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### Door/Kewaunee County Legislative Days Scheduled for April 5-6, 2017

On April 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>, a contingent of over 120 delegates from Door and Kewaunee Counties will be visiting Madison to educate lawmakers and government officials about a locally agreed-upon agenda of issues that are faced by residents and visitors to our area.

The delegation includes thirty-three youth from Door and Kewaunee Counties, business and nonprofit

leaders, community volunteers, and local elected officials. Anyone from either county can sign up to be a delegate.

Several issues on the Legislative Agenda include: Support for additional funding to improve rural broadband; Continue progress on development and implementation of rules on animal waste management in our Karst Geology region; Support

funding for river restoration based on existing TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) process; and, Oppose repeal of the statewide standard school start date.

Door/Kewaunee County Legislative Days is a biannual event coinciding with the State budget timeline. The two day event includes team visits with all elected officials, a local foods reception with legislators

and the Lieutenant Governor, and additional meetings with state agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

For more information please go to <http://www.dklegislativedays.com/>.



### The Ahnapee Trail is on the 2017 Legislative Days agenda!

Our message to State agencies is that we would like to increase the trail's stature to that of similar trail Elroy Sparta, and should include improvements to overall surface, branding, and trail amenities.

Our community will be making funding and resource requests to help Door and Kewaunee Counties develop this amazing resource for locals and visitors alike.

### Ahnapee Trailhead Development in Algoma

A group of community stakeholders have been meeting throughout 2016 with the intention of making the Ahnapee Trailhead in Algoma a first-rate community asset and tourism amenity. The overarching goal is to support the health and wellness of community members by providing high quality recreational and open space assets. The group would like to invite others in the community to learn about the broader goals of the project, gather input, do some action planning for this year and the future, and identify resources and other opportunities to help us forward the project.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Tuesday, April 4 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Knudsen Hall in Algoma. Please RSVP to

Claire Thompson if you plan on attending the meeting. [thomsoc@kewauneeco.org](mailto:thomsoc@kewauneeco.org). (920) 388-7136. We will need to have attendance counts for planning purposes.

At this meeting we will divide into work groups. Workgroups will address: Branding, Signs, Safety, and Communication; the "Industrial Segment" of the trail (from the west-end "fork" to the Wastewater Treatment Plant); and, improvements to the new Trailhead Parking Lot. Some tasks will be pretty straightforward and will be accomplished in a fairly short time frame, and others require more creativity, input, resources and time to implement.

This project is part of the Live Algoma initiative. Go to <http://livealgoma.org> for more information.

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### Algoma, Wisconsin Selected as Finalist for RWJF Culture of Health Prize

"LIVE ALGOMA" was chosen as a finalist for the fifth annual RWJF Culture of Health Prize given by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As a finalist, Algoma is one step closer to the national Prize which honors communities that understand health is a shared value and everyone has a role to play in driving change.

Selected from more than 200 communities across the country, Algoma joins 10 other finalist communities. Winners will be announced this fall.

"We are pleased to advance as a RWJF Culture of Health Prize finalist community. It means that our community has embraced the values and ways of being that serve as the foundation for the Live Algoma coalition. Two years ago, the Live Algoma coalition set out to create a model the world would follow---it's obvious that our work has gained tremendous recognition and continues to improve each and every day."

The Prize is guided by the principle that every community has the potential to improve and be a healthier place to live and thrive. To earn finalist status, the Live Algoma coalition had to demonstrate how it excelled in the six Prize criteria:

- ☞ Defining health in the broadest possible terms.
- ☞ Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions.
- ☞ Cultivating a shared and deeply-held belief in the importance of equal opportunity for health.
- ☞ Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- ☞ Securing and making the most of available resources.
- ☞ Measuring and sharing progress and results.

"The RWJF Culture of Health Prize finalists continue to show what's possible when communities make health a high priority and bring diverse partners together," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, RWJF president and CEO. "Our team looks forward to visiting these communities to learn more about how they are leveraging their unique strengths to build a Culture of Health."

If selected as a Prize winner, Live Algoma will be given a \$25,000 cash prize and opportunities to share their story and lessons learned with the country. They will also join a national network of past winning communities.

To learn about the work of the 27 previous Prize winners, visit [www.rwjf.org/prize](http://www.rwjf.org/prize)



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