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The High Cost Of Estrangement

Dear Reader,

In the course of life, it's inevitable that even the closest of relationships will encounter disagreement. Whether it's a difference of opinion, a conflict of values, or something else entirely, these moments can feel incredibly significant – like hills worth dying on. But what happens when two people, bound by affection and history, find themselves at an impasse over an issue they both deem important?

At first, there's dialogue – a hope that mutual understanding will prevail. Yet sometimes, instead of finding common ground, each party digs in deeper, their positions hardening. What follows is polarization: Both sides, convinced of their own rightness, begin to pull away from each other. Eventually, this tug-of-war leads to estrangement, where the once-close relationship is relegated to the sidelines. What was once a source of joy becomes a source of pain.

During this period of separation, each person continues to live their life. Perhaps they find new routines, new hobbies, and even new joys. But there's a profound loss here too, an unspoken void where connection once flourished. They live in separate orbits, not sharing in each other's



successes, not being present in each other's challenges. On the surface, life may seem okay, even good, but there's something fundamentally missing.

Over time, as the emotional dust settles, a realization begins to dawn. What seemed like a monumental issue in the heat of the moment begins to shrink in significance. The conflict that once felt so important now seems almost trivial – a speck of dust in the grand scheme of things. And with that realization comes regret: All that time spent apart, all those moments that could have been shared, are lost forever. They missed out on the chance to support one another, to celebrate together, to simply be there for each other.

Eventually, the estrangement ends. They reconcile, recognizing the value of their relationship over the fleeting issues that drove them apart. There's relief in coming back together, in realizing that the bond between them is far more important than any disagreement. But even as they move forward, there's a lingering sense of loss for the time they wasted, the opportunities they missed to enrich each other's lives.

The truth is, life is too short for such losses. We can get tripped up by small things, but when those small things get in the way of caring for and loving one another, they're not worth the cost. When we let go of pride and stubbornness, we make space for connection and understanding. We remember that what truly matters is the relationship itself, the shared experience of life.

So, let's remind ourselves not to let the small stuff – and it's all small stuff – get in the way of the relationships that matter most. The time we have is too precious to waste on anything less.

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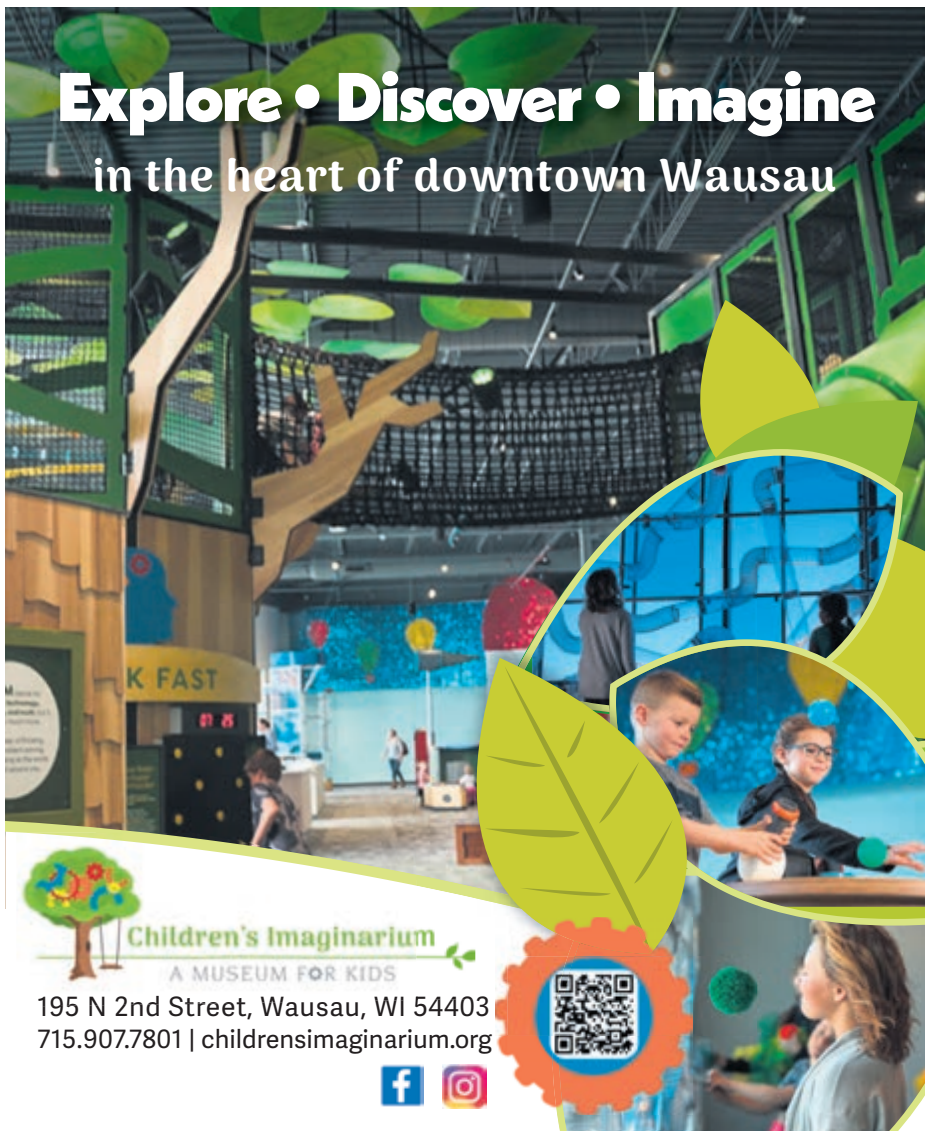


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Council battle

Council, mayor maneuver against each other as ballot battle intensifies

Mayor Doug Diny muttered “seriously?” after a city council member maneuver left a resolution he’d put forward to die on the vine.

That came at the end of a meeting dominated by shouting matches, heated public comment and maneuvering sparked by a ballot box removal that garnered national press.

The chaos began as Diny attempted to give a speech prior to public comment, which included at least 20 speakers. As he continued delivering his opinion on the absentee ballot situation, council members started shouting that he was out of order and chastised him to get on with the meeting.

It didn’t go much better for the mayor after that.

Two weeks ago it was revealed that Diny had removed the city’s absentee ballot box from the steps of city hall. It was locked and empty, and was awaiting installation on Monday morning. A photo of Diny in a hard hat and suit carting the box away made the rounds on social media, residents and council members lambasted the mayor for removing the box and the whole thing made national news.

The State Department of Justice is now investigating the box’s removal.

On Tuesday, Diny announced that he had removed from the agenda an item that would have given the council authority over the city’s ballot box, which state law puts under the purview of the city clerk.

Other cities such as Brookfield passed similar resolutions.

The ballot box has become a hot-button issue. People speaking during the public comment period, which took up more than an hour Tuesday, were divided between supporting Diny’s actions and chastising him for removing the box.

But most interesting was a resolution that would have spent \$3,000 for extra security around the ballot box. It required a vote to suspend the rules, something that rarely comes into play in actual practice as council members typically agree to it.

On Tuesday, it did come into play. Council member Michael Martens voted to take the security resolution and another separately. And when Diny asked for a motion to suspend the rules for his security measures resolution, no one said anything. “Seriously?” Diny asked. “This is your last chance.”

Other notable Council actions:

- The council approved a planning option for Wangard Partners for a site on the city’s flagship RiverLife development area. The company has until 2025 to conduct due diligence on the site and come up with a plan.

- The council sent back a mayoral appointment after Council Member Carol Lukens called attention to the fact that not enough information was included in the council’s materials to enable them to make a decision.



Riverlife Briq’s to close

When the Briq’s RiverLife location closed this season, it turns out that was for good.

Wausau leaders announced last week that Briq’s, an ice cream shop with locations throughout Wausau and central Wisconsin, would not be renewing its lease for the location. Briq’s first opened in RiverLife, the city’s flagship development area, in 2019 after the city completed the park project. It’s located near the park’s playground area.

The ice cream shop opened seasonally in the building owned by the city. It was a popular ice cream stop for people along the riverfront.

In a press release, Wausau officials said they would be putting out requests for other vendors who might want to operate in the location.

UWSP enrollment numbers continue to plummet

Numbers at UWSP-Wausau have continued to decline, as some UW College schools are facing closure.

Fall enrollment at the Wausau campus this fall is 269 students, says UWSP official Miranda Gentry-Siegel. That’s down from 368 students the previous fall.

That news comes as more campuses similar to UWSP Wausau have closed. Those closures include UW-Platteville Richland, UW-Milwaukee at Washington County, UW-Oshkosh Fond du Lac and UW-Green Bay Marinette, according to the Daily Cardinal. UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha and UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities will close in 2025,

according to the Cardinal.

Gentry-Siegel says things are looking up for spring and fall of 2025, however. The campus has had 270 applications so far, which is much more than the 20 applications the campus had at the same time last year.

UWSP Wausau has increased its recruitment around returning adults, Gentry-Siegel says, and right now many students who enroll are getting sizable scholarships, she says.

Timekeeper Distillery eyes Ashwaubenon location

Timekeeper Distillery is eyeing a second location in Ashwaubenon in the Green Bay area.

The Ashwaubenon Village Board recently approved the distillery to open a second location in the village next to Souper Day.

A new state law allows a brewery or distillery to open a second location somewhere else in the state to serve its product without getting a new liquor license, according to village board meeting materials. The brewery or distillery does need to get permission from the municipality.

Timekeeper Distillery opened in 2018 in a former railroad depot on Wausau’s east side.

One dead, several injured in Schofield apartment fire

State agencies are investigating a fire that left one dead and several injured in a Schofield apartment fire Monday morning.

An apartment building at 630 Grand



One person is dead and several were injured in a fire at this Schofield apartment complex on Grand Avenue Monday.

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Avenue in Schofield caught fire in the early morning hours of Monday, according to a Department of Justice press release. The Riverside Fire District responded at 4:41 am Monday to the blaze. Firefighters found one adult dead and several injured.

One person was transported to a hospital with injuries, officials say.

The State Fire Marshall's Office is investigating the cause of the fire. Several agencies responded to the fire scene to assist Riverside Fire District.

Soil at Riverside Park to be tested for arsenic

A company that bought some railroad property along Riverside Park plans to test areas in the park for potential arsenic contamination.

Parks Department Assistant Director of Operations Andy Simms told the city's Parks and Recreation Committee Monday that 3M company would like to test the soil in Riverside Park. Testing on their property found trace levels of arsenic, Simms told the committee, and they're required to test the area around that site. That includes land in Riverside Park.

Riverside Park became the center of controversy about five years ago in the midst of residents demanding soil be tested at the park. Testing and soil removal finally happened at the park a few years ago.

The committee Tuesday granted permission for 3M to test the soil in the park.

Boy and the Boot statue to be relocated downtown

Those who remember walking the now-demolished Wausau Center mall might remember the Boy and the Boot statue housed within its confines.

That statue has remained safely stored by the city since the mall was torn down in 2021, but now the statue could get a home within the new development area downtown.

City leaders at the Economic Development Committee Monday approved a plan to install the statue in the development area. A representative of Becher-Hoppe told the committee it would be installed in the warm months and replaced in the winter months with something more weather-resistant to keep the statue safe.

The statue has a water feature that recycles water, and likely wouldn't need to be hooked up to a water source, but could be if needed, representatives say. **GP**

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Biden announces deadlines on lead service line replacements

President Joe Biden in Wisconsin today will announce the EPA has finalized federal regulations requiring drinking water systems in the U.S. to replace lead service lines within 10 years.

He will also announce the EPA is investing \$2.6 billion more into drinking water upgrades and lead pipe replacements, funded by his Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Of the new funding, 49% must be provided to disadvantaged communities as grant funding or principal forgiveness that does not have to be repaid. EPA is also announcing the availability of \$35 million in competitive grant funding for reducing lead in drinking water.

The city of Milwaukee, where Biden will make the announcement, is already set to replace lead pipes within the 10-year timeline. So far, lead pipe replacement in the city, funded by a \$30 million investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2024, has cut what had been a 60-year timeline. Similarly, Edgerton, southeast of Madison, has replaced 100% of its known lead pipes after receiving funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.



A worker smooths out dirt in front of a home on Eau Claire Boulevard after a lead pipe was replaced.

Biden established the Lead and Copper Rule during his first year as president; that required all lead service lines to be replaced. Since then, he has secured \$15 billion in dedicated funding for lead pipe replacement and \$11.7 billion more that can be used for drinking water projects and lead pipe replacement. So far, 367,000 lead pipes in the U.S. have been replaced, benefitting around 918,000 people.

Senior Administration White House officials said they are sure 99% of the cities will make the 10-year deadline, and the EPA will aggressively pursue a timeline that stays in line with the president's vision for the 1% that don't.

The officials also said Vice President Kamala Harris and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin have been significant partners to the EPA. They added that clean water should be a bipartisan issue.

Trump slams federal hurricane response in WI campaign stop

JUNEAU — Former President Trump slammed the federal government's response to Hurricane Helene, claiming "the White House is doing nothing," as he repeatedly called Dem rival Kamala Harris incompetent.

Making his fourth stop to Wisconsin in eight days, Trump on Sunday attacked Harris as a "dummy" who can't answer a question and is lost without a teleprompter while slamming her on immigration and other issues.

He also mocked her promise to lower costs for Americans if elected.

"Why the hell didn't she do it four years ago, all right?" Trump asked the crowd at an airport here.

Trump called the Biden administration's response to the hurricane the worst ever seen, "probably worse than Katrina, and that's hard to beat." He made the misleading claim that those affected by the hurricane only get \$750 from the federal government. That is the initial payment those affected can receive for immediate needs such as groceries, with additional aid available.

Trump also took credit for Elon Musk providing Starlink internet service to affected areas.

Cheney joins Harris in WI campaign stop

RIPON — Dem presidential nominee Kamala Harris condemned Donald Trump as a threat to democracy and vowed to be a "president for all Americans" as she sought to appeal to GOP voters in the birthplace of the Republican Party.

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Harris spoke at a rally Thursday with former GOP U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, who has endorsed her campaign. Cheney is an outspoken Trump critic who led the House committee tasked with investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol attack following the former president's 2020 loss.

"If people across Wisconsin and our nation are willing to do what Liz is doing, to stand up for the rule of law, democratic ideals and the Constitution of the United States, then together I know we can chart a new way forward," Harris said. "Not as members of any one party, but as Americans."

Harris said she has never wavered in upholding her oath of office.

"And therein lies the profound difference between Donald Trump and me," Harris said. "He who violated the oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, and — make no mistake — he who, if given the chance, would violate it again."

Cheney took the stage to several rounds of the crowd chanting, "Thank you, Liz". The former Wyoming representative condemned Trump for inciting his supporters to attack the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. She said she had never voted for a Dem, but would proudly cast her vote for Harris.

MU Law poll shows Harris, Baldwin hold edge

Kamala Harris had an edge on Donald Trump in the latest Marquette University Law School Poll, continuing a trend of little movement in the presidential race.

Meanwhile, Dem U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin's lead on GOP businessman Eric

Hovde ticked up slightly compared to a month ago, though the movement was within the margin of error.

The latest poll found 52% of likely voters backed Harris, while 48% favored Trump. In a multiple candidate race, it was 49-44 for Harris, with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. at 3%. Support for the independent, who remains on the Wisconsin ballot after dropping out of the race, has dropped in half compared to the last poll, which was released Sept. 11.

Poll Director Charles Franklin said Dems have been remarkably unified behind Harris with 99% of them saying in this poll that they backed the vice president after 100% favored her in the last one. Franklin said such unity is rare, and the poll could be overestimating how loyal Dems are to Harris. But the consistency "suggests we should take them seriously." Meanwhile, 94% of Republicans back Trump.

Franklin also noted 61% of independents backed Harris in the latest poll, compared to 60% in the last survey. He said that group is small — accounting for 34% of the sample this time — and they often bounce around. But that Harris eclipsed 60% with them in the last two polls was noteworthy. In the poll released in early August, 54% of independents supported Trump.

The Marquette poll found edges for the Dem nominee in the 2020 and 2016 cycles in the results released in early October. Four years ago, Joe Biden was up on Trump 45-39 among registered voters in a multiple candidate race. In 2016, it found Hillary Clinton leading Trump by 41-35. Those races were each decided by less than 23,000 votes. **CP**



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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

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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. \$25 online registration. wisconsinscholasticchess.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. willowsspringsgardens.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

What Do You Know About Bison? · Tues. 10/15, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Learn about the history of bison & get an up-close look at the museum's bison specimen. For ages 6-12. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

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

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

Story Time: All About Bison · Thurs. 10/17, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Enjoy story time, sing-alongs & crafts. Program is designed for children ages 3-6, but all are welcome. Starts at 10 am. Free. uwsp.edu



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

Story Time: Rocks · Fri. 10/18, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Enjoy story time, sing-alongs & crafts. Program is designed for children ages 3-6, but all are welcome. Starts at 10 am. Free. uwsp.edu

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

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

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

Downtown Trick-or-Treat & Movie at the 400 Block · Wed. 10/23, The 400 Block, Wausau. Go trick-or-treating at participating downtown businesses & enjoy the movie Hotel Transylvania. Starts at 3:30 pm. Movie starts at 6 pm. Free. marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/parks-recreation-forestry

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

7th Annual Halloween Glow & Dance Party · Fri. 10/25, hosted by the Greater Wausau Children's Museum at Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Dress up in a Halloween costume & enjoy DJ music & dancing, glowing science, Halloween arts & crafts, raffle, balloon & candy drop. Starts at 6 pm. \$10/person ages 4-adult, free for ages 3 & under. wausauchildrensmuseum.org

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

Boohaha Museum Spooktacular · Sat. 10/26, Central Wisconsin Children's Museum, Stevens Point. Enjoy costume parade, games, music, art & healthy snack bar. Starts at 11 am. \$5 members, \$7 non-members, \$2 museums for all. cwchildrensmuseum.org

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

Fall Festival · Sat. 10/26, Stevens Point Area YMCA, Stevens Point. Activities include pumpkin pool splash, coloring & pumpkin decorating, cookie decorating, maze, glow room, bouncy house, gaga ball, photo booth, face painting, dance & more. Starts at 1 pm. Dance starts at 3:30 pm. Free. spymca.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



Halloween Party for Kids · Sun. 10/27, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy the trick-n-treat maze, concessions, games, dancing & candy. Starts at 1 pm. \$5 for ages 2-12, free for parents/grandparents or under age 1. willowsspringsgardens.com

Magic Globe, A Story of Seasons · Sun. 10/27, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. A little girl discovers a mysterious piece of astronomical machinery. Show is aimed at youth ages 5-12. Starts at 3 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

NOVEMBER

Story Time: Water All Around · Fri. 11/1, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Enjoy story time, sing-alongs & crafts. Program is designed for children ages 3-6, but all are welcome. Starts at 10 am. Free. uwsp.edu

Annual Wake up Santa Craft & Vendor Show · Sat.-Sun. 11/2-11/3, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft and vendor show. Have your picture taken with Santa. Starts at 9 am on Sat. & 10 am on Sun. cedarcreekmall.com

Diwali Festival of Lights 2024 · Sat. 11/2, hosted by the Indian Society of Central Wisconsin at Central WI Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild. Enjoy Indian food, introduction to the history & significance of Diwali, choreographed dance performances, tutorial to Bollywood dancing & more. Starts at 5 pm. \$35/person thru 10/15, \$40/person from 10/16, free for children ages 5 & under. indiansocietywisconsin.ticketspice.com/diwali-celebration-2024

Story Time: Soil Beneath Our Feet · Fri. 11/15, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Enjoy story time, sing-alongs & crafts. Program is designed for children ages 3-6, but all are welcome. Starts at 10 am. Free. uwsp.edu

Wausau Cyclone Game · Fri. & Sat. 11/15-11/16, Marathon Park, Wausau. Wausau Cyclones vs. Peoria Mustangs. 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

We Dig Soil! · Thurs. 11/21, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Learn about & observe soil. For ages 7-12. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

Festival Foods Turkey Trot · Thurs. 11/28, Stevens Point Area High School, North Point Dr, Stevens Point. Participate in a timed 5-mile run, untimed 2-mile fun run, or untimed 2-mile walk. Bring your dog for the 2-mile Dog Jog. Proceeds benefit the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club. Starts at 8 am. Adults \$27-\$40, \$15 youth under 18, \$5 dog. stevenspoint.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com

Wausau Cyclone Game · Fri. & Sat. 11/29-11/30, Marathon Park, Wausau. Wausau Cyclones vs. St. Louis Jr. Blues. 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

DECEMBER

Sandy Science · Thurs. 12/5, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Learn about where sand comes from. Enjoy a fun night of sandy science & creations. For ages 7-12. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

Story Time: Sand in our Hand · Fri. 12/6, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Enjoy story time, sing-alongs & crafts. Program is designed for children ages 3-6, but all are welcome. Starts at 10 am. Free. uwsp.edu

Mosinee Papermakers Game · Fri. 12/6, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Portage Lake Pioneers. Starts at 8 pm. mosineepapermakers.com

Christmas Festival, Craft Show, Photos w/Santa & Parade · Sat. 12/7, Mosinee High School & Downtown Mosinee. Craft, small business & vendor show in the Mosinee High School starts at 9 am. Milk and cookies & photos with Santa at 9 am in the Mosinee High School Auditorium. Christmas tree lighting starts at 5:45 pm Downtown & parade starts at 6 pm. Free. mosineechamber.org

The Nutcracker · Sat. 12/7, hosted by Central Wisconsin School of Ballet at Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy a classic holiday ballet show performed by the Central Wisconsin School of Ballet dancers and guest artists from American Ballet Theatre. Starts at 7 pm. \$22-\$42. grandtheater.org

A Christmas Carol · Thurs.-Sun. 12/12-12/15, hosted by the Wausau Community Theatre at the UW Center for Civic Engagement, Veninga Theater, Wausau. Holiday tale about miser Ebenezer Scrooge and his encounters with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present & Yet to Come. Starts at 6:30 pm on Thurs., 7:30 pm on Fri. & Sat., and 2 pm on Sun. \$25 adults, \$21 seniors & college, \$17 youth under ages 17, \$10 child under 10. wausaucommunitytheatre.org

Handel's Messiah · Thurs. 12/12, hosted by Monteverdi Chorale at St Stephen Catholic Church, 1401 Clark St, Stevens Point. An inspiring performance of the English oratorio by G.F. Handel, in collaboration with incredible soloists & local instrumentalists. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30 adult, \$20 senior, \$10 student/youth. Free for ages 5 & under. monteverdichorale.org

Wausau Cyclone Game · Fri. 12/13, Marathon Park, Wausau. Wausau Cyclones vs. West Bend Power. Starts at 7:10 pm. \$11 ticket adult or \$12 walk-up, \$8 kids 5-18 or \$9 walkup, 5 and under free. www.wausaucyclones.com

Scaled Up Reptile Expo · Sun. 12/15, 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. \$14 VIP admission, \$7 general admission, free for ages 5 and under. scaledupexpos.com

Wausau Cyclone Game · Fri. & Sat. 12/27-12/28, Marathon Park, Wausau. Wausau Cyclones vs. Rochester Grizzlies. Starts at 7:10 pm. \$11 ticket adult or \$12 walk-up, \$8 kids 5-18 or \$9 walkup, 5 and under free. www.wausaucyclones.com



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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

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



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Harris and Baldwin are the best bet for tackling climate change

One challenge facing voters this election season is information overload. Too many issues, too little time. To help out, let me boil it all down on one issue: the climate crisis. In case you hadn't heard, the Biden-Harris Administration and congressional Democrats like Sen. Tammy Baldwin enacted the biggest set of climate actions ever taken.

The climate package was part of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, and it'll save the average household almost a thousand dollars a year on your energy bill. For hundreds of thousands

of Americans, it also means good paying clean energy jobs. But the real payoff is for our environment and the kind of planet we leave our kids and grandkids. With all the household and industry subsidies to shift to clean energy, the total impact will be to reduce America's greenhouse gas emissions by 40% from peak levels and fill our Paris Agreement commitments. This is a bigger reduction than any nation has ever made.

Another important point: Vice President Harris and Senator Baldwin accomplished this against the total

resistance of Republicans—who seem more concerned with the corporate profits than the health of our planet and grandkids. If we don't elect Democrats in November, the Republicans could undo all of this progress. In nutshell, the GOP climate plan for the planet is very simple: Let It Burn.

David Shorr
Stevens Point
Environmental Caucus Vice Chair,
Democratic Party of Wisconsin

Trains are blocking our roads in Kronenwetter

About a year ago, people came around to the homes WEST of the CNN rail line, discussing the need for Village intervention with CNN rail line trains blocking our roads. Emergency services has had trouble getting to our properties when the train is stopped or blocking our roads. Further, residents west of the tracks are often 'stuck' and unable to get out when the train blocks our roads. There are over 1000 citizens west of the tracks facing this issue. Since then, I have attended many committee meetings and board meetings and presented evidence that we had a serious issue:

Here is a quick synopsis:

-Our Fire chief says we don't need relief as they will do whatever it takes to get to us.

-Our Fire Chief says they will use the pedestrian path to get to us. The Board said they passed a resolution authorizing emergency services to use the path....But only

emergency services. -We residents cannot use the path.... we will be ticketed.

-The ambulance will fit down the path, but the ladder truck cannot go down the path. Any of us with a two-story home, home set back a distance, or having a metal roof, will not have adequate fire service.

-We discussed personal emergencies, such as a woman in labor, or an injury that does not require an ambulance. I stressed that the residents NEED to have a way IN AND OUT of their properties. Not JUST emergency vehicles.

-They said that WPS put in a loop - therefore it is not an issue. They said that WPS is moving to natural gas in about seven years, so it is not an issue. They said that the train engineer is supposed to call the WPS gate before arriving so this would never happen. But it still does!!

-In February of 2024, the Village Board directed Leonard Ludi, the Public Works Director at the time, to create an official Request for Proposal (RFP), to hire a firm to analyze the issue and find all the possible solutions. Then Leonard Ludi, now administrator, said that there was no money for the study. (Previous administrator Manley put money in the budget, but others removed it, leaving no funds in 2024 budget for such a study).

-The Village Board then directed the APC committee to find the funds. Trustee Coyle said 'there are no funds'.

-Peter Kampfer, our next administrator, was fully on board with the necessity of the project, but, an unresponsive village president and obnoxious fire chief, caused him

to resign. I was then told we had to wait until the 2025 budget was addressed and get funds set aside for a study.

-On Wed, 9/4/2024, CLIPP began discussions of the 2025 budget. Members of the committee voted 5 to 1 to NOT PROCEED with the funding. This was after a lengthy discussion of their personal opinions that we did not need resolution: The committee expressed that this is a DEAD ISSUE. NO ONE IS GOING TO ACT!!! They feel that the 200 people who signed the petition have nothing to complain about. They stated, it's been this way for fifty years, so the residents can live with it for another fifty years. Theresa O'Brien, Fire Chief, has even stated that the stories I relayed from each of you were NOT TRUE.

We have 3 choices: 1) give up and let them dismiss our concerns, 2) bombard the members with emails and phone calls to express our displeasure and 3) vote these people out of office.

Here is a list of elected and appointed people that have been dismissive of our concerns:

Ryan Leff, citizen member of CLIPP (715) 323-5118, ryan.l4435@yahoo.com

Aaron Myszka, trustee and member of CLIPP (715) 370-7456, amyszka@kronenwetter.org

Pat Kilsdonk, citizen member on CLIPP (715) 298-2520, patkilsdonk@msn.com

Trent Karch, citizen member on CLIPP (715) 347-4454, karch.trenton@gmail.com

Kelly Coyle, trustee and member of APC (715) 498-6024, kellycoyle@kronenwetter.org

Jordyn Wadle- Leff, citizen member on APC (719) 466-1138, wadlejordyn@yahoo.com

Theresa O'Brien, fire chief, (715) 571-0173, firechief@kronenwetter.org


Please help me in expressing my anger over the lack of respect for the public and for our concerns. More importantly, please keep these people in mind when choosing whom to vote for in the upcoming spring election for trustees and appointed individuals. The citizen members are appointed by the Village President, Chris Voll, (715) 359-1931, cvoll@kronenwetter.org.

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns or helpful suggestions about this specific project. (715) 432-7855.

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Megadonors dominate the 'era of the big checkbook'

The era of the big checkbook continues. And it's factoring into legislative races in remarkable — perhaps unprecedented — ways.

The latest reports to the state underscore the impact of the 2015 rewrite of campaign finance laws.

Republicans engineered the rewrite that allowed donations of any size to political parties and legislative caucuses, plus unlimited transfers to candidates.

That paved the way for donations such as the \$6.3 million that Diane Hendricks and Liz Uihlein combined to give the Assembly and Senate GOP caucuses over the past two months.

Hendricks also gave the state GOP \$1.1 million over that period, while the state Dem Party's own megadonors came through again with LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman giving \$2.25 million over the past month and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker chipping in \$2 million.

The state Dem Party has mastered the rules Republicans wrote nearly a decade ago and has consistently used them to trounce the state GOP for donations.

Since Jan. 1, the state Dem Party has reported \$19.9 million in donations, compared to \$4.8 million by the state GOP. The state Dem Party, in turn, has sent \$2.75 million to the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee since Jan. 1 and \$2.3 million to the State Senate Democratic Committee. But Hendricks and Uihlein — Nos. 38 and 216 on the latest Forbes list of the wealthiest Americans — may have single-handedly leveled the playing field in legislative races — and possibly tilted it in the Assembly GOP's favor.

The Hendricks and Uihlein donations helped the Republican Assembly Campaign Committee raise \$7.2 million between July 30 and Sept. 23, compared to the \$3 million the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee pulled in, including \$1.25 million from the state party.

Meanwhile, the Committee to Elect a Republican Senate raised \$2.3 million, compared to the \$1.7 million the State Senate Democratic Committee pulled in.

Control of the state Senate isn't up for grabs this fall. The key is whether Dems net at least three seats to put them in position to try flipping the chamber in 2026.

The Assembly is a different story. Dems would likely need Kamala Harris to win Wisconsin by a couple of points or so to improve their chances of winning.

A true 50-50 presidential race likely helps Republicans maintain the majority they've had for the past 14 years. And having a financial advantage bolsters that opportunity. Insiders note the goal for Assembly Republicans isn't just 50 seats — not if they want a functioning majority next session. Several members expected to return have been thorns in the side of Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, and a majority more in the range of 55 seats would be a lot more comfortable.

The infusion of cash helps Vos play in more seats and helps boost GOP incumbents such as Rep. Todd Novak, R-Dodgeville, who was drawn into a 54% Dem seat. Insiders also note Republicans are trying to expand the



map by going after Dem Rep. Jodi Emerson and her 53% Dem seat in the Eau Claire area. Emerson's district is 10 points less Dem than it used to be and loses the pieces of the UW-Eau Claire campus to a neighboring seat. Some Republicans believe that opens up a path to pick her off.

Some also note that Novak has run ahead of the top of the ticket before. But his district didn't just get more Dem. It shed some areas that he'd represented for the past dozen years.

Dems argue the top of the ticket will drive results in legislative races with voters going with their partisan tendencies rather than crossing over to vote for candidates they don't know. Dems have their own challenges, some point out. They have the opportunity to dramatically improve their lot after starting the session with just 35 seats in the 99-seat chamber. But they haven't had to build infrastructure in some of the areas they're now competing in because the old GOP-drawn maps were so bad for them before.

However this fall turns out, the era of big donors may be here to stay. And the change from before the 2015 rewrite is stark.

Between July 30, 2014, and Sept. 23 of that year, there were 32 donations of \$50,000 or more totaling \$11.2 million, according to a WisPolitics check of the state's database. That included \$2 million that Dem Mary Burke gave her gubernatorial campaign in that window.


For that same period this year, there were 119 donations of \$50,000 or more, totaling \$28.9 million. Along

with the growth in large transactions, the latest window showed numerous transfers between parties and campaigns.

That shows how unlimited donations to parties and caucuses can fuel the growth in spending by candidates.

For more, visit WisPolitics.com **GP**

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Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples Pow-Wow

Sat.-Sun. 10/12-13 | Central Wisconsin Visitors and Convention Center, Rothschild

Indigenous People's Day is an important part of native culture, and this Pow Wow celebrates that culture in a two-day festival that features Native American dancing, drumming, vendors and food. There will be a Grand Entry at 1 pm and 7 pm, and a feast at 5 pm on Saturday; And another Grand Entry at noon on Sunday. And don't miss the art market, with plenty of indigenous crafts to be found. It's a fun event for the whole family. Doors open at 10 am both days. Free. Central Wisconsin Indigenous People's Day Committee on Facebook.

Bradley Sperger

Thursday 10/10 | The Garage, Wausau

There's something especially impressive to me about a guy who can put together a band all by himself. Bradley Sperger is just that — the rock/blues musician builds an entire song by himself, and you get to watch him do it live adding percussion, bass, guitar and effects onto his track

while he sings over it! On top of that, Sperger has some pretty serious song-writing and recording chops, and his music is worth a listen to on Spotify. You can check him out Thursday at The Garage, which is quickly becoming one of the top music hot spots in the area. 4-8 pm. thegaragewausau.com

Selah

Friday 10/11 | Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

It may or may not be your cup of tea, but Selah has become one of the biggest acts in Christian music, selling more than 4 million albums and garnering more than 900 million streams. Selah plays everything from versions of the hymns you know and love to classic Christian songs and their own stellar originals as well. If you're into Christian music this is probably where you should be on Oct. 11. 7:30 pm. \$25-45, with \$45 VIP ticket available to meet and greet before the show. lucilletackcenter.com



BRASS QUEENS

Brass Queens, a band that celebrates the sound of the Big Apple mixed with the Big Easy. And even better, it's part of the 10x10 series, which means it won't brass your wallet too badly either. 7:30 pm. \$10. grandtheater.org

Ringle Harvest Fest

Saturday 10/12 | Downtown Ringle

As the old McSweeney's article states, "it's decorative gourd season..." Well I can't say the rest, but rest assured, fall is here, and that means it's time for harvest fests! Ringle Harvest Fest is in its 28th season and will feature more than 100 vendors on grass, parking lots and the roads of Ringle. Besides the vendors, there is plenty for the kids and adults alike with a petting zoo, food trucks, antiques, arts, crafts, and as their event said, "good, old junk." And most assuredly, there will be pumpkins and gourds around. 9 am to 3 pm. Ringle Harvest Day on Facebook.

Red Granite Grinder

Saturday 10/12 | The 400 Block, Wausau

Some of you like getting up really early in the morning to ride a bicycle really, really far. And if that sounds good, boy have I got an event for you! Grab your gravel bike (or mountain bike, or whatever bike you think can handle the terrain) and choose between a ride of 50, 85 or 144 miles over ATV trails, gravel roads, parks, forests, ginseng fields and more as you race toward the finish. The ride finishes at the 400 Block which will be set up to be a party atmosphere. Bonus Friday group ride with the race director, women's skills clinic and more. 7 am. See ironbull.org for prices and complete details. **CP**

Wausau Community Theatre's Theatre on the Side presents

True West by Sam Shepard

Performed in-the-round at Whitewater Music Hall October 24th, 25th, & 26th 7:00 pm

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www.purplepass.com/wcttruewest2024

Brass Queens
Thursday 10/10 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Horns in modern music is just a favorite of mine. That's probably why this particular show — a group composed of all women, all horns — caught my attention. Cofounders Alex Harris and Ally Chapel were frustrated with how the New York brass scene seemed to be completely dominated by men, so they started their own group. The result is

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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'

Speak No Evil (R): Thurs. 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 7 pm, 9:40 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:10 am, 1 pm, 3:50 pm, 9:50 pm
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG13): Thurs. 1:50 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10 am, 12:40 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:30 pm
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG13): Sun. 4 pm; Mon. 6 pm
Double Feature: Terrifier 2/ Terrifier 3 (R): Thurs. 5:30 pm
Megalopolis (R): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 4:40 pm

ON STAGE
Brass Queens: Thurs. 10/10, Grand Theater, Wausau. All-female brass band that play a variety of different genres. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$60. 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
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 Sportspub, 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. wausaucommunitytheatre.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

BIG GUIDE

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

ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473
Movie times thru 10/17
Reagan (PG13): Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only
Joker: Folie a Deux (R): Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only
The Wild Robot (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 10/1-10/16
Joker: Folie A Deux (R): Thurs. 12:30 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:50 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 1:30 pm, 3 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:20 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 6:40 pm, 9:50 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 10:20 am, 12:30 pm, 3:40 pm, 6 pm, 9:10 pm
The Wild Robot (PG): Thurs. 12:30 pm, 1:10 pm, 3 pm, 4:20 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:30 pm, 1:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11:10 am, 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 7:10 pm, 9:45 pm
Piece By Piece (PG): Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:10 am, 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm
Terrifier 3 (R): Thurs. 8 pm, 10 pm; Fri., Sat. Sun. & Tues. 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm; Mon. & Wed. 2 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm
Average Joe (PG13): Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 6:50 pm
My Hero Academia: You're Next (Subtitled) (PG13): Fri. 4:10 pm, 9:10 pm; Sat., Sun. & Tues. 4:10 pm, 9:40 pm
My Hero Academia: You're Next (Dubbed) (PG13): Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:30 am, 1:15 pm, 7:10 pm
Saturday Night (R): Thurs. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11:20 am, 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm
The Apprentice (R): Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:20 am, 1:20 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:20 pm
Transformers One (PG): Thurs. 12:30 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:10 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:10 am, 1:50 pm, 4:30 pm; Sun. 10:50 am, 1:25 pm

Wednesday. Teams can include up to 6 people. sawmillbrewing.net
Trivia: Wednesdays, Rhinelander Brewing Company, Rhinelander. Play individually or on a team of up to 6 people. Starts at 6 pm. 715-550-2337
Open Blues Jam: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Open to all, amp provided, just bring your instrument. Starts at 7 pm. 715-298-3202

Open Mic w/ Carl Jackson: every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Wausau Labor Temple (LT Club), Wausau. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-848-3320
Trivia@MBCo: Wednesdays, hosted at Mosinee Brewing Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit team size to 6 people. mosineebrewing.com
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

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

Wednesday October 23
Z-Man Karaoke: O'so Brewing Company, Plover. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Thursday October 24
Tuck Pence: Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 4 pm. 715-358-017

Bob Allen: The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 4 pm. 715-393-4495

Friday October 25
Cheese Doodles: The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Saturday October 26
The Gray Catz: O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Rock 'n roll. 3 pm. 715-254-2163

Jordan Bain: Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

Jerry Schmitt: The Garage, Wausau. Country, rockabilly. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Karaoke: Kevin & Joy's 19th Hole, Schofield. 9 pm. 715-359-2343

Sunday October 27
Cynor Classics: Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

Friday November 1
October Tree: O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Acoustic. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Open Tab: The Garage, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Saturday November 2
Jordan Bain: Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Jack Squat: The Garage, Wausau. Rock. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Sunday November 3
Twin City Sounds: Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

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

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

BAR BEATS

Thursday October 10
Mark Wayne: Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic country, variety, rock & roll. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

Bradley Sparger: The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 4 pm. 715-393-4495

Alex Dalnodar of Dig Deep: Bill's Bar, Merrill. Bluegrass. 6 pm. 715-218-1038

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

DJ Overmorrow: Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Variety. 9 pm. 715-845-2030

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



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ONGOING

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

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

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

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

AARP Chapter 272 Monthly Meeting · 3rd Mon. of each month. United Way Office, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Each month will have a speaker discuss a current topic in the news or in the area as well as legislation being proposed that affects those over age 50. On Oct. 21, a fireman from the Wausau Fire Department will be speaking about what you can do to be safe in case you have a fire. 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
Women's Cancer Support Group · 2nd Wed. of each month, Aspirus Cancer Care-Wausau, 215 N 28th Ave, Wausau. Open to all women affected by cancer either personally or through a loved one. Starts at 10 am. 1-715-847-2000 ext 50874
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. 10/13, Randy Jefferson will be speaking: Vulnerable Selfhood on Being Yourself with the Help of Others. 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

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EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

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 mcppl.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

Greater Wausau Area Trail Community Celebration · Sat. 10/12, Timekeeper Distillery, Wausau. Celebrate the Greater Wausau Area as a new Ice Age Trail Community. The event will feature a ribbon cutting, meet & greet & the chance to meet Monty the Mammoth, the mascot of the Ice Age Trail. Starts at 4:30 pm. Free. visitwausau.com

RPM-V · Sun. 10/13, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 3:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Flow & Restore Yoga · Sun. 10/13, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

TRX · Mon. 10/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Yin and Yang Yoga · Mon. 10/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Mon. 10/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

HIIT · Mon. 10/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Power Yoga Fusion · Tues. 10/15, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

StrongNation · Tues. 10/15, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Viniyoga · Tues. 10/15, 5 Koshas Yoga & Wellness, 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

Boxing & Self-Defense · Tues. 10/15, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Cycle Strength · Wed. 10/16, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Fall Leaf Lanterns · Wed. 10/16, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Create a fall leaf lantern. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

TRX · Wed. 10/16, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Wed. 10/16, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. <https://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness>

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. willowspringsgardens.com

Les Mills BodyBalance · Wed. 10/16, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:35 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodycombat · Thurs. 10/17, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills RPM-V · Thurs. 10/17, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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, and \$25 nonmembers at the door. wausauchamber.com

Zumba · Thurs. 10/17, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Yoga Body Bootcamp · Fri. 10/18, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Strong Nation Launch · Sat. 10/19, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Barre · Sat. 10/19, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale · Sat. 10/19, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs, TV movies, artwork, board games and puzzles for sale. For members only but nonmembers can join on the spot for a yearly membership of \$10 or \$25 per family. Starts at 9:30 am. 715-261-7200

Stamp Show · Sat. 10/19, hosted by the Central WI Stamp Club at Elks Club, 1132 Clark St, Stevens Point. Buy, sell or trade stamps. Starts at 10 am. Free admission. wfsstamps.org

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

Documentary Screening: "Closure" · Tues. 10/22, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch the documentary, "Closure", which focuses on the University of Wisconsin's two-year college system. After screening, there will be time for questions with the film's director. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

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

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

Diwali Festival of Lights 2024 · Sat. 11/2, hosted by the Indian Society of Central Wisconsin at Central WI Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild. Enjoy Indian food, introduction to the history & significance of Diwali, choreographed dance performances, tutorial to Bollywood dancing & more. Starts at 5 pm. \$35/person thru 10/15, \$40/person

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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.fmsc.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

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. willowsspringsgardens.com

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

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

Extension Gardening: Forcing Bulbs · Wed. 10/16, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn about bulb selection, planting, cold treatment & growing. Participants will take home a planted bulb to try this winter. Registration required. Starts at 1 pm & 6 pm. Free. 715-261-1241 or mcpl.us to register

Our Haunted Heartland · Thurs. 10/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Join the Wausau Paranormal Research Society for an evening of spine-tingling stories from their investigations. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

Computer Basics: Mouse & Keyboard · Mon. 10/21, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Learn how to use a mouse & keyboard. MCPL will provide a laptop & mouse but you can bring your own if you have them. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

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

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

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

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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

What Do You Know About Bison? · Tues. 10/15, Olson Museum of Natural History, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point. Learn about the history of bison & get an up-close look at the museum's bison specimen. For ages 6-12. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

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. childrensimaginariam.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

Boohaha Museum Spooktacular · Sat. 10/26, Central Wisconsin Children's Museum, Stevens Point. Enjoy costume parade, games, music, art & healthy snack bar. Starts at 11 am. \$5 members, \$7 non-members, \$2 museums for all. cwchildrensmuseum.org

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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

Fall Festival · Sat. 10/26, Stevens Point Area YMCA, Stevens Point. Activities include pumpkin pool splash, coloring & pumpkin decorating, cookie decorating, maze, glow room, bouncy house, gaga ball, photo booth, face painting, dance & more. Starts at 1 pm. Dance starts at 3:30 pm. Free. spymca.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

Magic Globe, A Story of Seasons · Sun. 10/27, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. A little girl discovers a mysterious piece of astronomical machinery. Show is aimed at youth ages 5-12. Starts at 3 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

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

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

LIFELINES

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

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

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

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

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 10/10-10/11, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Fri. 10/11, Bible Presbyterian Church, 1605 County Rd G, Merrill. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon. 10/14, Peace Lutheran Church, 293 S Main St, Amherst. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 10/14-10/15, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 10/15, St Peters Church, 5001 County Rd G, Eagle River. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Wed. 10/16, UWSP UC Center, 1015 Reserve St, Stevens Point. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Wed. 10/16, Cabaret Cove, 1540 Pueblo Dr, Rhinelander. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 10/17-10/18, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 10/17, Northland Pines High School, 1800 Pleasure Island Rd, Eagle River. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Navigating Medicare · Thurs. 10/17, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Learn how to navigate & maintain Medicare coverage. Registration required. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-257-7292 or mcpl.us to register

Blood Drive · Fri. 10/18, St John Lutheran Church, 901 Eleventh St, Mosinee. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 10/21-10/22, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 10/22, Three Lakes Community, 6930 W School St, Three Lakes. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Medicare 101 · Thurs. 10/22, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Learn the basics of Medicare. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-687-4420

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 10/24-10/25, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 10/24, Land O' Lakes Town Hall, 4331 County Rd B, Land O' Lakes. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Fri. 10/25, NorthStar Restoration Services, 4900 Stewart Ave, Wausau. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon. 10/28, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 160 N Brown St, Rhinelander. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 10/28-10/29, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 10/29, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7937 US-51, Minocqua. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 10/31-11/1, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 10/31, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2000 Roosevelt Dr, Plover. Starts at 1 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 11/4-11/5, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 11/5, East High School, 2067 N 18th St, Wausau. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 11/7-11/8, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Fri. 11/8, Stevens Point Area YMCA, 1000 Division St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Fri. 11/8, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Opportunities for the Week of October 7, 2024

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

Run, Walk, Or Volunteer To Fight Hunger! The 2024 Turkey Trot is Thanksgiving Day morning, November 28. Whether you run or walk, by yourself or with your family and friends (strollers and pets welcome!), 100% of your registration fee will help continue the work of Marathon County Hunger Coalition, an initiative of United Way. Volunteer teams can help as course marshals, setting up and restocking refreshment areas, or cleaning up afterwards. Register at: www.runsignup.com/unitedwayturkeytrot2024.

Disaster Relief Volunteers Needed! Red Cross shelter volunteers support the day-to-day activities within a disaster-relief shelter. Duties may include working in reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, and providing information. Free online training provided. Travel opportunities are also available. Contact Lee at lee.borofka@redcross.org for more information.

Are You A Veteran Or Currently Serving? Interim Hospice's Vet to Vet program connects veteran or active military volunteers to a veteran in hospice care. Volunteers provide friendly visits as well as assist in planning and attending special activities to show our appreciation for their service. Contact Maya at (715) 842-7707, ext. 2711, or mwill@ihc-health.com to get started.

Volunteer From Your Workplace! We can help relieve financial burdens from households across Marathon County by organizing and providing for people's basic needs – including adult and children's hygiene items, snack packs, winter care kits, welcome home kits, and calm kits. Learn how to get started at unitedwaymc.org/volunteer.

Data Entry Volunteer Needed! Habitat for Humanity of Wausau is looking for a volunteer who can dedicate 2-4 hours/week to assist with tracking volunteer hours and other information. Experience with Excel is a plus, but training will be provided. Contact Habitat at 715-343-4212 or office@habitatwausau.org to learn more.

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

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

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Children's Winter Clothing Needed! Winter coats, snow pants, and boots are among the most expensive clothing items a family needs all year. You can help take this worry off someone's mind. Please drop off donations at the United Way Community Closet garage, located on the backside of the United Way office, 705 S. 24th Ave, Suite 440, in Wausau, on Wednesdays 1-4pm or Fridays 9am-12pm.

Pantry Items Needed! The Women's Community shelter is in need of food items for their clients: canned chicken, Hamburger Helper, canned chili, applesauce, instant oatmeal, cereal, ramen, canned chili, crackers, granola bars, jelly/jam, coffee/tea. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8am and 4:30pm at 3220 Hilltop Ave. in Wausau. Please contact Allie with any questions: allie@womenscommunity.org, 715-842-5663.



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From autos to art

Chuck O'Brien and Brenda Stiegman turned a former oil change shop into an art studio

Chuck O'Brien has had a pretty interesting life.

He left Rhinelander after high school seemingly never to return 40 years ago, and served in the military and the Department of Homeland Security after 9/11.

Now a new commercial creation has pulled him back to Wausau after a long absence.

With partner Brenda Stiegman, O'Brien is assembling the Art on Grand gallery, shopping and retail space. The 2202 Grand Ave. facility is on track for a soft opening this month as of this story's filing and will have a grand debut near the end of November.

The space had previously been an auto repair shop where people could get an oil change or their brakes fixed. And while auto repair can be its own art form, O'Brien and Stiegman have turned the space into a haven for local artists.

It features spaces for artists to create

and display their work before a sale, a rentable studio for a wide variety of classes and avoids some of the standard procedures others in the industry regularly adhere to with art sales.

"What sets this business plan apart is we don't take a commission (these can typically be half of a purchase price or higher) on artist sales," O'Brien says. "We are striving to keep the costs for people low. Our goal is to fill the place with art and constantly evolving, changing inventory."

Costs are as low as one dollar per chair for any event and as high as \$250 for renting out the gallery space for an exhibition. O'Brien and Stiegman – who met online and connected for the long term over a mutual love of art – have already filled four of the six available artist workspaces which run for \$180 a month. They want to expand to more industrial arts involving the fabrication of wood or metal material in the future and, above all, hope each day allows one who may feel intimidated by



From left, Chuck O'Brien and Brenda Stiegman pose at one of the rentable artist spaces at their Art on Grand business. The combination gallery, rentable teaching space, and rentable creation space is having a soft launch this month before a grand in November.

artistic creation to find love and engagement with it in their way.

"This is to allow artists of every level, of every type of art they wanted to show, we wanted to make it accessible," Stiegman adds. "This will also give them a broader audience Wausau may not have had. For those who say 'I am not an artist, does this work for me?' We'd say 'yes.'"

Art on Grand is seeking artists. More about what is available can be found by visiting the Art on Grand Facebook page, calling 715-393-4090, or emailing chuck.artongrand@gmail.com, too. **CP**

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