

Wessman Arena to serve as COVID-19 vaccination site

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Siinto S. Wessman Arena, home of the Yellowjackets men's and women's hockey teams, has been selected by public health officials as a new COVID-19 community vaccine site.

The vaccine clinic, operated by Douglas County Public Health, will be run by a team from a company called AMI Expeditionary Healthcare. AMI will provide staff and materials. The team will be shared with a site in Barron County and will split time between the two locations.

County health leaders have noted that outside of Superior, there are currently no other vaccine clinics in Douglas County and very few in neighboring counties like Barron. Tentative plans also include the potential for mobile clinics to bring vaccines throughout the area.

Currently in Superior, vaccines are being administered through Essentia Health, Mariner Medical Clinic, Walgreens, CVS



Siinto S. Wessman Arena has been selected as a community vaccination site. The site is not expected to impact any student activities or athletics. Photo by Charlie Swanson

and the health department.

The site will follow state guidelines to vaccinate populations based on eligibility. A wide variety of Wisconsinites are eligible for the vaccine, including individuals aged 16 and older with certain medical conditions, healthcare workers, long-term care residents and staff and residents aged 65 and older. A complete eligibility list can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Health Service's website. The state estimates that all Wisconsinites aged 16 and older will be able to get a vaccine by May 1.

The vaccine clinic at

Wessman Arena will not impact any student activities or sporting events. As previously announced, spring commencement will be held in a virtual format for spring 2021 and summer 2021 graduates.

Community clinics are located throughout Wisconsin in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW System, AMI, and local health departments, vaccinators and governments. Additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine clinic and how to make an appointment will soon be available on the Douglas County Public Health

website.

In a message to the campus community on March 29, Chancellor Renée Wachter addressed spring break travel and noted that the CDC is still discouraging non-essential travel. While the available COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective, they do not prevent an individual from contracting or spreading the disease. Exposure to variant viruses raises the risk of spread to our campus community.

The free COVID-19 testing site in the Marcovich Wellness Center will remain open for anyone 5 years of age and older. This site is ran by UW-

Superior in partnership with the U.S. department of Health and Human Services and the UW System. Registration can be completed at www.doineedacovid19test.com.

Siinto S. Wessman Arena will remain closed for public use until May 31, 2021. The arena asks that those inquiring about summer access wait until April 15 before reaching out. You can call the arena office at 715-394-8631.

The vaccine clinic is scheduled to open in mid-April. The Promethean will update the online version of this story when more information becomes available.

Douglas County has established a vaccine hotline that can be reached at 715-395-7336. Officials ask that individuals only call once and that they leave their name with a spelling, birthdate, and a phone number.

Officials note that the hotline receives hundreds of calls daily and that every effort is made to clear the line each day.

The Nemadji Review celebrates 10 years of student writing

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Now celebrating their 10th year of publication, the Nemadji Review at UWS is preparing to release their newest annual issue of student writing and artwork at the end of the 2021 spring semester.

After a series of staff and adviser changes, notwithstanding challenges arising from their remote transition in the past year, the Nemadji Review is promoting positivity in their new issue with the theme of "New Thoughts for a New Era" in tow.

"We tried to structure this issue because of everything that was going on with joy in mind," said Frankie Hadley, current president of the Nemadji Review student organization. "We could ask for pieces about COVID, but did we really want that? I think we wanted just a spot of sunshine."

Despite the staff's separation in their remote set-

tings, the Nemadji Review is larger than usual this year. Distance learning students have become more involved, as Zoom allows for everyone to be in the same space while already completing their degrees online. These shifts have mitigated the process of training the many staff members who are new to working on a university funded literary magazine. Logistically, compiling submissions, communication methods, and overall organization has improved drastically for the staff, due in part to forced remote accommodations.

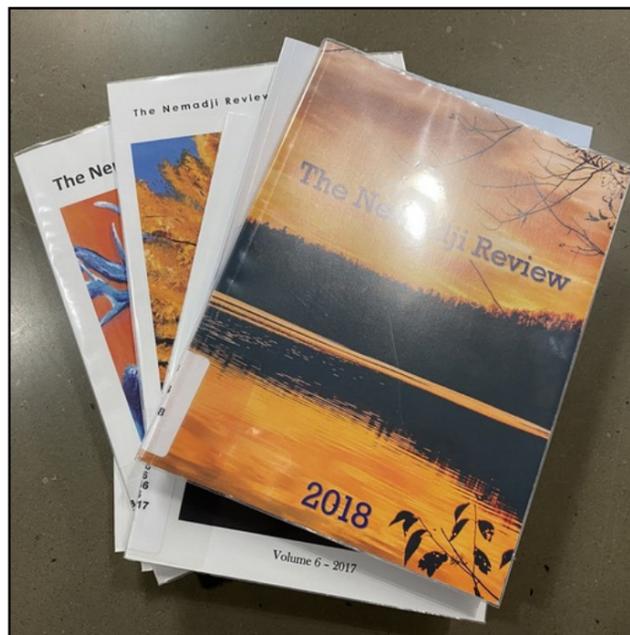
As an experiment this semester, Julie Gard, adviser for the Nemadji Review and professor of writing, has been teaching a new writing course called Special Topics in Writing: The Literary Magazine (WRIT 470). There's been an effort to keep the class and student organization separate, enriching student understanding and appreciation of

literary magazines. Since segregated fees cannot be utilized for curriculum, the WRIT 470 course ultimately functions as a resource independent of the student organization.

Though the WRIT 470 course and Nemadji Review are ultimately separate, several (but not all) staff members are involved in the course. The course prepares students ahead of time to be trained as staff members, creating overlapping discussions between course material and Nemadji staff meetings held each week via Zoom.

"To see students engage with journals reminds me how rich and current journals are now, that there's so much great and specialized work out there," Gard said.

The class also demonstrates an overview of what students should be aware of when working for a publication in the real world, especially



Past issues of the Nemadji Review. Copies can be found at the Jim Dan Hill Library or online. Photo by Lindsey Jalivay

regarding the time constraints of editing and production. Similarly, the WRIT 470 course has given the Nemadji Review insight on ways to expand their audience, improve the journal's aesthetic, and become more involved in the local writing community. Alex Quick, editor-in-chief of the Nemadji Review, implores that the class has given the student organization many new and exciting ideas for future planning.

Quick explains one of the Nemadji Review's biggest projects is to make a website. "People will have an opportunity to see something published online, and it will keep students interacting throughout the year, throughout the summer, and it reaches out to the greater community better than just the physical journal does," Quick said.

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