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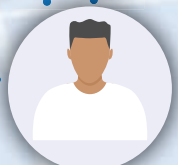
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

The True Measure Of Success

Dear Reader,

In the grand tapestry of existence, we each play a fleeting role, our lives but a brief flicker in the vast expanse of time. As we age and eventually face the inevitable end, we are often compelled to ponder the true measure of success and the meaning of our existence. What purpose does our journey serve? Why are we born to live such a brief span of life?



Traditionally, success has been quantified by wealth, status, and achievements. These tangible markers, while significant, often fail to capture the essence of a fulfilling life. True success lies not in material accumulation but in the quality of our relationships, the kindness we extend, and the impact we have on others. It is reflected in the love we give and receive, the dreams we pursue, and the resilience we exhibit in the face of adversity.

Viktor Frankl, a renowned psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, emphasized that the search for meaning is a fundamental human drive. He argued that meaning can be found in every moment of life, even in suffering. Our purpose is not a single, grand mission but a series of small, meaningful acts that contribute to a larger whole. Whether it's through our work, our passions, or our connections with others, we create meaning daily.

Understanding that life is finite can be both daunting

and liberating. It encourages us to live with intention, to cherish each moment, and to prioritize what truly matters. Our awareness of mortality can inspire us to live more fully, love more deeply, and strive to leave a positive legacy, however modest it may be. The brevity of life makes our actions more precious and our experiences more profound.

In the end, the meaning of our existence is often found in the legacy we leave behind. It's not about monumental achievements but the simple, everyday acts of kindness and the memories we create with others. Our legacy is etched in the hearts of those we touch and the positive changes we inspire. It is in the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, and the love that endures beyond our physical presence.

The true measure of success and the meaning of life are deeply personal and often intangible. They are found in the authenticity of our journey, the depth of our connections, and the courage to live in alignment with our values. As we navigate the transient nature of our existence, let us remember that every moment holds the potential for meaning. In embracing our ephemeral nature, we discover the profound beauty of our brief, yet significant, speck of life.

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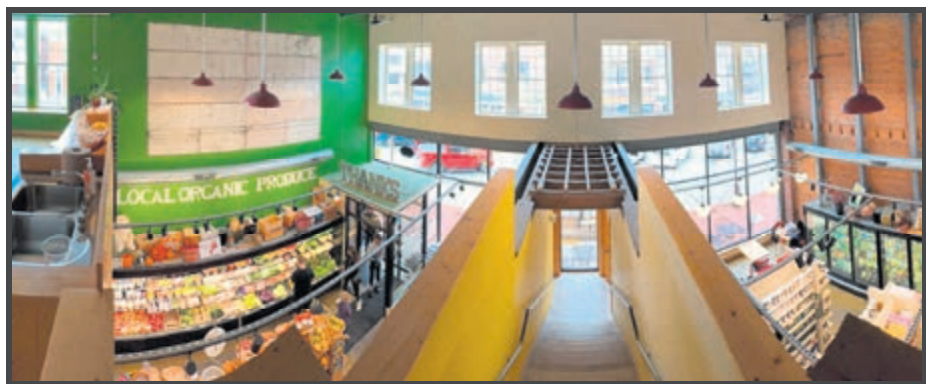
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Big kickoff

The Wausau area has a new minor league arena soccer team that will be kicking off next month.

Dr. Alexander Eddo took a job at a Marshfield pharmacy several years ago. He didn't know much about the area, but that's where the job happened to be.

Formerly a soccer player who came within a breath of making the pros, that move ultimately led to Wausau having its own arena soccer team.

The Wausau Conquerors are set to kick off next month. The team is the brainchild of Eddo, who became a pharmacist after a career in soccer.

Eddo, the head of the arena league the team will play in, and his coaches and players were present for a ribbon cutting Monday at the Greenheck Turner Center in Weston. The new center will be the home to the team, which kicks off its first home game on Dec. 14 against the Minnesota Blizzard.

The team will also have a pre-season friendly match Nov. 30 against the Milwaukee Wave, a professional arena soccer team in the top league of the sport. Wausau's team will be a League 2 team, similar to how the English Premier League has multiple levels.

Eddo said when he got called up to the development team of a professional league when he was a teenager, it changed his life. With players from college and high school selected through tryouts, plus some who were recruited (one player said he was from North Dakota), Eddo hopes to give new players the same opportunity he had, and possibly a road to becoming a professional player.

Eddo also recruited a coach from Portugal. Ricardo Jorge Oliveira Pedro is a former professional player who will be the head coach for the team.

Arena soccer is a little different than the outdoor version of the sport. It's fast-paced in a smaller field, and typically higher scoring.

The arena team launches as other semi-pro and amateur sports emerge. A new football team launched this summer called The Muskies, and last decade a new minor league hockey team moved to town. That team, the RiverWolves,



▲ Players warm up for an exhibition match after the ribbon cutting Monday.



▲ Dr. Alexander Eddo founded the Wausau Conquerors - he speaks to reporters Monday at Greenheck Turner Community Center while head coach Ricardo Jorge Oliveira Pedro looks on.

Village President Chris Voll and Charneski did not respond to requests for comment about the resignation letter. Another board member, Kelly Coyle, said he couldn't speak on the record about the situation.

LaBarge's resignation is the latest in what has become a revolving door at the village. She is the third clerk since 2020. Lisa Kerstner was one of several finance directors since that time and the village has had two administrators start and quit this year alone.

Charneski filed a lawsuit against LaBarge, former interim administrator Kim Manley and contracted attorney Lee Turonie alleging open records violations. And there were several election complaints filed against LaBarge, including by Charneski.

T. Wall to start leasing process for Foundry project

Developers have started a waitlist for the first mall redevelopment project, though it's not slated to open for nearly a year.

Work is currently underway on the Foundry on Third project, the first development to start up in the former Wausau Center mall area. The mall was demolished in 2021, and after a long battle with city leaders that grew contentious at times, the project kicked off construction earlier this year.

The Foundry on Third building will have 150 units plus some commercial space. T. Wall Enterprises, which is building the Foundry on Third project, has detailed a second, similar building but nothing has been announced yet. The company will likely seek tax increment finance incentives for that project as it did for the first.

ultimately rebranded to The Cyclones in honor of the team that once played in Wausau in the 80s and 90s.

The team will make use of the newly completed Greenheck Turner Community Center, with its giant indoor sports space next to D.C. Everest Senior High.

Kronenwetter clerk latest Kronenwetter resignation

Kronenwetter's embattled village clerk has resigned.

Clerk Bobbi Jo Birk LaBarge resigned last week, according to a copy of her resignation letter obtained by City Pages.

LaBarge's resignation comes on the heels of the village's finance director resigning last month. In her email to board members, LaBarge cites harassment by board member Ken Charneski and the board's lack of willingness to do anything about it.

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Infused redevelopment nears completion but committee balks at exterior

Development that is turning a former industrial site on the city's north Riverfront into an event space is nearly complete, but a city committee is sending that developer somewhat back to the drawing board.

The city's Economic Development Committee asked that Asch Properties LLC bring new plans to the city for beautifying one side of the company's business, Infused, by February.

Asch Properties, run by Matt Aschbrenner a local eye doctor, bought the former Wausau Chemical building at 180 E Wausau Ave. from the city in 2022 with the idea that he would rehabilitate it into an event space and greenhouse with herbs where customers can sip mocktails and tea.

After several delays, the building is nearly complete and part of the building has been granted occupancy by the city.

But while committee members were impressed with the interior of the building, committee members said they didn't care for the south side entrance, saying it looks too warehouse-like.

That left Aschbrenner perplexed, since he felt he wasn't really getting a strong direction on what to do. Asch Properties originally planned \$250,000 worth of improvements to the building in their original proposal - that has ballooned to nearly \$400,000 not including the cost of the building, which the company bought from the city for \$40,000.

Planters and sculptures were suggested by various committee members, though the committee collectively didn't vote or agree to any specific items.

Aschbrenner said he will work with a designer to bring back a plan for beautifying that side to the February meeting.

City struggling to find takers for Thomas Street parcels

When the city of Wausau finished its project to reconstruct Thomas Street, that left some parcels to be developed.

But now the city is struggling to get contractors to bid on those lots.

City staff say they've put out a number of requests

for proposals for those lots, and keep coming up empty handed.

City Community Development manager Tammy Stratz told the city's Economic Development committee that the city has had interest from modular home builders but contractors need to be the ones to bid on the parcels and build the projects. The city has a grant through the Department of Natural Resources to build homes on those parcels.

Modular homes would work best, Stratz says, because

they can be more easily built to specifications neighbors said they would like to see on the site. The city held neighborhood meetings in that area to gather feedback to get a sense of what neighbors might like to see built there and compiled that into a list.

Those meetings came after residents in those neighborhoods expressed concern about what was built on the remnant parcels left over from the first half of the Thomas Street reconstruction. **CP**

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Former WI Congressman Sean Duffy tapped for Trump's transportation secretary

Former GOP U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy is promising to help President-elect Trump to "usher in a new golden age of transportation" after he was nominated to join the cabinet.

Trump late Monday announced he had tapped Duffy for Transportation secretary, saying the former 7th CD lawmaker will "greatly elevate the Travel Experience for all Americans."

During his time in Congress, Duffy's committee assignments largely focused on the financial sector. That includes the Committee on Financial Services, and he chaired the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. According to Open Secrets, Duffy lobbied on miscellaneous transportation issues while at BGR Group.

In a statement, Trump said Duffy "will prioritize Excellence, Competence, Competitiveness and Beauty when rebuilding America's highways, tunnels, bridges and airports."

"He will ensure our ports and dams serve our Economy without compromising our National Security, and he will make our skies safe again by eliminating DEI for pilots and air traffic controllers."

Duffy, 53, was elected to northern Wisconsin's 7th CD in 2010. He then abruptly resigned in September 2019 after announcing that his ninth child, who was due that fall, had

a heart condition. The girl was born with Down syndrome.

Duffy was a prominent Trump backer while in Congress, and the former president publicly encouraged him in October 2021 to run for Wisconsin gov the following year. Duffy, who had already moved his family to New Jersey as he began work at Fox News, declined the overture.

Hovde officially concedes amidst election concerns

GOP U.S. Senate candidate Eric Hovde today conceded to Dem Tammy Baldwin, saying a recount would not change the results.

In a nearly six-minute video posted on X, Hovde continued to raise concerns about the election. But he said a "request for a recount would serve no purpose" because it would only involve recounting the ballots.

According to unofficial results, Hovde trailed Baldwin by just more than 29,000 votes. That's within the margin that would've allowed Hovde to seek a recount. But he would have to cover the cost.

Hovde continued to blame his loss on the presence of third-party candidates, including Thomas Leager, who ran under the American First banner.

He also said he's not sure what the future holds for him.

Some Republicans have suggested Hovde could run for gov in 2026, and he said in the video he will take a "much needed break" before returning to his businesses and his foundation. He also pledged to always "fight for the country and state that I love and work to restore the American dream."

A Baldwin spokesperson said Hovde hadn't called her as of late this morning. The campaign declined comment on Hovde's remarks, instead pointing to Baldwin's Nov. 7 victory speech in which she said it was time to come together to attack problems facing Wisconsinites and to "put the politics of division behind us."

State Dem Party spokesperson Arik Wolk said, "Now that he's finally conceded, I wish Eric Hovde a safe trip back to California."

DNR approval of Enbridge line sparks blowback

The DNR announced it has approved permits for the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline relocation, angering tribal members and spurring threats of legal action from environmentalists.

Enbridge is seeking to relocate a 12-mile segment of Line 5 and build a new 41-mile segment outside the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa reservation. The proposal came after a federal judge ruled in 2022 Enbridge had illegally trespassed on the tribe's land.

Enbridge will still need another permit approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin the project, and DNR in its release noted the agency may require additional permits or approvals.

Following yesterday's announcement, the Wisconsin Jobs and Energy Coalition, a group of labor unions, business groups and agricultural organizations, hailed the

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"We are thankful for the Wisconsin DNR's diligence and hopeful our state can now avoid the supply and price shock closing down Line 5 would have on the 280,000 families, farms and businesses that depend on propane for heat and fuel," Lytle said.

Van Orden won re-election, at odds with Trump's AG pick

U.S. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Prairie du Chien won reelection to a second term representing western Wisconsin's 3rd CD, in one of the most closely watched races in the Badger State.

The Cook Political Report rated the district as a "lean Republican" seat ahead of the election. Van Orden won reelection with 51.4% of the vote, according to unofficial results.

Trump announced former U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, who has publicly clashed with U.S. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Prairie du Chien, as his pick for attorney general.

Van Orden in a statement to WisPolitics said "I support the president" and did not address his past comments about Gaetz, which include calling him "tubby." **CP**



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CLUB DAYS

Club membership is dwindling these days – but local clubs are trying to stem the tide and appeal to younger potential members

When you care for a community, you do things to contribute to its well-being. Wausau shows signs of this thanks to fundraisers for area veterans, donations to the needy, and humanity for the homeless. However, if current national trends continue, service clubs in the city that have brought people together for these noble purposes will have fewer members and a blunted impact.

Reports from as early as 2000 in books like Robert Putnam’s “Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community” reveal attendance at meetings for groups like Rotary International, Elks, and Kiwanis International declined 58 percent over the previous 25 years. A cursory Google search shows the problem persists in places as far away as Washington and as near as Milwaukee.

While nothing is guaranteed to last forever, in Wausau local groups are taking on renovations and reorganizations in an effort to freshen themselves up and attract new members, especially in harder-to-reach younger demographics.

“I think we are sitting pretty good, but COVID-19 hit everybody hard,” Wausau Elks Lodge No. 248 Events Coordinator Maureen Johnson says of the club’s current 500 or so members. “For a lot of years nothing really happened and now what I’m trying to do is breathe life back into this.”

Making changes

Changes at the group’s Scott Street facility include a renovation costing over \$100,000 unveiled earlier this year as



Members of the Wausau Elks Lodge No. 248 celebrated with a Greater Wausau Chamber ribbon cutting after extensive renovations to their downtown headquarters last month. The Elks and other service clubs in the area have seen a drop in membership in recent decades and are trying a wide variety of options to recruit new and younger members.

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part of the group's 100th anniversary. Johnson adds they have also gone digital with some activities like game show nights. The group has a modern venue space for brides or businesses looking to gather.

But none of that is a guarantee that the club will be able to stem the change in membership. The Elks Lodge's membership is a far cry from the 90s, when membership peaked at around 1,200 or so.

David Imlah, the Wausau Freemasons' worshipful master, has 115 members to work with in his organization — less than half of the previous high of 300 members years ago.

But their numbers have been increasing again in recent years. That's because in Imlah's view in part because of structural changes like soliciting members (before, prospective members had to ask an active member to join) and evolving with the times.

"There is so much online presence," he says. "People spend so much time online doing research and looking for things, so we developed an online presence so people find us. I think you'll find a lot of service organizations aren't doing that. They need to think outside the box if you will."

Some have struggled

However, rule changes and other upgrades has not always worked out for clubs looking to revive their memberships.

The Service Club of Milwaukee (which was for high school-aged girls) made local headlines in 2022 when its board said the century-old organization was "not a sustainable organization." The group tried to boost its numbers with a new website, but was severely hobbled by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Of course, social change is often irreversible, but, at the Wausau Rotary Club, they are trying to overcome it and stay fresh with a lot of flexibility.

"We are actively trying to recruit younger," Wausau Rotary Club President Dr. Lisa G. Dodson says. "With that demographic, they are often starting families and in the very busy phase of their lives. They are new homeowners; they have a new baby or puppy ... having three different times of day our various clubs meet has been intentional at least in part to address that issue. People might not be able to come to our meeting at noon, but they might be able to attend a morning early bird meeting or the after-hours club which meets less often and meets more informally."

Changing religious values

Another aspect of some historical service clubs and fraternal orders is religious connection. The Elks and Freemasons have belief in a higher power as a general requirement to become a member while Rotary and Kiwanis International

do not appear to as of this story being filed.


Millennials and those in the Generation Z demographic are considered to be some of the least religious age groups in the United States. The percentage of Americans who identified as Christian, for instance, declined from 90% in 1972 to 64% by 2020, according to a study conducted by Pew Research. Pew projects that number to continue declining.

When asked if religion also has a role to play in signing up younger people to organizations that once had no difficulty in growing, Johnson adds it is something embedded in Elks history, but is not a part of their regular practices to a high degree.

"We are a Christian organization but that is as far as that goes," she says. "We are not picking out any sort of religion or anything. One of our philosophies is believing in God, that is the easiest way to put it. If I see something as belief in God I don't go 'Oh, they're worshipping on knees.'"

For now, the struggle continues and those interested in learning about the mentioned clubs can find out more about them by visiting their Facebook pages, attending a meeting, or other open events.

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HIGHLIGHTS



DENA BLIZZARD



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Dena Blizzard

Saturday 11/23 | Grand Theater, Wausau

The nice thing about writing about comedians these days is that they all have their material on YouTube. For Dena Blizzard, I found her video on YouTube called "Chardonnay Go" where she shows off a mom app that, much like Pokemon Go, lets you find glasses of wine around the environment. It's hilarious, and is a lot like what you can expect from her comedy show as it makes its way to The Grand. Blizzard runs One Funny Mother, which is a media company dedicated to women comics. This show, called I Love You, Get Away From Me, features three generations of women comics and promises to be a side-splitting night of entertainment. 7:30 pm. \$30-\$62. grandtheater.org.

Magic Hunks

Saturday 11/23
Q&Z Expo Center, Wausau

For those new to Wisconsin, there is this tradition called Deer Hunter Widows Weekend. It goes something like this: since the men are usually out hunting for deer,

sitting in tree stands or drinking and telling hunting tales around the fireplace, the women need something to do, so enter the male strip show or something like it. Women hunt now too, but nevermind that. The promo for the show literally encourages women to misbehave. I guess you got to! This is kind of like Chippendale's, or Magic Mike's, or... well you get the idea. 8 pm. \$20, \$25 at the door. www.qzexpoctr.com

Festival of Trees Opening Gala

Tuesday 11/26
Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center

Some of you are obsessed with Christmas (hey, I see you, playing Jingle Bells and watching Charlie Brown Christmas before Thanksgiving). And if that's you, the Festival of Trees is like your Super Bowl. The official festival of trees doesn't kick off until Nov. 27, but one day early is the opening gala, and it should be quite the event! Stroll through the dizzying array of delightfully decorated trees, enjoy some refreshments, including of the adult variety, and make merry. You can still get home in time to watch Charlie Brown Christmas. 6 pm. \$85. www.aspirus.org/festival-of-trees

Vienna Boys Choir

Wednesday 11/27
Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua

This vocal group is the stuff of legends — the Vienna Boys Choir has been performing for audiences around the world for more than six decades now. This particular performance, Christmas in Vienna, features a selection of Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces and many of your Christmas favorites. 7 pm. See website for ticket details. campanilecenter.org

Wild Trillium

Saturday 11/23 | Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau

A belly dancing troupe sounds like something a bigger city would have, but hey, we've got one right here in Wausau! Wild Trillium has been around for awhile now, and their dances are always a delight. The costumes are lovely, they sometimes incorporate swords into their performances, and it's just a ton of fun. They've performed in a variety of places, but one of the best is Whitewater Music Hall, where you can enjoy one of their brewed-on-site beers — something a number of Wausonians are still unaware of. The orange backdrop of Whitewater's tap room really fits the belly dancing theme well. 6 pm. \$5. whitewatermusichall.com **CP**

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WILD TRILLIUM

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BAR BEATS

Thursday November 21

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

Gallivant · Intermission Bar, Wausau. Rock 'n roll. 8:30 pm. 715-849-9377

Friday November 22

Klein Creek · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Americana. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

Joe Johnson · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

The Northwoods Skitchers · The Garage, Wausau. Classic/alternative rock & blues. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Brad Emanuel · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday November 23

Pete Revelle & Four on the Floor · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Jazz. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

Stewart Ellyson · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Rock. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Wild Trillium · Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Belly dancing. 6 pm. 715-298-3202

Brian Beard · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Rock, folk, blues & Americana. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Through Crimson · The Garage, Wausau. Alternative rock. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Sunday November 24

Tim Tesch · Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Acoustic rock & blues. 12 pm. 715-298-0028

Wednesday November 27

Brad Emanuel · Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Variety. 7 pm. 715-693-2739

Pat & Patience · Rookies Sportpub, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 8 pm. 715-344-7026

Friday November 29

Tuck Pence · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 4 pm. 715-358-017

Ira DeBoer · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Country. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

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

Bradley Sperger · Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Variety. 7 pm. 715-693-2739

Josh White · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday November 30

Jay and Renee · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

Dean & Terry · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Classic rock & country. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

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

Brad Emanuel · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

Dwayne Thomas · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Last Bridge · Arrow Sports Club, Weston. 90's-2000's rock & more. 9 pm. 715-359-2363

Kevin Troestler Band · Intermission Bar, Wausau. Country & bluegrass. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

Wednesday December 4

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

Thursday December 5

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

Ongoing

Trivia · Mondays, Guu's on Main, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 7 pm. <http://guusonmain.com/>

Karaoke Night · Mondays & Fridays, Moua's Callon St. Pub, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-1902

Trivia · Tuesdays, District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-6707

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

Trivia · Tuesdays, The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-355-7001

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

Team Trivia Nights at Sawmill Brewing Company · Wednesdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. The games start at 6 pm each Wednesday. Teams can include up to 6 people. sawmillbrewing.net

Trivia · Wednesdays, Rhinelander Brewing Company, Rhinelander. Play individually or on a team of up to 6 people. Starts at 6 pm. 715-550-2337

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

Open Mic w/ Carl Jackson · every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Wausau Labor Temple (LT Club), Wausau. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-848-3320

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

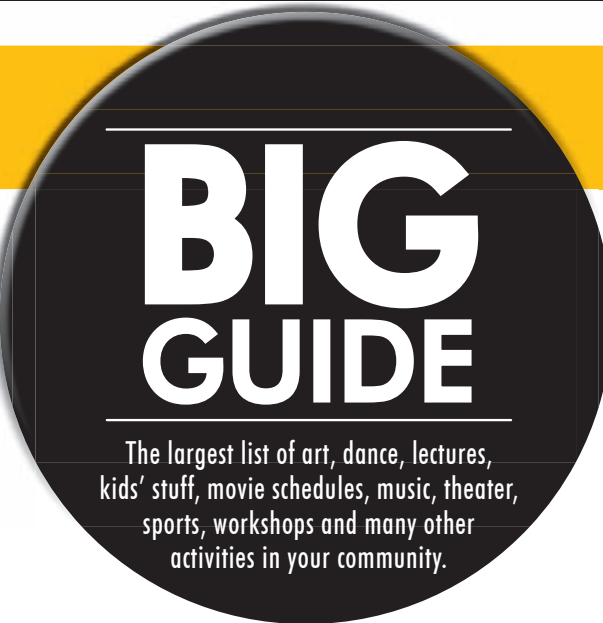
Bingo · Every Wednesday, Renee's Red Rooster, Stevens Point. Starts at 7 pm. 715-344-9825

Team Trivia at Malarkey's · Wednesdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Trivia starts at 7 pm. malarkeypub.com

Karaoke · Wednesdays, Wausau Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary #251, Wausau. Starts at 8 pm. 715-845-4795

Open Mic at Sawmill Brewing Company · Thursdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. Open mic every Thursday for those who want to perform comedy, music or poetry. Starts at 6:30 pm. sawmillbrewing.net

Third Thursdays Live Music · 3rd



Thursday every month, Sconni's Alehouse and Eatery Schofield. Music by Alex Dalnodar, Bobby Burns & Aaron Von Baron. Starts at 7 pm. 715-241-7665

Open Mic Night · Thursdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Hosted by Caleb Delaney. Play guitar, drums, bass or other string instruments. Comedy not available at this time. Starts at 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Karaoke · Thursdays, Hy-Da Way, Merrill. Starts at 8:30 pm. 715-722-0660

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

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

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

ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473
Movie times thru 11/28

Wicked (PG): Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 pm & 7 pm, Sun. 1 pm & 7 pm, Mon. & Tues. 7 pm only, Wed. 1 pm & 7 pm, Thanksgiving 7 pm

Red One (PG13): Fri. 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. & Tues. 7 pm only, Wed. 1 pm & 7 pm, Thanksgiving 7 pm

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (PG): Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm, Mon. & Tues. 7 pm only

Moana 2 (PG): Opens Wed. 11/27 1 pm & 7 pm, Thanksgiving 7 pm
Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094
Movie times 11/21-11/27

Moana 2 (PG): Tues. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2:40 pm, 4 pm, 5:20 pm, 6 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:20 pm, 10:10 pm, 3:20 pm, 8:40 pm; Wed. 10:40 am, 1:20 pm, 4 pm, 6:40 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 9:10 am, 10 am, 11:45 am, 12:10 pm, 12:40 pm, 2:20 pm, 2:50 pm, 3:20 pm, 4:55 pm, 6 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:40 pm, 10:05 pm, 9:30 pm, 5:25 pm, 8 pm

Wicked (PG): Thurs. 6:30 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:40 pm, 8:10

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Gladiator II (R): Thurs. 3 pm, 10:15 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2 pm, 5:20 pm, 6:50 pm, 8:40 pm; Fri. 8:50 am, 3:40 pm, 10:30 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:30 am, 12:50 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 9:20 pm; Sat. 9 am, 10:45 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 9:40 am, 1:10 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:20 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9:40 pm; Sun. 9 am, 10:45 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 9:40 am, 1:10 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9:40 pm, 10:20 pm; Wed. 9 am, 12:20 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 7 pm, 9:40 pm, 10:20 pm; Wed. 9 am, 12:20 pm, 3:40 pm, 7 pm, 10:20 pm

Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin. (PG13): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 7 pm, 10:10 pm; Fri. 10:10 am, 1:20 pm, 4:30 pm; Sat. 9:20 am, 12:25 pm, 4:30 pm; Sun. 10:10 am, 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 10:20 pm; Mon. 1:50 pm, 4:10 pm; Tues. 9:05 am, 12 pm, 3:10 pm

Red One (PG13): Thurs. 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:05 pm, 10:10 pm; Fri. 10 am, 12:30 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:20 pm; Sat. 9:20 am, 12:30 pm, 3:25 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:40 pm, 10:30 pm; Sun. 9:20 am, 1:20 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:40 pm, 10:30 pm; Mon. 1:15 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm; Tues. 9:20 am, 1:05 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:10 pm, 10 pm

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (PG): Thurs. 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:10 pm; Fri. 8:50 am,

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3. Ronnie Baker Brooks 'Blues In My DNA'
4. Jerry Cantrell 'I Want Blood'
5. Jack White 'No Name'
6. Beth Hart 'You Still Got Me'
7. The Cure 'Songs Of A Lost World'
8. Warren Haynes 'Million Voices Whisper'
9. The Offspring 'Supercharged'
10. Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young 'Live At The Fillmore East, 1969'

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Venom: The Last Dance (PG13): Thurs. 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm; Fri. 7:40 pm, 10:10 pm; Sat. 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Sun. 10 pm; Mon. 9:15 pm

The Wild Robot (PG): Thurs. 1:20 pm; Fri. 9:20 am, 11:50 am, 2:20 pm, 4:50 pm; Sat. 9:30 am; Sun. 10 am, 12:30 pm; Mon. 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm; Tues. 9:10 am, 10:15 am

Heretic (R): Thurs. 1:10 pm, 4 pm
The Metropolitan Opera: Tosca (2024) (TBD): Sat. 12 pm
Pom Poko 30th Anniversary-Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (PG): Sun. 3 pm, 7 pm (Dubbed)

The Tale of Princess Kaguya-Studio Ghibli Fest 2024 (PG): Mon. 7 pm (Dubbed)

ON STAGE

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

Annie The Musical · Thurs.-Sat. 11/21-11/23, hosted by The Playhouse Theatre Group at the Stevens Point Area Senior High School Theater, Stevens Point. Annie, an orphan, tries to find her parents who left her at the orphanage. Although things don't work according to plan, she does manage to foil the plans of the cruel Miss Hannigan & unexpectedly gets adopted by billionaire Oliver Warbucks. Starts at 7 pm on 11/21-11/22 & 1 pm and 7 pm on 11/23. \$15/ticket. playhousetheatergroup.com

JAM: Michael Jackson & Bruno Mars Experience · Fri. 11/22, Bantr, Rothschild. Tribute concert to pop musicians Michael Jackson & Bruno Mars. 18+. Doors open at 6 pm. Starts at 8 pm. \$20 early bird, \$35 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

All My Rowdy Friends-The Ultimate Hank Williams Jr. Tribute · Sat. 11/23, Lake of the Torches, Lac du Flambeau. Southern rock & country. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$15 & \$10. lakeofthetorches.com

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

Boogie & The Yoyoz · Sat. 11/23, Bantr, Rothschild. Variety. 18+. Doors open at 6 pm. Starts at 8 pm. \$20 general admission.

bantrrothschild.com
Kimber Spirits, Jake Ramsey Band, Red Fox Fever · Sat. 11/23, Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Rock, funk, blues, variety. Starts at 8 pm. 715-845-2030

Black Hole Sons · Sat. 11/23, Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Alternative rock. \$5 cover. Starts at 9 pm. 715-819-3663

Vienna Boys Choir · Wed. 11/27, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Enjoy Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, popular tunes & holiday favorites. Starts at 7 pm. \$20-\$65. campanilecenter.org

Midwest Crossroads Comedy Showcase w/ Trevor Anderson, Judd Reminger, Dana Ehrmann, Casey Flesch & Matt Torkelson · Sat. 11/30, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Comedy. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$15. eventbrite.com/e/midwest-crossroads-comedy-showcase-tickets-1082855633349

The Faith We Live · Mon.-Wed. 12/2-12/4, St. Anne Parish, Wausau. Over three evenings, nationally known presenters Dave Wilson & Doug Brummel bring the joy & mission of the Christian faith through quirky humor & spirit-filled music. Starts at 6:30 pm. Free admission. stannesausau.org

Wayland w/special guests · Fri. 12/6, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Hard rock. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. qzexpoenter.com

Greg Hahn · Fri. 12/6, Bantr, Rothschild. Comedy. 18+. Doors open at 6 pm. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$20 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

Pert Near Sandstone · Fri. 12/6, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Bluegrass. Starts at 8 pm. \$20. eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-pert-near-sandstone-tickets-1070078606919

Pam & Scott · Sat. 12/7, County Market, Wausau. Polka. Starts at 11 am. 715-845-8846

Twin Cities Bronze · Sat. 12/7, hosted by the Merrill Area Concert Association at Merrill High School Auditorium, Merrill. Performing ensemble that specializes in music & the art of hand bells. Starts at 3 pm. \$60 adult, \$20 student, \$130 family membership. maca.merrillconcerts.org

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

Boogie & The Yoyoz · Sat. 12/7, LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Variety. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$45. lucilletackcenter.com

Fearless: A Tribute to Taylor Swift · Sat. 12/7, Bantr, Rothschild. Taylor Swift tribute concert. 18+. Doors open at 6 pm. Starts at 9 pm. \$20 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

Dear Evan Hansen · Mon.-Tues. 12/9-12/10, Grand Theater, Wausau. Musical about a high school student who is searching for a way to fit in with others. Show is recommended for ages 12 & up. Starts at 7:30 pm on Mon. & 7 pm on Tues. \$75-\$135. grandtheater.org

Home Free: Any Kind of Christmas Tour · Wed. 12/11, Grand Theater, Wausau. Country. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$38-\$74. grandtheater.org

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

A Swingin' Christmas: Erin Krebs & Friends · Thurs. 12/12, Stevens Point Country Club, Stevens Point. Jazz. Starts at 7 pm. \$30 general admission. Free for music students, 50% discount for working musicians & music educators. jazzcoterie.com

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

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

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

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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. 11/24 service will include the annual Bread Communion. Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching. Bring a bread or baked good that holds a special place in your family or heritage & share the story that makes it meaningful. Starts at 10:30 am. uuwausau.org

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

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

Stevens Point Area Winter Farmer's Market · Saturdays from November-April, Located inside the Boys & Girls Club, 941 Michigan Ave, Stevens Point. Open from 8 am-noon. spawinterfarmersmarket.com

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 Bodypump · Thurs. 11/21, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills RPM-V · Thurs. 11/21, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Zumba · Thurs. 11/21, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Yoga Body Bootcamp · Fri. 11/22, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Bodycombat-V · Fri. 11/22, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Bodypump · Sat. 11/23, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

ABC Kids Toy, Baby & Winter Gear Sale · Sat. 11/23, hosted by ABC

Kids-Wausau at Central Wisconsin Expo Center, 10101 Market St, Rothschild. Clothes size 0-18, toys, baby furniture & equipment, books, movies and more. Starts at 8 am. Free entrance. abc-consign.com

2024 St. Therese Holiday Showcase · Sat. 11/23, 112 W Kort St, Schofield. Over 60 craft vendors, hot luncheon & bake sale. Luncheon features hot sandwiches, soup & desserts. Starts at 9 am. Luncheon starts at 10:30 am. Free admission. 715-359-2421

Barre · Sat. 11/23, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Magic: The Gathering · Sat. 11/23, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens & adults are invited to the library to play Magic: The Gathering. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7230

Needlework Social Hour · Mon. 11/25, 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

November Game Night · Tues. 11/26, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Play some board games with other people. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 for more info

Christmas Walk · Fri. 11/29, hosted by Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce at Boulder Junction. Enjoy bonfires & s'mores, horse drawn wagon rides, a lighted Christmas parade, a visit from Santa & more. Stop

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Wausau Cyclone Game · Fri. & Sat. 11/29-11/30, Marathon Park, Wausau. Wausau Cyclones vs. St. Louis Jr. Blues. Starts at 7:10 pm. \$11 ticket adult or \$12 walk-up, \$8 kids 5-18 or \$9 walkup, 5 and under free. Free for kids ages 12 & under on Sat. wausaucyclones.com

Soccer Game: Wisconsin Conquerors vs. Milwaukee Waves · Sat. 11/30, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6 pm. \$10 adults, \$7 for children under 12. wisconsinconquerors.org

Toastmasters Networking Event · Tues. 12/3, hosted by the Wausau Morning Toastmasters at Timekeeper Distillery, Wausau. Connect with entrepreneurs & community leaders in Wausau. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission. tickettailor.com/events/united/1456226

Almond Journeys Book Club: "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge · Wed. 12/4, Portage County Public Library, Almond. Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. When he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. Starts at 1 pm. 715-366-2151

Winter Wonderland Cabaret · Fri. 12/6, Wausau Conservatory of Music, Wausau. This event will feature appetizers, treats, Pinery Coffee Co. pop-up as well as three rooms of entertainment with showcasing student & local talent from WCM students, guest performers, Wausau East High School's Prestige & WCM Harmony Hive Children's Choir. Starts at 6 pm. \$5 general admission, free for children 5 & under. wausauconservatory.org

Holiday Parade · Fri. 12/6, Marathon Park to 400 Block, Wausau. Watch the holiday parade. Enjoy cookies & visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus after the parade inside of the Washington Square at 5 pm. Starts at 6:30 pm. Free. wausauevents.org

Tree Lighting · Fri. 12/6, WOW's Art Park, Wittenberg. Enjoy cookies, hot chocolate & cider along with caroling. Check out the craft fair & bake sale at 3 pm on Fri. & 9 am on Sat. Starts at 7 pm. Free admission. wallsofwittenberg.com

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

Kringle Jingle Stick Curling Bonspiel · Sat. 12/7, hosted by the Wausau Curling Club at Wausau Curling Center, 1920 Curling Way, Wausau. Two person teams. Event includes breakfast & lunch. First draw starts at 8:30 am. Second draw starts at 9:30 am. \$80 per team. wausaucurling.org

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

Grownups in the Garden · Sun. & Mon. 12/8 & 12/9, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Adults can participate in hands-on activities; learn about different topics & more. Starts at 1 pm on Sun. & 10 am on Mon. \$10/person, free for members. monkgardens.org

Marathon City Book Club: "Carrie Soto is Back" by Taylor Jenkins Reid · Mon. 12/9, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. A retired tennis champion comes out of retirement at age 37 after watching a young phenom beat her long-standing record at the 1994 US Open. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775

Edgar Book Club: "Winter Street" by Elin Hilderbrand · Tues. 12/10, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. A family reunion at Kelley Quinn's Nantucket inn is thrown into turmoil by the personal dramas of his four adult children and the discovery of his second wife's infidelity. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155

Hatley Book Club: "One Perfect Day" by Lauraine Snelling · Tues. 12/10, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Two mothers find their lives inextricably entwined when the prayers of a woman whose daughter's life depends on a heart transplant are answered in the wake of the other woman's devastating tragedy at the height of a Christmas season. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537

New Horizons Book Club: "Absolution" by Alice McDermott · Wed. 12/11, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point or online via Zoom. In Saigon in 1963, two young American wives, one a starry-eyed newlywed & the other a practiced corporate spouse, form a wary alliance. Meet in the Prairie Room or online. Starts at 1:30 pm in person or 6:30 pm online. eglade@pocolibrary.org for meeting details

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

Sacred Heart Cassel-Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale · Sat. 12/14, Sacred Heart Cassel, 222761 County Rd S, Marathon. We will have personal shoppers for you. They will be gloved & ready to help you pick out your goodies. Starts at 8:30 am. \$8 a pound. 715-443-3675

Deck the Malls Craft & Vendor Show · Sat.-Sun. 12/14-12/15, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft and vendor show. Starts at 9 am on Sat. & 10 am on Sun. cedarcreekmall.com

Sweet Landmarks of Wausau Gingerbread House Contest · Sat. 12/14, hosted by the Sweet Landmarks of Wausau at the Woodson History Center, Wausau. Grab your favorite candies, your best gingerbread recipe & create your favorite building. Starts at 9 am. <http://wausauhistoricalandmarks.org/> for rules & more info

St. Agnes Sweet Shoppe · Sat. 12/14, St. Agnes Parish, 6101 Zinser St,

Weston. Fancy cookies & candy available by the pound. Raffle available. Lunch will be served in the hall. Menu includes homemade chicken noodle & sausage potato soups, barbecue & turkey sandwiches and homemade pies. Starts at 10 am. 715-359-5675

Holiday at the Houses: A Century of Holiday Traditions · Sat. 12/14, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society at the Woodson History Center & Yawkey House Museum, Wausau. The Woodson History Center & Yawkey House Museum will be decorated for the holidays & visitors will experience the season with live entertainment, children's activities, & the Friends of Wausau Historic Landmarks' Sweet Landmarks Gingerbread Contest. Starts at 10:30 am. Free admission. marathoncountyhistory.org

Soccer Game: Wisconsin Conquerors vs. Minnesota · Sat. 12/14, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 7 pm. \$10 adults, \$7 for children under 12. wisconsinconquerors.org

Scaled Up Reptile Expo · Sun. 12/15, hosted by Scaled Up Expo at Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center, 10101 Market St, Rothschild. Look at the reptiles from different breeders, stock up on supplies and possibly take a reptile home. Starts at 10 am for VIP, 11 am for general admission. \$14 VIP admission, \$7 general admission, free for ages 5 and under. scaledupexpos.com

OUTDOORS

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

Turkey Trot · Thurs. 11/28, hosted by United Way of Marathon County at The 400 Block, Wausau. Go for a 5k walk/run. Proceeds for the race go towards the Marathon County Hunger Coalition. Starts at 8:30 am. \$30-\$35. runsignup.com/unitedwayturkeytrot2024

Marshfield Rotary Winter Wonderland · Fri.-Tues. 11/29-12/31, Wildwood Zoo & Park, Marshfield. Over a million lights illuminate the park and zoo. Starts at 5 pm. Free but donations encouraged. rotarywinterwonderland.org

The Cranberry Jam IV · Sat. 11/30, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Spin, grind & grab off the cranberry can. Competitors will be rewarded with turkey legs. Registration starts at 2 pm. Jam starts at 4:30 pm. \$10 entry. skigranitepeak.com

Rib Mountain Adventure Challenge-Winter Edition · Sat. 12/7, TBA (within 30 miles of Wausau). Soloists & teams of 2-4 members will trek or trek & bike their way through a beautiful, wintery course using a map & compass to find the way. Packet pickup at 7:30 am. 6-hour race starts at 9 am, 3-hour no-bike race starts at 9:30 am & 3-hour race starts at 10:15 am, 11 am or 11:45 am. \$65-\$90/person 3-hour, \$50-\$75 3-hour no bike, \$80-\$105 6-hour. ironbull.org

Winter Bird Watching · Mon. 12/9, Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point. Learn how to bird watch in winter. Starts at 6 pm. uwsp.edu

A Frozen Lake's Winter Wonderland · Fri. 12/13, Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point. Learn about what happens to Lake Joanis when it freezes over. Starts at 10 am. uwsp.edu

Night Hike · Fri. 12/13, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Go for an evening stroll through the illuminated gardens. Starts at 5 pm. \$6/person. monkgardens.org

The Jingle Jam · Sat. 12/21, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Competitors will spin on the Christmas-lit rails. Registration starts at 2 pm. Jam starts at 4:30 pm. \$10 entry. skigranitepeak.com

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Genealogy Basics · Mon. 12/2, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Learn how to trace your family history using Ancestry. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Q Artists Cooperative, Stevens Point · 1108 Main St, Stevens Point. Ongoing exhibits of the work of more than thirty local artists in a variety of media, featured shows rotating every two months. New Winter hours 11 am-4 pm daily. qartistscooperative.com

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

Fine Art Gift Gallery · Fri.-Sun. 11/1-12/22. Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. Fine arts, gifts & cards. stevenspoint.com/rac

Woodson Art Museum, Wausau · Free. Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4 pm, first Thurs. of each month 9 am-7:30 pm, Sat.-Sun. noon-5 pm and closed Mon. & holidays. lywam.org

Birds in Art 2024 · Sat.-Sun. 9/7-12/1. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Exhibit features over 100 paintings, sculptures, and graphics of birds. lywam.org

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art · Open 11 am-3 pm Tues-Sat. wmoca.org

Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau · Free. Gallery hours Wed.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 12 pm-4 pm. Closed Sun.-Tues. 715-842-4545, cvawausau.org. Inspired by activities and events.

Locally Sourced · now-Sat. 12/21. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Locally Sourced showcases early career artists, who started as youth living in the Wausau Area. cvawausau.org

Art by the Foot · now-Sat. 12/21. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Annual juried art show of small works, measuring 12 inches or smaller in dimension. cvawausau.org

CVA Shop Holiday Gift Gallery · now-Mon. 12/23. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. All work available for immediate purchase. 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 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

KIDS/TEENS

Family Story Time · Wednesdays 11/6-11/27, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-257-7292

Family Story Time · Thurs. 11/21, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-443-2775

LEGO Block Party · Thurs. 11/21, 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

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

Family Story Time · Mon. 11/25, 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 · Tues. 11/26, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-446-3537

DINovember Dinosaur Bookmark · Wed. 11/27, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Create a fun dinosaur bookmark. All supplies provided. Starts at 9 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Movie Matinee for Kids · Wed. 11/27, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch an animated film from 1988 about a young brontosaurus who is separated from his family & sets off to the legendary Great Valley. Along the way, he meets other young dinosaurs & they learn the importance of working together. Rated G. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Pictures with Santa · Fri. 11/29, hosted by NorthStar Restoration Services at Northstar Restoration Services, 4900 Stewart Ave, Wausau. Use your phone for pictures. Starts at 9 am. Free. northstarrestorationservices.com

Mini Makers · Mon.-Sat. 12/2-12/7, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Explore process art. Process art is child-led & focuses on creation instead of following specific directions. Each branch will have a different project each month. All supplies provided. Stop in anytime the library is open. Free. 715-257-7292

Family Story Time · Mondays 12/2-12/16, 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 · Tues. 12/3, 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. 12/3 & 12/17, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-352-3155

Mini Makers · Tues. 12/3, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee.

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Play and Learn · Wednesdays 12/4-12/18, 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

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Kicking off a new sport

Derrick Harris launched his Muay Thai gym in Mosinee last month

Derrick Harris has been training in Muay Thai since 2005, starting in San Diego and later in La Vegas, where he trained alongside mixed martial arts fighters — some of whom you’ve probably heard of.

When he moved to Wausau (he works remotely for a company outside the area), he realized he wanted to continue that tradition, so he started his own gym.

Harris started Bull Falls Muay Thai last month in the Elite Health Club building in Mosinee. He’s holding classes Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the health club, teaching students the kicks, punches and clinches many people by now have probably seen MMA fighters perform on TV in the UFC or other mixed martial arts organizations.

Harris isn’t unfamiliar with those sports, especially in Las Vegas which he says is the fighting capital of the world right now, with a UFC training center and plenty of martial artists. Harris in Vegas trained alongside fighters in UFC, K1 and several Muay Thai promotions.

Muay Thai, as the name might suggest, originates in Thailand. Muay Thai incorporates punching, kicking, elbows and knees, along with what is called the Thai clinch, making it similar to other striking martial arts but with its own unique style. Many MMA fighters incorporate Muay Thai into their fighting styles, and some have famously traveled to Thailand to train in the sport in preparation for competition.

Harris came to Muay Thai from powerlifting, he told City Pages. Harris was over 300 pounds, had a lot of muscle but also a lot of fat, he says.

One day he drove past a Muay Thai gym while living



Derrick Harris founded Bull Falls Muay Thai in Mosinee last month, bringing a new martial arts experience to the area.

in San Diego and it intrigued him. He hadn’t heard of Muay Thai but he decided to check it out. “I was hooked,” Harris said. He said the physical nature of it, the vigorous workout and also the way it clears your mind when you’re engaged in it.

(As someone who trained in Brazilian JiuJitsu, I can attest to that. As I’ve long said, it’s hard to worry about life’s problems when someone is trying to choke you.)

A typical class will start with some stretching, followed by shadow boxing, then drill some techniques like specific kicks or knees. Eventually students will work on the clinch, and eventually spar, but not in the beginning, Harris says.

“We’ve been kind of lucky to start from square one, and hopefully these first students can be a core group that will help bring other people along,” Harris says. “But my goal

is that when new people show up, that I can take time to work with them, help them get up to speed on some of the basics.”

Harris says students will eventually spar, but they practice light sparring. That wasn’t the case at the Las Vegas gym he trained at. “I’ve trained at a gym where people spar 100%, and that’s great when you’re in your 20s. But it’s not the best for learning.”

Harris, who works in editorial for a venture capital firm outside of the area, says anyone with interest in joining should, regardless of age. They are demanding workouts, he says, but he encourages people to try it out for themselves.

Bull Falls Muay Thai is located in the Elite Health Club at 417 Fourth Street in Mosinee. Classes are Tuesday 6-7:20 pm, Friday 6-7:30 pm, and Saturday 10:30 am-noon. Check out Bull Falls Muay Thai at bullfallsmt.com. **CP**

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