

News Release

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NORTHLAND PINES AND VCEDC OPENING INTERNET CAFÉ

Northland Pines School District and the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation are opening an Internet Café for summer visitors and local residents. Cafe use is free of charge; and it is located in the high school commons. The high school is on the north side of Eagle River just off of Highway 45 behind the derby race track. You can enter the commons area during normal business hours from the front entrance, or the back field house and YMCA entrances – doors # 1, 14, 15 & 16.

“This is a public facility and we welcome the opportunity to offer our WI-FI access to everyone in the community” stated Dr. Richie, District Administrator. “This is another excellent partnership in which we can supply our high speed internet access to local people and tourist that may not be able to get the service at their homes or cottages.” added Richie. The district’s website, www.npsd.k12.wi.us, offers a wealth of information regarding the district and its facilities.

Just bring your laptop, walk in during normal school building hours, and park at one of the commons tables. It’s nothing fancy, but guests are welcome to use the school’s wireless high speed internet access. There are vending machines in the area; and the YMCA is upstairs. Informal business classes on a variety of topics in the café are being planned.

“VCEDC is pressing hard to bring high speed internet access to all of Vilas County. Our businesses need this critical new roadway to the world marketplace to grow. We appreciate Northland Pines’ willingness to share their internet connection until then;” said Bill Lochte, VCEDC Broadband Now Taskforce Chair, and retired Bombardier executive.

“This is just one step in a longer term process of linking Vilas County to the cyber highways of today;” added VCEDC Chair Steve Burrill of Burrill & Company.

INTERNET BAZAAR

Also, don’t miss the Internet Bazaar at the upcoming Festival of Flavors in Eagle River on the weekend of August 27 & 28. Rob Riordan of Nsight Teleservices, a nationally recognized speaker about emerging technology, will be guest speaker. Area high speed internet providers will be available with information about their online services.

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