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PUBLISHER'S NOTE On Composite Selves

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These distinct views from the people closest to us shape our identities, creating a composite of who we are. We manage our lives through the reflections of these relationships, adapting and evolving based on the roles we play. Yet, amid this dynamic interplay, it is crucial to recognize the importance of preserving a piece of our soul and heart for ourselves.

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So, as we journey through life, let us embrace the mosaic of our composite selves. Let us cherish the diverse ways in which we are perceived and the roles we fulfill. But let us also honor the quiet, inner voice that whispers our deepest truths. In doing so, we create a harmonious blend of connection and self-awareness, enriching both our lives and the lives of those around us.

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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
Wilderness Crossing - W17256 Red Oak Ln. Wittenberg.	10:00 AM	3:30 PM
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TIF no

Rib Mountain created a new TIF district. Motivated residents helped put a stop to it.

Rib Mountain last month approved the creation of a new TIF district, its second district for the newly minted village.

But some residents were not having it. On Tuesday, the Rib Mountain Village Board voted to reconsider creating the district, a rare move when most districts are approved without much fanfare and rarely reversed.

The district, located primarily along the Highway NN corridor in Rib Mountain where the village hall, Granite Peak Ski Area and Rib Mountain Golf Course are located, would have funded roughly \$33 million in infrastructure, according to project plans included in village board packet materials.

The district's formation sparked outcry from residents who said the district was snuck through without enough time for those residents to have any input into the process.

An opposition group, formed by Rib Mountain resident Cindy Hogan, formed on Facebook to help spread the word about the district's creation. Hogan told City Pages residents were initially concerned about being hooked up to village sewer and water, which they said would be costly for those residents and wasn't what they wanted.



Protestors hold signs along Highway NN outside of Rib Mountain Village Hall Monday morning. The village board Tuesday rescinded TIF District they were protesting.

Beyond that, residents were concerned about the impact on taxpayers and increased development in that area. According to the project plan, that corridor would be 75% retail.

TIF districts are a method for municipalities to develop blighted areas. Tax increment finance districts work by essentially letting a municipality to borrow against future tax revenue to fund infrastructure projects and provide incentives to developers to build where they otherwise wouldn't. When a district is created, the current property value is set as a baseline. The tax revenue from any additional value created in the district goes toward repaying the district's debt.

But many debate the impact on taxpayers. Marathon County recently formed

a task force that looked at the impact of districts. The problem with them, the task force identified, is that while a district has been open for decades, the municipality and other taxing jurisdictions aren't getting the new tax revenue from those districts. That's why the state caps how much of a municipality's value can be locked in a district.

On Monday, residents protested outside the Rib Mountain Village Hall, seeking an end to the district.

Rib Mountain Board Members Tuesday said while they believed a lot of misinformation had been shared about the TIF district, they heard residents' concerns and unanimously voted to rescind their earlier decision.

Committee OKs planning option with Wangard Partners

Wangard Partners will have until the end of 2025 to review a site in Wausau's RiverLife development area.

The city's Economic Development Committee on Tuesday OKed the planning option.

Wangard responded to a request for interest from the city's community development department, proposing to build a two-building, 135-unit apartment project in the city's flagship development area.

The RiverLife area has suffered from numerous setbacks since it opened for development in 2015. So far only one development project has been completed, in addition to WOW Family Entertainment Center and the parks project.

Wangard representatives say they plan to start construction next fall, but the planning option gives them more time in case setbacks come up.

Interim Community Development Director Randy Fifrick told committee

members that the city working with Stantech has done a lot of environmental cleanup on the site though issues could still arise as Wangard does its due diligence.

Clerk forwards mayoral ballot removal to investigators

Wausau's city clerk has forwarded the mayor's removal of an absentee ballot box to investigators as the story gains national attention.

Last week news broke that Wausau Mayor Doug Diny on a Sunday moved the box from the front of city hall steps to somewhere in city hall outside of public view. The box was empty and locked, and was awaiting being secured by city staff on Monday morning.

City Pages obtained a copy of an email exchange between Diny and Rasmussen. The exchange included a photo of Diny wearing a suit, hard hat and work gloves moving the box. On Tuesday night, residents expressed outrage over the removal and Diny and Rasmussen sparred briefly over the removal.

On Wednesday afternoon, Wausau City Clerk Kaityn Bernarde, who didn't respond to media requests for comment, sent out a press release that she was forwarding the situation to the Marathon County District Attorney's office and to the Wisconsin Election Commission for investigation.

Republicans have been defending Diny. Marathon County Republican Party Chair Kevin Hermening sent a letter to Bernarde, obtained by City Pages, questioning why the ballot box was left outside unsecured. That letter asked for more details about the chain of custody for the ballot box from the clerk.

As of Wednesday morning, no such complaint has appeared on the WEC



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The story drew national attention from outlets including The New York Times, the Washington Post and Fox News among others.

On Friday, Diny issued a press release saying that he doesn't work for the city clerk, and that he had hired an outside law firm to undergo a performance review of the city attorney "because she wasn't doing her job."

City leaders told City Pages that the clerk had given the mayor a deadline of noon to replace the ballot box or he would be reported for election interference. City Pages visited City Hall Friday afternoon. The ballot box was not at city hall and the mayor's office was closed with the lights off.

On Monday, the box reappeared outside of city hall. Bernarde issued a press release about the drop box, which can accept payments and ballots, is now available but did not address the investigation that was announced last week.

One dead following crash in Eau Pleine

Marathon County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a two-vehicle crash that left one dead in the town of Eau Pleine.

Emergency workers were called to the scene at 10:25 am Friday at the intersection of highways 153 and E in the town of Eau Pleine.

Sheriff's Office officials say 75-year-old Wendy Wojner of Abbotsford was killed in the crash.

The crash is still under investigation.

Judge orders Minocqua Brewing Co to cease outdoor operations

An appellate court judge has denied an appeal to Minocqua Brewing Company over the Oneida County Zoning Department's decision to deny the brewery a conditional use permit.

In response, Oneida County issued a letter to Bangstad on Monday ordering him to cease outdoor operations, according to a copy of the letter first reported by Northwoods News.

The county's zoning committee last year revoked the brewery's conditional use permit after saying Minocqua Brewing Co. failed to comply with its orders over outdoor seating at the brewery. Bangstad claimed he wasn't violating the order, and that his patio was still part of the actual building and didn't constitute an outdoor space.

A judge earlier this year upheld the county's decision, but an appellate court judge granted an injunction against the county enforcing the permit revocation until a court could review the case.

According to appellate court records, a three-judge panel denied the appeal.

Minocqua Brewing Co. recently faced a lawsuit over its Ope beer, meant to celebrate vice presidential candidate Tim Walz, after Ope! Brewing Co. in West Allis claimed it violated the brewery's trademark. Minocqua Brewery Owner Kirk Bangstad initially resisted the claim but ultimately changed the beer's name in response. **CP**

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Ballot dispute

Elections commission members bicker over absentee ballot returns

The Wisconsin Elections Commission postponed until after the November election a vote on whether to reprimand two clerks for not accepting absentee ballots at polling places until 8 p.m. on Election Day during previous elections.

The postponement came after Republican commissioners argued against allowing voters to return their absentee ballots at polling places despite WEC Chief Legal Counsel Jim Witecha saying the practice aligns with “how the commission has long been interpreting” the law.

“I’m sorry for getting flustered, but this is a misrepresentation of the case law that’s out there, as well as how the commission has interpreted and messaged it,” Witecha said of Republican Commissioners Don Millis and Bob Spindell’s arguments against allowing voters to hand in ballots at polling places.

The debate came as the commission

took up two complaints that had been filed against the clerks of Greenfield and Brookfield for not allowing voters to hand in absentee ballots at polling places after 7 p.m. for the Aug. 9, 2022, fall primary and 5 p.m. for the Feb. 20, 2024, spring primary. The complaints accused them of failing to tell voters how they could still legally hand in those ballots ahead of the 8 p.m. Election Day deadline, and the staff recommending approving a reprimand directing them to follow past agency guidance.

The uniform instructions for absentee voters that the commission created include a section that notes absentee ballots must be received in time to deliver them to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. Those instructions state one option to return absentee ballots is to “Drop it off at your polling place or central count location.”

Brandtjen files suit to block WI from ERIC

GOP state Rep. Janel Brandtjen has filed a suit that argues Wisconsin is barred from participating in a multi-state effort created to improve voter rolls under a constitutional amendment approved this spring.

That amendment states only election officials may perform tasks related to a primary, election or referendum. Brandtjen, R-Menomonee Falls, argues that prohibits the Electronic Registration Information Center from aiding the state Elections Commission in maintaining the state’s voter rolls.

Her suit, filed two weeks ago in Waukesha County Circuit Court, seeks a judgment that Wisconsin’s participation in ERIC is unconstitutional under the new amendment, as well as an injunction barring the Elections Commission from transmitting data to the multi-state partnership.

She also wants Judge Brad Schimel — the former GOP AG who’s now running for state Supreme Court — to order the Elections Commission to retrieve Wisconsin data from ERIC and any third-party vendors working with the group.

The Elections Commission had no comment on the suit.

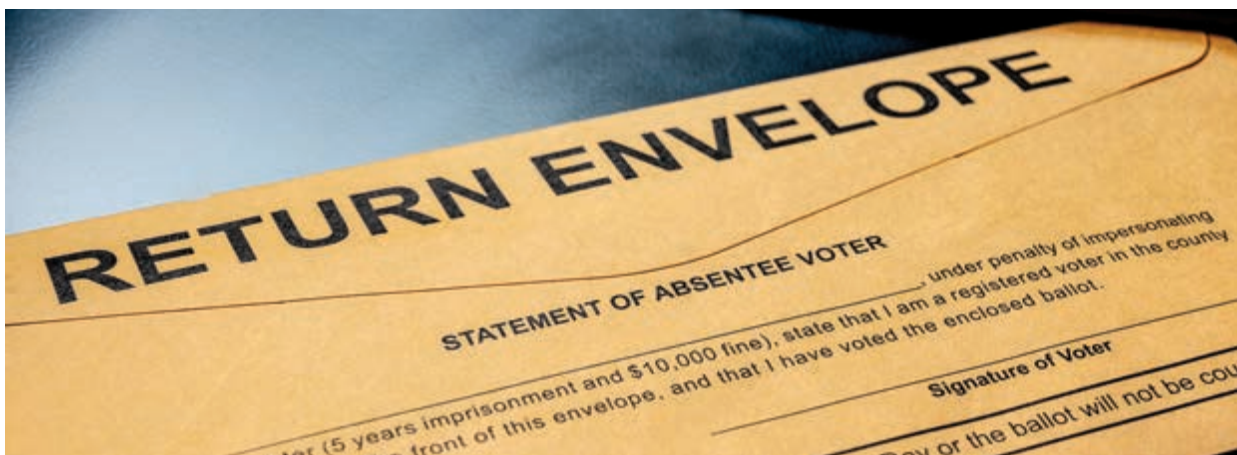
State law requires Wisconsin to participate in ERIC, and the commission uses the partnership to check for voters who cast

ballots in other states, for example, and to clean up the official registration list. States participating in the system share information such as driver’s license records to aid states in their efforts. States that participate also agree to encourage those who aren’t on the voter rolls to register. It has become a focus for some Republicans, from those who believe encouraging people to register is inappropriate to conspiracy theories about how the group is funded.

Vivek says GOP Senate candidates have ‘room for improvement’

Former GOP presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy says “there’s always room for improvement” for Republicans ahead of Election Day, noting GOP Senate candidates are struggling in key swing states like Wisconsin.

“I’m somebody who holds myself to a high standard,” Ramaswamy said on WISN’s “UpFront,” which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. “I can criticize the other side, but part of this is also holding our side to the highest possible standard. I think we’re doing great. I think I’d like to see many of the Senate candidates, one of the things that we’re seeing, it’s a hard truth, so I’ll just say it: Donald Trump is overperforming Senate candidates by double digits on the Republican side.”



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“So I think Donald Trump is doing great,” he added. “What I’d like to see in the next five weeks is a lot of down-ballot candidates take that level of fortitude and leadership to their own message as well as from Ohio to Wisconsin to candidates in other states as well. It’s not enough just to put Donald Trump in the White House.”

Ramaswamy was in Waukesha last week as part of a town hall hosted by the Trump campaign, which in part used a statewide bus tour to encourage Republicans to vote early.

Supreme Court rejects Kennedy ballot removal

A unanimous Wisconsin Supreme Court today rejected Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s bid to be taken off the state’s presidential ballot.

The justices knocked Kennedy’s legal briefs as “inadequate” as he tried to persuade them that a Dane County judge had erroneously rejected Kennedy’s request for a temporary injunction barring the Elections Commission from placing him on the ballot.

Kennedy argued keeping him on the ballot would violate constitutional rights to equal protection, free expression and the freedom of association. But the court found his briefs failed “to develop those arguments to even a minimal standard sufficient for us to consider their merits.” That left no sufficient argument to persuade them Judge Stephen Ehlke made a mistake.

The court’s decision came down the same day the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Kennedy’s bid to persuade those justices to place him on the ballot in New York.

At the heart of the case is a state law that states anyone who files signatures to run for office and qualifies to appear on the ballot may not decline the nomination. Kennedy filed his nomination papers ahead of the Aug. 6 deadline, but then announced he was suspending his campaign in swing states and urging his supporters there to support Donald Trump. The Elections Commission voted 5-1 to place Kennedy on the ballot, citing the requirement in state law. **CP**



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Executive Director Lucas Gajewski poses in the decision room at Ascent, an 8,500-square foot, non-profit funeral home that opened in July. So far, customers are happy with the new approach to funeral services.



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Four years ago, an idea to start a non-profit funeral home near Mount Olive Lutheran Church was percolating among leaders there.

It almost seemed crazy to the folks who were dreaming it up. After all, at the time there weren't any non-profit funeral homes in the state.

This year that vision became a reality. Ascent non-profit funeral home opened its doors in July. More than 300 people came to the open house the funeral home held marking the occasion.

And since that opening date in July, Ascent Funeral Home has handled the funeral services for more than a dozen families so far, says Ascent Executive Director Lucas Gajewski. That's far more than they expected in the early days of the service, which is something of a new model for the area.

Though the idea launched with Mount Olive Lutheran Church, it operates independently and is open to people of all denominations.

Construction began in August of 2023 on the roughly 8,500-square-foot facility and wrapped up July 25 for the dedication.

The funeral service is priding itself on not only saving money for those who are grieving a loved one, but also helping out by not requiring upfront payment so loved ones of the deceased can focus on the grieving process. "Especially considering people are going through a time of loss, we want to be especially mindful of that," Gajewski told City Pages.

Those founding Ascent thought that the first customers would come from Mount Olive parishioners, but so far their customers have actually come from throughout the greater Wausau area, Gajewski told City Pages.

"I'm very grateful for the positive community referrals from people, whether they are from hospice service, or whether it's community members who worked with me in the past, or even sometimes clergy who have helped get our name out," Gajewski says.

Right now Ascent has two funeral directors on staff,

“WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE WORTHY OF taking care of our community.”

including Gajewski himself. He says the plan is to continue growing the funeral home until it gets to the point they would need four to five directors to operate the site.

City Pages first reported on the new non-profit funeral home in our October 2023 Senior Spirit issue. At the time, some had reached out concerned about the funeral home's location.

Our correspondent, the late Pat Peckham, reached out to some of those people in the Weston area concerned about where the home was being built. But none would return his requests for comment.

Gajewski says he hasn't heard any of that concern anymore either. Gajewski says they've mostly heard only positive feedback from those who have used the service.

"At the end of the day we feel privileged to this community to be caring for them, privileged to be serving my hometown," Gajewski says. "We want to continue to be worthy of taking care of our community."

NATIONAL FUNERALS TREND TOWARD CREMATION

Cremations are starting to become far more common. According to the National Funeral Directors Association, roughly two-thirds of all services, or 61.9%, are cremations, with only 33.2% are burial services.

That's expected to change, according to the NFDA: By

2045, they expect 82.1% to be cremations.

Cost might be a factor. According to the NFDA, the median cost of a burial with service was \$8,300, while the median cost for funeral with cremation was \$6,280.

Green options are becoming more popular, according to the NFD, and over half of those surveyed said they attended a funeral recently in a non-traditional location.

SOME RESPONSE FROM TRADITIONAL FUNERAL HOMES

When City Pages published Peckham's story about Ascent, many of the traditional funeral homes were concerned about how they felt their services were painted in the story. While none were specifically named in the story, many felt they should have been given a chance to speak.

I decided to sit down with them to hear what they had to say.

The funeral homes also give back to the community, says Anna Zoromski,

manager of the Peterson/Kramer Funeral Home. She points out that area funeral homes have donated to fire departments, groups such as the Lion's Club and Noon Optimists, as well as sports teams and scholarships.

Brainard and Helke have donated \$125,000 to local community organizations and charities in the last year alone, officials there say.

And, many of those present said they really value their relationship with the community members — they have families in which multiple generations have been loyal customers.

Also, Zoromski points out, they help out families who have financial difficulties, and none of the homes charge for infant funerals.

Scott Brainard added that between the four funeral homes they have more than 300 years of experience. "With a community of people, if they don't think you're doing a good job, they have options," Brainard says. **CP**



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HIGHLIGHTS



BEN FOLDS



UDO

Ben Folds

Tuesday 10/8 | Grand Theater, Wausau

When I was a teenager fresh out of college, I wanted to learn piano just so I could play like Ben Folds. Most frequent of the CDs played in my car during that time were those of Ben Folds Five. The band was active between 1993 and 2000, with a brief reunion from 2011-2013. Known for its hard-piano driven rock and quirky lyrics, the band saw big success with *Song for the Dumped*, *Battle of Who Could Care Less* and *Brick*, the band's top single. Outside the band Ben Folds has had a successful solo career. Ben Folds was always like a piano bar musician got really big, with all the high-energy and attitude from that scene. This act is a huge get for the Grand Theater and if there is one must-see show of the year, this is it. \$45-\$87. 7:30 pm. VIP available through Benfolds.com, sold separately. grandtheater.org

Side by Side by Sondheim

Multiple October dates

UWSP Stevens Point and Wausau

This looks to be a promising show and the best part is that there will be multiple changes to see it. This Tony Award-winning musical is basically a love letter to all things Stevens Sondheim. Sondheim is considered one of the most important creators in musical theater of the 20th Century, and his work has become iconic. This musical celebrates all of Sondheim's work in one musical. \$27. See the dates and times below:

- Oct. 4-5: 7:30 pm, Stevens Point
- Oct. 6: 2 pm, Stevens Point
- Oct. 10-11: 7:30 pm, Stevens Point
- Oct. 12: 2 pm, 7:30 pm, Stevens Point
- Oct. 18-19: 7:30 pm, Wausau
- Oct. 20: 2 pm, Wausau

UDO: The Voice of Accept

Saturday 10/5 | Q&Z Expo Center, Ringle

If we were going to give a band an award for strangest sounding name, this band would get it! UDO is the band of German singer Udo Dirkschneider, and is known as The Voice of Accept. Dirkschneider was born in West Germany in the 1950s, and was first known for his band Accept (hence the "voice of Accept"). In 1987 he left the heavy metal act to start his own act, and he's been going every since. It might surprise you to go see a heavy metal act by someone old enough to be your dad, but make no mistake — this band shreds. 5 pm. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. www.qzexpo.com

Pancake Breakfast in the Clouds

Saturday 10/5

Rib Mountain Amphitheater, Rib Mountain

The Concerts in the Clouds music series is over for the summer, but that doesn't mean you have to let that wonderful amphitheater go to waste. This Saturday make your way there for Pancake Breakfast in the Clouds, which is a great excuse get up into our little mountain and, well, who doesn't love pancakes! \$10 for adults, \$5 children 3-10 and free for children under 3 gets you all the pancakes you can eat, plus three sausages, juice and coffee. Or \$2 if you just want coffee. Park sticker required for parking on top of Rib Mountain, or start from the bottom and make a hike out of it (gotta burn off those pancakes somehow right?). Runs until 11:30 am. Friends of Rib Mountain on Facebook. **CP**

Wayland

Saturday 10/5 | 4 Fathers Pub, Wausau

Upon a first listen to the band Wayland, my very first thought was this sounds like a mix of country and rock — it's got distorted guitars and a singer who sounds more like a rock singer than a country singer, but with a top 40 country structure. Formed in LA, the band after it achieved some success took off to live and tour in the Midwest - sort of the opposite of the typical pattern. Since then they've become a national touring act, living in Nashville, charting some singles and continuing the life of a touring band. On Saturday they'll make their way to 4 Fathers Pub, which is starting to host some pretty good music. 7 pm. 4 Fathers Pub on Facebook.



WAYLAND

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FALL BAZAAR - SHOP, EAT, ENJOY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 9AM-4PM

ZION'S ANNUAL STRASSENFEST

Themed shopping booths include:

- Pantry
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- Books & Puzzles
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FACEBOOK.COM/ZIONSTRASSENFEST

and an ABENDESSEN DINNER EVENT!
on Sunday, October 15th at Wausau Elks Club

German buffet meal, silent auction, and a special presentation: "WI Historic Discoveries" by Amy Rosebrough, WI Historical Society's State Archaeologist. Advance Tickets Only! \$22/pp. Purchase at Zion Church Office or call 715-848-7286. More details at zionlutheranwausau.com.

ZionStrassenfest

Have an event you would like to submit?

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

BAR BEATS

Thursday October 3

Scott Kirby · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Americana. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

Friday October 4

Snow on the Mountain · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Folk. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

Honky Tonk Highway · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

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

Saturday October 5

Local Heroes · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 4 pm. 715-819-3663

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

Aaron Lee Kaplan · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Americana, folk. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Stewart Ellyson · District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Acoustic rock. 6:30 pm. 715-544-6707

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

Burnt Toast & Jam · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Bluegrass. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Arilya · Intermission, Wausau. Heavy pop. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

DJ Rick · Patron Mexican Restaurant & Bar, Weston. Variety. 10 pm. 715-298-6488

Sunday October 6

Tim Tesch Jr · The Garage, Wausau. Acoustic. 12 pm. 715-393-4495

Steve Strasman · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 1 pm. 715-722-0230

Live It Up · Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

Wednesday October 9

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

Thursday October 10

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

Bradley Sperger · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 4 pm. 715-393-4495

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

Friday October 11

Soul Whiskey Duo · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Country. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

Old Pine Road · The Garage, Wausau. Funk grass. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Tony Williams · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday October 12

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

Cassandra Lea · Guu's on Main, Stevens Point. Piano variety. 4 pm. 715-344-3200

Dean & Terry · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Rock & country variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

49 Deluxe · The Garage, Wausau. Classic rock, outlaw country & variety. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Glen Everhart · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Sunday October 13

New Polish Sounds · Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

Thursday October 17

Brad Emanuel · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

Friday October 18

Andy Braun · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Folk-rock. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

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

String Cheese · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Jerry Schmitt Band · Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Country, rockabilly. 7 pm. 715-693-2739

Pat McCurdy · The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Variety. 8 pm. 715-355-7001

Saturday October 19

First Avenue · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

Blindside · The Garage, Wausau. Rock & blues. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Sunday October 20

Dyversaco · Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

Kylar Kuzio · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 3:30 pm. 715-393-4495

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

BIG GUIDE

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

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

Bingo · Every Wednesday, Renee's Red Rooster, Stevens Point. Starts at 7 pm. 715-344-9825

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

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 10/10

Joker: Folie a Deux (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

The Wild Robot (PG): 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

Transformers One (PG): Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:15 pm & 7 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:15 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094
Movie times 10/3-10/9

Joker: Folie a Deux (R): Thurs. 3:40 pm, 6:50 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 3 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:20 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 9:45 am, 12:50 pm, 4 pm, 7:10 pm, 10:15 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:30 am, 12:10 pm, 1:40 pm, 3 pm, 3:20 pm, 4:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm, 8:50 pm, 9:40 pm; Sun. 9:45 am, 12:50 pm, 4 pm, 7:10 pm, 10:15 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:30 am, 12:10 pm, 1:40 pm, 3:20 pm, 4:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm, 8:50 pm, 9:40 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:20 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 1:40 pm, 4:50 pm, 8 pm

Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story (TBD): Tues. 7 pm

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG13): Sun. 4 pm; Mon. 6 pm

The Wild Robot (PG): Thurs. 1 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm, 3:40 pm; Fri. & Tues. 9:45 am, 11:20 am, 12:40 pm, 3:20 pm, 4:40 pm, 6 pm, 7:20 pm, 8:40 pm, 10 pm, 2 pm; Sat. 9:45 am, 11 am, 12:40 pm, 3:20 pm, 4:50 pm, 6 pm, 7:25 pm, 8:40 pm, 10 pm, 1:40 pm; Sun. 9:45 am, 10:40 am, 12:40 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:50 pm, 6:50 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:30 pm, 10 pm, 1:20 pm

Megalopolis (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:50 pm; Fri. & Tues. 10 am, 1:10 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:50 pm; Sat. 4:20 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:50 pm; Sun. 10:10 am, 1:30 pm, 9:15 pm

Transformers One (PG): Thurs. 2:10 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:40 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:10 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 7 pm, 9:30 pm

Speak No Evil (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:40 am, 1:20 pm, 4 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:10 pm

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG13): Thurs. 1:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:10 pm; Fri. & Sat. 9:50 am, 10:50 am, 12:25 pm, 1:30 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:30 pm; Sun. 9:50 am, 10:50 am, 12:25 pm, 1:30 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:35 pm; Tues. 9:50 am, 10:50 am, 12:25 pm, 1:30 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:40 pm

Deadpool & Wolverine (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 4 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:30 pm

TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. David Gilmour 'Luck & Strange'
2. Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds 'Wild God'
3. Decemberists 'As It Ever Was, So It Shall Be'
4. Jack White 'No Name'
5. Tab Benoit 'I Hear Thunder'
6. Glass Animals 'I Love You So F%&#\$ing Much'
7. High On Fire 'Cometh The Storm'
8. Jesus Lizard 'Rock'
9. Bellrays 'Heaven Steady Go'
10. Deathwish 'Fourth Horseman'

Mean Girls 20th Anniversary (PG13): Thurs. & Sun. 7 pm; Sun. 4 pm

Howl's Moving Castle-20th Anniversary (PG): Thurs. 7 pm (Dubbed)

Never Let Go (R): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 4 pm, 9:45 pm

Am I Racist? (PG13): Thurs. 1:30 pm, 10 pm

The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes D'Hoffmann (TBD): Sat. 12 pm

Marcus Mystery Movie (10/7) (PG): Mon. 7 pm

ON STAGE

Disney's Finding Nemo Jr · Thurs.-Sat. 10/3-10/5, hosted by the Playhouse Theatre Group at Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Stevens Point. Musical adaptation of the 2003 Pixar movie Finding Nemo. Starts at 7 pm on 10/3-10/4 & 1 pm and 7 pm on 10/5. \$15/person. playhousetheatergroup.com

Lee DeWyze · Fri. 10/4, Sentry Theater, Stevens Point. Pop/rock. Starts at 7 pm. \$18. uwsptickets.universitytickets.com

Little River Band · Fri. 10/4, Grand Theater, Wausau. Classic rock. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$50-\$95. grandtheater.org

Forever Simon & Garfunkel · Fri. 10/4, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Rock & roll. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35. lucilletackcenter.com

Feed the Dog · Fri. 10/4, Arrow Sports Club, Weston. Bluegrass, jam, folk, Americana, rock & soul. 21+. Doors open at 7 pm. Starts at 8 pm. \$10. eventbrite.com/e/feed-the-dog-at-arrow-sports-club-tickets-1013302574277

Comedy Show: Brady Gregurich & Mike Marvell · Fri. 10/4, Timekeeper Lounge & Distillery, Wausau. Comedy. Doors open at 7 pm. Show starts at 8 pm. \$25. exploretock.com/timekeeper-distillery-wausau

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

Rodney Carrington · Sat. 10/5, Grand Theater, Wausau. Variety. Starts at 7 pm. \$49.50-\$199.50. grandtheater.org

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

U.D.O The Voice of ACCEPT w/ special guest MIDNITE HELLION · Sat. 10/5, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock, heavy metal. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. qzexpo.com

Gene Watson · Sun. 10/6, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Auditorium, Wittenberg. Country. Starts at 1 pm. \$50 or \$60. rubbersoulproductions.com

Ben Folds: Paper Airplanes Request Tour · Tues. 10/8, Grand Theater, Wausau. Piano pop/alternative rock. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$45-\$87. grandtheater.org

Brass Queens · Thurs. 10/10, Grand Theater, Wausau. All-female brass band that play a variety of different genres. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10. grandtheater.org

Mania: The ABBA Tribute · Fri. 10/11, Grand Theater, Wausau. Tribute concert to the Swedish band ABBA. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$60. grandtheater.org

Selah · Fri. 10/11, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Christian music. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$25 or \$45. lucilletackcenter.com

The Commodores · Sat. 10/12, Lake of the Torches, Lac du Flambeau. Motown, R&B, funk. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$45 & \$35. lakeofthetorches.com

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Journey from the Heart · Sat. 10/12, Grand Theater, Wausau. Tribute concert to rock bands Journey and Heart. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$60. grandtheater.org

Blue with a Splash · Sat. 10/12, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra at Sentry Theater, Stevens Point. The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra will be performing a mix of music from four American composers: Overture to Candide-Leonard Bernstein, Blue Cathedral-Jennifer Higdon, A Study in Red-Stephanie Berg and Rhapsody in Blue-George Gershwin. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students (with ID). cwso.org

Classical Thursdays · Thurs. 10/17, Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Enjoy music performed by the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra while taking a stroll through the gallery. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. cwso.org

Colors of Autumn: A Tapestry of Sound · Thurs. 10/17, hosted by Central Wisconsin Musicians at UW Center for Civic Engagement Veninga Theater, Wausau. Embrace the rich tapestry of autumn's musical landscape! Starts at 7 pm. \$10. uwsp.edu

The Supertramp Tribute · Thurs. 10/17, Grand Theater, Wausau. Progressive rock. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$38-\$50. grandtheater.org

Comedy Night at Rookies: Chris Barnes & Mario Robinson · Fri. 10/18, Rookies Sportpub, Stevens Point. Comedy. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 8 pm. \$10 advance, \$15 day of show, \$20 Reserved VIP. 715-344-7026

Thriller: A Dance Spooktacular · Sat. 10/19, Grand Theater, Wausau. Halloween-themed dance show. Starts at 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm. \$17 child, \$20 adult. grandtheater.org

Hairball · Sat. 10/19, Bantr, Rothschild. 80's rock & roll. 18+. Starts at 6 pm. \$35 early bird, \$45 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

True West · Thurs.-Sat. 10/24-10/26, hosted by the Wausau Community Theatre at Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Play that follows a sibling rivalry between two brothers, Austin & Lee. Starts at 7 pm. \$15 advance, \$18 at the door. wausacommunitytheatre.org

Warrant · Fri. 10/25, Bantr, Rothschild. Rock. 18+. Starts at 6 pm. \$49 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

Roald Dahl's MATILDA! The Musical · Fri.-Sun. & Fri.-Sat. 10/25-10/27 & 11/1-11/2, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater at Sentry Theater, Stevens Point. Musical inspired by Roald Dahl's Matilda. Starts at 7 pm on 10/25-10/26, 2 pm on 10/27 & 7 pm on 11/1-11/2. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$10 child & veteran. \$5 Student RUSH. cwact.org

Celebrating Meat Loaf · Fri. 10/25, Grand Theater, Wausau. Meat Loaf tribute concert. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$67. grandtheater.org

Thunderstruck: America's AC/DC Tribute x Rising Phoenix · Sat. 10/26, Bantr, Rothschild. Classic rock. 18+. Starts at 6 pm. \$20 early bird, \$30 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

Horseshoes & Hand Grenades w/ special guests Burnt Toast & Jam · Sat. 10/26, Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Bluegrass. 21+. Doors open at 6 pm. Starts at 7 pm. \$23 advance, \$33 day of show. eventbrite.com/e/horseshoes-hand-grenades-horseshoes-halloween-central-waters-brewery-tickets-998787709927

Sons of Mystro · Tues. 10/29, Grand Theater, Wausau. Brothers Malcom & Umoja use their violins to interpret reggae classics, American pop songs & their own creations. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$20-\$50. grandtheater.org

Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors · Thurs.-Sun. 10/31-11/3, hosted by the Campus Community Players at Helen Connor Laird Theater, UW-Stevens Point, 2000 W 5th St, Marshfield. Comedy show very loosely based on the novel Dracula by Bram Stoker. Starts at 7:30 pm on 10/31-11/2 & 2 pm on 11/3. \$20. Free for UWSP students. tickets.uwsp.edu

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 · Last Swap of the Year on 10/17, 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 pm. 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. mtolivelweston.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. 10/6 Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching. Religious education available for children pre-K-5th grade. 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

EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

Les Mills Bodycombat · Thurs. 10/3, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills RPM-V · Thurs. 10/3, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Fall Craft Club: Paper Crafts · Thurs. 10/3, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Make paper flowers & other various paper crafts. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Zumba · Thurs. 10/3, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Yoga Body Bootcamp · Fri. 10/4, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

LincCon Game Fair 2024 · Fri.-Sun. 10/4-10/6, Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, Merrill. Video game convention with old and new consoles, role-playing games, tabletop, vendors, and more. Starts at 10 am. linccon.com

Vintage Game Night · Fri. 10/4, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Learn about and play vintage games. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org

Family Movie Night at the Farm: Spirit: Racing Stripes · Fri. 10/4, Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, 142744 Country Dr, Wausau. Bring your own chair or blanket. Movie will be shown in the indoor arena, rain or shine. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission. stablehandstherapy.com

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Strong Nation · Sat. 10/5, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Our Savior's Catholic Church Annual Pancake Feed · Sat. 10/5, Our Savior's Catholic Church, Mosinee. Enjoy an all you can eat meal that includes potato pancakes, regular pancakes, apple pancakes, ham, link sausage, applesauce, coffee & milk. Starts at 8 am. \$10 adults, \$6.50 for ages 3-9. osncc.com

Barre · Sat. 10/5, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

3rd Annual Southeast Side Craft & Market Fair · Sat. 10/5, hosted by Wausau's Southeast Side at Wausau Downtown Airport, Wausau. Check out arts, crafts, & more. Starts at 10 am. 715-345-7726

Harvest Fest · Sat. 10/5, 400 Block & Downtown, Wausau. Enjoy petting zoos, kids' activities, pumpkin carving competition, costume contest, business trick or treating, potato sack races and tractor pulls. Kids ages 12 and under can get a free pumpkin. Starts at 11:30 am. Food donations suggested. wausauevents.org

Wausau Comic Book Convention · Sun. 10/6, Dale's Weston Lanes & The Mountain Bay Banquet Center, 5902 Schofield Ave, Weston. Dealers from four states will be on hand with comic books from the golden age to present along with a variety of collectible items. Dealers will also be buying comics you no longer want. Starts at 10 am. Free admission. epguides.com/comics

Grownups in the Garden · Sun. & Mon. 10/6 & 10/7, 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

RPM-V · Sun. 10/6, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 3:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Flow & Restore Yoga · Sun. 10/6, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

TRX · Mon. 10/7, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Yin and Yang Yoga · Mon. 10/7, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Mon. 10/7, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

HIIT · Mon. 10/7, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Tues. 10/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Edgar Book Club: "Burial Rites" by Hannah Kent · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Hannah Kent brings to life the story of Agnes, who, charged with a brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155

Hatley Book Club: "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. When Jess travels to Paris to stay with her brother at his apartment, he's nowhere to be found. As Jess digs into the situation, she comes up with more questions than answers. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537

MCPL Spencer Branch Cribbage · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Adults can visit the library and play cribbage. Cribbage boards and cards will be available and all skill levels are welcome. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-659-3996

Athens Book Club: "The Land of Lost Things" by John Connolly · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Ceres, a mother desperate for her daughter's recovery, seeks answers in a land of ancient stories. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292

Power Yoga Fusion · Tues. 10/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

StrongNation · Tues. 10/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Bingo Night · Tues. 10/8, Colby's Lions Club, Colby. Enjoy bingo, homemade pizza, pretzels, sandwiches, popcorn & sweet treats. Doors open at 5:45 pm. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. facebook.com/events/474301108944977

Boxing & Self-Defense · Tues. 10/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Cycle Strength · Wed. 10/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

METRO Club Luncheon · Wed. 10/9, Gulliver's Landing, 1701 Mallard Ln, Wausau. Speaker is Amy Christiansen, Wausau Paranormal Research Society. Topic is about haunted Wausau. RSVP by 10/4. Starts at noon. 715-203-2382 or mageetutor94@gmail.com to RSVP

TRX · Wed. 10/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Wed. 10/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. <https://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness>

Les Mills BodyBalance · Wed. 10/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:35 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Thurs. 10/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills RPM-V · Thurs. 10/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Zumba · Thurs. 10/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Album Cover Art Craft · Thurs. 10/10, Marathon County Public Library,

Wausau. Create unique album cover art using existing sleeves or records. Registration not required but appreciated. Starts at 6:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 or mcpl.us

Yoga Body Bootcamp · Fri. 10/11, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Wausau Cyclone Game · Fri. 10/11, Marathon Park, Wausau. Wausau Cyclones vs. Wisconsin Woodsmen. Starts at 7:10 pm. \$11 ticket adult or \$12 walk-up, \$8 kids 5-18 or \$9 walkup, 5 and under free. wausaucyclones.com

Cycling · Sat. 10/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Learn to Curl · Sat. 10/12, hosted by the Wausau Curling Club at Wausau Curling Center, 1920 Curling Way, Wausau. Learn about the history of curling & how to curl. Wear clean gym shoes & warm, loose fitting clothing. Pre-registration required. Sign in starts at 8:30 am. Curling starts at 9 am. \$10 registration. wausaucurling.org

Strassenfest · Sat. 10/12, 709 N 6th Street, Wausau. Shopping booths include pantry, boutique, bakery, books & puzzles, candy, Christmas items, antiques, snack stop, kitchen & household items and brat fry. Starts at 9 am. zionlutheranwausau.com

Barre · Sat. 10/12, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Craft Supply Swap · Sat. 10/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Shop for craft materials. Donations of craft supplies accepted from 10/7-10/11. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. 715-261-7230

Powwow & Native American Art Market · Sat.-Sun. 10/12-10/13, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee at Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild. Powwow includes music & dancing, Native crafts, food and more. Doors open at 10 am. Grand entry at 1 pm & 7 pm on Sat. & 1 pm on Sun. Feast starts at 5 pm on Sat. Free admission. 608-697-9300

Panthers Rugby Club vs. Green Bay Banshees · Sat. 10/12, hosted by SPASH Girl's High School Rugby at Madison Elementary School, Stevens Point. Starts at 10 am. pointsschools.net/Page/6520

O'so 3rd Annual Plo-toberfest · Sat. 10/12, O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Enjoy German food, games, dancing & live music by Nicki Sims. Dress up in your lederhosen or dirndl dress. Starts at 11 am. Music starts at 2 pm. osobrewing.com

Abendessen · Sun. 10/13, Wausau Elks Lodge, downtown Wausau. Enjoy a German buffet, social hour & a program. Social hour starts at 4:30 pm. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm. Program starts at 6:30 pm. \$22 advance. 715-848-7286

Marathon City Book Club: "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon · Mon. 10/14, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life & diary of Martha Ballard, a

renowned 18th century midwife who defied the legal system & wrote herself into American history. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775

Viniyoga · Tues. 10/15, 5 Koshas, 2220 Sherman St, Wausau. Learn a variety of yoga & breathing strategies. Starts at 6 pm. \$20. simpletix.com/e/empowering-women-through-yoga-breath-work-tickets-186591

Yoga & Meditation Class · Wed. 10/16, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Participants are welcome to bring a mat. Wear comfortable clothes. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-693-2144 to register

Stratford Book Club: "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" by Lori Gottlieb · Wed. 10/16, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. From a psychotherapist, & national advice columnist comes a thought-provoking book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world. Starts at 1 pm. 715-687-4420

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

Fun@5 with Intercity State Bank · Thurs. 10/17, hosted by the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce at Intercity State Bank, 2900 Schofield Ave, Weston. Network with others and enjoy food, beverages & desserts. 21+ event. Starts at 5 pm. \$10 members online, \$15 members at the door, \$20 nonmembers online, \$25 nonmembers at the door. wausauchamber.com

Boozeum-The Science Behind Cocktails · Thurs. 10/17, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Explore the science behind your favorite cocktails & mocktails through hands-on demonstrations while enjoying spooky nibbles & tastings. All proceeds benefit the Access for All Program. Starts at 7 pm. \$100. zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/d6280120-4b59-4853-aff5-c0c9d05c8428

Learn to Curl · Sat. 10/19, hosted by the Wausau Curling Club at Wausau Curling Center, 1920 Curling Way, Wausau. Learn about the history of curling & how to curl. Wear clean gym shoes & warm, loose fitting clothing. Pre-registration required. Sign in starts at 8:30 am. Curling starts at 9 am. \$10 registration. wausaucurling.org


Annual Mall-o-ween Craft & Vendor Show · Sat. 10/19, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft and vendor show. Starts at 9 am cedarcreekmall.com

As the Page Turns Book Club: "Lavender Blue Murder" by Laura Childs · Mon. 10/21, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. At an English-style bird hunt, tea expert Theodosia Browning & her sommelier find themselves entangled in a mystery when their host is murdered. Starts at 1 pm. 715-659-3996

Rothschild Book Club: "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy · Wed. 10/23, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. In a novel set in a futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father & his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive, & preserve the last remnants of their own humanity. Starts at 11 am. 715-359-6208

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USA Curling Arena National Championships · Thurs.-Sun. 10/24-10/27, hosted by the Wausau Curling Club at Wausau Curling Center, 1920 Curling Way, Wausau. Watch a competition featuring the top 12 men's & top 12 women's qualifying teams throughout the United States. Starts at 8 am on Thurs. with opening ceremonies at 3 pm., 8 am on Fri.-Sat., and semifinals on Sun. at 9 am with championship match starting at 2 pm. \$10 per day at the door or \$30 for the entire series. wausaucurling.org

Food for Kidz Northwoods Packaging Event · Sat. 10/26, Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua. Volunteer to repack food for families. Food then gets sent to local food pantries, back pack program and sent to needy starving children around the US and the world. Sign up times start at 9 am and/or 11:30 am. Register at signup.com/go/uarByrS

Highland Community Church MobilePack · Thurs.-Sat. 11/14-11/16, Highland Community Church, Wausau. Volunteer to package food to feed children suffering from hunger worldwide. Free. Register at give.fmcs.org

Rib Mountain Elementary School PTO Fall Bazaar · Sat. 11/16, Rib Mountain Elementary School, Rib Mountain. Craft show with 30+ vendors, bake sale & concessions. Starts at 8 am. Free. 715-261-0220

OUTDOORS

Blossom of Lights · Wednesdays-Saturdays 9/18-10/26, 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

2024 Corn Maze · Saturdays & Sundays 9/21-10/20 Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy the children's maze, challenging maze, pumpkin patch, education table, campfire, barrel train, s'mores, prizes, wagon rides & more. Starts at 10 am. \$7 per person, free for ages 4 & under. willowspringsgardens.com

37th Annual Hike-A-Thon Portage/Waupaca Chapter IATA · Sat. 10/5, Hartman Creek State Park, N2480 Hartman Creek Rd, Waupaca. Go hiking along the Ice Age Trail. Get a photo with Monthly, the Ice Age Trail's mammoth mascot. Registration starts at 8:30 am. \$10/person, \$25/family of 3 or more. iceagetrail.org

Red Granite Grinder · Sat. 10/12, hosted by IronBull at the 400 Block, downtown, Wausau. Choose between 85 miles, 50 miles, 144 miles and 12 miles and ride a bike along the gravel trails through Central Wisconsin. 12 mile ride is recreational, timed, non-competitive and great for the family. Starts at 7 am or 3 pm for the recreational ride. \$30-\$115. 12 mile ride free for kids. ironbull.org

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Gardening Class: Mitigating Wildlife Damage · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Learn how to apply the concepts of randomness & diversity in tackling wildlife damage in our landscapes. Registration required. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-687-4420 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

History Speaks: Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution · Sat. 10/12, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society online or at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Dr. Brett Barker, Professor of History at UW-Stevens Point at Wausau, will discuss post-Civil War Reconstruction. Starts at 2 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org or on Facebook Live



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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

KIDS/TEENS

Play and Learn · Wednesdays 10/2-10/30, 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

Family Story Time · Wednesdays 10/2-10/30, 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 10/2-10/30, 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 10/3-10/31, 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

LEGO Block Party · Sat. 10/5, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-359-6208

STEM Saturday: Harvest Festival-Ghost Balloon Experiments at our booth! · Sat. 10/5, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Make your own ghost balloon experiments using a water bottle, water & vinegar! Starts at 11 am. childrensimaginarium.org

Family Story Time · Mondays 10/7-10/28, 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

Mini Makers · Mon.-Sat. 10/7-10/12, 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

Friend or Foe? Clay Creations · Mon. 10/7, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Create a little buddy out of air-dry clay, or make a foe in the form of a monster. Take your friend or foe home to dry or leave it at the library. Come back to the library on Fri. 10/11 between 10 am-4 pm to paint your creation. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

Children's Cat Craft Party · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Kids can make no sew/no glue homemade cat toys, cat crafts like origami & bookmarks & play a cat themed bag toss game. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Pokémon Club · Tues. 10/8, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Mini Makers · Wed. 10/9, 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

STEM Literacy: CI Pediatric Therapy Centers Book Reading with a STEM activity · Thurs. 10/10, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org

Volcanoes! · Thurs. 10/10, UWSP Science Building, Room A113, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Learn about volcano science & scientists. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

Howl-oween at the Zoo · Fri.-Sat. 10/11-10/12, Wildwood Park & Zoo, Marshfield. Dress up in a costume and enjoy goodie collecting, games, animals, food trucks and more. Starts at 4 pm on Fri. & 10 am on Sat. \$5 per person. ci.marshfield.wi.us/visitors/wildwood_park_and_zoo/index.php

Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation · Sat. 10/12, Northcentral Technical College, 312 Forrest Ave, Antigo. K5 & K12 divisions. Five round Swiss style, Game 30. 3 individual & 2 team trophies per division. Breakfast & lunch concessions available. Registration/check-in at 8 am. \$20 advance until 10/10, \$25 online registration. wisconsinchess.org/events/antigo-chess-tournament

STEM Saturday: Virtual Reality · Sat. 10/12, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Students will have the opportunity to increase awareness, learn about healthcare careers & gain invaluable skills in a simulated environment. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org

Winnie the Pooh Garden Harvest Tea Party · Sun. 10/13, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy fall-themed craft making, lunch & have your picture taken. Dress up as your favorite character or bring along your stuffed Pooh friends. Starts at 11:30 am. \$15/person, \$5 for children ages 11 & under. willowspringsgardens.com

Mini Makers · Mon.-Sat. 10/14-10/19, 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 · Tues. 10/15, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-359-6208

Family Story Time · Tues. 10/15, 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

Read to a Therapy Dog · Tues. 10/15, 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

Pokémon Club · Wed. 10/16, 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. 10/17, 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

STEM Saturday: REGI Visits The Children's Imaginarium · Sat. 10/19, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Meet some of Wisconsin's common, but rarely encountered birds. Starts at 11 am. childrensimaginarium.org

Play and Learn: I Spy Bottles · Mon. 10/21, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Make your very own I Spy bottle. A staff member from Children's Wisconsin/Marshfield Family Resource Center will be leading the craft. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420

Zentangle Art · Wed. 10/23, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Make your own fall-themed art piece. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-359-6208

Franken-Pumpkin · Wed.-Fri. 10/23-10/25, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Decorate your pumpkin cutout however you like. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-261-7220

Spooky Movie Marathon · Wed.-Fri. 10/23-10/25, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Stop in the MCPL library in early October to vote for movie choices. Movies will start 2 pm each day & movies are rated G or PG. Free. 715-261-7220

Calendar Confusion Breakout Box · Thurs.-Fri. 10/24-10/25, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Teens & tweens are encouraged to test their problem-solving skills to unlock a breakout box & save the school schedule. Program best suited for ages 8-12. Registration required. Starts at noon, 2 pm & 5 pm on 10/24 and 11 am, 1 pm & 2 pm on 10/25. Free. 715-359-6208

Teen Dungeons & Dragons One Shot · Thurs. 10/24, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Experienced teen D&D players are invited to the library for a one-time themed Halloween session. Participants must come prepared with a level 5 character. Registration required. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220 or mcpl.us

What is a Rock? · Thurs. 10/24, UWSP Science Building, Room A113, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Dig deeper & learn about rocks and minerals. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

STEM Saturday: Pythons & Geckos · Sat. 10/26, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Learn about geckos, Bearded Dragons, Veiled Chameleons & Ball Pythons. Starts at 11:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org

Weird Science Halloween Bash · Sun. 10/27, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Get ready for a spine-tingling, brain-bending Halloween experience at the Weird Science Halloween Children's Bash! Dive into a world where science meets spooky in the most fun & outrageous way. Starts at 12 pm. childrensimaginarium.org

Comfy conversation

The Lounge opened in Rib Mountain last month - its owners say it's become a chill place where patrons put down their phones and converse

It's a lot like your rich uncle's basement.

That's how owners Megan and Bob Lamovec describe their newest venture, The Lounge. Taking a look inside the new Rib Mountain establishment, it's hard not to get that impression, with plush, comfy couches, dim lighting and wood paneling (made with a special technique we'll talk about later) all creating a chill atmosphere.

Considering the original idea was to start an arcade bar, The Lounge's transformation is pretty incredible.

People are already getting a sense of that transformation as they've started patronizing the place that originally was intended to be the Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau. The new direction seems to have been the better choice.

Originally, Bob says he planned an arcade bar. But like any good business person, he toured similar bars in other cities and found unfortunately that they had one thing in common: they were usually pretty empty.

He and Megan then considered a cigar lounge, but that didn't seem sustainable, considering the expense involved in outfitting a space for a cigar lounge.

Instead, The Lounge emerged, and it has some interesting features. For one, there are three different sets of sofa/chair combinations. Whereas The Garage is a fun, lively bar, The Lounge is meant to be a more chill place to have a conversation.

And that's what is happening, more so than they could



Bob and Megan Lamovec, owners of The Garage and Granite View Market Place, launched The Lounge last month.

have imagined. "A friend commented the other day while the bar was full 'Bob, look around, what don't you see?'" When he asked him, his friend replied "no one is on their phone." Bob points to a nook across from the bar - sometimes it's full of one group, and other times it's seen three couples all engaged in conversation.

The decor got some special attention. The wood panels are created using a Japanese wood burning technique where one actually sets the wood on fire and then scraps off the char, giving a stained wood finish without any wood stain. And a sandalwood scent is pumped through the HVAC, completing that rich uncle aesthetic.

The alcohol is also a special case. There are plenty of taps for beer but also rare bottles of whiskey, bourbon and scotch, for instance. "It's stuff you won't find anywhere else," Bob says.

And for the non-alcohol crowd, The Lounge carries Forward Beverage. Megan says the NA movement is growing at the Granite View Marketplace too, which the couple owns along with The Garage.

But the menu is truly a special case. All the food is

made fresh and designed to be forked with no cutting required. That's because most diners will be eating from a side table, and trying to cut a steak in that awkward position might produce disastrous results.

The menu includes items such as beef tartare, pan-seared blackened Ahi Tuna, or even a dessert pizza.

You may not have a rich uncle yourself - but you can enjoy that experience at The Lounge.

The Lounge is located at 227460 Shrike Avenue, and is open 3-10 Tues.-Thurs.; and 3 pm-midnight Fri.-Sat. Find them at theloungeausau.com or on Facebook.

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