



Sawyer County

Agenda

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

Sawyer County Board Room

Revised: Monday, July 1, 2024 9:47 AM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/97642007840>. You can also use the dial in at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 976 4200 7840. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. MEETING AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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**8. APOSTLE ISLAND NATIONAL PARK LETTER OF SUPPORT
(DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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- a. [1\) Apostle Islands National Park Act](#)
[2\) Apostle Islands National Park Flyer](#)

9. SAWYER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR ASSOCIATION REPORT

10. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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- a. [Quarterly Report Q2 Sawyer.pptx](#)

11. HAYWARD LAKES VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU

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- a. [Marketing-Board meeting July 2024](#)

12. NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

13. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

14. LIBRARY UPDATES

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- a. [1\) Hayward Director's Report for 7-8-2024](#)
[2\) Winter Director's Report 6.28.24.docx](#)

15. MOTORIZED TRAIL AND NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL REPORT

16. BROADBAND UPDATE

17. OUTSIDE COMMITTEE UPDATES

18. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**20. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND
MEETINGS**

21. ADJOURNMENT

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Mission Statement: Provide the leadership for implementation of the Education and Economic Development for Sawyer County. To provide leadership in monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending for the County Board all policies related to educational and economic development initiatives of Sawyer County.

**Minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: John Righeimer
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Randy Neumann

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Sherry Beckman
Lori Baltrusis
Sheldon Johnson

Call to Order – Chair Righeimer called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda --

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: May 6, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

No Update

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report -

Ms. Baltrusis handed out information for the summer camp; registration ends this week.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau -

A written report of marketing efforts was provided along with a list of upcoming PR dates. Ms. Beckman advised that the film tax incentive bill is being re-introduced and the Dept. of Tourism would operate the bill if approved. The goal is to bring more movies to Wisconsin. The ATV & Snowmobile Corridor Trail Map and Trail Guide were shared. Room tax revenue for 1st quarter was down about \$10,000 but sales tax was up.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Report -

Mr. Johnson provided a verbal update. They are working with several lakes and lake associations to treat aquatic invasive species. Their annual meeting is June 26th.

Economic Development Corporation Report -

They are still working on the incubator house and continue discussions on housing.

Library Updates -

Written reports were provided. The Committee will have in-person reports on a quarterly basis.

Motorized Trail and Non-Motorized Trail Report -

Mr. Righeimer read a report from Ms. LaReau. The newly approved County routes are not approved to ride on until signage is up. They are seeing an average of over 80 riders a day on the trails that have monitors. Mr. Duffy advised

that there was a bike ride last Saturday. Charlie Behrens will return to LWC weekend. There are currently over 6,000 skiers registered in the Birkie.

Broadband Update -

Mr. Johnson advised that the joint group application for BEAD funds received about \$200,000. The Public Service Commission completed its first 30-day review of the underserved maps. NWRPC will help coordinate information between the PSC and counties to formulate resolutions for future applications for new funding and projects, choosing which provider to recommend for projects. The applications are expected to come out this year with full build-out in 2028-9.

Review of BugTussel Proposal – Public Safety Network – Mr. Albarado reviewed the proposal for radio coverage upgrades with an estimated cost of \$2-2.5M. We are in communication with a company called BugTussel (who could build a fiber ring) to help build out a combination of options which may help reduce costs. The BT proposal that was shared at Public Safety was reviewed by Mr. Albarado. Both digital and analog options were included. The public safety committee wants to see as much coverage be developed throughout the county as possible which may result in building a combination of GenComm/BugTussel fiber and towers. The timing to become involved with BT would require a quick turnaround.

Outside Committee Updates -

Mr. Kariainen provided an update for the Northern Waters Library Board and Northwest Wisconsin CEP Board.

Historical Society -

No update

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, July 8th, at 8:30 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9: am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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(Original Signature of Member)

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To rename the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as the Apostle Islands
National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TIFFANY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To rename the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as the
Apostle Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Apostle Islands Na-
5 tional Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Public Law 91–424 (16 U.S.C.
8 460w et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “National Lakeshore” each
2 place it appears and inserting “National Park”; and
3 (2) by striking “lakeshore” each place it ap-
4 pears and inserting “Park”.

5 (b) NONAPPLICATION.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to the titles of the maps
7 referred to in subsections (a) and (c) of the first section
8 of Public Law 91–424 (16 U.S.C. 460w).

9 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
10 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
11 States to the “Apostle Islands National Lakeshore” shall
12 be deemed to be a reference to the “Apostle Islands Na-
13 tional Park”.

14 **SEC. 3. SAND ISLAND NATIONAL PRESERVE.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Sand
16 Island National Preserve.

17 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The Sand Island National Pre-
18 serve established by subsection (a) shall consist of the land
19 and interests in land on Sand Island, located in Apostle
20 Islands National Park (as so designated by the amend-
21 ments made by section 2(a)).



WISCONSIN'S FIRST AND ONLY NATIONAL PARK.

Increased Tourism and More Visitors

In 2022, visitor spending in communities near national parks generated a record \$50.3 billion boost to the nation's economy and supported 378,400 jobs. By making the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore into the Apostle Islands National Park, our communities will see **enhanced economic growth, more visitation, and expanded job opportunities**. For example, in 2018, while still a National Lakeshore, Indiana Dunes had 1.75 million visitors. After the change in 2019, visitation immediately went up to 2.13 million visitors and increased jobs and economic development in the area.

Protects Landscapes

The region will see a significant increase in funding from both state and federal governments, aimed at **enhancing conservation efforts, educational programs, and community development** to support the national park.

Maintains Hunting Access

A designated portion of the area will be set aside as a hunting reserve. From 2015 through 2022, only 3 deer were harvested on the entire National Lakeshore while Madeline Island alone had 655 deer harvested in the same timeframe. The establishment of this reserve aims to **protect hunting access**.



CONGRESSMAN
TOM TIFFANY
SERVING THE 7TH DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN



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SAWYER COUNTY



QUARTERLY REPORT

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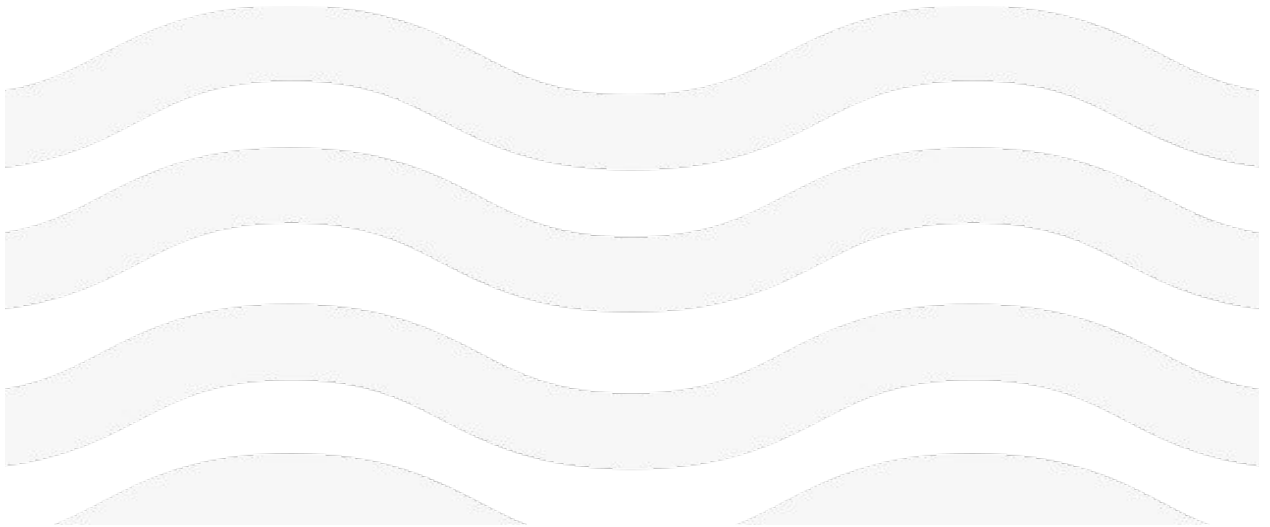


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Horticulture

Getting a Buzzing Start to Growing Season!

Kevin provides support in the areas of Horticulture and Local Foods outreach, research, and service while also serving as a resource for agriculture producers and rural property owners.

As a member of the **Extension Horticulture team**, Kevin has been assisting with statewide on-line programming and in answering horticulture inquiries that are posted to the **State Horticulture Website**. Each month there are several free online gardening webinars on a wide range of topics. Kevin is also part of the on-line **Ask the Experts: Monthly Garden and Landscape Q & A series**.

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/events/>

Kevin is also part of the Wisconsin celebrates pollinator outreach team. The **Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary Garden** located within the larger **Teaching & Display Garden** at the Spooner Ag Research Station is 'a buzz' with pollinators and highlights dozens of pollinator friendly plants and teachable moments signs for garden visitors.

<https://www.facebook.com/spoonerag/>

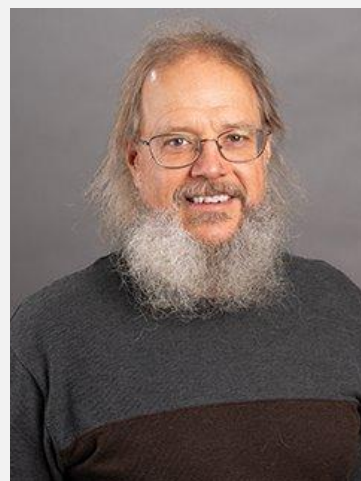
Kevin is also buzzing around mentoring and teaching volunteers and student interns, Cole and Madeline, about horticulture as they plant and prepare the **Teaching & Display Garden**.

<https://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/demonstration-garden/>.

Individual and group garden tours are already happening.

LCO Tribe Contributions

Dozens of extra vegetable transplants were shared with LCO to be used at various community garden locations.



Schoessow, Kevin
Area Agricultural
Development Educator
(Burnett, Sawyer
& Washburn Counties)





Horticulture

Grape Pruning Lessons

Kevin conducted **two Grape Pruning Workshop in April**. In total 26 people attended these hands-on demonstrations/teachings and learned the art and science of proper grape pruning, training and management.

Kevin continues with a series of personal conversations, direct teachings, emails, and telephone consultations with residents in the region. These interactions are to assist people to make informed decisions on managing their lands, properties, farms or agriculture businesses. Topics vary but they are within the general topics of gardening, horticulture, crops and soils, nutrient management, land rents/leases, pest management, direct marketing, soil health and regenerative agriculture.

Kevin partnered with **Northern Waters Environmental School** on a grape pruning demonstration in the school garden located at the Primary School. And provided information and consultation to two students on topics for their spring Project Showcase presentations.



How Does A Garden Grow?

Bridget and Kim have been working with teachers and staff in the **Hayward School District** to implement the school garden as part of the FoodWise garden grant that was approved earlier this year. Students worked this spring on planting, tending, marking, and harvesting the garden, and one of the summer school classes focuses on working in the garden. The garden beds feature a variety of vegetables and herbs and pollinator plants. Kim has also been providing nutrition education lessons in the garden, including information on what parts of the plant we eat and the delicious ways to enjoy the bounty of their work!



This spring Kim provided nutrition education lessons to students in kindergarten, second, and third grades at Winter schools and to second graders at **Hayward Elementary**. Nutrition lessons focus on a variety of topics, including the five food groups, trying new fruits and vegetables, and being physically active. Students love seeing Miss Kim and are always excited to guess and try the food samples she brings to reinforce her lessons!



Rongner, Bridget
FoodWise Nutrition Program
Administrator



Clark, Kimberly
FoodWise Nutrition Program
Educator



Healthy Choices, Healthy Lives

Increasing Functional Fitness

Bingocize continues with **Lac Courte Oreilles ADRC** where Elders engage in an evidence-based health promotion program that strategically combines the game of bingo, health education and exercise. The goal is to increase functional fitness, healthy eating, and social engagement. This program has been offered as a pilot opportunity, and knowledge of the benefits of it are spreading throughout the state. It could be an initiative that spreads beyond Sawyer County after such a successful implementation.

Bridget worked with **Indianhead Community Action Agency** and their **Senior Sacks** initiative to develop nutrition education information in alignment with the produce donated by local organic farmers and distributed to income-eligible older adults in Sawyer County. In May, the information focused on salad greens and farmers' market vouchers for seniors. June materials included nutrition information and recipes for kohlrabi.

FoodWise collaborated with several colleagues to provide a **virtual StrongBodies** strength-training to more than **80 adult participants** in NW Wisconsin. StrongBodies is a physical activity program where middle-aged and older participants improve strength, balance, and flexibility, and receive nutrition and health education. The goal of this effort is for participants to stay healthy, prevent injury, and socially connect.

Upcoming Tai Chi Lessons

Our local team of FoodWise educators were approved to attend training to be certified to facilitate a pilot of Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention programming in our communities. They committed to the pre-work required before the in-person training, then traveled to Madison at the end of June to get their certification. The Tai Chi series will be held 2 times per week for 8 weeks or 1 time per week for 16 weeks and will include a nutrition lesson once a week. Look for our free classes coming up in Sawyer County!





Community Development

CleanSweep Program - Coming to Sawyer County

CleanSweep Program is coming up on September 25, 2024 at the Fairgrounds from 2:00PM – 6:00PM. Residents can utilize any of the cleansweep collection events. Household hazardous waste will be accepted at designated times. Items will be taken for free from residential properties, with the exception of fees charged for bulbs and batteries. Acceptable items include materials such as, oil based paints, aerosol spray paints and lubricants, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, household and hazardous cleaners, corrosives, flammables, mercury, lead tackle and shot, old gas, antifreeze, and other chemicals you wouldn't consider dumping. Mercury containing thermostats, switches, and thermometers, and lead based paint will also be accepted.

For more information and full schedule:
<https://go.wisc.edu/61620j>

Grant Writing Workshop

Basic workshop is offered for professionals, para-professionals, volunteers, and students in a variety of fields involved with opioid and other substance use in the Great Lakes region. The goal is for people to learn how to find, write and apply for grants so that they can carry out the activities of their organization, business, or government units. In 2024 the grant writing was offered in April with a high number of participants from across the State of Wisconsin. The participants were from more than 15 counties including Sawyer and WI Tribal Nations. Over 100 participants signed up with around 60 attending. The grant workshop covers basic information on how to research grant funds, what is the application process in general, and how to maintain relationship with funders. The next workshop will potentially be offered in Fall 2024.



Grigoryan, Ariga
Community Development
Educator

Housing

The Housing Study was completed in partnership with Matt Kures, Community Economic Development Specialist. The study is a housing assessment in Sawyer County and Lac Courte Oreilles tribe, which focused on comprehensive housing needs in our community. It aims to inform local decision-making in order to address the housing demands of the workforce and vulnerable populations in Sawyer County and the LCO Tribe.

Housing Report:
<https://go.wisc.edu/h8v2xp>



Community Development

Food Sovereignty

Continue efforts with **Natural Resources Conservation Service** grant applied in 2023, funded in 2024. The grant was approved and is **Focusing on Climate-smart agriculture**. The grant program received a \$901,342 of funding by the UW Madison Team, which will subaward communities to accomplish parts of this study and work. Main goals for this programming are to improve food sovereignty, labor conditions, mental and physical health, economic sustainability, and environmental quality. This project will be the first of its kind in Wisconsin.

In addition to support for the well-being of migrant workers, this project will address environmental and social consequences of unsustainable food commodity and agricultural practices impacting Tribal communities. We will do this by providing climate-smart agricultural resources and trainings that are guided by community values and embedded in both food sovereignty and Indigenous cultural teachings. Food sovereignty is defined as a process of democratizing food and agriculture—restoring the right of Indigenous people to determine policies related to food and agriculture (Gauthier et al, 2020).

Several of Wisconsin's Tribes have initiated food sovereignty programs.

As an approach, food sovereignty expands beyond food security to include social justice concerns related to local control and local knowledge. These concerns stem from cultural teachings about traditional foods; a focus on nature; the value of local food providers; and a focus on providing sufficient, healthy and culturally appropriate food for all people. A focus on food sovereignty, community values, and Indigenous cultural teachings is important to Tribal communities in Wisconsin. A review of county health rankings indicates considerable health and economic disparities in communities with significant Native American populations. **LCO Tribal Community will be part of this program.**

The Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Tribe, also experiences rampant disparities with 43.3% of the population living in poverty (US Census Bureau, 2023) and the reservation categorized as a food desert according to the USDA Food Access Research Atlas (USDA, 2022). LCO has been focusing on food sovereignty through diversification of agricultural programs being implemented. Some of these programs include: compost and soil building, seed preservation and sovereignty of locally and culturally relevant seeds, and value-added programs to supply the community with fresh nutritious produce and the LCO Farmers' Market. One of the primary goals of the LCO Tribal Community is to create self-sufficiency through sustainable agricultural and culturally relevant practices. **With this project, we intend to support these efforts by collaborating with LCO to develop community-guiding principles, values, and strategies for socially just climate-smart agriculture.**



Wisconsin 4-H

Discovering Projects

4-H/Community Youth Development partnered with FoodWise educator, Kim Clark and visited the **St. Francis Solanus School** and worked together to offer both nutrition and hands -on learning sessions each month. This connection started in January and ended in May. There are plans in place to continue providing sessions during the school day next year.

The spring months are focused on 4-H youth projects. Much of the time is spent working with certified volunteers by offering individual training sessions on Extension resources and curriculum to use to support the project area they are focused on. We offered a **sewing project day** for youth who wanted to learn **how to operate a sewing machine**. Each youth was able to work with the project leader and a community volunteer to enhance their sewing skills. Besides enhancing their sewing skills, they were able to take home a completed project.

4-H is providing **STEM opportunities** this summer at the **Sherman and Ruth Wiess Library** and the **Winter Public Library**. Youth are being exposed to rockets, hydraulics, building wind turbines for electricity, and boat building. The program runs June through August.

Youth Advocates for Community Health (YACH) is in its infancy stage for Sawyer County. Building partner relationships and planning is currently underway with the hopes of implementing the YACH initiative in the Fall.



Knuckey, Donna
4-H & Positive Youth Development

SAWYER COUNTY 4-H

SEWING CRAFT PROJECT

April 28, 2024
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Register by April 27th to participate in the first sewing project of the year. Take home your creation and some new tips to help you on your sewing adventures. Must be on at least 3rd grade or higher.

Location will be in Hayward and announced soon

Contact information:
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Free to 4-H members
\$5 fee for non 4-H youth

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Wisconsin 4-H

Fair Meetings and Preparations!

Junior Livestock had their spring meeting and lamb weigh-in in April. A special guest from **Synergy Coop** presented to the group about nutrition for each animal area in animal market. They shared visuals with the youth to help them better understand proper feeding and nutrients each species needs in order to have quality meat production. Proper nutrition is important to know when raising an animal because it gives the animal vigor to grow, develop, and reproduce and gives them the immunity to fight off infection. All of this is part of 4-H programming and completion of animal project requirements. Youth are required to attend **6 hours of education** for each species that is shown at the fair. This is to ensure proper handling of the animal as well as optimal growth.

Connecting youth to community members with expertise in their project area is an important part of 4-H programming and will continue to be a top priority in Sawyer County.

Summer Camp Days are Closing In!

July is camp month for Sawyer County youth.

Significant planning and preparation took place this quarter and is in its final stages for a Summer Camp collaboration with Sawyer and Rusk Counties. The bins are being packed, packing lists are being printed, and every one is excited. Camp runs July 8-11, where youth grades 3 - 7 receive the opportunity to attend a three-day, two-night camp. The camp provides many educational experiences for all youth including friendship development, life skills, self-care skills, theme-specific educational knowledge, and more. The 2024 camp **theme** is **4-H Summer Olympics** and will include team and individual challenges as well as plenty of opportunities for cabin and other team bonding.

Featured this year will be the 4-H Archery Project with support from Barron County 4-H Educator, Sara Waldron and her husband.

There are also two one day camps for youth in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. This camp is focused on **STEM Olympics**. Updates on summer camps will be in highlighted in the next quarterly report.



**Passport to the
Olympics**





Other Ways Extension Serves Sawyer County!

Natural Resources

An educational table display at a conference for waterfront property owners and watershed professionals where attendees learned about ways to protect water quality as a waterfront property owner and about local resources to support such behaviors. The goal of this effort is to provide information and resources that support behavior change beneficial to the water resources in Northwest Wisconsin.

A watershed conference for people living and working in the Red Cedar River watershed, where attendees learned about efforts to reduce phosphorus pollution (and thus harmful algal blooms) in the river and its impounded lakes, and also learn what they could do to contribute to this effort.

The Red Cedar River system and its numerous impounded lakes have been listed as impaired by WDNR for many years, with harmful algal blooms affecting the health and sustainability of the rivers and lakes, and also the economics of the watershed. In 2012 a concerted effort was undertaken to write an approved Nine-Key-Element plan for the watershed. A ten-year plan to address these issues was completed in 2015 and approved by WDNR and EPA in 2016.

As part of the effort to create a watershed plan for the Red Cedar River, the annual Red Cedar River Watershed Conference was organized in 2012. Dan Zerr, Regional Natural Resource Educator for Extension has been part of the planning team for this Conference since its first year in 2012, which is held every year in March. The purpose of the Conference is to bring people together to learn about all the various projects on work being done to address the water quality issues in the watershed, give citizens and professionals a chance to network and share information and idea, and offer practical solutions that people can do and/or participate in toward the goals of the watershed plan.

Family and Finance

We offer several educational options for families experiencing separation, divorce, or changes in custody arrangements. For example, the Parents Forever class, created by the University of Minnesota Extension, helps parents understand the effect of separation on children and the parent-child relationship. The class is available on a bi-monthly basis and offers techniques for self-care and effective communication between co-parents. We partner with family courts so that parents can meet the court mandated requirements for separation, divorce, or custody change. Our last survey showed that 92% of participants were confident they could keep their children out of parenting issues, and 91% learned a new strategy to handle conflict with their co-parent, and 90% learned a new strategy to communicate effectively with their co-parent.



Other Ways Extension Serves Sawyer County!

Agriculture

An online webinar for consumer horticulture audiences where participants learned about the biology and life cycle of periodical cicadas and their role in the ecosystem. In this online webinar, 217 participants (live attendees) learned about the biology and life cycle of periodical cicadas and their role in the ecosystem. Participants also learned when and where to expect cicada activity in the state and what it could mean for their yard. On a 5-point Likert Scale using a retrospective pre- then post- survey question, participants on average indicated an increase in understanding of periodical cicadas in Wisconsin by 2.69 points. As a result of this program, 80% of survey respondents reported that they plan to use University of Wisconsin or other credible resources, 96% indicated they will share what they learned about pollinators with others. Comments from responders included: "Excellent breadth of information on periodical cicadas. Useful information on distribution of broods and potential impact on our yard." "A lot of useful information was shared in a clear and engaging manner."

Community Outreach

The Northwoods Forum was a special event conducted by UW-Madison, Extension for the purpose of connecting with tribal and local government practitioners and addressing issues unique to northern Wisconsin. Our group's responsibility was to address issues related to broadband, an extremely critical link for economic development in rural areas. We were responding to the great need for all around better capacity among understaffed rural county and tribal governments by presenting, networking and sharing our knowledge of broadband at the state and local level and all that is necessary to get better broadband in rural areas. The outcome is better educated local county and tribal governments. The increased knowledge will help them be better prepared in what steps are necessary on their end to get the best broadband service locally.



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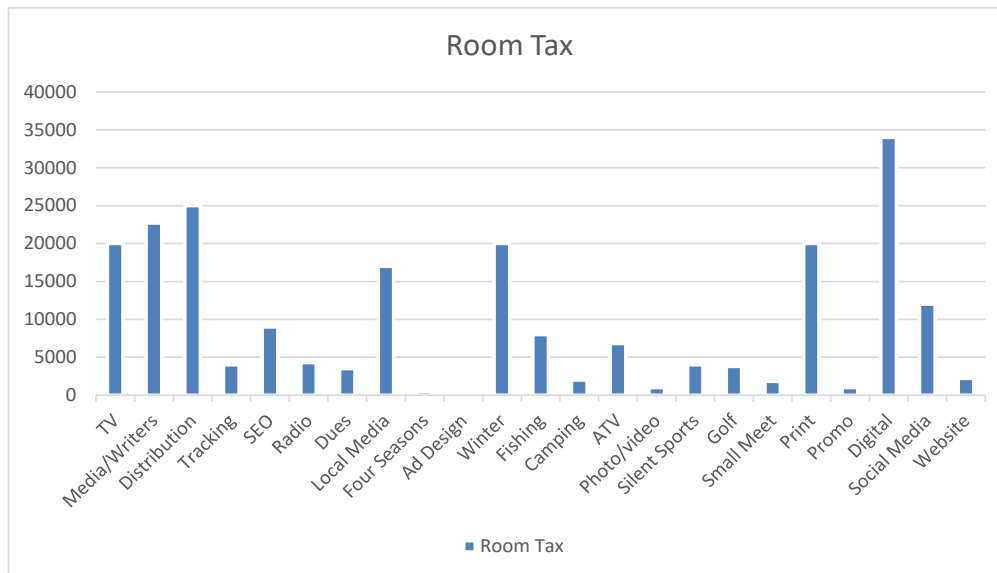
July 2024
Hayward Lakes VCB Marketing Report

Total business sales in 2023 in Sawyer County were up 5.3% from last year (2022), according to a report released by WISDOT. Sawyer County visitors spent \$150 million in 2023, an increase of 5.3% over the \$142 million spent in 2022. In Sawyer County, the \$104.7 million in direct visitor spending last year supported 948 jobs and reduced each household \$660 in property taxes to maintain the current level of government services generated by tourism spending. Visitor spending also generated \$10.4 million in state and local taxes, an increase of 5.5% over 2022.

The Town of Hunter's room tax collections increased slightly. The Town of Bass Lake started collecting in 2021 and increased slightly from 2022 to 2023. The Town of Round Lake, which started collecting in 2022 showed the largest increase of 19%. The Town of Hayward's room tax collections increased 3.8%.

With the second year in row of record breaking economic impact, we can't ignore the crazy no snow winter we just experienced. First Quarter room tax numbers are down considerably. The average is 30% lower with the Town of Hunter showing 43% less tax collected.

Below graph shows how room tax collections are spent.





SHERMAN & RUTH WEISS COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Director's Report by Molly Lank-Jones

July 8, 2024

JULY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- 6/12-7/31. Tiny Art Show. Pick up a small canvas while supplies last. Tell us if you need paint. Bring your finished art to the library by 7/31. We will display the art 7/5-8/30.
- 7/1, Children's Scavenger Hunt in Library. Pick up form at library or online. Submit completed form for fun stickers. (ends 8/1/24).
- 7/1, Win the new Guessing Jar and I-Spy Tank for small fun prizes.
- 7/1, 10 a.m. Hello Tech. Call 715-634-2161 or stop between 10 and 11 a.m. to schedule an appt. for tech help. Ann, Sean.
- 7/2, Take n Make Kits. 0-3 yrs: Chinese lantern; 4-11 yrs: Chinese dragon puppet.
- 7/2, 3:30 p.m. Adventures into STEM, children 9-2 yrs. Awesome science activities, incl. foam rockets, hydraulic syringes, circuit greeting cards, regatta activity, & water windmill challenge. In partnership with 4-H & Youth-Sawyer County Extension.
- 7/2, 6 p.m. Woods, Water, Wildlife presented by Michael Dombeck. Presented by Michael Dombeck, conservationist, author, educator, scientist, and outdoors person. A Summer Reading adventure program for adults & families.
- 7/3, 10-11:30 a.m. Little Junior Naturalist: Art in Nature.
- 7/3, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 7/4, Library Closed for 4th of July holiday.
- 7/5, 10-12 noon, Junior Naturalists program: Survivor.
- 7/5. New StoryWalk® book on Library Nature Trail: Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner.
- 7/7-8/3. Family Scavenger Hunt Around the County. Pick up form at library or online. Submit completed form by noon on 8/3 for chance to win \$20 in Chamber Bucks.
- 7/9, 10:15 am. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 7/9, 4:30 p.m. Library Board Meeting.
- 7/9. Take n Make Kit. 4-11 yrs: Camera.
- 7/10, 10-11:30 a.m. Little Junior Naturalist: Water Wonders.
- 7/10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Paperpie Book Fair. Purchase books for children you know or for the library. Proceeds will benefit the children's book collection at the library.
- 7/10, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 7/11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Paperpie Book Fair. Purchase books for any children you know or for the library. Proceeds will benefit the children's book collection at the library.
- 7/11, 10:30 a.m. Mischief & Magic, magician. Summer Reading family program.
- 7/11, 1 p.m. Friends of the Library meeting.
- 7/11, 6-8 p.m. Writer's Workshop. For young adults and adults. Give and receive constructive feedback on your latest writing. Lead by library staff member Sean Jensen and volunteer Ross Metcalf.
- 7/12, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Junior Naturalists: Insect Investigations.
- 7/12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Paperpie Book Fair. Purchase books for any children you know or for the library. Proceeds will benefit the children's book collection at the library.
- 7/12-7/18, New StoryWalk® book on Library Nature Trail: Lost & Found by Oliver Jeffers.
- 7/13, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Adventures Around the World. For families and children ages 4-11, in partnership with K.I.T.S. Learn how to use a compass to explore the library trail and have an adventure around the "world."
- 7/16, 10:15 a.m. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 7/16. Take n Make Kits. 0-3 yrs: Lei Necklace; 4-11: Tiki Necklace.

- 7/16, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Hayward Library Foundation Meeting. Molly.
- 7/16, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adventures into STEM. Awesome science activities, incl. foam rockets, hydraulic syringes, circuit greeting cards, regatta activity, & water windmill challenge. For ages 9-12, in partnership with 4-H & Youth-Sawyer County Extension.
- 7/16, 6 pm. Smokey Bear and Project Northwoods program!
- 7/17 10-11:30 a.m. Little Junior Naturalist: Best Bugs.
- 7/17, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 7/18, 10:30 am. "The Quest for the Kakapo." Traveling Lantern performance theatre. Summer Reading family program.
- 7/19-7/25, New StoryWalk® book on Library Nature Trail: Bowwow Powwow by Brenda Child.
- 7/19, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Junior Naturalist: Stories in Nature.
- 7/23, 10:15 a.m. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 7/23. Take n Make Kit. 4-11 yrs: Spin Drum.
- 7/23, 6:30 p.m. "Betwixt Now & Then." Presented by Thom Holden, retired director of the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center in Duluth. Program will highlight some of the many Lake Superior shipwrecks found over the past half century. A Summer Reading adventure program for adults & families.
- 7/24, 10 a.m-11:30. Little Junior Naturalist: Color Craze.
- 7/24, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 7/25, 10:30 a.m. "Three Little Pig Adventures." Pam Corcoran, puppeteer. Summer Reading family program.
- 7/26-8/1, New StoryWalk® book on Library Nature Trail: Once Upon a Book by Grace Lin.
- 7/26, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Junior Naturalist: Creepy Crawly Creatures.
- 7/30, 10:15 a.m. Special Storytime & Craft. Author Sammie Gates reads her book "Lumberjacks Love Pancakes" live at the library.
- 7/30, 6 p.m. "Lord of the Rings" Trivia Night. Play trivia via Zoom or meet in the Library's Meeting Room to be a part of our library's team.
- 7/30. Take n Make Kits: 0-3 yrs: Boomerang; 4-11 yrs: Star Art Weaving.
- 7/31, 10-11:30 a.m. Little Junior Naturalist: Predator/Prey.
- 7/31, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 7/31. Final day to turn in Tiny Art canvases.
- 8/1, 10:30 a.m. Mammoth Hunter. Learn about mammoths, the Stone Age, & more. Summer Reading family program.
- 8/1, 6 p.m. Book Discussion: Around the World in 80 Days.
- 8/2. Turn in paper copies of Summer Reading & Activities sheets by 5 p.m.
- 8/3. Last day of Summer Reading Program. Be sure to log all your reading and activities!
- 8/5, 10-11 a.m. Hello Tech. Call 715-634-2161 or stop between 10 and 11 a.m. to schedule an appt. for tech help. Ann, Sean.
- 8/5. Win the new I-Spy Tank for a small fun prize.
- 8/5. Children's Scavenger Hunt in Library.
- 8/6, 10:15 a.m. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 8/6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adventures into STEM. Awesome science activities, incl. foam rockets, hydraulic syringes, circuit greeting cards, regatta activity, & water windmill challenge. For ages 9-12, in partnership with 4-H & Youth-Sawyer County Extension.
- 8/6, 6 p.m. "Adventure into Poetry – Finding Awe and Wonder." Presented by author and poet Franco Pagnucci. A Summer Reading adventure program for adults & families.
- 8/7, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 8/8, 10:30 a.m. Children's Thursday Morning Adventure Movie.
- 8/8, 6-8 p.m. Writer's Workshop. For young adults and adults. Give and receive constructive feedback on your latest writing. Lead by library staff member Sean Jensen and volunteer Ross Metcalf.
- 8/13, 10:15 a.m. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 8/14, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 8/15, 10:30 a.m. Children's Thursday Morning Adventure Movie.
- 8/20, 10:15 a.m. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 8/21, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.

- 8/22, 10:30 a.m. Children's Thursday Morning Adventure Movie.
- 8/27, 10:15 a.m. Storytime (birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 8/28, 1-3 p.m. Tween n Teen Weekly Summer Reading Quests for ages 11-18. Includes D&D.
- 8/29, 10:30 a.m. Children's Thursday Morning Adventure Movie.



- 8/29, 6:15-7 p.m. Gordon and Kristi Adell and Hayward Library Foundation present "Meet the Author: Dan Goodier" at the library. Sounds of a Distant Train pays homage to the author's memories of growing up in a small Mississippi River town. 4.8 of 5 stars on Amazon. Includes wine, appetizers, and sweet bites. Call HLF at 715-934-5311 for tickets and info.

ONGOING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- 1/2 to 11/28/24. Complete the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge to celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday! This challenge complements the 2024 Summer Reading theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library!"
- 4/7-8/31. Passport Program. Ann & all NWLS member libraries.
- 6/12-7/31/24. Tiny Art Show. Pick up a small canvas while supplies last. Tell us if you need paint. Bring your finished art to the library by 7/31. We will display the art 7/5-8/30/24.
- Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Storytime (Birth-5 yrs.) presented by Nina from Northwest Connection Family Resources.
- 6/3-8/31. World Map. Mark on the library's world map where you have visited in person and in a book that you read over the summer.
- Thursdays 10 a.m.-12 noon. In Gauge: knitters & crafters.
- FREE hotspots on loan for our library's cardholders 18+ years old with a card in good standing.

- Free one-day Wisconsin State Park Passes: Free admission for one vehicle at any state park, forest, or recreation area-while supplies last.
- STEM Kits-available at our library. The kits increase the fun of learning about science, technology, engineering, & mathematics.
- Nature Trail Audio Guide. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds with an 18-stop narrated tour (funded by the C.D. Besadny Fund).
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten-Ongoing program that encourages parents & preschoolers to read together. This helps to prepare children for success in kindergarten.
- FREE online apps! Access is available at Hayward, Winter, & other NWLS member libraries. Includes: Creativebug-thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes, Transparent Language-100+ languages at your fingertips, and Kanopy-allows people to stream thousands of movies with a library card. To use the apps, go to <https://weisscommunitylibrary.com/online-resources/> and follow the instructions.



This young lad's mom sent a pic of the hot air balloon he put together from one of our Take n Make kits.

Bombastic Bubbles brought in a big crowd for Summer Reading!

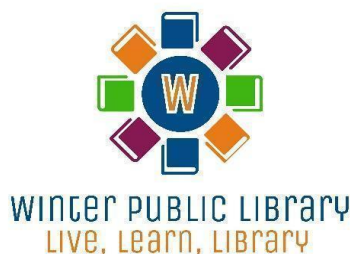
The Superior Zoomobile taught the kids about harmless critters in our region.



Assistant Director Ann and library clerks Agnes and Janet represented the library and the Kids' Interactive Tools for Success (K.I.T.S.) organization at the Musky Fest Parade.



Director Molly, grand marshal of the 2024 Musky Fest parade, and her husband Jeff, enjoyed the well-wishers along the parade route.



WINTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Winter Public Library is to provide quality materials and services which fulfill the education, information, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful and businesslike.

Library Calendar of Events:

(This list changes as more programs and/or events are being planned throughout each month)

July

July 1st-Farmers Market Senior Voucher
Distribution at the Library
10th-Adventure Story Hour @ 6:00 p.m.
12th-Birth to 4K Adventure Story Hour @ 10:30a.m.
17th-Adventure Story Hour @ 6:00 p.m.
18th-LEGO Challenge Club @ 6:00 p.m.
19th-Birth to 4K Adventure Story Hour @10:30a.m.
24th-Adventure Story Hour @ 6:00 p.m.
26th-Birth to 4K Adventure Story Hour @ 10:30a.m.
31st-Adventure Story Hour @ 6:00 p.m.

Lego Club

Meets the third Thursday each month. Lego Club begins with individual lego challenges and ends the evening with a team challenge.

Summer Reading Program:

Adventure Begins at Your Library

Preschool program will be on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The program includes books, music and movement, crafts, and family circle time.

Elementary program will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Books, hands-on activities are included in this programming

option. We are partnering this year with the Winter Schools for our summer program. The school is using the library for their summer incentive reading program. Students that participate in the program earn awards at the library and school. We will be having a joint end of summer celebration at the school's open house.

Teens and adults will also have the opportunity to join in on the Adventure Begins at Your Library program. Special events and programs are being planned geared towards them.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ongoing)

The objectives of this organization are:

- to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers
- to encourage parent and child bonding through reading

Prizes and free books are offered with this program.

Race to 100 (Kindergarten) (Ongoing)

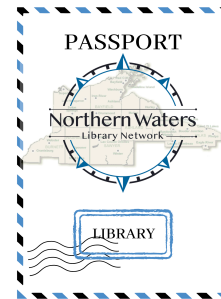
Similar concept to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten but just focuses on 100 books before the end of the Kindergarten year.

Friends of the Library

Upcoming fundraisers:

- July Jubilee on July 4th–2 mile Color Run and 10K Race
- Glow items at the July Jubilee Fireworks show. This is a collaborative fundraiser in which the library runs and manages the fundraiser but splits the profits with the Winter Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 50/50 raffle on July 4th
- Duck Race on the Chippewa River in Ojibwa-August 31st

NWLN Passport program



Stop by a NWLN library and pick up a passport. Start visiting libraries in the system and get your passport stamped to be eligible for prizes. This program lasts through the end of August of 2024.

Circulation Statistics

Circulation Report 2023

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	676	580	739	828	732	765	952	840	861	952	782	914
ILL	6	4	1	4	12	13	9	19	17	9	5	9
Total-I LL	670	576	738	824	720	752	943	821	844	943	779	905

Total Circulation as of 12/31/23= 10,000-79=9,928

Circulation Report 2023

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	904	830	952	919	710							
ILL	1	7	7	9	5							
Total-ILL	903	823	945	910	705							

Total Circulation as of 3/31/2024=2,671

Libby Statistics-E-Media-2023

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec
State eBooks	188	161	191	150	131	133	112	143	130	132	130	128
State Audiobooks	216	136	89	88	68	89	47	66	113	91	104	68
State Magazines	5	21	29	8	6	8	7	3	46	29	28	34
Total eCirculation	409	318	309	246	205	230	166	212	289	252	262	230
Adv. eBooks	22	15	15	11	10	9	8	17	11	11	8	12
Adv. Audiobooks	9	12	11	10	8	14	9	6	11	7	14	14
New Users Added	1	4	0	0	1	3	0	2	5	4	5	4
Unique Users	47	49	47	45	41	49	49	53	59	61	64	52

Libby Statistics-E-Media-2024

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec
State eBooks	177	137	154	183	111							
State Audiobooks	120	95	133	103	84							
State Magazines	88	44	49	24	36							
Total eCirculation	385	276	336	310	231							
Adv. eBooks	18	23	13	20	7							
Adv. Audiobooks	18	9	15	14	13							
New Users Added	3	2	0	4	0							
Unique Users	62	55	55	56	48							

