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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

"To Thine Own Self Be True"

Dear Reader,

"To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." These words, spoken by Polonius to his son Laertes in Shakespeare's Hamlet, have echoed through the centuries, resonating with a call for authenticity and integrity. However, in today's complex and interconnected world, where societal expectations and personal aspirations often collide, living by this ancient counsel can seem both challenging and elusive.

In a society that frequently prioritizes appearances and external validation, many of us find ourselves dedicating a significant portion of our lives to meeting the perceived expectations of others. Social media platforms, professional environments, and even personal relationships can sometimes feel like stages where we perform roles designed to gain approval, admiration, or acceptance. In such a landscape, staying true to oneself can feel like a radical act of defiance.

Yet, what does it mean to be true to oneself? Is it a steadfast adherence to our core values and beliefs, regardless of external pressures? Or is it a fluid and evolving process of self-discovery and adaptation? The truth is, being true to oneself is not a one-size-fits-all proposition. Each individual's truth is unique, shaped by personal experiences, values, and aspirations. This diversity is what makes the concept both beautiful and complex.

However, a critical dilemma arises when our personal truth intersects with the truths of others. In a world filled with



diverse perspectives and conflicting values, how do we navigate these intersections without losing our integrity? When our truth clashes with another's, are we compelled to compromise, or can we find a way to coexist without sacrificing our authenticity?

The reconciliation of personal truth with the expectations of others requires a delicate balance. It is not about being hypocritical but about understanding that human interactions are inherently complex. Sometimes, being true to oneself necessitates difficult conversations, empathetic listening, and a willingness to adapt without losing our essence. It means recognizing that our truth is just one part of a broader, multifaceted human experience.

As we address these intricacies, it is essential to reflect on what being true to oneself truly entails. Is it a solitary path defined solely by our perceptions and desires, or is it a journey enriched by the diverse experiences and insights of others? Perhaps the true path lies in a harmonious blend of both—an unwavering commitment to our values, coupled with an openness to learn and grow through our interactions with the world.

In conclusion, "to thine own self be true" is a timeless piece of advice that challenges us to seek authenticity in a world of constant change and varied expectations. It invites us to explore the depths of our integrity while acknowledging and respecting the diverse truths that coexist around us. As we strive to live by this principle, may we find the courage to be ourselves and the wisdom to navigate the complex interplay between personal genuineness and our shared human experience.

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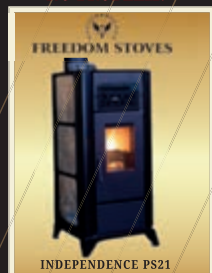
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In bloom

County staff urge action as Big Eau Pleine turns green with algae

Marathon County conservation officials used some clean water funds to test for algae and bacteria at the Big Eau Pleine.

It probably didn't take the tests to reveal what experts have known for quite some time: Algae continues to take over the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir.

Excessive algae, caused by manure runoff from the watershed that leads into the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir, can choke fish populations and ruin the water for those looking to recreate in it. The Big Eau Pleine Park is practically surrounded by the Big Eau Pleine reservoir and signs abound on the property advising people not to swim or fish in the body of water.

The Big Eau Pleine, which has campgrounds and is one of the county's biggest revenue drivers, is getting a reputation for having polluted waters, says county conservationist Kirstie Heidenreich. She shared posts she found on Facebook warning about the park, and people sharing incorrect information about the safety of the water.

More telling, perhaps, are photos of the watershed in August, where waters look more like green paint. A testing bottle containing a sample of the water from the

beach looks likewise as if it were filled with green paint.

Heidenreich shared a number of possible solutions to addressing the algae problem, caused by excess manure runoff from farmland in the watershed. One of the low-hanging fruit things the county could do is to limit the farms it regulates — dairy farms with between 300-999 cows — from spreading manure in the winter, which causes nearly three times the runoff of summer spreading.

CAFOs — farms with more than 1,000 cows — are regulated by the state, not the county. They're also forbidden under state regulations from spreading manure in the winter.

The county helping to facilitate the rental of unused manure storage facilities to help farmers store excess manure was another idea.

The county's Environmental Resources Committee listened to the presentation but took no action on any of the proposals presented.



Algae this summer turned the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir a color reminiscent of green paint — county staff are urging leaders to take action.

Animal control shakeup approved

The city of Wausau will be eliminating its animal control officer and hiring a team of community service officers to handle its animal control issues.

The city council voted 7-4 to approve the new arrangement. That ends the current full-time animal control officer position which was created in the wake of a tragic case of animal abuse.

City leaders say that's because the animal control position never lived up to its promise. The program was meant to be self-sustaining, said City Council President Lisa Rasmussen. The officer was supposed to collect rabies vaccine data from local veterinarians and use that data to find those who weren't complying with getting their pet licensed, which would bring in money to support the position. That never happened.

The situation grew more dire financially after Everest Metro pulled out after saying it didn't really receive the service it had requested.

The decision came after an attempt to save the position - an amendment put forth by Lou Larson would have kept the full-time officer position and added community service officers to the animal control staff. That would have cost roughly

\$25,000 through the end of the year and more in future years.

That failed 7-4.

Advocates pointed to experts saying there would be troubling outcomes without the animal control officer. But the current animal control officer only makes the initial response to 40% of animal calls, since most of them happen outside her daytime shift. And no adverse events happened, or while she was on leave.


City to hire more workers for the water utility

City leaders will hire more workers for the city's drinking water and wastewater treatment plants.

The city council approved the hiring by an 8-3 vote Tuesday. The city under the proposal will hire three full-time employees — one for the drinking water plant and two for the wastewater plant.

The hiring comes following a study that suggested the utility needed more staff. While the new plants include more automation, there is now more testing that needs to be done, and Public Works Director Eric Lindman says more regulations and requirements are coming down the road which will require even more staff time.


The move will add \$130,000 to the 2024 budget.



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Wausau School Board leaders Monday approved a preliminary budget that includes a pretty significant mill rate decrease.

The \$118 million proposed budget for the school includes a mill rate of \$7.41 per \$1,000 of property valuation, meaning the owner of a hypothetical home valued at \$100,000 would pay \$741 in taxes specifically to the school district. That's a significant decrease from 2023 which saw a mill rate of \$8.83 per \$1,000.

That comes on the heels of an increase in property valuations recently, which means that residents might still see their actual tax bill increase from the previous year even if rates decrease.

The proposed 2024 mill rate is the lowest mill rate the district has had since at least the late 1960s, according to a chart provided by school district staff.

Bull Falls announces it's closing

A local brewery that had hoped to sell its business has announced it is closing down next week.

Bull Falls Brewery announced it will officially close its doors Monday, Sept. 16.

The announcement comes after confusion about whether or not the brewery would stay open after all. City Pages first reported that Bull Falls Brewery was listed on an auction site last year.

Bull Falls later said they were looking for a buyer, and later posted that they'd had several potential buyers fall through.

The brewery will still make available its 2024 Oktoberfest beer, which it first started brewing when it opened in 2007.

Police give back-to-school traffic a C-

Most children in area school districts went back to school last week — and police gave drivers a barely passing grade on their driving through school zones.

Wausau Police on social media awarded drivers a C- after saying most drivers obeyed the laws, but some exceeded the speed limit, causing potential safety concerns. The highest clocked speed through a 15 mile-per-hour school zone was 46 mph, police say.

Sheriff's Office investigating school bus crash

Investigators are looking into what caused a school bus crash Thursday in the town of Elderon.

Deputies say two vehicles, including a school bus, crashed near the intersection of Highway 11 and Red Cedar Drive in Elderon around 7:30 am Thursday. Officials say 21 students were riding the bus at the time of the crash, but none were injured. The driver of the other vehicle was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

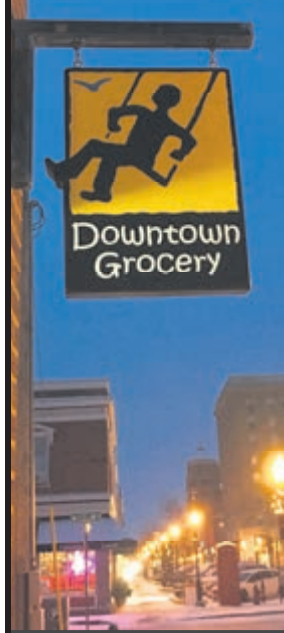
Students involved were either released to their parents or transferred to another school bus, officials say.

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Trump in town

Former President vows to eliminate Department of Education in Mosinee campaign stop

MOSINEE — Former President Donald Trump vowed Saturday to eliminate the federal Department of Education as part of an effort to send oversight back to the states.

Trump also said he'd sign pardons on "day one" of his presidency for those convicted of charges related to violent attack on the U.S. Capitol in January 2021, drawing a rebuke from Kamala Harris' campaign.

Trump told backers he planned to work with businessman Elon Musk on

a government efficiency commission to audit the federal government and "cut the fat." He said that process would result in eliminating the Department of Education. He added that would put states in charge of education policies and suggested there'd be a role for U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, in the proposed system.

"We will ultimately eliminate the federal Department of Education and send education back to Wisconsin and back to the states," Trump said. "Senator Ron Johnson can run it."

Trump promised to issue pardons as he went on a riff about the January 2021 attack, including criticizing the U.S. Department of Justice, calling it "corrupt" and "Kamala Harris' department of injustice." He added that Harris would create a "Banana Republic" ruled by an anarchy and a tyranny" if elected. He continued to try blaming former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-California, for security measures at the U.S. Capitol that day while slamming the House committee that investigated the attack.

"We will rapidly review the cases of every political prisoner unjustly victimized by the Harris regime, and I will sign their pardons on day one," he said.

Harris' campaign slammed Trump's vow to pardon those convicted of charges related to the violent protest at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Harris spokesperson Sarafina Chitka said "Donald Trump's only mission is serving Donald Trump" and warned he "won't lift a finger to help the American people" if he wins in November.

Biden in Westby touts \$7.3B in clean energy grants

WESTBY — President Joe Biden traveled to this western Wisconsin community of 2,370 on Thursday to tout new investments in electrification and expanded high-speed internet.

"All these investments mean family farms can stay in the family," Biden said

as he announced \$7.3 billion in investments for 16 cooperatives that will provide electricity for millions of families in rural areas across 23 states.

The goal is to lower the cost of badly needed connections in hard-to-reach areas. Funding for the project comes from the Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law in August 2022 after it passed in Congress along party lines. The law invests roughly \$13 billion in rural electrification across multiple programs and will create 4,500 permanent jobs and 16,000 construction jobs, according to the White House, which called the effort the largest investment in rural electrification since the New Deal in the 1930s.

Biden also lauded the 2021 infrastructure law, which was approved with some support from congressional Republicans and which he said had provided 72,000 additional Wisconsin homes and small businesses with high-speed internet.

"Just like we're making the most significant investment in rural electrification since FDR, we're also making the most significant investment ever in affordable, high-speed internet because affordable high-speed internet is just as essential today as electricity was a century ago," Biden said, referring to New Deal architect and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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leave home to make a living. That's stopping now because we're spreading opportunities to benefit everyone," he added.

The stop was Biden's sixth trip to Wisconsin of 2024, but his first since he announced July 21 that he was dropping his reelection bid. He was last in the area in 2021, when he touted a \$973 billion infrastructure package that was working its way through Congress.

Thompson: I urged Trump to campaign in Milwaukee, Dane counties

Former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson says Donald Trump must campaign in Dem-dominated Dane and Milwaukee counties ahead of Election Day in order to win Wisconsin.

"They've got to reduce the Democratic votes in Dane County," Thompson said on WISN's "UpFront," produced in partnership with WisPolitics. "Number two, they've got to go to Serb Hall and have a rally. And just like before your time, Ronald Reagan came and opened up Serb Hall. South Milwaukee is a conservative Democrat area, and you can pick up a lot of votes there. And then go into Platteville and talk to the people down there about the Keystone pipeline and opening up the border."

Thompson said he personally delivered the message to Trump when he campaigned in La Crosse.

"He listened," Thompson said. "He listened intently, and let's see what he does."

Thompson, who's helping advise the campaign behind the scenes, said Trump needs to focus on the issues during tomorrow night's presidential debate.

Dodge County sheriff urged clerks not to use drop boxes

Dodge County's Republican sheriff pressed three municipal clerks not to use absentee ballot drop boxes this fall, warning it could create the appearance of fraud and "degrade trust in our system," according to records obtained by WisPolitics.

Sheriff Dale Schmidt denied he was pressuring the clerks in Ashippun, Hustisford and the town of Beaver Dam when he expressed "serious concerns" to them after he learned they planned to use drop boxes for the election cycle. Instead, Schmidt said in a phone interview he was only seeking to ensure they were following best practices after the state Supreme Court in July allowed their use.

"The reason was entirely to protect the integrity of our election processes and to protect the law as laid out by the Supreme Court in this most recent Supreme Court decision," Schmidt said. "If there is any claim that there is election fraud as a result of the drop boxes, I, as the sheriff, am responsible to investigate those... part of my job [is] to make sure that laws are followed before they're broken."

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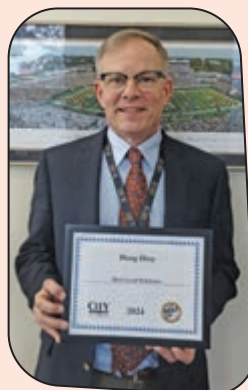
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Blossom of Lights

Through Oct. 26 | Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau

OK, so let's get something out of the way: Yes, the Monk Botanical Gardens earned itself some controversy earlier this year after it announced it would change its name. People did not like that, and eventually the board changed the name back. But you shouldn't let that stop you from enjoying this colorful festival at the gardens. The gardens during this time period will become a garden of light, bringing something to the area it otherwise hasn't seen. Plus there are a number of special events such as Pet Night, Trick or Treat Night and Sensory-Friendly Night. Wednesdays through Saturdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. blossomoflights.org or on Facebook.

Food Trucks in the Park

Thursday, Sept. 12 | Doepke Park, Rib Mountain

There has been a decided lack of food truck rallies in the Wausau area in the past. Now, there's two in less than a month? That's right, following right on the heels of the food truck rally and makers market downtown last week, Rib Mountain will feature its own food truck. This one is in the evening hours and features half a dozen food trucks at the lovely Doepke Park in Rib Mountain. Besides the food trucks, the village will have on hand Marathon County's K9 program and Section 715 Throwing Co. But they had me at food. 4:30-8:30 pm. See ribmountainwi.gov for more.

Wausau Welcoming Week

Multiple events, dates and locations, Wausau

This one is super interesting. A couple of things to note about the new Wausau Welcoming Week: One, it's a little more than a week! The events stretch out through Sept. 22, with plenty for Wausau folks to do. And, it's not just for those new to Wausau — everyone can enjoy it! The big two events are a reception for the artists behind The String Project 6 pm Friday at WMOCA and a Welcoming Week Kickoff Fair 10 am Saturday at The Grand Theater. Other events throughout the week and beyond are a book display at the Marathon County Public Library Wausau Branch; a Fiesta Party at Community Partners Campus; and an open house at the ECDC center in Washington Square. See the full list of events (19 in all) at wausome.com/experience/welcoming-week

Beer and Bacon Fest

Saturday, Sept. 14 | Oak/Fern Island, Wausau

Most of you probably like beer. And I'm sure a good number of you like bacon too. Well, then have we got an event for you! This event, started nearly 10 years ago, is one of the newest events at Wausau events. Sample from 14 different beer vendors and six different bacon vendors at Fern Island Park. 1 pm. \$50 advance, \$60 at the gate. Wausauevents.org

The Ozark Mountain Daredevils

Friday, Sept. 13 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Ok, I admit I didn't realize who the Ozark Mountain Daredevils were, but listening to the first song that came up on Spotify — Jackie Blue — reminded me that I absolutely have heard their music. The groups that date back to the 70s have that loungey, jazzy, post-psychedelic rock sound many of the bands had back then, like Alan Parsons Project, Electric Light Orchestra or Blue Oyster Cult. It's truly incredible that the band has continued to record and tour all this time, but this year and next is their farewell tour. So if you've always enjoyed this band and wanted to see their last hurrah, this is your chance! 7:30 pm. \$35-\$68. grandtheater.org. **CP**



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JUMP-America's Van Halen Experience · Fri. 9/27, Bantr, Rothschild. Rock 'n roll tribute concert. 18+. Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$25 general admission. bantrotrothschild.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

Oktoberfest with Pam & Scott · Sat. 9/28, Pea Patch Motel & Saloon, Manitowish Waters. Polka. Starts at 3 pm. 715-543-2455

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

NEW Dueling Pianos · Fri. 9/28, Bantr, Rothschild. Enjoy a piano show that covers practically every music genre. Starts at 8 pm. \$25 advance, \$30 general admission. bantrotrothschild.com

Classic Trios: Flute, Cello & Piano · Sun. 9/29, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. Recital features works from Mozart, Haydn, Boulanger & Weber. Starts at 2 pm. Free. wausauconservatory.org

Mojo Loco · Sat. 10/5, O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Variety. 21+. Starts at 6 pm. Free. 715-254-2163

Brewery Comedy Tour · Sat. 10/5, Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$15 early pricing, \$17 day before show, \$20 day of show. herronentertainment.com/events/category/mosinee-brewery/list

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. Sun. 9/16, speaker will be a representative of the Wausau Police Department who works with dogs, and will discuss how these well-trained animals assist in police work. 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. 9/15, Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching: Why Life's Big Lessons Aren't in the User Manual. 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 clarkcountymi.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 clarkcountymi.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

EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

Community Plant Swap · Mon.-Sat. 9/9-9/14, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Patrons can take or leave a plant, along with plant care instructions. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-693-2144

Les Mills Bodycombat · Thurs. 9/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills RPM-V · Thurs. 9/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Yoga Body Bootcamp · Fri. 9/13, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Welcoming Week Book Display · Fri.-Sat. 9/13-9/21, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Stop by the Marathon County Public Library in Downtown Wausau to check out the staff's curated selection of books about Welcoming & Belonging. Starts at 9 am. Free. wausome.com/experience/welcoming-week/

Body Pump · Sat. 9/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Cycling · Sat. 9/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Wausau Area Welcoming Week Kick Off Fair · Sat. 9/14, The Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy a free resource fair, selfie station, activities, cookies, video screening & more. Artists will give a lecture about The String Project in the theater at 1:30 pm. Explore the outdoor exhibition The String Project at the 400 Block. Starts at 10 am. wausome.com/experience/welcoming-week

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



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Retirement & Social Security Basics · Thurs. 9/19, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Learn about Social Security & retirement. Registration required. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-257-7292 or mcpl.us to register

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

Microsoft Word Basics: Editing · Wed. 9/25, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn how to edit documents in Microsoft Word. Registration required. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 or 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. \$90. 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

The String Project Artist Reception · Fri. 9/13. Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau. This free reception offers the chance to meet Chelsea Nix & Mariano Cortez, the artists behind the award-winning photography exhibition, The String Project. During the event, Wausau's Poet Laureate, Tiffany Rodriguez-Lee, will present a Welcoming Week-themed poem. Starts at 6 pm. wausome.com/experience/welcoming-week

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.

"Gathering" & "Then & Now" Receptions · Fri. 9/27, Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Enjoy poetry & art exhibit, "Gathering", and a new solo exhibition by cartoonist & illustrator Duachaka Her titled "Then and Now". Starts at 5 pm. Free. mcpl.us/cwbf

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

Art in the Park · Sat. 9/21, Pfiffner Park, Stevens Point. Enjoy arts and crafts as well as art projects and face painting for children. Starts at 10 am. artintheparkstevenspoint.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

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

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

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

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 **CP**

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. wausauchildrensmuseum.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. wausauchildrensmuseum.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. wausauchildrensmuseum.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

Babes 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

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That 70s treat

Glass and Grain House already stands out for combining beer and bakery — but it goes further with a 70s theme



Leah and Eric Hoelter created Glass and Grain House, which combines craft beer and specialty bakery items.

Walking into the northeast side business called Glass and Grain House, a couple of things will stand out.

One is that you'll feel like you've just walked into the 1970s. That's very intentional, we'll learn later.

And two, that Glass and Grain House isn't just a bar with a number of craft beers available - it's also a bakery.

Glass and Grain House opened roughly three months ago on Sixth Street just north of Bridge Street. It's the brainchild of Leah and Eric Hoelter, and it combines their two interests: Craft beer and baking.

"We've taken Eric's passion for craft beer and my passion for making yummy things for people and combined them," Leah told City Pages.

Leah says the treats are always different, so you never know what kinds of desserts she will be crafting for the place, other than that they'll be delicious.

Combining baking and craft beer already makes Glass and Grain House stand out from the crowd - this reporter can't recall seeing that combination before. But that's not all - the entire bar is decked out as if it's the 1970s, with a brown-orange theme that really sets the 70s mood.

Most of the pieces are original, Leah explains, and they

spent a lot of time sourcing furniture and decorations from that era. The wallpaper, quintessential to getting that 70s aesthetic, is new - that would have been difficult to find. But nearly everything in the bar actually came from the 70s.

The decision came first from Leah deciding what color she wanted the bar to look like. The couple always had the color orange in mind, so the 70s theme kind of grew out of that, they explain.

Leah explains that they had started with modern stools until they found 70s barstools — and it turned out the 70s furniture was much more sturdy and built to last.

But it's not all about look. Eric says the bar has more than 100 different craft beers available, including some on tap. The primary focus is on brewers in the Midwest but many other regions are represented in the selection.

And what's really getting customers talking, Leah says, are her "weird" creations, she says. Peanut butter Cheezit cookies, a blackberry lavender brownie amongst others found a home with customers.

For those looking to enjoy a good beer or try something decadent — or pretend they're on That 70s Show — Glass

and Grain House should be a good bet.

Glass and Grain House is located at 1207 N Second Street. It's open Tuesday through Saturday 2 pm to Midnight. Find them on Facebook at Glass and Grain House or on Instagram. **CP**

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