

Arts night at Nicolet to feature art exhibit opening, woodwind concert

A special night of gallery art and exquisite music will be on tap at Nicolet College Thursday, Feb. 9, when the college hosts both the opening reception for the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) art exhibit followed by a concert featuring the Wingra Woodwind Quintet.

"We're excited that everything came together so we could hold both of these events back to back," Nicolet Theatre and Events Services manager Mike Effinger said in a press release announcing the attractions. "It's sure to make for a great evening for people to immerse themselves in the arts and enjoy the experience."

The WRAP opening reception, which is free to attend, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Nicolet College Art Gallery located in the Northwoods Center.

The event will give attendees the chance to meet the artists, view the eclectic collection of their art, and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Regional WRAP exhibits are held throughout the state with the best pieces from each show selected for the Annual State Art Exhibit in Madison.

Then at 7:30 p.m., the acclaimed Wingra Woodwind Quintet will take to the stage in the Nicolet College Theatre for a lively concert that will balance classical works

with contemporary and cross-cultural compositions. The quintet tours nationally, receiving acclaim from the *New York Times* for its "consistently sophisticated, sensitive, and thoroughly vital" performances.

Since 1965, the ensemble-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music has earned the reputation of a musically accessible, dynamic, and artistically excellent ensemble. Current members are Conor Nelson, flute; Lindsay Flowers, oboe; Alicia Lee, clarinet; Marc Vallon, bassoon; and Trevor Healy, horn.

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered online at nicoletcollege.edu/community/nicolet-live.



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City seeking candidates for RTMC appointment

BY RIVER NEWS STAFF

The City of Rhinelander is looking for a qualified and motivated candidate to fill an open position on the Rhinelander Tourism Marketing Committee.

"The Rhinelander Tourism Marketing Committee (RTMC) determines how to spend money collected through a room tax on hotels, rooming houses, lodges and the like," according to a press release issued by city clerk Austyn Zarda. "The committee will make decisions on how the room tax will be spent for the purposes of tourism promotion and develop-

ment in accordance with Room tax, Wis. Stats. § 66.0615. Tourism promotion and tourism development includes marketing projects like advertising media buys; creation and distribution of printed or electronic promotional tourist materials; or efforts to recruit conventions, sporting events, or motor coach groups. Other allowable projects are transient tourist informational services and tangible municipal development."

Specifically, the city is looking for candidates committed to promoting Rhinelander tourism who

represent the lodging industry.

Candidates do not need to live within the city limits, however the lodging industry business with which they are involved must be located within the city limits, according to the release.

Commission members shall be appointed by the mayor, with approval from the city council, for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2023 and may be reappointed for three consecutive terms.

Contact Zarda, at 715-365-8600, by Feb. 9 to express your desire to serve.

Newbold to pursue federal grant for community center project

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Town of Newbold will pursue federal funding to help finance construction of a new town hall.

Town clerk Kim Gauthier, with direction from the town board, will gather initial application paperwork and pursue monies from the federal government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG program provides states, cities and counties money on a formula basis "to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons."

During the Jan. 26 meeting, Gauthier told the board she attended a webinar about the

CDBG program and from what she was able to learn, she believes the town could pursue it for costs associated with its new community center project.

"It certainly looks like it could be applicable for public facilities and the board wanted me to go ahead with the initial paperwork," she told *The Lakeland Times*.

Gauthier said CDBG applications are due in May.

"There would be certain aspects of (the new community center the money) would have to be used for," she said. "And it requires a matching grant by the town."

For public facilities, Gauthier said a maximum of \$1 million could be awarded, however, she said from what she knows, the community center project isn't eligible to receive the maximum amount.

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Spring voter's guide now available

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW) has produced a voter's guide in advance of the spring election.

This resource is available at www.Vote411.org.

"All candidates on your ballot are invited by the League of Women Voters to enter their information directly into the Voter's Guide," according to a LWVNOW press release. "The Voter's Guide allows voters to compare, side by side, candidate responses to questions of interest to the voters."

The voter's guide for the primary election on Feb. 21 has been available online since Feb. 1.

A separate voter's guide for the spring election on April 4 will be available starting March 1.

The LWVNOW encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas counties, however, the voter's guide will include only Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas. The local league is affiliated with the state and national

League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citi-

zens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process.




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