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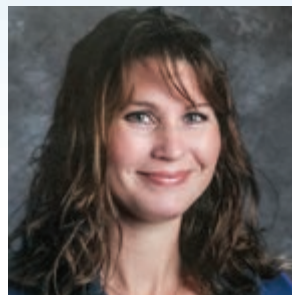
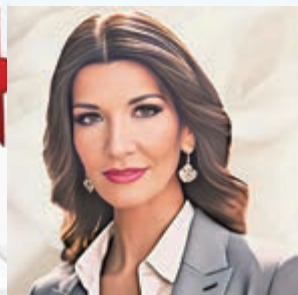
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# PUBLISHER'S NOTE

## The Ebb And Flow Of Love

Dear Reader,

Love is one of the most profound and transformative experiences of the human condition. It can ignite our spirits, inspire our dreams, and shape our lives in ways we never imagined. But as many of us have experienced, the passionate flames of early love can



dim over the years, and relationships that once felt unbreakable can face challenges and sometimes unravel. Why is it that people fall in love, only to find themselves falling out of love as time passes?

One reason people fall out of love is that they grow and change. Our experiences shape us, and as we evolve, so do our needs and desires. What brought us together initially may not sustain us as we develop new interests, values, and goals. Some-

times, couples grow together, but other times they grow apart. This divergence can create a sense of distance and incompatibility that is difficult to bridge.

Additionally, as we accumulate knowledge and experiences, our tolerance for certain behaviors can diminish. The patience we once had for minor annoyances may wear thin. The optimism that sustained us through rough patches may be replaced by a more pragmatic outlook. While this increased awareness can lead to healthier boundaries and more honest communication, it can also make us less forgiving and more critical.

Despite these challenges, falling out of love doesn't have to be the end of the story. Relationships can endure and even thrive through these transitions if both partners are willing to invest the effort. Open communication, mutual respect, and a commitment to growth are essential. It's important to continually nurture the bond, finding new ways to connect and support each other.

Falling in love is often effortless, but staying in love requires intention and resilience. As we navigate the complexities of our relationships, let us remember that love is not just a feeling but a choice. It is a journey of discovery, not only of our partners but of ourselves. Embrace the changes, cherish the memories, and strive to cultivate a love that withstands the test of time.

However, as time goes by, the intensity of these feelings naturally wanes. The routines of daily life set in, and the imperfections of our partners become more apparent. The very traits that once seemed endearing can start to feel irritating. This shift is a normal part of the relationship cycle, but it can lead to feelings of disillusionment if we

seem to be falling out of love. The initial spark of love often comes from a place of curiosity and excitement. It's driven by a powerful mix of physical attraction, emotional connection, and the thrill of discovering someone new. In those early days, everything feels fresh and exhilarating. We see our partners through rose-colored glasses, focusing on their strengths and overlooking their flaws. This stage, often referred to as the honeymoon phase, is marked by high levels of dopamine and oxytocin, the hormones responsible for pleasure and bonding.

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# Park swing

**Mayor Diny proposes a separate parks department under public works, causes stir among council members**



The city's Parks Department rarely gets heated — but the temperature rose at Monday's meeting in response to a new proposal by Mayor Doug Diny to overhaul how the city handles its parks department.

Diny's proposal? To separate the city's parks department from the county's and handle its parks services in-house, possibly putting it under the city's Department of Public Works. That, Diny said, would save between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in reduced costs, largely from reducing redundancy.

The proposal took city council members, including those on the city Parks Committee, by surprise. The proposal was added to the packet materials for the Monday night meeting, and many parks committee members said they heard about it from news media for the first time, which took them off guard.

The city since 1974 has shared a parks department with the county, and the joint parks department since then has handled all the county's parks and the city's parks. The Parks Committee earlier this year started looking at potential changes in how it handles the governing structure of the parks — the city has its own parks committee but the county has a Parks Commission that includes three city council members.

Originally, that commission was supposed to govern everything, but the city eventually added its own committee, so now the commission only handles county



Doug Diny



Jamie Polley

parks matters. Some city leaders said it didn't really make much sense for city members to be on that commission just to weigh in on county issues.

But no one expected a proposal to detach the parks department, which is opposite the trend more common these days: municipalities combining their efforts to save money. The most recent example includes the new Mountain Bay Metropolitan Police Department, which combines the Everest Metro and Rothschild Police Departments.

The proposal sparked several heated exchanges between the mayor and Parks Committee members, who questioned why they weren't given a heads up on the proposal and lamented they were caught flat-footed by media inquiries.

And many of them questioned where the numbers came from to back up the savings figures. The city's finance director MaryAnne Groat says she wasn't tasked with running any kind of financial analysis on the proposal and said a consultant to weigh those numbers would cost between \$40,000 and \$90,000.

Director Jamie Polley explained that it's much more complicated than meets the

eye. The county handles all the hiring of seasonal staff with a much bigger human resources department, for instance.

Diny explained that the proposal was meant to be the start of a discussion around the idea. More specific numbers and analysis would be needed to determine if the proposal made any sense.

## Police make huge southwest side meth bust

Police seized a huge amount of meth in a bust on the city's southwest side Friday, according to police reports.

The Wausau PD's Community Resource Unit, with help from the Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force, seized more than 170 grams of meth from a residence on the southwest side of Wausau, according to a Facebook post on the Wausau Police Department's website.

That bust came on a day when police made multiple arrests for meth and other drugs throughout the city.

According to the police log, police arrested a 31-year-old man on charges that included possession of meth, drug

paraphernalia and carrying a concealed knife in the 600 block of River Drive; arrested a 36-year-old man on charges of possession of meth in the 700 block of McClellan Street; arrested a 28-year-old woman on charges possession of meth with intent to sell in the 800 block of Third Avenue; and arrested a 51-year old man on charges of possession of meth with intent to sell in the 300 block of Forest Street.

## Wasps shut down city pool; others get extension

A wasp infestation shut down one of the city pools a little earlier than expected — but other pools will be extended, city officials say.

Kaiser Pool, one of three Wausau city pools, closed on Sunday after wasps took up residence in the slide tower and staff were unable to remove the little buggers.

Parks officials say the city instead has extended the season for the other two pools — Memorial and Schulerberg — to Aug. 11, a week later than they would ordinarily close for the season.



A photo shows the drugs police collected during a drug bust last week.

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## 94.7 brings back rock and roll

Longtime Wausau radio station 94.7FM rebranded to rock and roll, Midwest Communications officials say.

The station had been rock but rebranded to variety hits in 2021. But many people urged the station to switch back to rock, and so starting July 25 the station started playing music from bands such as AC/DC, Nirvana, Five Finger Death Punch and more.

## Air combat training will increase air activity in Marathon County

More than 1,000 military personnel will be participating in a major air combat exercise — and authorities say that could mean increased military activity in several counties including Marathon.

Marathon County Sheriff's Office officials say the Northern Lightning Counterland exercises will be conducted from Aug. 5 to Aug. 16 at the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center. That will involve 1,100 military personnel from the Air Force, National Guard and Marine Corps.

The training will include some of the most advanced military aircraft including the F-35A and F-35C, and the F-16.

The training will mean increased military flight activity across 22 counties in Wisconsin, including Marathon, Portage and Wood counties in central Wisconsin.

## Former mayoral candidate starts GiveSendGo campaign for legal fees

A former mayoral candidate cited with disorderly conduct following an allegedly racist incident has started a fundraising campaign to pay for his legal fees.

Christopher Wood, who ran in the mayoral primary in spring after making anti-Semitic conspiracy theory speeches last summer at Concerts on the Square, was cited last month in an incident at a gas station in which he used the N word in an altercation numerous times.

Wood started a campaign on GiveSendGo to raise money for his legal fees. Wood set a goal of \$15,000 - as of late Wednesday morning he had raised a little more than \$2,000 of that goal.

Wood is facing disorderly conduct charges stemming from the incident. Police say he commented to the woman of a mixed-race couple that she ought to find someone white instead, causing an altercation in which Wood used the N word multiple times, and later used the word with an officer.

Wood on social media said he thought he should be covered via the First Amendment, and says he intends to fight the charges. The fundraiser is meant to raise money for his defense.

The Marathon County District Attorney also filed a hate crime modifier with the disorderly conduct charge, which carries increased penalties. Wood on his fundraising site says he is seeking legal advice related to the charges. **CP**



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# Wisconsin campaigning

**Bon Iver, Baldwin slated to join Harris in Eau Claire Stump Wednesday; Vance to appear in separate, counter event**

**Indie folk band** Bon Iver and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin will be in Eau Claire tomorrow for Vice President Kamala Harris' rally featuring her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz.

Meanwhile, GOP vice presidential nominee JD Vance will be in the western Wisconsin city to speak with reporters as part of Donald Trump's effort to counter-program this week's campaign swing for Harris and Walz. Vance will make stops in the same states on the same days that Harris and her running mate will be there throughout this week.

The actual event happened after City Pages's deadline.

Harris kicks off the tour today in Philadelphia. It will be her sixth visit to Wisconsin of 2024 and the second since she was endorsed by Biden to be the party's standard-bearer. It will be Vance's first campaign stop in the state since appearing at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, where he was introduced as Trump's running mate.

And it will be the second straight Harris rally in the state that Baldwin will attend. She also helped introduce Harris at a Milwaukee-area event shortly after Biden dropped out of the race.

Before that, Baldwin had missed a Biden event in Madison as he sought to make up for a much-criticized debate appearance. She last attended a state event with him in January.

Baldwin spokesperson Andrew Mamo said Baldwin was happy to join Biden at the January event to announce federal funding for a bridge between Superior and Duluth and is looking forward to welcoming Harris back to the state.

"Above all, Tammy is running her own campaign comparing her record of fighting for working Wisconsinites against Eric Hovde's record of insulting our families," Mamo said.

## Cooke, Shankland trade barbs as campaign heats up

Rep. Katrina Shankland, D-Stevens Point, knocked 3rd CD primary rival Rebecca Cooke after a group backing Cooke's campaign started running an ad claiming Shankland is "working for Republicans, not you."

Cooke's campaign fired back that Shankland needs to answer for her record on health care as attacks between the candidates escalated two weeks out from the Aug. 13 primary, which will decide who faces off against incumbent U.S. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Prairie du Chien, in November.

Shankland spoke yesterday on a media call with U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Town of Vermont, and Sen. Jeff Smith, D-Brunswick, who have endorsed her campaign. She argued the ad could have a negative ripple effect on other Dems in the region.



"It is harmful to our democracy when so much dark money comes into a Democratic primary, some of which is used to attack a longstanding lawmaker's legislative record, and it isn't just my record, it's many other Democrats, some of whom are in vulnerable positions in the third congressional district," Shankland said.

## Evers taps DHS to use covid funds to boost care workers' wages

Gov. Tony Evers announced today he's directing the Department of Health Services to use \$258 million in COVID-19 funds to boost wages for direct care workers and providers serving older adults and individuals with disabilities.

The gov's office said in making the move, Wisconsin is joining 20 other states that have a minimum fee schedule for home and community-based services. It establishes the minimum that managed care organizations must pay providers for certain adult long-term care services and impacts several Medicaid programs.

DHS estimates the move will mean a 15% rate increase for most in-home services and 40.5% for those provided at residential facilities.

"Our healthcare workers have faced significant challenges these past few years, and these investments will go a long way toward helping make sure workers receive the support and fair compensation they deserve," Evers said. "While this is an important step in helping us be able to recruit, train, and retain talented folks in our healthcare workforce, it's going to be critical for these investments to continue

in our next biennial budget so we can address chronic challenges and continue building a strong, stable healthcare industry for the future."

According to Evers' office, the minimum fee schedule creates a list of the lowest prices that managed care organizations can pay for services. In doing so, DHS can require those organizations to pass along the rate increase to providers.

## Elections commission seeks waiver from ERIC letter

The state Elections Commission in a cost-saving move unanimously agreed to seek a waiver from the Electronic Registration Information Center to avoid sending a required mailer to eligible voters who are not registered.

The mailer — projected to cost \$92,550 — is required as part of the commission's membership in ERIC. The organization allows states to cross-reference voting records to identify issues such as those voting in more than one state.

The savings from receiving a waiver would both cover an increase in the state's membership fee to belong to ERIC and to use alternative methods to reach those who aren't registered.

ERIC, which allows states to share data to help remove from their voter rolls those who have died or moved to other states, became a target for some Republicans after Donald Trump lost the 2020 election. That includes complaints over its goal of getting more people registered to vote, as well as conspiracy theories about its funding. **CP**

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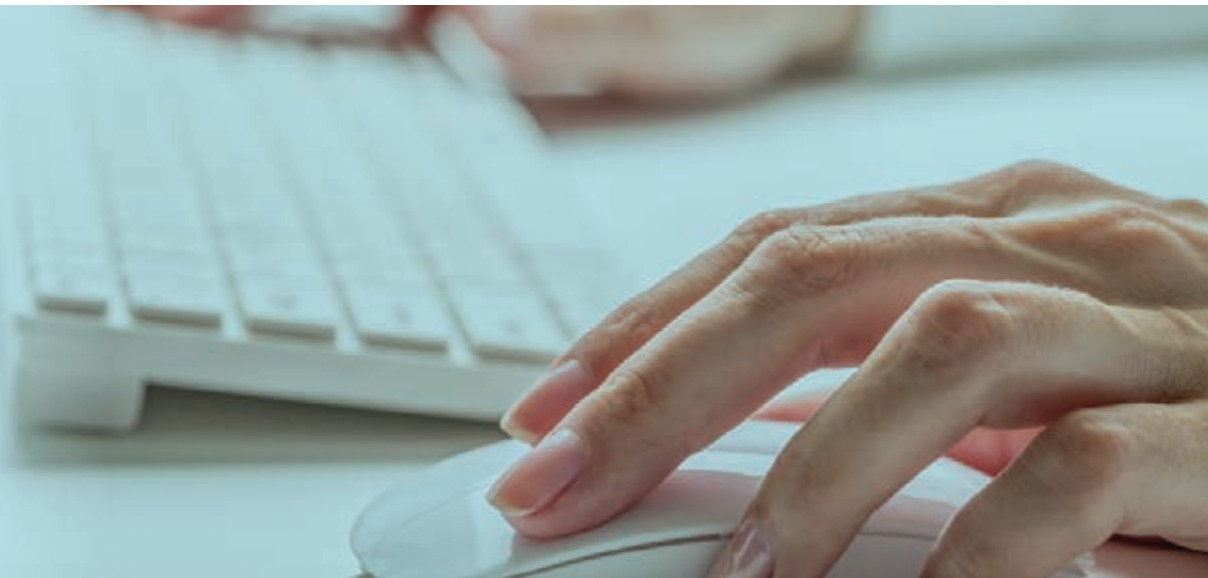
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## The lead replacement program erases an earlier bad choice

To the Editor:

The article entitled "Lead locked" in the July 25 issue emphasized how the replacement of lead service lines is being paid for. It provided interesting insights into how state and federal funding works in this case.

The Romans knew that lead was toxic. It was responsible for known medical conditions in those times. Lead was associated with miners' illnesses in the 17th century. In 1991, the US Environmental Protection Agency promulgated the "Lead and Copper Rule." As a result, signs went up at drinking fountains in many public buildings recommending that the water run for a while before taking a drink.

We should not have used lead for drinking water service in the first place, but we did. Due to inflation and the time value of money, the replacement is costing more now than if we had attacked the problem decades ago. I am pleased that this replacement is finally happening. It is time.

Let us use this present situation to galvanize the political will to address other environmental issues in a timely manner.

Larry Stookey  
Wausau

## Vote for Toshia Ranallo for County Clerk on Tuesday

Dear Marathon County voters,

On Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 vote for Toshia Ranallo, Marathon County Clerk. Ranallo is exceptionally responsible, brilliantly capable and is the definition of integrity. County Clerk is a position of the highest importance and significance,

Ranallo is the candidate you can trust. Ranallo has the experience, positivity, and administrative consistency needed for the County Clerk position. Through my years of working with Toshia Ranallo I have always observed consistent honesty, a high level of character, respect for others, and the utmost manner of professionalism. I therefore recommend to you, elect Ranallo as your next Marathon County Clerk. Ranallo is a vote you can trust and trust matters.

Sincerely, Peter Fromm Wade  
Marathon County Onsite Waste Specialist (Resd.)

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# ELECTION 2024 COVERAGE

## County primary battle

Tuesday features contested races for the Republican nomination for county clerk and county treasurer

This Tuesday, Aug. 13, Marathon County voters will have two choices for county clerk and county treasurer. Incumbent County Clerk Kim Trueblood will face off against challenger Toshia Ranallo and incumbent County Treasurer Connie Beyersdorff will face off against challenger Jen Seliger. All are on the Republican ticket, but all candidates City Pages spoke to said they wouldn't take partisanship into their positions. Winners will go on to the November election.

## MARATHON COUNTY CLERK

Marathon County Clerk Kim Trueblood is facing a primary challenger in Marathon County Executive Assistant Toshia Ranallo on the Republican ticket. Both say they're committed to approaching the position in a non-partisan fashion, as elections need to be handled fairly. And while it may seem odd that county elected positions such as county clerk, county treasurer and county sheriff are technically partisan positions, county parties haven't historically paid much attention to these races.

From interviewing both candidates, it's clear that this race for the Republican primary is more heated than perhaps a November Republican/Democrat contest would be.

Ranallo, 49, has worked as the county's executive assistant since 2020, and worked in Conservation, Planning and Zoning before that starting in 2018. In total, Ranallo says, she has worked in

municipal government for 17 years. That includes being a municipal clerk for the village of Wausaukee in Marinette County.

Ranallo says she is passionate about election integrity, efficient record keeping and working more closely with municipal clerks. Ranallo says she's running because she doesn't think the current clerk is doing those things.

Trueblood, 53, was appointed to the county clerk position in 2019 in a controversial county board meeting that brought up some delinquent payment charges she faced. Trueblood was then elected unopposed in 2020, serving in the role since.

Trueblood worked in the office since 2018, working under long-time clerk Nan Kottke. Trueblood says that Kottke was in the role for so long that she had perfected the processes, and Trueblood adopted those practices. She then updated some procedures for modern technology, such as posting a candidate tracker via Google spreadsheets during election run-ups so reporters and other interested parties could simply access the list to find out who is running.

Before joining the county, Trueblood worked as a school teacher.

Trueblood says she was surprised to learn that she had a primary opponent, and didn't have good things to say about Ranallo's motivations. "She said she needed to advance her career and didn't know any other way to do it," Trueblood told me.

I followed up with Ranallo about that comment.



Kim Trueblood



Toshia Ranallo

Ranallo did admit that the position would be an advancement of her career, but she says that isn't the only reason she is running. Ranallo said she approached Trueblood to inform her she had decided to run, and said that Trueblood's response was "less than professional."

"She tried to discourage me with comments such as, 'Don't waste your time, don't embarrass yourself, because I know a lot of people; What makes you think the Municipal Clerk's around here will support you?' Ranallo says.

Ranallo said Trueblood approached her the next day and apologized.

Trueblood took offense at Ranallo's suggestion of making the county clerk's office more open and transparent. Trueblood said she felt she's done a pretty good job with transparency. And she says she has many of the municipal clerks behind her in support.

Ranallo says one of her ideas is to have a quarterly meeting with other clerks in the county, in order to hear their concerns and get information out on a regular basis. And, she says, she could gain insights from them as well.

And, she would like to see more detailed minutes taken in county meetings - she said she would like to see them become more detailed to better reflect a more

accurate record of the meetings.

Trueblood said the current way county staff takes minutes is from the guidance of the Wisconsin Counties Association and from the county's attorney — they're not supposed to be transcripts. Plus, Trueblood adds, the county since COVID has contracted with public access to film nearly all of the county's meetings, which are available any time on YouTube.

Trueblood says that she's taken on additional responsibilities since taking the office. Her office now takes the minutes for six of the seven standing committees, she says (Environmental Resources is handled by someone else).

Trueblood touts her experience working on the job for five years, her expertise and that voters can trust her as reasons voters should select her.

Ranallo cites a drive to bring more transparency, helpfulness and her willingness to go the extra mile as reasons voters should select her.

Both candidates emphasized that though they're running on a Republican ticket, neither says they plan to take any partisan politics into the position.

It may not be a partisan battle, but neither candidate shied from going on the attack. Aug. 13's race will definitely be a battle.



# COUNTY TREASURER

Jen Seliger, 50, is currently the administration assistant to the principal at John Marshall Elementary School in the Wausau School District. As a Hamburg resident, she served on the Merrill Area Public School Board from 2008 to 2018, and served some of those years as its president.

Seliger says she is challenging the current office holder, Connie Beyersdorff, because she has been hearing that there is a lack of communication from the treasurer's office, that people can't get in touch with them and phone calls aren't returned. Seliger also cited a delinquent tax letter that went out from the treasurer's office to more than 500 residents in two townships before their taxes were delinquent. Corporation Counsel Michael

Puerner confirmed the incident and told City Pages that the letter was the result of a database issue that led to the letter going out to residents in February before those residents were delinquent on their taxes.

Beyersdorff refused multiple requests for an interview, saying she would only respond to written questions. But City Pages explained that wouldn't be fair as the other candidate agreed to an actual interview.

Seliger says she wants to bring more transparency to the position, better communication and to set up better standard operating procedures.

The race is a Republican primary, and Seliger says that while she is a conservative, at the end of the day she needs to serve the county first and foremost, and



Jen Seliger



Connie Beyersdorff

do the right thing for county residents regardless of any party affiliation. Seliger says she has a passion for public service and for getting the job done.

Beyersdorff, 46, from the town of Texas told the Wausau Daily Herald that she served for four years as the Marathon County Treasurer after defeating incumbent Audrey Jensen in 2020, and worked

as a municipal clerk prior to that. She is also the president of the Wisconsin Counties Treasurer's Association.

The election is Tuesday, Aug. 13. **CP**



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## 400 BLOCK STAGE

- Saturday, September 7, 2024 -

10:00 - 10:45  
Wausau Concert Band

11:00 - 11:45  
Tasty Beats One Man Band

12:00 - 12:45  
Local Performers TBA

1:00 - 1:45  
Nolan and the Hold

2:00 - 2:45  
Wausau Conservatory of Music

3:00 - 4:00  
The Station

- Sunday, September 8, 2024 -

10:00 - 10:45  
Paul Imholdt

11:00 - 11:45  
Hmong Dancers

12:00 - 12:45  
Center Stage Show Choir

1:00 - 1:45  
Keeffe Blues & Jazz

2:00 - 2:45  
Zopel Jazz

3:00 - 4:00  
Native American Dancers

## STILL YOUNG @ ART CLASS LINE-UP:

**SESSION 1: Saturday 9/7 from 9-Noon with Linda Raether**

**RUG HOOKING: "GARDEN BUTTERFLY"**

Learn a single stitch & simple finishing technique to hand hook a butterfly design for a small garden stake/plant poke. A wide variety of colors/textures of wool fibers available for adding your own design details to a basic butterfly shape.

**SESSION 2: Saturday 9/7 from 1:30-3:30 with Diane Shabino**

**WATERCOLOR: "FLORAL WREATHS"**

Create small scale watercolors of spring, fall and/or winter/holiday floral wreaths using archival paper suitable for framing or use on notecards.

**SESSION 3: Sunday 9/8 from 10:00-12:00 with Nancy Laliberte**

**MIXED MEDIA JOURNALING: "THE ART OF CREATIVITY"**

Students will get a colorful and creative introduction to mixed media journaling using fun, hands-on techniques with a variety of art supplies. Class includes a journal for you to keep.

**SESSION 4: Sunday 9/8 from 1:30-3:30 with Krista Botsford**

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# HIGHLIGHTS



JANET PLANET



LOGJAM

## Jazz on the River: Janet Planet

Sunday 8/11 | Kickbusch Plaza, Wausau

It surprised me to learn that Janet Planet is from Oshkosh — she's been a name around the Wausau area for so long I just assumed she lived here! Janet Planet has been rocking the jazz scene for more than three decades and her voice sounds just as good on recent recordings as it ever has. Her voice is sultry and punchy, and it'll be a joy to watch her take the stage at Kickbusch Plaza behind the library. 5 pm. Free. [rivervalleyjazz.org](http://rivervalleyjazz.org). Rain location: St. Andrew's, Rib Mountain.

## August Kickbusch Celebration

Saturday 8/10 | The 400 Block, Wausau

Wausau has a brand new event — Kickbusching off this weekend is the brand new August Kickbusch Celebration. Operating on the 400 Block from noon to 4 pm Saturday, the new event meant to honor Wausau's first mayor, August Kickbusch will feature live music from Brad Emanuel, a "busch" kicking contest to see how far someone can kick a can of Busch beer (I hope it's the light version) and plenty of local food trucks to keep you occupied. August Kickbusch founded one of the first successful

stores in Wausau (behind the library where Kickbusch Plaza is located now), walked from Milwaukee to Wausau when he first moved here, and is known for bringing German immigrants over to Wausau when he decided the area needed more people. Put together by the folks behind The Wausau Business Show, this should be an interesting event to be sure. Noon.

## History Speaks: Honor in the Air

Saturday 8/10

Marathon County Historical Society, Wausau

These History Speaks events are a great way to learn about local history — something that can be difficult to find a lot about otherwise. This event's focus is on Captain Scott Alwin, a helicopter pilot who served five tours of Vietnam, earned 136 air medals and other medals including the Purple Heart and the Silver Star, and the respect of his fellow soldiers. This documentary contains never-before-seen footage of Vietnam, Alwin and his crew, archive footage and interviews with many of his surviving family members and fellow crewmen. The documentary is even more moving that you might expect. 2 pm. Free. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org).

## Concert in the Clouds: Andy Z and the Swinging Monkeys

Sunday 8/11 | Rib Mountain Amphitheater, Wausau

One of my favorite area concert series is the Concert in the Clouds series — how cool is it to listen to some tunes high atop Rib Mountain? This month's artist is Andy Z and the Swinging Monkeys, a group specializing in rock, redneck jazz and rockabilly — which sounds like a pretty

epic combination. Another option of course is to make an athletic event out of it and hike up the ski hill or up the walking path get some steps in before you see the show! 5 pm. Free, but a state park pass is required to enter at the top by car. Friends of Rib Mountain on Facebook.

## LogJam

Fri-Sun 8/9-11 | River Park, Mosinee

LogJam is one fascinating event. It combines some very old-school historical reenactment — folks dressed as and working as blacksmiths, pioneers and other early Wisconsin types, some of them truly acting in character, which is always a trip — with fun events that make it a little party in the middle of Mosinee. It's a great family event that also can be really fun for adults. [logjamfestival.org](http://logjamfestival.org)

**Friday night:** Jerry Schmitt

**Saturday afternoon:** Handpicked Bluegrass

**Saturday night:** 49 Deluxe

**Sunday:** Balsam Road Ramblers

## Adeem The Artist

Thursday 8/8 | Stoney Acres Farm, Athens

Adeem The Artist is a pretty good get for Stoney Acres Farm, which has turned its pizza on the farm into a music venue worth taking note of. Adeem The Artist has played at Grand Ole Opry, comes from Knoxville, Tenn. and is now ready to bring the band's blend of Americana/country to the farm. \$39 gets you all-you-can-eat pizza and a night of pop-style country music. \$39. Visit [stoneyacres.farm](http://stoneyacres.farm) for more info about tickets and the event. 5 pm. Opening act Scott Kirby at 6 pm, main act at 7:30 pm.

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### BAR BEATS

#### Thursday August 8

**Brett Winters** · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Indie folk. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

**Blame it on Waylon** · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Country. 6 pm. 715-341-2232

**The Swing Doctors** · Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230

**Brad Emanuel** · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Variety. 8 pm. 715-356-6134

**Mattea Joy** · Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-298-3202

**Bernie Thompson** · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

#### Friday August 9

**Tommy Z** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

**Joyann Parker** · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Variety. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

**Ryan Howe** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

#### Saturday August 10

**Brian McLaughlin (BMac)** · Pine Pointe Bar & Grill, Tomahawk. Music from Frank Sinatra to Bruno Mars. 3 pm. 715-453-3133

**Renee Michelle** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic classic rock, country & variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

**The Tamaracks** · Stoney Acres, Athens Farm. Rock, blues, country & Americana. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

**Tom Burt** · Amber Grill, Stevens Point. Variety. 5 pm. 715-344-9808

**Brett Westgrove** · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Acoustic. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Adam Kopper** · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

**Tailwater** · District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Pop, country & rock. 6 pm. 715-544-6707

**Infer/Red** · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Rock & roll. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232

**Between Howls** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Folk, rock & blues. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

**Still Reckless** · Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Country. 8 pm. 715-344-5990

**The Northwoods Bassist** · Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 9 pm. 715-845-2030

#### Sunday August 11

**The Hayes Boys Orchestra** · Gorski's, Mosinee. Oldtime & Big Band. 1 pm. 715-693-4001

#### Wednesday August 14

**Andy Shore** · The Local Goat Company, Amherst. Country variety. 5:30 pm. 715-824-7656

#### Thursday August 15

**Comstock Lode with Peter Nomm** · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Country. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

**Still Reckless** · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Country. 6 pm. 715-341-2232

**Brad Emanuel** · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Variety. 8 pm. 715-356-6134

**Bernie Thompson** · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

#### Friday August 16

**Downtime Acoustic** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

**Jesse & The Medicine Men** · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Country. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

**Alex & Oscar of Dig Deep** · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Bluegrass. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

**Spicy Tie Band** · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Funk, rock & soul. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232

**The Lone Canary** · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Folk/Americana. 7 pm. 715-356-6134

**Local Heroes** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

#### Saturday August 17

**Lawrence Andersen** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

**Jesse & The Medicine Men** · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Country. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

**Joe G.** · Amber Grill, Stevens Point. Americana. 5 pm. 715-344-9808

**Carl Jackson** · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Country. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Copper Box** · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Zydeco & blues rock. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232

**Brothers Burn Mountain** · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Blues. 8 pm. 715-356-6134

**Taylor Tesch & Mattea Joy** · Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Rock & roll, variety. 9 pm. 715-845-2030

#### Sunday August 18

**The Beer & Pretzel's Polka Band** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Polka. 12 pm. 715-344-9310

**Zopel Jazz** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Jazz. 12 pm. 715-819-3663

#### Thursday August 22

**Double Barrel** · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Country, variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

**Jordan Blanchard** · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Variety. 6 pm. 715-341-2232

**Brad Emanuel** · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Variety. 8 pm. 715-356-6134

**Bernie Thompson** · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

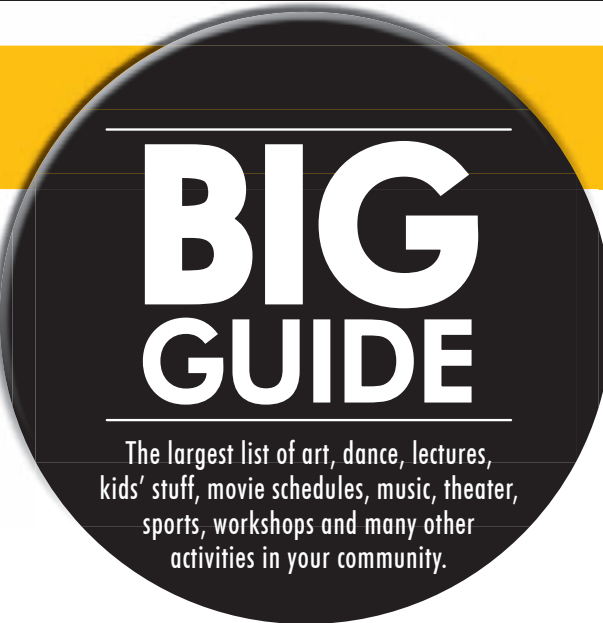
#### Ongoing

**Trivia** · Mondays, Guu's on Main, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 7 pm. <http://guusonmain.com/>

**Karaoke Night** · Mondays & Fridays, Moua's Callon St. Pub, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-1902

**Trivia** · Tuesdays, District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-6707

**Video Trivia** · Tuesdays, The Garage, Wausau. Create a team of up to 4 players or play solo. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-393-4495



# BIG GUIDE

The largest list of art, dance, lectures, kids' stuff, movie schedules, music, theater, sports, workshops and many other activities in your community.

### ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

**Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473**  
Movie times thru 8/15

**It Ends with Us (PG13)**: Fri. 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

**Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG)**: Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

**Deadpool & Wolverine (R)**: Fri. 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

**Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094**  
Movie times 8/8-8/14

**Deadpool & Wolverine (R)**: Thurs. 10:10 am, 1:10 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:10 pm, 10:10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 9:30 am, 11 am, 11:50 am, 12:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:20 pm, 9:30 pm, 5:20 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:10 am, 1:10 pm, 4:10 pm, 10:10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 3:10 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:10 pm, 9:40 pm

**Marcus Mystery Movie (8/12) (PG)**: Mon. 7 pm

**The Lego Movie-10th Anniversary (PG)**: Sat., Mon. & Wed. 10 am; Sun. & Tues. 12:30 pm

**Borderlands (PG13)**: Thurs. 3 pm, 5:30 pm, 8 pm, 10:30 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:50 am, 12:20 pm, 2:50 pm, 5:20 pm, 7:50 pm, 10:20 pm

**It Ends with Us (PG13)**: Thurs. 2 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:40 pm; Fri., Sat., Mon. & Wed. 9:30 am, 10 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1 pm, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:45 pm, 9:30 pm, 10:30 pm; Sun. & Tues. 9:30 am, 10 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:45 pm, 9:30 pm, 10:30 pm

**Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG)**: Thurs. 9:40 am, 12 pm, 2:20 pm, 4:40 pm, 7 pm, 9:20 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am, 11:50 am, 2:10 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm

**Trap (PG13)**: Thurs. 11:50 am, 2:30 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:50 pm, 10:30 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 10 am, 12:35 pm, 2:35 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:45 pm,

### TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. Dirty Knobs featuring Mike Campbell 'Virgins, Vagabonds & Misfits'
2. Slash 'Orgy Of The Damned'
3. Black Country Communion 'V'
4. Cage The Elephant 'Neon Pill'
5. Billie Eilish 'Hit Me Hard & Soft'
6. The Black Keys 'Ohio Players'
7. Vampire Weekend 'Only God Was Above Us'
8. Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats 'South Of Here'
9. Widespread Panic 'Snake Oil King'
10. Ghost 'Rite Here Rite Now'

10:20 pm; Sat., Mon. & Wed. 12:35 pm, 2:35 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:45 pm, 10:20 pm

**Twisters (PG13)**: Thurs. 9:40 am, 12:40 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun., Tues. & Wed. 9:40 am, 12:40 pm, 3:40 pm, 7 pm, 9:50 pm; Mon. 9:40 am, 12:40 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:50 pm

**Despicable Me 4 (PG)**: Thurs. 9:30 am, 10:50 am, 12 pm, 1:20 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 10:50 am, 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:10 pm

**Inside Out 2 (PG)**: Thurs. 9:30 am, 12:20 pm, 2:40 pm, 5 pm, 7:20 pm, 9:40 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:40 am, 12:10 pm

**Shrek (PG)**: Thurs. 9:50 am

### ON STAGE

**Levitt Amp Concert Series: Bassel & The Supernaturals** · Thurs. 8/8, Piffner Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Funk. Starts at 6 pm. [createportagecounty.org](http://createportagecounty.org)

**46th Annual Shawano Folk Music Festival** · Fri.-Sun. 8/9-8/11, Mielke Arts Center & Mielke Park, Shawano. Lineup: John Stano, Emma's Revolution, Gaines & Wagoner, Mark Dvorak, Ken Lonnquist & the O'Darby Irish Pub Band, Lil' Rev, Heather Styka, South for Winter & more. Starts at 7 pm. \$15-\$80. [shawanofestival.org](http://shawanofestival.org)

**Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Concert** · Sat. 8/10, Wausau Botanic Gardens, Wausau. Bring your own chair. Starts at 10 am. Free. [cwso.org](http://cwso.org)

**BOGFOOT** · Sat. 8/10, Lincoln County Fair, Merrill. Variety. Starts at 4 pm. [lincolncofair.com](http://lincolncofair.com)

**Janet Planet** · Sun. 8/11, Kickbusch Plaza, Wausau. Jazz. Starts at 5 pm. Free. [rivervalleyjazz.org](http://rivervalleyjazz.org)

**Concert in the Clouds: Andy Z and the Spankin' Monkees** · Sat. 8/11, Rib Mountain State Park Amphitheater, Wausau. Classic rock & variety. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission to concert. Daily or annual park admission pass required. [ribmountain.org](http://ribmountain.org)

**Main Street Music: Curt Pliske & Polka Spirit** · Tues. 8/13, hosted by Marathon City 2020 Ltd at Marathon City Heritage Center Park, Marathon City. Polka. Starts at 6 pm. [facebook.com/marathoncity2020](http://facebook.com/marathoncity2020)

**Uncharted Waters** · Tues. 8/13, Hodag Park, 509 Hodag Park Dr, Rhinelander. Acoustic. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-362-1975

**PJ's Live: Hip Pocket** · Wed. 8/14, PJ's-SentryWorld, Stevens Point. Top 40, R&B, Latin-infusion, jazz, pop, modern & classic rock. Starts at 5:30 pm. [sentryworld.com](http://sentryworld.com)

**Notes @ Night: First Avenue** ·

Wed. 8/14, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Acoustic variety. Starts at 5:30 pm. [downtownpointwi.com](http://downtownpointwi.com)

**Concert on the Square: Conscious Pilot** · Wed. 8/14, 400 Block, Wausau. Rock. Starts at 6 pm. [wausauevents.org](http://wausauevents.org)

**Shakespeare in the Park: A Midsummer Night's Dream** · Thurs.-Sat. 8/15-8/17, hosted by the River & Woods Theatre Company at Stewart Park, Wausau. Family-friendly Shakespeare play that tells a story of love, mischief & magic. Bring your own chair or blanket. Come at 1 pm and enjoy craft time for kids. Starts at 2 pm. \$20 adults, \$15 kids, \$15 seniors, \$15 adult Shakespeare, \$10 child/senior Shakespeare. [rawtc.booktix.com](http://rawtc.booktix.com)

**Gazebo Nights at Normal Park: The Northwoods Bassist** · Thurs. 8/15, Normal Park, Merrill. Acoustic variety. Starts at 5 pm. 715-297-4309

**Shakespeare in the Park: Taming of the Shrew** · Thurs.-Sat. 8/15-8/17, hosted by the River & Woods Theatre Company at Stewart Park, Wausau. One of Shakespeare's funniest comedies, a timeless tale of the battle of wits between 2 very strong people. The story also includes romance, mistaken identities, grumbling servants, lots of laughs, & the transforming power of love. Bring your own chair or blanket. Starts at 6 pm. \$20 adults, \$15 kids, \$15 seniors, \$15 adult Shakespeare, \$10 child/senior Shakespeare. [rawtc.booktix.com](http://rawtc.booktix.com)

**Gazebo Nights at Normal Park: Andy Z & The Spankin' Monkees** · Thurs. 8/15, Normal Park, Merrill. Classic rock & variety. Starts at 6 pm. 715-297-4309

**Levitt Amp Concert Series: newSong & Michelle Elle** · Thurs. 8/15, Rib Mountain State Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Hmong music. Starts at 6 pm. [createportagecounty.org](http://createportagecounty.org)

**The Merry Wives of Windsor-Schmeckle Shakes** · Thurs.-Sun. 8/15-8/18, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater at Schmeckle Reserve, Stevens Point. Shakespearean comedy that tells the tale of Sir John Falstaff's attempt to court two wives of two wealthy merchants, only for them to take revenge by playing pranks on him. Starts at 6 pm on 8/15-8/17 & 2 pm on 8/18. \$15 suggested donation on Thurs. \$15/adult, \$10 veteran/student Fri.-Sun. [wact.org](http://wact.org)

**Red Hot Chili Pipers** · Thurs. 8/15, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Scottish-themed music that blends rock music

with bagpipes. Starts at 7 pm. \$37 general admission. campanilecenter.org

**Bored Teachers: The Struggle Is Real!** · Fri. 8/16, Grand Theater, Wausau. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$70. grandtheater.org

**NEW Dueling Pianos** · Fri. 8/16, Bantr, Rothschild. Enjoy a piano show that covers practically every music genre. Starts at 8 pm. \$25 pre-sale, \$30 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

**Buckcherry** · Sat. 8/17, Bantr, Rothschild. Rock 'n roll. 18+. Starts at 8 pm. \$39-\$49. bantrrothschild.com

**Jeff Erickson Quartet** · Sun. 8/18, Kickbusch Plaza, Wausau. Jazz. Starts at 5 pm. Free. rivervalleyjazz.org

**PJ's Live: Blame it on Waylon** · Wed. 8/21, PJ's-SentryWorld, Stevens Point. Country. Starts at 5:30 pm. sentryworld.com

**Notes @ Night: Hijinx** · Wed. 8/21, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Variety. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

**Levitt Amp Concert Series: Chris Pierce** · Thurs. 8/22, Pffiffner Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Blues. Starts at 6 pm. createportagecounty.org

**The Tape Face Show** · Fri. 8/23, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Comedy. Doors open at 7 pm. Starts at 8 pm. \$25-\$35. northstarcasinoresort.com

**West Avenue Band** · Tues. 8/27, Hodag Park, 509 Hodag Park Dr, Rhinelander. Hard rock/electric blues. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-362-1975

**Notes @ Night: Jordan Bain & Friends** · Wed. 8/28, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Variety. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

**Concert on the Square: Hip Pocket** · Wed. 8/28, 400 Block, Wausau. R&B, rock, Latin-infused, jazz, pop, modern & classic rock hits. Starts at 6 pm. wausauevents.org

**Notes @ Night: Aaron Lee Kaplan** · Wed. 9/4, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Americana & blues. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

## ONGOING

**Parent Aide Triple P In-Home Program** · Children's WI, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Program that promotes positive parenting practices to address and prevent a range of social, emotional, and behavioral problems in children and teens. For parents of children ages 0-17. 715-660-0397 for more information or to sign up

**Marshfield Pickleball** · Every Mon., Tues., Weds., and Fri., hosted by the city of Marshfield. Located at the Oak Ave. Community Center, 201 S. Oak Ave. Advanced ticket discounts available through the Parks & Rec department. Ci.marshfield.wi.us.

**Learning Essentials About Parenting** · Mondays, Children's WI, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Learn how to solve problems and strengthen relationships in your home. Starts at 6 pm. Free. 715-848-1457 to register

**Werle Park Plus Neighborhoods of Wausau** · 2nd Monday of most months, Grace United Church of Christ, 535 S 3rd Ave, Wausau. Meet and discuss neighborhood issues. Use basement entrance off back of church. Starts at 6 pm. 715-845-7051.

**AARP Chapter 272 Monthly Meeting** · 3rd Mon. of each month. United Way Office, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Each month will have a speaker discuss a current topic in the news or in the area as well as legislation being proposed that affects those over age 50. AARP membership encouraged but not required to attend. Starts at 1:30 pm. 715-571-6189

**The Landing Literacy Book Club** · 4th Mon. of each month. Book club at the Landing YMCA, Wausau. Book notices at YMCA, Literacy Council and Janke Bookstore. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 715-841-1855

**Senior Bingo** · Every Tuesday, hosted by the Marshfield Parks & Recreational Department at Drendel Room, 211 E 2nd St, Marshfield. Starts at 1 pm. \$1 for 2 cards. 715-486-2041

**Sweet Adelines Center Point Chorus** · Every Tuesday, Harmony House, 3500 Harmony Lane, Stevens Point. Learn and sing 4-part A Capella music barbershop style. Starts at 7 pm. 715-630-3155

**Joe & Dough Military Veterans Morning Social** · 2nd Tuesday of every month, Elk's Club, 1132 Clark St, Stevens Point. Military veterans are invited to socialize with others, ask questions or relax. Select meetings will feature a guest speaker presenting a veteran-related topic. Complimentary donuts, sugar-free bakery items, coffee & tea will also be available for attendees. Starts at 8 am. 715-341-6194 for more info

**Pine Tree Quilters Guild** · 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 6205 Alderson St, Weston. Join us for educational & informational gatherings on the 2nd Tues. at 6:30 pm & 4th Tues. at 10 am. pinetreequilters.org

**Super Sip 'N Swap or Shop** · 3rd Thursday of every month, JN Creations LLC, 608 Washington St, Wausau. Taste a sip of a beverage sold at the boutique from a Wisconsin Maker & Swap out your reading, cookbooks, magazines, puzzles & board games. Not a swapper just a shopper? No problem. Come on in. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 612-756-1177

**Senior Wednesday** · Wednesdays, JN Creations LLC, 608 Washington St, Wausau. 10% discount for ages 60+. 612-756-1177

**Veterans Weekly Cup-of-Coffee at a Glance** · Wednesdays, Denny's, Rothschild. Veterans can meet and enjoy a cup of coffee and meal. Starts at 10 am. More info at mikeheil123.wikisite.com/website

**Wednesday Night Sessions** · Wednesdays, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Enjoy a fellowship meal at 5:30 pm. Programs include FISH (for parents and children ages 3-grade 5), Ignite Confirmation (grade 6 & 7), Fusions Youth Group (for grades 8-12), and an adult bible study. Starts at 6:15 pm. mtoliveweston.org

**Wausau Morning Toastmasters Meeting** · 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, Vino Latte, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. toastmasters.org

**Central Wisconsin Marine Corps League Detachment** · 350 · 3rd Wednesday of each month, 2970 Post Road, Plover. Meet at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome. 715-824-3343 or 715-252-3339 for more info

**Aspirus Wausau Farmers Market** · Every Thursday, Located at Aspirus Corporate Parking Lot, 2200 Westwood Dr, Wausau. Opens 9 am. Aspirus.org

**History Chats** · Every Thursday, hosted online by the Marathon County Historical Society. Learn about Marathon County's history from Ben Clark and/or Gary Gisselman. Starts at 12:30 pm. On Facebook Live and Marathon County Historical Society's Youtube page

**Out & About** · Every Thursday (except 4/14 & Thanksgiving), Jubilee House Free Community Meal, St. Matthew Catholic Church Campus, 221 S 28th St, Wausau. 4:30 pm-6 pm. 715-848-6120

**Farmers Market of Wausau** · Saturdays & Wednesdays from May-mid Nov., 200 River Dr, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. farmersmarketofwausau.com

**Stevens Point Quakers Meeting** · Every Sunday. Boys & Girls Club, 941 Michigan Ave, Stevens Point. All welcome! Child care available. Religious education twice a month. Starts at 10 am. 715-344-2593 for more info

**First UU Church of Wausau Service** · Sundays. First UU Church of Wausau, 504 Grant St, Wausau. All are welcomed at the first UU Church of Wausau. Starts at 10:30 am. uuwausau.org

**Edgar Community Cookbook** · now until 9/1, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Drop off your recipe at MCPL Edgar or email MCPL.Edgar@co.marathon.wi.us. Recipes may be original or created by others; please include a brief description of each recipe's origin. After enough recipes have been received, a cookbook will be compiled & added to the library's collection for the community to enjoy. Free event & open to Edgar area community members. 715-352-3155 for more info

**"Bloomin' Greenhouse Tour"-2024** · April thru Oct., hosted by the Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau at Clark County, WI. Go on a self-guided tour to many greenhouses & garden centers throughout Clark County consisting of several plants of many varieties. Start times vary. No cost. For a brochure, call 715-255-9100 or visit clarkcountyiwi.org

**Sunday Brunch on the Farm** · Every Sunday from Mother's Day thru October, Lonely Oak Farm, 11946 County Rd S., Milladore. Serving from 10 am-2 pm. No pets please. lonelyoakfarm.net

**Worship Service** · Sundays, Peace United Church of Christ, 1530 Grand Ave, Schofield. Starts at 9 am. peacechurchucc.com

**Kronenwetter Farmers Market** · Sundays from June-Oct., 2390 Terrebonne Dr, Kronenwetter. Opens 9 am-2 pm. kronenwetter.org

**Marathon City Farmers Market** · Thursdays, 400 Main St., Marathon City. 45+ vendors. Produce, food trucks, bakery, arts & crafts, flowers & drinks. Opens 2 pm-6 pm. MarathonCityFarmersMarket@gmail.com

**MCPL Learn How to Play Cribbage** · Tuesdays during the summer, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Adults can visit the library and play cribbage. Cribbage boards and cards will be available and all skill levels are welcome. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Saturday Morning Serenity Seekers AFG** · Saturdays online, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 600 Wilshire Blvd, Stevens Point. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/886522432> Meeting ID 886 522-432 Passcode: Serenity. In person first Saturday of the month at 9 am. 312-626-6799

## EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

**Stratford Young Adult Book Club: "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys** · Thurs. 8/8, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. This historical fictional novel tells the gripping tale of four young refugees seeking freedom during World War II. Starts at 5:30 pm. 715-687-4420

**Wausau Woodchucks Game** · Thurs. 8/8, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Minnesota Mud Puppies. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/

**Movie in the Park: Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone** · Thurs. 8/8, The 400 Block, Wausau. Bring a blanket, chairs and snack to enjoy during the movie. Starts at 7 pm. Free. [marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/parks-recreation-forestry](http://marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/parks-recreation-forestry)

**Log Jam Festival** · Fri.-Sun. 8/9-8/11, Mosinee, Wisconsin. Experience outdoor activities like canoeing, music, educational events, food vendors, log rolling demonstrations & more. Live music lineup:

Fri: Jerry Schmitt Band at 6 pm. Sat: Hand-Picked Bluegrass Band at 1:30 pm, 49 Deluxe at 6:30 pm, Sun: Balsam Road Ramblers at 12 pm. Starts at 5 pm on Fri., 10 am on Sat., & 9 am on Sun. Free admission. Logjamfestival.org

**Family Movie Night at the Farm** · Fri. 8/9, Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, 142744 Countryside Dr, Wausau. Inspired by a true story about a horse trainer who sacrifices everything so that his daughter can see their injured horse race again. Bring your own chair or blanket. Movie will be shown in the indoor arena, rain or shine. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission. stablehandstherapy.com

**Dinner in the Gardens: Pizza** · Fri. 8/9, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Make dinner using ingredients harvested & prepared from the kitchen garden. Starts at 6 pm. \$15 per person, 20% member discount, free for ages 3 & under. monkgardens.org

**Wausau Woodchucks Game** · Fri. 8/9, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Kenosha Kingfish. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/

**St. Therese August Fest** · Sat.-Sun. 8/10-8/11, St. Therese Parish, 112 W. Kort St., Rothschild/Schofield. Sat. 4 pm-7:30 pm music with Double Barrel and Hyde plays 7:30 pm-11:30 pm. Sun. Polka Access Band & Polka Pak play alternating on the grounds from 11 am-4:30 pm with Polka Mass at 10 am in the church. Chicken & Ham dinner plus sausage & kraut from 11 am-1:30 pm. Carry-outs available. Bingo in basement from noon-5:30 pm. Both days include: bucket raffles, kids games, food, beer, bakery spin, cherry tree, frozen pierogie & Polish sausage, ice cream sales & flea market. 715-359-2421

**Wausau Woodchucks Game** · Sat. 8/10, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Kenosha Kingfish. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/

**Flow & Restore Yoga** · Sun. 8/11, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**RPM-V** · Sun. 8/11, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Plant Swap** · Mon.-Sat. 8/12-8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Patrons can take or leave a plant, along with plant care instructions. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-261-7230

**TRX** · Mon. 8/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Yin and Yang Yoga** · Mon. 8/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Bodypump** · Mon. 8/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Marathon City Book Club: "Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zauner** · Mon. 8/12, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. An unflinching, powerful memoir about growing up Korean-American, losing her mother, & forging her own identity. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775

**HIIT** · Mon. 8/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Bodypump** · Tues. 8/13, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Edgar Book Club: "In the Lives of Puppets" by TJ Klune** · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. A human & his robot family must embark on a journey to save one of their own before it's too late. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155

**Hatley Book Club: "Firefly Lane" by Kristin Hannah** · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. For thirty years, Tully & Kate buoy each other through life, weathering the storms of friendship. They think they've survived it all until a single act of betrayal tears them apart & puts their friendship to the ultimate test. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537

**Athens Book Club: "The Girls of August" by Anne Rivers Siddons** · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. For fifteen years, four girls would gather together to spend a week in August at the beach, until tragedy interrupts their ritual. Now they reunite for a startling week of discoveries. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292

**Les Mills RPM-V** · Tues. 8/13, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**StrongNation** · Tues. 8/13, Greenheck Turner

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Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Boxing & Self-Defense** · Tues. 8/13, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Cycle Strength** · Wed. 8/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**METRO Club Luncheon** · Wed. 8/14, Gulliver's Landing, 1701 Mallard Ln, Wausau. Speaker is Amy Yanzer, Forward Beverage Co. Topic is Delicious non-alcoholic cocktails crafted with real juices. RSVP by 8/9. Starts at noon. 715-203-2382 or mageetutor94@gmail.com to RSVP

**TRX** · Wed. 8/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Les Mills Bodypump** · Wed. 8/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. <https://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness>

**Dinner in the Vineyard** · Wed. 8/14, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy a specialty-themed cocktail, appetizers, salad greens, homemade bread, two meat entrees, potatoes, rice, grilled veggies, dessert, after-dinner drink and wagon rides. Starts at 6 pm. \$70/person. willowspringsgardens.com

**Les Mills BodyBalance** · Wed. 8/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:35 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Les Mills Bodycombat** · Thurs. 8/15, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**2nd Annual Car Show** · Thurs. 8/15, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Brews, 225548 Rib Mountain Dr, Wausau. Enjoy the car show, burgers, homemade chips, beer & music. \$5 a glass of beer at beer tent. WSPT & B-104.9 FM playing music from 4 pm-6 pm. Blindside playing rock & blues from 7 pm-10 pm. 715-301-0019

**Fun@5 at the Island-Member Appreciation Picnic** · Thurs. 8/15, hosted by the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce at Clark Island, Wausau. Network with others and enjoy food, beverages & desserts. Registration required. 21+ event. Starts at 4 pm. Free. [wausauchamber.com](http://wausauchamber.com)

**Pizza in the Orchard** · Thurs. 8/15, Rock Ridge Orchard, Edgar. Enjoy a pizza buffet and music from the Jerry Schmitt band (duo). Bring a lawn chair. Doors open at 4 pm. Music starts at 6 pm. \$18 adults, \$6 children 11 and under. 715-370-4083

**Les Mills RPM-V** · Thurs. 8/15, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Zumba** · Thurs. 8/15, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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**MCPL Movie Night** · Thurs. 8/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch the 2024 biopic about a legendary Jamaican reggae artist who inspired many with his message of love & unity. Movie is rated PG13. Starts at 6 pm. Free. mcpl.us

**Grit Virtual** · Fri. 8/16, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Central Wisconsin Military Show** · Fri-Sat. 8/16-8/17, Motorama Auto Museum, Aniwa. Check out military vehicles, re-enactments, swap meet, live music and more. Starts at 9 am. \$10. Free for kids 12 and under. [motoramaautomuseum.org](http://motoramaautomuseum.org)

**Dinner in the Gardens: Spring Rolls** · Fri. 8/16, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Make dinner using ingredients harvested & prepared from the kitchen garden. Starts at 6 pm. \$15 per person, 20% member discount, free for ages 3 & under. [monkgardens.org](http://monkgardens.org)

**Strong Nation** · Sat. 8/17, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Barre** · Sat. 8/17, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

**Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale** · Sat. 8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs, TV movies, artwork, board games and puzzles for sale. For members only but nonmembers can join on

the spot for a yearly membership of \$10 or \$25 per family. Starts at 9:30 am. 715-261-7200

**EGOCON 2024** · Sat. 8/17, Sentry Curling Center, 1515 Maple Dr, Plover. Sci-fi fantasy gaming convention with Daleks, vendors, charity auction, activities & more. Starts at 10 am. \$15 admission. [egocon.org](http://egocon.org)

**Beer & Cheese for Pets Please** · Sat. 8/17, hosted by the Humane Society of Portage County at Feltz Family Farm and Dairy Store, 5796 Porter Drive, Stevens Point. Enjoy beer, hard cider, soda, sausage and cheese along with music from Gray Catz and a raffle basket. Starts at 4 pm. \$40 general admission. [hspcwi.org](http://hspcwi.org)

**Mosinee Book Club: "I Was Anastasia" by Ariel Lawhon** · Mon. 8/19, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. A historical suspense novel that unravels the extraordinary twists & turns in Anna Anderson's fifty-year battle to be recognized as Anastasia Romanov. Starts at 2 pm. 715-693-2144

**Central Wisconsin State Fair** · Tues-Sun. 8/20-8/25, fairgrounds in Marshfield. Many rides, food vendors, art contests, entertainment and more. Entertainment as follows: Tues: The Dweebs; Wed: Dylan Scott; Thurs: Hairball; Fri: Daughtry; Sat: Rodeo; Sun: Demolition Derby. \$30 season pass for adults, \$15 season pass for children, \$10 day pass for adult, \$5 day pass for children. [centralwisconsinstatefair.com](http://centralwisconsinstatefair.com)

**Stratford Book Club: "All That Is Mine I Carry With Me" by William Landay** · Wed. 8/21, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. A tale about family, family secrets & vengeance, but also family love. Starts at 1 pm. 715-687-4420

**Pizza on the Patio** · Wed. 8/21, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy all you can eat homemade pizza, salad, bread, a featured dish, dessert, lemonade, milk, water and live music. Starts at 6 pm. \$16/person, \$5/person ages 6-10, free for ages 5 and under. [willowspringsgardens.com](http://willowspringsgardens.com)

**Movie in the Park: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem** · Thurs. 8/22, The 400 Block, Wausau. Bring a blanket, chairs and snack to enjoy during the movie. Starts at 7 pm. Free. [marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/parks-recreation-forestry](http://marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/parks-recreation-forestry)

**2024 Edgar Steam Show** · Fri-Sun. 8/23-8/25, Edgar Steam Show, Edgar. Learn about steam engines.

Vendors and musical entertainment will also be present. Music at the barn lineup: Fri. Barefoot Becky & Ivanhoe Dutchman at 3 pm, Sat. The Polka Spirit at 1 pm, Hocus Pocus at 6 pm, Sun. Tom Kniess Orchestra at 9 am, Music Connection at 2 pm. Music outside the tent: Fri. Northwoods Skitchers at 6:30 pm. Sat. Chicken Stanley at 2 pm. Jerry Schmitt Band at 7 pm. Starts at 6 am. \$10 per day, \$25 weekend pass, free for kids 12 and under. [edgarsteamshow.com](http://edgarsteamshow.com)

**Dinner in the Gardens: Chicken Laab** · Fri. 8/23, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Make dinner using ingredients harvested & prepared from the kitchen garden. Starts at 6 pm. \$15 per person, 20% member discount, free for ages 3 & under. [monkgardens.org](http://monkgardens.org)

**Movie Under the Stars: Wonka** · Fri. 8/23, hosted by the Village of Kronenwetter at Friendship Park, Kronenwetter. Bring a blanket, chairs & bug spray and enjoy the movie. Starts at 6:30 pm. Free. [kronenwetter.org](http://kronenwetter.org)

**Decades Night** · Sat. 8/24, MAAC Pavilion-River Park, 300 Armory Rd, Mosinee. Enjoy raffles, costume contest, music, food & drinks. Proceeds benefit the Community Center of Hope Food Pantry. Starts at 6 pm. \$25 pre-sale. [cchope.net/decadesnight.html](http://cchope.net/decadesnight.html)

## OUTDOORS

**Paddle Quest 2024 Homecoming** · Sat-Sun. 8/10-8/11, Bahamas On The River, Stevens Point. Go on an adventure across the river, meet other people, solve puzzles and complete challenges. Starts at 10 am. Free. [paddlequest.org](http://paddlequest.org)

**IRONBULL Underdown Trail Run** · Sat. 8/17, hosted by IronBull at Merrill. Half marathon, marathon, 60k trail plus Thunderdown in the Underdown 13, 37 & 111 mile mountain bike at Underdown Recreational Area. Underdown Trail Races are grassroots trail runs in Northern Wisconsin. It's located only 6 miles off Hwy 51. Underdown trail run starts at 9:30 am, 10:15 am, or 11:30 am. Bike rides start at 8 am, 9 am or 9:15 am. \$35-\$65. [ironbull.org](http://ironbull.org)

**History Hike** · Sat. 8/17, hosted by Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Go for a hike and observe talk about the early settlement history in the park. Starts at 10 am. Free. [ribmountain.org](http://ribmountain.org) or 715-680-9480



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**Sporting Youth Heritage Day** · Sat. 8/24, hosted by the Wausau Noon Optimist Club at Wausau School Forest, Wausau. Youth between the ages of 8-16 can participate in outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping and more. Preregister by 8/17. Starts at 8:30 am. Free. [wausaunoonoptimist.org](http://wausaunoonoptimist.org)

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

**Honor in the Air: The Story of Captain Scott Alwin and the 68th AHC** · Sat. 8/10, Woodson History Center, Wausau. Enjoy a documentary screening about Wisconsin soldier & aviator Capt. Scott Alwin. Starts at 2 pm. Free. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org)

**Extension Gardening: Extreme Weather** · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn how to garden in extreme weather. Registration required. Starts at 11 am & 6 pm. Free. 715-261-1241 or [mcpl.us](mailto:mcpl.us) to register

**Quilt College 2024** · Sat. 10/12, hosted by the Pine Tree Quilters Guild at Northcentral Technical College, Wausau. 4 classes offered. You choose 2 to attend. Starts at 9 am. \$80 early bird until 9/1. \$90 after 9/1. [ntc.edu/calendar/conferences-seminars-and-workshops](http://ntc.edu/calendar/conferences-seminars-and-workshops)

## ARTS/EXHIBITS

**Q Artists Cooperative, Stevens Point** · 1108 Main St, Stevens Point. Ongoing exhibits of the work of more than thirty local artists in a variety of media, featured shows rotating every two months. New Winter hours 11 am-4 pm daily. [qartistscooperative.com](http://qartistscooperative.com)

**Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point** · Open Wed.-Fri. 11 am to 5 pm. Sat. & Sun. 11 am to 3 pm. [stevenspoint.com/rac](http://stevenspoint.com/rac)

**Woodson Art Museum, Wausau** · Free. Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4 pm, first Thurs. of each month 9 am-7:30 pm, Sat.-Sun. noon-5 pm and closed Mon. & holidays. [lywam.org](http://lywam.org)

**Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art** · Open 11 am-3 pm Tues-Sat. [wmoca.org](http://wmoca.org)

**Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau** · Free. Gallery hours Wed.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 12 pm-4 pm. Closed Sun.-Tues. 715-842-4545, [cvawausau.org](http://cvawausau.org). Inspired by activities and events.

**Change of Physical State: Metal, Stone & Glass** ·

Wed.-Sat. 6/5-8/10. This juried exhibit highlights the mediums Metal, Stone, Glass, and the various ways artists manipulate the materials to create their artwork. [cvawausau.org](http://cvawausau.org)

**Merrill Historical Society Museum, Merrill** · Free. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 am-1 pm. 715-536-5652. [discovermerrillhistory.org](http://discovermerrillhistory.org)

**Keeping Up Appearances-Suds, Duds & Irons** · Ongoing exhibit. This exhibit showcases more than 60 individual & unique restored irons, washing devices & old laundry soap. [discovermerrillhistory.org](http://discovermerrillhistory.org)

**Marathon City Heritage Center** · Open from noon to 2 pm on the second Sunday of each month from Oct. to April, Open Sun. 4/5 noon-2 pm and 5/3 noon-2 pm. 715-443-2221. [marathoncity.org](http://marathoncity.org)

**Marathon County Historical Society** · Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm. Sat.-Sun. 1 pm-4:30 pm. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org)

**The 1920s: Rebellion, Prosperity & Loss** · Ongoing exhibit. Step back in time 100 years to learn what life was like in the roaring '20s. This exhibit captures the excitement around new forms of media like the radio & moving pictures, the realities of enforcing a national Prohibition of alcohol, the growth of electrified appliances to modernize life at work & in the home, and much more. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org)

**Peek Inside: See What We Collect and Why** · Ongoing exhibit at the Marathon County Historical Society. View items on display and learn why they are a part of the Historical Society's collection. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org)

**Our Stories: The History of Marathon County** · Jan. 2022 thru Dec. 2025. Learn about the stories of people who lived in Marathon County for a long time. Themes include arriving here, making a living and having fun. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org)

**Motorama Auto Museum, Aniwa** · Open Wed.-Sat. 9 am to 5 pm from May to Oct. Check out over 500 rare, vintage vehicles. \$10 admission, free for kids 15 and under. [motoramaautomuseum.org](http://motoramaautomuseum.org)

## KIDS/TEENS

**Family Story Time** · Thursdays 8/1-8/29, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other

literature-based activities. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

**Family Story Time** · Thursdays 8/1-8/22, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-443-2775

**Sidewalk Art Chalk** · Mon.-Sat. 8/5-8/10, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Decorate the sidewalk outside the library with chalk. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-443-2775

**STEM Literacy with Pediatric Therapy Centers** · Thurs. 8/8, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Therapy staff will be reading: Dandelion Magic by Darren Farrell. Related movement & craft activities after the reading. Starts at 10:30 am. [childrensimaginarium.org](http://childrensimaginarium.org)

**Read to a Therapy Dog** · Thurs. 8/8, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Read to a Therapy Dog** · Thurs. 8/8, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-359-6208

**Storytime in the Garden** · Thurs. 8/8, Yawkey House, 403 McIndoe St, Wausau. Enjoy a couple of story books and children's crafts. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-842-5750

**Summer LEGO Block Party** · Fri. 8/9, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

**Movie Matinee for Kids** · Fri. 8/9, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. The 2023 fantasy anime comedy, inspired by a popular role-playing game, follows a charming thief & a band of unlikely adventurers as they go on a quest to retrieve a lost relic. Rated PG13. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Family Movie Night at the Farm** · Fri. 8/9, Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, 142744 Countryside Dr, Wausau. Inspired by a true story about a horse trainer who sacrifices everything so that his daughter can see their injured horse race again. Bring your own chair or blanket. Movie will be shown in the indoor arena, rain or shine. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission. [stablehandstherapy.com](http://stablehandstherapy.com)

**Aquarium Touch Pool & Activities** · Mon. 8/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children and their families will have the opportunity to touch a starfish, ask questions about the aquarium & participate in themed crafts and activities. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Backpack Buddies** · Mon.-Sat. 8/12-8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Kids & tweens who love stringing beads can drop in to create a beaded dragonfly or other animal creation. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Supplies provided. Free. 715-443-2775

**Mini Paper Kites** · Mon.-Sat. 8/12-8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Kids can create a fun, travel-size mini kite that they can fly this summer. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-359-6208

**Family Story Time** · Mon. 8/12, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-257-7292

**Duct Tape Water Bottle Holder** · Mon. 8/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Make a bottle holder out of duct tape. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Outdoor Story Time** · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-446-3537

**Farm to Fork Summer Camp** · Wed. 8/14, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Students will learn about local farming & practices by visiting the farmers market, & learning fun hands-on activities in the STEM lab. Starts at 8:30 am. \$45. [childrensimaginarium.org](http://childrensimaginarium.org)

**Play and Learn** · Wednesdays 8/14-8/28, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Staff from Children's Wisconsin will read a story, share music and lead children through a craft project. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. 715-261-7220

**Wild Wednesdays-ZooZort** · Wed. 8/14, Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Meet exotic species not found in Wisconsin. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. [ci.marshfield.wi.us](http://ci.marshfield.wi.us)

**DIY Neon Signs** · Wed. 8/14, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Make your own neon sign. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Read to a Therapy Dog** · Thurs. 8/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Marble Maze in a Pizza Box Summer Camp** · Fri. 8/16, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Campers will plan, design, & test their mazes, then walk over to Polito's Pizza for a slice of pizza & drink. Starts at 8:30 am. \$55. [childrensimaginarium.org](http://childrensimaginarium.org)

**Summer LEGO Block Party** · Fri. 8/16, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

**Story Time in the Park** · Mon. 8/19, Alexander Airport Park, Wausau. Read books, sing songs and even get the parachute out. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

**Pokémon Club** · Mon. 8/19, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

**Sunflower Weaving** · Mon.-Sat. 8/19-8/24, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Learn simple weaving techniques to create a unique flower using a paper plate & colorful yarn. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-359-6208

**Operation: Egg Drop** · Tues. 8/20, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Creativity & engineering join forces as campers collaborate & construct contraptions that defy gravity. Starts at 9 am. \$80. [childrensimaginarium.org](http://childrensimaginarium.org)

**Family Story Time** · Tues. 8/20, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-359-6208

**Family Story Time** · Tues. 8/20, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-352-3155

**Wild Wednesdays-Animal Quest** · Wed. 8/21, Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Animal Quest offers a variety of animal-related services through live animals, knowledge, enthusiasm & laughter. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. <https://www.ci.marshfield.wi.us>

**Summer LEGO Block Party** · Wed. 8/21, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Wausau Teen Forensics Book Club: "One of Us is Lying" by Karen McManus** · Thurs. 8/22, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case. This book club is just for teens. Starts at 3 pm. 715-261-7220

**Tweens & Teens Night Out-Zucchini** · Thurs. 8/22, Food + Farm Exploration Center, 3400 Innovation Dr, Plover. Learn how to make dishes with zucchini. Starts at 4 pm. \$35. 10% member discount. [explorefoodandfarm.org](http://explorefoodandfarm.org) to register

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**Rube Goldberg Challenge Camp** · Fri. 8/23, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Campers will craft contraptions, from pulleys to levers & gears to ramps. Starts at 9 am. \$80. [childrensimaginarium.org](http://childrensimaginarium.org)

**Kid's History Day** · Fri. 8/23, Woodson History Center & Yawkey House Museum, Wausau. Students ages 7-13 can learn about history through tours downtown, interactive crafts, scavenger hunts and more. Starts at 9 am. \$10. Preregistration required. [marathoncountyhistory.org](http://marathoncountyhistory.org)

**Summer LEGO Block Party** · Fri. 8/23, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

**American Artist Appreciation Weekend** · Fri.-Sat. 8/23-8/24, Marathon County Public Library all locations. There will be artist stations with projects inspired by famous American artists, participants can create their own art & view feature book displays about well-known American artists. Open during regular hours.



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# Moonstone hunt

**Emi Oshima and her partners founded Wisconsin's first pick-your-own Moonstone field on Highway U.**

Driving west on Highway U, my eyes keep searching for a sign I'd seen via email — one that signaled something rather unusual for the area — a place where one can pick their own Wisconsin Moonstone, run by a woman originally from Tokyo, Japan. I found the white sign that led off of Highway U onto a grassy parking lot and a big open field. A little, colorful shed adorns the outer edges of the field, and a picnic table full of gems, paper and other necessities.

Emi Oshima greets me warmly with a smile and a big sun hat. As we sit down, I mention that I heard Wisconsin Moonstone is big in Japan. She smiles "I did that. That was me," she explains with a smile. Oshima fell in love with Wisconsin Moonstone and quickly spread it to Japan, turning it into a popular gem in the country, she says.

She's had a wholesale service selling Wisconsin Moonstone for some time, and it's become a passion of hers. But she and her partners — Trent and Shana Rebeck, and Austin and Jennifer Gausmann — started talking about how they could share the joys of Wisconsin Moonstone more with the public, and one day they decided to start a pick-your-own field. Thus began the first



▲ Some moonstones found on the site. With a little bit of water their shine really comes through.  
◀ Emi Oshima shows off some Moonstone at the state's first pick-your-own site.

pick-your-own Wisconsin Moonstone site in the whole state. "This is a unique experience," Oshima, known colloquially as Moonstone Emi, says at the site.

How does it work? Basically, customers pay \$35, get a bucket, rent some tools, and then are sent into the field to look for moonstone.

It's not hard to find on the site - the moonstone is everywhere. Customers are able to harvest up to 20 pounds of moonstone, which fills a pretty sizable bucket. The site officially opened May

15, and Oshima says they get 60-70 people per day picking moonstone.

Oshima carries a spray bottle with her, and demonstrates how raw moonstone really comes to life when you spray it with water - the colors and vibrancy really shine under the gleam of the water.

The luminance of Wisconsin Moonstone even comes out in its raw form to a degree, but it really shines a brilliant

blue when polished, and that's made it a favorite for jewelry or just for having around on a shelf.

The site is unique, Oshima says, because the field is filled with moonstone. "They're so surprised," Oshima says of first-time customers. "It's everywhere."

The site is open Wednesdays and Sundays 10 am to 4 pm, with Saturdays by special appointment. There are special discounts for seniors and youth, and those who pick more than 20 pounds pay \$2 per pound extra.

To learn more or buy tickets, visit [wisconsinmoonstonellc.com](http://wisconsinmoonstonellc.com). The field can be found at 143344 Highway U in Wausau. **CP**




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