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Reflections on the Fountain of Youth

enticing as ever. In our quest for perpetual youth, we ponder the prospect of a second chance—a chance to relive our youth with the wisdom of age. But perhaps, therein lies the paradox: for it is through the passage of time and the accumulation of experiences that we truly mature and evolve.

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the prospect of rewriting our life's script may seem tantalizing, it is our unique journey, with all its triumphs and tribulations, that shapes our character and molds our destiny.

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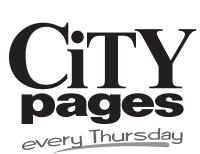
fantasy. The cyclical nature of life, with its inherent impermanence, reminds us of the preciousness of each moment and the importance of embracing the full spectrum of human experience.

Ultimately, the elusiveness of the Fountain of Youth serves as a poignant reminder that true fulfillment lies not in the pursuit of eternal youth, but in the acceptance of our mortality and the embrace of the present moment. For in the tapestry of life, it is our individual stories, woven together with threads of joy and sorrow,

that imbue our existence with meaning and purpose. PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new

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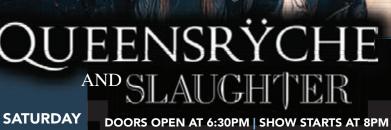
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Lead-ing questions

City to hold public meeting on lead service line replacement ordinance

Wausau city leaders will hold a meeting next month to better inform the public about a possible ordinance that would require residents to replace their lead service lines.

The possibility of the ordinance tripped up residents, who were taken by surprise at the idea of having to pay something for the projects that are part of the city's plan to eventually replace all the city's private 8,000 lead service lines.

The city became one of the first in the nation to receive funding through the Biden Administration's Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill, which set aside money for lead service line replacements. Health experts warn that lead exposure can lead to a number of dangerous health outcomes, including stunted development in children.

Initially, that was presented as the city getting a large amount of money from Washington to combat the problem, and it was presented that way early on by city and federal leaders. But later it was revealed that it would be a combination of grants and loans, and it hasn't yet been decided where the money to pay back the loan portion of the project.

New federal rules will eventually require the city to replace the private side of a lead line when it replaces the city portion (generally the dividing line is the sidewalk) and an ordinance would be required to ensure that happens.

That led to people wondering if they would be required to pay for the lead lines being replaced in front of their houses. But now city leaders say they would scale back the





number of lead pipes replaced each year in order to make sure city residents don't have to pay anything.

The city plans to hold the meeting at 6:45 pm Aug. 19. The meeting is meant to explain the project in more detail to the public and to allow the city council members to ask questions. No decisions will be made at the meeting.

City leaders plan to replace more than 500 lines through the program — and had planned next year to increase that to more than 1,500.

County revokes Minocqua Brewing Co's operating permit, but injunction keeps the brewery open

Oneida County voted last week to shut down Minocqua Brewing Company's operating license last week, but an appeals court injunction will allow the brewery to operate for now.

Oneida County last Wednesday voted to revoke the company's operating license after citing zoning violations of its beer garden. Minocqua Brewing Company owner Kirk Bangstad says he tried to compromise with the county by agreeing to fix the problems in October once tourism season ended, but the county didn't accept that and revoked the license.

But the following day an Appeals Court issued an injunction allowing the brewery to remain open while its appeals case is heard. According to the court records, the appellate court expects to issue a ruling in the case in August.



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Amazon officially opens Weston site

The Amazon facility in Weston opened last week, officials say.

The 79,000-square-foot building officially opened July 11, and is a last-mile facility to deliver goods to the area from the online retailer.

Amazon announced last fall that it would be building the distribution center in Weston.

Wausau Police welcomes new therapy dog

Wausau Police Department's first therapy dog retired this summer — but now the second generation of these dogs is about to start roaming the school hallways.

The police department recently welcomed new K9 officer Timber to the department last week. He will fill the role left by Badge, the department's first therapy dog that accompanies a school resource officer to Wausau East. Badge retired at the end of the school year.

Timber will start with the school resource officer at Wausau East later this year. Police officials in a feature on the therapy dog program told City Pages that the therapy dog is more effective than humans in helping resolve difficult situations with students.

Man killed in Ringle crash

One man was killed in a crash on Highway 29 near Ringle last week.

Marathon County Sheriff's Office officials say a crash happened on Highway 29 near Silk Road shortly after 11 am Thursday. One man, 63-year-old Keith Johnson of Rhinelander, was killed in the crash. Deputies closed traffic westbound on Highway 29 between highways Y and Q while the crash was investigated.

Debris from the crash could still be found near the crash site Friday afternoon. Police have not said what caused the crash, which only involved a single vehicle.

Kennedy Park renovations about to get marketing

The village of Weston is working on a marketing plan to start raising money for the renovation of Kennedy Park.

The village late last year approved a new master plan for the park that would renovate the facilities of the park, including turning the baseball/softball fields into a facility that could host tournaments.

The project is estimated to cost \$14.5 million all told, but Weston Parks officials say the project could be done in phases to spread out the costs. And there are ways to potentially save money - Parks Director Sean Oesterbrink told the Parks Committee that village workers could do some of the demo work to cut costs, for instance.

Weston officials, partnering with G Morty and the Makers, hope to see the marketing plan kick off in September.

Former mayor candidate facing hate crime charges

A man who ran for mayor after making anti-Semitic speeches on the 400 Block is facing charges of disorderly conduct related to a race-related incident at a gas station.

According to police reports, Christopher Wood on May 12 at a west-side Kwik Trip told a white woman that she should ditch the black man she was with and find a white man instead because, he allegedly said, the world needs more white people. After she responded with disgust, she and her two companions got into an argument with him. During the argument, which nearly escalated to physical violence, Wood allegedly used the N-word multiple times and even used the word while the police officer was writing him a summons to court.

Wood ran for Wausau mayor, garnering the 200 signatures needed to get on the ballot. Wood received 223 votes in the February primary, a little more than 5% of the vote.

Wood was charged last week with disorderly conduct stemming from the incident, along with a hate crime modifier. That modifier is rarely used, though former Chief Ben Bliven said in 2020 they requested hate crime charges stemming from an incident that also, coincidentally, occurred at a gas station.

Wood is expected to make an initial appearance in Marathon County Court on Aug. 14.

Second Big Eau Pleine deer hunt planned for this year

Marathon County plans to have another deer hunt at Big Eau Pleine Park this year and it won't require a special permit.

The county's Parks Commission Tuesday decided against requiring a special permit for the hunt.

Marathon County held the hunt last year in order to thin the deer herd in the park, which is located south of Mosinee and has horse riding, disc golf and mountain biking. But county leaders had trouble getting numbers on how many deer were harvested, Parks Director Jamie Polley told the Commission. She put out the idea that the county could have a special permit to better track the numbers.

But commission members said they were happy with how the hunt went and didn't see the need for the change. The commission can see how it goes for its second year before making any changes.

Polley says the parks department can work harder to get the word out to hunters to report their numbers to the county so they can track how the harvest went. But, Polley told the commission, there is evidence that the herd has decreased from last year.



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Ballot access

Door county judge rejects absentee ballot envelope challenge

A Door County judge has rejected a challenge to the absentee envelopes the state Elections Commission approved a year ago.

Judge David Weber yesterday also shot down a motion from an Amberg man to require those who request an absentee ballot through MyVote.wi.gov to return a signed copy of their request in the envelope along with their ballot.

The Elections Commission had warned in court filings that granting the requests from Thomas Oldenburg would've risked upending the absentee voting process and possibly disenfranchising thousands of Wisconsin voters.

According to an update from the Elections Commission yesterday, 275,385 absentee ballots had been requested for the Aug. 13 primary. Nearly 117,000 of those have already been returned to local clerks.

"This decision is another victory for Wisconsin voters — and for accessible absentee voting in particular," said Dem AG Josh Kaul, whose agency represented the Elections Commission. "Wisconsinites can rest assured that our election system is safe and secure and that the Wisconsin DOJ will continue protecting our freedom to vote."

Oldenburg was represented by attorneys Kevin Scott, who also worked for those involved in the failed attempt to recall Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, and Daniel Eastman, who was part of efforts to overturn Wisconsin's 2020 election results. Scott didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the ruling.

Wisconsin's absentee ballot envelope was at the heart of Donald Trump's unsuccessful attempt in 2020 to overturn Wisconsin's election results. He sought to invalidate 170,140 votes from heavily Dem Dane and Milwaukee counties. The envelope doubled as the written application for an absentee ballot required under state law, and the suit argued that wasn't sufficient to meet the standards in statute. The state Supreme Court didn't address the merits of that claim in rejecting Trump's effort to reverse Joe Biden's win in Wisconsin.

Baldwin challenges notion Dems shoved Biden aside Dem U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin rejected

GOP assertions President Biden was shoved aside by top Democratic donors and party leaders as delegates start voting this week to formally nominate Vice President Kamala Harris.

"What I was hearing from is not some elite or donor class," Baldwin said on WISN's "UpFront," which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. "Every rally I went to, the 4th of July parades that I attended in northern Wisconsin, just average people were coming up, and they so respect the work that Joe Biden has done. But they were conveying to me and asking me to convey to the president that they appreciate his work, and they asked him to step aside."

Baldwin also rejected calls by some GOP lawmakers that Biden should resign.

"I think the questions that people were raising were about the stamina for the campaign itself," Baldwin said. "And also, you know, this is a four-year term. But that's very different from what we're looking at right now. He is, he's been a great president. He is on top of the issues he needs to."

"I think the administration and Biden

is perfectly capable of finishing out the term," she added. "The president himself."

Groups advocate for federal spending reform

Four groups have registered with the state over the past three months signaling plans to engage voters ahead of the Aug. 13 primary on constitutional amendments that would give lawmakers a say over how federal funds are spent in Wisconsin.

Meanwhile, the conservative Institute for Reforming Government Action and Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty tell WisPolitics they're teaming up for a media campaign urging voters to approve the proposals.

Most of the groups contacted by WisPolitics declined to provide specifics of their plans. Still, it all points to an unusually active paid media fight over constitutional amendments as GOP lawmakers have increasingly turned to the referendums after they've been stymied by Dem Gov. Tony Evers' vetoes.

GOP state Rep. Bob Wittke, one of the amendments co-authors, said he hadn't been expecting a significant paid media







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effort over the proposals. He was surprised when his son received a mailer from one of the anti-amendment groups.

"To me, it's really a non-partisan issue," said Wittke, R-Racine. "It's restoring in the Constitution the Legislature's power of the purse. It was taken out in the '30s during the Great Depression. But by God, some things have changed since then."

WI Dems disappointed in Netanyahu's address

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, the only Wisconsin Dem member of Congress to attend Benjamin Netanyahu's address to a joint session, said she was "deeply disappointed" by the Israeli prime minister's remarks.

Dem U.S. Reps. Mark Pocan and Gwen Moore both boycotted yesterday's speech, Netanyahu's first before Congress since the Oct. 7 attacks when Hamas killed about 1,200 people and kidnapped hundreds, including some who have yet to be released. Nearly 40,000 Palestinians have been killed since the onset of the war, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

Baldwin said she was "deeply disappointed" Netanyahu didn't use his time to lay out a plan to end the war in Gaza, bring home hostages, boost humanitarian assistance into Gaza and move toward a two-state solution.

"The way in which Netanyahu has gone about this war has not reunited the hostages with their families and appears to only be moving us further away from security, stability, and peace in the region," Baldwin said. "Hamas and the Netanyahu government must come to the table to reach a ceasefire agreement."

Moore and Pocan argued Netanyahu should prioritize reaching a ceasefire deal in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war over speaking before Congress.

Pocan, of the town of Vermont, said Netanyahu has "waged a deadly and excessive response that has targeted Gazan civilians." **CP**





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Ballot boxed

Wisconsin's new rules on ballot drop boxes create opportunity for election challenges, 'vigilantes'



Voters using Wisconsin's newly legalized drop boxes may return only their own ballots, except in special cases, according to new guidance from the Wisconsin Elections Commission. That means even a voter dropping off a spouse's ballot along with their own would be considered as having cast a ballot improperly.

The rule could be difficult for municipal clerks to enforce. But it leaves an opening for potential challenges from conservative election activists, who are already preparing to act on suspicions that Democratic voters will abuse the boxes to commit fraud. Allegations of drop box misuse could also spur legal challenges to election results, experts say.

In the run-up to this year's elections, local officials are dealing with heavy scrutiny from election observers seeking to challenge absentee ballots, and Republicans have sought to increase the number of people monitoring drop boxes. Republican U.S. Senate candidate Eric Hovde recently called for 24-hour drop box monitoring in Madison, The Washington Post reported.

Those calls came quickly after a Wisconsin Supreme Court majority on July 5 overturned a 2022 decision that banned drop boxes. Since the decision, clerks in cities like Madison, Milwaukee and other municipalities around the state have stated their intent to use drop boxes in the August primary.

Drop boxes became one of the most politicized election issues in Wisconsin after the 2020 presidential contest, leading to extensive misinformation, false allegations of widespread fraud, and "2,000 Mules," a purported documentary about drop box misuse that has been roundly debunked. Their return in Wisconsin promises to revive the suspicions that fed those claims.

"People who don't believe that the system has integrity are looking for places to prove that, and the drop box just becomes an easy place to go because it's in public, and there are lots of voters interacting with those boxes as they deposit ballots," said UW-Madison political science professor Barry Burden, the founding director of the university's Elections Research Center. "And so it's a place where their suspicions can be tested."

Already, on social media channels prominently featuring election conspiracy theorists, people are making plans to monitor drop boxes.

One person in a Telegram group called for people to "Sit by those boxes like flies on shit."

Another suggested what could be more menacing behavior, calling for drop box observers to follow voters home, "Make a note of their address then post it on Telegram."

Even a perceived misuse of a drop box could be used to fuel concerns about election integrity, UW-Madison Law School associate professor Robert Yablon said.

"It may mean that you have more observers that are going to camp out at drop boxes looking for something that they think is wrong, whether or not it is, and having a viral moment," he said. "There often may well be innocent explanations, but nevertheless, the appearance will be something questionable enough for them to run with."

The last time drop boxes were in use, there wasn't a rule or guidance explicitly addressing whether voters had to return only their own ballots to drop boxes. When the Wisconsin Supreme Court banned them in 2022 following a challenge from conservatives, it said voters with absentee ballots had to mail them or deliver them in person to the clerk, but didn't rule on whether a voter could mail other people's ballots.

When the state Supreme Court, now with a liberal majority, overturned the drop box ban on July 5, it didn't address whether people could return ballots besides their own to a drop box. But the election commission stepped in with its guidance, saying voters can return only their own ballots unless they're helping somebody who's disabled or hospitalized.

Additionally, the guidance clarifies the court decision doesn't require drop boxes to be staffed or require clerks to "ask any questions" of a voter returning a ballot to a drop box.

People can watch drop boxes, as long as they don't interfere with voting, the guidance says, and clerks should contact law enforcement if people impede the use of a drop box.

'Vigilantes' could get involved in monitoring drop boxes

Besides Wisconsin, 27 states explicitly allow drop boxes, while another six states have jurisdictions that use them.

States differ in their rules on who can return voters' absentee ballots to a drop box or a clerk. In Georgia, which has drop boxes, voters' absentee ballots can be returned by their family members, household members or caregivers. In Alabama, though, voters can return only their own ballots.

In Wisconsin, Burden said, the new WEC guidance draws "a brighter line" than the courts did on the issue of who can return a ballot. "So it might give some justification for these kinds of vigilantes who want to watch the drop boxes and look for wrongdoing."

Burden cautioned, though, that there could be ambiguous situations where these people might incorrectly "jump to conclusions."

For example, a voter could be putting three ballots into a drop box, two of them completed by the voter's disabled parents, which would be allowed, he said. But if an election observer captured that on video, such a moment could be misinterpreted, or deliberately misused, to spread suspicions of improper voting.

"It gets very easy for a misunderstanding to spin out of control," Burden said, "and so it would be much better for election officials or courts — people who actually know what they're doing — to be on top of this, rather than allow rogue individuals to inject themselves into the process."

Burden warned that such vigilante behavior could escalate to a form of voter intimidation, as in Arizona in 2022, where a group of people wearing masks and carrying guns stood close to drop boxes until a judge ordered them to stand farther away.

Challenges to drop boxes could take many forms

In Shorewood Hills, a 2,100-person village surrounded by Madison, village Clerk Julie Fitzgerald unlocked the village drop box the day the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that they were legal.

Fitzgerald said having drop boxes available again for ballots is especially convenient because the village box is also used by residents to drop off their utility payments. When drop boxes were banned for voting purposes, Fitzgerald had to close them off during elections, requiring residents to return utility payments elsewhere.

Neither the court's ruling nor the election commission's guidance requires drop boxes to be staffed. Before the commission issued its guidance, Fitzgerald said she hoped it wouldn't put the onus on clerks to monitor drop boxes.

But clerks can still come under scrutiny if a voter returns multiple ballots. And they would face pressure to do something about it to preserve the integrity of the vote count.

"As a statutory matter, the rules concerning return of absentee ballots are mandatory. Improperly cast absentee votes are not to be counted," said Rick Esenberg, president of the conservative law firm Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, which filed the lawsuit that led to the 2022 drop box ban.

There are a few different ways to handle a situation like that, Esenberg said.

One option is a drawdown: That's when election officials withdraw randomly selected ballots because of a numerical discrepancy and exclude them from the count. State law outlines a drawdown as a possible remedy when, during canvassing, the number of tabulated ballots is greater than the number of recorded voters. The idea is that if they can't determine exactly which ballots should be invalidated, they might at least be able to determine the quantity of those ballots and randomly select that quantity to exclude from the count.

State law and the election commission's manual don't stipulate doing a drawdown for improperly returned absentee ballots, but plaintiffs could request such a remedy in a lawsuit.

Other remedies can be considered, Esenberg added, pointing to a North Carolina case where the state ordered a new election after the Republican candidate's campaign was accused of ballot tampering.

Post-election challenges have limitations, however, Esenberg said.

After the 2020 election, the Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected a challenge by then-President Donald Trump that called for drawing down 220,000 votes from Dane and Milwaukee counties. The ruling said it was "unreasonable" for Trump to challenge the ballots after the election on the basis of laws and procedures that were in place well before the election.

Referring in part to that case, Yablon said, "Courts in Wisconsin and elsewhere do tend to hesitate before throwing out the votes of eligible voters."

If the returned ballots are otherwise proper, he said, "the courts are going to be very reluctant to disenfranchise someone based on a deficiency in just how it was returned."

Challenges to current drop box rules could also come from the other direction, in favor of expanding return options, Yablon said.

Groups that want to loosen the current guidance could ask the commission or a court for permission for them to collect and return multiple ballots, arguing that the Supreme Court's latest ruling represents a broader preference for expanding return options, he said.

Safeguards against fraud are in place for ballots left in drop boxes

It's possible under the current rules that an otherwise legitimate ballot can be returned improperly, leaving clerks or challengers to find a way to resolve that issue.

But election officials have safeguards in place to protect against the possibility of widespread fraud through drop boxes, like somebody filling out and returning multiple ballots to a drop box under fake names or in the name of somebody who has already voted.

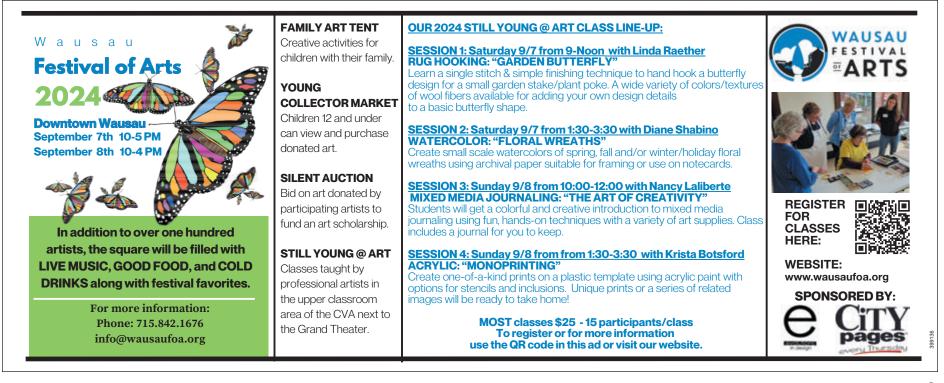
Wisconsin clerks process absentee ballots from drop boxes just as they do any other absentee vote, including those sent through the mail or dropped off in person. With narrow exceptions for military voters, election officials send absentee ballots only to Wisconsin residents who have requested one and are confirmed to have registered to vote with a valid ID.

Before opening the ballot envelopes deposited in a drop box, election officials verify they have witness and voter signatures and a witness address. Then they open the envelope, verify that the person casting the ballot was qualified to vote and hadn't already voted in the election, and record the person on the poll books as having returned an absentee ballot. Only then would they tabulate the vote.

In its guidance, the commission also issued best security practices for drop boxes, including making sure that drop boxes are in a well-lit area, that they have locks or seals to secure ballots and that they can't be moved or tampered with.

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Leon Timbo Thursday 8/1 | Pfiffner Pioneer Park, Stevens Point

Leon Timbo was born in the south to a preacher's son, and so much of that informs Leon Timbo's music. Remarkably, Timbo manages to channel that southern soul while blending it into something more pop-oriented and modern. Timbo struggled early in his career - his first record didn't sell very well — but he persisted and ended up playing 150 shows that year, and hasn't slowed down since. He recently signed with producer Kenny Edmonds, who has worked with Celine Dion, Beyonce and Michael Jackson among others. For a blend of modern and bluesy southern soul, Timbo is your man. Free. 6 pm, headlining bands start at 7 pm, and come at 5 pm for yoga. More information and even a Spotify playlist at www.createportageounty.org/levittamp

Movie in the Park: Wish Thursday, 8/1 | The 400 Block, Wausau

Taking the kids to a movie is a time-honored tradition but did you know that doesn't necessarily mean sitting in



If you would like to be part of an exciting team, please apply online at youngsdrugstore.com or email becky.hummer@youngsdrugstore.com the air conditioning? The Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department is hosting another movie in the park. This time, the featured film is Wish, a Disney animated film from last year. Wish is the story of 17-year-old Asha, a girl who is surprised when she wishes upon a star while in need and as a result meets a real-life, magical falling star. Together they work to defeat the evil sorcerer and restore peace to the world. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the show. 7 pm. Free. Wausau/Marathon County Parks and Rec on Facebook for more or to see the full lineup

Matt and Jody from **The Station/Local Heroes**

Fri-Sat 8/2-8/3 | Stoney Acres Farm, Athens

Let's face it, Pizza on the Farm at Stoney Acres Farm is always a joy even when there is no music. Enjoying a pizza on a sunny Friday evening with a beer in hand and friends around is just a good time waiting to happen. Add in some live music, even better. This weekend has an interesting double header - Matt and Jody from The Station will kick things off on Friday, and Tyler Vogt and the Local Heroes (of Malarkey's fame) will make Saturday something special the following day on Saturday. Pizza runs 4-8:30 pm, and music typically starts at five. stoneyacres.net.

Community Thank You Cookout Tuesday 8/6 | The 400 Block, Wausau

The Wausau Police Department has been holding this cookout for a number of years now — it's a great excuse to head on down to the 400 Block, meet some of the K9 cops, bring the kids to check out the police and fire vehicles, and have some free eats cooked up by the boys and girls in blue (with some help from the fire department too). The police put on this event to express their support for the community, and hey, food is always appreciated. 11 am. Free. See more on the Wausau Police Department's Facebook page.

Wausau Rec Release Sat.-Sun. 8\3-8\4 | Whitewater Park, Wausau

One of the cool things about Wausau is you can be walking around on a late Sunday morning downtown and suddenly find yourself watching whitewater kayaking right in the middle of downtown! During these rec releases at Whitewater Park, the water is turned into that gushing, churning variety that attracts kayakers from around the world. They also attract plenty of folks to the park to watch kayakers do all those cool flips and twists and go underwater momentarily before emerging. (Not to mention, plenty of photogs to get it all on "film.") Kayakers also camp out along the shore but feel free to swing down and watch them practice. 10 am-4 pm. www.wausauwhitewater.org.



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Whiskey Ditch · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Party rock. 6 pm. 715-341-2232

Mattea Joy · The Chatterbox, Wausau. Variety. 6 pm. 715-842-3059

Brad Emanuel · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Variety. 8 pm. 715-356-6134

Bernie Thompson · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-358-2116

Friday August 2

Ken Williams · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-344-9310 Matt & Jody from the Station

· Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Variety. 5 pm. 715-432-6285 Caleb & Emily · Malarkey's Pub,

Wausau. Variety. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

DJ Dublicit · Treu's Tic Toc, Wausau. Variety. 10 pm. 715-848-2465

Saturday August 3

Michael Saint · Pine Pointe Bar & Grill, Tomahawk. Acoustic variety & original. 3 pm. 715-453-3133 Tom Burt · Point Brewery, Stevens

Point. Variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310 Between Howls · Amber Grill, Stevens Point. Folk, rock & blues 5

pm. 715-344-9808 Local Heroes · Stoney Acres Farm,

Athens. Variety. 5 pm. 715-432-6285 **Michael Murphy** · Sunset Point

Winery, Stevens Point. Blues. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Pete Revelle & The Four on the Floor · O'so Brewing Company,

Plover. Jazz. 6 pm. 715-254-2163 Crankin Yankees · Tiki Beach Bar &

Grill, Mosinee. Rock & country. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232 Sam Rodewald · Mosinee Brewing

Company, Mosinee Acoustic indie-pop. 7 pm. 715-693-2739

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

TJ Morrow · Arrow Sports Club, Weston. Country. 8 pm. 715-359-2363

Flying Blind · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Classic rock. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

Sunday August 4

Tuck Pence · Renee's Red Rooster Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Acoustic variety. 2 pm. 715-344-9825 Two for the Show w/special guest Reckless Dezire · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Rock & roll. 5 pm. 715-341-2232

Wednesday August 7 Troy Allen · The Local Goat Company, Amherst. Country. 5:30 pm. 715-824-7656

Thursday August 8 Brett Winters · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Indie folk. 4 pm. 715-358-0172 Blame it on Waylon · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Country. 6 pm. 715-341-2232 The Swing Doctors · Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230
 Brad Emanuel · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Variety. 8 pm. 715-356-6134

Friday August 9 Tommy Z · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

Joyann Parker · Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Variety. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

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

Saturday August 10

Renee Michelle · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic classic rock, country & variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310 The Tamaracks · Stoney Acres,

Athens Farm. Rock, blues, country & Americana. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

Tom Burt · Amber Grill, Stevens Point. Variety. 5 pm. 715-344-9808

Brett Westgrove · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Acoustic. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Adam Kopper · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Tailwater · District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Pop, country & rock. 6 pm. 715-544-6707

Infer/Red · Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Rock & roll. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232

Between Howls · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Folk, rock & blues. 7:30 pm. 715-819-3663

Still Reckless · Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Country. 8 pm. 715-344-5990

The Northwoods Bassist · Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 9 pm. 715-845-2030

Ongoing

 $\textbf{Trivia} \cdot \textbf{Mondays, Guu's on Main,}$ Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 7 pm. http://guusonmain.com/ Karaoke Night · Mondays & Fridays, Moua's Callon St. Pub, Wausau Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-1902 Trivia · Tuesdays, District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-6707 Video Trivia · Tuesdays. The Garage Wausau. Create a team of up to 4 players or play solo. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-393-4495 Trivia · Tuesdays, The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-355-7001

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

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

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Movie times 8/1-8/7

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Deadpool & Wolverine (R):

Thurs. 10:30 am. 1:30 pm.

4:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 7:30 pm

(HeatedDreamLounger), 9:45

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Ponyo-Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (G):

Sat. 3 pm (Subtitled); Sun. 3 pm, 7

pm (Dubbed); Mon. & Wed. 7 pm

(Subtitled); Tues. 7 pm (Dubbed)

Shrek (PG): Sat. 9:30 am, 12:30 pm;

Sun., Mon. & Wed. 9:30 am; Tues.

Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG):

Thurs. 2 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:40 pm,

9 pm; Fri. & Sat. 9:40 am, 12 pm,

Sun. & Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:40

am, 12 pm, 2:20 pm, 4:40 pm,

Trap (PG13): Thurs. 3 pm, 5 pm,

7:40 pm, 10:20 pm; Fri., Sat. &

Sun, 9:40 am, 11:30 am, 2:10

Mon. 11:20 am. 2:30 pm. 4:50

Wed. 11:30 am, 2:10 pm, 4:50

Blackpink World Tour [Born Pink]

in Cinemas (TBD): Thurs. 6:10 pm

(Subtitled); Fri. 6 pm (Subtitled);

Sat. & Sun. 12 pm (Subtitled)

7:10 pm, 10:10 pm; Fri., Sat.,

9:50 pm

Sun., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:50

am, 12:50 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:50 pm,

Despicable Me 4 (PG): Thurs. 9:50

6:40 pm, 9:10 pm; Fri., Sun. &

am, 11:10 am, 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm,

Tues. 9:30 am, 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5

Twisters (PG13): Thurs. 10:10 am,

11 am, 1:10 pm, 2 pm, 4:10 pm,

pm, 7:30 pm, 10:10 pm

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9:50 am; Wed. 9:10 am

8:20 pm, 8:50 pm, 9:30 pm, 10:45

10:45 pm, 11:20 am, 5:20 pm;

Mon. & Wed. 10:10 am, 1:10

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

Wednesdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Trivia starts at 7 pm. malarkeyspub.com Karaoke · Wednesdays, Wausau Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary #251, Wausau. Starts at 8 pm. 715-845-

4795 Open Mic · Sundays, Intermission, Wausau. Hosted by The Chad O'Kennedy. Starts at 8 pm. 715-849-9377

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

Katyoke Night · Thursdays, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Themed karaoke with Katy. Starts at 8 pm. 715-298-3202

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

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

ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473 Movie times thru 8/8 Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG): Fri. 1 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm, Mon. & Wed. 1 pm & 7 pm, Tues. & Thurs. 7 pm only

Deadpool & Wolverine (R): Fri. 1 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. & Wed. 1 pm & 7 pm, Tues. & Thurs. 7 pm only

Twisters (PG13): Fri. 1 pm, 7 pm &

FROM INNER SLEEVE 1. Dirty Knobs featuring Mike Campbell 'Virgins, Vagabonds & Misfits'

- 2. Slash 'Orgy Of The Damned'
- 3. Black Country Communion 'V' 4. Cage The Elephant 'Neon Pill'
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- 6. The Black Keys 'Ohio Players'
- 7. Vampire Weekend 'Only God Was Above Us'
- 8. Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats 'South Of Here'

TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS

- 9. Widespread Panic 'Snake Oil King'
- 10. Ghost 'Rite Here Rite Now'

pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Sat. 10 am, 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Mon. 9:50 am, 12 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Wed. 9:50 am, 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm

Inside Out 2 (PG): Thurs. 9:50 am, 11:40 am, 12:20 pm, 2:40 pm, 5 pm, 7:20 pm, 9:40 pm; Fri., Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am, 12:20 pm, 2:40 pm, 5 pm, 7:20 pm, 9:40 pm; Sat. & Sun. 9:40 am, 12:20 pm, 2:40 pm, 5 pm, 7:20 pm, 9:40 pm The Jungle Bunch: Operation

Meltdown (PG): Thurs. 10 am Longlegs (R): Thurs. 12:20 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:50 pm, 10:30 pm

ON STAGE

Gazebo Nights at Normal Park: The Northwoods Bassist · Thurs. 8/1, Normal Park, Merrill. Acoustic variety. Starts at 5 pm. 715-297-4309

Levitt Amp Concert Series: Leon Timbo · Thurs. 8/1, Pfiffner Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Soul, gospel, blues, funk, folk, R&B, dance. Starts at 6 pm. createportagecounty.org Beethoven & Beach Piano Trios

Thurs. 8/1, hosted by South Beach Up North at Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Starts at 6 pm. Free. 305-389-1297

Gazebo Nights at Normal Park: Rising Phoenix · Thurs. 8/1, Normal Park, Merrill. 70's-90's classic rock. Starts at 6 pm. 715-297-4309

Double Barrel · Thurs. 8/1, Rock Ridge Orchard, Edgar. Country, variety. Starts at 6 pm. 715-370-4083

Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Concert · Sat. 8/3, Village Gardens, Plover. Bring your

own chair. Starts at 11 am. Free. cwso.org Beethoven & Beach Piano Trios · Sat. 8/3, hosted by South Beach Up North at Chestnut Center for the Arts, Marshfield. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 305-389-1297 Hinder · Sat. 8/3, Lake of the

Torches Resort Casino, Lac du Flambeau. Rock. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$30-\$40. lakeofthetorches. com Elvis Elvis Elvis · Sat. 8/3. North Star

Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Elvis tribute performed by Tim 'E'. Doors open at 7 pm. Starts at 8 pm. \$25. northstarcasinoresort. com

Ziji · Sun. 8/4, Kickbusch Plaza, Wausau. Jazz. Starts at 5 pm. Free rivervalleyjazz.org
Notes @ Night: Lawrence Andersen · Wed. 8/7, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Acoustic. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com
PJ's Live: ember · Wed. 8/7, PJ's-SentryWorld, Stevens Point. Country & rock. Starts at 5:30 pm. sentryworld.com

Levitt Amp Concert Series: Bassel & The Supernaturals · Thurs. 8/8, Pfiffner Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Funk. Starts at 6 pm. createportagecounty.org

46th Annual Shawano Folk Music Festival - Fri.-Sun. 8/9-8/11, Mielke Arts Center & Mielke Park, Shawano. Lineup: John Stano, Emma's Revolution, Gaines & Wagoner, Mark Dvorak, Ken Lonnquist & the O'Darby Irish Pub Band, Lil' Rev, Heather Styka, South for Winter & more. Starts at 7 pm. \$15-\$80. shawanofestival.org

Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Concert · Sat. 8/10, Wausau Botanic Gardens, Wausau. Bring your own chair. Starts at 10 am. Free. cwso.org Janet Planet · Sun. 8/11, Kickbusch

Plaza, Wausau. Jazz. Starts at 5 pm. Free. rivervalleyjazz.org Concert in the Clouds: Andy Z

and the Swinging Monkeys - Sat. 8/11, Rib Mountain State Park Amphitheater, Wausau. Variety. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission to concert. Daily or annual park admission pass required. ribmountain.org

Main Street Music: Curt Pliske & Polka Spirit · Tues. 8/13, hosted by Marathon City 2020 Ltd at Marathon City Heritage Center Park, Marathon City. Polka. Starts at 6 pm. facebook.com/ marathoncity2020

Uncharted Waters - Tues. 8/13, Hodag Park, 509 Hodag Park Dr, Rhinelander. Acoustic. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-362-1975

PJ's Live: Hip Pocket Wed. 8/14, PJ's-SentryWorld, Stevens Point. Top 40, R&B, Latin-infusion, jazz, pop, modern & classic rock. Starts at 5:30 pm. sentryworld.com

Notes @ Night: First Avenue · Wed. 8/14, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Acoustic variety. Starts at 5:30 pm. downtownpointwi.com

Concert on the Square: Conscious Pilot · Wed. 8/14, 400 Block, Wausau. Rock. Starts at 6 pm. wausauevents.org

Levitt Amp Concert Series: newSong & Michelle Elle · Thurs. 8/15, Pfiffner Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Hmong music. Starts at 6 pm. createportagecounty.org

The Merry Wives of Windsor-Schmeeckle Shakes · Thurs.-Sun. 8/15-8/18, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater at Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point. Shakespearean comedy that tells the tale of Sir John Falstaff's attempt to court two wives of two wealthy merchants, only for them to take revenge by playing pranks on him. Starts at 6 pm on 8/15-8/17 & 2 pm on 8/18. \$15 suggested donation on Thurs. \$15/adult, \$10 veteran/student Fri.-Sun. cwact.org

Bored Teachers: The Struggle Is Real! · Fri. 8/16, Grand Theater, Wausau. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$70. 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. 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



Friday, 09 August 2024 6pm - 9pm

Indoor Arena – Rain or Shine

This movie is inspired by a true story about a horse trainer (played by Kurt Russell) who sacrifices everything so that his daughter (played by Dakota Fanning) can see their injured horse race again.

Admission: Free

Please Bring

Your Own Chair

or Blanket

No Carry Ins

- Popcorn, Baked Goods & Refreshments for Purchase
- Stick Pony Competitions
- Handmade Stick Ponies & Pony Pillows for sale
- Barn Tours & More
 - Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center 142744 Countryside Drive | Wausau (10 min. west of Fleet Farm) www.stablehandstherapy.com



Super Sip 'N Swap or Shop · 3rd Thursday of every month, JN Creations LLC, 608 Washington St, Wausau. Taste a sip of a beverage sold at the boutique from a Wisconsin Maker & Swap out your reading, cookbooks, magazines, puzzles & board games. Not a swapper just a shopper? No problem. Come on in. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 612-756-1177 Senior Wednesday · Wednesdays, JN Creations LLC, 608 Washington St,

Wausau. 10% discount for ages 60+. 612-756-1177 Veterans Weekly Cup-of-Coffee at a Glance · Wednesdays, Denny's,

Rothschild. Veterans can meet and enjoy a cup of coffee and meal. Starts at 10 am. More info at mikeheil123.wixsite.com/website

Wednesday Night Sessions · Wednesdays, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Enjoy a fellowship meal at 5:30 pm. Programs include FISH (for parents and children ages 3-grade 5), Ignite Confirmation (grade 6 & 7), Fusions Youth Group (for grades 8-12), and an adult bible study. Starts at 6:15 pm. mtoliveweston.org

Wausau Morning Toastmasters Meeting • 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, Vino Latte, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. toastmasters.org

Central Wisconsin Marine Corps League Detachment 350 · 3rd Wednesday of each month, 2970 Post Road, Plover. Meet at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome. 715-824-3343 or 715-252-3339 for more info

- Aspirus Wausau Farmers Market · Every Thursday, Located at Aspirus Corporate Parking Lot, 2200 Westwood Dr, Wausau. Opens 9 am. Aspirus.org
- History Chats · Every Thursday, hosted online by the Marathon County Historical Society. Learn about Marathon County's history from Ben Clark and/or Gary Gisselman. Starts at 12:30 pm. On Facebook Live and Marathon County Historical Society's Youtube page

Out & About · Every Thursday (except 4/14 & Thanksgiving), Jubilee House Free Community Meal, St. Matthew Catholic Church Campus, 221 S 28th St, Wausau. 4:30 pm-6 pm. 715-848-6120

Farmers Market of Wausau · Saturdays & Wednesdays from May-mid Nov., 200 River Dr, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. farmersmarketofwausau.com

- Stevens Point Quakers Meeting · Every Sunday. Boys & Girls Club, 941 Michigan Ave, Stevens Point. All welcome! Child care available. Religious education twice a month. Starts at 10 am. 715-344-2593 for more info First UU Church of Wausau Service · Sundays. First UU Church of Wausau,
- 504 Grant St, Wausau. All are welcomed at the first UU Church of Wausau. Starts at 10:30 am. uuwausau.org Edgar Community Cookbook · now until 9/1, Marathon County Public
- Library, Edgar. Drop off your recipe at MCPL Edgar or email MCPL.Edgar@ co.marathon.wi.us. Recipes may be original or created by others; please include a brief description of each recipe's origin. After enough recipes have been received, a cookbook will be compiled & added to the library's collection for the community to enjoy. Free event & open to Edgar area community members. 715-352-3155 for more info
- "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. Ionelyoakfarm.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 during the summer, 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

EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

Wisconsin Valley Fair · Tues.-Sun. 7/30-8/4, Marathon Park, Wausau. Check out the carnival, concerts and more. Concert lineup: Night Ranger, LOCASH & Gabby Barrett. Rodeo on Sat. & Demo Derby on Sun. \$22 season admission, \$18 season parking, \$8 daily admission, \$30 unlimited ride wristband. wisconsinvalleyfair.com

Friends of MCPL Book Sale - Wed.-Sat. 7/31-/8/3, 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 5 pm on Wed. for members & open to the general public at 9 am from Thurs.-Sat. 715-261-7200

Pizza in the Orchard · Thurs. 8/1, Rock Ridge Orchard, Edgar. Enjoy a pizza buffet and a variety of music from Double Barrel. Bring a lawn chair. Doors open at 4 pm. Music starts at 6 pm. \$18 adults, \$6 children 11 and under. 715-370-4083

Dinner in the Vineyard · Thurs. 8/1, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy a specialty-themed cocktail, appetizers, salad greens, homemade bread, two meat entrees, potatoes, rice, grilled veggies, dessert, after-dinner drink and wagon rides. Starts at 6 pm. \$70/person. willowspringsgardens.com Wausau Woodchucks Game · Thurs. 8/1, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Thunder Bay Border Cats. Starts at 6:35 pm.

Woodchucks vs. Thunder Bay Border Cats. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/

Movie in the Park: Wish · Thurs. 8/1, The 400 Block, Wausau. Bring a blanket, chairs and snack to enjoy during the movie. Starts at 7 pm. Free. marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/parks-recreation-forestry Common Grounds Coffee Chat · Fri. 8/2, Food + Farm Exploration Center, 3400 Innovation Dr, Plover. Drip coffee, pastries, monthly ag topic, good conversation. Starts at 8 am. Free. explorefoodandfarm.org to register

Wausau Woodchucks Game · Fri. 8/2, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Thunder Bay Border Cats. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague.com/ wausau-woodchucks/

Wausau Woodchucks Game · Sat. 8/3, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Madison Mallards. Starts at 6:05 pm. northwoodsleague.com/wausauwoodchucks/

Wausau Woodchucks Game · Mon. 8/5, Athletic Park, Wausau.

- Woodchucks vs. Kenosha Kingfish. Starts at 6:05 pm. northwoodsleague. com/wausau-woodchucks/
- Cat Lover Craft & Social Hour · Tues. 8/6, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Enjoy feline-themed crafts & socialize with other cat lovers. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

Wausau Woodchucks Game · Tues. 8/6, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Kenosha Kingfish. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague. com/wausau-woodchucks/

Pizza on the Patio · Wed. 8/7, 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
 Wausau Woodchucks Game · Wed. 8/7, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Minnesota Mud Puppies. Starts at 6:35 pm.

northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/

- Stratford Young Adult Book Club: "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys Thurs. 8/8, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. This historical fictional novel tells the gripping tale of four young refugees seeking
- freedom during World War II. Starts at 5:30 pm. 715-687-4420 Wausau Woodchucks Game · Thurs. 8/8, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Minnesota Mud Puppies. Starts at 6:35 pm.
- northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/ Movie in the Park: Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone · Thurs. 8/8, The 400 Block, Wausau. Bring a blanket, chairs and snack to enjoy during the movie. Starts at 7 pm. Free. marathoncounty.gov/about-us/departments/
- parks-recreation-forestry Family Movie Night at the Farm: Dreamer · Fri. 8/9, Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, 142744 Country Dr, Wausau. Inspired by a true story about a horse trainer who sacrifices everything so that his daughter can see their injured horse race again. Bring your own chair or blanket. Movie will be shown in the indoor arena, rain or shine. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission. stablehandstherapy.com
- Wausau Woodchucks Game · Fri. 8/9, Athletic Park, Wausau. Woodchucks vs. Kenosha Kingfish. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague.com/wausau-woodchucks/
- St. Therese August Fest · Sat.-Sun. 8/10-8/11, St. Therese Parish, 112 W. Kort St., Rothschild/Schofield. Sat. 4 pm-7:30 pm music with Double Barrel and Hyde plays 7:30 pm-11:30 pm. Sun. Polka Access Band & Polka Pak play alternating on the grounds from 11 am-4:30 pm with Polka Mass at 10 am in the church. Chicken & Ham dinner plus sausage & kraut from 11 am-1:30 pm. Carry-outs available. Bingo in basement from noon-5:30 pm. Both days include: bucket raffles, kids games, food, beer, bakery

spin, cherry tree, frozen pierogie & Polish sausage, ice cream sales & flea market. 715-359-2421 Wausau Woodchucks Game · Sat. 8/10, Athletic Park, Wausau.

- Woodchucks vs. Kenosha Kingfish. Starts at 6:35 pm. northwoodsleague. com/wausau-woodchucks/
- Plant Swap · Mon.-Sat. 8/12-8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Patrons can take or leave a plant, along with plant care instructions. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-261-7230
 Marathon City Book Club: "Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zauner · Mon.
- 8/12, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. An unflinching, powerful memoir about growing up Korean-American, losing her mother, & forging her own identity. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775
- Edgar Book Club: "In the Lives of Puppets" by TJ Klune · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. A human & his robot family must embark on a journey to save one of their own before it's too late. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155
- Hatley Book Club: "Firefly Lane" by Kristin Hannah · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. For thirty years, Tully & Kate buoy each other through life, weathering the storms of friendship. They think they've survived it all until a single act of betrayal tears them apart & puts their friendship to the ultimate test. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537
- Athens Book Club: "The Girls of August" by Anne Rivers Siddons · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. For fifteen years, four girls would gather together to spend a week in August at the beach, until tragedy interrupts their ritual. Now they reunite for a startling week of discoveries. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292

OUTDOORS

- Rec Release & Intro to Kayaking Lessons · Sat.-Sun. 8/3-8/4, Wausau Whitewater, 200 River Dr, Wausau. Paddle or slalom in the waters. Learn how to kayak. ACA membership, helmet, boat floatation, life jacket required. Kayaking intro starts at 9 am. Rec release starts at 10 am. \$20 per day, \$30 per weekend, \$10 ACA fee, \$55 for kayaking lessons. wausauwhitewater.org
- Wisconsin Valley Golf Association Tournament · Sun. 8/4, Pine Valley Golf Course, Marathon City. Individual stroke golf tournament open to those



Friday, August 9

River Park - Exhibitors & Vendors Open
Music Venue:
Jerry Schmitt Band6:00 pm
Saturday, August 10
Hand Crafters, Art Exhibits & Demonstrators
Mosinee Historical Society Museum
 Historic Salute to Ray Glazner (Memorial)
Special Features: Entertainment-and-Activity Tent
Mischief and Magic
Stage Shows: 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 5:00 pm performances.
Log Rolling Demonstrations
Shows: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm performances.

Music Venue:

Hand-Picked Bluegrass	1:30 pm
49 Deluxe	

Sunday, August 11

Ecumenical Church Service	
Living History Encampment	
 Hand Crafters, Art Exhibits & Demonst 	trators10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mosinee Historical Society Museum	
Food Vendors and Adult Beverages	
Children's Activities	
Corn Hole Tournament	
• Youth and Novice Fishing Contest	
LogJam Festival Ends	
Special Feature:	
Children's Petting Zoo	
Music Venue:	
Balsam Road Ramblers	
You won't want to miss a single e	vent!
Live Entertainment	
Historical Displays and Activities	
Beverages & Food	Throughout the Weekend
Living History Encampments	
Historic Voyager Canoe Rides	Inrougnout the weekend
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Visitors can participate in numerous activities throughout the weekend. Children's games, and competitions will take place throughout the grounds. who enjoy golf. Starts at 8 am. \$55. wivalleygolf.org **Paddle Quest 2024 Homecoming** · Sat.-Sun. 8/10-8/11, Bahamas On The River, Stevens Point. Go on an adventure across the river, meet other people, solve puzzles and complete challenges. Starts at 10 am. Free. Paddlequest.org

IRONBULL Underdown Trail Run · Sat. 8/17, hosted by IronBull at Merrill. Half marathon, marathon, 60k trail plus Thunderdown in the Underdown 13, 37 & 111 mile mountain bike at Underdown Recreational Area. Underdown Trail Races are grassroots trail runs in Northern Wisconsin. It's located only 6 miles off Hwy 51. Underdown trail run tarts at 9:30 am, 10:15 am, or 11:30 am. Bike rides start at 8 am, 9 am or 9:15 am. \$35-\$65. ironbull.org

History Hike · Sat. 8/17, hosted by Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Go for a hike and observe talk about the early settlement history in the park. Starts at 10 am. Free. ribmountain. org or 715-680-9480

Sporting Youth Heritage Day · Sat. 8/24, hosted by the Wausau Noon Optimist Club at Wausau School Forest, Wausau. Youth between the ages of 8-16 can participate in outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping and more. Preregister by 8/17. Starts at 8:30 am. Free. wausaunoonoptimist.org

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Extension Gardening: Extreme Weather · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn how to garden in extreme weather. Registration required. Starts at 11 am & 6 pm. Free. 715-261-1241 or mcpl. us to register

Quilt College 2024 · Sat. 10/12, hosted by the Pine Tree Quilters Guild at Northcentral Technical College, Wausau. 4 classes offered. You choose 2 to attend. Starts at 9 am. \$80 early bird until 9/1. \$90 after 9/1. ntc.edu/calendar/conferences-seminars-andworkshops

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. gartistscooperative.com

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

Visions XXV Thurs.-Sun. 6/13-8/4. Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. Open theme, open media, juried exhibit. 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. Iywam.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.

Change of Physical State: Metal, Stone & Glass Wed.-Sat. 6/5-8/10. This juried exhibit highlights the mediums Metal, Stone, Glass, and the various ways artists manipulate the materials to create their artwork. cvawausau.org

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 soao. 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

Backpack Buddies · Mon.-Sat. 7/29-8/3, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Kids & tweens who love stringing beads can drop in to create a beaded dragonfly or other animal creation. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Supplies provided. Free. 715-352-3155

My Summer Adventure Book · Mon.-Sat. 7/29-8/3, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Kids & tweens can bind pages together for a book to fill with photos, writing & more. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-659-3996

Sunflower Weaving · Mon.-Sat. 7/29-8/3, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Learn simple weaving techniques to create a unique flower using a paper plate & colorful yarn. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-687-4420

Family Story Time · Thursdays 8/1-8/29, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Story Time · Thursdays 8/1-8/22, 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

Read to a Therapy Dog · Thurs. 8/1, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Fest at Greenheck Turner Community Center · Thurs. 8/1, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Enjoy free bounce houses, open turf, sports simulators, open gyms & more. Starts at 1 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us

Summer LEGO Block Party · Fri. 8/2, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

Movie Matinee for Kids · Fri. 8/2, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. The 2024 animated film is the fourth movie in a popular series about a panda warrior that features the voices of Jack Black, Awkwafina, & Viola Davis. Rated PG. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Vintage Game Night · Fri. 8/2, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Learn about and play vintage games. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org

STEM Lab Saturday-The Science of Yeast · Sat. 8/3, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Explore how yeast makes dough rise, conduct bubbling experiments, & see firsthand how this fascinating fungus is used in baking. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org Summer LEGO Block Party · Sat. 8/3, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-359-6208

Sidewalk Art Chalk · Mon.-Sat. 8/5-8/10, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Decorate the sidewalk outside the library with chalk. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-443-2775

Story Time in the Park · Mon. 8/5, 3M Park, Wausau. Read books, sing songs and even get the parachute out. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Story Time · Tues. 8/6, 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. 8/6, 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 All Day Mario Party · Tues. 8/6, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Enjoy Mario-themed games, Legos, activities & a scavenger hunt. There will even be a visit from Mario himself from 2 pm-4 pm. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-687-4420

Pokémon Club · Tues. 8/6, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Children's Imaginarium Fundraiser at Woodchucks • Tues. 8/6, Athletic Park, Wausau. Purchase your tickets for the Woodchucks game. A portion of sales go towards the Children's Imaginarium. Starts at 5:30

pm. https://tinyurl.com/CIWOODCHUCKS Wild Wednesdays-Marshfield PD K-9 Program · Wed. 8/7, Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Meet Marshfield's police dogs and learn how they keep the city safe. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm.

Free. ci.marshfield.wi.us **Summer LEGO Block Party** · Wed. 8/7, 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 Literacy with Pediatric Therapy Centers · Thurs. 8/8, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Therapy staff will be reading: Dandelion Magic by Darren Farrell. Related movement & craft activities after the reading. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org

Read to a Therapy Dog · Thurs. 8/8, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Read to a Therapy Dog · Thurs. 8/8, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-359-6208 Storytime in the Garden · Thurs. 8/8, Yawkey House, 403 McIndoe St, Wausau. Enjoy a couple of story

books and children's crafts. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-842-5750 Summer LEGO Block Party · Fri. 8/9, Marathon County

Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

Movie Matinee for Kids · Fri. 8/9, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. The 2023 fantasy anime comedy, inspired by a popular role-playing game, follows a charming thief & a band of unlikely adventurers as they go on a quest to retrieve a lost relic. Rated PG13. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220 Aquarium Touch Pool & Activities · Mon. 8/12,

Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children and their families are will have the opportunity to touch a starfish, ask questions about the aquarium & participate in themed crafts and activities. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Backpack Buddies · Mon.-Sat. 8/12-8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Kids & tweens who love stringing beads can drop in to create a beaded dragonfly or other animal creation. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Supplies provided. Free. 715-443-2775

Mini Paper Kites · Mon.-Sat. 8/12-8/17, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Kids can create a fun, travel-size mini kite that they can fly this summer. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-359-6208

Family Story Time · Mon. 8/12, 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

Duct Tape Water Bottle Holder · Mon. 8/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Make a bottle holder out of duct tape. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Outdoor Story Time · Tues. 8/13, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literaturebased activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-446-3537

Farm to Fork Summer Camp · Wed. 8/14, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Students will learn about local farming & practices by visiting the farmers market, & learning fun hands-on activities in the STEM lab. Starts at 8:30 am. \$45. childrensimaginarium.org
Play and Learn · Wednesdays 8/14-8/28, 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 Wild Wednesdays-ZooZort · Wed. 8/14, Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Meet exotic species not found in Wisconsin. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. ci.marshfield.wi.us

DIY Neon Signs · Wed. 8/14, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Make your own neon sign. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Read to a Therapy Dog · Thurs. 8/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Marble Maze in a Pizza Box Summer Camp · Fri. 8/16, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Campers will plan, design, & test their mazes, then walk over to Polito's Pizza for a slice of pizza & drink. Starts at 8:30 am. \$55. childrensimaginarium.org

Summer LEGO Block Party - Fri. 8/16, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-443-2775

Story Time in the Park · Mon. 8/19, Alexander Airport Park, Wausau. Read books, sing songs and even get the parachute out. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Operation: Egg Drop · Tues. 8/20, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Creativity & engineering join forces as campers collaborate & construct contraptions that defy gravity. Starts at 9 am. \$80. childrensimaginarium.org

Family Story Time · Tues. 8/20, 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. 8/20, 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 Wild Wednesdays-Animal Quest · Wed. 8/21,

Wildwood Station, 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield. Animal Quest offers a variety of animal-related services through live animals, knowledge, enthusiasm & laughter. Starts at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. https:// www.ci.marshfield.wi.us

Wausau Teen Forensics Book Club: "One of Us is Lying" by Karen McManus · Thurs. 8/22, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case. This book club is just for teens. Starts at 3 pm. 715-261-7220

Tweens & Teens Night Out-Zucchini • Thurs. 8/22, Food + Farm Exploration Center, 3400 Innovation Dr, Plover. Learn how to make dishes with zucchini. Starts at 4 pm. \$35. 10% member discount. explorefoodandfarm. org to register

Rube Goldberg Challenge Camp · Fri. 8/23, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Campers will craft contraptions, from pulleys to levers & gears to ramps. Starts at 9 am. \$80. childrensimaginarium.org

Kid's History Day · Fri. 8/23, Woodson History Center & Yawkey House Museum, Wausau. Students ages 7-13 can learn about history through tours downtown, interactive crafts, scavenger hunts and more. Starts at 9 am. \$10. Preregistration required. marathoncountyhistory.org

Outdoor Story Time Tues. 8/27, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-446-3537

Yoga Story Time · Wed. 8/28, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Enjoy a special story time, songs, rhymes, easy yoga, breathing exercises & a craft. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-693-2144

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 Starge Paint Area VACA and Paus & Cide Club

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

THE BUZZ By Evan J. Pretzer

Ink business

The new Scott Street tattoo studio Until Ink Do Us Part has an interesting origin story

What do an algorithm, a normally unwanted type of online interaction, and a popular character from a children's television show celebrating its 25th anniversary on the air have in common?

They are a part of the developing history of Until Ink Do Us Part Tattoo Gallery. The Scott Street studio is the brainchild of Scout and Nicole Holstead. The Wausau space's doors opened in February and, while the dreams of any duo can seem like predetermined fate long before they are realized, Scout and Nicole were not guaranteed to get together after their initial conversation.

"After serving in the military, I tried to do modeling and magazine stuff," Nicole Holstead says. "Then one day on Facebook, Scout popped up in the 'People You May Know' section and called me and told me what I was doing was not going to work out the way I wanted it to. I was sassy and was going to prove him wrong, and almost did, but dropped [this path]. We then struck up a friendship in 2020 and after both being single at the right time, I decided to fly him up here."

From this love came marriage and, in December 2023, locking down the spot where the pair and their peers make a living. Today, Scout Holstead says they are going to have a large space with just three artists so customers feel comfortable and like they can breathe when they stop in for creation. In contrast to the stereotype of some tattoo shops, this one sports a family-friendly vibe as well.

"[Apart from our prices in the 100s]

one of the things which makes us stand out is our atmosphere," he says. "We make people feel right at home. There is a secluded feel and comfortability and in some shops, there is inappropriate art and hard metal or wood chairs."

The future looks bright and, while no other grand goals are on the horizon now, the Holsteads are mentoring an apprentice and feel after a brief but notable loss, that Wausau is just quite all right.

"A traffic cone our friend painted for us [with Patrick from SpongeBob SquarePants]

we used to prop open our door went missing," Scout Holstead adds. "We posted and it was incredible how much the community came together to help us find it. It got returned after getting run over."

Until Ink Do Us Part Tattoo Gallery is located at 217 Scott St. More information can be found by visiting them on Facebook and Wednesdays will be set for walk-in clients starting out in August.

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From left, Nicole Holstead, Scout Holstead and son pose in front of Until Ink Do Us Part Tattoo Gallery in Wausau. The new studio aims for a family-friendly atmosphere and lower prices than others.



