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County Administration Newsletter

Vision & Stewardship

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Administration

Starting in Burnett County almost four years ago, one of the first assets I recognized were the dedicate staff! Understanding the potential of the staff led me to develop the LEED's program. Leadership through Effective and Efficient Designs (LEED's) is intended to bring ideas forward from those delivering services day in and day out. Through this program, we have had great ideas from staff that has led to more cost effective and efficient department operations. This year was no exception.

At the July Administration

Committee meeting, the Committee heard from two teams that submitted LEED's projects. One from the Jail/Dispatch Staff, and one from the Administration Department. I personally want to commend both teams for coming up with projects designed to increase efficiencies within their departments. Both teams spent time researching and developing projects and showed initiative in their positions, which is an attribute we value and appreciate in the organization. The winner of the 2017 LEED's program, selected by the Administration Committee, is Jessica Rubin and

Rochelle Erickson for their project on an electronic time and attendance system. In 2018 the County will roll-out the system and provide education and training opportunities for all staff.

Even though there could be only one winner, I hope in the future all staff look at the services their departments deliver and focus on creative ways to utilize tax payer dollars. Thank you to Alicia Cederberg, Tiffany Osumi, Rochelle Erickson, and Jessica Rubin for your efforts this year.

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County Clerk

The tax deed land sale listed with Wisconsin Surplus, an online auction service, is scheduled and ready to go.

Starting at 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Tuesday, August 1, 2017, there will be a total of 37 parcels listed at www.wisconsin surplus.com for sale under Burnett County. The properties will be available for bid for three weeks and the sale will wrap up at midnight on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Each property listed will have a minimum bid to start the auction. The person with the highest bid at midnight, Monday, August 21, 2017, will have the option to finalize the sale with payment to Wisconsin Surplus.

When the sale is final, we will collect necessary information from the purchaser and prepare a quit claim deed to the property.

The properties to be listed, along with general information about the sale, can be viewed on line at <http://www.burnettcounty.com/index.aspx?nid=804>.

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Emergency Management

Preparedness for Parents



Have you heard? [National Parents' Day](#) is Sunday, July 23. In observance of this occasion, we encourage family members to help parents prepare for emergencies. Preparedness and the Ready Campaign highlight several ways to prepare for the unexpected.

Some of these actions include:

- [Creating a family emergency communication plan](#) - Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan for how you will connect with each other.
- Preparing [infants and young children](#) for emergencies - Learn the [emergency plans for their daycare or school](#).
- Getting college-age kids [Campus Ready](#) - Gather information on the emergency procedures for their school or dorm.
- [Practicing your emergency response plan](#) - Making emergency plans is great, but practicing your plan by conducting drills will help your family's response time when seconds count.

Disasters can be stressful for kids. Try to make emergency planning fun for children in your family.

Visit www.ready.gov/kids for exciting games, quizzes, and other resources to help young children and teens understand the importance of emergency preparedness.

Preparedness for People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs



The 27th anniversary of the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) is Wednesday, July 26. Individuals and caregivers for people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs are encouraged to evaluate their necessities in the event of an emergency and create an emergency plan unique to them.

The [Ready](#) campaign shares several easy ways to create an emergency plan tailored for specific needs:

- **Collect information** – Create a [paper copy of the contact information](#) including phone, email, and social media information for your family, friends, caregivers, neighbors and other important people or service providers.
- **Share your emergency plans** – Tell your employer and trusted people in your support networks where you keep your emergency supplies, what you need, and how to contact you if the power goes out.
- **Practice Your Plan** – Dedicate time to practice your emergency plan with your support network, just as you would with a fire drill.

For more great information on how to make your emergency plan, visit Ready's [Individuals with Disabilities](#) page.

Health & Human Services

Since summer is here, Burnett County DHHS- Public Health is taking the opportunity to remind people about sun, water, and food safety. Summer is a great time to go outside and enjoy the sunshine, take a swim, or have a barbecue, but there are a few things people should do to protect themselves from damaging ultraviolet rays, water illnesses, drowning, and food-borne illnesses.

Every year, there are more than 63,000 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, resulting in nearly 9,000 deaths. Because skin cancer can be serious, and even deadly, it is essential for people to protect themselves from the sun's damaging rays. Remember to cover up, wear a hat, seek shade, wear sunglasses, and rub on sunscreen every time you go outside. Remember to reapply sunscreen after swimming.

Recreational water illnesses are the various illnesses caused by germs that can contaminate water in pools and lakes. When you swim, you share the water with

everyone, and germs are easily spread when swimmers swallow contaminated water (even just a little). Chlorine in pools can take up to a few days to kill certain germs, so take steps to keep pools clean!

- Practice good hygiene by washing hands after using the bathroom or changing a diaper
- Take a shower with soap before swimming



Drowning is a leading cause of injury death for children ages 1 to 4. Kids can drown in seconds and in silence. Follow these steps to keep children safe in and around water:

- Make sure everyone knows how to swim
- Wear life jackets appropriately
- Know CPR
- Provide continuous, attentive supervision to children near water

- Prevent access to water by setting up barriers
- Use locks/alarms for windows and doors

Lastly, as you're preparing your outdoor picnics, keep food safety in mind. Warm summer temperatures allow bacteria to grow on food quickly, which can lead to food poisoning. A full cooler holds temperature better than a half-full cooler, so pack plenty of ice! Keep the cooler out of direct sunlight, and don't leave perishable food unrefrigerated or out of the cooler for more than two hours. Take disposable wet wipes or hand sanitizer with you so you can clean your hands before and after handling food, and as always, never put cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood.

See the display board by the entrance of the Burnett County Government Center for tips on how to protect yourself from the sun and for information about indoor tanning, water, and food safety.

University of Wisconsin-Extension and Tourism

The continuation of our reorganization continues with the selection of our Area Extension Director. Lori Baltrusis will be serving in this new position that combines the duties of our county department heads and regional director. Lori has worked with UWEX in Sawyer County for many years and will be the director for five counties including the following: Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Barron, and Rusk.

Veterans' Services

Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA): VBA is starting up a Decision Ready Claim (DRC) when the claim is developed locally and submitted, ready for a decision. To submit a DRC, the veteran will be required to work through an accredited representative, such as a CVSO.

Veterans Health Administration (VHA): It was recently reported that VA will now begin to see Other Than Honorable (OTH) discharged veterans for emergency mental health care. VA has determined that the only way to get that ER Mental Health treatment approved is through a VAMC ER or Urgent Care Center, a Vet Center, or by contacting the Veteran Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 Opt 1. This applies to one "episode of care"

up to 90 days. Also, as the 3 yr Veterans Choice program nears its end, VA has put out a request for bids to continue this service more efficiently and veteran friendly.

As the VA moves more and more toward a paperless system, they are encouraging veterans to establish ebenefits and myhealth accounts with VBA and VHA respectively. These can be good tools / resources for veterans and their families to track their VA records, use secure messaging to communicate with their health care team, request prescription refills, download a printout of their current benefits, etc. In both cases, the veteran begins at the following two web addresses to establish an advanced account. To access the

websites, the veteran will then need a photo ID and to go to a VA facility to get authenticated for a Premium account. In establishing accounts, the veteran will need to answer a few questions. If you are not comfortable on a computer, we can assist you in establishing the initial accounts right here in the BC Veterans Service Office.

eBenefits: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

myhealth: <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/>

**Burnett County
Veterans Service:
715-349-2179**

August

- 1 Air Force Day (1947)
- 2 Operation Desert Shield (1990)
- 4 Coast Guard Day (1790)
- 5 US entry into Vietnam (1964)
- 7 Purple Heart Day (1782)
- 15 Victory over Japan (1945)

September

- 1 WWII Ends (1945)
- 5 First Continental Congress (1774)
- 11 Patriot Day (2001)
- 14 Star Spangled Banner (1814)
- 17 Constitution Day (1787)
- 21 POW/MIA Day

Zoning/Land Information

The Land Information/Surveyor/RPL/Zoning staff are now temporarily located in the airport terminal to make way for the first floor remodeling project. We anticipate being located in the airport until October/November. Our phone extensions will remain the same. Please direct any customers looking for the following staff to the airport: Janyl Friese, Tracy Klatt, Tia Bowe, Luke Meier, Sue Main, Shane Buchholz, Dale "Butch" Beers and Jason Towne.