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UPCOMING WEATHER



Thursday Friday

Thursday brings a 30 percent chance of rain along with mostly cloudy skies and a low of about 42. The sun returns Friday – for a short visit – with a high above 73 degrees. Those temperatures will remain through the weekend but there's a chance of showers both Saturday and Sunday. And Memorial Day – a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

WEATHER LAST WEEK

Date	High	Low	PR
May 17	68	30	0.00
May 18	66	48	0.32
May 19	68	39	0.01
May 20	65	28	0.14
May 21	52	39	0.00
May 22	54	36	0.00
May 23	63	34	0.00

Weather provided by Randy Sobralski, WI DNR

County breaks ground for second courtroom addition

BY TERRELL BOETTCHER
News Editor

The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors and area court officers broke ground Thursday, May 19, for a 12,000-square-foot courthouse addition that will include a second large courtroom and remodeling of the court wing and associated offices.

The addition will connect the courthouse with the sheriff's office and jail, stretching over the now-closed block of Fifth Street, allowing officers to escort prisoners securely from the jail to the courtrooms. The second courtroom will be built onto the northeast side of the existing court wing.

The county is issuing general obligation bonds to cover the cost

of the project, which is anticipated to be \$10 million. Completion is anticipated by May 2023.

"This has been years in the making," said County Board Chairman Tweed Shuman. "Since 2015, Sawyer County has ranked No. 1 in the state in a weighted caseload study, affirming the need for a second circuit court judge."

Shuman thanked Venture Architects and Miron Construction, along with three county boards, former county administrator Tom Hoff, finance director Mike Keefe, Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey and her staff, Sheriff Doug Mrotek and Jail Administrator Lt. Jeff Johnson for their time and effort.

"I think we will have a very functional building," Hoff said.

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PHOTO BY TERRELL BOETTCHER

Sawyer County Board members, officers and area judges broke ground for the construction of a second courtroom addition to the courthouse Thursday, May 19. The participants (L-R) were County Administrator Andy Albarado, Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey, County Clerk Lynn Fitch, Sawyer County Judge John Yackel, Bayfield County Judge John Anderson, Barron County Judge and district court administrator Maureen Boyle, Jack Blume of Venture Architects and David Keating of Miron Construction.

HAYWARD HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TESTED BY PANDEMIC



BY RICH JACKSON

David Moberg, a medical lab technician, is one of many Hayward Area Memorial Hospital employees who continued to work through the pandemic as they fulfilled vital functions in the community.

BY KATHY HANSON
Staff Reporter

Editors note: This is Part 1 of "Local health care heroes share their stories." Part 2 and the conclusion of the article will appear in the June 1 edition of the Sawyer County Record.

There are 422 people on staff. There are 35 departments. There are 25 beds.

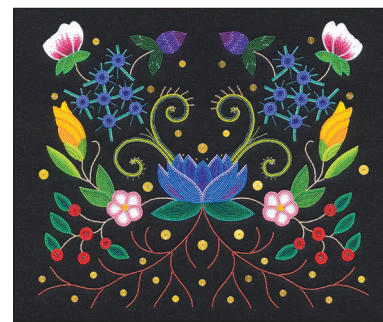
There is no such thing as any person or department working alone. There is only one rule that never changes: teamwork.

That is Hayward Area Memorial Hospital & Water's Edge.

On March 13, 2020, at 3 p.m. the hospital and senior living facility locked their doors. Most of America did, but few

businesses, organizations or groups of people faced what health care workers across the country had to: a pandemic that tested the professional and personal limits of every health care worker, no matter what their title, no matter what their experience, no matter what their job.

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ART BY JESSICA LEIGH GOKEY

This work called "A Dance with Florals" by Jessica Leigh Gokey, has been chosen for display at the U.S. Embassy in the Vatican in Rome, Italy.

LCO member's beadwork to be featured in Vatican

The beadwork of artist Jessica Leigh Gokey, a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Band of Lake Superior Indians, will be on exhibit at the United States Embassy in the Vatican in Rome, Italy.

Gokey's artwork, "A Dance with Florals," will be on display as part of the Art in Embassies program of the U.S. Department of State (art.state.gov/). U.S. Ambassador Joe Donnelly and Mrs. Donnelly chose Gokey's work to be displayed in the embassy in Rome for the duration of his tenure as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

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Memorial Day ceremonies scheduled in Sawyer County

Veterans organizations will sponsor Memorial Day programs throughout Sawyer County Monday, May 30.

In Hayward, veterans and auxiliary members will muster at 9 a.m. at the Hayward Veterans Community Center. At 10 a.m. veterans along with Scouts and the Hayward High School Band will march up Main Street to Shue's Pond for a ceremony at

10:15 a.m. in memory of sailors lost at sea. Jay Harz will lay a wreath on the water.

Participants then will travel to Veterans Square in Greenwood Cemetery for a ceremony starting at 11 a.m. in honor of service members lost on land. The speaker will be Gary Elliott, Sawyer County veterans service officer.

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HEADING OUT FOR FISHING



Jane Molberg of Iron River (in chair) and her sister Ann head out for a day of fishing at Fishing Has No Boundaries on the Chipewewa Flowage Friday, May 20.

PHOTO BY TERRELL BOETTCHER

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