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The Saints In Our Midst

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quiet commitment to virtue. In a world where money and power often dominate, they remind us that true integrity lies in the purity of our actions and intentions.

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Tuesday		
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Dunham's parking lot - 5601 US HWY 10. Stevens Point.	9:05 AM	4:40 PM
Wausau VA Clinic - 1105 E Grand Ave. Rothschild.	9:50 AM	4:05 PM
Wilderness Crossing - W17256 Red Oak Ln. Wittenberg.	10:30 AM	3:30 PM
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Pizza Ranch - 1302 N Central Ave. Marshfield.	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
Pick N Save - 205 Central Bridge St. Wausau.	9:00 AM	4:30 PM
Wausau VA Clinic - 1105 E Grand Ave. Rothschild.	9:25 AM	4:05 PM
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Close to Infused

City mulls extension for event space/ green space project on former Wausau Chemical site

City leaders directed staff to gather more information on a project that is being built on a former Wausau Chemical plant building north of downtown.

The founders of Infused, a greenspace and event space, say the project is now expected to be finished and taking customers by November. Matthew Aschbrenner told the city's economic development committee that they're booking clients for the building for December and expect to take bookings for November too.

Under an extension the owners received previously, the building was to be occupied by Aug. 19. Aschbrenner said they've had trouble finding contractors to build the project. But a contractor at the meeting said they were confident the building would get its occupancy permit by November.

The city sold Aschbrenner the building for \$40,000 in 2022, and at the time he told the city he planned to put \$250,000 into developing it. On Tuesday, he told the committee at its finish he will have invested three times the original budget for the project. The developers received an extension last year.

In a memo to the committee, Interim Community Development Director Randy Fifrlick said he toured the property recently, and that it appeared the work differed from the original plan. According to the memo, Aschbrenner said he'd spent \$418,070. Aschbrenner was unwilling to provide details of those expenses so staff

could determine whether the changes met the deed restrictions for the property.

The committee discussed it in closed session but took no official action, other than to direct Fifrlick to discuss the project further with the developers.

Details emerge in downtown murder investigation

More details have emerged in a murder police are investigating downtown — but the motive is still unclear.

Police say Thomas Schroeder, who is listed in court records as homeless, assaulted another man downtown Aug. 18, knocking him out. The man was transported to the hospital and died two days later.

The criminal complaint contains more details about the situation and Schroeder's subsequent arrest, but not much about what the initial altercation was about.

Police say a witness told investigators that he saw Schroeder following a man downtown and yelling at him. When the man turned around, Schroeder swung at him twice. The second time the blow knocked him out, with his head hitting the pavement, the witness told police.

When police later caught up with Schroeder with the assistance of the witness, Schroeder admitted he was involved and said they ought to arrest him. But when police were picking him up off the ground, the criminal complaint says, he lunged at one of the officers, popping his knee.



A photo submitted to the city shows some of the progress at Infused. Its developers say the project will be ready by November.

Schroeder is being held on a \$100,000 cash bond. He faces a felony murder charge associated with assault, which is a class U felony.

Multi-jurisdiction chase leads to crash, arrests

Several people have been arrested from a crash that resulted from a high-speed pursuit from Kronenwetter into Wausau last week.

Police arrested Cody Mayotte, 23 of Antigo, after police say he led them on a dangerous chase from Kronenwetter to Grand Avenue, where he crashed into another car near the Wausau Police Department.

Officers were at a Kronenwetter residence around 8 pm Aug. 24 to execute an arrest warrant on Bryse Drake, 22 of Mosinee, when they say they saw Drake get into Mayotte's vehicle. Police ordered the SUV to stop, the complaint says, but instead Mayotte took off, leading police on a chase. Mayotte nearly hit a parked car and sometimes veered into oncoming traffic in the pursuit.

Mayotte crashed his vehicle into another, injuring people in the vehicle. He and Drake were arrested, as was another man encouraging them to run from officers after the crash.

Mayotte is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond and faces charges of fleeing an officer resulting in bodily harm or property damage, aiding a felon, second degree recklessly endangering safety among other lesser charges. Drake is being held for transport to another county.

Rothschild/Schofield weigh closing aquatic center, using Weston's

The village of Rothschild and the city of Schofield are considering closing their shared aquatic center and partnering to help run Weston's.

People are already expressing concern over that potential decision.

The Village of Weston's Parks Committee discussed the idea last week, and the impact closing the pool might have on Weston's Aquatic Center, which is already pretty heavily used. The proposal includes Rothschild and Schofield potentially paying a stipend to Weston, and in return receiving a residential rate to use the pool.

Several residents wrote to the committee expressing concern for the plan. Some families liked the Rothschild pool because it seems better set up for younger children; Weston's is crowded, its pool gets deep much faster and it seems to attract many older kids, they say.

Parks Commission members said they're generally open to a discussion about a partnership but ultimately said there wasn't much for their parks committee to do until or if Rothschild and Schofield would close their pool. Neither municipality has made that decision yet.

Rothschild recently raised money to build a splash pad at the pool.

Weston looking to fill board vacancy

The village of Weston is looking to fill a vacancy after one of its board members stepped down.



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The village put out an announcement on its website after Jasper Hartinger told the village he would no longer serve in the role. In a copy of the letter of resignation received by City Pages dated Aug. 20, Hartinger cited personal issues as why he would no longer be able to serve on the board.

Hartinger still serves on the Marathon County Board, according to the county's website. City Pages reached out to the county clerk to double check on his status there. County Clerk Kim Trueblood says the county has not received anything from Hartinger. He did not attend the August or July Marathon County Board voting meetings records show.

The village is taking applications to fill Hartinger's seat until Sept. 20. Letters of interest and resumes should be sent to Administrator Jami Gebert at village hall or by email at jgebert@westonwi.gov. See westonwi.gov for more information.

Riverside Fire District Chief resigns

The fire chief of the Riverside Fire District has resigned amidst felony charges involving a minor.

Robert Bowen resigned Aug. 6 from the district following a period of him being placed on administrative leave. The district announced the resignation last week.

Bowen was put on leave after felony child enticement charges were filed in May in Marathon County Circuit Court. The charges coincidentally came at the same time as a dust-up between Riverside and

Kronenwetter over ambulance service - Kronenwetter's fire chief has been pushing for the village to run its own service, saying it would improve response times and be more cost-effective.

Riverside began in 2017 as a merger between the Rothschild and Schofield departments in order to save each village money and improve staffing levels.

Rothschild Administrator Ryan VanDeWalle said in a press conference that Bowen resigned for "personal and professional" reasons and wouldn't comment on the charges Bowen is facing.

Bowen is due in court for a preliminary hearing Nov. 11.

VanDeWalle says the village is currently discussing a possible merger with SAFER, which covers Weston, Rib Mountain and some smaller communities. While those discussions are ongoing, the village and Schofield are holding off on hiring a new chief.

When asked why officials didn't announce the resignation until nearly a month later, VanDeWalle said "There were agreements in place."

Correction

In City Pages' Aug. 29 cover story about Kronenwetter, City Pages incorrectly stated who Buska Park was named after. It was named after Joseph Buska, Sr., who had donated the land to Kronenwetter so children could play baseball there. A Mosinee Times article from 1971 shows the park named Buska Park and refers to the donation. City Pages regrets the error. **CP**



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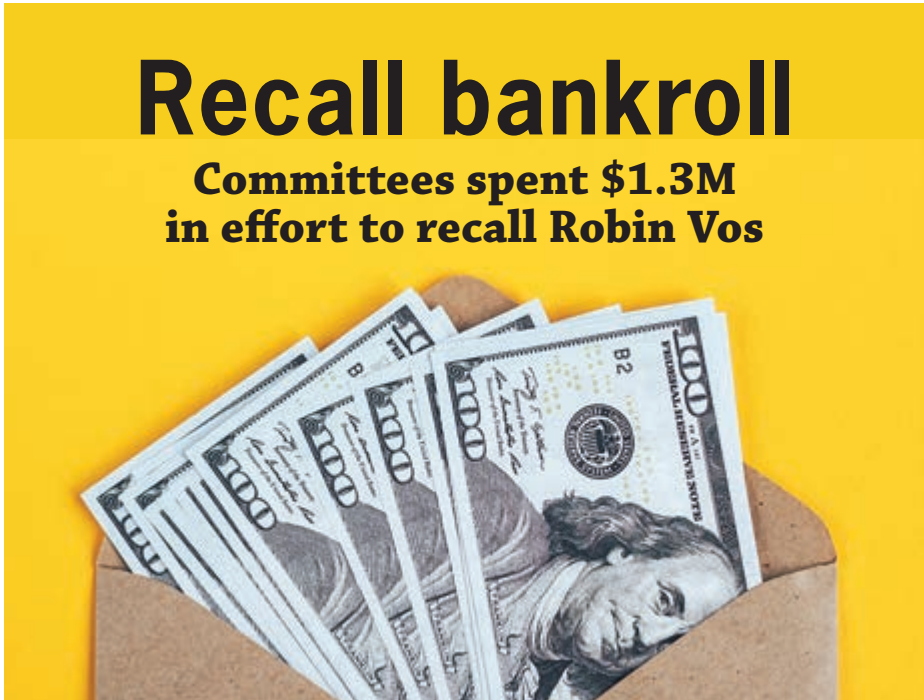
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Recall bankroll

Committees spent \$1.3M in effort to recall Robin Vos



Two groups that tried unsuccessfully to recall Assembly Speaker Robin Vos spent nearly \$1.3 million through June 30 with more than half of the money going to “solicitation expenses,” a WisPolitics review finds.

The bulk of those payments went to individuals, including those who organized the recall efforts.

The campaign finance reports — filed more than a month late — also show the two committees raised more than \$1.3 million through the end of June with

most of that coming from an Arkansas philanthropist.

Two committees were formed to try recalling Vos, one for each failed attempt. The second — dubbed the Racine Recall Committee — listed 95 people who were paid for solicitation expenses. Of those, 22 were from Wisconsin.

Vos, R-Rochester, said the WisPolitics reporting confirmed his belief the effort against him was largely driven by out-of-state interests. He also said those involved in the recall efforts who say they want to

see Donald Trump elected this fall could’ve put the money to better use helping the former president than pouring it into the failed efforts.

“Everybody involved got paid one way or another,” Vos charged in a phone interview. “This wasn’t a grassroots, volunteer, local effort. It was an out-of-state paid endeavor and in many ways, it looks like these people were making money off the effort.”

Walz touts union cred during Milwaukee stop

Dem VP nominee Tim Walz in a Milwaukee Labor Day stop noted his organized labor credentials while touting Kamala Harris for being part of the most pro-union U.S. administration in history

In comparison, he charged that the only thing Donald Trump knows about working people is “how to take advantage of them.”

Speaking to Laborfest, the Minnesota gov noted he was a dues-paying member of his union while a teacher and recounted how GOP opponents once accused him in a campaign of being in the pocket of organized labor.

“I said that’s a damned lie. I am the pocket. I am the pocket,” Walz said yesterday. “And I told them if you want to attack me for standing up for collective bargaining, for fair wages, for safe working conditions, for health care and retirement, you roll the damn dice. I’ll take my chances on that. I’ll take my chances.”

Walz said while California’s attorney general, Harris sued banks for mismanaging pension funds, resulting in millions going back to families through the pensions they had earned. He said she cast the tie breaking vote on the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021 that helped keep workers on the job, and he touted work by the Biden-Harris administration to protect pensions for retirees.

Walz added he signed a package of pro-union priorities in Minnesota that included making it easier to form a union

while barring employers from forcing unions to attend anti-union meetings.

Trump calls Harris threat to democracy in La Crosse stop

GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump at a La Crosse town hall last night knocked Dems for labeling him a “threat to democracy,” arguing Dem opponent Kamala Harris is the real danger.

He also touted a new proposal aiming to boost access to in vitro fertilization.

The former president answered four questions from voters at the La Crosse Center, where he appeared onstage for about 30 minutes to weigh in on issues including illegal immigration, inflation, crime and national security. Trump also answered questions from the moderator, former Hawaii U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, an ex-Democrat who has endorsed his campaign.

Trump, who arrived about an hour late after speaking in Michigan earlier that day, told attendees his debate with President Joe Biden was “the beginning of the end for him.”

“And they started looking, but they picked a woman that had absolutely no votes,” Trump said. “She got no votes, and now she’s running, so when you say ‘threat to democracy,’ they are a threat to democracy. I’m not a threat to democracy.”

He also spoke about a new proposal, announced ahead of yesterday’s town hall, to provide free in vitro fertilization for Americans. He touted the proposal in response to a question from Gabbard, who said she had received the fertility treatment, about those who want to ensure access to IVF.

“Government is going to pay for it, or we’re going to get or mandate your insurance company to pay for it, which is going to be great. We’re going to do that,” Trump said, adding “we want to produce babies in this country, right?”



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Vance: Kennedy shouldn't remain on WI ballot

GOP vice presidential nominee JD Vance says it's "ridiculous" Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will remain on the Wisconsin ballot in November — even though state law doesn't provide a way to meet his request to be left off.

During a stop in De Pere yesterday, Vance said "a bunch of bureaucrats are going to keep his name on the ballot because they think it'll hurt Donald Trump."

"I think we are going to win Wisconsin anyway, and we are going to fight for every single vote," Vance said.

Kennedy dropped out of the race last week and endorsed Trump. He also sent the state Elections Commission a letter asking to be left off the Wisconsin ballot after he turned in nomination papers earlier this month in his bid to be included. Agency staff noted there was no mechanism in state law that would allow Kennedy to withdraw his nomination


papers after submitting them to the commission.

During the Elections Commission meeting Tuesday, GOP appointees originally pushed to fulfill Kennedy's request despite Dem objections that such a move wasn't allowed under state law. But after the commission deadlocked 3-3 on that motion, two GOP appointees joined the three Dems in voting 5-1 to put him on the ballot.

During last night's appearance, Vance added he is "thrilled" to have the endorsement of Kennedy and former U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii.

Vance took questions from reporters and knocked Harris' policies on America's opioid crisis. Vance said Harris wants to let Mexican drug cartels do "whatever they want and go to war against American law enforcement."


"I think we ought to empower American law enforcement and go to war against the Mexican drug cartels," Vance said. **CP**



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Two differing perspectives on a plan to cleave off the city parks department and the zero-based budgeting framework from which it comes

Last month, a plan by Mayor Doug Diny to revamp the parks department — namely, to undo a merger in the 1970s between the city and county parks department into one department — became a controversial issue during an explosive parks committee meeting.

It came at a time when the city was weighing a potential change to how it handles parks issues. When the parks departments merged into one city/county parks department in the 70s, the idea was to have one parks commission to cover them all. But eventually the city launched its own parks committee, and that left city county members of the county parks commission wondering why they were there making decisions on county parks issues.

No one saw a proposal to dismantle the department and place the new city parks department under the Public Works Department.

Diny at the meeting claimed the cleaving would save taxpayers upward of \$400,000 to \$500,000 per year. But city leaders questioned those numbers, since no financial analysis had been done.

We reached out to Diny and to City Council President Lisa Rasmussen for their takes on the parks proposal and the zero-based budgeting framework the proposal came out of.

MAYOR DOUG DINY

We have to try. We need to take sensible actions to address the city's precarious fiscal position. Wausau has borrowed too much. We have raised water rates 60%. Our working capital is low. We have committed to an accelerated lead service line replacement without knowing either the cost or where the money will come from. And, to top it all off, the 2023 city revaluation will cause many property owners to see a double-digit increase in their taxes this December.

The path we are on is not sustainable. High taxes, high debt and high water rates handicap growth and new investment. Continuing to raise rates and borrow more is no solution.

How do we turn this around? We sharpen our pencils and get to work. Fortunately, we do not have to reinvent the wheel. We can incorporate best practice from well-known constructs such as Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB).

For many bureaucratic organizations, growth is on auto-pilot. They start their budget process with the assumption that everything the organization is doing now is important and valuable and deserves continued funding. Then the budget discussion is confined to adding new things only. There is no re-evaluation or re-prioritization.

In ZBB, we turn that thinking on its head. We start with the assumption that last year's spending was unnecessary. Then a justification must be developed for why specific item should be put back into the budget.

A few members of the council seem to be deeply ingrained in the old way of thinking — and they have been vocal and demonstrative about it. Understand, they would have you believe that a six-figure consultant's report and a mound of evidence is necessary to discuss removing any items from the budget.

The city-county parks department has been evolving under that old way of thinking for over fifty years. It now has 44.00 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. Seven of them are supervisors or managers. That means we have one supervisor for every 5.25 FTE workers. That seems like it is too much. In ZBB, we start with the assumption that we do have too many supervisors and managers and then see if we can come up with a rationale for keeping any of them.

Again, we cannot continue the path of raising rates, borrowing more and spending more. I would like to invite those council members who have been complaining to have an open mind and join me and the other council members in using the ZBB framework to re-imagine city government in Wausau.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LISA RASMUSSEN

Recently, a plan emerged from the mayor's office suggesting Wausau exit its contract with Marathon County to manage our park system, and place those functions under the DPW.

Information sent to one media outlet claimed between \$400,000 and \$500,000 could be saved by this. Wausau just approved a contract to outline work being done and clarify responsibilities and expectations of both parties as a guide for current and future leaders and staff. Thankfully, our Park and Rec committee chair placed the item on an agenda for open discussion. Members were curious about the stated potential savings. One asked for the basic calculations used to arrive at the savings figures. We were told there weren't any, and no actual financial analysis had been done. The report he released was an organizational chart copied from the city budget and two bar graphs from the WI Policy Forum comparing park costs for other communities without detail on the number or type of facilities managed by them. Our response: Not so fast...show us the money.

Our Finance Director, with 30 years' experience, told the committee she had not been asked to review the plan, and that there is "significant risk" to the city if changes are made without actual data and research to see the true costs (or savings) and impacts to services, facilities, staff and equipment. The Parks Director advised she was not asked for any information. Yet, she has job costing software to easily show what work is done and billed to the city under the contract. She implied assumptions were made instead of asking her for facts.

It reasonable to think if one is interested in a big change, you begin with the department heads who possess most of the data relevant to the discussion. Instead, information was handed off to one media outlet, unverified, and later defended with a claim that it was to "start a discussion" and inform the public in "real time". Our mayor, instead of offering even basic math facts when asked about his idea, was critical of the committee for questioning and seeking better research. Afterward, he issued a press release complaining about being unable to 'install a gumball machine at city hall without half the council decrying it as the end of civilization and seeking a study'. He accused us of rancor, hostility and the like. Readers, please watch the video online. Members were respectful but had questions. It is our job to make educated decisions and seek information to do it with. This change is way bigger than any gumball machine. The simplicity of that analogy reveals a lack of understanding of the actual work and the complexity of management and programming needed at these sites. Hastily rolling out documents that imply large savings, gets people excited only to find out, those numbers may not even be close to accurate is not fair to taxpayers looking for real relief.

The proper process for this would have been: 1. Idea is discussed internally by the mayor with his relevant dept heads, Parks, Finance, HR, and Public Works. 2. Staff would be asked to assemble preliminary data to determine if the idea is viable and manageable. 3. If determined to yield savings, a draft plan could be placed on the agendas of the appropriate committees for discussion. 4. Based on that, if additional study or information was needed, committees may authorize a study or request more info from staff. As the process moves along, timely media coverage

would be happening to keep the public informed, using factual data. No one suggested that the council expects the mayor to carry his idea to all 11 council members individually as he has implied. We just want an organized process that begins with accurate facts and discussion with the affected departments before the plan debuts in the public and media. The way this was done, if the facts reveal this is not an effective plan, it again plays out in the community as a failure for local government.

Most concerning is that operation of our park system is about more than money. It's about facilities and programming that enhance quality of life here. People expect them to be well run and available. DPW doesn't have space to house the number of employees that would be added to the city workforce and their related equipment. The mayor toured the DPW facility with the council last month and saw the long-standing capacity issues there himself.

Parks represents about \$3.5M of an annual budget that exceeds \$100M. Below is a list from the 2024 budget document showing what we get for that money:

That is a LOT of facilities and time. In fact, it's more parks than the department manages for Marathon County.

There was a time, over a decade ago, I and other council members wondered if we truly got 50% of the time and attention for city parks in exchange for our financial commitment. Back then, it was harder to quantify things and Wausau had less facilities. Today, the technology and quality facilities we've added are such that it is far easier to see and measure those metrics. I remain convinced that we are absolutely getting our money's worth from the contract and that the cost sharing happening is accurately distributed.

I hope that if this plan is considered, real data is gathered and there is study of the impacts to city departments, facilities, workforce and taxpayers. Reveal all costs, including potential reductions in services and programming, impacts to user contract management and the like. Impacts to things like hiring, training and management of lifeguards, swim lessons, youth programs, collaborations with the schools and community groups. I'm also hopeful that rolling this out first to the media was not intended to create a wave of public excitement over how busy our new mayor is, only to blame the council if these unvetted plans don't fly.

There's a way for the mayor and the council to work well together. We learned in the council retreat that we want many of the same things. The council does not fear change and we all want to control costs. But, speaking to us through Op Ed's and backing the council into a corner with snide public comments is not the way to build a productive relationship. We've all experienced times before where the council and mayor had a negative relationship, and no one wants to go back there. Good communication and proper process will go a long way to avoid that. Proper workflow is not about any of us quietly killing his ideas as was implied. It is about making informed, reasonable choices that help our city and avoiding hasty ones that can end as expensive mistakes. **CP**

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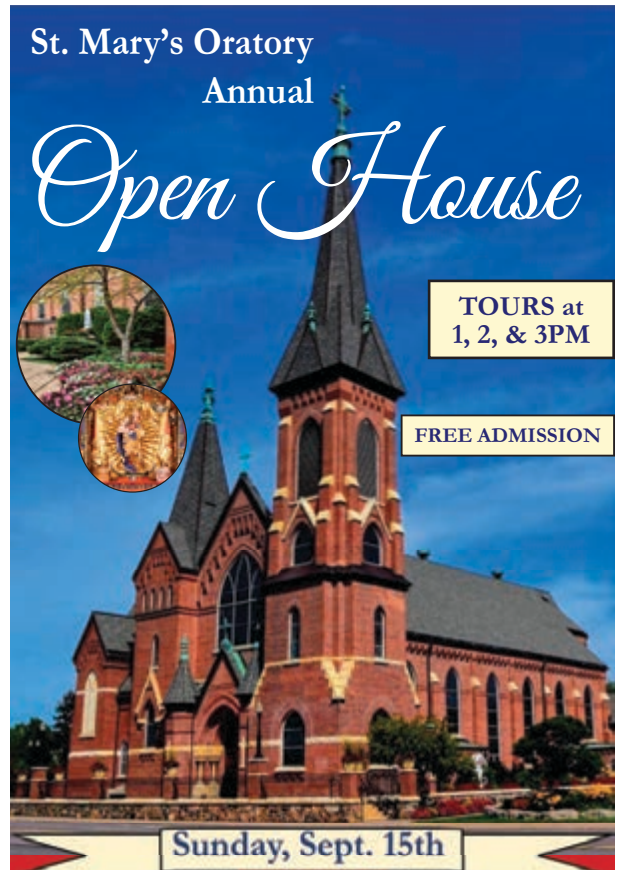
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MOVIE UNDER THE STARS – TOP GUN

Dallas Dirty 30 Birthday Bash

Saturday 9/7 | Intermission, Wausau

It's not every day you turn 30! Ordinarily City Pages wouldn't cover a birthday party — but this birthday party happens to include a huge lineup of bands we would ordinarily cover anyway. Dallas Delgado is the drummer for Purging Paradise, and to celebrate his turning 30 Intermission will host his band, Purging Paradise, along with several other heavy bands local and elsewhere, including CASHED, Trash Pandas and Young Pups. This 21-and-up show is free, so come out and support some local music. 9 pm. Free. Intermission Bar on Facebook.

RiverWest Makers Market and Food Truck Rally

Saturday 9/7 | Western River District area, Wausau

I almost overlooked this event, thinking it was referring to the Milwaukee city district of RiverWest (where a friend of mine used to live). I guess we have our own RiverWest now — it's the area in the Wausau River District west of the river. Makes sense. And funny, as many people have wondered why Wausau doesn't really have a food truck rally — well here you go! Stop on down and check out the

many food trucks and maker items available, and get a sense of the west side of the river. A perfect complement to all the art activities going around town. 11 am to 3 pm. wausauriverdistrict.org

Artrageous weekend

Sat-Sun 9/7-8 | Various locations, Wausau

The size of this festival, with hundreds of artists from around the country, is truly a local marvel. Bring the whole family down to check out art in four different locations around the city, with the center of activity happening downtown, including art classes, live music, kids activities and plenty of food options.

- **Art in the Park at Marathon Park.** The Wisconsin Valley Art Association hosts this indoor show featuring more than 100 juried artists and fine craft exhibitors in the East Gate Hall and Historic Exhibition Building. Find affordable handcrafted items such as pottery, wearable art, paintings, photography, and more that are perfect for gifts. Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Sun. 9 am-4 pm. Wivalleyart.org.
- **Festival of Arts, downtown Wausau.** Along Third Street and on the 400 Block find work by over 120 juried artists representing a variety of mediums. It's a lively atmosphere with live music, a family art tent with children's art activities, art classes, a Young Collector Market, entertainment on the Family Stage, and food stands. Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sun. 10 am-4 pm. Wausaufoa.org.
- **Center for the Visual Arts, downtown Wausau.** Experience artist demonstrations, including ceramics, digital art, painting, and more. Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sun. 10 am-4 pm. Cvawausau.org.
- **Birds in Art at the Woodson Art Museum.** Join the opening celebration of this acclaimed annual exhibit. View all-new original avian artworks and meet dozens of artists during the opening festivities on Saturday 9 am-noon. Special Artrageous Weekend hours Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Sun. 10 am-5 pm. Lywam.org.

Movie Under the Stars: Top Gun


Friday 9/6 | Towering Pines Park, Kronenwetter

Although watching movies in parks very much seems like a summer activity, this year they seem to be carrying over into fall, and that's just fine with everyone with kids looking for something to do with the family on a Friday night. Kronenwetter is hosting this showing of Top Gun: Maverick. Tom Cruise is back as fighter pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, and now he's training the new cadets. But, he's also dealing with ghosts from his past. People loved this new Top Gun and if you missed seeing it on the big screen, or just want to do so again, this is your chance. Movie starts at dusk, around 8:45 pm, and they suggest arriving around 6:30 pm to secure a good seat. kronenwetter.org

CenterStage on the 400 Block

Sunday 9/8 | The 400 Block, Wausau

This is technically happening amongst the festivities during Artrageous Weekend, but we think it's interesting enough to warrant its own listing. CenterStage in this performance will be giving a small preview of the show it plans to host in the fall at the Grand Theater, "Stage, Screen and Inbetween." That Grand Theater performance later in September will have solos, costumes and the full band, but this Sunday get an early preview of what is to come in that show. Noon. Centerstagelive.org **CP**



The Gospellers Saint Stephens
will be in concert at St. Stephens on
Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6pm.

Invite your friends to come, see and hear the joy of this gospel singing group drawn from across our UCC churches in Wisconsin. They have toured throughout the Midwest and Germany! This will be their first time in concert in the Northwoods.

Also Happening Through September:
Nothing to Hide
This photo-text exhibit presents photographs taken by Gigi Kaeser and interviews conducted by Jean Beard and Peggy Gillespie, with families whose lives are affected by schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, major depression, anxiety disorders, and other brain disorders. The photos and text in this exhibit dispel harmful stereotypes, misconceptions, and myths about mental illness. The exhibit will be in the lobby throughout September and is brought to St. Stephens by the WISE Team.

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FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – ARTRAGEOUS WEEKEND

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Email entertainment@mmlocal.com to have your event considered. Event must have entertainment value and be open to the public.

BAR BEATS

Thursday September 5

Strum N Drummer · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

Friday September 6

Cody Earl · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Country. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

The Hayes Boys Orchestra · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Polka. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

Huey · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

Brady James · Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Folk, Americana & jam. 6 pm. 715-824-2739

Matt Schmidt · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday September 7

Tomorrow River Band · O'Brien's on Main, Amherst. Bluegrass & folk. 2 pm. 715-824-3317

Jupiter Lynx · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Alternative & pop rock. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

Scott Kirby · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Americana. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

Andy Braun · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Folk-rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Krool Fool · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Hard rock glam. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

Sunday September 8

Rod Ellenbecker · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 1 pm. 715-393-4495

Haunted Like Human · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Southern Gothic. 6 pm. 715-356-6134

Monday September 9

Mia Brown · Timekeeper Lounge & Distillery, Wausau. Country. 6 pm. 715-679-3777

Wednesday September 11

Z-Man Karaoke · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Thursday September 12

Karley Davidson · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

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

Friday September 13

Soul Whiskey Duo · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Country. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

European Extravaganza · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Waltz, polka, marches & old-time European music. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

Tom Winkers · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Variety. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Genesee Depot · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Saturday September 14

Jordan Bain · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 4 pm. 715-254-2163

Ira DeBoer · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Country. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

18 Strings · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Folk, bluegrass, blues, Americana roots. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

Dean & Terry · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Classic rock & country. 7 pm. 715-254-2163

DB Rouse · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

Sunday September 15

Mattea Joy · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 3:30 pm. 715-393-4495

Monday September 16

Caleb Delaney · Timekeeper Lounge & Distillery, Wausau. Variety. 6 pm. 715-679-3777

Thursday September 19

Mark Wayne · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic country, variety, rock & roll. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

The Charlie & Howard Duo · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 5 pm. 715-393-4495

Friday September 20

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

Brad Emanuel · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 6 pm. 715-393-4495

Paddygrass · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Celtic, bluegrass, gospel, sea shanties, folk. 7 pm. 715-722-0230

Carmyn & Nick · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday September 21

Wausau Belly Dance · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Variety. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

Stewart Ellyson · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Acoustic rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

KT Country · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Josh White · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

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

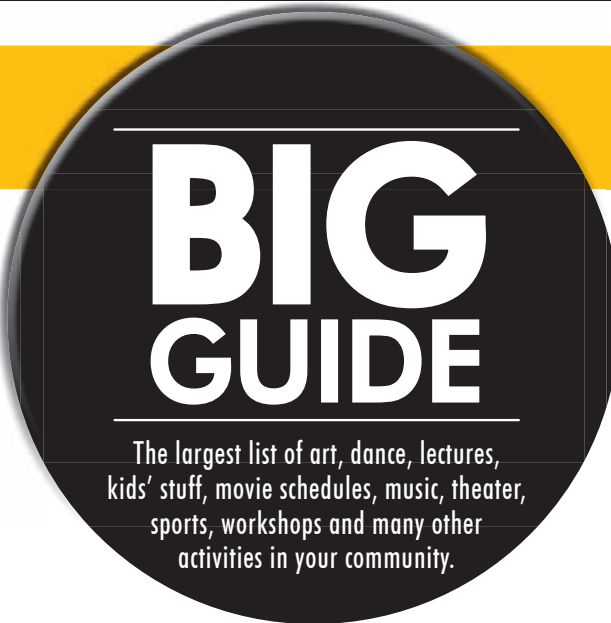
Trivia · Tuesdays, District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-6707

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

Trivia · Tuesdays, The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-355-7001

Karaoke · Tuesdays, Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Starts at 7:30 pm. 715-845-2030

Team Trivia Nights at Sawmill Brewing Company · Wednesdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. The games start at 6 pm each Wednesday. Teams can include up to 6 people. sawmillbrewing.net



Trivia · Wednesdays, Rhinelander Brewing Company, Rhinelander. Play individually or on a team of up to 6 people. Starts at 6 pm. 715-550-2337

Open Blues Jam · 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Open to all, amp provided, just bring your instrument. Starts at 7 pm. 715-298-3202

Open Mic w/ Carl Jackson · every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Wausau Labor Temple (LT Club), Wausau. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-848-3320

Trivia@MBCo · Wednesdays, hosted at Mosinee Brewing Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit team size to 6 people. mosineebrewing.com

Team Trivia at Malarkey's · Wednesdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Trivia starts at 7 pm. malarkeypub.com

Karaoke · Wednesdays, Wausau Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary #251, Wausau. Starts at 8 pm. 715-845-4795

Live Music on the Patio · Thursdays thru Sept., Sconni's Alehouse and Eatery Schofield. Starts at 5 pm. 715-241-7665

Open Mic at Sawmill Brewing Company · Thursdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. Open mic every Thursday for those who want to perform comedy, music or poetry. Starts at 6:30 pm. sawmillbrewing.net

Open Mic Night · Thursdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Hosted by Caleb Delaney. Play guitar, drums, bass or other string instruments. Comedy not available at this time. Starts at 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Karaoke · Thursdays, Hy-Da Way, Merrill. Starts at 8:30 pm. 715-722-0660

Karaoke · Saturdays, Denmar Tavern, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-3131

Open Mic · Sundays, Intermission, Wausau. Hosted by The Chad O'Kennedy. Starts at 8 pm. 715-849-9377

Karaoke · Every day, The Office Bar, Schofield. Groups of 5 or more can sing at any time. Otherwise, available after 6 pm. 715-355-5432

ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473
Movie times thru 9/12

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG13): Opens Thurs. 9/5 at 7 pm, 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

Blink Twice (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:15 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:15 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

My Penguin Friend (PG): Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:15 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:15 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094
Movie times 9/5-9/11

Complete listings not available as of press time

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG13): Thurs. 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 3 pm, 4 pm, 5:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 8:20 pm, 9:20 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11:20 am, 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:30 am, 1:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:10 pm; Mon. & Wed. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 1:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:10 pm

Deadpool & Wolverine (R): Thurs. 1:40 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 3:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:40 pm

Top Gun (PG): Thurs. 12:50 pm

Star Wars (Anangong Miigading), A New Hope-Ojibwe (PG): Thurs. 9:30 pm (Subtitled);

Afraid (PG13): Thurs. 12:10 pm, 2:30 pm, 7:40 pm, 10 pm

Reagan (PG13): Thurs. 12:10 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:40 pm

Blink Twice (R): Thurs. 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm

The Forge (PG): Thurs. 12:20 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:30 pm

Alien: Romulus (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 4:50 pm, 10 pm

It Ends with Us (PG13): Thurs. 12 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:50 pm

Twisters (PG13): Thurs. 1:10 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:20 pm

Despicable Me 4 (PG): Thurs. 1:10 pm

Marcus Mystery Movie (9/9) (R): Mon. 7 pm

TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. Dirty Knobs feat. Mike Campbell 'Vagabonds, Virgins, & Misfits'
2. Cage The Elephant 'Neon Pill'
3. Billie Eilish 'Hit Me Hard & Soft'
4. Johnny Blue Skies 'Passage Du Desir'
5. Nathaniel Rateliff & The Nightswears 'South Of Here'
6. Hammerfall 'Avenge The Fallen'
7. Orville Peck 'Stampede';
8. Collective Soul 'Here To Eternity'
9. Nothing More 'Carnal'
10. Brigitte Calls Me Baby 'Future Is Our Way Out'

ON STAGE

Brewery Comedy Tour

Sat. 9/7, Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$15 early pricing, \$17 day before show. herronentertainment.com/events/category/mosinee-brewery/list

Trash Pandas, Young Pups, Purgin Paradise & CASHED · Sat. 9/7, Intermission Bar, Wausau. Rock & punk. 21+. Starts at 9 pm. No cover. 715-849-9377

Tony Rucker as Elvis · Sun. 9/8, Rachel's Roadside Bar & Grill, Wittenberg. Rock & roll. Starts at 3 pm. 715-253-3190

The SYNThetics · Tues. 9/10, Hodag Park, 509 Hodag Park Dr, Rhinelander. Synth-pop. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-362-1975

Notes @ Night: Boogie Train · Wed. 9/11, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Blues rock. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

Melissa Carper w/ Dandy L. Freling · Thurs. 9/12, Lamplight Sessions, 224 Main St, Mosinee. Western swing, jazz, country blues. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$36. lamplightsessions.com

Brewery Comedy Tour · Thurs. 9/12, Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Comedy. Starts at 7 pm. \$15 early pricing, \$17 day before show. herronentertainment.com/events/category/mosinee-brewery/list

The Ozark Mountain Daredevils: When it Shines · Fri. 9/13, Grand Theater, Wausau. Country, rock, & pop. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$68. grandtheater.org

Hmong All Star Show 2024 · Sat. 9/14, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Variety. 21+. Doors open at 7 pm. Show starts at 8 pm. \$35 before, \$40 day of show. northstarcasinoresort.com

Uptown · Sun. 9/15, hosted by the Merrill Area Concert Association at Merrill High School Auditorium, Merrill. Pop, soul, R&B. Starts at 3 pm. \$60 adult, \$20 student, \$130 family membership. merrillconcerts.org

The Two Tracks · Tues. 9/17, Grand Theater, Wausau. Folk, rock, Americana. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10. grandtheater.org

Notes @ Night: Justin Zopel · Wed. 9/18, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Acoustic variety. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

Daniel O'Donnell · Fri. 9/20, Grand Theater, Wausau. Variety music performed by famed Irish singer. Starts at 7 pm. \$50-\$90. grandtheater.org

Lines of Loyalty w/special guests

Ember's Rise & Dead Amsterdam · Fri. 9/20, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. qzexpo.com

Whose Live Anyway? · Fri. 9/20, Grand Theater, Wausau. Improvised comedy show performed by the current cast members of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$65. grandtheater.org

Leather & Lace · Sat. 9/21, Oz Nightclub, Wausau. Drag show. 21+. Starts at 10 pm. \$5 cover. 715-679-3606

An Evening of Song · Sun. 9/22, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. Presented by Emeritus Professor William Day's voice students. Starts at 7 pm. Free. 715-842-3733

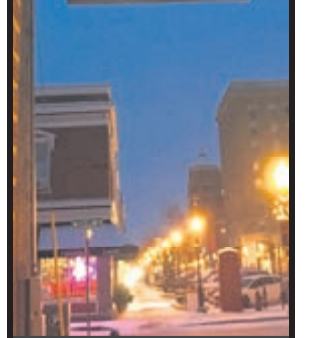
Notes @ Night: Natural Satellite · Wed. 9/25, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Indie jazz. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

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JUMP-America's Van Halen Experience · Fri. 9/27, Bantr, Rothschild. Rock 'n roll tribute concert. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$20 early bird, \$25 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

The Crown Jewels-A Tribute to Queen · Fri. 9/27, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. qzexpo.com

The Mascot Theory · Sat. 9/28, Jensen Community Center, Amherst. Classic rock. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$15 adults, \$12 students advance. \$18 adults, \$15 students at the door. jensencenter.org

Ikons of Rock: Snake Oil · Sat. 9/28, Lake of the Torches, Lac du Flambeau. Classic rock. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$30 & \$25. lakeofthetorches.com

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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. Open all day from 10 am-5. Free. 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.wixsite.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. Sun. 9/8 is Annual Water Communion. Bring a small container of water for communion service. Potluck lunch to follow after the service. All are welcomed at the first UU Church of Wausau. Starts at 10:30 am. uuwausau.org

"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 clarkcountywi.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 thru December, 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

Harvest Moon Fall Tour 2024 · Sun.-Thurs. 9/1-10/31, hosted by the Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau at Clark County, WI. Experience corn mazes, pumpkin patches, community festivals, roadside stands & farmers markets. Go on a self-guided tour along the scenic country roads. Start times vary. For a brochure, call 715-255-9100 or visit clarkcountywi.org

Women's League Winter Volleyball · Wednesdays 9/11-4/9, Mountain Bay Elementary School, Weston. Join a B level league designed for fun. Teams are made up of women of all ages (19-60's). Starts at 7 pm or 8 pm. \$25-\$35 for season. 715-573-9315 for more info

Les Mills Bodycombat · Thurs. 9/5, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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Dinner in the Vineyard · Thurs. 9/5, 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. willowsspringsgardens.com

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Les Mills Bodypump · Mon. 9/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Marathon City Book Club: "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern · Mon. 9/9, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. In this fantasy novel, the circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it, it's simply there. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775

HIIT · Mon. 9/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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Edgar Book Club: "The Phantom of the Opera" by Gaston Leroux · Tues. 9/10, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. A classic novel about a young, talented opera singer & a disfigured musical genius who haunts the Paris Opera House & uses music to try to win the woman's love. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155

Hatley Book Club: "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jennette McCurdy · Tues. 9/10, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Heartbreaking & hilarious, McCurdy's memoir details her struggles as a former child actor-including eating disorders, addiction & a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother-and how she retook control of her life. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537

Athens Book Club: "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett · Tues. 9/10, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Recalling the past at her daughters' request, Lara tells the story of a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage & a romance, causing her daughters to examine their own lives & reconsider everything they thought they knew. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292

Power Yoga Fusion · Tues. 9/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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Boxing & Self-Defense · Tues. 9/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Cycle Strength · Wed. 9/11, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness



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Big Taste 2024 · Thurs. 9/12, hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin at Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Enjoy food, drinks, auction tables and live music. Benefits help youth mentoring programs. Starts at 5 pm. \$90 general admission. bbbsncw.org

Zumba · Thurs. 9/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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32nd Annual Maple Fall Fest · Sat.-Sun. 9/14-9/15, hosted by Visit Marshfield at Wildwood Park & Zoo, 1800 S Roddis Ave. Features over 150 arts & crafts vendors, potato pancake breakfast, a children's area, Amish specialties, beer garden, food court, inflatable rides & more. Starts at 9 am. Free. visitmarshfield.com

Beer & Bacon Fest 2024 · Sat. 9/14, Fern Island, Wausau. Enjoy beer, bacon and live music. Starts at 1 pm. \$20 designated drivers, \$45 regular admission. wausauevents.org

Art of Wine 2024 · Sat. 9/14, Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Enjoy an evening of wine tasting, local food, art and community in support of the Center for the Visual Arts. Starts at 7 pm. \$75 single ticket, \$140 couple ticket. cvawausau.org

Scaled Up Reptile Expo · Sun. 9/15, hosted by Scaled Up Expo at Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center, 10101 Market St, Rothschild. Look at the reptiles from different breeders, stock up on supplies and possibly take a reptile home. Starts at 10 am for VIP, 11 am for general admission. \$12 VIP admission, \$6 general admission, free for ages 5 and under. scaledupexpos.com

REGI-Raptors on Rib Mountain Nature Education Program · Sun. 9/15, hosted by the Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Learn about raptors and see them up close. Starts at 1 pm. Free. Wisconsin State Park Vehicle Admission Sticker required. ribmountain.org

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Mosinee Book Club: "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley · Mon. 9/16, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Treated like an outsider in both her hometown & on the Ojibwe reservation, 18 year old Daunis Fontaine, a half-native American science geek & star hockey player, places her dreams on hold in the wake of a family tragedy. Starts at 2 pm. 715-693-2144

Stratford Book Club: "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See · Wed. 9/18, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Sent into an arranged marriage & forbidden to continue her work as a midwife-in-training, Yunxian is ordered to act like a proper wife & seeks a way to continue treating women & girls from every level of society in 15th century China. Starts at 1 pm. 715-687-4420

OUTDOORS

Grownups in the Garden · Sun. & Mon. 9/8 & 9/9, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Adults can participate in hands-on activities; learn about different topics & more. Starts at 1 pm on Sun. & 10 am on Mon. \$10/person, free for members. monkgardens.org

Midwest Backpacking Summit · Thurs.-Sat. 9/12-9/14, hosted by IronBull at Jack Lake Campground at Veteran's Memorial Park, Deerbrook. Join experienced to first-time bikepackers for a weekend of fun in northern Wisconsin. From free group rides, lakeside camping, free expo & speakers, and of course bikepacking all are sure to meet a riding buddy, learn something, and immerse themselves in the northwoods. Starts at 3 pm. \$65 camping fee. Expo is free. ironbull.org

Walk to End Alzheimer's · Sat. 9/14, UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Go for a walk to raise funds to end Alzheimer's disease. Starts at 8:30 am. Walk begins at 10 am. alz.org/walk

Ecology Hike · Sat. 9/14, hosted by the Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Go for a hike and learn about the late summer environment on the top of Rib Mountain. Starts at 10 am. Free. ribmountain.org

Rec Release · Sat.-Sun. 9/14-9/15, Wausau Whitewater, 200 River Dr, Wausau. Paddle or slalom in the waters. Learn how to kayak. ACA membership, helmet, boat floatation, life jacket required. Starts at 10 am. \$20 per day, \$30 per weekend, \$10 ACA fee. wausauwhitewater.org

Blossom of Lights · Wednesdays-Saturdays 9/18-9/26, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Go for a walk through the illuminated gardens. Starts at 6:30 pm. \$5, \$7, \$12, free for ages 2 & under. monkgardens.org

Pointober Blubber Run · Sat. 9/21, Stevens Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Go for a 5k run, enjoy German food, beverages & live music from Stetsin & Lace. 21+ event. Starts at 3 pm. \$35 before event, \$45 race day registration. pointobckrun.com

2024 Ultra Trail 50k, 25k & 15k · Sat. 9/28, hosted by IronBull at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Put your body to the test with a 15k, 25k or 50k race from the Rib Mountain State Park trail to the State Park Speedway race track. Packet pickup at 5 pm. 50k & 25k race starts at 7 am. 15k race starts at 1 pm. ironbull.org

Rec Release · Sat.-Sun. 9/28-9/29, Wausau Whitewater, 200 River Dr, Wausau. Paddle or slalom in the waters. Learn how to kayak. ACA membership, helmet, boat floatation, life jacket required. Starts at 10 am. \$20 per day, \$30 per weekend, \$10 ACA fee. wausauwhitewater.org

Lit 4 · Sat. 9/28, Stevens Point Sculpture Park, Stevens Point. Go for a walk through the illuminated park and enjoy dance performances from Point Dance Ensemble & sculptures. Starts at 8 pm. Free. stevenspointsculpturepark.org

Wisconsin Valley Golf Association 2024 Season Points Championship · Sun. 9/29, RiverEdge Golf Course, Marshfield. 27 hole championship with double points. Open to everyone with points awarded if you have competed in at least three other events. Starts at 9 am. \$55. wivalleygolf.org

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Extension Gardening: Spotted Lanternflies · Tues. 9/10, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn about the spotted lanternfly. Registration required. Starts at 10 am & 6 pm. Free. 715-261-1241 or mcpl.us to register

Microsoft Word Basics · Wed. 9/11, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn the basics of using Microsoft Word, including creating & manipulating documents. Registration required. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 or mcpl.us to register

The Mausoleum at Pine Grove · Sat. 9/14, Woodson History Center, Wausau. Kathy Volkmann, Curator of Artifacts at the Marathon County Historical Society, will discuss the history of the mausoleum at Pine Grove Cemetery. Starts at 2 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org

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Painting Workshop · Sun. 9/22, hosted by In the Studio with Renee Denise LLC at Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. This workshop invites participants to unleash their creativity & bring to life the charm of Homer, the Highland cow. Workshop is designed to be beginner friendly. Preregistration required. Starts at 10 am. \$45. inthestudiowithReneedenise@gmail.com 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

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

Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point · Open Wed.-Fri. 11 am to 5 pm. Sat. & Sun. 11 am to 3 pm. stevenspoint.com/rac

The Animal · now until Sun. 10/13. Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. Exhibit explores the mesmerizing world of animals through a variety of different art mediums. 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

Birds in Art 2024 · Sat.-Sun. 9/7-12/1. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Exhibit features over 100 paintings, sculptures, and graphics of birds. lywam.org

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art · Open 11 am-3 pm Tues-Sat. 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. Inspired by activities and events.

Merrill Historical Society Museum, Merrill · Free. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 am-1 pm. 715-536-5652. 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

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

Marathon County Historical Society · Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm. Sat.-Sun. 1 pm-4:30 pm. 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

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

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

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

"Shadows of War: Ukraine in Monochrome" · now until end of Sept., Just Right: Cakes, 119 Scott St, Wausau. Exhibit by Yulia Ivanisova that showcases the impact of the war in Ukraine through a series of black & white drawings. 534-356-2258

Artrageous Weekend · Sat.-Sun. 9/7-9/8, downtown Wausau. Annual art tour festival at four locations. Shuttles and admission are free: Art in the Park: located at Marathon Park. More than 120 exhibitors with arts and crafts such as pottery, painting, photography and other works. Opens 9 am to 5 pm Sat. and 9 am to 4 pm Sun. wivalleyart.org; Festival of Arts: located on Third Street and the 400 block. Over 120 juried art pieces. Art activities available for children. Silent auction, food and beverages available. Open Sat. 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. 10 am to 4 pm. wausaufoa.org; Center for the Visual Arts: located at 427 N. Fourth Street, check out artwork from four gallery spaces and participate in art activities. Open Sat. 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. 10 am to 4 pm. cvawausau.org; Birds in Art: located at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. Check out multiple art pieces inspired by birds. Opens 9 am to 5 pm on Sat. and 10 am to 5 pm on Sun. with artwork staying on display for view through 12/1. lywam.org

Fall Art Show · Sat.-Sun. 9/21-9/22 & 9/28-9/29. Walls of Wittenberg, Wittenberg. Exhibit features woodcarving, wall art & taxidermy. Starts at 11 am. Free. wallsofwittenberg.com

KIDS/TEENS

Mini Makers · Mon.-Sat. 9/2-9/7, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Explore process art. Process art is child-led & focuses on creation instead of following specific directions. Each branch will have a different project each month. All supplies provided. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-257-7292

Play and Learn · Wednesdays 9/4-9/25, 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

LEGO Block Party · Sat. 9/7, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild.

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Mini Makers · Mon.-Sat. 9/9-9/14, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Explore process art. Process art is child-led & focuses on creation instead of following specific directions. Each branch will have a different project each month. All supplies provided. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-659-3996

Family Story Time · Mondays 9/9-9/30, 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

Learning Art Through Picture Books · Tues. 9/10, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Learn about different art techniques using picture books as examples & guides. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Pokémon Club · Tues. 9/10, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Story Time · Wed. 9/11, 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

Family Story Time · Wednesdays 9/11-9/25, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420

Mini Makers · Wed. 9/11, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Explore process art. Process art is child-led & focuses on creation instead of following specific directions. Each branch will have a different project each month. All supplies provided. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-443-2775

Family Story Time · Thursdays 9/12-9/26, 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

Storytime in the Garden · Thurs. 9/12, Yawkey House, 403 McIndoe St, Wausau. Enjoy a couple of story books and children's crafts. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-842-5750

Story Time with a Riverside FD Firefighter · Tues. 9/17, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Firefighters from the Riverside Fire Department will bring their trucks for kids to see up close. Enjoy stories and discussion with RFD. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-359-6208

Family Story Time · Tues. 9/17, 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

Bluey Extravaganza · Tues. 9/17, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Enjoy Bluey activities like cardboard tube characters, headbands, masks, recycled planters & more. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Read to a Therapy Dog · Tues. 9/17, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 4:30 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Family Story Time · Wed. 9/18, 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

Pokémon Club · Wed. 9/18, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4:30 pm. Free. 715-359-6208

LEGO Block Party · Thurs. 9/19, 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

Play and Learn: Are Your Ducks in a Row? · Mon. 9/23, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. A staff member from Children's Wisconsin/Marshfield Family Resource Center will be leading Duck, Duck, Goose & other activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420

Family Story Time · Wed. 9/25, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-257-7292

Flexangles · Fri. 9/27, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids & tweens are invited to MCPL Wausau to make flexangles, fun paper fidgets. All materials will be provided. Stop in anytime during open library hours. Free. 715-261-7220

Kocourek Kids Run · Sat. 9/28, hosted by IronBull at Rib Mountain State Park Speedway, Wausau. Kids can run laps on the State Park Speedway race track. Starts at 12:15 pm. Free. ironbull.org

Morse Code Bracelets · Mon. 9/30, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Teens are invited to learn about Morse code & create a top-secret accessory. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-359-6208

Ongoing

Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Open Tues-Thurs. 9 am-2 pm, Fri. & Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 12 pm-5 pm. Closed Monday. \$5 per child 1-12 years, free for children under 1 year, \$1 for parents and caregivers. wausachildrensmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

Story Time for Young Children · Tuesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Rothschild. Toddlers-age 7 can enjoy stories and other activities. Starts at 10 am. wausachildrensmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

Wednesday Learning Centers · Every Weds., hosted by the Stevens Point Area YMCA and Boys & Girls Club of Portage County. Available for students in K thru 6th grade. Young learners will get the chance to socialize and learn after school. Centers are open all day. \$10 per child. More info at bgclubpc.org

Mini Monets · Wednesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum,

Rothschild. Preschool art program for children ages 2-5. Starts at 10 am. wausachildrensmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

Family Storytime · Wednesdays, hosted online by T.B. Scott Free Library. Listen to stories, songs, and rhymes every Wednesday. Starts at 10 am. On Facebook Live

Kids Workshop · First Saturday of each month, Home Depot, 2705 Sherman St, Wausau. Starts at 9 am. Free. homedepot.com

Babies in the Gardens · Tuesdays, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Children ages 2 & under can enjoy a short story time or nature activity. Starts at 8:30 am. \$3 per child, free for members. Cash only. monkgardens.org

Tots in the Gardens · Tuesdays, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Each week, children ages 3-5 can learn about nature with an activity, crafts and story. Every month has a new theme. Starts at 10 am. \$7 per child, free for members. Cash only. monkgardens.org

LIFELINES

Alcoholics Anonymous: www.aawausauwi.org / AA Hotline: 1-715-503-0880

Medicare options through Security Health Plan · hosted weekly, hosted online by the Marshfield Clinic. Learn how Medicare plans offered by Security Health Plan of Wisconsin can help you afford quality insurance. Visit securityhealth.org/OnlineEvent

Personal Needs Closet · First United Methodist Church, 903 3rd St, Wausau. Free toilet paper, paper towel, soap, personal toiletries and laundry detergent. Enter from parking lot on Fulton St. 2nd Tuesdays 1-3 pm, 4th Saturdays 9-11 am. 715-842-2201

Claire's Critter Closet · First United Methodist Church, 903 3rd St, Wausau. Free cat food, dog food, beds, toys, treats, collars and cat litter. Enter from parking lot on Fulton St. 2nd Tuesdays 1-3 pm, 4th Saturdays 9-11 am. 715-842-2201

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 9/5-9/6, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 9/5, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2000 Roosevelt Dr, Plover. Starts at 1 pm. Redcrossblood.org

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Opportunities for the Week of September 2, 2024

Find More Donation + Volunteer Opportunities! Go to the United Way Volunteer Connection volunteer website at unitedwaymc.galaxydigital.com.

Food Distribution Help Needed! The Hmong American Center, Inc. is looking for volunteers for "Los Nrog Peb Noj (Lets Eat)" food distribution program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Volunteers will help package, distribute, and deliver food boxes to families in the Marathon and Wood County area. If you are interested, please contact Emily Vue at emily@hmongamericancenter.org or 715-842-8390.

Are You A Planner? Fundraising is extremely important for GiGi's Playhouse! We are looking for volunteers to join the Events Committee to help us work out details for our events. Non-profit, fundraising, or event planning experience is a plus! Please email us at volunteer@wausau@gigisplayhouse.org with questions or complete our volunteer application at gigisplayhouse.org/wausau/volunteer.

Smiling Faces Needed For Shelter Hospitality! Volunteers are essential to keeping Good Shepherd Shelter open. Tasks can include preparing and serving meals, distributing bedding and clothing, helping guests read

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Reception & Customer Service - Good News Project is looking for volunteers to answer phones, fill in paperwork, & greet guests. Other small duties may be assigned during down time. This position would need to commit at least a ½ day per week on a regular schedule. If you are interested in helping out, please go to <https://www.goodnewswi.com/volunteer-application/> to fill out an application OR contact Rouleen at (715) 843-5985. Thank you!

Health Equipment Sanitization and Restocking: Good News Project currently needs volunteers on a weekly basis to assist with the turn-around of donated medical equipment. Items need to be sanitized, reassembled, and the coordination of inventory is required to meet ongoing client needs. We attempt to help volunteers find a 2-3-hour shift that fits best within their schedule during our regular business hours, Mon. - Fri. from 9-4. Call 715-843-5985, M-F 9 am - 4 pm, or email Rouleen at rouleen@goodnewswi.com for inquiries.

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Extra Craft Supplies Lying Around? The Behavioral Health Program at North Central Health Care is looking for new donations of the following for their programs: markers, Diamond Art kits, painting supplies (watercolor sets & paper, canvases, figures to be painted, etc.), glitter, glue sticks, gel pens, Mod Podge. Donations can be dropped off at the Volunteer Office at 2400 Marshall St, Suite B, in Wausau. Contact us at 715-848-4450 or volunteer@norcen.org with questions.

Baby Items Needed! The diaper bank at The Neighbors' Place needs diapers sizes 3-7, Pull Ups in all sizes, overnight Pull Ups sizes L-XL, and baby hygiene products like wipes and diaper cream. Donations are accepted 8am-3pm, Monday through Friday, on the loading dock side of 360 Grand Avenue. Contact Elizabeth at 715-845-1966 with questions.

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