

## DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

### AGENDA

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

**TIME:** 11:45 A.M. LUNCH  
12:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

**LOCATION:** NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,  
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)

### 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

### BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- A. WTC District Boards Association + Legislative Updates – Layla Merrifield
- B. Student Representative Update – Mason Knab
- C. Strategic Planning Discussion – MGT
- D. Enrollment Update – Sarah Dillon
- E. Healthcare 4.0 Sneak Peek – Darren Ackley

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

### CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

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

### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
  - a. HLC Site Visit Prep
  - b. November 7: Board Retreat Agenda
  - c. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023
- b. WTC DBA Fall Meeting + Legal Issues Conference: October 25-28, 2023 at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC)
- C. Information
  - a. [Annual Affirmative Action Report](#)
  - b. Save the Date: NTC Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony – Saturday, December 9
  - c. [Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)
  - d. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
  - e. [Good News](#)

#### **CLOSED SESSION (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE OPEN MEETING)**

- A. Adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of:
  - a. Approval of July 10, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
  - b. Consider the Compensation of a Specific Employee

#### **OPEN SESSION**

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

#### **MEETING ADJOURN**

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

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

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

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2023

**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 **July 31, 2023** (preliminary).

<b>F1-F7 Revenue:</b>	<b>\$5,165,718.38</b>
<b>F1-F7 Expense:</b>	<b>\$6,415,942.45</b>

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**  
Consent Agenda

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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

Signed: 

Dated: September 19, 2023

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

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2023

**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:**

- Maria Pernsteiner – Learning Coordinator, Nursing
- Rebekka Sekeres – Instructional Assistant, Nursing
- Karyn Eckert – Career Coach
- Haley Abel – Faculty, Alternative High School
- Jana Swenson – Faculty, Dental Hygiene Instructor
- Katelyn Seefeldt – Faculty, Nursing
- Karen Simington – Faculty, Nursing (LTE)

**Resignations:**

- Dani Feck– Custodian, General
- Brandi Kannenberg – Specialist, Financial Aid
- Jef Janikowski – Instructional Assistant, Substance Use Disorder Counseling
- Kim Rauen-Heidmann – Faculty, Nursing Assistant
- Josh Lauermann – Custodian, General
- Jesse Groo – Custodian, General
- Warren Netzow – Manager, Facilities
- Becky Michels – Manager, Regional Office
- Eric Ostrowski – Technician, IT Help Desk

**Retirements:**

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

Consent Agenda

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

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

Signed Dr. Janis Worden

Dated 09/19/2023

**5 Year Affirmative Action Plan – Annual Update  
Northcentral Technical College  
September 2023**

**EMPLOYEE – FOCUSED ACTIVITIES**

**1. Recruitment of Employees and Talent Sourcing**

- Continue job announcements with targeted groups or agencies, including Wisconsin Diversity.com. Ensure faculty and staff position postings include language to promote diversity in attitude and practice. Increase HR presence or provide job announcement materials to employees to disseminate at campus or community events such as the Veteran Military Expo/Job Fair and Business Expo.
- Continue diversity interview question(s) in selection process for all positions.

**2. Employee Development and Training**

- All hiring supervisors need to complete interview bias training and review the Recruitment Manual to streamline processes and incorporate additional information on bias, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) have DEIA goals to support the College strategic goals. ELT members will lead the College DEIA efforts.
- All new employees are required to complete an online New Employee Orientation module which consists of Title IX training and Sexual Harassment training.
- Library Services offers curated library resources and materials for equity and inclusion topics.
- Inclusion Committee created to focus on the College's policies and practices with the intent to enhance a culture of inclusion, expanding and enhancing College efforts to build a community of belonging, emphasis on how grants can be more aligned with our inclusion goals and how data can be used to clarify and support our programs, and create opportunities to collaborate on activities throughout the College and the community.
- NTC expanded the Virtual Center for Innovation and Inclusion this academic year. Faculty shared leading practices in equitable instructional techniques, DEIA professional development opportunities and asked their peers for guidance in DEIA matters.
- NTC participated in the WTCS Employees of Color Mentoring Program.
- Our HLC Team has presented at the HLC Conference on *Utilizing a DEI Curriculum Rubric to Promote Course Design Equity*.
- The College's preferred publishing partner, Cengage Unlimited, conducts regular Diversity audits of all instructional materials it provides, ensuring an additional layer of inclusive quality assurance.
- Think Tank sessions "DEI Conversations: How to Incorporate DEI Into Your Courses", facilitated by Academic Excellence
- November 2022 was designated as "Celebrating DEI @ NTC" for the Faculty Think Tank calendar
- Faculty Professional Development - Magna Online 20 Minute Mentor trainings offered weekly for all full time and adjunct faculty
- Implementation of a staff mentoring program to identify and communicate internal sources of knowledge, insight, and support to aid new hourly employees as they acclimate to the College.
- Developed curriculum for ELL armed intruder training
- Expanded the utilization of Ally in Canvas to improve accessibility
- Employee Training:
  - 2022 Adult Recruitment/Retention Conference
  - 2022 On Course National Conference
  - 2023 WACRAO Veterans Conference
  - Accessible Media, Web and Technology Conference

- Accessing Higher Ground Conference
- AccredX Conference in San Antonio
- Achieve the Dream Conference
- ACTE Conference
- ACUE Certification Course
- Ag Outlook Forum
- American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) National Conference
- American Beauty Show- Chicago, IL
- American Sign Language IV
- Annual Wisconsin State Bar PD/CLE subscription
- ASCLS Convention
- Associate class at NTC
- Association of College and Research Libraries Conference
- Association of Surgical Technologists Educators Conference
- Association of Vet Tech Educators Conference
- Attend E-ffordability Summit at UW Stout
- C2A3 Conference
- CASE Conference for Community College Grant Professionals in Washington, DC
- Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference
- CONNECTED22 Conference
- Creating Accessible ASL Workshop
- Fire Department Instructors Conference
- Financial Social Work Certification
- Gallup at Work Summit
- Gender Identity on Campus Training
- Herdsperson Conference
- IET Class
- Learn UI Design: Video Course & Resource Library
- Meals for 3rd party training.
- Midwest Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- Mosaic Connecting Communities Conference
- NACADA Summer Institute
- NAREN Conference
- NASFAA Credential Mini Session
- National BPA Conference
- National Career Pathways Leadership Development Academy
- National College Learning Center Association Webinar: Reach Metacognitive Equity by Teaching Students How to Learn
- NCLCA Conference
- NCORE 2023
- NHETC 2023
- NISTS Conference
- NREMT REFRESHER
- OPID 2023 Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning
- Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts
- School Resource Officer Training Course
- Society for the Study of Emerging Adults National Conference

- Spanish for Educators Online Course
- Substance Use Disorders Counselor (SUDS) Certificate
- Tactical Response Instructor Training
- Teachers of Accounting At Two Year Colleges
- The Learning Ideas Conference
- The Modern EMS Classroom Workshop
- Trauma Conference
- WACRAO Annual Conference
- WAMBO conference
- WASFAA Spring 2023 Conference
- WI Leadership Development Institute (WLDI)
- Wisconsin College Learning Center Association Conference
- Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference
- WisCORE (WTCS Conference on Race and Ethnicity)
- WITESOL Conference
- WLDI 2023-2024 The Chair Academy
- WLDI Leadership Academy
- Women's Leadership Conference
- WorkHuman Conference
- WPS Farm Show 2023
- WTCS Working as One Series
- WTCS 2023 Learning and Teaching Summer Summit
- LinkedIn Learning (*access to various "On-Demand" style trainings*)

### **3. Employee Data**

- Continued collection of voluntary disclosed employee data related to disability and veteran status through confidential electronic process that will be used for future reporting purposes.

## **STUDENT – FOCUSED ACTIVITIES**

### **Recruitment of minority/LEP students/Recruit and support ABE/ELL students' transition**

- NTC participated in three in-person and three virtual Wisconsin Education Fairs during the 21-22 academic year.
- NTC hosted blended in-person/virtual open house experiences in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 both at the Wausau and at Regional Campuses
- K12 staff continued to work with all NTC school districts to support minority students' postsecondary planning and enrollment. NTC's Academy Specialist has continued to work this year with these school districts but also with organizations like Hmong American Center, Boys & Girls Club, and others to build relationships with participants. These organizations serve traditionally more diverse students. The Academy Specialist is also the point of contact for Alt High and increased efforts have been placed on that collaboration/transition. Alt High has dedicated staff to help students with transition to NTC as well. In addition, we offer the Youth Apprenticeship program to all these schools as well and support them with both their postsecondary and employment efforts.
- The Viewbook has been translated and distributed again in 2021-2022, as well as other recruitment materials such as Open House materials, K-12 Parent Newsletters, and other GED/ELL materials, scholarship information, and Career Services job search assistant information. Two testimonial videos were created and translated for social media.

- An ELL Construction Fundamentals program was offered at the Medford campus with support from a Spanish interpreter.
- A Spanish interpreter was available for Open Houses.
- Online ELL courses were offered with increased enrollments in 2021-2022.
- NTC is involved in supporting the Marathon County Afghan Refugee Committee and providing ELL services and transition services for students seeking postsecondary education opportunities.
- Career Coaches participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration event to provide information about NTC programs, which included a podcast.
- NTC maintains an ongoing partnership with Independent Living/Youth in Foster care to support students' awareness of the Youth Apprenticeship program, as well as college opportunities.
- NTC's Pathway Advisor supports and guides ABE/ELL students' transition into post-secondary coursework.
- Dual Credit courses continued to be offered at nearly all District high schools including schools with high minority populations such as Abbotsford, Menominee Indian HS, White Lake, Bowler, and Wittenberg. NTC also partners with many school districts to offer the Youth Apprenticeship program to their students.
- NTC continued recruitment of low-income students into NTC's Promise programs and provided dedicated support to these students.

#### **Recruit females into School of Engineering and Technology and School of Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation programs**

- Activities and events to promote programs were offered again in-person this year. Events for students to explore STEM careers were included in the Career Exploration Days. Groups from the Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, and Alternative High School came on campus to explore programs, as well as from various schools across the district. Activities were also held for students to explore Electrical Power and Gas Utility, and Engineering. NTC hosted a number of summer camps focusing on STEM careers such as Metal Masters Quest, Welding, Civil Engineering, and Machine Tool camps; Women in Industry camp; Cosmetology boot camp; Make It Real camps; and Girls Make It Real.
- NTC created a Youth Apprenticeship video highlighting a female welding student that is posted on the website.
- Job-related workshops, employer presentations and mock interviews were held virtually and provided opportunities for females to meet others employed in the field.
- Welding and Wood Technology contests were held in June.

#### **Recruitment of students w/disabilities**

- The Accommodations Services Coordinator and/or other Disability Services staff attended transition meetings in Taylor, Marathon, Price, and Langlade County to share resources and support/advise area high school Special Education staff.
- The Accommodations Services Coordinator presented to local high schools and to instructors of dual credit courses on transition services. She also presented this academic year at Taylor and Marathon County Transition events.
- High Schools brought transitioning students to tour NTC and meet with Disability Services staff, and individual students met with staff during the College Exploration Day in April 2022.
- NTC partnered with the Marathon County Transition Committee, the Wausau School District and D.C. Everest School District to host a county-wide, in-person transition event.
- The Antigo Campus partnered with the Antigo and White Lake School Districts to provide two 3-credit certificate programs for students with disabilities this school year. The first 9-week course was Foundations of Customer Care and the second 9-week course was Foundations of Culinary basics.

### **Activities to support retention/completion of minority students/students with disabilities**

- Targeted outreach to students with disabilities who are transitioning for Fall 2022 began in late March and continued through the summer.
- An Orientation to Accommodation Services is planned for students beginning in Fall 2022.
- Blackboard Ally was implemented in Spring 2022 to allow students to download alternate formats to make course materials more accessible.
- Disability Services continued to be included in the mandatory New Student Orientation for new students to learn how to receive accommodations, and become familiar with support available as well as assistive technology.
- Through targeted grant activities, minority students and students with disabilities continued to receive intensive advising/case management services. Advisors and the Accommodations Services Coordinator access student progress information in Canvas, which supported better case management.
- A Predictive Analytics model has been continued each 8-week term to identify students who may need additional support to be successful. The model was expanded in Fall 2021 to include General Education courses. Advisors, instructors and other staff provide outreach to identified students to determine if resources or assistance are needed.
- Mandatory advising continued for students in most programs.
- Timberwolf Ready sessions introduced new students to NTC systems: E-mail, Canvas, their My NTC student account, what is needed for class, learn how to read their schedule, etc.
- Sessions on how to use Zoom video conferencing software were offered for students.
- Expanded laptop loan and laptop scholarship opportunities continued to be available to students.
- Student Life offered scholarship application workshops to students.
- College 101 continued to be required for students to support their success in college and in life.
- Tutoring and Academic Coaching was available through the Academic Resource Centers, with flexible appointments available through Zoom.
- The Academic Resource Center/Timberwolf Learning Commons offered workshops on Conducting Research, APA, Exam Study Tips, Writing, Math, Notetaking, Time Management, Active Reading, and Email Etiquette.
- Starfish Early Alert included an intake form which helped identify students needing support services. Starfish was used for case management of all students, but also supports other initiatives including faculty advising, the Promise program, students using the Academic Resource Center, Disability Services, and students taking Enhanced General Education courses.
- Enhanced general education courses provided concurrent ABE support while a student took Written Communications or College Math post-secondary courses.
- Instructional Assistants supported key low-completion or gatekeeper courses.

### **Professional Development to build cultural competence and inclusive culture at NTC**

- Student Life shared e-mails weekly that included DEI topic information, activities, and links to resources. Examples include information/activities for Suicide Awareness, Hispanic Heritage Month, Disability Awareness, Indigenous People's Day, MLK Jr. Day, African American History, Women's History, Hmong Heritage Month, LGBTQ, Sexual Assault Awareness, bias and stereotype training, and more. The NTC Library now has 26 topical research guides on these and many other subjects for students, faculty and staff to access.
- The Testing and Accommodations Coordinator presented on the topic of accommodations to faculty and adjunct faculty during the Spring 2022 Faculty Development Days/Adjunct Faculty Orientation
- Nine NTC staff and faculty attended the Holistic Student Supports Conference in Fall 2021. This conference highlighted topics focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- One staff member attended the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) conference in May/early June. Information from the sessions and resources were shared out to others in the college.
- Sixty staff and faculty have now been trained in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), 20 during the 21-22 academic year In Fall 2021, 8 student workers were also trained in MHFA. MHFA has been added to Sum Total so faculty and staff can register easily and upload their certification.
- A staff member attended the virtual Wisconsin Indian Education Association conference in April 2022.

## WIOA/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 25, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom or In-Person (A208)

### Attendees

#### Industry Members:

- Sheryl Baker – Labor Education & Training Center (LETC) - Dislocated Worker Program
- Kathy Kloes – Program Coordinator, Forward Service Corporation
- Kristin Derrier – Assistant Program Coordinator, Forward Service Corporation
- Colt Nicklaus – WIOA Team Lead, Forward Service Corporation
- Brian Kalish - Director, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
- Nicky Lindman – LETC – Young Adult Program
- Robert Bauer – FSC – Dislocated Worker Program
- Tiaree McDonald – LETC – Dislocated Worker Program
- Keele Westcott – DWD - DVR

#### NTC Team:

- Sara Bartelt – Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Liberty Heidmann – Career Advisor & Project Manager
- Debbie LaVigne – Specialist, Financial Aid
- Hannah Lee – Administrative Assistant, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- May Thao – Learning Coordinator, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Barb Juliano – Instructional Assistant, Marathon County Jail & Marathon County Job Center
- Kathy Krause – AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisor, AE Faculty; Wausau NTC
- Nick Lampone – Director of Enrollment
- Jerry Xiong – College Prep Center Assistant
- Becky Michels – Regional Campus Manager
- MaiGer Moua – Promise Advisor
- Lindsey Zakrzewski – Testing & Accommodations Coordinator

### Agenda Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

The WIOA Advisory Committee was welcomed, followed by introductions from members and NTC staff.

### Agenda Item 2: Update & Highlights from Last Meeting

The group was given a few minutes to review the minutes from Spring May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The meeting minutes were approved by all.

### Agenda Item 3: College-Wide Initiatives

In addition to the Spring Advisory Committee PowerPoint, Sara provides an update on the following:

- **NTC Mug Pick-up:** As a thank you for taking part in our Advisory Committee, members are reminded to pick up an NTC mug from the nearest campus locations
- **New Programs 2022 - 2023**
  - Diesel Technician Apprenticeship
  - Liberal Arts Associate of Arts
  - Liberal Arts Associate of Science
  - Garden to Market Specialist
  - Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate
  - Nail Technology Certificate
- **New Proposed Programs 2023-2024**
  - Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 23)
  - Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 23)
  - Smart Manufacturing Associate Degree (Fall 23)
- **Healthcare 4.0**
- **NTC Accreditation**

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update - Site visit: Nov 2023
- **Workforce Training and Professional Development**

WTPD continues to offers a wide variety of Professional Development and Community Education Classes.
- **Student Support:**

NTC continues to provide the following student support services for their students: Virtual Care Group, NTC Advisors, Timberwolf Tables, Timberwolf Learning Commons, and Student Life.

## **Agenda Item 4: Instructional Area/Program**

### **A. Industry Trends**

Colt Nicklaus: Forward Service Corporation (FSC) has been noticing that their main referrals are coming in from high school juniors and seniors. There are program requirements for meeting out of school youth. Their #1 referral sources for outside school youth are still probation, parole, and offsets. For the adult and dislocated worker referrals, and as we get closer to the start of school it takes FCS about 3 weeks to enroll a participant into the program.

Nicky Lindman: LETC Youth Adult Program had 8 students participate in NTC's culinary cohort boot camp this summer. This was an 8-week program which consisted of a 3-week bootcamp and 5-week internship. It was a successful event and received well by who participated.

Robert Bauer: Latest update to the Dislocated Workers Program. It is now being handled by Forward Service Corps.

Liberty Heidmann: NTC now offers a career panning assessment tool called "Focus 2 Online Career". It is

a self-paced online assessment for occupation and career planning. Once completed students are encourage to make an appointment with a NTC career coach.

Brian Kalish: Northcentral Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is still offering the Rural Healthcare Grant (COW). Nursing students from NTC working in the Langlade or Lincoln County area are encourage to apply. The WAI grant is coming to an end. A QUEST grant focusing on childcare is still being discussed, including how to apply will follow.

MaiGer Moua: NTC is still currently accepting applications for the NTC Scholarship Promise Program. It is a simple form that requires specific eligibility. If qualified, the program supports up to 6 credits per semester. More information can be found on NTC's website.

Keele Westcott: Overall at the DWD - DVR, referrals have been up in Marathon County. Last month they also hosted a successful hiring event

## **B. Program Information**

a. *Enrollment Update:* Enrollment at the Marathon County Job Center location last year:

- 6 Students served.
  - 3/6 worked on earning their high school credentials. 1 earned their GED.
  - 3/6 worked on self-improvement.
  - 4/6 already employed and students spent 4-22 hours working on their program materials.

b. *New Programs (currently offered): The following programming update was shared:*

- Hospitality Management Associate Degree (Fall 23)
- Smart Manufacturing Technology Associate Degree (Fall 23)
- Garden to Market Specialist Technical Diploma (Spring 23)
- Quickbooks Specialist Technical Diploma (Spring 23)
- Therapeutic Massage Technical Diploma (Fall 23)
- Applied Mathematics Certificate (Fall 23)
- Nail Technology Certificate (Fall 23)
- Pasture to Plate Butchery Certificate (Fall 23)
- CCNA Exam Prep (Fall 23)

c. *New Programs (Proposed)*

- Medical Administrative Professional Associate Degree (Spring 24)
- Respiratory Therapy Associate Degree (Fall 24)

## **Agenda Item 6: Future Agenda Discussions/Next Meeting Date & Time**

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 12:30pm - In-Person/via Zoom Meeting



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntin	Tuona Crowder	Michael Endreas	Tom Felch	Keith Langenhahn	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann
<b>2023</b>										
<b>MONDAY July 10</b>	<b>Annual Organizational Meeting</b>	X	X	E	X	X	E	E	X	X
July 20-22	<del>WTC DBA Summer Meeting (Canceled)</del>									
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	X	X
September 19	Veterinary Technician Learning Lab Ribbon Cutting (Agriculture Center of Excellence)									
<b>September 19</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b> (Lunch at 12:00 p.m. following Ribbon Cutting)									
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b>									
October 25-28	WTC Legal Issues Seminar (WCTC + Zoom)									
November 7	Board Retreat + HLC Site Visit (8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)									
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b> (Lunch at 12:00 p.m. w/Foundation Board)									
December 9	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)									
<b>2024</b>										
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b>									
January TBD	WTC DBA Winter Meeting (Madison + Zoom)									
<b>February 6</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b>									
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b>									
April 5-9	AACC Annual Event (Louisville, KY)									
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b> (Medford Campus)									
April TBD	WTC DBA Spring Meeting (MPTC + Zoom)									
April TBD	WTCS Ambassador Banquet (TBD)									
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b>									
May 18	Graduation (10:00 a.m. @ Wausau West Fieldhouse)									

<b>June 4</b>	<b>Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting</b> <i>(Public Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. / Lunch at approx. 12:15 p.m. / Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.)</i>									
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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.

## New Farmers Market opening Saturday in Wausau

By Mitchell Skutzewski | Aug 24, 2023 Updated Aug 28, 2023 0



WAUSAU - A new "alternative" farmers market is starting Saturday at [Northcentral Technical College](#) parking lot near McDonald's.

The market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to market manager Deb Weiss the need for another farmer's market stems from many producers and vendors unable to be in the current Wausau Farmers Market on River Drive due to a limit on the number of vendors allowed in their bylaws.

Weiss of Ethereal Gardens, in Harrison WI organized with several other vendors and founded the Wausau Alternative Farmers Market to give other local startups a chance to get their products out there in the community.



## Save a Life: American Heart Association stresses importance of learning CPR

By Jacobi Semmeliz Aug 1, 2023

UNITED STATES (WAOW) — Following eighteen-year-old Bronny James's cardiac arrest incident while at basketball practice last Monday, the American Heart Association is stressing the importance of knowing how to help in an emergency situation.

They say the incident is a reminder that heart issues can affect anyone, regardless of age or physical condition, and that you have the power to help save a life.

Different from a heart attack, which is a blood circulation problem, cardiac arrest is caused by an electrical malfunction in the heart, resulting in an irregular heartbeat.

This will typically happen without warning, and within seconds, a person may become unresponsive and unable to breathe. Experts say, death will occur quickly if the person does not receive immediate CPR. "Unfortunately, in out of hospital cardiac arrests, the odds are just terrible if somebody does not receive CPR and subsequent defibrillation in a timely manner." Explains American Heart Association's Chief Science & Medical Officer, Mariell Jessup. "Every family, every family, should know CPR."

Less than 45% of people in the United States have ever been trained in CPR, and of the estimated 350,000 cardiac arrest incidents that happen outside of a hospital each year, only one in ten survive. However, if CPR is administered right away, a person becomes two or three times more likely to survive the incident.

There are plenty of places right here in our area where you can learn CPR, or take a refresher course. Those include the American Red Cross and [Northcentral Technical College](#), among others.



## **\$20M for technical college programs should help dental health shortages**



By [Dominique O'Neill](#)

Published: Aug. 2, 2023 at 10:44 PM CDT

WESTON, Wis. (WSAW) - In Wisconsin the dental professional shortage is climbing. Right now, there's approximately 183 openings, and that's up from 137 a year ago.

"What we are seeing here is assistance that are pursuing other opportunities and they pool of applicants isn't as large as it used be," said Dr. Jeremy Hoffman, Dental Visions

According to American Dental Hygienists Association, 8% left the field during the pandemic. At Dental Visions, Doctor Jeremy Hoffman says they just don't have the same interest that was once there.

"Were having to manage shortages of hygienists and dentists, and people retiring or people who have left the workforce. Just trying to get people back into the pipeline," said Hoffman.

But Governor Tony Evers is trying to re-energize the industry, allocating \$20-million in his latest budget for technical colleges and their dental programs. That includes Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

"We are very excited to find out how we can utilize those funds and increase the number of graduates," said Laura Ahonen, Associate Dean of Allied Health, Northcentral Technical College.

Associate Dean of Allied Health, Laura Ahonen, says Northcentral Technical College has been involved with the state and there's a new program in development. Right now, they graduate dental hygiene students once a year in the spring. They hope to be able to graduate students in the fall as well.

"These funds will allow us to expand our programing and we will be able to increase the number of graduates and expand the workforce," said Ahonen.

“That will be a really good addition to this area and to help with dental manpower,” said Hoffman.

NTC has 40 dental chairs, using them for dental hygiene and dental assistant students.

Hoffman says they are hoping to add two dental assistants right now, and one dental hygienist by next year.



## News from EDA's Chicago Regional Office

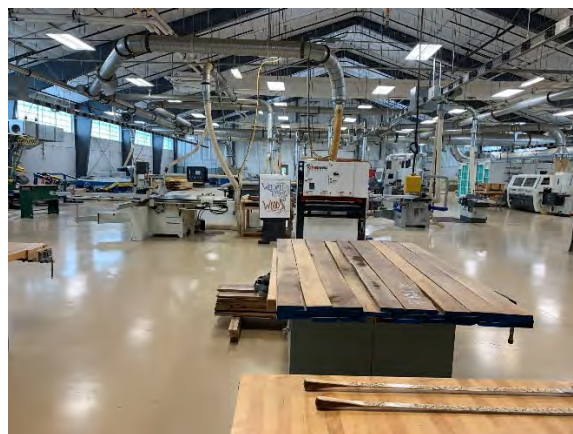
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## Facility Prepares Students for Careers in Forest Products and Woodworking Industry in Rural Wisconsin

EDA's Susan Brehm, Regional Director, and Tom Baron, Economic Development Representative-Wisconsin, recently visited [Northcentral Technical College's Wood Technology Center of Excellence](#) in Antigo, Wisconsin. The 27,000-square-foot facility prepares students for careers in the forest products and woodworking industry. During the visit, Susan and Tom met with college staff and local business leaders and learned how a 2009 EDA investment of \$1.3 million continues to provide skills and training for jobs tied directly to the natural assets of this rural region of Wisconsin.





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## New farmers market to open in Wausau

August 17, 2023

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WAUSAU – A new farmers market will open on Wausau’s north side beginning Aug. 26.

The Wausau Alternative Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through Dec. 2 in the Northcentral Technical College parking lot near McDonald’s, 1205 W. Campus Drive, Wausau.

Organized by Debra Weiss of Ethereal Gardens in Harrison and other vendors because of vendor limits at the Wausau Farmers Market on River Drive, the market will offer local, homegrown food and crafts.

Visit [facebook.com/Wausualternativefarmersmarket/](https://facebook.com/Wausualternativefarmersmarket/) for more information.

# Wausau Pilot & Review

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## NTC extends admission office hours

August 15, 2023

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WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College has extended its admissions office hours at the Wausau campus to help prospective students prepare for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 28. Staff will be available to help learners:

- Find a program of study and apply
- Schedule classes
- Complete financial aid

Drop-in anytime during extended admissions office hours to meet with a career coach, advising or financial aid staff.

### Admissions Office | Extended Hours (Career Coaches, Advising and Financial Aid)

Week of	Day(s)	Time:
Aug. 7	Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Friday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday	8 a.m. – Noon
Aug. 14	Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

	Friday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday	8 a.m. – Noon
Aug. 21	Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
	Friday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday	8 a.m. – Noon
Aug. 28	Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
	Friday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday	Closed

Admissions staff are also available by appointment and chat by visiting [www.ntc.edu/admissions](http://www.ntc.edu/admissions).



# News Release

Contact:  
[press@oc.usda.gov](mailto:press@oc.usda.gov)

## USDA Partners with Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement to Strengthen America's Rural Workforce

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, 2023** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Acting Rural Development Under Secretary Roger Glendenning today announced that USDA is partnering with the [Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement](#) to strengthen the nation's rural workforce.

Through this partnership, USDA and the Alliance will provide community college students in the Midwest with resources and skill sets that will help them advance in careers in agriculture and rural economic development. The partnership will also help to ensure rural communities across the country have the leaders and workforce they need to thrive.

Students at the following community colleges will benefit from opportunities that will be created by this partnership:

- Northcentral Technical College (WI)
- Central Lakes College (MN)
- Clark State College (OH)
- Illinois Central College
- Ivy Tech Community College – Lafayette (IN)
- Lake Area Technical College (SD)
- North Dakota State College of Science
- Northeast Community College (NE)
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Richland Community College (IL)

“USDA works with rural communities to make sure people everywhere have the resources they need to access quality education and good-paying jobs,” Acting Under Secretary Glendenning said. “That’s why we are finding new ways to work with our partners to ensure students have the tools they need to succeed in their coursework today so that they can thrive in their careers tomorrow.”

As part of a [memorandum of understanding](#), USDA Rural Development will coordinate with the Alliance to help students develop leadership and job skills through agency internships and networking opportunities.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to build a strong partnership between USDA Rural Development and the faculty and students at Northcentral Technical College,” said [Julie Lassa](#), Wisconsin State Director for Rural Development. “This partnership will add

experience for students, both in and outside the classroom, as well as help build a stronger workforce for local rural communities.” [[Audio: Mp3, 16 seconds](#)]

The agency may also contribute information to college curricula and provide opportunities for students to shadow staff leading key initiatives under the Biden-Harris Administration, such as the [Rural Partners Network](#).

USDA Rural Development staff will also:

- Share public data, program resources, webinars and information that can help students bolster their schoolwork and succeed in their careers.
- Participate in guest lectures at community colleges to help students learn about the ways USDA Rural Development’s programs, initiatives and resources, like the [Rural America Placemaking Toolkit](#), help people in rural America thrive.
- Encourage students to join the [Rural Workforce Innovation Network](#) (RWIN) to help expand their networking opportunities in their respective industries.
- Connect colleges with staff in state and local Rural Development offices.

For more information, see the complete [memorandum of understanding](#) or visit [www.rd.usda.gov/RWIN](http://www.rd.usda.gov/RWIN).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

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Loyal, Tribune Record Gleaner

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While NTC's Community Technology Centers will be open to the community during the regular business hours at each campus, the Wi-Fi signal has been boosted to extend throughout the parking lots to give everyone 24/7 access to reliable internet. The Spencer center will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. with afternoons open by request. The campus may also be available for some Saturday and Sunday hours by request.

For a complete listing of services and amenities available at NTC's Community Technology Centers in Medford, Spencer, Wittenberg, Antigo and Phillips, visit [ntc.edu/technologycenters](http://ntc.edu/technologycenters).

Merrill, Foto News

# Merrill Community Night Out draws families

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The 11th Annual Merrill Community Night Out was a great opportunity for families to get out to explore all the protective services that make Merrill a safe community and to meet officers, deputies, fire fighters, and other emergency personnel in an informal setting.

Outdoors, kids of all ages enjoyed the chance to sit inside the equipment used by the different agencies at the Aug. 1, 2023, event held at the Merrill Festival Grounds.

And inside the Merrill Expo Center

*See NIGHT OUT page 2*



Community Night Out was a great opportunity to check out the fire engines, ladder trucks, and other equipment on display from the Merrill Fire Department.

**Hallie Savall photo.**

## NIGHT OUT *from page 1*

building more agencies provided swag to collect, the chance to play games, and more activities.

Free food, music provided by Bluejay 96.3, and great weather all made for a fun evening.

Thanks to all the agencies that came out to make this year's Community Night Out a success: Merrill Fire Department, Merrill Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Crime Stoppers of Lincoln County, Merrill Street Department, Merrill Transit System (Merrill-Go-Round), Merrill Enrichment Center, T.B. Scott Free Library, Raise Your Voice, Northcentral Technical College, Bluejay 96.3, and many others.



More photos online  
[merrillfotonews.com](http://merrillfotonews.com)

One little guy just isn't sure what to think of all this.

Hallie Savall photos.



Check out how the City's newly-named recycling truck, called "Bin Diesel" operates.



Law enforcement agencies came out for Community Night Out, providing an opportunity for the public, and kids in particular, to get to know them in an informal setting.



The kids loved the opportunity to explore hands-on in equipment they wouldn't normally get a chance to investigate.



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Indoors various community groups had lots of swag to collect to help attendees learn more about their agencies, as well as games to play to invite interaction with those in attendance.

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## MARATHON SCHOLARSHIPS CLASS OF 2023



**Matthew Annis**  
Marathon Area Business  
Association, St. Mary's  
Home & School



**Nicholas Bahr**  
Legends Auto Show



**Pierson Hamann**  
Legends Auto Show,  
Sonnentag Foundation,  
Technical Excellence



**Ian Blake**  
American Legion Outstand-  
ing Senior, Marathon Lions  
Club, Menzner Hardwoods



**Madeline Martin**  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Badger Girls State Harry &  
Shirley Kuehl Foundation,  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Unity 469, Connexus As-  
sociation - Danielle Zsenak  
Memorial, Marathon FBLA,  
Menzner Hardwoods Co.,  
Peoples Bank, Roger Grell  
Service & Volunteer,  
St. Mary's Home & School,  
UW-Eau Claire  
Mark of Excellence



**Peter Chesek**  
Legends Auto Show



**Emma DeBroux**  
Cloverbelt Credit Union,  
Marathon Cheese Corp.,  
Merlin & Ruth Paul, Raymond  
& Amella Beilke, Raymond &  
Marie Goldbach  
Foundation, Inc. Employee



**Eowyn Dillon**  
Braatz Family, Gifts From  
Heaven, Linda Dodd Me-  
morial, Marathon Dental,  
Marquette University's Magis  
Campus Resident,  
Pere Marquette, Raymond &  
Amella Beilke, Raymond &  
Marie Goldbach Foundation,  
Inc. Employee



**David Duberstein**  
Legends Auto Show,  
Rich Wendtland & E.L.M.  
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**Jaron Gage**  
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Sonnentag Foundation



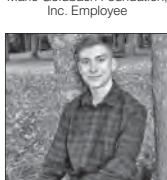
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Marathon FBLA



**Saul Beranek**  
Legends Auto Show,  
The Robbins Foundation



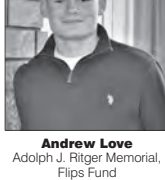
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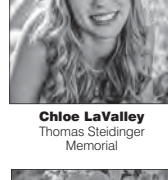
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Outstanding Senior, County  
Center Animal Hospital,  
MAC Raiders Inc., Marathon  
Cheese Corp., Marathon  
School District Foundation,  
Rosie's Striving for a Better  
Future, Wisconsin Aviation  
Hall of Fame, WI State  
Telecommunications  
Association



**Andrew Love**  
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**Grace Mohr**  
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**Chloe LaValley**  
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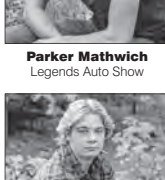
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Legends Auto Show, Rib  
Falls Lions Club, Sonnentag  
Foundation,  
Wallace & Clara Sulzer



**Ashley Seliger**  
Academic Excellence, Daniel  
Metz Valedictorian, Knights  
of Columbus, Marathon  
Cheese Corp., Marathon  
School District Founda-  
tion, Roger Grell Service &  
Volunteer, St. Mary's Home  
& School, W.R. Hotchkiss  
Foundation



**Griffin Treankler**  
MAC Raiders, Inc.,  
Raymond & Amella Beilke,  
Richard L. Knauf Memorial



**Parker Mathwich**  
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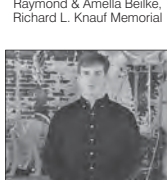
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**Elizabeth Paul**  
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System, Raymond & Amella  
Beilke, St. Mary's  
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Sonnentag Foundation



**Brandon Jorgensen**  
Friends of Vincent



**Hector Pintor**  
Marathon Wrestling



**Meridith Poremba**  
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**Jersey Lobner**  
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**Ajinae Defoe**  
NTC Marshfield Clinic/  
Wausau Center



**Rachel Jennings**  
Stratford National Choral  
Award, Wisconsin Academic  
Excellence Award



**Ashton Wrensch**  
Dick Vetter Memorial,  
Fenwood Lions, Kafka  
Granite, Stratford Lions Club,  
Stratford Quarterback Club,  
William Stone Memorial



**Ava Weix**  
Darlene Kearley Technical  
College, Lamont, NTC B.A.  
and Esther Greenheck Founda-  
tion, Stratford High School  
Art Club Senior Art Award &  
Honorary, Tiger Technol-  
ogy Club, Stratford VFW Post  
#6352



**Bailey Linzmaier**  
AgCountry Farm Credit  
Services, Ardell & Jeanette  
Klemme, Blood Center of  
Northcentral Wisconsin,  
Hagan, Lamont, Marshfield  
Area Community Founda-  
tion - Torn Drendel Memorial,  
Stratford Area Chamber of  
Commerce, Stratford FFA  
Alumni, Stratford FFA, Strat-  
ford Girls' Basketball Club,  
Stratford Greater Open,  
Stratford Youth Softball Club,  
Vivian Jilek Connor Memo-  
rial, W.D. Connor Educational  
Trust, Wisconsin Coalition on  
Student Debt



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Stratford Quarterback Club,  
Stratford Wrestling Club,  
Terry Holtman Memorial



**Billie Hoffman**  
Stratford High School  
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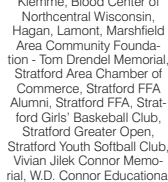
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EO Johnson Business  
Technologies, Stratford  
Quarterback Club



**Trista Larocque**  
Blood Center of Northcentral  
Wisconsin, NTC O'Malley  
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Show Choir



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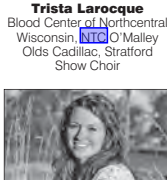
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Holtman Memorial, Stratford  
VFW Post #6352, Vivian Jilek  
Connor Memorial, W.D.  
Connor Educational Trust



**Conner Radke**  
Hagan



**Ella Heidmann**  
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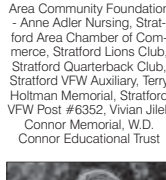
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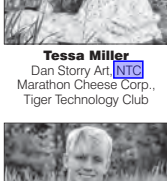
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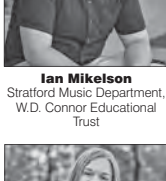
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Baseball, Marshfield Area  
Retired Educators Associa-  
tion, Stratford Class of 1960  
Community Service, Stratford  
Greater Open, Stratford  
Quarterback Club, Stratford  
Wrestling Club, Stratford  
Youth Baseball Organiza-  
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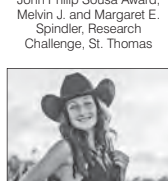
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Blood Center of North-  
central Wisconsin, Grace  
M.E. Carpenter, Partners  
Bank, Stratford FFA Alumni,  
Stratford FFA, W.D. Connor  
Educational Trust



**John Seitz III**  
Heart of the Community,  
Mitchell Moose Lodge #875,  
St. Norbert College Dewane/  
Berne Abbey Award, St.  
Norbert College Trustee  
Distinguished, St. Norbert  
College Visit Award, Stratford  
Quarterback Club, Stratford  
Youth Baseball Organization



**Sophia Meyer**  
Ardell & Jeanette Klemme,  
Stratford FCCLA, Stratford  
Lions Club, Vivian Jilek  
Connor Memorial



**Lily Yoder**  
Darlene Kearley Technical  
College, Eric Ludwig Memo-  
rial, Lamont, NTC William  
B. & Caroline Mark, Wien  
Wildcats 4-H, Wisconsin  
Technical Excellence Award



**Tessa Berg**  
Citizens Bank of Loyal, Dr.  
Frederick C. and Lillian F.  
Kroepelin, Herb Kohl Stu-  
dent Excellence, Lamont,  
Research Challenge, Sons of  
Norway District 5, Stratford  
Spanish Club, Stratford Lions  
Club, Stratford Youth Softball  
Club, UW-LaCrosse Founda-  
tion Mary Guertler Hanson,  
Vivian Jilek Connor  
Memorial, Zaleski Sports



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First State Bank



**Lance Krieg**  
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Inc., Stratford Class of 1960  
Community Service



**Lexi Christopherson**  
Stratford Girls' Basketball  
Club, Winona State University  
Presidents Honor



**Mercedes Kramer**  
ProVision Painters Coopera-  
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ford National Honor Society,  
Vivian Jilek Connor Memorial,  
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**Sydney Kafka**  
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Carpenter, Pointer Promise,  
Stratford FFA Alumni, Strat-  
ford FFA, Stratford Spanish  
Club, UW-Stevens Point  
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Stratford Music Department,  
Wood County 4-H



**Sonia Peterson**  
UW-River Falls Falcon Soar



**Victor Junemann**  
NTC Foundation,  
Woody Herman



**Brooke Bohman**  
Stratford Foundations  
of Business



**Evan Danielson**  
Stratford Area  
Fire Department



**Kenidi Palmer**  
Stratford Elementary  
Teacher's



**Benjamin Zuelke**  
NTC AVI Next Gen,  
Stratford VFW Post #6352



**Lauren Kraus**  
High Point University  
Presidential & Leadership,  
Stratford FCCLA



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## Local student receives WATDA scholarship

The Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association (WATDA) Foundation, supported by dealerships and other industry partners, annually awards scholarships to students across the state pursuing their education in automotive, diesel, motorcycle or collision at Wisconsin technical colleges. Among this year's recipients is David Duberstein, son of Casie and Dale Duberstein of Edgar. He will receive a \$3,000 tuition scholarship sponsored by the Wisconsin Automotive and Truck Education Association in Wausau. Duberstein is a 2023 graduate of Marathon High School and will be attending the diesel program at Northcentral Technical College. In addition to the scholarship, Duberstein will receive a tool set valued at \$4,855 provided by Snap-on Corporation.

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high-speed internet are available at no cost. Private offices and meeting rooms can be reserved for a nominal rate on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Additionally, a remote worker package is available for those who need a secure, dedicated office space with 24/7 keycard access. All spaces include access to vending services and office equipment such as printers, copiers and scanners.

While NTC's Community Technology Centers will

be open to the community during the regular business hours at each campus, the Wi-Fi signal has been boosted to extend throughout the parking lots to give everyone 24/7 access to reliable internet.

For a complete listing of services and amenities available at NTC's Community Technology Centers in Medford, Spencer, Wittenberg, Antigo and Phillips, visit [www.ntc.edu/technologycenters](http://www.ntc.edu/technologycenters).

## METRO BRIEFS by B.C. Kowalski

# Iron design

**City gets first look at design, cost estimates for new DPW building in former Ironworks site**



A rendering by consultant Barrientos showing what the new public works building would look like at the Wausau Ironworks site.

**City leaders got their first look** at what a new Department of Public Works building could look like — as well as the price tag.

Estimates for the new building at the old Ironworks site on West Street on Wausau's west side, including some demolition needed to make the site work, show the project would cost more than \$25 million. That includes renovating part of the old Wausau IronWorks site.

And that doesn't include the cost of purchasing the site, which the city doesn't own.

The city initially wanted to move the DPW to a new location because the old one is getting cramped and doesn't include enough space for its needs. Expansion on the Miron Street facility didn't make sense because even buying land around it wouldn't give it enough space.

Members of the Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Committee heard a presentation on the IronWorks site from Barrientos, which is designing the project.

Public works staff told the committee last week that the new design should work well for the staff for years to come.

### UWSP student announces run for Senate against Baldwin

A 40-year-old UWSP student is planning to challenge Sen. Tammy Baldwin where other Republican politicians have declined.

Rejani Raveendran, originally from India, announced she was planning to run against Baldwin on the Republican ticket. Raveendran moved to the U.S. in 2015, and to Wisconsin in 2017. She's the chair of the college Republicans at UW-Stevens Point and will have been a citizen of the U.S. just long enough to be eligible to serve in the U.S. Senate, should she be elected.

On her Instagram, she includes photos of herself with both Republican politicians such as Ron Johnson and Democrats such as Katrina Shankland and Attorney General Josh Kaul.

Other prominent politicians such as Mike Gallagher and Tom Tiffany have decided not to challenge Baldwin.

### Cobblestone opens in Mosinee

After years of discussions, development of a new hotel in Mosinee came to an end as the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites opened its doors officially last week.

The 54-room, four-story project began construction about a year ago and will sustain 10 full-time positions to go with its lounge, breakfast area, small bar, swimming pool and meeting room. Its approximate cost is about \$8 million, it resulted in the demolition of three buildings. It will serve as an economic stimulant, one government official says.

"What we have seen after these hotels come in is tremendous growth," Wisconsin Economic Development Secretary and CEO Melissa "Missy" Hughes says. "There will be weddings here which will stay for the weekend and have a rehearsal dinner at the brewery and they will get a chance to experience Mosinee. Business meetings will be here and this is incredibly important."

The Cobblestone Hotels business is based out of Neenah and has previously

partnered with the state to open other locations throughout Wisconsin since its founding in 2008. One of their specialties is setting up operations in communities which may not be served as easily by larger chains. To date they have more than 100 locations. They work through a franchising model and, whatever happens in the months and years ahead, it is a sign downtown is lively once more.

"I really think it is awesome," former alder Marge Rein says. "I wish them the best of luck. I really think there is potential ... it is nice to see our downtown is growing and vibrant again." (Evan Pretzer)

### County applying for grant for new emergency team

Marathon County is applying for a new grant that would help create a new emergency team in the county.

That team, called the Medical Reserve Corp, would replace the county's current Tactical Response Team. According to Emergency Management Director Phil Rentmeester, that team is all but defunct. It's hard to staff it and the equipment is falling apart.

The grant, for \$50,000, would help Marathon County turn that into a new emergency response team, mostly staffed

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by volunteers. That team could help participate in emergency response training, help at medical facilities in times of crisis, help dispense vaccines, help test for diseases and whatever else the situation calls for.

It's a model that other counties have used, Rentmeester says. There are also grants for ongoing costs but otherwise, the money currently going toward the tactical response team would help fund the ongoing costs of the new team, Rentmeester says.

Marathon County's Public Safety Committee approved the county applying for the grant, but will consider the idea if and when the county receives the grant.

As part of the proposal, the county would sell the aging equipment, which could be used by an entity for training purposes.

## Alternative farmers market in Wausau set to open

A new farmers market is setting up shop on the city's north side.

The Wausau Alternative Farmers Market opens later this month in the **Northcentral Technical College** parking lot, according to its founder, Debra Weiss. The market's first day of operation will be Aug. 26, a Saturday.

The market's formation was a response to growing frustration of vendors trying to get into the existing Wausau farmers markets, and because buying and reselling is allowed at that market, Weiss said in a press release. Weiss says the new market will "give other local startups a chance, and provide the people of Wausau and surrounding areas a truly local homegrown choice, expanding the local foods and strengthening the food economy of Central Wisconsin."

The market will be open from 9 am-2 pm. Learn more at [wausaualternativefarmersmarket.wordpress.com](http://wausaualternativefarmersmarket.wordpress.com) or on Facebook.

## Northwoods Brewery works out compromise with county

Minocqua Brewing Company looked like it was on the verge of being closed down — but now, the brewery and officials appear to be working on a compromise.

Oneida County officials last week reached a deal to allow Minocqua Brewing

Company time to revise its application for a beer garden, and the brewery will remain open while its permit revocation is in appeals.

Oneida County's Planning and Development Committee earlier this month revoked the operating permit of Minocqua Brewing Company after detailing numerous violations the brewery committed against the county's zoning ordinances, including parking requirements and serving patrons outside, which the brewery does not have a permit for.

Minocqua Brewing Company's owner, Kirk Bangstad, believed he was being discriminated against because of his political beliefs. He said other businesses were doing similar things to him and not being singled out. Bangstad is openly liberal in what is generally a conservative area and displayed political signs, named his beers after liberal politicians and is outspoken on social media. He also runs a liberal SuperPAC that's linked to the brewery.

The committee last week offered Bangstad 90 days to revise his beer garden permit with the number of required parking stalls. Bangstad before the meeting had hinted at a compromise between himself and the town, and even closed the day of the meeting as a show of good faith, he said.

That's a big change from a July meeting that ended in chaos with Bangstad and county officials shouting over each other before those officials abruptly ended the meeting. **CP**





## THE BUZZ

by Evan J. Pretzer

# From web to barbecue

**Bobby Xiong went to school for web development. He and his wife are now the owners of Dijon BBQ**

Since last month, Bobby Xiong's Dijon BBQ service has offered Texas-style barbecue to hungry customers throughout the Wausau area and attracted rave reviews for its mobile operation.

Items on the menu include brisket and pulled pork, it differs from other kinds of barbecue because of its slow-cooked smoked style which utilizes indirect heat and came about for Xiong with support from his wife Dee due to the COVID-19 pandemic making him rethink life as it has for others.

"I always liked cooking since I was a kid but went to school to be a web developer," he says. "During COVID-19, I was working from home and barbecuing a lot and realized I liked it a lot more than the web stuff. I still had some GI Bill benefits, so I figured I might as well go to school for culinary and set the goal of eventually opening up my own food truck or restaurant."

Xiong got the education for the job his wife helps fund (the name is a play on a joke from before they were married about what her married name would sound like - Dee Xiong/Dijon) from [Northcentral Technical College](#) and quickly moved into his new career after graduating back in May.

In contrast to some who strike out on their own in a new space, he and Dee are enjoying robust support from family and friends and there has been little difficulty with setting it all up. Xiong did have to work to find a smoker, but, as luck would have it, a cheaper one was located on

Facebook Marketplace.

"A brand-new smoker can cost \$19,000-20,000," Xiong adds. "I would have had to get it down in Texas and this is a lot of money, but, thanks to trolling around on Facebook, I found a guy in Appleton who was upgrading his and the price dropped and dropped until I got it for \$11,000." That key piece of equipment also came equipped with portable sinks.

In contrast to other places that serve barbecue in the area, Xiong says his stands out due to the effort he puts into it. It is not uncommon for him to monitor a cook for 12 hours; in the future, he hopes to hire some employees.

He can be found at the Big Bull Falls Farm Market on Saturdays. He's starting to make an impression and he



Bobby Xiong of Dijon BBQ poses in front of his mobile catering setup outside the Wausau Surgery Center. Xiong switched from web development to catering and the name of his new business is a play on what his wife Dee's married name sounds like.

begun to gather a loyal following.

"My husband and I will definitely be back," Madeline Rogall writes in a July 15 Facebook post.

Those looking for more information about Dijon BBQ can find it by calling 252-658-4070, emailing [dijonbbq@gmail.com](mailto:dijonbbq@gmail.com), or looking at their Facebook page which has product shots, too. **CP**

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# New bus shelters feature ADA accessibility and solar-powered lighting

**Erik Pfantz**

Wausau Daily Herald

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WAUSAU – Six new bus shelters in the city will offer space for people using wheelchairs, extra protection from Wisconsin's ever-changing weather and solar-powered LED lighting that will make the shelter safer for riders waiting in the evening and more visible to approaching drivers.

“(It’s a) big improvement for Metro Ride and safety with the lighting so when it’s dark you feel safer in the transit shelter waiting for the bus,” local transit activist Kathi Zoern said.

Wausau Metro Ride celebrated its new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bus shelters Monday morning outside of North Central Health Care’s main

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**Wausau-area officials cut a ribbon Monday morning on a new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bus shelter in front of North Central Health Care's main campus building.**

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**A crowd gathered Monday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bus shelter outside North Central Health Care's main campus building.** ERIK PFANTZ/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

## Shelter

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campus building. The shelters also include flat and open space for people using mobility devices and little to no slope to the boarding area.

"This is a great day for Metro Ride because it showcases our commitment not just to all of our riders but to those who have mobility impairments and use the system on a daily basis," Transit Director Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones said during the ceremony.

The six shelters that were replaced were roughly 30 years old and had "long reached the end of their useful life," Rosenbloom-Jones said.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Non-Driver Advisory Committee identified that 31% of Wisconsinites are nondrivers, a figure that includes children under the age of 15.

"Not everybody has the ability to

drive or can afford to own more than one car, and they use public transit to get around town," Zoern said. "People who use public transit (use it) to get to medical appointments, food pantries, doctors or school."

Funding for the shelters came from Wausau's Metropolitan Planning Organization, according to Rosenbloom-Jones. They are located at North Central Health Care, Sturgeon Bluff Apartments, [Northcentral Technical College](#), Kannenberg Plaza, Marshfield Clinic and Horace Mann Middle School.

"It's my car keys to independence," Zoern said. "I use the service every day. That's how I get to work. We need more secure funding for transit."

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Merrill, Foto News

# Merrill Adult Diploma Academy announces 2023 Grads

Merrill Area Public Schools and Northcentral Technical College held a ceremony for the 2023 graduates of the Merrill Adult Diploma Academy (MADA) at the AGRA Pavilion on July 26, 2023. The graduating class consists of 18 students who have completed their goals and are ready to take the next step in their life journeys. Several of these students already have full-time jobs; some are planning on furthering their education.

Students were congratulated by guest speaker Merrill Firefighter Corey Nowak, along with Lead Teacher Erin Bailey, Principal Megan Kautzer, School Board President Kevin Blake, MADA board member Susan Ryman, and many family supporters.

The MADA Charter School is a partnership between the Merrill School District and Northcentral Technical College that has served the community since 2007. The primary purposes of MADA are to assist traditional students with high school completion, and to help adult students earn a General Education Diploma



At the 2023 MADA graduation ceremony, L to R: Alexsis Koehler, Jessica Anthoney, Kylee Krenzke, Jaycie Stockowitz, Conner Ullman, Abby Dalton, guest speaker Corey Nowak, Alan Parsons, Ashton Hagenbucher, Kia Karlen, Louis Blum, and Logan Plautz. Other graduates include: KC Crute, Mark Ladewig, Dawson Lipke, Parker Lezotte, Keegan Peterson, Searra Turner, and Tyler Wild.

**Submitted photos.**

(GED). In addition, MADA offers employability skills and computer training, and provides students assistance in preparing to enter NTC or other college programs. Additional graduation photos can be found on Facebook @MadaWeAreMAPSchools.

MADA is fortunate to be part of a cooperative arrangement between the

City of Merrill and the Merrill School District. The school serves the Merrill community and Lincoln County, and relocated in 2019 to the lower level of the Merrill City Hall building at 1004 E. First St.

For more information, contact MADA at 715.536.1431 or mada@mapsedu.org.

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## Area schools welcome new teachers and professional staff

### MEDFORD SCHOOLS

#### Carmen Oggenoff

Carmen Oggenoff will teach 8-12 vocal music, the middle school show choir and will be music director of the high school fall musical. She is a native of Elkhorn, and attended UW-Whitewater, graduating in 2019. She was previously the grades 6-12 vocal music teacher at Colby School District from 2020 to 2023. She is married to Josh Oggenoff, a grade 7-12 vocal music teacher at Medford schools. They have two dogs Stella and Melody and a cat, Jasey.

When not teaching she enjoys reading, video games and crafts.



#### Rachel Hovde

Rachel Hovde will teach high school health and physical education. She is a native of Rib Lake and attended school at UW-La Crosse from 2015-2020. She taught for two years in Williamsburg, Iowa at the junior/senior high as a health/PE teacher. She is married to Jared.

When not teaching she enjoys coaching junior varsity volleyball, spending time with family and being outdoors.



#### John Keefe

John Keefe is an elementary physical education teacher. He is a Medford native graduating from Medford Area Senior High in 2013 and from UW-Stout in 2019. He will be starting his fifth year in education.

He and his spouse Kynn timer have two children, Kashylin, age 2, and Kohen, 9 months.



#### Mary Kahn

Mary Kahn will be teaching second grade at Stetsonville Elementary School. She is a 2000 graduate of UW-River Falls. Her first teaching position was at Longfellow 45-15 Choice School in Rochester, Minn.

From there she was the second grade teacher at Neillsville Elementary School. She spent 10 years teaching fifth and first grades at St. Mary's School in Colby. She is originally from Mondovi, but currently lives in Stetsonville. She and her spouse Steven, have two children Jennifer, 19, and Lindsay, 15. When not teaching she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, hiking, and attending her daughters' sporting events.



#### Craig A. Diedrich

Craig A. Diedrich will be teaching tech ed at Medford Area Senior High School. He is a 1991 graduate of Athens High School, graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 1995 and received his Master's Degree from Marian University in 2008. He has 24 years of experience in the public school

system and is from Athens. He and his wife Danielle, have four grown children, Cameron, Kyncaide, Kenadi, and Cooper. When not teaching he enjoys landscaping and family time.



#### Danielle Diedrich

Danielle Diedrich will be teaching math at Medford Area Senior High School. She graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1997 and has 15 years of teaching experience. She is from Athens and she and her husband, Craig have four grown children, Cameron, Kyncaide, Kenadi, and Cooper. When not teaching she enjoys spending time with her family, at her church and in sports.



#### Angela Totzke

Angela Totzke will be teaching first grade at Medford Area Elementary School. She is a 2014 graduate of UW-Superior. She taught first grade for nine years at Edgar Elementary School and is a native of Edgar. She is engaged to her fiancé Don. When not teaching she enjoys officiating and coaching sports, spending family time and outdoor activities.



#### Ross Kramer

Ross Kramer will be teaching eighth grade health and fifth and sixth grade physical education. He attended UW-Stevens Point from 2020 to 2023 and the University of Central Arkansas from 2005-2008. He is originally from Janesville. His children are Roland Connor, 10, Ziva Anne, 6, Henrik Gregory, 6, and Rihver Monroe, 5. When not teaching he enjoys attending Renaissance fairs, climbing, fencing and playing D&D.



#### John Kloth

John Kloth will teach 8th grade band at MAMS and will serve as the MASH Concert Band Director. He graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 2023 and is looking forward to his first year teaching. He is a native of Weston. When not teaching he enjoys spending time with friends and family. He is also a big fan of playing board games and other tabletop games.



#### Zach Kawa

Zach Kawa will teach 8th grade English/Language Arts and 7th grade computer science at Medford Area Middle School. He is a Medford native and graduated from



Medford Area Senior High School. He graduated from UW-River Falls with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a minor in social studies. Prior to coming to Medford he was a student teacher for third grade in Hudson. When not teaching, he enjoys tennis, pickleball, movies and friends.

#### Sarah Rhyner

Sarah Rhyner will teach first grade. She is a native of Appleton and graduated from UW-LaCrosse in 2008 and taught in Florida for seven years. She and her husband, Jacob Rhyner, have two children Carter, 3, and Maddie, 5. When not teaching she enjoys spending time with family and being outside.



#### Marshall Vaughn

Marshall Vaughn will teach chemistry at Medford Area Senior High School. He is from Dawson Springs, Ky. He received his undergraduate degree from University of Massachusetts Lowell and his Masters from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. He is married to fellow high school teacher Alexa Vaughn and they have two children Noah, 3, and Lucy, 1. When not teaching he enjoys fishing, working on cars, card games, gaming and camping.



#### Sarah Larson

Sarah Larson will teach Pre-K at Stetsonville Elementary School. She graduated from UW-Stout in 2021. She was a child care teacher for seven years and one year was spent as a 4K teacher. She is from Menomonie. She has two dogs Mia and Octavia. When not teaching she enjoys reading, hiking and cooking.



#### Heidi Fliehs

Heidi Fliehs will teach Pre-K at Medford Area Elementary School. She graduated from UW-Stout in winter 2021. She taught a half year of Pre-K and a full year of second grade in Coolidge, Ariz. She is a Medford native and recently moved back from Arizona. When not teaching she enjoys reading, fishing, spending time with friends and family, along with doing crafts like painting and crocheting.



#### Kaitlyn Brooks

Kaitlyn Brooks will teach fourth grade. She attended Western Governors University and graduated in May 2023. She completed her preclinical experience in Athens and student-taught in Medford where she was hired. She is from Athens. She and her partner, Dakota, have two dogs,



Benji and Maple. When not teaching she enjoys camping with her family, boy-friend and dogs, boating, down-hill skiing, water sports and hunting.

#### Jacyln Gajewski

Jacyln Gajewski will teach second grade. She is from Medford but currently lives in Edgar. She is a 2018 graduate of Medford Area Senior High School and graduated from UW-Stevens Point in May 2023 with a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She is currently engaged to Kade Denzine and they plan a May wedding. When not teaching she enjoys reading, taking walks with her dog and anything that involves being outside.



#### Michelle Urmanski

Michelle Urmanski will teach seventh grade English/Language Arts. She is an Edgar native and attended UW-Superior, graduating in December of 2019. She has taught multiple grades within the elementary level and a year in special education. She and her husband, Derek, have one child, Waylon, 2. When not teaching she enjoys gardening, reading, fitness and cooking.



#### Delaney Skelding

Delaney Skelding will be the new social worker at Medford Area Senior High School. She is a native of Black River Falls. She received her Bachelor's Degree from UW Stevens Point in 2017 and her Master's degree from UW-Green Bay in 2019. She worked as a school social worker in Adams Friendship for the past four years. When not in school she enjoys traveling, especially to new places. She likes to spend time with her family and friends and enjoys going to the lake and camping in the summer.



### RIB LAKE SCHOOLS

#### Brittany Allen

Brittany Allen is a new counselor at Rib Lake Elementary School. Allen graduated high school in Medford and pursued a Bachelor Degree in Psychology with emphasis in human services and a minor in child and family studies from UW-Stevens Point. She is currently working to achieve her Master's Degree in School Counseling. She is a Rib Lake native and with her husband, James Allen, has two daughters Aubri, 6, and Kenley, 5. They enjoy being outdoors, especially on their pontoon fishing and traveling through the state and country.



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**Brianna Zondlo**

Brianna Zondlo will be teaching Pre-K at Rib Lake Elementary School. She is a native of Lino Lakes, Minn. and graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 2015 with a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education. This will be her 8th year teaching, but her first year teaching Pre-K. She spent her first five years teaching special education and then switched to general education. She and her husband, Aaron Zondlo, have three boys, Victor, 4, Maddox, 3, and Henry, 1 and a half. When not teaching she loves spending time with friends and family and spending time outdoors on the lake.



Management in 2020 and prior to starting at Gilman Schools in January 2023 worked for Gilman Feed Company. He is married to his wife, Kasee Rosenmeyer. When not teaching, he enjoys hunting, fishing, playing and coaching sports, and relaxing with family and friends.

**Stacy Syryczuk**

Stacy Syryczuk will teach second grade at Gilman Schools. She is a native of Lublin and graduated from UW-Superior. This is her 10th year as an elementary teacher. She and her husband, Nicholas, have two children, Henry, 14, and Jane, 11. When not teaching she enjoys, riding horse, riding bike and kayaking.


**Megan Klaver**

Megan Klaver will teach science at Rib Lake High School. A native of Phillips, Klaver attended UW-Stout from 2018-2022. Prior to coming to Rib Lake, she did her student teaching in Elmwood and also did educational shows at Wildwood Wildlife Park in Minocqua. She enjoys hiking, reading and board games.


**Harold Polster**

Harold Polster will teach middle and high school tech ed. A Stratford native, he graduated from UW-Stout in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology and Manufacturing Engineering. He and his wife Kim have two grown children, a son, Kyle, 27, and a daughter, Megan, 24. When not teaching he enjoys bow hunting, fishing and making maple syrup.


**GILMAN SCHOOLS**
**Lee Pentimone**

Lee Pentimone will teach social studies for grades 6-12 at Gilman Schools. Pentimone is originally from Gilman attending his first two years of high school there and then graduating from high school in Cheyenne, WY. In 1995, he received a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies from Ashford University and a Masters Degree in Christian Ministry from Liberty University. Prior to coming to Gilman he was a substitute teacher last school year and from 2009 to 2022 taught various courses for the United States Air Force. He and his wife Loraine Pentimone, have three children, a son, Jason, 19, and two daughters Rachel, 16, and Shyan, 14. When not teaching he enjoys hunting, traveling and weight lifting.


**Chanse Rosemeyer**

Chanse Rosemeyer will be the agriculture teacher at Gilman Schools. He is a Gilman native, graduating in 2017. He graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College for Agronomy


**Renee Heintz**

Renee Heintz will be the elementary interventionist at Gilman School District. She received her Masters Degree as a reading specialist from UW-Eau Claire. She has 32 years of teaching experience at Bruce Public Schools as a fourth grade teacher and a reading interventionist. She is a native of Bruce and currently lives in Holcombe. She is married to John Heintz and is the mother of three adult children. In her free time, she reads, walks her dog and spends time with kids and takes mini-vacations.


**Tuesday Trawicki**

Tuesday Trawicki will teach fourth grade at Gilman Elementary School. She is a native of Boyceville, graduating from Boyceville High School in 2004 and received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Math from UW-Eau Claire in 2008 and her Master's Degree in learning design and technology from St. Mary's in 2018. She taught second grade from 2009-2010, middle school math from 2012-2019 and 8th grade math from 2019 to 2023. She and her husband, Landon, have three children, Tanek, 5, Rylan, 3, and Huxly, 1. When not in the classroom she enjoys reading, volleyball, running, family activities, snowmobiling and playing cards and games.


**Nicole Butler**

Nicole Butler will be the Spanish teacher/Mental Health Navigator at Gilman Schools. She is a native of Elroy "Home of Tommy Thompson," and graduated from Royal School District in Elroy. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Minnesota- Twin Cities, and her Masters in Education in Second Languages and Cultures (Dual License Bilingual Ed.) from the International Teacher Training Organization in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is married to Brandon Butler and has two children August and Lewie. When not teaching she spends time gardening, supporting in owning/managing businesses, walking and running with her children, rollerblading, painting and fishing


**New Gilman Principal Jerry Smith**

Jerry Smith is the 4K to 12 principal at Gilman Schools. He is a native of Ramsey, Ill., which is a small village in southern Illinois. He attended Greenville University from 2003-2007 and Marian University 2014-2016 and received his Master's degree from Viterbo University in 2023. Prior to coming to Gilman, he was a physical education teacher for grades K-12, a high school special education teacher, an athletic director, coach, and principal. He has a 7-year-old daughter, Parker Joy (PJ). When not at work he enjoys bow hunting, camping, pontooning, golfing, fishing and coaching.

**Kelly Lind**

Kelly Lind will teach PK - Grade 6 Special Education. She was born and raised in Rib Lake and currently lives in Phillips. She graduated from Rib Lake High School in 1996, received her Bachelor's Degree from UW-Superior in 2011 and her Master's degree in Special Education from Marian University in 2016. Prior to coming to Gilman, she taught Special Education at Phillips Elementary School for the past 6 years. Her husband is Gabe Lind and they have sons, Dylan (wife Kaitlynn) Lind and Tyler Lind. When not teaching she enjoys working with horses, woodworking, videography for Phillips HS Football games.


**Lauren Gierl**

Lauren Gierl will teach third grade at Holy Rosary Catholic School. She attended UW-Stevens Point from 2019 to 2023. A Medford native, Gierl was homeschooled until attending Medford Area Senior High School. When not teaching she enjoys reading, acting in the local community theater and spending time with her family and friends.


**Susette Brandner Alsteens**

Susette Brandner Alsteens will be doing reading intervention and team teaching 3rd grade during first semester. She was born and raised in Medford and is a Proud Raider. She attended Holy Rosary and Medford schools. She has taught high school English, Speech, Literature classes for the past 35 years. She taught in Edgar, Rib Lake, and Belleville school districts. She is married and they have one adult son, Parker who is a Geologist and works for Milestone Materials in Onalaska. When not teaching she loves to bike and hike on area trails. She loves to bake. She and her husband own a cabin in Pembine and split their time between Medford and Pembine. They have two Red Setters, Jeter and Jesse.


**HOLY ROSARY TEACHERS**
**Mya Serrano**

Mya Serrano will be a 3K pre-school teacher at Holy Rosary Catholic School. Serrano attended Holy Rosary in grade school and graduated from MASH in 2021. She is currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at [North Central Technical College](#). She was born and raised in Medford. In her spare time she enjoys being in the outdoors including camping, fishing and hunting.


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Owen-Withee, Enterprise-Sentinel

# Meet the new staff at Owen-Withee Schools

By Nicole Rogers

## Nate Johnson, 6-12 Principal

Nate Johnson is the new 6-12 Principal at the Owen-Withee School District. He and his wife Brooke have three daughters Reese, Ken-na and Avery. During his lei-sure time he says, "I enjoy traveling, golf, volleyball, running, podcasts, and fol-lowing all Wisconsin sports teams - Packers, Brewers, Bucks, and Badgers."

Johnson attended ele-mentary and middle school



Nate Johnson

in Eau Claire and graduated

from high school in Cumber-land and college from UW-Eau Claire. He taught Phys-ical Education in Marshfield for six years, Alternative Program Teacher at Loyal Academy for one year, Spe-cial Education Teacher at Granton for seven years, 4K-12 Assistant Principal and Director of Pupil Services for two years at Tigerton, and 4K-12 Principal last year at Tigerton.

Johnson looks forward to meeting and getting to know new people in the Ow-en-Withee School District.

"I believe in building rela-tionships with students," said Johnson. "Students don't care what you know, unless they know you care."

## Paetyn Schmitz, 4K-8 Physical Education Teacher

Paetyn Schmitz, new El-ementary Physical Educa-tion Teacher at Owen-With-ee, grew up in Greenwood which has remained her home. "Some of my hobbies/interests are reading, garden-ing, golf, going on walks and spending time with friends



Paetyn Schmitz

and family," said Schmitz.

Schmitz graduated from Greenwood High School and then the University of Wis-consin La-Crosse and has made Owen-Withee her first teaching job.

She was asked how she will inspire students to learn and replied, "I will in-spire students by creating a safe and comfortable envi-ronment for them to try new skills and activities that they may love. Introducing new or different activities will help to inspire the students to push/challenge themselves to

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try new things. I want the students to come to PE excited to see what they learn that day!"

"I cannot wait to meet all of the students! Along with seeing the students succeed at a skill they have worked so hard to master."



Krista Dahlby

**Krista Dahlby, PK-12  
Speech and Language  
Pathologist**

Krista Dahlby will be joining the teaching staff of O-W as the new Speech and Language Pathologist for PK-12th grade. Dahlby grew up in Stevens Point and currently lives in Chippewa Falls. She is married and has two teenage children. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, cooking, traveling, and being outdoors.

Educationally speaking, Dahlby graduated from Stevens Point Area Senior High and UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Early Childhood Education, and UW-Eau Claire with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Previous work experience includes working in Stevens Point and Chippewa Falls as a kindergarten and 1st grade teacher and in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls as a speech and language pathologist.

"I hope to inspire students to engage in working toward their speech/language goals

through developing a relationship of mutual respect and trust," Dahlby stated. "I'm excited to work with students of all ages and abilities. I feel fortunate that I am able to work with students individually and/or in small groups, allowing me to get to know them better."



Tammy Stinson

**Tammy Stinson,  
Kindergarten Teacher**

Tammy Stinson will be teaching Kindergarten. Stinson grew up in rural Thorp, close to the Rock Dam/Wilard area and has lived in Owen for 24 years. She is married to Erik and together they have Roy, who is out of school and employed with WeEnergies. Lilli, in high school and Charlotte in middle school. Her hobbies include camping with her family, and taking long walks around Owen and Withee utilizing the beautiful trails.

Stinson graduated from Thorp High School in 1997, Northcentral Technical College in 2006 and is on track to graduate from UW-Stout in 2024. "I have been employed at Owen Withee since 2020 as the elementary librarian," Stinson stated. "I have worked with children for most of my adult life having been a nanny, a private childcare provider and a State licensed childcare provider."

"When asked about how she will reach out to her students she replied, 'I will inspire students to learn by offering fun and engaging activities that go along with our wonderful curriculums.'"

Stinson is looking forward

ward to her new position and concluded saying, "I feel the best part of my new job will be seeing the growth in learning as it progresses through the school year."



Nicole Rogers

**Nicole Rogers, Elementary  
Library Paraprofessional**

Nicole Rogers has happily accepted the position working in the Elementary Library, previously held by Tammy Stinson. Rogers grew up and lived nearly her whole life in the Owen-Withee area. She is married to Travis Rogers, Jr. and after joining their families "Brady Bunch style" they have six adult children, three daughters Holly, Britney and Morgan and three sons Judah, Danny and Lane. Writing, reading, gardening, crafting, playing piano and grandmothering are her favorite hobbies.

Rogers is a graduate of Owen-Withee High School and graduated from UW-Eau Claire where she earned a bachelors degree in Communication Disorders. She worked as a substitute teacher, a special education paraprofessional and an office assistant at Owen-Withee School District and worked as a Speech and Language Assistant at the Stanley-Boyd School District.

"I hope to connect to the children who visit the library by making it a comfortable, engaging, and safe place to hang out and to learn," said Rogers. "My goal is to learn about, listen to and nurture students and instill in them a love of books."

Abbotsford. He is married to Tina and has three stepchildren. He enjoys golfing and traveling with family.

Mr. Lewison earned his high school diploma from Viroqua High School and teaching degree from Viterbo College.

"I expect to be able to use my background and experience in education along with the energy of the elementary students to inspire my students," stated Lewison. "I am excited to teach math and science as I have more of a background in those fields than most people who know me would expect. I'm also excited to experience the energy of elementary school."



Stephanie Goebel

**Stephanie Goebel, 4K-6  
School Counselor**

O-W's new school counselor, Stephanie Goebel, grew up in Stanley and currently lives in Cornell with her fiancé Cody. "Cody and I have been together for four and a half years now and we will be getting married next fall," Goebel happily announced.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her fiancé, friends, and family. "I love anything outdoors; bonfires, hiking, camping, hunting and fishing," stated Goebel. "You can also find me in the gym lifting weights and working out. My biggest hobby is photography. I started photography about four years ago and have grown so much since then. I spend a lot of time in the summer and fall photographing families, seniors, couples, and weddings. My fiancé and I also have an event rental business that we run together."

Goebel graduated high school from Stanley-Boyd in 2017. After graduation she moved to La Crosse where she completed her bachelor's in psychology at UW-La Crosse. She then attended UW-Stout and received a Master's in School Counseling. Ms. Goebel spent the last two years working at the Gilman School District as their 4K-12 School Counselor/Mental Health Navigator.

"I will inspire students to learn by practicing what I preach," Goebel said. "I am a huge advocate of mental health, social emotional learning and regulation, and overall health, not only with my students but in my own life. I practice self-care ev-

ery day to better myself and my wellbeing and I believe students will see that and it will inspire them to do the same. One of the best parts of my new job will be having a team to work with. I am also super excited to get to know all the kids and families in this district and community. Everyone that I have met so far has been so kind and accepting, that is a great sense of community!"



Kylie Denzine

**Kylie Denzine, High  
School Special Education  
Teacher**

Meet the new High School Special Education teacher Kylie Denzine. Denzine grew up in Eau Claire and currently lives in Cadott. She is not married with children but would like to have both someday. When she is not dedicating herself to the needs of her students, Denzine enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, painting, downhill skiing, hiking in the mountains, collecting shells from the ocean, traveling, watching baseball, and many other outdoor activities.

Denzine graduated from Eau Claire Memorial High School in 2017 and UW-Eau Claire in 2021. She previously worked for Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District as a substitute teacher.

"I will inspire students to learn by spreading enthusiasm and positivity in my classroom and creating an environment where students feel accepted and supported," Denzine shared. "I will help students set reasonable goals for themselves while encouraging them to challenge themselves and provide the resources for them to achieve their goals. I feel the best part of my new job will be building meaningful relationships and connections with students and staff."



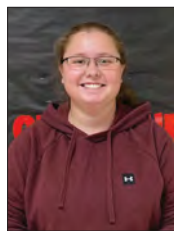
Caroline Wee

**Caroline Wee, Middle  
School Literature Teacher**

Owen-Withee School District welcomes Caroline Wee as the new Middle School Literature teacher. Wee, currently of Chippewa Falls, was born in Racine and grew up in cities and towns all over Wisconsin. She is married to husband Kelly Aardappel and they have one daughter and two granddaughters. Ms. Wee and her husband like to golf, to travel, and love to spend time with their daughter, granddaughters and other family and friends.

Wee graduated from North High School in Eau Claire and the UW-Eau Claire. She says one of the best experiences of her life was teaching English in South Korea for one year. She was a substitute teacher in Chippewa Falls for a few years and was the Director of Early Childhood Education programs for several years.

"I find the best way to inspire students is to make the content relevant to them and their own lives," said Wee regarding her teaching style. "I am anxious to meet the students and get to know the nuances of their individual personalities."



Holly Hatlestad

**Holly Hatlestad, FCSE  
Teacher**

Holly Hatlestad will be the new Family Consumer Science Education (FCSE) Teacher at the Owen-Withee School District. She grew up and currently lives in the Owen-Withee area. She is engaged and has no children. "I enjoy playing golf, and slow pitch softball," Hatlestad stated. "I like watching sports such as football, basketball, baseball. I enjoy reading, I have two dogs who enjoy the outdoors and keep me very busy and active year-round."

Hatlestad is an Owen-Withee High School graduate and is attending UW-Stout to complete her teaching license. She has worked in the district as a full-time substitute teacher.

"I intend to inspire students by creating an atmosphere that they can learn to cook, obtain many life skills, and be creative in," said Hatlestad. "The best part of my new job will be watching the students grow and learn each and every year."

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Brian Lewison

**Brian Lewison, 5th Grade  
Teacher**

Brian Lewison will be coming back to Owen-Withee after teaching in Abbotsford for two years. This time he will be teaching 5th grade. Mr. Lewison hails from Viroqua, and currently lives in

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# LITERACY

## Marathon County Literacy Council

(715) 679-6170

[www.mclitofwausau.org](http://www.mclitofwausau.org)

Tutors provide free one-on-one literacy instruction for adults throughout Marathon County and surrounding areas. Help in the following areas: reading, writing, finance, and English language learning.

## NTC's College Prep Center

(715) 803-1152

[www.ntc.edu](http://www.ntc.edu)

Services available to adult learners include help with basic literacy skills.

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### Getting Back to Life After Loss

(715) 847-2703

Support group for bereaved adults who are ready to move forward through education, recording memories, and searching for meaning, through Aspirus.

### Greater Wausau Area Stroke Club

(715) 847-2827

Offers mutual help, fellowship, and information for stroke survivors, through Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

### Grief Support Group

(715) 204-3441

[www.compassus.com](http://www.compassus.com)

Grief support group for those that have lost a loved one. Call for current meeting times and dates.

### GriefShare Program

(715) 842-0769 (Trinity Lutheran Church)

Support for people grieving the loss of someone close, offered at Trinity Lutheran Church.

### Healing From Sexual Abuse

(715) 842-5663 (Office)

(715) 842-7323 (24 Hour Support Line)

(888) 665-1234 (Toll Free)

[www.womenscommunity.org](http://www.womenscommunity.org)

Ongoing peer support group for women 18 and over impacted by sexual assault, at The Women's Community.

### LEAP (Learning Essentials

#### About Parenting)

(715) 848-1457

Provides ongoing parent support and education through Family Resource Centers.

### MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) Program

(715) 842-5683

Group for mothers of infant-kindergarten aged children, to celebrate motherhood, meet needs, make connections and celebrate God's love through relationships and resources, at Highland Community Church.

### Mothers of Multiples

(715) 551-9024

Facebook Group: Mother of Multiple - Wisconsin

Provides support and educational resources, and helps develop friendships between mothers of multiple birth children.

### Narcotics Anonymous-North

#### Central Wisconsin Area

(800) 240-0276

<https://wisconsinna.org>

Offers recovery from the effects of addiction through working a 12-step program. Call or check website for current information about local meeting times and places.

### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

(715) 432-0180

Email [naminorthwoods@gmail.com](mailto:naminorthwoods@gmail.com)
[www.naminorthwoods.org](http://www.naminorthwoods.org)

Provides community education, advocacy and support groups for people whose lives have been affected by mental illness.

### Overeaters Anonymous

(715) 212-0413

[www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org)

Support group for adults who have an addiction to food and want to stop the problem.

### Parents Helping Parents

(715) 842-5663

[www.womenscommunity.org](http://www.womenscommunity.org)

Support group for non-offending parents and caregivers of children who have been sexually abused, sponsored by The Women's Community Sexual Assault Victim Services Program.

### Safe & Healthy Support Group

(715) 842-5663 (Office)

(715) 842-7323 (24 Hour Support Line)

(888) 665-1234 (Toll Free)

[www.womenscommunity.org](http://www.womenscommunity.org)

Support group for victims of domestic and sexual abuse, financial abuse, harassment, and stalking over age 50, through The Women's Community.

### Sexual Abuse Support Group

(715) 842-7323

[www.womenscommunity.org](http://www.womenscommunity.org)

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### Suicide Survivors Support

#### Group

(715) 551-0966

[www.preventsuicidemarathoncounty.org](http://www.preventsuicidemarathoncounty.org)

Support group for survivors of suicide loss meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at [Northcentral Technical College](#).

### Teen Support Group

(715) 842-5663 (Office)

(715) 842-7323 (24 Hour Support Line)

(888) 665-1234 (Toll Free)

[www.womenscommunity.org](http://www.womenscommunity.org)

Support group for teens impacted by teen dating violence and sexual assault for ages 13-18 of all genders, through The Women's Community.

### TOPS (Take Pounds off

#### Sensibly)

(414) 235-4195

[www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org)

For encouragement on sensible eating, and to share ideas that work to lose weight, log on to find local TOPS meetings.

### Women Living With Hope

(715) 393-1406

Support group for women affected by breast cancer, through Marshfield Clinic.

### Women's Health Birthing Center

(715) 847-2380 (Aspirus InformationCenter)

Offers a variety of support and education groups for new or expecting parents.

## TRANSPORTATION

### All American Taxi

(715) 355-0899

Commercial taxi service with a discount for seniors who travel within the Wausau-Schofield-Weston-Rothschild area.

### Disabled American Veterans Van Service

(608) 504-1313

<https://dav-wi.org>

Transportation services for veterans to Tomah, Milwaukee, and Madison on an on-call basis, provided by volunteers through the Marathon County Transportation Program. Also includes rides to outpatient clinics.

### Elder Sanctuary

(715) 302-0773

Services offered include medical and non-medical transportation for both ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals.

### NOTE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT TRANSPORTATION:

\* Family Care participants should contact Inclusion for more information: (715) 345-5968.

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# NTC announces fall open house

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Attend NTC’s Community Open House to meet with faculty and explore 190+ program options. Tour state-of-the-art labs and Timberwolf Suites, NTC’s

partnership for student housing. High school students and their parents, as well as returning adults are encouraged to attend to learn about getting started at NTC, paying for college, campus life and more. A financial aid resource room will also be available for free, professional help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Attendees can also apply to the College at no cost during this event, which is a savings of \$30.

For more information about this event, visit [www.ntc.edu/openhouse](http://www.ntc.edu/openhouse), call 715-803-1645 or email [admissions@ntc.edu](mailto:admissions@ntc.edu).



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\$50 for WiM Members

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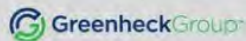
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**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
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We are so excited to present two nationally known quilting instructors for a day of learning and sewing! Participants will leave with confidence to use their machine's walking foot to make quilted designs and will explore color and shading in a class where they create a gemstone design in their choice of colors.

**Get ready to have some fun as we strengthen our quilting community!**

**Cost:**

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\*Including includes both classes, lunch & a swag bag with kit and freezer paper pattern.

\*\*You will need your own sewing machine with walking foot in good operating order and everything listed on the equipment & supply list, which can be found on the website.

**Registration closes October 7, 2023**  
Registration can be completed online, in-person at any of our campuses or by phone.

**Course #: 23455**

**Featuring TWO Classes!**

**En Pointe: An Introduction to Piecing with Freezer Paper**  
MJ Kimman will introduce participants to her technique for creating gem patterns; traditional piecing using a freezer paper template. Her fully coded pattern and instructions will lead students through the process of creating one of her signature gems.

**Walking Foot Quilting: Beyond the Basics**  
Catherine Redford will lead an advanced class in walking foot quilting on a domestic machine. Participants will make stitched samples of different styles, including matchstick quilting, grids, combined stitches, and serpentine.

For all Quilt College details, visit:  
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**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Northcentral Technical College - Agriculture Center of Excellence, Wausau, WI

Cost: \$150

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*\*Students are welcome to bring their own chainsaw equipment and PPE.*



Learn More + Register Here:  
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Together with our community partners with the support of the Advancing Healthier WI Endowment and Northcentral Technical College, we are hosting an educational event at the [Northcentral Technical College - Medford Campus](#) on Wednesday, September 27th. You may attend via zoom or via a live stream at the Antigo, Wausau, Phillips, Spencer, or Wittenberg NTC Campus.

The "S" Word - Let's Talk About Suicide will feature 5 sessions with subject matter experts presenting; with an op... [See more](#)



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## The "S" Word

### Let's Talk about Suicide

**Wednesday, September 27 from 8:30am-5pm at NTC-Medford**

Live stream via Zoom or at NTC Campuses in Antigo, Wausau, Phillips, Spencer & Wittenberg

**Attend any (or all!) of the sessions at one of the Northcentral Technical College Campuses or online!**  
Free event | RSVPs requested, but not required | Light refreshments



**Youth**  
from 8:30-10AM  
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Medical College of WI



**LGBTQ+**  
from 10:15-11:45AM  
by Erica Steib,  
Prevent Suicide WI



**Veterans**  
from 12-1:30PM  
by Carole Ewald &  
Alyssa Knoll,  
Veteran's Affairs



**Older Adults**  
from 1:45-3:15PM  
by Gena Orlando, Amer  
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**Farming**  
from 3:30-5PM  
by Darla Tyler-  
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**Optional Training**  
from 5:15-6PM  
Medford Only

Hosted by the Taylor County Health Department & community partners, with the support of the Advancing a Healthier WI Endowment (funding) and NTC (academic partner).

You're also invited to a special viewing of the powerful



## United Way of Marathon County

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Thank you to everyone who attended our 2023 Campaign Kickoff event this afternoon at North Central Technical College!

We are one step closer to achieving our Bold Goal to lift 10,000 community members to financial stability by 2033.

In theme with our "bold goal" United Way staff wore brightly colored clothing. United Way of Marathon County Executive Director Jeff Sargent found the best shirt of all to wear - a vintage shirt his dad previously owned!

Thank you [Peoples State Bank](#) for sponsoring the event and thank you [Northcentral Technical College](#) for letting us use your space.



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Once class was over, 5 of the 9 students went on to a 5-week paid internship program through the WIOA Youth program at local restaurants in Wausau, while others completed on-the-job training, putting their new skills they'd learned to work in a real-world cooking environment.

All nine students successfully graduated from NTC on 07/28/2023 with their culinary basics certificate and we couldn't be prouder! Congratulations everyone!

Learn how you can find great career opportunities like these with our WIOA program: <https://fsc-corp.org/our-services/wioa/>



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## A Look into the Future of Advanced Learning Spaces with Q-SYS

📍 Wausau, Wisconsin

[Northcentral Technical College](#) (NTC) has taken significant strides to enhance video connectivity in its classrooms. In an ambitious upgrade of their system-wide distance learning facilities, NTC transformed seventy rooms across all campuses. The goal was to create high-impact hybrid spaces that could be leveraged by both in-person and distance learners while improving the recording quality of lectures and discussions. Two of these classrooms have become particularly advanced learning spaces. The first is a Veterinary Technician Surgery Suite, allowing students to observe surgeries in real time through a connected room. The second is a Helping Skills Lab, featuring a two-way mirror where students may observe while counselors have access to audible feedback and prompts.



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**Dr. Jason Schenzel**

*Director of Project Management, Northcentral Technical College*

# Challenges

## Connecting Classrooms

Dr. Jason Schenzel spearheaded Northcentral Technical College's upgrade to a "Connected Classroom" model, featuring web conferencing and interactive tech for improved student and faculty experiences. To create this enhanced experience, he selected [Q-SYS](#) for audio, video and control while leveraging design support from integrator [AVI Systems](#). "We needed to make the system easier for end-users to access and use, so the new classroom standard was developed using Q-SYS," explained Dr. Schenzel. "This standard was a unified system, making higher education more accessible to students. The system included the use of [Microsoft Teams](#) and [Zoom](#) for internal communications and learning spaces, and WebEx for other tasks, with Q-SYS providing the AV-to-USB bridging for all the components. This was the only AV solution that our research could find that could provide the necessary multiple cameras, room control, and other features needed."



# Solutions

## Helping Skills Lab

The Helping Skills Lab is divided into three individual rooms. To capture video, the main room is equipped with a [Q-SYS PTZ-IP 12x72 Conference Camera](#), while the two smaller rooms are equipped with stationary ePTZ cameras. An [NM-T1 Tabletop Network Microphone](#) captures audio in each room. The design of the smaller rooms allows faculty to monitor and coach the individual while ensuring privacy by preventing the other occupants from hearing the conversation. [NV-32-H Network Video Endpoints](#) distribute HDMI content and a single [Q-SYS Core Nano processor](#) manages the audio, video and control processing for all the rooms. [Q-SYS TSC Series Touch Screen Controllers](#) are located at each station, allowing a user to control the room's functions from the outside, which can be executed through mobile devices for simpler use. Instructors have the option to use [Zoom](#), [Microsoft Teams](#), and Panopto, which records lectures, or GoReact, an interactive cloud-based platform for feedback, grading, and critiquing student video assignments.

Dr. Schenzel explained that, besides acting as an institutional resource, the room could be used for outside services such as law enforcement training and other programs. "We would like to make it available for police interrogation training and allow it to benefit our larger community. The space was funded through the state of Wisconsin and it's the only room like it in the state."

## Veterinary Technician Surgery Room

The Veterinary Technician Surgery Room is designed in a similar way to the Helping Skills Lab, however, there is an additional layer of safety in place to protect both students and observers. The room is equipped with a control panel that has the ability to quickly disable audio or video feeds in the event of an emergency situation. Furthermore, the room has been designed to incorporate far-end observers into the experience, allowing them to join the surgery team via Zoom or Microsoft Teams from any remote location. This helps ensure a safe observation environment and gives guidance to the surgery team during times of need.

When asked about the future of Connected Classrooms at NTC, Dr. Schenzel expressed enthusiasm. "Now that we have a baseline, we are currently exploring options to make the system more efficient and manageable. I don't think we could've accomplished this project without Q-SYS."



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August 25 at 12:00 PM · 🌐

FARMERS MARKET: A new "alternative" farmers market is starting Saturday at Northcentral Technical College parking lot near McDonald's.



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### New Farmers Market opening Saturday in Wausau

A new "alternative" farmers market is starting Saturday at Northcentral Technical College parki...



HookUp Disc Golf LLC is 🥰 feeling blessed.

August 23 at 1:34 PM · 🌐

Long Tournament weekend @ Timberwolf Run (NTC) Disc golf Course!

Thank you to the 32 players who came out and made another successful tournament!!!

Thank You to [Northcentral Technical College](#) for the course that is always is great condition!!... See more





Representative Tom Tiffany

August 9

Last week, Team Tiffany toured [Northcentral Technical College's](#) state-of-the-art facilities in Merrill and Wausau.

NTC has 190+ program offerings, and their Public Safety Center and Agriculture Center are preparing the next generation of workers for Wisconsin and across the United States.



Sunshine Social Dance, Wausau, WI · Follow

August 11

STARTING SOON...

7-Wk Tuesday Social Dance Lessons at [Northcentral Technical College Wausau Campus WI](#)

Hustle & Waltz (9/5-10/24)

Jitterbug & Rumba (10/31-12/12)

NTC Link for info and registration:

<https://www.ntc.edu/.../social-dance-hustle-waltz...>

Fun Classes! You will be dancing and smiling before you know it!

Questions? Call/text 616-780-2118

## Swing & Ballroom

7-wk Tuesday Dance Lessons

@Northcentral Technical College-Wausau Campus

Fall session-1  
9/5-10/24 2023

7-8pm Hustle

8-9pm Waltz

\*no lessons on 10/3

Fall Session-2  
10/31-12/12 2023

7-8pm Jitterbug

8-9pm Rumba

fun  
friendly  
lots of dancing

no partner  
no experience  
required

[www.SunshineSocial.org](http://www.SunshineSocial.org)

7-wk progressive lessons per session

7-8 pm: Swing Dance Lesson

8-9 pm: Ballroom Dance Lesson





## Everest Metropolitan Police Department

August 17 at 4:36 PM · 🌐

We are excited to present Steven Denovi III and Ronald "RJ" Knetter, our two newest officers! Both began their law enforcement careers, being sworn-in August 16th. We are proud to add Steven and RJ to our family and sponsor both through Northcentral Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy, with an anticipated graduation in December.

Both Steven and RJ grew up in Central Wisconsin, and recently graduated Northcentral Technical College's Criminal Justice Associate Degree Program. Both began attending Northcentral Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy today, and we look forward to starting them in field training on patrol in December.

Please welcome Officers Steven and RJ to our department and communities!



## Community Partners Campus · Follow

August 9 · 🌐

We are excited to share our latest video highlighting the incredible partnerships that make our campus a thriving community hub. Watch the full video to see the amazing community partners who bring life to campus!

HUGE thanks to our friends and students at [Northcentral Technical College](#) in the Video Production program for letting our partners' work shine through every frame!

One Vision. Many Hands.





Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area · Follow

August 3 · 🌐

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HIGH TEA – Presented by [Audi Wausau](#) – Session 4: “I can lead” – During this popular Empowerment Session, Club girls heard from a panel of local, prominent female leaders about their personal leadership journeys, how to overcome obstacles, and how to build confidence and resiliency throughout your career. Thank you to Mayor Rosenberg - [City of Wausau Government](#), Katie Felch - [Northcentral Technical College](#), Bailey Freeman - [Scherrer Construction Company, Inc.](#), Dr. Zoua Yang - [Wausau Family Pharmacy](#), Autumn Oertel & Ashley Sakis - [Wausau Fire Department](#), Dr. Afua Shin - [Eye Clinic of Wisconsin](#) and Olivia Telschow - [Helene's Hilltop Orchard](#) for inspiring High Tea participants to chase their dreams and keep pushing forward! Also, special thanks to [Kassandra Sepeda TV](#) - [WSAW NewsChannel 7](#) for facilitating this outstanding panel and serving as a role model for Members! It's not too late to join us for our High Tea luncheon next Thursday, August 10th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Granite Peak's Sundance Chalet! Purchase your ticket(s) today - <https://www.bgclub.com/high-tea-reservations-2023>. #GreatFuturesStartHere

