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Business News Update May 26, 2020

Thank you so much to the United Chequamegon Veterans for putting on a Livestream event at Mt. Hope Cemetery yesterday in remembrance of Memorial Day. You can view the event on either the [VFW Post 690](#) or the [Sons of American Legion Squadron 90](#) Facebook pages.

WMC COVID-19 Webinar: Featuring an Economic Update and John Abegg, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), its trade association partners and local chambers invite you to a business coalition update call. The webinar will feature University of Wisconsin Economic Professor and Director of the Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy Noah Williams. Williams will provide attendees with an economic update on how Wisconsin is responding to COVID-19. The second half of the webinar will include John Abegg of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform Executive Vice President, who will give a tort reform briefing. [Click here to register](#)

The Ashland Chamber will be reopening to the public on June 1st. We are here so if you need anything please call 715-682-2500 or email info@visitashland.com. I have been working every day since we closed on March 18th to bring you communications from our National, State, and Local governments, to the many many programs that continue to be offered. In addition, JoAnn has done a great job keeping everyone updated on business hours and services. Please be patient with businesses re-opening. Many are re-opening in different capacities and most all will continue to offer curbside service. Some may not have all of their staff back and everyone is treading on different waters these days! Patience and Kindness will go along way with all of us!! Thanks to all of you who have been so appreciative of our efforts here.

My goal for the daily communiques to members, was to forward information learned from the several areas we call chamber life; Chamber, Tourism, Main Street, Workforce Development, and Economic Development. As the nation slowly starts to regain its momentum and we begin to open, our focus will move towards recovery. We will continue to share information with you but it may not be on a daily basis.

Please continue to shop local and support our area businesses. Gift Certificates purchased on our website hit a high of \$10,000.00 last week so keep up the good work!! I love seeing all of the businesses paying it forward and challenging other businesses to support shuttered restaurants by purchasing lunch for their employees or purchasing lunch for frontline workers. We have a fabulous, giving, community and we are so proud of all of you!!

Some updates today are:

- The Ashland Area Farmer's Market is currently looking at an opening date of June 13th, with modified rules and regulations in place to keep us all safe and healthy. Stay tuned to this page for further updates as this is of course a developing situation. We are in the process of reaching out to our vendors with more information as well.

- The Vaughn Library is open to the public starting Tuesday May 26 with the following adjustments to service. Mon – Fri 9am – 10 am open for elderly and those at medical risk. 10am – 3 pm open to the public. 3 – 6pm curbside service only. Saturday open from 9am -2pm for both curbside and inside service. Please call or visit the library website if you have questions 715-682-7060 www.vaughnlibrary.org. The 2nd floor meeting space & computer lab remain closed at this time. Please wear a mask when at the library to protect our staff and patrons.
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The signs are here!! They are small signs you can put in your windows that tell your customers you are following the guidelines from the CDC, and Ashland County Health Department. Here is a link to the signs [Employee Action](#) and/or [Open & Ready](#) Please email me if you would like one.

BUSINESS UPDATE

Below is an update on what these businesses are doing.

As a business please continue to email information regarding your business to info@visitashland.com as we will continue to update the website and Facebook pages.

- **A 2nd Look:** 715-682-0696. Starting today, May 26th, open for customers and consignment through the front of the store. To keep workers and customers safe we will be limiting the amount of shoppers in the store to 5 at a time. Hours for this week will be as follows. Tuesday, May 26th- 10am-5pm; Wednesday, May 27th- 10am-5pm; Thursday, May 28th- 10am-6pm; Friday, May 29th- 10am-5pm; Saturday, May 30th- 10am-5pm.
- **Apostle Islands Cruises:** 715-779-3925. Begin cruising, June 6! Due to several factors, we will only be offering non-stop cruises such as the morning and evening Grand Tours, Sea Caves & Lighthouses Tour, Wrecks Rocks & Lighthouses Tour. All shuttles for camping, hiking, and

guided lighthouse tours are cancelled for this season. Lighthouse Celebration cruises in September will be reevaluated in August.

- **Bad River Lodge & Casino:** The Bad River Lodge & Casino will remain closed until we are certain the safety and well being of our guests and employees are not at risk. We thank all of our team members for their resilience and positive attitudes, we hope to be able to welcome our guests back soon. **Manomin Restaurant:** 715-682-7121. Doing take-out 10am-8pm. We will keep you informed at www.badriver.com and on our [Facebook page](#).
- **Benoit Cheese** 715- 746-2561. Open Monday – Saturday 9am – 3pm. Closed Sundays. Offering parking lot pickup & free shipping in the surrounding area. (Call or email benoitcheese@cheqnet.net for details). Remember to avoid the store crowds in town and pick up your necessities at Benoit Cheese Haus. We are selling handmade masks for \$6 and disposable vinyl powder free gloves \$5.50 a box! We just got in a variety of fruit and fresh bakery. Also many homemade pizzas & sandwiches. come check it out! :) Also FRESH CURDS arrive on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday! Hi Cheese Lovers! Our Annual Customer Appreciation Day on the first Saturday of June has always been one of our favorite and biggest events of the year. However, do to the time frame of planning & organizing an event in the uncertainty of the current health crisis, the safety of our star customers and celebrity helpers comes first! So, we’re making alternate plans we hope you’ll find just as exciting. Benoit Cheese Haus is planning to celebrate ALL MONTH LONG! We will focus our celebration on YOU, with BIG savings THROUGHOUT THE STORE, enter to win contests, giveaways, games, cheese prizes, cheesy gifts & so much more! There will be fun for kids and adults that will comply with the safety guidelines for the celebration time frame! It’s going to be fun!!! So be sure you plan a “HAUS CALL” with us. You will not want to miss June in Benoit!
- **Bodin's Resort:** 715-209-7821. Open and waiting for you! <http://www.bodinsresort.com/>
- **Chequamegon Food Coop** 715-682-8251. As of Wednesday March 25. Details are as follows. Open 7 days a week, 7:30am - 7pm. Senior

hour 7:30am-8:30am. We are offering curbside pick up. <https://www.chequamegonfoodcoop.com/curbside-order-form/> Wednesday Dinner May 27, BBQ Chicken \$7 pre-order.

- **Delta Lodge, Iron River** 715-372-4299. Open. For Covid-19 update go to <https://www.facebook.com/DeltaLodgeWisconsin>
- **Lakeshore Café:** 715-682-9806. Open with daily breakfast specials. We are still doing takeout and curbside delivery orders for those that still want our delicious food. Stay safe everyone and thank you for all of the support! Tuesday- Thursday & Saturday 6:30am - 2pm and Friday 6:30am-6pm. For their menu and specials go to <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeshore-Cafe-1556777391278598/> Lunch Specials for week of May 26: Wednesday -1/2 Hot Turkey Sandwich; Thursday - BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger Wrap; Friday - Fish Fry.
- **Legendary Waters Resort & Casino:** With our top priority continuing to be the health and safety of our valued guests and team members and at the recommendation of the health experts, the Tribal Council for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians has decided to continue the suspension of all operations until further notice. Given the ever-changing nature of the current pandemic, it is difficult to set an exact date for reopening. We are hopeful that it will be sooner rather than later, but we need to be sure the decision to open again represents the best interested of our guests, team members and the community. In addition to the casino, hotel and restaurant, this closing notice covers Buffalo Bay and Point Detour Campgrounds, along with the Buffalo Bay marina and boat launch, with one exception for the boat launch being available to tribal members. We will keep you informed at www.legendarywaters.com and on our [Facebook page](#).
- **Lost Creek Adventures:** 715.953.2223 We have day trips and rentals available now: Sea Kayaks, SUPs, and sit on top kayaks. NEW day trips this year that highlight some of the best sights in the area. www.lostcreekadventures.org/
To stay up to date on the latest Lost Creek trips and sales be sure to subscribe to our newsletter.

<https://www.lostcreekadventures.org/contact>. Looking forward to being together again soon!

- **Madeline Island Ferry Line:** 715-747-2051 The ferry line continues to operate on a modified schedule. We are back to running daily. www.madferry.com
- **Mission Springs Resort:** 715-209-8321. Open and taking reservations. [COVID-19 update](#)
- **Superior Framing & Gallery:** 715-292-5990. Covid-19...Opening Stage 2, FOR ALL YOUR FRAMING NEEDS we are OPENING 3 days a week , Tues., Wed. & Thur. 10am-2pm until our next stage. We are following all guidelines & ask that you do the same. We look forward to seeing you soon!!! Check out our [Facebook](#) page & message or call us. Thank You!

For a complete list of what businesses are open and how they are doing business go to <https://www.visitashland.com/events/latest-news-and-updates/>

If you would like to view any of the past COVID-19 updates from the Ashland Chamber go to <https://www.visitashland.com/events/covid-19-updates/>

SUPPORT YOUR SMALL BUSINESSES

Check out our **One Stop Gift Certificate Shop** on our E-commerce page at visitashland.com. <https://shop.visitashland.net/15-chamber-store>

CHAMBER HOURS

In an effort to limit our people to people contact, the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce will close the office. If you need anything, please call our office; we have remote access to the phone lines 715-682-2500. If you need chamber dollars reimbursed, please email Mary at info@visitashland.com and we can take care of that as well.



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