

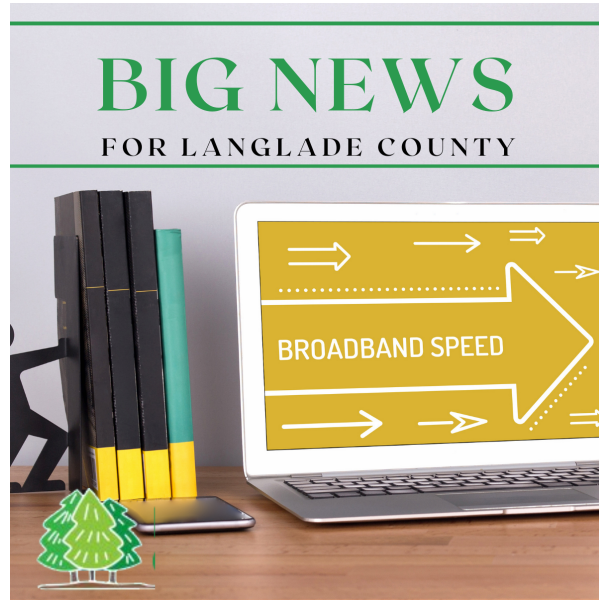


**Happy Summer!**

Here's what's happening around the county:

**News You Can Use:**

# Great news for Langlade County.



It is a great pleasure to announce that Langlade County partnership with Cirrinity has once again succeeded in the PSC Grant Cycle. Out of 146 applications and over 495 hundred million requested, our application was awarded for the fiber build-out plan in Polar, Norwood and Rolling.

**State grant helps UW-Stevens Point,  
partners meet forestry workforce needs**



Addressing a need for skilled workers in the forestry industry, the Wisconsin Forestry Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will receive a state grant of up to \$8 million. This Workforce Innovation Grant will support education and create a pipeline to forestry careers for the next generation.

[Read More](#)

## Area Business Resources:



### UW-Stevens Point Classes

Explore classes that will help you develop the skills you need for your business to thrive.

[Learn More](#)



WWBIC offers training sessions statewide for new entrepreneurs, seasoned business owners and anyone looking to improve their financial health. Most of our training sessions are available as online webinars, but we also host several in person sessions at our five offices statewide. For details about our upcoming offerings, please view our calendar below.

[See the training calendar](#)

## Grant Opportunities:

### **Wisconsin Automation Implementation Grant**

Effective immediately the WEDC working with the Wisconsin MEP Network (including WMEP Manufacturing Solutions) is offering the Wisconsin Automation Implementation Grant to help lower the risk of automation technology implementations by providing expertise and the offsetting of some of the costs.

The two-step process enables manufacturers to select the most appropriate technology, plan effective implementation, and receive financial support for acquiring that technology.

The process starts with individual manufacturers completing an AutomationAdvisor™ project with WMEP Manufacturing Solutions (WMEP) or the UW-Stout Manufacturing Outreach Center (MOC), resulting in an automation implementation roadmap with equipment recommended through that assessment. This roadmap lays out a sequenced technology acquisition and implementation plan tailored to the specific operation.

Completing the roadmap makes companies eligible for financial support up to \$35,000 for acquiring the equipment listed in the roadmap. **[Click here for more information!](#)**



## Main Street Bounceback Grants:

The deadline was extended to December 31, 2022!



The goal of the [Main Street Bounceback Grants](#) program is to provide financial support to businesses that move into existing vacant commercial properties, helping to create a foundation for long-term success for themselves and their communities.

The Main Street Bounceback Grants program provides \$10,000 to new or existing businesses and non-profit organizations moving into vacant properties in Wisconsin's downtowns and commercial corridors. Funds can be used to pay leases or mortgages, operational expenses and other business costs related to the newly opened location. The program is open to new or existing businesses opening a new location or expanding operations in a vacant commercial space.

We will continue to assist new and established business and non-profit organizations to help with the process. For more information or to request assistance, [email Angie Close](#).

**Learn More**





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### Upskilling Grants:

Accepting Applications Now!

For small businesses that intend to train and upskill low-wage workers age 50+, this grant program will reimburse employers up to \$2,000-\$2,500 per employee for training.

[Learn More](#)

## Need Workspace?



NTC's Community Technology Centers provide free access to high-speed internet at our Antigo and Phillips campus locations. These updated spaces feature internet cafés, private offices and co-working spaces. All spaces include access to vending services and office equipment such as printers, copiers and scanners.

[Learn More](#)



**Langlade County residents can help get broadband in their communities!**

***Taking a simple internet speed test will identify areas of need***

Access to broadband is vital for the economic health and growth of Wisconsin. Yet many homes and businesses have no broadband access or internet service speeds that fall below FCC standards.

State and federal grants are available to bring broadband to underserved areas around the state, but in order to tap into those grants the state must identify those areas of greatest need.

To help ensure broadband access, Langlade County and partners statewide are working to roll out a simple internet speed test, with the assistance of a grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). We are asking residents and businesses to take the test to help establish where support is needed.

**Test your speeds**





## **Share your Badger Bounceback story!**

**Has your business or organization received pandemic assistance that has helped you keep your doors open, or serve more people? Has pandemic relief made a difference for your family?**

**Share your story**

## **Coming Soon!**

**Soon it will be easier than ever to discover must-see places from around the county!**





We are hard at work with the City of Antigo and the Langlade County Forestry Department to highlight the very best of Langlade County!

Soon, the Welcome Center's Go-To Spots will be placed throughout the county in recreational areas. These icons will help visitors and locals alike find the best areas to visit, and learn what type of activities are available at each area.

For more information, [email Keri Beck](mailto:keri.beck@langladecountywi.gov).

## Looking to support Langlade County businesses?

Here are some easy ways you can help, right from your home.

**Like and  
comment**



*Add comments to show your  
support!*

**Share their  
posts**



*Let others know about great  
experiences!*

**Leave positive  
reviews**



*Sharing will help build great  
audiences!*



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