

### It's been a busy month!

Here's what's happening around the county:



A project supported by the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation is connecting the past with the present, teens with adults, and, ultimately, employees with employers.

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, the LCEDC joined with the Langlade County Historical Society and the 4-H Tech Changemakers to launch a YouTube channel devoted to sharing the things that make our "County of Trails" vibrant.

"We are very happy to be a part of this," Angie Close, LCEDC executive director, said. "This is all about sharing where we were and where we are, to help us know where we are going. It's a key component in marketing our area."

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## **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**



## Main Street Bounceback Grants:

### The deadline was extended to December 31, 2022!

The goal of the <u>Main Street Bounceback Grants</u> 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** 



# 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.

## **Opportunities for Langlade County**

## **Businesses & Entrepreneurs!**



W O M E N ' S B U S I N E S S C E N T E R S

### Association of Women's Business Centers

#### **Upskilling Grants:**

Accepting Applications Now! For small businesses that intend to train and upskill lowwage workers age 50+, this grant program will reimburse employers up to \$2,000-\$2,500 per employee for training. Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship University of Wisconsin System

### Virtual Training: NSF Program Overview and Project Planning

Find out if your R&D project qualifies for funding through the National Science Foundation's SBIR or STTR programs and learn how to lay the groundwork for your NSF SBIR/STTR project. In this virtual training we'll discuss the steps needed to get your proposal started, how to communicate with the Program Manager, best practices for preparing a Project Pitch and developing your preliminary project plan and budget.



### Food Finance Institute Fellows Program

The FFI Fellows Program is designed to build investible business models supported by a comprehensive plan that includes a financing strategy you need to grow. This national program serves Food/Beverage, Value-Added Agriculture, and Processing/Supporting Technology businesses.

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## Looking to support Langlade County businesses?

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

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