
9. Adjourn

(Immediately following the Quarterly District Meeting)

2025 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order
 2. Approve meeting minutes from August 3, 2024
 3. 2024 -2025 Audit Report
 4. Presentation and vote on the 2026 Annual budget - Tim Prunty
 5. Old Business
 6. Nominations and election for open board positions
 - a. John Steber and Andy Joswiak's seats are up for election
 7. Make 2025 - 2026 committee assignments
 8. Adjourn
- (Following adjournment board members will appoint 2025 - 2026 Board Officers)

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Six ladies compete for Fairest of the Fair

By June Thompson

The Clark County Fair will be held Aug. 6 - 10 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Fairgoers will have a chance to see one young lady crowned Fairest of the Fair Aug. 6. This year, six ladies are competing for the honor of being Fairest of the Fair.

Janalee Kapusta, coordinator for the Fairest of the Fair, has been on the committee for years. "I ran for Fairest of the Fair in 2017 and 2018. I was second attendant both years," said Kapusta. She was chosen as the Fairest of the Fair in 2019.

Seeing the girls come out of their comfort zone and having this unique experience is something Kapusta looks forward to every year. But she doesn't do it alone. Kapusta has Jaidyn Teschner and Trina Abbott helping her.

"It's a good opportunity to improve interpersonal skills and confidence," said Teschner. She was the Fairest of the Fair in 2021. "I enjoy being an advocate for the fair and county and a role model for the youth."

One of the contestants is Ruby Kilmer. She competed last year for the Fairest of the Fair. "I really enjoyed getting to know people and visiting towns. I enjoy the connections that got me out of my comfort zone," she said.

Kilmer was Miss Thorp 2023-2024. Her mother is Sharon Zurakowski-Kilmer.

Ruby Kilmer is attending Northcentral Technical College for early childhood.

"I want to work in a daycare or head start program," she said. "I love education." Yet, Kilmer also has an interest in the medical field. She may pursue a career in that profession.

Kilmer loves to read; she considers herself to be a bookworm. She lives on a farm. Her favorite animals are cows.

"If I'm chosen as Fairest of the Fair, I'd love to promote youth agriculture. They are the future farmers," said Kilmer. "I'd promote the fair/cows/livestock—where you get your food from and family bonding time."

Another contestant is Jordan Berg. She recently graduated from Granton High School in 2025. Berg plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison and major in life sciences and communications. Her parents are Joey and Jennifer Berg.

"I want to study agricultural policy," Berg said. "I want to advocate for family farms. I have a deeply rooted passion for agriculture." She has held several positions for Granton Future Farmers of America (FFA). "I hope to be an agriculture lobbyist and educate people on agriculture."

Berg loves to travel. "I'd love to go to Europe and see the old European architecture," she said. "I hope to study abroad in college. I love history." Berg has been to Washington D.C. for an FFA Conference. "I gained leadership skills and learned

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The six contestants for 2025 Fairest of the Fair are (left-right) Ruby Kilmer, Jordan Berg, Lizzy Reinart, Madison Stieglitz, Laela Scott and Kaydence Plaskey. The Fairest of the Fair coronation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

June Thompson/Clark County Press



Volunteers work together to complete Neillsville's mural project

County board designates authority in opioid settlement

By Edward DuBois

combat the opioid epidemic.

Fairest of the Fair

From Front Page

about the nation's history."

If chosen as Fairest of the Fair, Berg will attend the livestock shows. "That's where you find people who are passionate," said Berg. "I'd spread the word about the fair to everyone."

Contestant Lizzy Reinart graduated from Granton High School in 2023. She is a student at Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) in Eau Claire. Her major is paralegal studies. Her parents are Kelly and Rachel Reinart.

In high school, Reinart enjoyed coaching track and field. "I really liked extracurricular activities and FFA. My dad's a dairy farmer," she said. "I like Minecraft, video games and playing board games with my family."

Reinart was part of the FFA Ag Sales Team that took third place in the state. She was also Section Seven state FFA vice president. In this role, she toured for a year and went to schools with agriculture programs.

"I taught ag classes, held conferences/workshops throughout the year for middle school/high school students," Reinart said. She visited 27 schools in five counties. "I got to meet ag lawyers and build connections."

"As a Granton FFA Alumni member, I know how important it is to educate. I love law and agriculture. I want to combine both for a career," Reinart said.

Madison Stieglitz, another contestant, will graduate from Greenwood High School in 2026. Her parents are Nick and Danae Stieglitz.

"I'm an agriculture gal," she said. "I want to earn a degree in animal science, specifically meat production. I love working with the nutrition side of it." Her goal is to go to the University of Wisconsin River Falls studying primarily agriculture. She is vice president of Greenwood School FFA.

Stieglitz grew up showing cows at the fair. She breeds Ayrshire cows. "I show them all over the state." It's one of her big hobbies.

But she has other interests. "I play softball and volleyball. I like being on a team in a leadership role working with the girls."

If Stieglitz is chosen as Fairest of the Fair, she would promote the fair, including crafts, rides, and livestock shows.

Contestant Laela Scott graduated from Neillsville High School in 2025. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and become a lawyer or a doctor. Her parents are Eric Scott and Lindsey Moltzen.

"I like to kayak, hike and read," said Scott. She likes to do anything outdoors. Her favorite subjects are art and math.

Her personal goal is to "show who I truly am, be myself," she said. Her long-term goal is to go to all the 50 states and experience diverse cultures. "In August, I'm going to Yellowstone National Park," Scott said. "There are beautiful sites out there. I want to take it all in."

If she is chosen as the Fairest of the Fair, Scott will promote the kids' livestock because it shows their dedication, and it grows their confidence.

Scott has several fair entries: photography, cake decorating, crocheting and pottery, to name a few. "Next year, I hope to be part of the dog show. I grew up training Chocolate Labradors."

Kaydence Plaskey will be a senior at Spencer High School. Her parents are Louie Plaskey and Michelle Cole.

Kaydence Plaskey's favorite subject is anatomy. She'd like to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison or University of Minnesota. She wants to be a doctor.

"I volunteer working with kids at the Marshfield Clinic three hours a week," said Plaskey. She is involved with FFA. "It's a great way to build leadership skills."

Pierce was "empowered by the students who came together and presented their projects." Only the top two projects from each level and category in their state get to move on to nationals.

"[Pierce] was also im-

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Plaskey's health made her decide to go into medicine. "I really like medicine, it's what I want to do the rest of my life." She has earned a certified nursing assistant (CNA) certificate. Plaskey hopes to take EMT classes in the fall.

"If I am chosen as Fairest of the Fair, I'd want to spread body positivity," said Plaskey. "I want girls to feel comfortable with their own bodies."

The Fairest of the Fair will be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds Wednesday, Aug. 6.

County board

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mittee on Finance is required to approve settlement agreements between the county and opioid defendants, and the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the litigation and 30% to the State of Wisconsin.

Wis. Stat. section 165.12(7) bars claims from any Wisconsin local government against the opioid defendants filed after June 1, 2021. Several of the opioid defendants previously agreed to settlement terms with the plaintiffs' executive committee (PEC), which is comprised of attorney representative of all litigating local governments around the country, subject to individual approval of the litigating local governments, including Clark County.

Representatives of the law firms serve on the PEC and, therefore, are "intimately familiar" with the terms of the previous settlements and will be familiar with the terms of any settlement with

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Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Six candidates compete for Clark County Fairest title

By Cheyenne Thomas

The Clark County Fair is quickly approaching and with it comes the selection of a new Fairest of the Fair. Six candidates are in the running for this year's contest, with the winner to be crowned on the first night of the fair, Aug. 6. One of the following will be named the Fairest of the Fair: Jordan Berg, Ruby Kilmer, Kaydence Plaskey, Lizzy Reinart, Laela Scott, and Madison Stieglitz.

Jordan Berg

The daughter of Joey and Jennifer Berg, Jordan Berg is a graduate of Granton High School who is currently attending college at UW-Madison while serving as a state FFA officer. She decided to run for the Fairest of the Fair to be able to be involved in the community and to be an advocate for small communities in the agriculture industry.

"I have a lot of ag connections through the FFA, and I would like to be able to be a spokesperson for the Fairest at the county level," she said. "The Clark County Fair has always been important to me, and I want people to know that the fair is a place for everyone."

If she is chosen as this year's Fairest, Berg said she would take part in many different events to promote the county and work to build a strong social media presence to spread the word about the Clark County Fair.

"Other Fairest contests use a strong social media presence to promote their events," she said. "I would like to create and use one for Clark County. I am super excited for this opportunity to run."

Ruby Kilmer

A 2023 graduate of Thorp High School, Kilmer is running for the Clark County Fairest title for the second time. She was Miss Thorp from 2023-24 and is the daughter of Sharon Zurakowski Kilmer. Currently, she is attending school at [Northcentral Technical College](#).

"I was born and raised on a farm," she said. "We had cows, but sold them and now sell cash crop." Kilmer said that if selected, her goal during her reigning year would be to encourage the youth in the area to become more involved with the fair. This would involve more work online to promote the Clark County Fair, and to encourage more travel and field trips for children to educate them and get them excited about agriculture.

"This is for everyone to be able to take part in," she said. "They are the next generation who will be running agriculture, and they should be able to get those experiences as they grow older. It's important to get the word out and get them more involved in the fair."

Kaydence Plaskey

Plaskey is a candidate who calls two counties home. A resident of Loyal, she attends school at Spencer High School, where she will be a junior this fall. She is the daughter of Louie Plaskey and Michelle Cole, and was Miss Spencerama in 2022-23.

"I like inspiring little girls," she said on her desire to become the Clark County Fairest. "Before I was Miss Spencerama, I was the quiet kid. It really helped me to become more vocal and to take part in more opportunities that I wouldn't have if I didn't do this."

If selected as the 2025-26 Clark County Fairest of the Fair, Plaskey said her goal would be to inspire the younger generation to accept themselves and gain the confidence they need to grow.

"Social media can be a bad thing, but also a very good thing," she said. "We need to teach the younger generation to not let society's judgements control us. You can make your own clothes. Wear what you want to wear. Learn about different experiences and opinions that you take into consideration even if you don't agree. They need to learn different experiences in order to be able to grow as a person."

Lizzy Reinart

A resident of the Neillsville area, Reinart is the daughter of Kelly and Rachel Reinart. She is a graduate of Granton High School who is currently attending school at Chippewa Valley Technical College. She has quite a bit of experience in the world of agriculture, being a State FFA Officer in 2023-24.

"I took part in a lot of conferences and workshops to educate middle school and high school students," she said. "I want to be a role model to the community and promote the ag industry as part of my role as the Fairest."

To achieve that goal, Reinart said that a strong social media presence will be a huge benefit. It will also be important, she said, to make sure every event that goes on at the Clark County Fair is not only promoted, but attended.



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The 2025 Clark County Fairest of the Fair candidates (above, l-r) are Ruby Kilmer, Jordan Berg, Lizzy Reinart, Madison Stieglitz, Laela Scott, and Kaydence Plaskey.



"A lot of times, there are some events that are promoted at the fair while others don't get any attention," she said. "It is important to promote everything because people will not know what is out there otherwise. There are so many projects and things that a person can do."

Laela Scott

The daughter of Lindsey Moltzen and Eric Scott, Laela Scott is a graduate of Neillsville High School, who is currently attending college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Growing up, she said she always looked up to the Clark County Fairest of the Fair, being inspired from a very young age to try to follow in their footsteps.

"I always looked up to the Fairest," she said. "I want the younger generations to have that, to see that compassion and kindness and allow that to impact the community."

If chosen, Scott said she would work to attend as many events as possible to educate and inform people about the events that go on at the fair, and to be a good role model for the upcoming generation to look up to, the way she was able to look up to the Clark County Fairest when she was younger.

"My biggest goal is to make a long-lasting impact on

the community," she said. "I want to create a clothing program to help get kids the clothing items they need through the whole year while overall representing the community."

Madison Stieglitz

Stieglitz is currently a junior at Greenwood High School, the daughter of Nick and Danae Stieglitz. Growing up, she said she was always involved in both the fair and with other events with the local 4-H that gave her an appreciation for the work done not only at the fair but in educating the next generation of youth in agriculture. "The fair was always a big part of my summer," she said. "There were 4-H projects, Little Britches, showing animals. That all started my journey for me."

If she was chosen as the new Clark County Fairest of the Fair, she said her goal would be to not only promote the Clark County Fair to those kids who grow up on a farm, but also as many other local children as possible.

"There are a lot of kids that take part in 4-H," she said. "So I want to get out to those clubs, visit with every single one of them and show them what further opportunities there can be and what they can do at the Clark County Fair. These kids are often the younger kids, and they don't always know what is out there for them to try."

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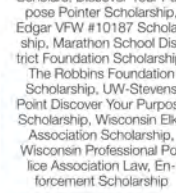
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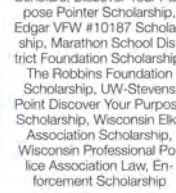
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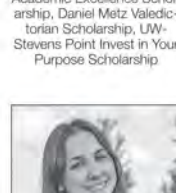
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Central Fire to replace radio unit in Dorchester

By Kevin O'Brien

Central Fire and EMS is facing another unbudgeted expense this year after the radio repeaters used by emergency responders in Abbotsford and Dorchester recently started to malfunction.

EMT chief Travis Nixdorf told the fire district board last Thursday that repairs have already been made to the repeater on Abbotsford's water tower, but the one in Dorchester is "pretty much shot." The estimated replacement cost is at least \$11,330, he said, though the full expense is likely to be closer to \$13,000 if the repeater is moved to the village's water tower.

Nixdorf said the repeaters provide responders with a much larger range for their radios, essentially covering the entire district, but a couple of weeks ago, static became an issue in both Abbotsford and Dorchester. The antenna in Abbotsford was able to be fixed, but the repeater in Dorchester is mounted on a grain elevator and has been exposed to a lot of dust.

"It is working right now, but the range is pretty poor," he said.

The repeaters are normally very low maintenance, Nixdorf said, and even though the ones in Colby and Abbotsford are past their expected lifespan, he said they're working fine and do not need to be replaced at this time. At some point in the future, they will need to be replaced, but because they don't require as much equipment as the one in Dorchester, the cost is estimated to be \$7,665 each, Nixdorf said.

When asked if all three repeaters were needed, Nixdorf said the local terrain makes it difficult to communicate without one in Dorchester.

Rick "Norton" Rinehart, the town of Mayville's representative, said the district has already spent about \$5,000 to fix the repeater in Abbotsford and diagnose the problems with the one in Dorchester, so the total price tag will be closer to \$17,500.

"Remember, just last meeting, we talked about not spending money?" Rinehart said, referring to a previous conversation about buying new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) for firefighters — an expense that was also not included in this year's budget. "But, we're damned if we do, damned if we don't."

Nixdorf called the cost estimate a "worst-case scenario" and said the price could come down if used parts could be found. The district also needs to get official permission from the village board in Dorchester in order to move the repeater onto the water tower, so Nixdorf plans on asking for approval at their next meeting.

Board chairman Larry Oehmichen agreed with Nixdorf that the repeater needs to be replaced and ideally moved off the grain elevator to prevent future mechanical problems.

"You guys have got to be able to talk to each other," he said to Nixdorf, referring to EMTs.

With a fund transfer approved earlier in the meeting, Oehmichen said the district should have nearly \$85,000 available for the remainder of this year.

"So, we should still be alright," he said.

Other business

■ After debating the possible liability of selling the district's old SCBAs, which had been deemed a possible safety risk by firefighters, the board voted to donate the remaining units with a caveat about the recipients accepting the units "as is." The district has already sold 12 air bottles to the City Point Fire Department, at the trade-in value of \$605 each, with six packs and masks provided for free.

Oehmichen and Rinehart questioned how the district could sell or give away the old SCBAs after local firefighters said they needed new ones in order to prevent a possible fatality during a fire.

"And then we come back and say they're good enough for another fire department?" Rinehart said. "It don't sit real well with a lot of the board."

A motion approved by the board directed assistant fire chief John Austin to contact Randy Younker, a fire safety instructor at Northcentral Technical College, about donating the SCBAs "as is" by the end of this year.

■ The board approved a motion to borrow money from a certificate of deposit (CD) originally established for buying a new ambulance and put those funds into a money market account so they are available in case the district needs it to meet expenses later this year. The CD's maturity date is July 24, so the motion calls for renewing the CD with a remaining balance of \$250,000 after the transfer is made. The ambulance purchase is not scheduled until 2027.

■ The board accepted the resignation of Colby Ald. Todd Schmidt as district treasurer and appointed Ald. Jason Lindeman, the city of Colby's new representative on the board, as the treasurer. Schmidt, who attended last Thursday's meeting as an alternate in Lindeman's absence, said Colby's mayor decided to appoint Lindeman instead of Schmidt as the city's official representative, making Schmidt ineligible to serve as treasurer.

■ According to the chief's monthly report, the district responded to 62 ambulance calls and four fire calls between June 19 and July 17.

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include local libraries, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, UW-Extension Green County, Safe Kids South Central, Rubber Ducky Diaper Depot, and so many others.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend free workshop classes. The first class begins at 11:30 a.m., and will cover breastfeeding information with a Certified Lactation Counselor and Public Health Nurse from Green County Public Health. The second class will begin at 12:00 p.m., and will focus on car seat safety with Green County Public Health's Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. The final class will be an arts and crafts project with staff from the Monroe Arts Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

There will be over a dozen prizes available for attendees to enter to win, including a highchair, wagon, swing, bath set, car seat, pack n' play, and lots of other great prizes.

Light refreshments will be available for free for attendees, including drinks, cheese and crackers, fruits and vegetables, and, of course, cupcakes!

Free childcare will be available in the new Kids' Zone for event attendees' children during the time of the event, thanks to the Green County Family YMCA.

DSPS Distributes More Than \$36 Million to Wisconsin Fire Departments

*\$4 Million Increase over
Last Year's 2% Fire Dues
Payments*

The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) has sent payments totaling \$36,156,119 to fire depart-

ments across the state as part of the Wisconsin 2% Fire Dues Program. The figure represents a nearly 12% increase over the total distribution in 2024.

"This funding is extremely important to fire departments across our state, many of them volunteer," said DSPS Secretary Dan Hereth. "Fire departments are vital to ensuring the safety of our Wisconsin communities, and as Wisconsin's safety agency we are proud to play a role in this 2% Fire Dues program that supports our partners in the state fire service."

The 2% Fire Dues Program remains a significant source of funding for the state's professional, volunteer, and hybrid fire departments, which use the money to buy and replace equipment, operate fire prevention programming, train crews, and more.

The program requires insurers to pay 2% of premiums collected for insurance against loss from fires. The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance collects the dues, and DSPS distributes the dues to cities, towns, and villages across the state according to a prescribed formula. You can see a detailed accounting of the 2025 distribution on the DSPS website at https://dps.wi.gov/Documents/Programs/FirePrevention/CurrentDistribution.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. Local fire departments were awarded as follows: Town of Montrose – Improvement Amount: \$155,200,500/ Current Year Distribution: \$8,275.29; Town of Primrose – Improvement Amount: \$99,849,400.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$5,323.97; Village of Belleville – Improvement Amount: \$325,572,000.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$17,359.49; Town

of Exeter – Improvement Amount: \$326,437,200.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$17,405.62; Town of Mount Pleasant – Improvement Amount: \$79,028,300.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$4,213.79; Town of New Glarus – Improvement Amount: \$269,346,500.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$14,361.55; Town of Washington – Improvement Amount: \$112,100,600.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$5,977.20; Village of Monticello – Improvement Amount: \$115,321,300.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$6,148.93; Village of New Glarus – Improvement Amount: \$248,251,800.00/ Current Year Distribution: \$13,236.78.

In addition to protective gear, fire departments in Wisconsin have used Fire Dues funding on things like fire engines, ladder trucks, and fire suppression equipment.

"Gov. Evers and this administration understand that departments provide an invaluable service protecting Wisconsinites, their homes, and our cities, towns, and villages," Hereth said. "Funding really benefits every citizen and community in our state, whether it's through improving fire safety education, improving fire department equipment, or funding for recruitment and training of the next generation of firefighters."

In addition to the Fire Dues program, DSPS regulates firefighter health and safety, and also manages Wisconsin's fire prevention program. Learn more about the fire prevention program at https://dps.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/FirePrevention/Default.aspx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

DSPS launched a youth firefighter training grant program in 2022 to help address recruitment and retention challenges in the fire service. The latest round of grants were awarded earlier this year to four training programs at technical colleges across Wisconsin. The colleges included Fox Valley Technical College, Gateway Technical College, Northcentral Technical College, and Western Technical College.

DSPS also announced this week that its Wisconsin Fire Safety Dashboard, a free tool at https://dashboards.mysidewalk.com/wisconsinraig?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery for fire departments across the state, has been updated with 2024 data. The tool can now even better support community risk reduction efforts at fire departments across Wisconsin.

About Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, and maintains the Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With two offices and roughly 250 employees, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.

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Northcentral Technical College announces new programs this fall

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce several new industry-driven programs that begin during the fall 2025 semester. NTC students can select from six new degrees that have been created in response to growing job market needs and feedback from local employers.

Applications are now being accepted at NTC for:

- Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Certificate
- Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma
- Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma
- Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate
- Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate
- Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

For more information or to apply to one of NTC's new programs, visit www.ntc.edu or contact admissions at 715-803-1645.

Overview of New Programs:

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Certificate

This program trains dental assistants to perform expanded duties outside of work of a traditional dental assistant under the direction and supervision of a dentist. Students will learn how to place and finish restorative material, pack cord, perform coronal polish, remove sutures and dressings, apply dental fluoride and sealants, take impressions, remove cement from crowns, make temporizations, adjust dentures and other removable oral appliances. The program prepares students for EFDA Wisconsin state certification.

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Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma

This program equips learners with the knowledge and skills to advocate for justice within communities. Coursework covers community organizing, advocacy and activism from sociological and legal perspectives. Become an effective advocate for change and make a positive impact on society. Potential occupations include: Intake Specialist, Correctional Client Assistant, Shelter/Crisis Housing Advocate, Youth Development Specialist, Youth

Advocate and Victim Services Advocate

Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma

This program offers an in-depth introduction to artificial intelligence, with a focus on its applications, ethical implications and role in business. Gain a solid grounding in the principles and practical uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology through courses in AI fundamentals, business applications and ethical considerations. Potential occupations include: AI Specialist, AI Technologist and IT Coordinator

Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate

This program is designed for future and current leaders in the primary wood manufacturing industry who are interested in management, taking over an existing business or starting their own company. Learners explore the entire primary industry of converting logs to intermediary products. Focus areas include lumber, veneer and composite manufacturing, safe and efficient sawmill operations and the science of wood. This program is taught at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo. Potential occupations include: Manufacturing Manager, Operations Director and Supervisor

Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate

This program is designed for current and future innovators in the secondary wood manufacturing industry interested in running commercial woodworking equipment. Learners explore the entire scope of converting rough lumber into finished products including wood properties, milling, tooling, adhesives and finishing. This program is taught at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo. Potential occupations include: Milling Operator, Tooling Technician and Finish Technician

Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

This apprenticeship combines hands-on fieldwork with related academic work. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range. Create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning experiences and work cooperatively with staff and families.

Apprentices must be employed by a business or organization that participates in an apprenticeship program and has a completed Department of Workforce Development (DWD) contract. For questions about this apprenticeship or the application process, please contact NTC's Recruitment team at recruitment@ntc.edu. Potential occupations include: Early Childhood Educator

Northcentral Technical College (www.ntc.edu) is north central Wisconsin's premier two-year college of choice and is a resource for all district residents. It provides individuals, organizations and businesses with qual-

ity skills training in a wide range of programs designed to build a competitive, technologically advanced workforce in today's rapidly changing global environment. NTC has six convenient campus locations in Wausau, Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer and Wittenberg, as well as a Public Safety Center of Excellence in Merrill, a Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo and an Agriculture Center of Excellence just north of the Wausau Campus in the Village of Maine. The Wausau Campus also features a Center for Health Sciences, Professional Conference Center, Information Technology & Entrepreneurial Center (iTEC), Studio Max Salon and Spa, SPOONS Restaurant and an Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Center of Excellence.

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh announces spring 2025 graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's (UW-O) 151st spring commencement celebrated the achievements of 1,250 students in two ceremonies May 17 inside Kolf Sports Center. Recognized for earning doctoral, master's, bachelor's or associate degrees, the new graduates joined the ranks of more than 100,000 UW-O alumni.

Students from this area earning degrees were: Karlee Tyler-Naze, of Medford, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Ean Wilson, Bachelor of Science in Education, Physical Education.

UW-La Crosse announces May 2025 graduates

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May:

Brianna Weiler, of Medford, earned a Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education Major with Highest Honors

Colton Surek, of Stetsonville, earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track.

Haley Czarnecki, of Westboro, earned a Bachelor of Science, Marketing Major with Highest Honors.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of 13 four-year institutions comprising the Universities of Wisconsin. UWL offers 130-plus degree programs from undergraduate to doctoral levels in arts, social sciences and humanities; science and health; business; and education.

NTC offering six new degree programs this fall

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Potential occupations include: Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary.

2. Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma - Equips learners with the knowledge and skills to advocate for justice within communities. Coursework covers community organizing, advocacy, and activism from sociological and legal perspectives and teaches them to become an effective advocate for change and make a positive impact on society.

Potential occupations include: Intake Specialist, Correctional Client Assistant, Shelter/Crisis Housing Advocate, Youth Development Specialist, Youth Advocate, and Victim Services Advocate.

3. Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma

- Offers an in-depth introduction to artificial intelligence, with a focus on its applications, ethical implications, and role in business. Gain a solid grounding in the principles and practical uses of AI technology through courses in AI fundamentals, business applications, and ethical considerations.

Potential occupations include: AI Specialist, AI Technologist, and IT Coordinator

4. Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate

- Designed for future and current leaders in the primary wood manufacturing industry who are interested in management, taking over an existing business, or starting their own company, learners explore the entire primary industry of converting logs to intermediary products. Focus areas

include lumber, veneer and composite manufacturing, safe and efficient sawmill operations, and the science of wood. Taught at **NTC's** Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo.

Potential occupations include: Manufacturing Manager, Operations Director, and Supervisor.

5. Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate

- Designed for current and future innovators in the secondary wood manufacturing industry interested in running commercial woodworking equipment, learners explore the entire scope of converting rough lumber into finished products including wood properties, milling, tooling, adhesives, and finishing. Taught at **NTC's** Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo.

Potential occupations include: Milling Operator, Tooling Technician, and Finish Technician.

6. Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

- Combines hands-on fieldwork with related

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academic work. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range, create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning experiences, and work cooperatively with staff and families. Apprentices must be employed by a business or organization

that participates in an apprenticeship program and has a completed Department of Workforce Development (DWD) contract. For questions about this apprenticeship or the application process, contact NTC's Recruitment team at recruitment@ntc.edu.

Potential occupations include: Early Childhood Educator.

Go to ntc.edu for more information or to apply or contact Admissions at 715.803.1645.

NTC is north central Wisconsin's premier two-

year college of choice and is a resource for all District residents. It provides individuals, organizations, and businesses with skills training in a wide range of programs designed to build a competitive, technologically advanced workforce in today's rapidly changing global environment. NTC has six campus locations in Wausau, Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, and Wittenberg, and a Public Safety Center of Excellence in Merrill, a

Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo, and an Agriculture Center of Excellence just north of the Wausau Campus in the Village of Maine. The Wausau Campus also features a Center for Health Sciences, Professional Conference Center, Information Technology & Entrepreneurial Center (iTEC), Studio Max Salon and Spa, SPOONS Restaurant, and an Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Center of Excellence.



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NTC's SPRING 2025 GRADUATES

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce that Khloe Frahmman of Abbotsford as awarded a diploma during the spring 2025 term.



COLLEGE NEWS

NTC PRESIDENT'S LIST

Northcentral Technical College announced its spring term president's list for outstanding academic achievement for students who earned a 3.75 GPA or above with at least six semester credits at all campuses.

Butternut: Alexia Birchmeier, James Wegner and

Josephine Wegner.

Catawba: Jerri Hibbard.

Fifield: Ashley Hilgart.

Glidden: Alexandra Spencer and Angelina BeBeau.

Ogema: Chelby Blomberg and Jayce Komarek.

Park Falls: Lindsey Peterson, Misty Dawson and

Nicole Hilgart.

Phillips: Amie Bur-nis, Braden Yanich, Bri-elle Mesko, Chase Merten, Christian Benson, Gavin Esterholm, Kaylie Upson, Rebekah Patrick and Zach-ary Dombrowski.

Rib Lake: Jed Henderson, Kayla Boardman, Kiana Dallmann and Wilhelm Robisch.



COLLEGE *Notes*

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the President's List for the spring 2025 term. The following students from our area earned a 3.75 GPA or higher and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the spring term.

Curtiss: Kellyanne Maldonado, Michael Stiglich.

Dorchester: Amber Mulderink, Kelleen Zarins, Mari-

sol Garcia, Monica Halopka, and Tyler Priekschat.

Greenwood: Addy Bie-neck, Angela Baures, Kayla Grambsch, and Paige Beyerl.

Owen: Kendall Weiler, Mathew Wilson, Tara Thums.

Stanley: Geneva Capetillo.

Stetsonville: Amber Herr, Ellyn Laska, Julian Bucki, Kelsi Kreklau, Marshall Matson, and Taylor Fredrick.

Thorp: Alyssa Rycerz, Elizabeth Frankewicz, Madison Vetterkind, Ruby Kilmer.

Withee: Dakota Shelton, Ellie Petersen, Kendall Mueller, Lydia Lobacz, and Mason Gay.

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MARATHON

LEGO Block Party

Get creative with LEGO and other blocks on Friday, Aug. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marathon Branch Library. The event is free, blocks will be provided, and no registration is required. Call 715-443-2775 for more info.

Butterfly crafts

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Library scavenger hunt

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Brats & hot dogs

Cub Scout Pack 458 will be hosting a brat and hot dog sale at the Marathon Farmers Market on Thursday, July 31. The sale runs from 2-6 p.m. Proceeds will be used for camps, field trips, and other fees.

Family Story Times

Children ages 6 and under and their parents and caregivers are invited to the Marathon City Branch Library for Family Story Time on Thursdays over the summer. Library staff will read books, sing songs, and more during the 30 to 45 minute program. The regular story time schedule may get interrupted by special events on occasion. The next story times will be Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call 715-443-2775 for more information.

Book club

The Marathon City Book Club will meet Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:45 p.m. at the Marathon City Branch Library to discuss "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. The teenage son of an Appalachian single mother who dies when he is eleven uses his good looks, wit, and instincts to survive foster care, child labor, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Call 715-443-2775 for more information.

College note

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put them into a bracelet or other craft. Younger children may need assistance from a caregiver. Drop by anytime during open hours. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

Book club

The Athens Book Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Athens Branch Library to discuss "The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County" by Claire Swinarski. In this uplifting novel, a grandmother, granddaughter, and a grieving young man unite to save a community and find hope. Through a shared love of food and an unexpected cookbook project, they discover that casseroles, forgiveness, and resilience can heal even the deepest wounds. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

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EDGAR**Suncatchers**

Let your creativity shine with a

faux stained glass suncatcher. Children are welcome to stop by the Edgar Branch Library during open hours the week of August 4-9 to create a suncatcher using sharpies, highlighters, and ink-jet transparencies. For more information, call 715-352-3155.

Neat'ure Creatures

Create butterflies, dragonflies, and other creatures using sticks, pinecones, acorns and other nature items. Kids can come to the Edgar Branch Library on Friday, Aug. 1 from noon to 3 p.m., to make these "neat'ure creatures." Call 715-352-3155 for more information.

Concerts in the Park

The Edgar Fine Arts Association will host Concerts in the Park at Oak Street Park on the following dates: July 31 - Jordan Blanchard-St. Johns Youth group concessions; Aug. 7- "John Denver Tribute" by Layne Yost. Aug. 14 - Jerry Schmitt- St. Stevens concessions. All concerts run from 7 to 9 p.m.

Book club

The Edgar Book Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at noon at the Edgar Branch Library to discuss "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The book explains how developing a wider ecological consciousness can foster an increased understanding of both nature's generosity and the reciprocal relationship humans have with the natural world. Call 715-352-3155 for more information.

Family Story Times

Children ages 6 and under and their parents and caregivers are invited to the Edgar Branch Library on the first and third Tuesday of the month for Family Story Time. Enjoy learning with all of your children through stories, songs and other literature-based activities during this 30-minute program. The next Story Times will be on Aug. 5 and 19, 11-11:30 a.m. Call 715-352-3155 for more information.

Games at St. Stephen

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 424 N. Third Ave., Edgar, will host card games in the church basement on Wednesdays, Aug. 13 and 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be served. If you need a ride or have questions, call Mark at 715-348-5802 or Colleen at 715-571-8277.

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ATHENS

Senior Card Group

The Senior Citizens card group met on July 24 for weekly card playing at the Athens Area Fire and Ambulance Hall.

Three games of Sheephead were played. Rick Schaetzel won first place and Andy Hoeft came in second in the first game. Harold Weinke won first and Henry Faber came in second in the second game.

Low score was David Perrodin.

Newcomers are encouraged to come play Sheephead every Thursday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Athens fire hall.

Paper snail craft

Children are invited to make a unique paper snail craft during the week of Aug. 4-9 at the Athens Branch Library. Kids can drop in anytime during open hours to create a colorful snail using rolled paper coil shapes. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

DIY paper bead crafts

Kids and tweens are invited to stop by the Athens Branch Library during the week of July 28-Aug. 2 to make upcycled paper beads. After creating and decorating the paper beads, you can turn them into a bracelet or other craft. Younger children may need assistance from a caregiver. Drop by anytime during open hours. Call 715-257-7292 for more information.

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STRATFORD

Life-Sized Candyland

All ages are welcome to stop by the Stratford Branch Library on Thursday, Aug. 7, any time between 1 to 7 p.m., for a sweet journey through a life-sized version of Candy Land. Travel through the Peppermint Forest, over the Gumdrops Mountains, and more. The event is free; no registration required. Call 715-687-4420 for more info.

Book club

The Stratford Book Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Stratford Branch Library to discuss "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. When Huck escapes from his drunken father and the 'civilizing' Widow Douglas with the runaway slave Jim, he embarks on a series of adventures that draw him to feuding families and the trickery of the unscrupulous Duke and Dauphin. For more information, call 715-687-4420.

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NTC announces spring President's List honors

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2025 term. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the spring term.

Abbotsford: Andrew Malchow, Chloe Cihlar, Citlali Ochoa, Dylan Price, Emely Mireles-Melgarejo, Harmony Le, Jeanne Dunow, Katelyn Malchow, Khloe Frahmman, Margo Lynn Pogodzinski, Shanna Kalepp

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Colby: Amanda Engel, Angel Diaz, Hayden Fecker, Juana Marin, Justin Hill, Renegade Fons

Cornell: Anna Hillebrand

Curtis: Kellyanne Maldonado, Michael Stiglich

Dorchester: Amber Mulderink, Kelleen Zarins, Marisol Garcia, Monica Halopka, Tyler Priekschat

Medford: Afton Werner, Alejandro Vazquez Chacon, Alexander Emmerich, Barbara Springer, Caleb Hintz, Chelsea Gebauer, Conner Klingbeil, Corbin Sperl, Derrick Vail, Dillon Immormino, Eric Scheithauer, Grace Schmidtfrenz, Heather Timmers, Journey Probst, Kas-

sidy Janda, Kayla Wendt, Kelsey Jascor, Kyle Werner, Lauren Sutor, Leah Gausmann, Lexus Hruby, Lillie Gleichauf, Lily Behnke, Logan Bucki, Madison Clarkson, Megan Brunner, Montanna Marlett, Myah Garcia-Smith, Sadie Seal, Samantha Barnes, Shianne Weinke, Sienna Hamland, Sierra Henrichs, Toryn Rau, Tracie Morton, Veronica Mathews, Zoe Lukewich

Ogema: Chelby Blomberg, Jayce Komarek

Owen: Kendall Weiler, Mathew Wilson, Tara Thums

Rib Lake: Jed Henderson, Kayla Boardman, Kiana Dallmann, Wilhelm Robisch

Thorp: Alyssa Rycerz, Elizabeth Frankewicz, Madison Vetterkind, Ruby Kilmer

Westboro: Addison Gumz, Clare Grittner-Minarciny, Emma Tlusty,

Withee: Dakota Shelton, Ellie Petersen, Kendall Mueller, Lydia Lobacz, Mason Gay

NTC has six campus locations in Wausau, Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer and Wittenberg, as well as a Public Safety Center of Excellence, Community Safety Simulation Center and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Center in Merrill, a Wood Technology Center of Excellence and Sawmill in Antigo and an Agriculture Center of Excellence and Diesel Technology Center just north of the Wausau Campus in the Village of Maine.

Northcentral Technical College announces spring 2025 graduates

Northcentral Technical
College in Wausau, WI
announced the following
students from the Monroe

County area were awarded
diplomas during the spring
2025 term:

Wilton, WI: Cora Brandau



NTC Announces Spring Graduates

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has announced its graduates for the spring 2025 term. The college extends its congratulations to all students, including Chelsea Kubiaczyk of Deerbook, on their academic achievement.

As north central Wisconsin's premier

two-year college and a resource for the District, NTC provides quality skills training to build a competitive workforce. With six campuses and multiple specialized centers, the college is positioned to meet the training needs of individuals and businesses throughout the region.



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NTC announces new programs

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Northcentral Technical College wraps up their Culinary Bootcamp Program

By Kaoyeng Lee · Aug 5, 2025 Updated Aug 5, 2025 0



WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) - A group of aspiring chefs just wrapped up an intensive summer of cooking, learning and working in real kitchens. The Culinary Bootcamp Program at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau has officially come to a close—and for many of its graduates, it's only the beginning.

After weeks of chopping, whisking, and plating—success is on the menu.

Students in the [NTC](#) summer's Culinary Bootcamp just finished an eight-week, no-cost training program funded by the WAI Grant designed to prepare them for entry-level roles in the industry.

Culinary Arts Instructor, Jon Reinke states, "We've had a fun summer camp and this is the end of the summer camp. Where our learners are putting out a meal for the community. We've invited a lot of the members of the community to this."

He also shares the huge local impact due to the program, "Go to local restaurants, most likely there are some [NTC](#) graduates working in those restaurants."

The program taught students: sanitation, safety, knife skills, and teamwork within the kitchen. Students completed 136 hours of class at [NTC](#) and 180 hours of hands-on experience at local restaurants.

"Everyone started with very little skill and it's been really awesome to see the growth that they've shown. That they're actually in the restaurant right now serving without direct supervision and guidance. They've been empowered to do that so that's been. The growth has been amazing." Jon Reinke, Culinary Arts Instructor.

Student Tyress Holt shares why he took advantage of this amazing program. “I like cooking just because, when you cook for people it feels really good. When you see everybody laughing and eating your food.”

And it’s not just practical skills they walk away with. Each graduate earned 6 college credits, a chef’s uniform, a knife set, and a lifelong friendship.

“Now we’re all joking around. We’re having fun. We’re playing pool after class and stuff so I’d say meeting everyone and watching everyone’s growth has been my favorite part” says Tyreese Holt, Student in Culinary Bootcamp.

From classroom to kitchen, the Culinary Bootcamp has given students more than just new and improved skills—it’s given them a future.

NTC gives students more than just a taste of working in a kitchen



NTC in Wausau is setting students up for success in the restaurant industry.

By [Adam Mueller](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Northcentral Technical College (NTC) opened the doors of its “culinary bootcamp” to the community on Tuesday.

Eleven students have spent the summer learning at NTC and working in local restaurants. They put their education to the test by cooking and serving people at the school’s Spoons restaurant.

“We’ve had a fun summer camp and this is the end of the summer camp, where our learners are putting out a meal for the community,” culinary arts instructor Jon Reinke said.

The program was free for the students, paid for by a state Worker Advancement Initiative grant.

Additionally, they received a knife set, non-slip shoes, a chef uniform and college credits. The grant also included \$1,000 for each participant upon completing the program.

“I’m just happy that we can provide this service to the community. It’s really having a good impact on not only the learners but on the community restaurants that we support,” Reinke said.

Jaime Kroening, owner of Sixth Street Filling Station, sent one of her young employees to the program to get some training. She said she has seen a positive change in her work.

NTC culinary students get experience working in restaurant industry.

“Being prideful. Having pride in what she does and being a part of a team and contributing to something bigger,” Kroening said.

Reinke said he noticed that in all of the students.

“Gaining confidence is important in anything you do and I’m seeing the confidence being built with them.”

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New grants aim to fill workforce gaps, boost low-income workers

Workforce Pell grants will pay for short-term workforce training for low-income students. Here's what that means for Wisconsin.

July 18, 2025



Emergency medical technician students train at the Public Safety Training Facility at Western Technical College in Sparta, Wis. The college's program trained more than 100 EMTs in 2024. The region could use far more. (Courtesy of Wisconsin Technical College System)

The federal budget bill that passed this month has drawn much attention for polarizing Medicaid work requirements, cuts to food aid and new funding for immigration enforcement. But one item tucked into the lengthy bill has been on bipartisan wish lists for more than a decade.

It allows eligible Americans to use Pell grants, the federal government's largest grant program for undergraduates, to pay for shorter workforce training courses than what previously qualified. Such courses could train a range of workers, including welders, truck drivers, emergency medical technicians and cybersecurity analysts,

though exactly which programs will be eligible for funding hasn't been decided.

In Wisconsin, where many such jobs regularly go unfilled, proponents say the grants could set low-income residents on a path to better jobs, while also aiding the employers and the communities that rely on those workers. Meanwhile, a small group of critics say the new program could lead some students down a dead end road of low wages.

Who qualifies for the grants?

Like existing grants, the new Workforce Pell grants are available to students who demonstrate "exceptional financial need." Funding will vary based on the number of hours or credits of the training, hovering below the maximum annual Pell grant of \$7,395, [according to Jobs for the Future](#), a national nonprofit focused on education and workforce issues.

Unlike the existing grants, Workforce Pell is open to people who already have a bachelor's degree, as well as those without. People who hold graduate or professional degrees are still barred. Students apply by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The grants, which can be used for qualifying courses of eight to 14 weeks and are expected to serve 100,000 students a year, are supposed to be available starting in fall 2026. Jobs for the Future calls that timeline "aggressive" and warns that the Department of Education, which the Trump administration has sought to dismantle, may need more time to implement the program. The [U.S. Supreme Court on Monday](#) ruled that the administration may follow through with plans to fire nearly 1,400 education department employees, with plans to [assign duties to other agencies](#).

Leaders at the state's 16 technical colleges have pushed for such a Pell grant expansion for years, said Layla Merrifield, president of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

"It's a good idea to expand access to workforce credentials and help entry-level employees who are trying to join a career and get themselves into a better place economically," Merrifield said. "This could be really important for moving folks into careers."

Boost for in-demand jobs like truck driving

The funding could allow tech colleges to train more students for in-demand jobs like truck driving, Merrifield said. Wisconsin truck drivers earn a median salary just over \$50,000, and Wisconsin employers are projected to hire more than 6,000 of them in each of the next seven years. That puts truck drivers at the top of the state's "Hot Jobs" list.

But training those drivers is expensive, Merrifield said, so colleges can't necessarily afford to enroll more students.

"You start to see employers starting their own (commercial driver's license) programs because there's such a tremendous need for folks with this credential out in the industry," Merrifield said.



Roger Stanford saw those challenges during his time as vice president of instruction at Chippewa Valley Technical College, where students had to pay around \$5,000 up front for truck driving training, no matter their income.

A student operates a truck driving simulation at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Wisconsin truck drivers earn a median salary just over \$50,000, and Wisconsin employers are projected to hire more than 6,000 of them in each of the next seven years. (Courtesy of Wisconsin Technical College System).

Thirty-two states directly fund short-term credential programs by supporting students or schools, but Wisconsin isn't one of them, according to a report by higher education consulting firm HCM Strategists.

Students in some programs can apply for federal student loans, and all students can apply for scholarships if their college offers them.

"When you're coming out of poverty or you're a single parent, it's just impossible to come up with the cash. And so we were really limiting how many people could go into that program," Stanford said.

Still, some experts worry about using federal aid to fund such programs. A 2016 analysis by the left-leaning think tank New America found two in five adults with a short-term credential didn't have jobs, and half of those who did earned \$30,000 a year or less.

"Obtaining only a short-term certificate is not a likely vehicle towards economic mobility for the average student," the authors wrote. Earnings were particularly low for Black and Latino adults.

The Workforce Pell legislation requires programs to meet wage and employment benchmarks to qualify, but experts disagree about whether that sufficiently protects students and taxpayers.

More options for working parents and ex-incarcerated

A 2011 experiment previews the potential effects of the new grants. In the pilot program, the U.S. Department of Education offered Pell grants for short-term training for students who wouldn't otherwise qualify and compared their

outcomes to those without grants. The study found people who were offered the grants were more likely to enroll in and complete training, but long-term wages and employment rates were similar across the groups.

Chippewa Valley Technical College was part of that pilot. Suddenly, Stanford said, more students started signing up to become truck drivers.

“It makes people go, ‘Oh my gosh, if I can get financial aid for this, I’ll go into truck driving.’ It helps you fill those programs which are all tied to good jobs,” Stanford said.



A student practices welding techniques at Nicolet College.

New federal grants promise to allow students to pay for shorter workforce training courses than what previously qualified. (Courtesy of Wisconsin Technical College System)

Today, Stanford is president of Western Technical College in La Crosse. Western Tech doesn’t train truck drivers, but the college predicts a handful of its programs will be eligible for the new grants.

That could include training in welding, emergency medical services, auto repair, advanced manufacturing and dental care.

Workforce Pell grants will be especially helpful for adults returning to school while working or taking care of children, Stanford said.

“We probably all know some people that just can’t commit to a two-year program right now ... Or they look at a two-year program and say, ‘I’ll take three credits each term.’ That puts them on a trajectory of five or six years, and they never finish,” Stanford said. Data show that students who attend school part-time are less likely to graduate than their full-time counterparts.

“If we can put them on a trajectory to get them a credential in eight or 10 weeks, people can get their life around it,” Stanford said, like by tapping relatives to watch their kids for a couple months.

“They can say, ‘Wow, this is going to be hard, but I know at the end of it, there’s 24 bucks an hour, and I can do that,’” Stanford said.

Another group that can benefit from access to shorter courses: recently incarcerated people.

“When you’re coming out of jail, you don’t have two years,” Stanford said. “If we could turn around and say, ‘We can take you right from the jail and give you 10 weeks and put you into a job that has life-sustaining wages, that helps (lower) recidivism.’”

Pathways in construction, IT, auto repair and more

The new grants will encourage colleges to expand their short-term training opportunities to fill other workforce gaps by parceling longer academic programs into stand-alone “stackable” courses, which would let students earn a credential, get a better job and then decide whether to pursue a technical diploma or associate degree, Stanford said.



Students take classes in cybersecurity at Fox Valley Technical College.

Proponents of newly approved federal Workforce Pell grants say they could unlock career pathways in the cybersecurity field. (Courtesy of Wisconsin Technical College System).

That model could work well for most of the building trades, Stanford said. About 15 students finished Western Tech's yearlong program in building construction and cabinetmaking last year, but local construction companies need about five times that, Stanford said. He estimates a "modularized" approach could prepare 60 to 80 students to start working sooner.

Stanford also sees promise for fields like information technology, where the college could offer stand-alone courses in cybersecurity, programming or networking. The same could apply in machining, auto repair or mechatronics, an automation-related field that combines multiple types of engineering.

Colleges could prepare students to start in operator jobs making \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year, with the potential to double that pay after earning a degree, Stanford said.

"I think in the next decade, you're going to see probably less emphasis on diplomas and associate degrees and more on direct job credentials and certifications that get people (on the job) quicker, and then pathways to associate degrees," Stanford said. "This is a really, really big opportunity for us ... I think it really will help change the economic mobility of so many people that are struggling."

Filling rural EMT gaps

The grants could help Wisconsin address some of its most serious labor shortages, including in health care. Rural Wisconsin communities have struggled for years to maintain adequate emergency medical services.

Western Tech trains students to work as emergency medical technicians, providing life-saving care and transporting patients to hospitals. The median EMT salary in Wisconsin is just over \$43,000, according to federal data, though many rural departments rely on volunteers.

Western Tech's EMT program trained more than 100 EMTs last year. The region could use far more.

"Say we offer four sections a year right now. We could easily offer eight, and they would all have work, because there's just so much demand," Stanford said.

Sometimes rural fire departments or hospitals wait months for new recruits to start training because the college can't afford to run a class for just a couple students. Stanford expects the new grants will encourage more students to join the field.

"That'll help across the whole country," Stanford said. "EMT (training) is needed everywhere."

Wisconsin lawmakers have also sought to fill the gap. The budget Gov. Tony Evers signed earlier this month includes \$3.5 million to reimburse tech colleges for emergency medical services training.

Other Pell changes off the table for now

An earlier version of Trump's bill would have allowed Workforce Pell grants to be used at unaccredited training providers, stirring fears that unscrupulous entities might take advantage.

Lawmakers removed that provision, leaving existing accreditation requirements in place.

Meanwhile, other headline-grabbing Pell proposals didn't make the cut. House Republicans previously proposed raising the credits required to receive the maximum award and making students enrolled less than half-time ineligible.

Merrifield, the Wisconsin Technical College System president, was relieved to see those provisions removed from the final bill. She estimates around 7,000 students would have lost all aid and thousands more would have seen their aid amounts cut.

"While Workforce Pell would be helpful on the margins, ending part-time Pell would be tremendously harmful to technical colleges and our students," Merrifield said.

Natalie Yahr reports on pathways to success in Wisconsin, working in partnership with Open Campus.

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Northcentral Technical College announces new fall programs

July 19, 2025



WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College announced this week several new industry-driven programs that begin during the fall 2025 semester.



NTC students can select from six new degrees that have been created in response to growing job market needs and feedback from local employers.

Applications are now being accepted at NTC for:

- Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Certificate
- Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma
- Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma
- Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate
- Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate
- Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

For more information or to apply to one of NTC's new programs, visit www.ntc.edu or contact admissions at 715-803-1645.



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New learning options at NTC: Explore 6 degrees this fall in Wisconsin

By: Cooper Wild Jul 16, 2025 0



WAUSAU, Wis. — Students at [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) will have new learning options this fall. They can choose from six new degrees tailored to meet job market demands.

The new programs include, the Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) advanced technical certificate, advocacy and social justice technical diploma, foundations of artificial intelligence technical diploma, wood industry primary and secondary manufacturing certificates, and an early childhood educator apprenticeship.

[NTC](#) says the new programs, "have been created in response to the need in the growing job market as well as feedback from local employers."

For more information on these programs and how to apply, you can go to [NTC's Website](#), or contact Admissions at 715-803-1645

CULTURE, EDUCATION, FILM, NEWS

Wausau's first-ever Film Farm & Culture Fest aims to amplify the city's film community

The festival will feature 8 different independent films across 4 weekends, exploring rural life and people's relationships with the land in cultures around the world

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Jila Nikpay, far right, stands in a field with cast and crew. Nikpay teaches video production at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau and organized the college's first Film Farm & Culture Fest. Photo courtesy Jila Nikpay

At a brand new film festival, characters like a Soviet-era film projectionist, a farmer-turned-vegan and a Pink Floyd fan living in the Amazon rainforest will light up the screen at Wausau's Woodson History Center.

Starting on Friday, July 18, Northcentral Technical College will host the first **Film Farm & Culture Fest**. The festival will feature eight independent films screened across four weekends, all exploring rural life and people's relationships with the land in cultures around the world. It will also offer opportunities for attendees to learn filmmaking skills in four **film labs**.

Festival organizer and filmmaker Jila Nikpay teaches video production at Northcentral. She wanted to introduce her students to the value of film festivals for up-and-coming artists. Her festival idea turned into a mission to amplify Wausau's film community.

"I'm hoping to bring the independent film lovers and independent filmmakers together for support and exchange of ideas," Nikpay said.

Nikpay wanted a festival theme that captured the unique identity of Wausau.

“[It’s] rooted in Midwestern culture: agriculture, forestry, farming and cattle,” Nikpay said. “Wausau is very diverse, too. So it’s kind of bringing [those] two sides of Wausau together.”



Video production students at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau work on a set at the college. *Photo courtesy Northcentral Technical College*

Nikpay joined WPR’s “Wisconsin Today” for a festival preview.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Rob Ferrett: The movies you’ve chosen to show at this festival take place around the world. But with this “film, farm and culture” theme, there are things that people here in the Midwest can relate to. How did you go about choosing the movies that would be screened over the course of the festival?

Jila Nikpay: I started with the theme of our primal connection to the land. It’s a multidimensional theme about both our physical and spiritual connection. Our identities are related to where we live, our memories are held by the landscape, and we’re nourished by the food that is provided through the land. We’re inspired by the land that we live in.

RF: One of the films you’ve chosen is from Azerbaijan, called “The Return of the Projectionist.” It’s a documentary about a former film projectionist trying to revive cinema in a rural community. Do you see parallels with what you’re doing in Wausau?

JN: Yes. In fact, I really identified with the character. He has this old projector, and a big part of the film is trying to find a bulb for it and trying to find a [place] to host it. And those are the things I was struggling with — trying to find the right venue that’s centrally located. Of course, I found the Woodson History Center, which is lovely.

He has to find a place, get his projector going and advertise for it. He goes door to door talking to people, and then finally he finds an ally, a young man who’s an animator. Together, they project a film for the audience.

RF: Another part of this festival is helping people develop filmmaking skills. You're hosting workshops and labs. What do you have planned?

JN: We'll have four labs. Some of them are storytelling based: short narrative production and documentary. One is more about studio production, creating a commercial. And one is post-production for creating motion graphics.

Our facility is very complex in terms of the professional equipment we have. Our lab and studio [are] equipped with visual effects equipment and a green screen. So it's a very intriguing place to learn hands-on skills, and we wanted to offer them so people get introduced to our video program.



Video production students at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau learn how to shoot a commercial using the college's studio space. *Photo courtesy [Northcentral Technical College](#)*

RF: People might think that if they want to go see a film festival or learn filmmaking skills, they have to go to a big city. Make the case that we can do these things in somewhere like Marathon County.

JN: That's one of the reasons I chose these independent films because all of these are centered on rural areas and villages and small towns. I hope it inspires future filmmakers to want to look around a little bit more carefully to find stories that are compelling and engaging right in Wausau and surrounding areas.

RF: What do you see in Wisconsin when it comes to support for the arts?

JN: As a filmmaker and artist, I lived in Minneapolis for a long time ... Minnesota spends almost **\$10 per capita** on arts, and so that really is helpful for growth of artists. Without that, resources for filmmaking or creating art aren't easily available.

When I came to Wisconsin, it took me a while to find out that there are no grants or support for individual artists. I found out that in Wisconsin, we spend only 18 cents per capita for the arts. I was shocked. So I thought that maybe, as people who were already exposed to the generosity of art grants and fellowships, it's our responsibility to bring it to [Wisconsin].



Video production students at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau work together on a film. *Photo courtesy Northcentral Technical College*



NTC Hosting Film Festival; Eight Independent Films Over Four Weekends

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While latest Superman blockbuster tops the box office, some lesser known films will be featured in Northern Wisconsin over the next few weekends. North Central Technical College and their partners are kicking off the Film, Farm, & Culture Fest of Wausau.

Over the next four weekends, they'll be screening eight films on Fridays and Saturdays at the Woodson History Center. It's described as an annual summer meeting place for audiences and young filmmakers to celebrate award-winning independent films, both fiction and documentary films exploring the relationships between farming, land and rural life.

Jila Nikpay, Videography Faculty at NTC says, "Our goal for the film festival is to bring community members together for an engaging conversation and exchange about our primal connection to the land and agriculture."

[They've got a website with the film line up and short descriptions.](#)

In conjunction with the festival NTC has been offering summer labs for aspiring film makers at Studio 7, the state-of-the-art video production facility on NTC's Wausau campus.

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Timberwolf Cabins to be built on NTC's Antigo campus

July 7, 2025



WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has partnered with the NTC Property Foundation to create housing options that support learners in the woods/forestry industry at NTC's Antigo campus.

NTC President Jeannie Worden said Timberwolf Cabins will provide learners with a unique space to live and learn while attending classes at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence and Sawmill.

"Students travel from across the nation for hands-on training in the forestry industry at NTC's Antigo campus," she said. "We recognized the need for additional housing options for our students and are grateful that the City of

Antigo supports our plan for Timberwolf Cabins."

Worden said Timberwolf Cabins will provide housing options to incumbent workers attending four- to eight-week continuing education programs or traditional college students enrolled in a one- to two-year credit program. She said students will also have access to an outdoor social area, laundry facilities, business equipment and recreational equipment during their stay.

Due to the generosity of the Elwyn ("Al") Remington Foundation, Worden said the first Timberwolf Cabin is fully funded.

"As a lifelong resident of Antigo, Al Remington understood the important role the timber industry plays in the Antigo area economy," Mark Bradley, a founding board member of the Remington Foundation, said. "Thus, the board of directors of the Remington Foundation thought a gift to construct the first student cabin was a wonderful way to honor Al's commitment to education and economic development."

This donation, Worden said, launches the NTC Property Foundation's campaign to raise funds for another five cabins.

NTC's YA program has fostered career pathways for three-plus decades

Students, employers benefit short, long term

July 7, 2025



At Peoples State Bank, YA students gain hands-on training in the financial industry, preparing them for potential careers in banking and finance. Photo Courtesy of NTC



Sue Grossardt
Contributor



WAUSAU – Though Northcentral Technical College's (NTC) youth apprenticeship (YA) program has taken on many names since its inception in 1991, Lauren Foley – manager of student recruitment at NTC – said it has always served the same purpose.

"It's been a long-standing program that's been growing since its inception 34 years ago," she said. "The idea of work-based learning has been around for a very long time, and whether we call it youth apprenticeship or work-based learning, youth options or school to work, I think the idea that students get experience in the latter half of their high school years has deep roots."

Foley said it has been her personal passion to see students grow.

"Many of us are helpers and doers and want to

support people along the way," she said. "For me, youth apprenticeship is just one facet of my role, but it's a blessing to see what is in front of me and what the future holds for these students."

Foley said the YA program works with many industries, one of which happens to be right in the college's backyard.

"We actually had a recent event with Miron Construction Company," she said. "They are building our Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center."

Two NTC YA students, Foley said, helped create and build the structure and "will now be registered apprentices."

"We got a preview of that building – which is not yet open to the public – and got to see the two students, who are graduating seniors, put their hard hats on and say, 'yes, I did this – I did this project,'" she said.

Kelsi Seubert, marketing and public relations manager at NTC, said the college focuses on providing those tools for students to make their way in the workplace.

"At the heart of what we do is to make sure all students have equal access to educational opportunities," she said.

"We're serving all learners, enabling them to create a brighter future for themselves. Youth apprenticeship is one tool in the toolbox that we can give to learners who find success and belonging in the workplace."

More about the program

In order to participate in NTC's YA program, Foley said students need to be in good academic standing.

"This generally means that students need to be passing their classes or making progress to do well," she said.

During the program, Foley said the program combines on-the-job training and related classroom instruction – with a support system all along the way.

Students, she said, work with a mentor of sorts who helps onboard them and checks in on them, guiding them through the entire experience.



Lauren Foley said the YA program combines on-the-job training and related classroom instruction. Photo Courtesy of NTC

Usually, Foley said, the mentor is the student's direct supervisor or someone connected to the department, depending on the role and the employer.

Not only does the program provide students with skill development, Foley said it also provides students with an opportunity to figure out what they don't like, too.

"Students need to try things – all of us need to try things," she said. "We absolutely have students who try things for that year, or students even change during the year, because that job or customer service experience wasn't for them. For example, maybe metals manufacturing simply was not for them. There are many different skills that you bring to a role and that you need to learn. And if it's not a match, it's not a match."

For many of these students, Foley said this is their first role in any professional workplace.

"Obtaining that next level of experience in customer service, for example, is a learning curve," she said.

The overall goal of the program, Foley said, is that by the time students complete the program and graduate high school, they are prepared to transition into full-time employment or further their education with a strong foundation of knowledge and experience.

Case in point

Foley said Peoples State Bank hires a lot of YA students in the community.

"I really appreciate that they hire from many of our (area) schools," she said.

At Peoples State Bank, Foley said YA students gain hands-on training in the financial industry, preparing them for potential careers in banking and finance.

Most of the students currently working for Peoples State Bank, she said, have or are taking classes through their high schools related to finance – such as personal finance, economics, intro to business, accounting and financial math – and the YA program provides an opportunity for students to put that learning into practice and see it in action in the real world.

Foley said the YA program also emphasizes the importance of professionalism and workplace readiness.

In addition to industry-specific skill building, she said students are encouraged to develop time management skills, maintain a strong work ethic and understand the expectations of a professional setting.

Over the years, Foley said Peoples State Bank has hired a number of high school students who went through the YA program to work at the bank full-time after graduating.

Foley said one such example of this is Scott Staszak, talent acquisition manager for Peoples State Bank.

“He participated in a version of the youth apprenticeship program,” she said.

Staszak has been with Peoples State Bank for 17 years – a testament, Foley said, to work-based learning.

“That is exactly why he and his team have continued to reinvest in the community and into these students,” she said. “They will see the fruits of their efforts as these students will go on to be future leaders in finance, accounting, business, banking – you name it – whether that’s continuing with (their industry) or other industries.”

Jen Cassell – senior human resource generalist at Peoples State Bank – said she was also a part of the youth apprenticeship program beginning at the end of her junior year and through her senior year of high school, along with her classmate, Staszak.

Cassell said the lessons she learned on the job in the apprenticeship program were invaluable 17 years ago, and still provide great value today.

“We learned how to communicate effectively and felt more comfortable in the workplace as well as in other college internships and career roles,” she said.

Cassell said she went on to earn a degree in human resource management and business law and worked at Kohl’s in the Twin Cities before returning to her apprenticeship at Peoples State Bank in Wausau.



Lauren Foley said the YA program works with many industries, including manufacturing, construction, health, marketing and more. Photo Courtesy of NTC

She said the nine youth apprentice students who currently work at Peoples State Bank are mentored by the branch managers and staff at each site.

Foley said Peoples State Bank’s long-standing investment in the program is a prime example of the positive impacts it has on students and businesses.

“The [investment comes] right back as they have been able to see that it works,” she said. “They get ready, talented, energetic, young students who learn from them directly. Students obtain experience with different mentors in multiple areas of banking – not only customer service but a variety of other areas of finance. For some, the experience serves as a lifelong connection for that person’s future career.”

Shifting demand, interest

Though placements have slowed down a little recently, Foley said the college has been able to balance the demand for student placements.

“Normally, we have had more opportunities than students,” she said. “[Now], in some industries, we’re hearing them say, ‘No, we’re good right now.’ We are always aware of which industries are mostly impacted [by these shifts in need].”

Generally, Foley said “we are growing between 10-15% every year.”

“Since last year, we have added new pathways for work experience, like fire science and barber and cosmetology,” she said. “Two years ago, we added early childhood education.”

Foley said NTC has also seen a slight shift in demand for pathways.

“Our top pathway has changed over the last few years,” she said. “Our main industry focus used to be manufacturing, but in the last two years, our top pathway has been health care.”

Per ntc.edu, YA programs are available in the following categories:

- Agriculture, food and natural resources
- Architecture and construction
- Business
- Education
- Finance
- Government and public administration
- Graphic design/printing
- Health
- Hospitality and tourism
- Human services
- Information technology
- Law, public safety, corrections and security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, technology, engineering and math
- Transportation distribution and logistics

Foley said work-based learning is a solidly built program – providing a win-win situation for all involved.

“It is just a win on everyone’s part,” she said, “because as an employer, you want to ultimately retain an individual who is a good fit for the organization and who leaves the apprenticeship with more self-knowledge from the experiences.”

2025-2027 State Budget passes new film incentives

By Dylan Eckhart Jul 7, 2025 Updated Jul 7, 2025 0



STEVENS POINT, Wis. (WAOW) - For the first time in over a decade, the State of Wisconsin will offer incentives for filmmakers and establish a state film office, which will help launch careers right here in our area.

The latest version of the Wisconsin Biennial Budget for 2025-2027, includes an investment to establish a statewide film office, and tax credits for film and television production.

Established owners of local studios are thrilled by the news and look forward to creating future productions in the state.



"We came to Wisconsin wanting to create movies, and have just a bigger space and opportunity to do our own work," said Winter Williams, actress and founder of In the Pine Studio.

Williams along with her husband, Matthew A. Brown, who writes and directs films, spent time in New York and Los Angeles, before settling in Stevens Point to find a community interested in film, art and culture.

"I am really excited to be on the ground here in Central Wisconsin after having spent two decades in NY and LA," said Brown. "The stories here are begging to be told on the big screen, and we're gonna put Wisconsin on a global cinematic map!"

The state film office will be established within the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, allocate up to \$5 million annually for production and make it easier for filmmakers to access resources within the state.

Erika Ammon studies video production at [North Central Technical College](#), and with new film incentives is even more excited to pursue her career.

"I have had a passion for any sort of filmmaking, content creating, since I was in 6th grade," said Ammon. I am in my last year of college so I am excited to pursue it finally."

The new incentives are designed to bring Wisconsin back as a hotspot for film creativity. In the Pines Studio is already in motion for production on a feature film in February of 2026.

The new incentives will keep filmmakers in the state and boost the film and television industry for Wisconsin for the foreseeable future.

NTC Video production program to debut pilot film festival



NTC in Wausau will host a Film Farm and Culture Fest starting July 18 at the Woodson History Center

By [Brianna Weaver](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - If you're looking for something new to watch, Northcentral Technical College might just have what you're looking for.

The video production program is hosting a film festival of filmmakers from all over the world. Eight films will be shown every Friday and Saturday from July 18 to August 9 at the Woodson History Center.

Film Farm and Culture Fest of Wausau is testing out its pilot program of highlighting global films based on our relationship to the land.

"They are all happen in a small villages and rural areas in four different continents, and I wanted people to relate to them," said Jila Nikpay, video production faculty member at NTC.

NTC hosts film festival in Wausau

Nikpay is a longtime filmmaker and the mastermind behind the festival.

After watching hundreds of films, she says deciding on the chosen eight was difficult.

"They're all very strong stories, compelling characters," said Nikpay. "So hopefully the characters and their stories will draw people in, and it sparked some conversation around issues that are explored in the films."

Nikpay says a couple of her favorite films from the festival are My Sweet Land and the 2017 Iranian film Man of Integrity.

“It’s a serious film, but it’s also very entertaining. So that one is really good and both visually, they’re stunning,” she said.

As Nikpay gears up for the festival, her goal is to inspire other local filmmakers and encourage people to open their minds.

“I hope they can learn something new or gain some knowledge that they didn’t have before. Have some empathy for other people in the world, you know that live in faraway places,” said Nikpay.

The first ever event is brought by Northcentral Technical College and will feature worldwide filmmakers and their creations

A full list of the films can be found [here](#).

NTC’s video production program also offers [production labs](#) at Studio 7 for students to use. This summer are workshops to learn more about the process of filmmaking and how to improve.

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New Programs This Fall

BY KELSI SEUBERT JUL 16, 2025



(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce several new industry-driven programs that begin during the fall 2025 semester. NTC students can select from six new degrees that have been created in response to growing job market needs and feedback from local employers.

Applications are now being accepted at NTC for:

- Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Certificate
- Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma
- Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma
- Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate
- Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate
- Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

For more information or to apply to one of NTC's new programs, visit www.ntc.edu or contact Admissions at [715.803.1645](tel:715.803.1645).

Overview of New Programs

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Advanced Technical Certificate

This program trains Dental Assistants to perform expanded duties outside of work of a traditional Dental Assistant under the direction and supervision of a Dentist. Students will learn how to place and finish restorative material, pack cord, perform coronal polish, remove sutures and dressings, apply dental fluoride and sealants, take impressions, remove cement from crowns, make temporizations, adjust dentures and other removable oral appliances. The program prepares students for EFDA Wisconsin state certification.

Potential occupations include: Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary.

Advocacy & Social Justice Technical Diploma

This program equips learners with the knowledge and skills to advocate for justice within communities. Coursework covers community organizing, advocacy and activism from sociological and legal perspectives. Become an effective advocate for change and make a positive impact on society.

Potential occupations include: Intake Specialist, Correctional Client Assistant, Shelter/Crisis Housing Advocate, Youth Development Specialist, Youth Advocate and Victim Services Advocate.

Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Technical Diploma

This program offers an in-depth introduction to artificial intelligence, with a focus on its applications, ethical implications and role in business. Gain a solid grounding in the principles and practical uses of AI technology through courses in AI fundamentals, business applications and ethical considerations.

Potential occupations include: AI Specialist, AI Technologist and IT Coordinator.

Wood Industry: Primary Manufacturing Certificate

This program is designed for future and current leaders in the primary wood manufacturing industry who are interested in management, taking over an existing business or starting their own company. Learners explore the entire primary industry of converting logs to intermediary products. Focus areas include lumber, veneer and composite manufacturing, safe and efficient sawmill operations and the science of wood.

This program is taught at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo, WI.

Potential occupations include: Manufacturing Manager, Operations Director and Supervisor.

Wood Industry: Secondary Manufacturing Certificate

This program is designed for current and future innovators in the secondary wood manufacturing industry interested in running commercial woodworking equipment. Learners explore the entire scope of converting rough lumber into finished products including wood properties, milling, tooling, adhesives and finishing.

This program is taught at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo, WI.

Potential occupations include: Milling Operator, Tooling Technician and Finish Technician.

Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

This apprenticeship combines hands-on fieldwork with related academic work. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range. Create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning experiences and work cooperatively with staff and families.

Apprentices must be employed by a business or organization that participates in an apprenticeship program and has a completed Department of Workforce Development (DWD) contract. For questions about this apprenticeship or the application process, please contact NTC's Recruitment team at recruitment@ntc.edu.

Potential occupations include: Early Childhood Educator.

Fire Academy Introduces High School Students to Life-Saving Profession

BY KALEY FECH JUL 16, 2025



Estrella Bolanos-Bautista (from left), Kya Rinehart, Wyatt Steinman

In the fall of 2024, [Northcentral Technical College \(NTC\)](#) launched a new academy – one that gave high school juniors and seniors a head start in serving their communities through life-saving careers, offering students a rigorous and hands-on introduction to emergency services.

In 2024, [NTC](#) was one of four recipients of a \$25,000 Youth Firefighter Training grant from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The grant helped fund the Youth Firefighter Academy. Grant partners included the volunteer Central Fire and EMS District and Colby and Abbotsford high schools.

“The academy provides high school students with invaluable experience in exploring a career area and supports local industry in generating student interest,” said Crystal Witt-Whybrow, Student Services and K-12 Specialist. “One unique aspect of this academy is the hands-on experience it provides students to engage with the real-world aspects of public service.”



NTC Instructor Bryson Cruise gives hands-on assistance to Kya Reinhart.

Over the academic year, students in the Fire/EMS Academy attended class with NTC instructors that immersed them in fire behavior, firefighting tactics, hazardous materials operations and emergency medical response.

"The instructors were very understanding and work with us well," said Kya Rinehart.

Kya started working at a local station while she was still in school. She graduated from Colby High School this spring.

Students gained real-world experience practicing critical skills such as search and rescue, fire suppression and patient assessment. The program gives students a competitive advantage, whether they choose to enter the workforce after high school or pursue further education in emergency services.

"It puts you ahead of the game," said Wyatt Steinman.

Wyatt will be a senior at Colby High School this coming fall. He was able to participate in the academy as a junior, and he hopes to eventually work full time at a fire department.

Instruction aligned with both state and national standards, providing students the chance to earn seven college credits. After completing the academy, students met the requirements for Firefighter 1 certification with the State of Wisconsin and were prepared for the National Registry EMR written exam.



Students in the Fire/EMS Academy were provided with all of the necessary safety equipment.

Bryson Cruise, Fire & EMS Learning Coordinator at NTC, led instruction for the academy, and he said he was very excited to teach the first cohort of high school students. His love for the fire service also started when he was in high school.

"Growing up back then there wasn't much in the way of pathways available for those with an interest in public safety to get their foot in the door or begin to learn what it was like," he said. "Not only did this program allow departments to find, recruit and retain new younger members, but now these students have the unique opportunity to be ambassadors and role models to other younger students to help share their knowledge about the fire service."

For students who decide emergency services are a career path they would like to continue following, graduates are able to become firefighters or first responders – both in high demand across the state.

"We were lucky to have fantastic partnerships with Central Fire and EMS District and the Colby School District to ensure we had fantastic learning environments for the students," Bryson said. "Central Fire and EMS also eliminated one of the biggest hurdles that we anticipated having: a location to do practical skills with the students."



Bryson Cruise teaches a lesson in knot tying.

This May, the college was again awarded a grant to continue the program, and the plan is to expand the academy to students in Colby as well as Antigo this coming school year to give more students the opportunity to explore a career in emergency services.

“One of the most rewarding things about class was watching these students learn to work together as a team,” Bryson said. “They also learned to push their own boundaries and learn what they are truly capable of.”



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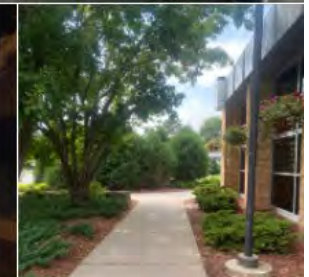
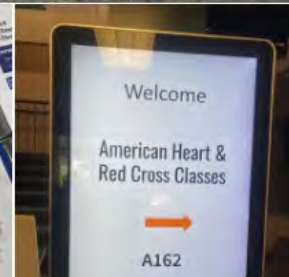
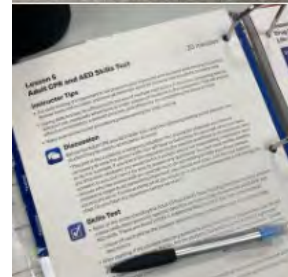
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[Northcentral Technical College](#) has a Workforce Training & Professional Development program that I have had the honor to teach for as adjunct faculty for the past few years when I am home in Wisconsin. This group today thought the gloves were too clean for removing gloves practice & suggested we grab ketchup out of the fridge. Why not?! They managed to remove gloves with no ketchup coming in contact with the skin! Great class today with many laughs!





Chequamegon School District

Yesterday at 1:21 PM · 🌐

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For several hours on Monday, July 28, fifteen CSD coaches worked to complete CPR training at the high school. The workshop was led by instructors from [Northcentral Technical College](#). Thank you to our Athletic Director, Steph Hirtreiter, and District Business Manager, Lexi Witt, for setting up the training. We're proud of our coaches for taking the time to be prepared and help keep students safe!

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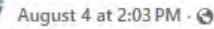




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Learn more about the Fall 2025 Entrepreneurial program at this September 2nd orientation in our office at Northcentral Technical College. Hope to see you there!



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💙 Welcome Taylor! 💚 Did you know today is National Intern Day?! What better way to celebrate than giving a heartfelt welcome to Taylor, our incredible collegiate intern joining the [Aspirus Health Foundation](#)!

Taylor is a freshman student at [Northcentral Technical College](#) and brings a passion for community, marketing, and service that aligns and supports our mission.

We're thrilled Taylor will be supporting our fundraising events, including the beloved Festival of Trees ([WausauFestivalofTrees.org](#)), working with our database system, and helping our generous donors when they are making gifts to help advance health services and programs.


🏡 At Aspirus Health Foundation, we believe in the power of collaboration and the impact of every individual. Taylor's presence reminds us that the future of philanthropy is bright, and we are grateful for the energy and perspective she brings.

💬 "Interns are not just learners. They are leaders in the making."

Happy National Intern Day to Taylor and all the [Aspirus Health](#) interns making a difference in the communities we serve!

Be sure to say, "Hello and welcome Taylor!" when you meet her and she's helping you 😊 and help her feel the warmth of community! 💚

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Children's Imaginarium

July 26 at 9:38 AM · 🌐

A Day in the Life of Emergency Heroes is TODAY from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.! 🚒 🚑



For this week's STEM Saturday, we are partnering with the [Wausau Fire Department](#), [Northcentral Technical College](#), and the [Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin](#) to explore the world of heroes in our community through hands-on experiences. Kids will get a chance to learn all about reading x-rays, first aid, and much more!

Stop in at the Children's Imaginarium today!

FREE with membership or daily admission!

The poster for STEM Saturday features logos for Children's Imaginarium, Wausau Fire Department, MCW Central Wisconsin, and Northcentral Technical College. The main text reads "STEM SATURDAY A Day in the Life of Emergency Heroes" with a red starburst icon. It specifies the date as Saturday, July 26th, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at 195 N 2nd St, Wausau, WI 54403. A list of activities includes meeting emergency responders, exploring fire trucks and ambulances, learning about healthcare tools, and roleplaying scenarios. The event is free with membership or daily admission.

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A Day in the Life of
Emergency Heroes

Saturday, July 26th
10:00AM - 12:00PM
195 N 2nd St, Wausau, WI 54403

Explore the world of our emergency heroes with fun, hands-on experiences!

- Meet and interact with emergency responders
- Explore what's inside a fire truck or ambulance
- Learn how healthcare professionals use different tools to care for patients.
- Dress up like our emergency heroes and roleplay scenarios

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July 26 at 7:53 PM · 🌐

Meet Natalie Rickert, the first of our scholarship recipients! Natalie graduated from Bowler High School and is planning to attend Northcentral Technical College with a major in Business Management. After she completes her degree she hopes to use her education to work in Ag Business. Congratulations, Natalie!



Shawano County Farm Bureau

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💡 Let's Talk About Youth Mental Health is a powerful 2-part workshop happening:

📅 Thursday, August 21 & Thursday, August 28

🕒 9:30AM–2:00PM CST

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Meet Christian, a dedicated and dependable intern on our programming team. 🙌

A current student at [Northcentral Technical College](#), Christian is pursuing a degree in software development. He joined the Skyward Internship Program at the start of summer and has been an outstanding addition to our team. It's a pleasure to work with you, Christian!

#Internship #Programming #GrowingTogether

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Software Engineer Intern

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Software Development

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“ One thing I've learned so far is that it's just fine and almost necessary that I make mistakes. During my training I've learned the most from my failures, not my successes. ”

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Our next student who was awarded a \$500 CWEC Operation Round Up scholarship is Paige Treptow, who graduated from Bowler High School. Paige will be attending Northcentral Technical College to study Dental Hygiene.

Congratulations, Paige, and best wishes as you continue your education!

Funds in the CWEC Operation Round Up program come from the generous donations of CWEC members who elect to have their electric bills rounded up to the next highest dollar each month.

For more information about Operation Round Up scholarships available through CWEC, or to view the 2024 first-time recipients, visit: <https://www.cwecoop.com/2025-first-time-operation-round...>



Abigail Schulz

19h · 🎵 Let's Do This · Outskirts · 🌐

Making a quadruple batch of tallow soap with two littles today for an upcoming class I'll be teaching at [Northcentral Technical College](#)

You can check out my classes and get registered here <https://www.ntc.edu/.../09/18/scratch-soap-lotion-workshop>



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NTC says the new programs, "have been created in response to the need in the growing job market as well as feedback from local employers."



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New learning options at NTC: Explore 6 degrees this fall in Wisconsin

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Our next student who was awarded a \$500 CWEC Operation Round Up scholarship is Dakota Schreiber, who graduated from Bowler High School. Dakota will be attending Northcentral Technical College to study Master Auto Mechanics.

Congratulations, Dakota, and best wishes as you continue your education!

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Childcaring, Inc · Follow

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Heartsaver First Aid / CPR / AED for child care providers! With our partnership with [North Technical College](#), this training is offered at several of their campus locations and we offer Registry Credit!

For more information and additional classes visit:

<https://bit.ly/ntc-heartsaver-cpr>

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Wednesday, August 27 ~ 4:30pm-9:30pm
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NTC - Wausau Campus

Saturday, September 20 ~ 8:00am-1:00pm
NTC - Antigo Campus

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Textbook required, can be purchased at NTC's Campus Store.

To learn more + register, visit:

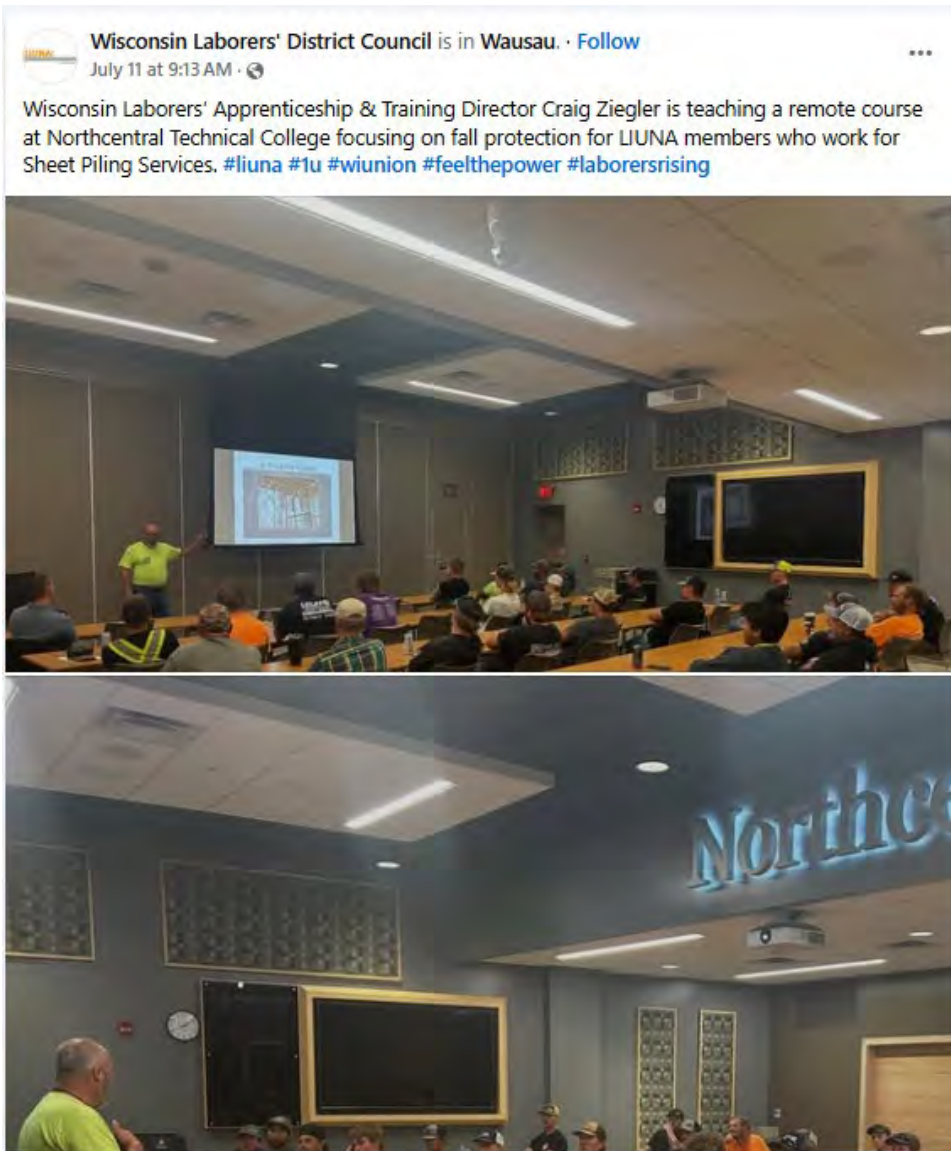


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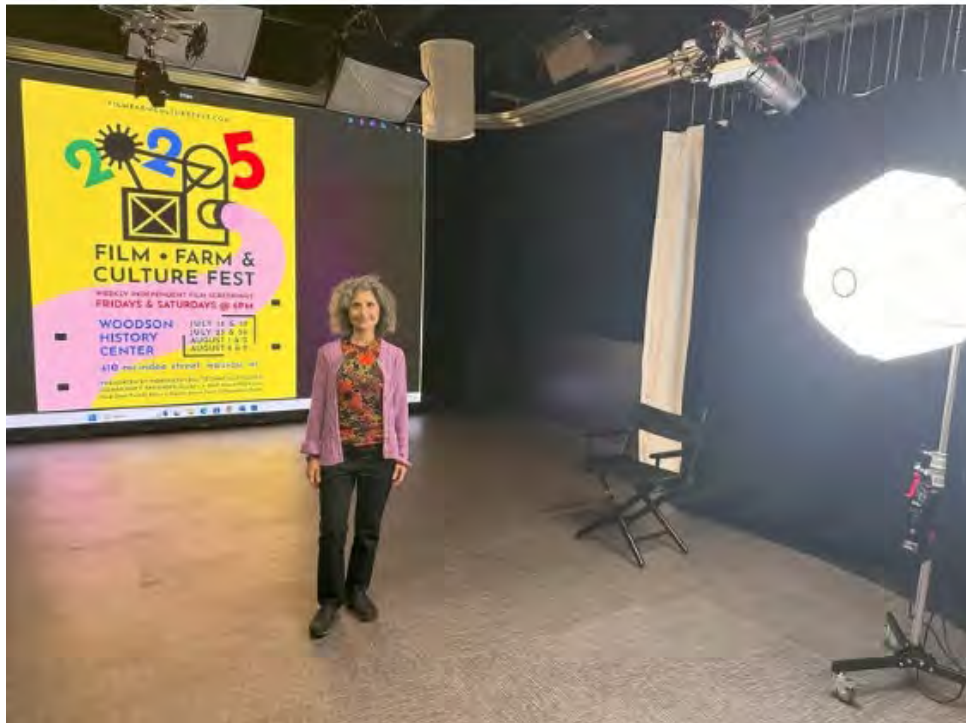


Wausau City Pages

July 8 at 10:24 AM · 🌐

For all you film lovers out there, Wausau will soon have our very own film festival presented by [Northcentral Technical College](#)! Check out the list of films and activities that are set to happen soon.

<https://www.thecitypages.com/.../film-farm-culture-fest...>



Engineering Tomorrow · Follow

June 29 at 11:15 PM · 🌐

Who doesn't love a behind-the-scenes experience?

Students from [Northcentral Technical College](#)'s Engineering STEM Camp explored how product design and development come to life at [CTech Manufacturing](#). Opportunities like this bring classroom concepts into the real world—and inspire the next generation of engineers.

We were thrilled to partner with CTech, NTC, and Learn Build Fly to make this happen!

#EngineeringTomorrow #STEMEducation #FutureEngineers #HandsOnLearning
#CareerExploration #BetterTogether



WIDS · Follow
 WIDS · 1h · 🌐

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WIDS Spotlight Webinar

From Engagement to Alignment

July 9, 2025

10:00 – 10:30 am

WIDS
 Building Science into Every Lesson

RL Rib Lake School District · Follow
 June 30 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

Our middle school summer school students were busy last week! They kicked things off by visiting the Wausau Woodchucks and Wausau Ignite Softball, where they toured the stadium and even got to play on the field!

Later, students explored hands-on STEM activities at Northcentral Technical College and learned more about the many programs NTC has to offer. [#RLSD](#) [#RLSDPride](#)



Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative · Follow
 July 3 at 8:51 AM · 🌐

Our next student who was awarded a \$500 CWEC Operation Round Up scholarship is Thomas Lemanczyk, who graduated from Rosholt High School. Thomas will be attending Northcentral Technical College to study Wood Science.

Congratulations, Thomas, and best wishes as you continue your education!

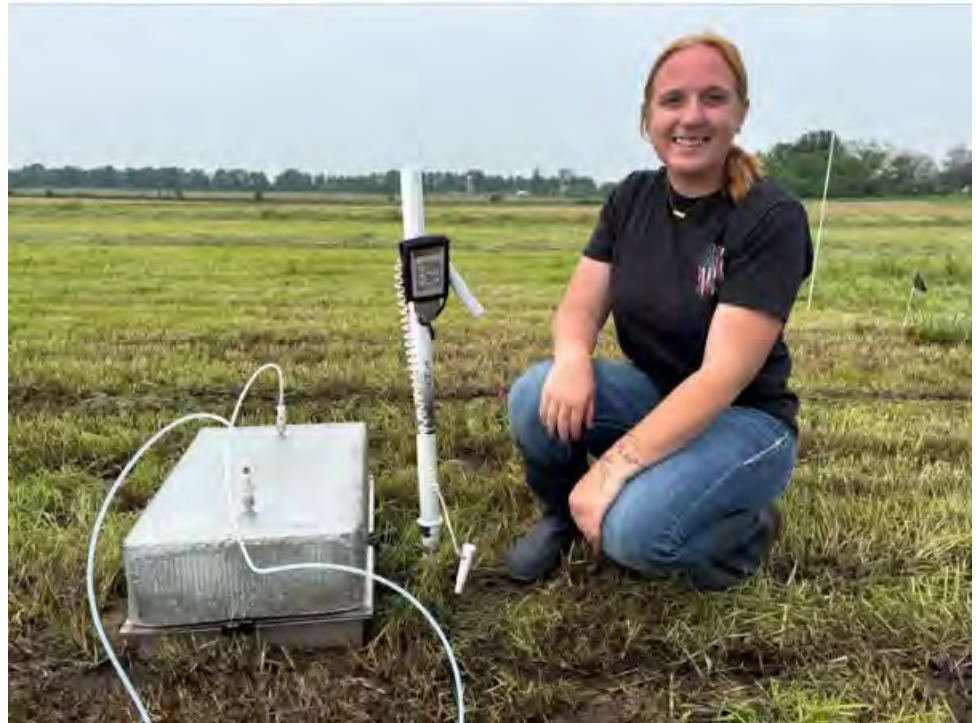
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Marshfield Agricultural Research Station · Follow
 Northcentral Technical College was mentioned in a post · June 19 at 3:20 PM · 🌐

Not only do we welcome the first day of summer this week, but MARS begins their popular series highlighting summer students. This week's student is Katie Ciolkosz. A graduate of Thorp High School, Katie is working towards an associate degree in agronomy from [Northcentral Technical College](#) (NTC). Raised on a small beef farm, she showed beef steers at the county fair and competes on horseback in events like barrel racing, cutting, and sorting. At NTC, Katie is involved with the Professional Agricultural Students, competing on the agronomy team and in public speaking events.

During her short time with MARS, Katie has had opportunities to help with field research and in the lab. She's learned how to weigh and process samples for analysis and take water measurements. She's interested in learning how the management of field crops impacts forage components. Upon graduation, Katie anticipates continuing her academic career at a 4-year college majoring in geology or civil engineering. She's a busy person and we are glad she's included MARS in her summer plans.





Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative · Follow

July 2 at 9:47 AM · 🌐

Our next student who was awarded a \$500 CWEC Operation Round Up scholarship is Daniel Kurszewski, who graduated from Rosholt High School. Daniel will be attending Northcentral Technical College to study Electromechanical Engineering.

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Sheboygan Falls Agriculture Dept · Follow

14h · 🌐

Little Update from the SFHS Agriculture Department 🌱: Ms. Hand attended the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators Professional Development Conference in Oshkosh this week 🇺🇸! She attended workshops to learn and network with other ag teachers and professionals. Some of the workshops were on canning, corsage making, meat processing, and animal fecal examination 🦋. Northcentral Technical College had their mobile butchering unit on site for the teachers to tour and hear about careers in the meat industry 🍖. She was also able to learn more about evidence based learning and how to incorporate it into her classes 🧐.

Be on the lookout for exciting new labs and opportunities this school year 😊!





Jim Jakosh
52m · 🌐

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We need more of this in all industries!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Wisconsin Public Radio · Follow
Reels · May 31 · 🌐



A newly opened commercial-scale sawmill in Antigo is the only training sawmill of its kind in the U.S.

The sawmill at Northcentral Technical College... See more



Kemp Natural Resources Station · Follow
16h · 🌐

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Northcentral Technical College in Antigo hosted teachers from across Wisconsin at the Wood Industry Teacher Workshop this week. The workshop featured hands-on time in a sawmill, facility tours, and presentations from forestry experts, including Kemp Superintendent Scott Bowe. Teachers had the chance to work through each step of the lumber production process, gaining valuable experience to take back to their students.

#forestry #Sawmill #kempstation





Wisconsin 48 Hour Film Project · Follow

14h · 🌐

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Congratulations to the students of Northcentral Technical College!

Not only did the Timberwolves win the Best Student Film category of the 2025 Wisconsin 48 Hour Film Project, their film, "The Pod," was nominated in multiple other categories!



Wisconsin Forestry Center · Follow

18h · 🌐

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We're grateful for our fantastic partnership with [Northcentral Technical College](#)!



Northcentral Technical College

20h · 🌐

Wood Science Faculty, Logan Wells, joined the Wood Life Podcast to talk about his journey in the sawmilling industry and how it led to a passion for teaching at [NTC Wood Technology Center of Excellence](#).



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EP 1: Who You Know & How to Grow with Logan Wells | Wood Life Podcast

In this episode of the Wood Life Podcast, host Duston Moore interviews Logan Wells about...

Wood-Mizer · Follow
June 20 at 7:50 AM · 🌐

Today is the day! The Wood Life podcast is out now with three full episodes featuring Logan Wells from Northcentral Technical College, Angel City Lumber, and Nathan Elliott from Out of the Woods! Watch or listen NOW on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and YouTube 🎧 🔥 📺 . You can also find the podcast at <https://woodmizer.com/us/podcast>

#woodmizer #milling #sawyerlife



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Drive Kocourek · Follow

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Last week, the Nitro-X campers put their skills to the test during the 4th annual Race Day at [Northcentral Technical College](#)! 🏁 It's always a blast watching the excitement as students race the cars they've spent the week building and customizing.

Huge thanks to all those involved to make for such an enjoyable race day experience - we're already looking forward to next year! We're proud to support the future of the automotive industry right here in Central Wisconsin!



CTech Manufacturing · Follow

June 20 at 2:49 PM · 🌐

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We had the pleasure of hosting 8th–10th grade students from [Northcentral Technical College's Engineering STEM Camp](#)! 🌟 Students toured our facility and explored how real-world product design and development come to life. Thank you to NTC, [Engineering Tomorrow](#), and [Learn Build Fly](#) for inspiring the next generation of engineers!





Nitro-X Summer Camps Wisconsin · Follow

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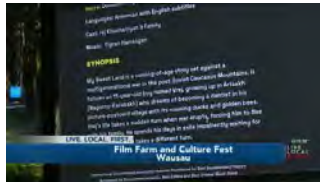
A huge thank you to Drive Kocourek for partnering with Northcentral Technical College and supporting our Nitro-X summer camps! 🚗🔧

From hands-on vehicle diagnostics to creative RC truck painting, students got a real look at what a future in the automotive industry can hold. Special thanks to the Kocourek techs who shared their time, skills, and passion with the next generation of techs! 🙌

#NitroXCamp #FutureTechs #DriveKocourek #AutomotiveCareers #STEMEducation



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WSAW (CBS) 7/10/2025 10:16:46 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 10

Local Viewership: 26,155

Local Publicity Value: \$1,823.55

are 'my sweet land'... and the 2017 iranian film 'man of integrity' jila nikpay, faculty, video production, northcentral technical college: it's a serious film, but it's also very entertaining. so that one is really good and both visually they're stunning. as nikpay gears up for the festival, her goal is to inspire other local filmmakers... and encourage people to open their minds. jila nikpay, faculty, video production, northcentral technical college: i hope they can learn something new or gain some knowledge that they didn't have before. have some empathy for other people in the world, you know that live in faraway places. you can catch any of the eight films every friday and saturday from july 18th through august 9th at the woodson history center.



WSAW (CBS) 7/11/2025 12:16:34 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ Noon

Local Viewership: 15,662

Local Publicity Value: \$817.65

cranberry industry through research, education, and market development. movie buffs... here's something just for you. the video production program at northcentral technical college is hosting a film festival of filmmakers from all over the world. it's called the 'film farm and culture fest of wausau.' the pilot program will highlight eight global films. each takes place in small villages and rural areas on four different continents. one organizer says her goal is to inspire other local filmmakers, and encourage people to open their minds. jila nikpay, faculty, video production, northcentral technical college: "i hope they can learn something new or gain some knowledge that they didn't



WSAW (CBS) 7/16/2025 6:11:06 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 6

Local Viewership: 15,388

Local Publicity Value: \$1,162.19

between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms northcentral technical college is introducing 6 new programs. they all start this fall. some include expanded knowledge in the dental industry-- artificial intelligence-- and being a teacher for elementary students. 2 of the programs focus around the wood industry. those programs will be taught in antigo. interlock devices can play a pivotal role in preventing drunk driving. however --- those devices are only in the cars of repeat offenders. not everyone who is *supposed to have one, actually does. what about a way that would



WSAW (CBS) 8/5/2025 6:11:14 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 6

Local Viewership: 15,587

Local Publicity Value: \$1,097.09

near 83. light east southeast wind becoming south southeast 5 to 9 mph in the morning. northcentral technical college is serving up an education in the kitchen. eleven young cooks treated people in wausau to lunch today after a summer of training. newschannel 7's adam mueller takes us behind the doors of 'culinary bootcamp.' as-live: the students are making a lasting impression here at the culinary bootcamp at northcentral technical college and the reviews agree." nats: five out of five! it's excellent! this food is fantastic! the goal of the culinary bootcamp is to give the students what they need to enter the workforce. that's not just cooking.



WAOW (ABC) 8/5/2025 10:00:44 PM

Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 10PM

Local Viewership: 11,203

Local Publicity Value: \$741.30

group aspiring chefs have just wrapped up an intense summer of cooking with a word and worked in real kitchens. the culinary boot camp program at northcentral technical college in wausau has officially come to a close and for many of its graduates, it's only the beginning carrying leading joins us now with more. >> after weeks of chopping with scam plating to is on the menu students to see summer's culinary boot camp just finished 8 week. no cause treaty program footed by the wa i grant to prepare them for entry level roles in industry. >> had fun summer camp and this is the end of the summer camp. our learners are putting out a meal for the community.



WAOW (ABC) 8/6/2025 5:31:51 AM

Wausau, WI

Wake Up Wisconsin 5AM on News 9

Local Viewership: 1,552

Local Publicity Value: \$69.39

thanks, justin. meanwhile, a group of aspiring chefs have just wrapped up an intense summer of cooking where they learned and worked in real kitchens. the culinary boot camp program at northcentral technical college officially come to a close and for many of its graduates, it's only the beginning. our newest reporter kyle young lee joins us now with more. >> after weeks of chopping with scant plating successes on the menu students to see summer's culinary boot camp just finished 8 week. cost the program footed by the wa i grant to prepare entry level roles in industry. >> we've had fun summer camp and this is the end of the summer camp. our learners are putting out a meal for the

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