



County Administration Newsletter

Vision & Stewardship

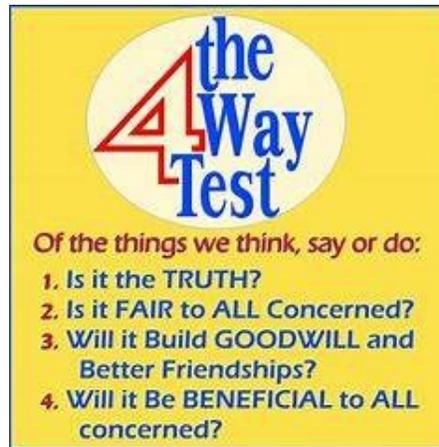
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Administration

This past Tuesday, I was invited to speak at Rotary in Grantsburg. Each year I am invited in July to speak with these folks, but this time was different. My message was not much different from previous years - updating them about the previous years' projects, great work our staff does, budgetary items, and answering a variety of questions. The difference was what I gained as I listened to the opening aspects of their meeting. Like most organizations I am associated with, they recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and had an opening prayer for guidance. What struck me more than this, however, was the reciting of the Ro-

tary Four Way Test. The Four Way Test was adopted by Rotary as one of their guiding principles, and has stood the test of time since 1943. Originally



crafted by Herbert John Taylor in 1932 as a simple measuring stick of ethics for employees of his struggling cookware com-

pany, the test was a simple, easy to memorize code that led to the recovery of the company and marked it as a company with integrity. While simple, I feel this is something that can and should be embraced by all of us in our daily lives, especially in our workplace. I'll be the first to admit that I fall short of this from time to time, but this past Tuesday was a reminder of how we can all work towards a more respectful life and workplace. Thank you Grantsburg Rotary, not only for the invite, but for your continued service to the Community.

-Nate

County Clerk

ALL POLLING PLACES ARE OPEN FROM 7AM - 8PM, August 14, 2018

The logo for MyVote Wisconsin features the word "MyVote" in a large, stylized font where "My" is red and "Vote" is blue. Below it, the word "WISCONSIN" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

- Visit www.myvote.wi.gov
- Check your registration
- Find your polling place
- View a sample ballot
- Vote

Emergency Management

do 1 thing

SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Family Communication Plan



THE GOAL: *Have the ability to communicate with family members during a disaster.*

Today we have more ways to speak with one another than ever before. We are used to staying in touch with cell phones, internet, and email, but disasters can change things. These devices may not be available. Cell phone towers quickly become overloaded with people trying to reach friends and family. If the power is out at your home, cordless phones, internet, and email will not work either.

▶▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

- Have a phone with a cord and a car charger for your cell phone standing by in case of a power failure.**

Phones with cordless handsets won't work in a disaster because they need more electricity than they can get from the phone jack. Old fashioned phones with a cord connecting the handset to the base will work even in a power outage. Make sure you have at least one phone with a cord in your home in case of a power outage.

Keep a car charger for your cell phone in your vehicle. If the power is out in your home, you can still charge your cell phone in your car.

If you don't have a landline and you use a cell phone as your home phone, remember that cell phone towers may be tied up with calls in an emergency. However, a text message from your cell phone may get through when a phone call doesn't. Make sure everyone in your family knows how to send and receive text messages.

Remember, never call 911 to get information about what is going on in an emergency. Only call 911 if you are injured or need help.

Develop a plan for how your family will stay in touch during a disaster.

Develop a plan so you can stay in touch with your family in a disaster. Include phone numbers for all family members and those who can give you extra help, such as caregivers. Also include all work, school, and daycare phone numbers, if applicable. A wallet-size form you can use to write down this information can be found at www.ready.gov. Be sure each family member has a copy of your communication plan. Post the communication plan by a phone in your home, and include it in your go bag as well.

OUTSIDE THE AREA CONTACT

Local phone calls and long distance calls work on different circuits. When local circuits are overloaded, you may still be able to make long distance calls. Choose someone outside of the local calling area to be your “outside the area” contact. Make sure all family members carry this phone number with them. If something happens when your family is not together and you are not able to reach each other, each family member can call the “outside the area” contact and leave a message for the others.

Safe and Well

The Red Cross Safe and Well program is a way for families to keep in touch when they are separated in a disaster. Visit the website at www.safeandwell.org now and show family members how it works.

Make the website address part of the emergency information every family member carries. If you are separated from each other in a disaster, make sure everyone knows to go to the website to enter information about themselves, and how to find information on others.



Program In Case of Emergency (ICE) numbers into all family cell phones.

If you are hurt and can't talk, first responders and hospital staff may not know how to contact your family right away. If you have a cell phone, you can provide the phone numbers for your emergency contacts to first responders and hospital staff.

1. Create a new contact in your cell phone's phone book.
2. Name the contact ICE.
3. Enter all phone numbers for the person you would like to have notified in a medical emergency.

Health & Human Services

Since summer is here, Burnett County Department of Health & Human Services Public Health unit 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

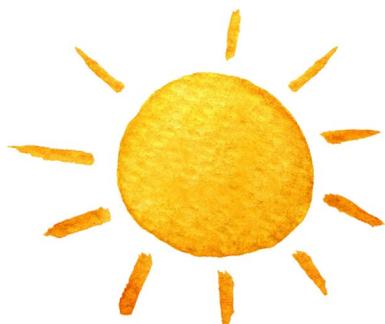
Drowning is a leading cause of injury death for children ages 1 to 4. Kids can drown in seconds and in silence, and drowning can occur in as little as an inch of water. Follow these steps to keep children safe in and around water:

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

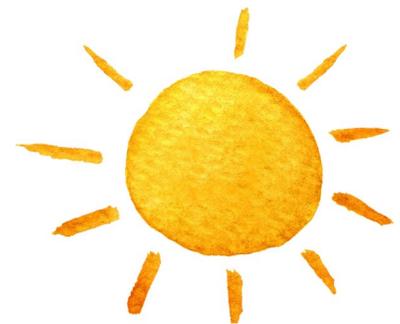
- Prevent access to water by setting up barriers
- Use locks/alarms for windows and doors

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 un-refrigerated 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.



SUMMER • SAFETY • TIPS



Maintenance and Grounds

Software upgrades and changes made over a year and a half ago have made some dramatic changes to the way we can remotely operate our HVAC and other building management systems. In the recent past, we could remote into the system from home or, if we had a pc with the proper software, when away. This allowed us the capability to check, adjust, or in some cases troubleshoot problems without having to come in to see what was going on. As an example of past capabilities, if you were out of town or out and about and were called about a problem, it was something of a hassle to find a wi-fi hotspot to get access for the

laptop, but it still beat a drive in to adjust an otherwise minor problem.

The software allows us to access the systems with an iOS app. So now, when various alarm set points are reached and sent to the mobile device, we have a quicker response with a more portable remote access to the HVAC controls and other monitoring systems. In many cases, the system alerts us of problems before end user is even aware there is a problem.

As another example, for the recent Fly-in at the airport, everyone involved overlooked having the air terminal doors unlocked for the event.

When I was notified of the issue, I was on a drive and about half way to Superior, Wisconsin. I was able to pull over and in just a few minutes got the doors unlocked - no need to turn around or call someone in.

The iOS version does have some limitations - everything is on a tiny screen that has to be zoomed in and out of frequently to see details (I use an iphone, not an ipad), plus any lengthy typing can be very tedious. However, this is a small price to pay for having a lot less equipment to lug around with improved, faster results and greater convenience.

University of Wisconsin-Extension and Tourism



What's new in Burnett County??

Julie Yezek will teach the evidence-based program **Strong Bodies** beginning this Fall in Burnett County at locations to be announced. The twice-weekly classes for adults are free of charge and include progressive weight training, flexibility and balance exercises. Strength training increases muscle strength, bone density, flexibility, ability to do activities of daily living, mood, sleep quality and social enjoyment. Twice weekly strength training reduces risk for chronic disease and falls. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Veterans' Services

There are a lot of changes taking place that our veterans should be aware of. People have been receiving the new Medicare cards with new numbers on them. Those are just random numbers that link to your Social Security Number (SSN). It is not a new SSN and so there is no need to change anything at the VA. Veteran's Choice health care the VA is not renewing the contract with the current vender for this area.

They have not yet announced who will have the new contract. Veterans Choice is not going away. Many veterans who have pending appeals have been receiving letters from the VA to opt in to RAMP (Rapid Appeals Management Program). Before making a decision and/or losing sleep over it, contact your CVSO to go over it with you. In some cases it makes sense and others it does not. Beginning in 2019, all ap-

peals will be in RAMP. Veteran ID cards can be obtained by establishing a vets.gov account and applying online. If you have a Veterans Health Identification Card and/or a Driver's License with the Veteran identifier on it, you do not need a Veteran ID Card.

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

Government has three primary functions. It should provide for military defense of the nation. It should enforce contracts between individuals. It should protect citizens from crimes against themselves or their property. When government – in pursuit of good intentions tries to rearrange the economy, legislate morality, or help special interests, the cost comes in inefficiency, lack of motivation, and loss of freedom. Government should be a referee, not an active player.

~ Milton Friedman ~

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Don't cling to a mistake just because you spent a lot of time making it.

~ Anonymous ~

Burnett County Welcomes...

Becca Klemme is our new Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator. She works in the Land Services department. Becca graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Water Resource Management. Previous to Burnett County, she was employed with the Wisconsin DNR for 2 years as a Water Resources Management Specialist. In her spare time she enjoys kayaking, hiking, and baking. Becca started with us late April and has been busy with field season!



Becca Klemme

Peter Denn lives in Grantsburg with his wife Sarah and two children Grace, 4 & Henry, 1. He enjoys spending time with his wife and kids and being outdoors, "fishing & hunting".



*Peter Denn
Custodian
Maintenance Department*

I moved to Siren, Wi in 2008.

I have 3 wonderful children and a great son-in-law Danielle/Brandon, Tristan and Destiny

My son is an active member of the United States Army (infantry division) currently deployed to Afganistan. My first grandchild is expected in October (it's a girl).

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Jenelle Lindquist & Family

My name is Jenelle Lindquist and I recently started at Burnett County in the Administration Department. I came to Burnett County Government Center from Polk County Government Center where I also worked in the Department of Administration.

I live in Siren with my husband of 22 years, Kent, and our two children Max (19) and Ellyn (16). Both my hus-

band and I are graduates of Siren High School and choose to continue to make this our home and raise our family here. Kent works for the Village of Siren, is on the Siren Volunteer Fire Department, and also sings in a quartet. We are an extremely busy family and seem to be on the go all the time, whether it is a camping trip, sporting event, and just keeping up with the kids.

I have many hobbies, but you will most often find me in my craft room making signs or t-shirts.



*LeeAnna Wertz
Jailer / Dispatcher
Sheriff's Department*

*Welcome
to the
Team!*

Until recently, I worked at a local school district. I realized I wanted to be more of an advocate for others, so making the change to working at the ADRC as a disability benefits specialist seemed like a logical course of action, and I am very excited about my career change. I worked as a special education para for over fourteen years and as a speech assistant the last three years.

I grew up in Burnett county and raised a family here. I am married (29 years), have three adult children, two sons and a daughter. I have a granddaughter who is just over a year.

I'm looking forward to getting to know my coworkers, spending time with the family and friends, and fishing on the river this summer.



Yvonne Lindus
Disability Benefit Specialist
ADRC



Austin Reed is serving in the Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. He started April 23rd, 2018.

Cole Gabrick is serving as a Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Department. He was born and raised in Fountain City, Wisconsin along with his younger sister. Some of his favorite activities include: Hunting, Fishing, Camping, and Hiking. He attended college at UW-Platteville and graduated with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice. So far, He has been to 12 countries. Cole never goes a week without fishing at least once.



Deputy Cole Gabrick #517

"The secret to change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

~ Socrates ~

My name is Holly Peterson, I am a mother of three wonderful children and 4 fur babies. I have lived in the area for approx. 10 years and proud to serve our community.

I came from MN where I worked corrections for a women's facility for 7 years and I have been an active EMT/AEMT for the last 12 years, serving in MN, here in Wisconsin for Gordon-Wascott EMS for 8 years and previously 7 years for North Memorial Ambulance here in Burnett County, WI. I enjoy spending time with my family, hunting, fishing and relaxing on the porch.



Holly Peterson #541
Jailer / Dispatcher
Sheriff's Department