



**MARATHON COUNTY
EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Committee Members: Sara Guild, Chair; Ka Lo, Vice-Chair; Gary Beaström; Becky Buch; Tom Rosenberg; Rick Seefeldt, Chris Voll

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Committee Mission Statement: *Provide the leadership for implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board all policies related to educational and economic development initiatives of Marathon County.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

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1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Public Comment (15 Minutes) *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*

3. Approval of the June 3, 2021, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Minutes

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Reports from Committee-Affiliated Departments and Organizations

1. Marathon County Public Library (Leah Giordano)
2. MCDEVCO (Vicki Resch)
3. UW-Madison Division of Extension (Jason Hausler)
 - Broadband Taskforce update and staffing model change
4. UW-Stevens Point Wausau (Ann Herda-Rapp)

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:

1. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
2. Next meeting: **Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

8. Adjournment

**Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting*

SIGNED /s/ Sara Guild
Presiding Officer or Designee
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MINUTES**

Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI Committee

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Sara Guild	W	
Vice Chair Ka Lo		Absent
Gary Beastro	W	
Becky Buch		Excused
Tom Rosenberg	X	
Rick Seefeldt	W	
Chris Voll	W	

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Michael Puermer, and Toshia Ranallo.

VIA Web or Phone: Jean Maszk, Leah Giordano, Jason Hausler, and Vicki Resch.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Guild called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Public Comment – None

3. MOTION BY SEEFELDT; SECOND BY BEASTROM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2021 EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination

A. UW-Madison Division of Extension

1. Authorization for Administration to Sign FoodWise Contract-

Discussion:

Administrator Lance Leonhard explained the FoodWise contract has been signed annually and wanted to make the county board aware of it because it probably hasn't come before this committee. The program is fully funded by federal dollars and Marathon County only has to provide space. However, the contractual period doesn't align with our budget and we need to be mindful of it if for some unforeseen reason it is decided to no longer implement this program.

Action:

MOTION BY BEASTROM; SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO SIGN THE FOODWISE CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow up:

N/A

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:

A. UW-Stevens Point Wausau

1. CIP Request for Modernization of Elevators
2. CIP Request for Replacement of Wall Covering

Action:

MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY SEEFELDT TO MOVE THE REQUEST FOR MODERNIZATION OF ELEVATORS AND TO REPLACE WALL COVERINGS TO THE CIP COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow up:

Forward to the CIP Committee.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Reports from Committee-Affiliated Departments and Organizations

The following June 2021 reports can be viewed in the packet located on our [website here](#).

1. Marathon County Public Library

- All the electricity has been wired and the June 1st opening was a success

- Roof repairs are still ongoing but making good progress
- There will be a book sale on June 19th for members only

2. MCDEVCO

- 18 students graduated from the leadership class.
- There will be a Crops and Shops events held on June 24th, July 22, August 26th, and September 23rd from 3pm to 7pm at the EEC Center with tours of the building at 4pm and 5pm.
- Finalizing paperwork for the \$5,000 dollar grants for small businesses
- Education planning through the end of the year

3. UW-Madison Division of Extension

- Dairy Judging Contest in Marathon Park on Wednesday, June 16
 - Monthly email updates are being sent
 - 2 summer interns hired to help with Community Connections partnering with Wausau School District
- a. General Update from Department, including Completion of Revised Contract between County and Board of Regents

Discussion:

Jason Hausler reported to date there have been 35 applicants for the administrative support position and he is hoping to have someone hired by July 1, 2021. A paragraph was added to the contract regarding proration due to the contract being signed in the middle of the year.

4. UW-Stevens Point Wausau

- Collaborating with MCDEVCO to provide food service for the campus

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MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY SEEFELDT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:44P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Toshia Ranallo



Monthly Summary of the Marathon County Public Library for the Marathon County Extension, Education, and Economic Development Committee

June 2021

Items of note-

The Board made a motion to increase occupancy to 50% at all library locations based on guidelines from the Health Department. Curbside service requests have dwindled at branches, and as a result we have decided to pare down to one 2-hour block dedicated to curbside per week. New curbside schedules and occupancy increases will go into effect on July 1. In-house programming and use of meeting rooms for groups is still on hold, but is anticipated to commence in the coming months if COVID cases continue to decline.

Our first month since reopening has been going well! Patron visits are lower than in the past, but steady. Circulation is up dramatically from this time last year. Virtual story times are ongoing and air every Tuesday at 10am. Our Grab-n-Go items remain a hot ticket! In May we gave away 600 Flowergrams and in June we are set to hit 700 Rainbow Fish activities county-wide. Two LENA cohorts are currently in progress. They are Monday evenings at Monk Gardens and Thursday afternoons at Riverside Park. We have 10 families total between the two locations. The groups will meet mid-June to mid-August.

In lieu of our normal large Summer Library Program events, we have created an activity booklet with a crossword puzzle, coloring activity, and more to do at home. Hundreds of these booklets have already been given out. The Summer Reading Club is also included in the activity booklet. Starting July 1, children can turn in two book reviews to receive a free book. They can earn a second book starting August 1 with two more book reviews.

Roofing repairs are progressing successfully. As of last update, we are nearing completion of insulation and sheeting replacement and are at 15% completion of the metal roofing install. Finishing touches for the redesign project are being scheduled including installation of new end panel signage, and a work order for patching and painting has been submitted.

Friends of the Marathon County Public Library had their first book sale since COVID on June 19th. The sale was open to Friends members only and had limited occupancy based on our current practices. Friends President Sharon Behle reported a successful sale and they are planning to have monthly sales going forward on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

For the comprehensive June 2021 MCPL Board Packet, please follow this link:

https://www.mcpl.us/sites/default/files/attachments/libo_20210621_packet.pdf

MCDEVCO, Inc. - June 2021 Report

GAP Financing

MCDEVCO continues to work with three (3) new small businesses regarding GAP financing and their new small businesses throughout the County.

Entrepreneurial Development

CROPS & SHOPS Marketplace

NEW for 2021 is MCDEVCO's Crops & Shops Marketplace to be held on 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, and 9/23, 2021 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Sign up today to be a CROP vendor, Pop Up Shop or a Food Truck at one or all of the dates. Also, there will be music, a children's make and take craft activity, and tours at 4:00pm and 5:00pm of the Entrepreneurial & Education Center at each marketplace. Plan to come with your family and/or friends to support our small businesses from throughout the County.



Entrepreneur Development Starts with Leadership

After four months of hard work, MCDEVCO's entrepreneurial leadership course finished on May 27, 2021 with two nights of their *dolphin tank* presentations from the class of 18. From the class currently 50% has started or are opening their businesses. We are excited for each of them as they live out their dreams to be small business owners!

Watch for the next leadership class, which will begin in the fall!

Lunch and Learns



June 29, 2021 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm will be MCDEVCO's first of our quarterly informational sessions for new entrepreneurs on *Where and How do I Start my Business!* The program will be virtual so you can grab your lunch and join the conversation wherever you are located!

Sign up today to start your future with MCDEVCO.



Re-VISION Your Success Post-COVID Workshop Series

Timothy McKeough from Q Up Success, LLC will lead our new program series. The series runs 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, and 9/15 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at MCDEVCO. Weekly topics include taking 100% responsibility for your future, creating a vision board, goal setting, and putting your plan into action.

Women's Program

November 5, 2021 we are presenting a program for women entrepreneurs, business leaders, and small business owners. The day will begin with our keynote speaker, Allison Liddle who will inspire women to achieve that next level in their lives! Watch for more information.

CWED – Board and Executive Committee Representation for Marathon County

CWED has seen the same effect on lending in Northcentral WI as MCDEVCO during COVID-19. No new loans were made during that time-period. Slowly requests are beginning to filter through just as we are seeing in Marathon County. MCDEVCO and CWED are looking forward to being able to collaborate on lending going into the future.

CWED posts all of MCDEVCO's resources and educational programs on their updated website.

Redevelopment Resources, LLC has had their contract with CWED extended another two years.

Wausau Regional Chamber

MCDEVCO serves as an advisor to the board.

NCWROC Regional Recovery Plan ALSO NCWRPC Housing Concerns

MCDEVCO serves on both of these regional planning groups for Northcentral WI.

DOA/CBDG Funding for Microbusinesses

The sub-recipient agreement between Marathon County and MCDEVCO is completed to move forward to begin the vetting process for the \$500,000.00 funds with grants of \$5,000.00 for microbusinesses throughout the County.

Updating of policies, procedures, and corresponding forms are being completed for the application process. Website is being updated to make the process seamless.

Municipalities

We continue to coordinate monthly meetings with Marathon County and the municipalities. MCDEVCO's business survey has gone out to Weston, Mosinee, South Area Businesses, Marathon County, and Wausau. In June we will complete the survey by mailing it to an additional 1200 small businesses throughout the County.

Discussions are taking place on the American Rescue plan and possible countywide collaborations with the funding.

Staffing

MCDEVCO is now at full staff with three full time and one part time employee.

Vicki Resech

Executive Director - MCDEVCO



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
MARATHON COUNTY

July 2021 Educator Update

The following work was completed in the month of June by Marathon County Extension Educators and staff. The following objectives were pulled from the Marathon County Strategic Plan where the Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee has been designated as either the lead committee or support committee.



OBJECTIVE 6.3: Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

- **Managing Weeds in the Garden.** In Managing Weeds in the Garden, participants learned to identify characteristics of weedy plants, the cultural and mechanical methods of weed management, appropriate methods to manage annual and perennial weeds and monocots and dicots, and to differentiate between selective and nonselective and pre and post emergent herbicides. 74% of participants reported as a result of the program, they understood how to use cultural and mechanical weed management techniques, while 18% reported they understood these techniques before the program. 81% of the participants reported that they would change at least one gardening technique going forward and 78% of participants stated they understood appropriate methods to manage annual and perennial weeds as a result of the program. This program was an effort to improve water quality through the reduction in pesticide overuse. This program offering is a result of collaboration with the Marathon County Library.
- **Growing Blueberries in Containers.** In Growing Blueberries in Containers, participants learned key factors when selecting cultivars, requirements for potting media, how pH impacts fertility, and how to overwinter containerized blueberries. This program was hosted in collaboration with Woodson YMCA-The Landing and supports efforts to reduce pollution through overuse of horticultural chemicals.



OBJECTIVE 8.7: Strive to provide affordable, reliable, high-speed internet access throughout the County.

Coordinated a meeting between Marathon County stakeholders and incumbent Internet Service Providers on June 14th to determine potential partnership opportunities for the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) APRA Broadband Access Grant. Internet service providers have until July 6th to submit proposals to the Broadband Task Force for their review and recommendation. Applications are due to the PSC by July 27, 2021. The WI PSC has allocated \$100 million in funding for broadband expansion. For additional information please visit:

<https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/BroadbandGrants.aspx>

Prepared a cost estimate for completing a rural broadband survey for the Broadband Task Force. The Task Force has determined that they would like to conduct a survey of Marathon County residents and businesses to ascertain access to high speed internet. Survey results will be utilized to refine broadband mapping, determine priority areas for broadband expansion, and communicate need to internet service providers and state leaders. The upcoming survey invitation will be sent to all addresses within Marathon County, outside of the City of Wausau in mid to late summer.

Prepared a memo summarizing previous work of the Broadband Task Force and current grant opportunities for the June 21 Broadband Task Force meeting.

Provided clerical support for the June 21 Broadband Task Force meeting.



OBJECTIVE 10.6: Ensure the future availability of a skilled and flexible workforce prepared to meet the needs of both existing and emerging industries and technologies.

Hosted a regional dairy judging contest on June 16 as a part of the Area Animal Science Days event. 140 youth participated in either dairy judging or showmanship competitions and received information about attending the UW-Madison Dairy Science and Animal Science programs.

Supervised two summer 4-H interns who are gaining experience in an office setting, school setting, and event planning/marketing. Through this internship they are strengthening their computer, communication, goal setting, and teamwork skills through creating and leading various 4-H programs.

Additionally, the following work has been completed by our local educators, meeting the diverse needs of Marathon County residents and Wisconsinites.

Community Development - Melinda Osterberg

Working with Local Government Education, assisted in creating a survey for local elected officials to determine strategies for creating civil and welcoming governing bodies. Survey will likely be disseminated in Fall 2021.

In collaboration with Local Government Education and the Center for Land Use Education, development of a program on zoning code amendments to increase housing opportunities. Housing is an issue throughout Wisconsin, learn how local governments can reduce the regulatory burden for future development. The program is scheduled for September 29, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Register for the program at:

https://charge.wisc.edu/LocalGovernment/workshop_register.aspx?workshop_id=123

Please note that my last day in the Extension Office will be July 13, 2021. I have enjoyed my time with Extension and Marathon County and have gratefully appreciated the opportunity to be a part of these organizations. After July 13th, I can be reached at 715-252-9459 or melinda@osterbergplanning.com

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FoodWise Education - Tammy Hansen, Gaonou Thao, Melissa Yates

All FoodWise staff continued to participate in webinars on food security/hunger, health/food equity, and creative virtual teaching ideas. Additionally, all FoodWise staff participated in a series of three mapping sessions led by Extension's Office of Equity and Diversity to determine where underserved audiences live, work, and play in Marathon County, where FoodWise currently conducts programming, and where there might be gaps or opportunities to offer programs to reach the identified populations.

The virtual "Healthy Eating Series" lessons in June were cancelled due to low enrollment. These monthly nutrition/food demonstration lessons are open to residents from Marathon, Lincoln and Langlade Counties. As a result of the low enrollment, we have decided to discontinue the virtual lessons and just resume in-person programming. Three lessons focused on summer vegetables are planned for July, including one that will be taught in Hmong.

In June, FoodWise staff taught three nutrition sessions with 30 youth in partnership with the Wausau School District's Community Connections Program at Hawthorn Hills Elementary and Tammy has been teaching 35 students in one 3rd grade and one 4th grade summer school class weekly at Lincoln Elementary. Additionally, FoodWise will be teaching five sessions of Community Connections at Lincoln Elementary in July.

Tammy has resumed attending health/hunger coalition meetings in all three counties monthly or bimonthly. As the Nutrition and Education Subcommittee Leader for the Marathon County Hunger Coalition, Tammy facilitated a committee meeting to plan and schedule food collections for the "Share the Harvest" gleaning project at the Wausau Farmers' Market. Collections will begin the second Saturday in July. During the summer of 2020, our committee members collected 4,350 pounds of food that were shared with residents of Riverview Towers, YMCA Childcare parents, and patrons of the Neighbor's Place Pantry and Bridge Community Health Clinic.

4-H - Kaitlyn Bernarde

Assisted the 4-H summer interns in planning and leading summer school programming in the Wausau School District as a part of Community Connections. I also occasionally led programming for 3 hours with youth who completed 5K-4 grade.

Planned and led 4-H Camp Counselor training for 14 counselors in preparation for our 3 day camps in July.

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After receiving a grant from the WI 4-H Foundation, I created Cloverbud Take & Make boxes for youth entering grades 5K-3 this Fall. The boxes will contain supplies for 10 activities to complete at home, and then optional opportunities to participate in at the Wisconsin Valley Fair.

Worked with Jodi from the Wisconsin Valley Fair to create communication and procedures for the upcoming county fair August 3-8. This included meetings with fair superintendents, a Facebook Live Q&A, updated maps, letters to stakeholders, website and social media updates.

We agree also working on transferring administrative duties for the Junior Fair from the Extension office back to the Fair office.

Participated as a member in ongoing state and county meetings including the Positive Youth Development Policy Advisory Committee, Positive Youth Development Volunteer Development team, WI Thriving Model team, Program Quality-Thriving Model sub-committee, WI 4-H Current Conversations, Marathon Co. Editorial Board.

Horticulture - Janell Wehr

- **Foundations in Horticulture.** I continue to create tools for engagement for the next generation of FIH. I am also working with a team of educators to develop the accompanying lab components.
- **Distance Teaching & Learning Conference.** Foundations in Horticulture uses a variety of technologies to provide an asynchronous learning experience to atypical audiences in distance learning. The FIH team was approved to present our work at the Distance Teaching & Learning Conference to share with other distance educators from across the nation. I have been working with a subcommittee to develop our presentation materials for the conference.

Agriculture - Heather Schlessor

Presented on the state of Agriculture in Marathon County and Wisconsin for a support group run by Helke Funeral home. Had 11 attendees.

Co - taught a BQA training to the North Central Wisconsin Cattleman's association. Had 30 people attend.

Continuing to collect data on beef dairy calves.

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Task

Task Force Support	<p>Minutes: taking, distribution and posting Agenda: development and posting Distribution List: preparation, updating Preparation of support materials for meetings Identify business needs and gaps</p>
Research	<p>Survey: develop, distribute, collect and analyze results to determine broadband demand and need in the community, areas with limited access and data that can assist in more accurate community mapping of existing infrastructure Identify areas that are unserved or under served</p> <p>Track grant program timelines, eligibility criteria, match requirements Track programs that assist with affordability Track service providers areas covered, speeds, cost, method of delivery (fiber, wireless etc..) Identify service providers and products available</p>
	<p>Market analysis pertaining to the affordability of specific Broadband technologies in Marathon County for households throughout the county</p> <p>Economic impact studies to understand the impact of expanded Broadband services in the county in relation to workforce development and entrepreneurship.</p>
Intergovernmental Cooperation	<p>Maintain list of contacts of local government leaders Coordinate support for grant applications and/or distribution of funds Coordinate use of grant funds including pooling of funds under ARPA Provide periodic updates to municipal leaders Coordinate communication with ISPs Coordinate letters of support Develop RFP for evaluation of projects Develop criteria to evaluate projects</p>
Grant Coordination/ Administration	<p>Assist in administration of grant and partnership agreements Work with LTD and CCO on timelines for RDOF Facilitating meetings to help develop partnerships between community stakeholders, potential funding partners and internet service providers</p>

Working with ISPs to facilitate project planning sessions with community stakeholders

Educational programs on broadband technologies (wireless, fiber, satellite, etc.)

Educational programs regarding the regulatory framework for broadband expansion in Wisconsin

Educational programs on right of way access, broadband forward community designation, dig once ordinances, tower access, etc.

Help educate the community on available broadband services (broadband adoption)

Education

Educational programs on the digital divide to help inform stakeholders of the necessity of broadband expansion, focusing on workforce/economic development, telehealth and community development

Digital literacy programs for community members (in partnership with other community agencies, such as the library system, literacy groups, etc.)

Information and education on affordability of broadband services and resources to help assist with the cost of broadband access for low- and moderate-income populations



Wausau UW-Stevens Point

Report to the Extension, Education, and Economic Development Committee July 2021

1. COVID-19 testing – COVID testing continues on campus on Wednesday afternoons for community members, staff, and students. Individuals can make an appointment at www.doineedacovid19test.com.
2. 2021 CIP projects – Work is underway on the CIP projects funded for 2021.
 - a. The **reconstruction of the approach to the east entrance** to the main building has begun, with the parking lot and sidewalk now largely dug out. The new approach will begin further up the hill, will level the small parking lot, and provide better drainage so the sidewalk and parking lot no longer ice up.
 - b. The **HVAC controller system upgrade** – a huge project – began right after classes ended and will continue well into the fall. The work started in the main building so that work can be completed before classes start, for minimal disruption, but progress is being complicated by supply chain issues.
 - c. The **heating plant roof replacement** started a couple of weeks ago as well and is now completed.

We appreciate *very much* your support of our CIP requests (elevator “modernization” and wall covering replacement) for 2022.

3. Enrollment projections for fall – I think I say this every year, but it is getting to be more challenging to project enrollment for the fall given some changes in student behavior during and since COVID (e.g., they apply to more campuses now and many stopped out of higher ed and may or may not return). Having said that, we think we will stay steady again in the fall (this past fall we were up slightly). Our bachelor’s and graduate degree programs remain very strong, but students still largely start with us with the intention of transferring due to our transfer agreements (such as Guaranteed Transfer throughout the UW System).
4. Planning for the return of students (and community members) – You may recall that, this past year, students could opt to go online at any point in their course. When COVID cases went up in the county in November, many students “voted with their feet” and opted for online. That trend persisted in the spring, which has meant it has been very quiet on campus. But that will all change this fall as we welcome students back for, mostly, in-person classes again. We have a host of activities planned for the year, centered on the student Union and the field house. This is possible thanks to

your investment in our field house (most recently, the bleachers and pool) and our focus on amenities in the Union.

We will also welcome the community back to campus in the fall, with Continuing Education programming, Lecture & Arts events (including HANK Talks, in-person in the CCE theater), access to the fitness center and pool, and facility rentals.

We would love to offer the EEED Committee a tour of campus in the fall so you can see the fruits of the county's support and everyone's labor.

5. Residence Hall furnishings – We have been working with Administrator Leonhard to find county uses for some of the residence hall furnishings by July 1. After that, we will remove the remainder of university property to prepare for the January 1 handoff of Marathon Hall.

Submitted by Ann Herda-Rapp, Campus Executive



TURN-KEY START-UP CONTEST

Open your own food business with no costs!

We've got you covered!

Start - or expand - your own food service and catering business with no start-up or overhead costs. An entrepreneur's dream, to start or expand a business with no rent, no mortgage, no utilities, no commissions, no large-equipment costs, no maintenance costs. Plus, catering opportunities and a built-in customer base already at the location!

UWSP at Wausau is looking to partner with a local entrepreneur to provide dining and catering options to the community and also provide food service and catering for their students, staff, and special events.

Set your own hours, promote to the community, provide catering services from a commercial kitchen, and more.

An opportunity you can't pass up. The winning application will include a 2-year MOU, with the opportunity to expand.

Contact UWSP at Wausau for contest rules and application

Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. June 25, 2021

SET your own hours and SERVE the community

Dining Hall seating for 85
Union Cafe seating for 75

Opportunity to be creative and expand location
UWSP at Wausau (next to Marathon Park)
518 S. 7th Ave., Wausau, WI

Tour the campus and kitchen and learn more at a walk-through, June 1-11. By appointment only.

For application materials, more information, or to schedule your walk-through, contact:
Ann Herde-Rapp
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