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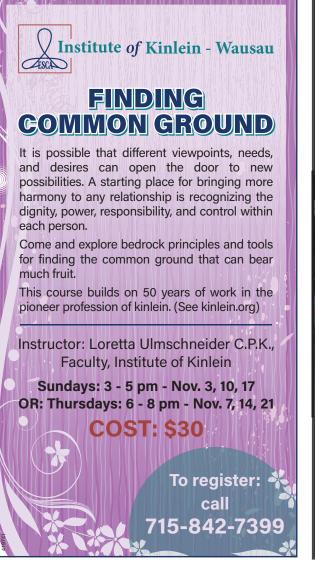
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE Reaching Beyond The Veil

Dear Reader,

In the quiet moments of reflection, when the world around us falls still, it is natural to wonder about those who have gone before us. They lived, they loved, they achieved noble purposes, and now, they dwell in the spiritual realm, a world that seems distant yet so intimately connected to our own. The question arises: Can we summon their guidance, their wisdom, to help us navigate the challenges of life and fulfill our own noble purposes?

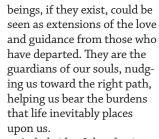
It is a comforting thought to imagine that those we cherished in life could reach back across the divide to offer us support. We often think of them as watching over us, their presence felt in the whispers of intuition or the sudden, inexplicable clarity that descends upon us in moments of need. But is there a way to actively seek their counsel, to draw upon their strengths and love in a way that influences our own journey?

The idea of summoning those who have passed, much like Aladdin's three wishes, is a compelling one. Yet, unlike a magical lamp, the spiritual world operates on principles that we may not fully comprehend. Perhaps it is not a matter of summoning, but rather of aligning ourselves with the higher purposes they embodied. When our goals are steeped in goodness and love, when we strive to add light to a world often shrouded in darkness, we may find that their influence naturally flows into our lives. It is as though the veil between the physical and spiritual world thins, allowing their energy to blend with ours.

This raises the question: Are we truly alone in our struggles, left to our own devices to fight dragons and defend the vulnerable? Or are we, in fact, accompanied by unseen forces—guardian angels assigned to us in childhood, perhaps, or angelic warrior guides who step in as we mature? These

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As hybrids of the physical and spiritual realms, we

walk a unique path. Our souls, tethered to this world by the body, are still deeply connected to the spiritual plane. In our imperfection, we long for the perfection that our souls might achieve once freed from the body. But what if we could draw upon that spiritual perfection even now? What if we could channel some of the purity and wisdom from the other side into our daily lives?

It is possible, perhaps, to reach out and connect with the spiritual world more intentionally. Through prayer, meditation, or simply living a life aligned with higher principles, we might open ourselves to the influence of those who have gone before us. In doing so, we are not only connecting with them but also drawing from the eternal into the finite. We become conduits for the love and wisdom that transcends this earthly existence, allowing it to flow through us and into the world around us.

Ultimately, life may indeed be a test, a proving ground for the soul. But it is also an opportunity—a chance to blend the physical with the spiritual, to draw upon the resources of both worlds as we strive to fulfill our purpose. And in this endeavor, we are not alone. The spiritual world, with all its love and wisdom, is closer than we think, ready to support us as we walk our path.

So, as we move forward, let us do so with the knowledge that we are supported by those who have gone before us, by guardian angels, and by the very perfection that awaits us in the spiritual realm. We are here

for a reason, and with the help of the unseen, we can fulfill that purpose with grace and courage.

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Morgue progress

Marathon County's new regional morgue exterior expected to be finished this year

The exterior of the building for the forensics science center — previously known as the regional morgue — should be finished by snowfall, county leaders say.

County Medical Examiner Jessica Blahnik told the county's public safety committee that the project is on schedule, and a shift in the location saved the county a lot of money.

Marathon County way back in 2015 started working on the idea of a regional morgue since right now the only places to have forensic autopsies performed are in Fond du Lac, Milwaukee and Madison. That costs the county a lot of time and money transporting bodies back and forth.

The new center would be utilized by a number of counties in the region, and is supposed to be revenue neutral from an operation standpoint because of revenue from those counties. Work began this year on the center near the Northcentral Technical College campus. Marathon County purchased land from NTC to build the morgue on.

The county is currently looking to hire a forensic pathologist for the center, and the county is budgeting for that position next year.

The morgue was expected to cost roughly \$14 million according to estimates from late last year, but the county is on track to receive state and federal grants to cover a lot of the costs.

Visit Wausau awarded grant for horseshoe tournament

Visit Wausau will get an extra \$25,000 to boost an upcoming horseshoe championships.

The organization received the Ready, Set, Go grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, the organization



announced recently. The grant will help the organization "enhance the visitor experience" and help provide infrastructure and marketing for the tournament.

The CVB announced that the newly constructed Greenheck-Turner Field House would be hosting the World Championships Horseshoe Pitching Tournament in 2026 and again in 2029 which could bring more than 1,000 players to the Wausau area.

Trial set for woman in road rage incident

A jury trial date has been set for a woman accused of beating another woman in a road rage incident in Ringle earlier this year. Terra LaFave is slated to appear for a jury trial starting May 7, according to Marathon County Court records.

LaFave, 50 of Ringle, was passed by another woman on Clubhouse Road near Ringle Road, according to police reports. LaFave then sped up behind her and flashed her bright lights and turn signals. The other woman stopped at a stop sign and got out to find out the cause of LaFave's behavior, the woman told police. That's when LaFave beat her and strangled her to the point where she nearly went unconscious, police reports say.

LaFave's husband Leroy also faces charges. According to police reports, after LaFave threw the woman to the ground, he began kicking her.

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Pizza Ranch - 302 N Central Ave. Marshfield.	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
Pick N Save - 205 Central Bridge St. Wausau.	9:00 AM	4:30 PM
Wausau VA Clinic - 1105 E Grand Ave. Rothschild.	9:25 AM	4:05 PM
Wilderness Crossing - W17256 Red Oak Ln. Wittenberg.	10:00 AM	3:30 PM
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Sceeter & Otis Village Inn - 10994 Main St. Hewitt.	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
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Dunham's parking lot - 5601 US HWY 10. Stevens Point.	9:05 AM	4:40 PM
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Wausau VA Clinic - 1105 E Grand Ave. Rothschild.	9:05 AM	4:40 PM
Wilderness Crossing - W17256 Red Oak Ln. Wittenberg.	9:40 AM	4:05 PM

A passerby told her to stop and that he had a gun, which dispelled the incident, police say.

LaFave is currently free on a \$5,000 bond, including \$1,000 in cash, according to court records. The trial is scheduled for two days.

County board to take up election worker security resolution

A new resolution would help protect election workers in Marathon County.

Marathon County's Public Safety Committee last week passed a resolution that would protect poll workers and spell out penalties for interfering with them.

Wausau's City Council passed a similar resolution this month.

Marathon County Clerk Kim Trueblood says thankfully so far there haven't been any incidents in which an election worker was threatened, but there definitely have been incidents in which election workers were harassed or bullied.

The resolution adds a section to the county's ordinance on disorderly conduct, adding that disorderly conduct to an election worker could result in a fine ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Marathon County Board will still need to take up the resolution.

County tax rate will drop again

County taxpayers are expected to see a drop in their tax rates next year.

Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard says the tax rate for the county is expected to drop at least 15 cents per \$1,000 of valuation. That would be a \$30 drop in taxes for the owner of a home valued at \$200,000.

That comes as the county's budget this year is expected to be "status quo," Leonhard explains. There aren't many new budgetary requests but also not really any funding cut requests.

The Wausau School District also expects to see lower tax rates.

How that will impact actual taxpayers remains to be seen, however. Wausau re-valuated its properties this year, so residents whose home values increased a lot might still see a higher tax bill despite the rates dropping.

County still deciding on how to handle opioid settlement money

Marathon County is set to receive some money from a class action lawsuit it joined against opioid manufacturers who pushed pain medication while underplaying their addictive aspects.



A worker mans the polls during an election. A new resolution would help protect them from harassment and bullying.

Marathon County leaders funded a gap analysis to look at the areas the money could most impact in curbing addiction in the community. That analysis found the county exceeds neighboring communities in overdose-related ER visits, high rates of alcohol mortality and a much greater need for addiction treatment.

Wisconsin is expected to receive \$36 million in opioid settlement money in 2025, which includes a number of allowed uses such as treatment facility expansion, funding harm reduction efforts and community-based prevention programs.

Marathon County in 2017 voted to join 70 other counties and several municipalities in a class action lawsuit suing the manufacturers of opioid pain medications, alleging that those manufacturers hid data demonstrating that they were highly addictive.

Marathon County leaders are now working on how they can decide where the money gets spent to curb drug and alcohol addiction and how.

County broadband deal could hook up numerous people

Residents in rural Marathon County who have struggled with broadband could soon see some relief.

Marathon County's Executive Committee Thursday

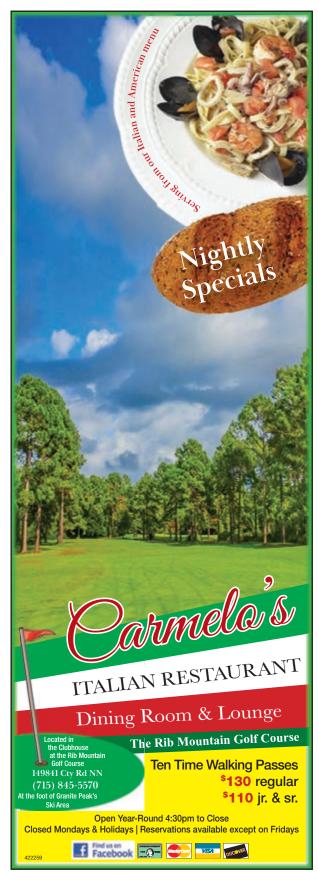


approved a new plan to continue funding broadband expansion in the county.

According to the terms of the agreement, the county would loan broadband provider Bug Tussel \$8 million in order to run 191 miles of fiber optic line and 16 towers in rural areas throughout the county.

Bug Tussel had already been working on the broadband project but ran into cost overruns. The company originally wanted more than \$12 million to do the work, but county leaders negotiated the terms. The loan also comes with a large balloon payment 12 years into the loan, something county leaders say they insisted on.

Marathon County has struggled with rural broadband for years. After early efforts didn't do much to change the situation, a new task force put together a plan to spur broadband in rural areas, something that has been a difficulty for rural businesses and homeowners as the internet has become an important part of economic development.



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Playing defense

Kaul prepared to defend election results as November looms

Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul says he expects challenges to Wisconsin's elections and is prepared to "defend the results" if need be.

"There have been suggestions again about the integrity of our elections," Kaul said on WISN's "UpFront," which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. "So I think two things are important: One is we need to make clear, and when I say we, I mean bipartisan groups of people, need to make clear that we have safe and secure elections in Wisconsin. They've been tested over and over again. We know that the system works. And then secondly, we're certainly prepared, if we need to, to defend the results of the election.

"This is not new ground in Wisconsin," Kaul said. "Since I've taken office as attorney general, we've had a lot of challenges to our voting system. There was an effort to remove tens of thousands of voters from the rolls. We defended against that effort, and we won. There were efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. Several lawsuits were filed. We won every one of those cases, and the results were upheld."

Kaul has charged three former allies of Donald Trump — Kenneth Chesebro, Jim Troupis and Mike Roman — in connection to the 2020 fake electors scheme.

Walz knocks Trump in Green Bay stump

Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz in Green Bay attacked Donald Trump's comments on using the military to combat the "enemy from within."

Trump made these comments in an interview with Fox News that aired Sunday morning when asked if he expected "chaos" on Election Day.

"The idea of sending U.S. military personnel against American citizens makes me sick to my stomach," Walz, a retired member of the National Guard, said yesterday. "I'll tell you what, we'll let the lawyers decide if what he said was treason, but what I know is it's a call for violence,



plain and simple, and it's pretty damn un-American if you ask me."

Walz, who made a stop in Eau Claire earlier in the day, continued to question the former president's trustworthiness, citing criticism from former Trump staffers.

Walz quoted former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley saying, "No one has ever been more dangerous to this country than Donald Trump, and he is a fascist to his core." Walz continued, saying, "Let that sink in, and don't be a damn bit afraid of saying it because that's exactly who he is."

Ahead of Walz's stop, state GOP Chair

Brian Schimming knocked Walz as a "Vikings fan with a propensity for lies and exaggerations to explain away Kamala Harris' lackluster record."

"From dragging his feet during the riots in Minneapolis to pushing tax hikes amid record inflation, Walz is emblematic of everything wrong in the Democratic Party," Schimming said.

Committee deadlock clears path for joint finance ads

The Federal Election Commission deadlocked 3-3 on whether U.S. Senate candidates should be allowed to use joint

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Outraised by many of their Dem opponents, GOP U.S. Senate candidates in several states have been running hybrid ads paid for by their joint fundraising committees that largely carry a political message, but also include an appeal for donations at the end.

Dems had asked the FEC for clear guidance on the practice in the hopes of it being ruled improper. The arrangement allows the committee to pay the cheaper rates afforded to candidates, and Republican U.S. Senate candidates have used it to close the gap with their Dem opponents.

The deadlocked vote allows the practice to continue.

Karofsky wonders if governor's veto went too far

Liberal Justice Jill Karofsky expressed concerns the state Supreme Court has for too long broadly interpreted governors' partial veto powers and wondered if Dem Tony Evers' move to extend school revenue caps for 400 years is a bridge too far.

But Assistant Attorney General Colin Roth during oral arguments yesterday said court precedent supports Evers' move in the 2023-25 state budget to strike out individual numbers and a hyphen to push back a sunset to 2425 rather than 2024-25 as the Legislature intended.

He also argued lawmakers have several options if they don't like Evers' move: amend the Wisconsin Constitution, as lawmakers did twice after guvs used their partial veto power; override the veto; or draft better bills that don't create opportunities for guvs to exercise the power.

"The Legislature knows what the governor is going to try to do. The governor knows what he can do and not have it challenged after the fact through partial veto cases like this one," Roth said.

Roth's answer was prompted by Karofsky's observation that legal scholars believe Wisconsin is an outlier in the nation with the partial veto power it has granted guvs. She said the court now stands at a crossroads with Evers' latest move.

Racial gaps in test scores persist

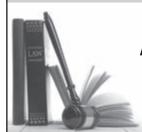
Major racial disparities persist between students of color and white students in English language arts, according to new statewide test results.

Results for the 2023-24 school year were released after the Department of Public Instruction came under fire this year for implementing new categories for student achievement that critics argue mask poor performance.

The state had used the terms "below basic, basic, proficient and advanced" to describe student performance since 2014-15. Those terms were replaced with "developing, approaching, meeting and advanced."

Due to the change in terminology, this year's results for English language arts and math cannot be compared with previous years.





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Who Makes a Good Guardian for a Minor Child

If you have had any estate planning discussions, you have likely heard the words "guardian" and "trustee." Although there is no substitute for you as a parent, a guardian is someone who steps in when you pass away to assume your parental role and raise your minor child. Deciding who will be tasked with caring for your minor child is an important decision that requires consideration of many factors.

When choosing a guardian, the top consideration is who will love and raise your child like you would. Keep in mind the potential guardian's religious beliefs, parenting style, interest in extracurricular activities, energy level, and whether they have children. You may want to consider where the individual lives and whether they have the capacity to provide daily love, care, and support for your child. Next week I'll discuss choosing a trustee.

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COVER FEATURE by B.C. Kowalski

Making radio waves

The Wausau Business Show has brought a different kind of spotlight to area's business, and Wausau's leaders Wausonians to Red Lobster in the Fox Cities — for those not in the know, Wausonians have been clamoring for a Red Lobster since at least the 1990s (a '97 issue of City Pages questioned whether a Red Lobster was ever coming to town) and it's become one of Wausau's principal memes. And they organized the city's first August Kickbusch event, which featured music from Brad Emanuel (who was also interviewed on the show) and a contest to kick cans of Busch.

The show hasn't entirely focused on business leaders — long-time WAOW anchor Melissa Langbehn or Grand Theater Executive Director Sean Wright have appeared on the show, for instance. They've

also taken a strong stance on keeping the Monk Botanical Gardens name (the gardens board had announced earlier this year they were changing the name to Wausau Botanical Gardens, which the board has since rescinded after wide community outcry).

And it represents a different kind of reporting than the community has seen before. While the Buzz in City Pages has focused on new businesses, opening up a platform for long-form interviews with business and other area leaders in the city is a different model, and gives listeners a deeper look at some names Wausau area leaders are probably familiar with.

Gallagher is the CEO of Rocket Industrial, and Grinsel also works there as the Associate Director of Sales. How do they find the time to run a radio show on Bull Falls Radio? What motivated them to start the show? What are their plans for it? These are some of the questions I had in mind when I walked into the studio.

A new kind of show

Gallagher and Grinsel stepped out of the conference room from a business meeting, and that's where we would be heading again. The Rocket Industrial conference room has become a makeshift radio space with a rack of audio equipment and three microphones set up around the table. The microphones have the Wausau Business Show local, a WBS that looks 80s retro.

Many of the interviews happen there in the studio/ conference room but they also will take the show remote sometimes, Gallagher explains. Often it's a matter of how cool it might sound. One episode was recorded on the top of the Dudley Tower, for instance. Another interview with a new clothing shop was done in the shop, with customers talking in the background. "We're not just saying that, we actually go there," Grinsel says.

The show started with Gallagher and Grinsel in Gallagher's garage talking about economic development. Gallagher had a long career in radio, starting at WIFC around the same time as popular radio host and photographer Dave Kallaway. Gallagher produced all the audio that goes between the host and the commercials, and he put together Kallaway's first audio package for the station.

Both the radio and podcast elements were important to the duo, Gallagher said, so partnering with Civic Media helps them get the podcast out while running the show on Bull Falls Radio at 8 am. "[The station] is right on the

Apparently I've been in a mood to change things up lately.

So when I reached out to the Wausau Business Show about doing a story, I pitched it like this: What if I came on the show and interviewed the new show's hosts — Ryan Gallagher and Paul Grinsel — on the show itself? It would be a great way for the show's audience to get to know Gallagher and Grinsel themselves, since they're always interviewing other people. Luckily Gallagher and Grinsel are pretty creative themselves, and so they readily agreed.

The show has been making a splash since it launched its first episode in April, with Wausau native and Miss America winner Grace Stanke.

Since then, the duo organized a tour bus to take

corner, it kind of reminds me a little of Northern Exposure," Gallagher says. "It's quaint to kind of be on that local station."

Grinsel says they're a little old school in that they wanted to be on the radio too, which has a higher barrier to entry than starting a podcast.

While it might seem like a lot to run a thriving business — Rocket Industrial is a packaging company that's become a major employer in Wausau — Gallagher says they just wake up a little earlier in the morning and go to bed a little later at night to fit everything in. They try to record episodes and bank them so they have episodes available ahead of time to ensure they can meet the deadlines of radio.

The Why

Once Gallagher and Grinsel — who went to John Muir Middle School, Wausau West High School and even UW-Madison together — decided to start the Wausau Business Show, they spent about two months gathering equipment, setting up a studio and shopping the show around to radio stations.

Once they did that, they started booking interviews. But why? Running a large company is generally stressful

enough. Why start a radio show but by the price of the pr

"One of the reasons we started the Wausau Business Show is we have a number of friends who don't live here anymore," Gallagher says, "and we wanted to give them a commercial for why they should move back to Wausau. Like Paul said, we're involved in economic development, and we're really passionate about that and attracting people to live in Wausau."

The show covers that in a way that other publications don't — by providing a long-form format for people to get to know the guests a little deeper than they might in other formats.

Are people responding to it? "We've never heard anything bad," Gallagher says, then jokes "and that means either we're doing a good job or no one is listening. Just kidding, we have millions of listeners," he further jokes.

But that audience may actually be growing. Gallagher says they've already had people in the industry approach them about bringing the show to other markets.

"We're exploring that, Gallagher says, "because if we can get the word out about about Wausau, great."

Check out our episode of The Wausau Business Show Saturday at 8 am on Bull Falls Radio, 98.9 FM, and afterward on Spotify or Apple iTunes.





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A Night at the Cabaret Friday 10/18 | The Great Dane, Wausau

Here at City Pages we covered the challenges the Wausau Community Theater has faced in recent years. They're still working hard to keep things going and give local people an opportunity to participate in theater. If you want to support the organization, here's a great way to do it and have a lovely evening. Held at the Great Dane, the WCT will have a live performance, a three-course meal, a silent auction, a cash bar and more. A fun evening and supporting a



good cause - sign me up! 6 pm. General admission is \$65, table of eight is \$520. wausaucommunitytheater.org

Sandy's Bark Park Dog and Costume Parade Thursday 10/17 | Sandy's Bark Park, Rib Mountain

If you've got a k9 friend, you know how important those dog parks are. Doggies gotta run wild! And Sandy's Bark Park in Rib Mountain is one of the more unique dog parks around. If you're the type who likes to dress their dog up in costumes (I see you) this event is right up your alley. You'll dress ole Fido up in his best costume, join the parade and attempt to win prizes. Plus enter drawings, come away with some doggie treats and more. Registration at 4:30 pm, dogs on parade at 5 pm. Village of Rib Mountain on Facebook.

Halloween downtown trick or treat and movie Wednesday 10/23 | 400 Block, Wausau

There are usually a lot of places to trick or treat (or bar crawls, which are really the adult version of trick or treat) but this one seems like a really good option. Head on



downtown with the kiddos Wednesday for some trick or treating right in the heart of downtown. The little ones can take their baskets from business to business picking up some candy along the way from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, then stick around for a showing of the movie Hotel Transylvania on the 400 Block at 6 pm. Should be great for the adults too since they can sneak a little shopping in. And with the Children's Imaginarium downtown, families can make a real afternoon of it. Free. Find the Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department on Facebook for all the details.

Pete Henry Friday 10/18 | Malarkey's Pub, Wausau

Pete Henry is one of those musicians who can take some pretty standard instrumentation and make it sound fresh somehow. His wispy, gritty voice is compelling and works perfectly with his acoustic playing and harmonica. Sometimes he's on a resonator and sometimes on banjo, but his unique voice is the gel that keeps the sound together. Henry got his start playing around the Stockton and Modesto areas of California before eventually making his way to the Midwest. He's opened for Dave Chappelle and the lead singer of Creed, Scott Stapp. Now he's making his way to Malarkey's. 8 pm. malarkeyspub.com



Have an event you would like to submit?

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

BAR BEATS

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, Ployer, Country, 6 pm, 715-254-2163

Mike McAbee · The Office Bar, Schofield. Variety. 6 pm. 715-355-5432

Brett Westgrove · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Country. 6 pm.

715-722-0230 String Cheese · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-393-

4495 The Lone Canary · The Chatterbox, Wausau. Folk/Americana. 7 pm.

715-842-3059 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

Pete Henry · Malarkey's Pub. Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday October 19

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

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

Blindside · The Garage, Wausau. Rock & blues. 7 pm. 715-393-4495 Ready Seth Go · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-819-

3663 The Lone Canary · Intermission,

Wausau. Folk/Americana. 8 pm. 715-849-9377 DJ Seville · Cop Shoppe Pub,

Wausau. Variety. 9 pm. 715-845-2030

Sunday October 20 Dyversaco · Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

Kylar Kuzio · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 3:30 pm. 715-393-4495 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 Brewerv Stevens Point. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 4 pm. 715-344-9310 Jerry Schmitt · The Garage.

Wausau. Country, rockabilly. 7 pm. 715-393-4495 Kevin Troestler · Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Country, blues. 7 pm. 715-693-2739 Karaoke · Kevin & Joy's 19th Hole, Schofield. 9 pm. 715-359-2343 DJ Seville · Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Variety. 9 pm. 715-845-2030

Sunday October 27

Cynor Classics · Rookies Sportspub. Stevens Point. Polka. 1 pm. 715-344-7026

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 · Tuesdavs. The Garage. Wausau. Create a team of up to 4 players or play solo. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-393-4495 Trivia · Tuesdays, The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-355-7001

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

Team Trivia Nights at Sawmill Brewing Company · Wednesdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. The games start at 6 pm each Wednesday, Teams can include up to 6 people. sawmillbrewing.net Trivia · Wednesdays, Rhinelander Brewing Company, Rhinelander. Play individually or on a team of up to 6 people. Starts at 6 pm. 715-550-2337

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

Open Mic w/ Carl Jackson · every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Wausau Labor Temple (LT Club), Wausau, Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-848-3320 Trivia@MBCo · Wednesdays, hosted at Mosinee Brewing Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit team size to 6 people. mosineebrewing.com 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. malarkeyspub.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 Third Thursdays Live Music · 3rd

Thursday every month, Sconni's

GUIDE

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

(HeatedDreamLounger), 11 am,

2 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:20 pm; Mon.

(HeatedDreamLounger), 2:20 pm,

5:20 pm; Wed. 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm,

7:30 pm (HeatedDreamLounger),

1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm

2:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Piece By Piece (PG): Thurs. 1 pm.

3:30 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 11:20

am, 1:50 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:50 pm,

9:20 pm; Sat. 1:50 pm, 4:20 pm,

pm, 4:05 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:55 pm

Terrifier 3 (R): Thurs. 1:50 pm, 4:50

pm, 7:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. &

Tues. 12 pm, 3:10 pm, 6:40 pm,

pm; Wed. 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm

My Hero Academia: You're Next

3:50 pm. 9:10 pm (Subtitled):

Mon. & Wed. 3:50 pm, 9 pm

(Subtitled)

(Subtitled) (PG13): Thurs. 4 pm

(Subtitled); Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues.

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6:50 pm, 9:20 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1

Alehouse and Eatery Schofield. Music by Alex Dalnodar, Bobby Burns & Aaron Von Baron. Starts at 7 pm. 715-241-7665 Open Mic Night · Thursdays, Malarkev's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau, Hosted by Caleb Delaney, Play guitar, drums, bass or other string instruments. Comedy not available at this time. Starts at 8 pm. 715-819-3663 Karaoke · Thursdays. Hy-Da Way. Merrill. Starts at 8:30 pm. 715-

722-0660 Karaoke · Saturdays, Denmar Tavern, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-3131

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

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

ON SCREEN

Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473 Movie times thru 10/24

Smile 2 (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

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

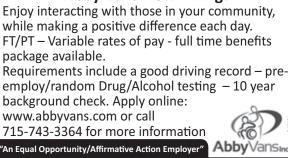
The Wild Robot (PG): Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:15 pm & 7 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:15 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094 Movie times 10/14-10/23 Smile 2 (R): Thurs. 8:10 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 7 pm, 9 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

My Hero Academia: You're Next (Dubbed) (PG13): Thurs. 1:10 pm, 8:50 pm (Dubbed); Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 1:10 pm, 6:30 pm (Dubbed); Mon. & Wed. 1:15 pm, 6:25 pm (Dubbed) Saturday Night (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 11:20 am, 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm; Sat. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1 pm, 3:40 pm; Wed. 6:10 pm, 8:50 pm The Apprentice (R): Thurs. 2:10 pm, 5:10 pm; Fri. & Tues. 1 pm, 3:55 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:45 pm; Sat. 3:55 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:45 pm; Sun. 1:20 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:45 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:10 pm. 3:20 pm: Wed.

8 pm Joker: Folie a Deux (R): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:40 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 12:10 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:40 pm; Sat. 12:45 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:40 pm; Mon. 1:20 pm, 4:30 pm, 8:20 pm; Wed. 1:40 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:20 pm The Wild Robot (PG) Thurs. 2:30

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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'

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

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG13):

Thurs. 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:20 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:10 am, 1:50 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:50 pm; Sun. 11 am, 1:35 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:25 pm, 10 pm; Mon. 1:40 pm 4:20 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:45 pm; Wed. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 6 pm, 8:35 pm Smile 2: Fan Event (R): Thurs. 5 pm

(HeatedDreamLounger) Average Joe (PG13): Thurs. 6:50 pm Transformers One (PG): Thurs. 3:50 pm

Speak No Evil (R): Thurs. 2 pm, 4:40 pm

The Metropolitan Opera: Grounded (TBD): Sat. 12 pm

E.T. Halloween Party! (PG): Sat. 11 am

Despicable Me 4 Halloween Party (PG): Sat. 11:15 am Marcus Mystery Movie (10/21) (R):

Mon. 7 pm Back to the Future Part II 35th Anniversary (PG): Mon. 7 pm Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince -15th (PG13): Sun. 4 pm; Mon. 6 pm

<u>ON STAGE</u>

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 Flaw, To Be Alive, Unbroken · Fri.

10/18, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock. Starts at 6 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. qzexpocenter.com 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 Jesse James Dupree (Lead singer

of Jackyl) with special guests • Sat. 10/19, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock. Starts at 7 pm. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. azexpocenter.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

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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

The Missing Miles, Irene's Garden, Dandelion Delivery Service · Fri. 10/25, Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Funk. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$15 cover. 715-344-7026 Thunderstruck: America's AC/DC Tribute x Rising Phoenix · Sat. 10/26, Bantr, Rothschild. Classic rock.

18+. Starts at 6 pm. \$20 early burd, Konschuld. Classic fock. admission. bantrrothschild.com Horseshoes & Hand Grenades w/ special guests Burnt

Toast & Jam · Sat. 10/26, Central Waters Berwing Company, Amherst. Bluegrass. 21+. Doors open at 6 pm. Starts at 7 pm. \$23 advance, \$33 day of show. eventbrite.com/e/horseshoes-hand-grenadeshorseshoes-halloween-central-waters-brewerytickets-998787709927

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

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

Don McLean · Fri. 11/1, Grand Theater, Wausau. Rock 'n roll & folk. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$75. grandtheater.org

The Prince Experience · Sat. 11/2, Grand Theater, Wausau. Prince tribute concert. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$34-\$49. grandtheater.org

Tommy Vext Formerly of Bad Wolves · Wed. 11/6, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. gzexpocenter.com Classical Thursdays · Thurs. 11/7, 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 Charlie Parr with Stovepipe Stephens · Fri. 11/8, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Bluegrass. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$20 general admission. eventbrite. com/e/an-evening-with-charlie-parr-with-stovepipestephens-tickets-1020715155507

Sam Ness & the Other Natural Flavors w/ Ben Mulwana · Sat. 11/9, Jensen Community Center, Amherst. Americana, soul, funk/rock. Reception starts at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. jensencommunitycenter.ticketspice.com

NEW Dueling Pianos · Sat. 11/9, Bantr, Rothschild. Enjoy a dueling piano show. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$30 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

1st Brigade Band · Sun. 11/10, LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Enjoy patriotic tunes from the 19th century. Starts at 2 pm. \$20. lucilletackcenter.com Sister Winchester · Tues. 11/12, Grand Theater, Wausau. Rock, blues & folk. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10. grandtheater.org

No More Talk of Darkness-Jeremy Stolle · Thurs. 11/14, hosted by the Merrill Area Concert Association at Merrill High School Auditorium, Merrill. Enjoy Broadway songs sung by Phantom of the Opera veteran, Jeremy Stolle. Starts at 7 pm. \$60 adult, \$20 student, \$130 family membership. maca.merrillconcerts.org

The Fab Four • Thurs. 11/14, Grand Theater, Wausau. Beatles tribute concert. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$62. grandtheater.org

Willie & Family Live (Michael Moore as Willie Nelson) • Fri. 11/15, LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Outlaw country tribute to Willie Nelson. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40. lucilletackcenter.com Terri Clark • Sat. 11/16. Grand Theater. Wausau.

Country. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$75. grandtheater.org

Elle King: Baby Daddy's Weekend Tour - Sat. 11/16, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Country. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$60-\$80. northstarcasinoresort.com

Classical Thursdays · Thurs. 11/21, 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



Dena Blizzard · Sat. 11/23, Grand Theater, Wausau. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$62. grandtheater.org

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 veteranrelated 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. 10/20, Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching Choosing Your Neglect. All are welcomed at the first UU Church of Wausau. Starts at 10:30 am. uuwausau.org

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

Les Mills Bodycombat · Thurs. 10/17, 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

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 Learn to Curl · Sat. 10/19. hosted by the Wausau

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

wausaucurling.org Annual Mall-o-ween Craft & Vendor Show · Sat. 10/19,

Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft and vendor show. Starts at 9 am cedarcreekmall.com

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. wfscstamps.org

RPM-V · Sun. 10/20, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 3:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/ quick-links/group-fitness

Flow & Restore Yoga · Sun. 10/20, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.

dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness TRX · Mon. 10/21. Greenbeck Turner Community

Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/ quick-links/group-fitness

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

Yin and Yang Yoga · Mon. 10/21, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Mon. 10/21, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

HIIT · Mon. 10/21, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/

quick-links/group-fitness Les Mills Bodypump · Tues. 10/22, Greenheck Turner

Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Power Yoga Fusion · Tues. 10/22, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

StrongNation · Tues. 10/22, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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 McLit Adult Spelling Bee · Tues. 10/22, Labor Temple (LT Club), Wausau. Compete for the coveted title of Wausau's Best Speller. Event includes silent auction, 50/50 raffle, refreshments & prizes. Starts at 6 pm. \$10 for ages 10 & up; free for under age 10. Tickets available in Wausau at McLit, Janke Bookstore, County Market and Erbert & Gerbert. judy@mclitofwausau.org Boxing & Self-Defense · Tues. 10/22, Greenheck Turner

Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Cycle Strength · Wed. 10/23, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

TRX · Wed. 10/23, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/ quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Wed. 10/23, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm.

https://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness **Ribbon Bookmark** · Wed. 10/23, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Create a unique bookmark using colorful ribbons & simple supplies. Starts at 6 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

Les Mills BodyBalance · Wed. 10/23, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:35 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump · Thurs. 10/24, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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

Les Mills RPM-V · Thurs. 10/24, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Zumba Thurs. 10/24, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/ quick-links/group-fitness

Yoga Body Bootcamp · Fri. 10/25, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodybalance Launch · Sat. 10/26, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. Free. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness Food for Kidz Northwoods Packaging Event · Sat.

10/26, Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua. Volunteer to repackage 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

Barre · Sat. 10/26, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/ quick-links/group-fitness

Needlework Social Hour · Mon. 10/28, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Adults who enjoy needlework are invited to bring their projects & spend time crafting & socializing with others. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

Cat Lover Craft & Social Hour Tues. 10/29, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Enjoy feline-themed crafts & socialize with other cat lovers. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Day of the Dead · Sun. 11/1, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Enjoy live mariachi music, face painting, crafts, ofrenda display, costume contest, Mexican food & more. Starts at 5:30 pm. \$5 per person, \$1 per person if in appropriate, non-Halloween costume. monkgardens.org





OUTDOORS

Blossom of Lights · Wednesdays-Saturdays 9/18-10/26, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Go for a walk through the illuminated gardens. Starts at 6:30 pm. \$5, \$7, \$12, free for ages 2 & under. monkgardens.org

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

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Our Haunted Heartland · Thurs. 10/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Join the Wausau Paranormal Research Society for an evening of spinetingling 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 Cherished Chapels · Wed. 10/23, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Gary Gisselman of the Marathon County Historical Society will present

"Cherished Chapels: The Churches of Marathon County". Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-443-2775 ARTS/EXHIBITS

Q Artists Cooperative, Stevens Point · 1108 Main St, Stevens Point. Ongoing exhibits of the work of more than thirty local artists in a variety of media, featured shows rotating every two months. New Winter hours

11 am-4 pm daily. qartistscooperative.com Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point \cdot Open Wed.-Fri. 11 am to 5 pm. Sat. & Sun. 11 am to 3 pm. 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. lvwam.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 literaturebased 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 literaturebased 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. 10/14-10/19, 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 LEGO Block Party · Thurs. 10/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 3 pm, Free, 715-261-7220

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

Play and Learn: I Spy Bottles · Mon. 10/21, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Make your very own I Spy bottle. A staff member from Children's Wisconsin/ Marshfield Family Resource Center will be leading the craft. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420 Zentangle Art · Wed. 10/23, Marathon County Public

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Fridays by appointment Athens, WI 54411 715-721-0547

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

Downtown Trick-or-Treat & Movie at the 400 Block Wed. 10/23, The 400 Block, Wausau. Go trick-ortreating 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

Calendar Confusion Breakout Box · Thurs - Fri. 10/24-10/25. Marathon County Public Library. Rothschild. Teens & tweens are encouraged to test their problemsolving 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 onetime 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

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. willowspringsgardens.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

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 Food Pantry · Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of
- Christ, Wausau. Bring picture ID & proof of Marathon County residency. Starts at 9 am. 715-842-3733
- Tiny Tots Closet · Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. On your first visit, you must fill out a registration form. Bring proof of residency. Proof you are a parent or guardian of a child in diapers (birth certificate, WIC card, etc.). Limit of 2 dozen diapers per visit. Limit one visit/month. Starts at 10 am. 715-842-3733
- 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. 10/17-10/18, 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

THE BUZZ by B.C. Kowalski

Bringing the heat

Heather Schuette and Brittany Burns opened up a sauna business behind Whitwater Music Hall, bringing something new to Wausau

When Northern Lights Sauna owners Heather Schuette and Brittany Burns reached out about their new business, I thought I would try something different: What if I conducted the interview in the sauna itself, with the heat radiating?

They agreed. I met Burns and Schuette at Northern Lights Sauna's welcoming area. From there, we made our way to the sauna, got in swimwear, and entered the sauna.

Burns and Schuette would work out together at the YMCA and sit in the sauna together afterward, Schuette says. A sauna business hadn't occurred to either of them, but for Burns's birthday in December Schuette took her to the community sauna in Stevens Point, and the two fell in love with it.

The two sat down with the owner in January to talk about the business specifics and left with the idea to start their own.

From that, Northern Lights Sauna was born. They opened the sauna in September in the open space behind Whitewater Music Hall, and they also rented a space on the corner of Whitewater Music Hall which houses their office and welcoming area.

New customers enter into the welcome area and can book a community session or a private rental as well. The duo, or one of a dozen community volunteers, makes sure they have towels to sit on and a water bottle, and then it's off to the heat.

Sessions are three 15-minute bouts with a break in between. The group also set up a fire pit with places to sit around between or after sessions, and there is even a cold bucket of water to douse oneself with between sessions, as well as an outdoor shower.





Heather Schuette (left) and Brittany Burns founded Northern Lights Sauna outside of Whitewater Music Hall.

We conducted the entire interview in the sauna during the first of two sessions I took that day (I had another interview scheduled and so didn't have time for the third session). It was not my first encounter with extreme temperatures. I've visited several hot springs in Japan, and of course used sauna rooms at health clubs before.

But this little wooden room feels pleasant, and despite being in a parking lot, trees adorn the window in the side giving the feel of a wooded location. You feel the heat immediately, of course, but it takes some time for the sweat to kick in. Schuette and Burns say your heart rate increases to something similar to zone 2 cardio when you're in the sauna.

How have Wausonians taken to it? So far, they're



getting both the curious and the sauna devotees. "We had one lady who wrote in her description of have you ever sauna'd before, 'yes, Finnish sauna is a way of life," Burns says. For many others, though, it's a brand new experience.

Business has started off pretty well, but Schuette and Burns say they expect even more people to take advantage of the sauna in the winter when the cold weather sets in. "We'll be encouraging people to jump in the snowbank," Schuette says.

Northern Lights Sauna is located at 133 River Drive, right past the main Whitewater building (the office is on the far end from the parking lot). Find them on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and at northernlightssauna.com.



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