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# Reconsideration

**A last-minute post-Christmas meeting saw a plan to reallocate ARPA dollars fail — but then it came back**

**City leaders** were taken by surprise last month after Catholic Charities, the organization running the city's homeless shelters, announced on Dec. 16 it wouldn't be able to run the day shelter any longer. The organization would cease operations of the day shelter on Dec. 31.

City leaders scrambled to come up with a plan.

That plan? To reallocate the ARPA money — \$400,000 in total — to the police department. According to Wausau Police Chief Matt Barnes and Mayor Doug Diny, that would buy the city some time because that funding needed to be allocated by the end of the year. (Otherwise the money would go to the city's motor pool, and not be available to address homelessness.)

But the plan didn't sit well with city council members. Many of them questioned why it should be housed in the city's police department, and they wondered why this money was being allocated without any kind of a concrete plan for it.

Barnes and City Finance Director Maryanne Groat told the city council the problem is that if the city doesn't allocate



Maryanne Groat

the funds, which came from the American Rescue Act dollars, the city would have to allocate the money elsewhere or give it back to the federal government. Under ARPA rules, any funds given to the city would need to go back to the federal government if not allocated to some use by the end of 2024.

Barnes says that Catholic Charities lost several staff members recently and was not able to hire anyone because the funding



Victoria Tierney

was only secure through the spring, when the day center would not be open.

The city council voted 7-2 in favor of the resolution to allocate the funding, but that meant it failed because the council did not have the eight votes needed to reach a super majority.

But the city council then met Monday evening to take up the issue again because one council member, Terry Kilian, brought it back for reconsideration. Kilian told City Pages that she had meant to vote in favor of the proposal but inadvertently hit the wrong button.

Amendments at the meeting added regular updates to the mayor's office, the public health and safety committee and the U.S. Department of Treasury.

And, city leaders unveiled at Monday night's meeting, the funding for addressing homelessness including funding the day shelter would instead go to the city's motor pool if the council didn't reallocate it, and the city would need to use levy dollars to fund the day center and other

homeless aid initiatives. But under questioning from Alderperson Victoria Tierney, the council learned that under the plan, the city would need to make up for that money to the motor pool through the levy anyway - so it was basically a wash.

"My point is everyone is making it sound like we use it or we lose it," Tierney says. "That's not the case. We had already allocated that money to the motor pool. We were never going to lose this \$400,000."

"That's true," Groat replied.

Diny explained that the \$32,000 that would have gone to Catholic Charities for the day center would have been lost, however.

## Child Care training grants available

A local child care non-profit group announced it is offering grants and training to new child care workers.

The organization, according to materials released by Childcaring Inc last month, is offering "free child care foundational training, free pediatric care and CPR training, a \$5,000 stipend to the program and a group center job or assistance in family care startup.

According to the materials, the applicant must remain on the job for two years or would need to pay back the training costs.

The announcement comes as state and local governments are working to find ways to stem the tide of rising child care costs and fewer child care spots available.

In Marathon County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 199 programs in 2012 to 83 as of June (up from 82 in 2023). That's led to huge waiting lists for child care spots and rising

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costs for families looking for child care.

It's become an economic issue too because many parents are choosing to not work because the child care costs are so high.

### Police make arrest after traffic stop turns up drugs, guns

Wausau Police during a traffic stop arrested a man on charges of possessing drugs and guns, including one that was stolen and another with an illegal modification.

Police arrested Giovanni Paolone, 45, on Dec. 23, according to Marathon County Jail Roster records. Police say they pulled Paolone over on a traffic stop and turned up cocaine, plus seven guns. One of those guns was stolen, police say, and another one police say had illegal modifications to allow it to function as a fully automatic weapon.

According to Marathon County Court Records, Paolone is being held in Marathon County Jail on a \$2,000 cash bond. He is currently being charged with receiving stolen property between \$5,000-\$10,000 or a firearm, converting a weapon into a fully automatic, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of cocaine.

Paolone is due back in court Friday for a review hearing.

### Police investigating Blessings in a Backpack

Wausau Police confirmed they are investigating the Blessings in a Backpack organization after a local foundation mentioned financial discrepancies in a press release.

Wausau Police Chief Matt Barnes told City Pages that the department is conducting an investigation into the organization.

Pam Jackson, CEO of the BA and Esther Greenheck Foundation sent out a press release on Dec. 19 highlighting discrepancies with the organization's finances, and assured donations would reach the children they are intended to help.

"As a result, the BA & Esther Greenheck

Foundation and the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin have partnered with volunteers who previously assisted the local Blessings in a Backpack program to ensure that food filled backpacks continue to be delivered to the children of the Wausau and DC Everest school districts at this time," Jackson wrote in the press release.

When City Pages inquired, Jackson referenced the investigation, which Barnes confirmed.

Barnes added that he was confident that any donations made to the organization would reach their intended recipients. "Additionally, I would ask the community to continue to support Blessings in a Backpack as there is clearly a need," Barnes says. "I am confident contributions will serve the children of this community."

### HT Cobblery future uncertain as building owner eyes two-story restaurant

The HT Cobblery's future is uncertain after the building's owner shared plans to potentially tear the building down at the city's Plan Commission meeting last month.

The building's owner, Ryan Gallagher, told City Pages that he does have plans for a rooftop restaurant but that he wasn't sure whether or not they would be tearing down the building. They're still working with Boldt Construction on finalizing plans for the building.

Compass Properties bought the building in 2015 with the intention of building apartments with a rooftop patio after HT Cobblery closes. But the shoe store remained open and Compass sold the building in May to Gallagher, who runs Rocket Industrial and the Wausau Business show.

Gallagher told City Pages that the building was erected in the 1960s and has a false cobblestone facade to match the surrounding area. The building isn't really historic, he says. **GP**

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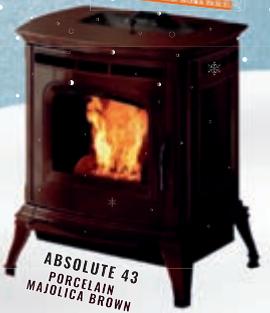
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# Sad passing

**Two former state senators died right before Christmas**



Tim Cullen

George Petak

**Former state Sens.** Tim Cullen, who crossed party lines to serve in a Republican administration, and George Petak, whose change of heart paved the way for a new baseball stadium in Milwaukee, have died.

Cullen, a former Democratic majority leader from Janesville, passed away yesterday at a Madison hospital after dealing with a heart condition, his family said. He was 80. Petak, a Racine Republican, died this morning, his family said. He was 75.

Cullen's first stint in the state Senate ran from 1975-87 and included five years as the majority leader. He left the chamber to serve two years as Health and Social Services secretary under GOP Gov. Tommy Thompson from 1987-88 before leaving to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield. He served as an executive with the company and its successors before returning to

the state Senate for a single term in 2011 when he teamed up with then-Sen. Dale Schultz, a Richland Center Republican, to advocate for new maps. Cullen wrote three books, most recently one on redistricting: "Wisconsin Gerrymandering: The Fight for Permanent Fair Maps and Why It Matters."

"We were political partners, dear friends and then officially old friends," said former Assembly Speaker Tom Loftus, a legislative colleague. "Tim liked to say he was, 'just an Irish politician.' Remember Tim on St. Patrick's Day. He would like that."

Petak was the first Wisconsin state legislator to be removed from office in a recall election after he switched his vote on a five-county sales tax to fund a stadium for the Milwaukee Brewers. Petak was first elected to the state Senate in 1990 and

won reelection four years later. In 1995, he twice voted against a proposed sales tax for the stadium. But he switched his vote the third time the bill was brought to the floor, leading to the recall effort a year later. His loss to Dem Kimberly Plache in that election flipped control of the state Senate.

Following his loss, Petak was appointed deputy director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. He later served as a government consultant and lobbyist. Some later credited Petak's vote for helping keep the Brewers in Wisconsin.

George Petak's son, Brian Petak, posted on Facebook this morning of his father's passing.

"My Dad certainly fought the good fight and finished his race well," Brian Petak wrote. "What a legacy he has left for all of us. A man of God with uncompromising integrity, a heart to serve, and a godly influence on so many."

## Evers appoints new DNR secretary

Gov. Tony Evers announced today he appointed Karen Hyun, the chief of staff of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as DNR secretary, filling a position that has been vacant for more than a year.

Evers praised Hyun's "extensive science background and expertise working in fish and wildlife, shoreline restoration, and coastal management and resilience." In addition to her current position with NOAA, Hyun has staffed the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee, served as a senior policy adviser for the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of the Secretary, and deputy assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks at the Department of the Interior.

"Having spent most of her career

working in environmental policy, Dr. Hyun brings a wealth of experience navigating many of the issues the department is charged with managing every day, and I'm so excited for her to get started," Evers said.

Hyun will be Evers' third Department of Natural Resources secretary. Preston Cole, Evers' first leader at the agency, served for almost four years before retiring in November 2022. Evers then appointed Adam Payne to the post, effective Jan. 3, 2023. But he stepped down 10 months later, writing in his resignation letter that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Since then, Evers has struggled to find someone to fill the role. He's blamed that partly on the GOP-controlled state Senate rejecting 22 executive branch nominations since he took office in 2019. In the previous 40 years, the Senate had rejected four.

## Madison police chief says gun used in school shooting obtained legally

Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes says the guns brought to school by a 15-year-old school shooter in Madison last week were bought legally, but the chief wouldn't reveal who bought them.

"Those firearms have been traced from our partners with the ATF," Barnes said on WISN's "UpFront," which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. "They did an emergency trace for us and was able to get that information back. I'm not going to reveal what we discovered because it is part of the case file, and if someone is charged at some point, there are some things that we must do, and one of that is ensure that everyone can get a fair trial and that the information is not released."

Barnes, who was named the incoming Seattle police chief on Friday, said the



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Next week I'll discuss what an SNT can pay for.

investigation is looking into “anyone who may have been involved, who may have had some effort in creating this or some part in it.”

“There are laws regarding weapons and firearms and children,” Barnes said when asked about the shooter’s parents. “But I’m not prepared to say whether or not they have violated any of those.”

The investigation, Barnes said, is also focusing on 15-year-old Natalie Rupnow’s social media accounts and who she may have been interacting with.

That includes a 20-year-old man in California whose weapons have been taken away from him through California’s red flag law.

### Kaul says he will challenge Trump on immigration

Dem AG Josh Kaul said he’s ready to challenge the incoming Trump administration if it seeks to improperly divert federal funds to the president-elect’s immigration priorities, tries to end birthright citizenship or restricts access to abortion drugs.

In a WisPolitics year-end interview, Kaul vowed to take legal action to protect the constitutional rights and interests of Wisconsinites if he believes either would be harmed by Donald Trump’s actions.

During his first administration, Trump sought to divert more than \$3.5 billion in federal funds to pay for a border wall, leading to a legal challenge. Likewise, Kaul said if Trump sought to redirect money designated or national security or law enforcement, the AG would seek to intervene.

Meanwhile, Trump has vowed to end birthright citizenship. But Kaul said that language is in the U.S. Constitution and any effort to alter that would be met with a legal challenge.

“Protecting our constitutional rights is, I think, an important part of what I and other AGs do,” Kaul told WisPolitics. **CP**

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**T**here hasn't been a year since I came back to Wausau in 2014 in which I thought, "gee, not much happened this year newswise." Wausau is a pretty dynamic place typically, and there is always plenty to report on.

And that means there are always a few trendlines to report on long term. Keeping tabs on long-term storylines is one of the favorites of most reporters I think, and it's why local journalism matters.

So with that, City Pages' annual tradition of wrapping up the significant storylines of the year continues this year. It's a good excuse to not only think back on the year we all just experienced, but also to look forward to what we can expect to see in 2025.

## Wausau schools restructuring

This was a major story in 2023. For some time, it looked like the Wausau School District was going to completely change how it was structured. That meant changing to one high school, meant to address the disparity between Wausau East and Wausau West enrollment, and it meant creating a new middle school and junior high structure.

The plan was met with quite a bit of backlash, especially when residents learned the plan would involve some children spending an hour and a half on a bus — one way — to get to school.

The final nail in the coffin came when School Board Member Pat McKee pointed out that the new plan ultimately wouldn't even save money. He suggested the board nix the plan and start by looking at the district's elementary school footprint instead.

And over the course of the year, the district did just that. A committee of parents, teachers, staff, and other residents spent much of the year developing a plan that was recently presented to the Wausau School Board that aims to close four of the district's 13 schools. That would change the district's elementary schools from being 70% at capacity to 85%.

Why do this? While the board rejected the major restructuring plan, what hasn't changed is declining enrollments. Total enrollment has dropped in the district from nearly 8,400 students in 2017 to just more than 7,400 in 2024. When you factor about \$10,000 in aid per student (as former district finance guru Bob Tess pointed out, the funding formula is very complicated, but \$10,000 per student is a good estimate to use as a rule of thumb), you can see why the district needs to start closing unused building space and employing fewer teachers. Especially since birth rates aren't indicating that the numbers of students are expected to grow any time soon.

## Mayor Doug Diny and the ballot box

Mayor Doug Diny on a Sunday in September removed a ballot box from the steps of city hall. A photo Diny himself shared with others show him dressed in a suit, a hard hat and work gloves carting it off. Diny says the box, which wasn't currently in use and was awaiting installation by city workers the following Monday, was unsecured and so he brought it inside.

A firestorm ensued, leading to a battle between Diny and the city clerk, another battle between Diny and the city council, and ultimately a Department of Justice investigation that led agents to raid Diny's home and city hall office. Diny in response to questions from City Pages called the move "Stasi tactics."

Meanwhile, a pair of residents filed a complaint against the city clerk, alleging that she didn't follow best practices outlined by the League of Wisconsin municipalities for how drop boxes should be handled.

So far, no announcements following the raid and investigation have surfaced. The elections complaint against city clerk Kaitlyn Bernarde has not yet been decided, but an amended complaint has been filed and responded to.

## Foundry on Third is a go

A number of people really wondered if the Foundry on Third project would ever happen. It likely wasn't until the golden shovels broke dirt in the former Wausau Center mall site that people started to believe they would see a building there after all.

To recap, a group put together by two area foundations, calling themselves Wausau Opportunity Zone or WOZ, bought the mall to prevent it from falling into the hands of another venture capital firm. Then the pandemic happened, and that accelerated the decline of Wausau Center. It was torn down in 2021.

But the plan to replace it — contracting with T. Wall Enterprises, a firm that only recently threatened to sue the city — seemed to be falling apart after facing opposition at the city council over tax incentives to the developers and then later after City Pages



Mayor Doug Diny removing the ballot from the steps of City Hall on a Sunday.



The Foundry on Third project, on the site of the former Wausau Center mall, as it looked Monday morning.

revealed that T. Wall was soliciting additional investors, signaling the finances weren't working out.

But that changed, and at the end of May T. Wall Enterprise owner Terrence Wall was on hand along with plenty of other officials to break out the golden shovels and break ground.

After that, construction has been flying. The outer shell is already largely built, and construction crews hope to wrap up the project in time to start leasing to tenants, residential and commercial, in December of 2025.

When T. Wall Enterprises initially made its pitch to the city for tax incentives, it also highlighted a second, similar building it had planned. Whether we will still see that is anyone's guess at this point.

## Lead lines start getting replaced — but the financing raises concerns

The hubbub around replacing the city's 8,000 lead lines really kicked off in 2023 — but last year the first lines started being replaced. That means on both the city and on the private side. More than 500 homes had their private lines replaced through the Equiflow program.

The financing of that program turned out to be much more complicated than previously thought, however. While much of the public narrative when the program was announced signaled federal funding to help Wausonians see their lines replaced (because lead exposure leads to all kinds of negative health outcomes, especially in children), lesser known was: 1) the funding was a mix of grant and

loans, and 2) the source to pay back those loans hadn't been identified when the program started.

That came into stark relief recently when city leaders learned that next year Wausau is set to get \$8 million in forgivable loans for the lead line replacement project, but \$6.1 million in regular loans. Considering the city tightened its belt this budget season, holding to Mayor Doug Diny's 2.5% levy limit increase, that's a big expense coming up for 2025.



A construction worker works at Eau Claire Boulevard on the city's southeast side. Many residents on that street had their lead lines replaced as the boulevard was reconstructed.

That's likely to be one of the more favorable funding years the city will get. It was early into the program and later years are expected to be less favorable (ie, loans of the type the city has to pay back).

Not every city council member was thrilled with that funding, and expect that to be an issue that comes up again next year.

## The Kronenwetter chaos continues

Then-Kronenwetter Administrator Richard Downey once asked me how to get more coverage for the village. I explained to him at the time that if the media isn't covering you, that's probably a good thing because it means things are running smoothly.

That turned out to be unintentionally prophetic. City Pages has devoted more ink to Kronenwetter in the last three years than it probably has in the preceding ten.

The village saw a mass exodus of employees including senior staff since 2020, and that hasn't really stopped. The overwhelming number of those interviewed said it was because of treatment by certain board members. (No doubt further facilitated by a general workforce shortage that makes it easy to leave bad situations.)

The village in 2024 lost a finance director, two administrators and the village clerk. Before the clerk left, she initiated a harassment complaint against board member Ken Charneski. The report, from von Briesen and Roper, concluded that Charneski harassed Village Clerk Bobbi Jo Birk-LaBarge. Charneski denied this and said the report was biased.

Add to that a fight over whether the village ought to start its own ambulance service or keep contracting with Riverside Fire District and other squabbles and Kronenwetter could probably fill a full-time reporter's job duties. **CP**

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# HIGHLIGHTS



TOM JORDAN



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## Tom Jordan and Scott Kirby

Saturday, Jan. 4 | Malarkey's Pub, Wausau

It seems like we've been writing a lot about Tom Jordan lately — but that's because the founder of 20-Watt Tombstone has been playing around these parts quite a bit lately! Jordan will join Scott Kirby this week for a show at Malarkey's Pub, one of Wausau's leaders in the music scene. Jordan plays a mean, dirty, noisy blues rock with his slide guitar style that's always worth checking out. And Kirby brings the chops with a blues, rock, Americana style from Rhinelander, so they should make for a solid evening. 8 pm. malarkeyspub.com

## Hadestown

Mon-Tues. 1/6-7 | Grand Theater, Wausau

The Grand Theater is really pushing the musicals hard this season! They really booked some top-notch examples from the genre, and this latest one is no exception. Hadestown won no fewer than eight Tony awards and a Grammy on top of it. Hadestown entangles the tales of Orpheus and Eurydice with King Hades and his wife Persephone. You may not be familiar with Greek mythology, but everyone can relate to themes of nature versus industry, doubt versus faith and fear versus love. 7 pm. \$75-\$135. grandtheater.org

## Broomball drop in league

Sunday, Jan. 5 | Marathon Park, Wausau

Ready to try a new sport? The kickoff of this new league took a little while longer to get off the ground than previously hoped, but the city's first-ever broomball league is up and running. They call it a drop-in league because you can show up to any of the Sunday night games and get a spot on a team to play this sport. Broomball is kind of like hockey, but it uses a rubber ball rather than a puck, a mallet instead of a hockey stick and you use shoes, not skates. That makes it a little safer and adult-friendly. \$5 per night, plus \$2 to rent a hockey helmet if you don't have one. The rest of the equipment is provided. 6 pm. Wausau/Marathon County Parks and Recreation on Facebook for more.

## Alive Again: A Tribute to Chicago

Saturday 1/4 | Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

Another tribute to one of the major bands of the previous century. Chicago, originally called Chicago Transit Authority before shortening its name in 1969, was a band formed in, well, Chicago. Their music combined rock 'n roll with jazz and r&b, employed a horn section and saw great success for decades. (And this is where I take the opportunity once again to say that Chicago's former guitarist, Terry Kath, is one of the most underrated guitarists of all time. It's unacceptable, and I will never understand it.) Alive Again is a Chicago tribute act based out of Green Bay that is composed of experienced and talented musicians, many of whom are music educators themselves. Big fans of Chicago will enjoy this loving tribute to a legendary band. 7:30 pm. \$35. lucilletackcenter.com

## Jackson Taylor

Friday, Jan. 3 | Bantr, Rothschild

Jackson Taylor is really growing his country music career, and he's building it from right here in the Wausau area. Born in Medford, Taylor calls Weston home while having a full tour schedule, taking him all around the state in the next few months. His style is a very top-40, singer-songwriter style of country that might sound familiar to those who listen to modern country. Taylor considers country artists Jason Aldean, Riley Green and Canaan Smith the main influences of his acoustic guitar-driven style. Jackson played 175 shows per year, and this Friday will make his way to Bantr, which is starting to become a real spot for music recently, and in the event listing they promise complementary popcorn and arcade games such as Pac-Man. 8 pm. bantrrothschild.com

## Line Dance Lessons

Saturday, Jan. 4 | The Labor Temple, Wausau

This highlights section this week has a very decidedly country theme to it this week! If Friday night's show with Jackson Taylor left you jonesing for more country, now is your chance to learn how to line dance! The Sound-a-Motion Country-style dancers group out of Marshfield is hosting this line dance lesson session Saturday afternoon at the Labor Temple. Come learn how to dance with fellow learners of all ages at the Labor Temple. The group has dancers from all over central Wisconsin and that's probably because they travel a lot to put on these lessons. 1-5 pm. \$10. Learn more at www.soundamotion.com

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ALIVE AGAIN

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# BIG GUIDE

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



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## BAR BEATS

### Thursday January 2

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

### Friday January 3

**Jupiter Lynx** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic pop rock & alternative. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

**The Brothers Burn Mountain** · Otto's Beer & Brat Garden, Minocqua. Blues. 7 pm. 715-356-6134

**Jordan Bain** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

### Saturday January 4

**Lawrence Andersen** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

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

**Josh Otte** · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

**Tom Jordan & Scott Kirby** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

### Thursday January 9

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

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

### Friday January 10

**Jordan Bain** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

**Northwoods Skitchers Unplugged** · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Acoustic. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

**Dwayne Thomas** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Classic rock, alternative, country & pop. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

### Saturday January 11

**Sarah Crow & The Strangers** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Folk. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

**Tom Winkers** · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Variety. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Kurt Schweers** · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

**Amelia Ford** · Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Folk-rock. 7 pm. 715-693-2739

**Local Heroes** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

### Thursday January 16

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

### Friday January 17

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

**Jared Hubbard** · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Folk, country & Americana. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

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

### Saturday January 18

**Renee Michelle** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

**Hyde** · 4 Father's Pub, Wausau. Rock & pop. 8 pm. 715-841-0035

**Chris Hodgson** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

### Thursday January 23

**Tuck Pence** · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

### Friday January 24

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

### Saturday January 25

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

**Corey Rae White** · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Country, rock, blues, funk, folk & soft rock. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

### Thursday January 30

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

### Friday January 31

**Snow on the Mountain** · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Blues. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

## TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. David Gilmour 'Luck & Strange'
2. Linkin Park 'From Zero'
3. Jerry Cantrell 'I Want Blood'
4. The Cure 'Songs Of A Lost World'
5. Warren Haynes 'Million Voices Whisper'
6. Beth Hart 'You Still Got Me'
7. Amyl & The Sniffers 'Cartoon Darkness'
8. Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young 'Live At The Fillmore East 1969'
9. Gillian Welch & David Rawlings 'Woodland'
10. Billy Strings 'Highway Prayers'

Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. The games start at 6 pm each Wednesday. Teams can include up to 6 people. [sawmillbrewing.net](http://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

**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](http://mosineebrewing.com)

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

**Team Trivia at Malarkey's** · Wednesdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Trivia starts at 7 pm. [malarkeyspub.com](http://malarkeyspub.com)

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

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

**Third Thursdays Live Music** · 3rd Thursday every month, Sconni's

Alehouse and Eatery Schofield. Starts at 6 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, Denmark 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

**Brad Emanuel** · Saturdays 12/21-3/29, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Variety. Starts at 3 pm. [skigranitepeak.com](http://skigranitepeak.com)

## ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

**Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473**

Movie listings unavailable at time of press

**Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094**

Movie listings unavailable at time of press



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## ON STAGE

- Jackson Taylor** · Fri. 1/3, Bantr, Rothschild. Country. 18+. Starts at 8 pm. Free. [bantrrothschild.com](http://bantrrothschild.com)
- Alive Again: A Tribute To Chicago** · Sat. 1/4, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Tribute concert to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band Chicago. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35. [lucilletackcenter.com](http://lucilletackcenter.com)
- Hadestown** · Mon.-Tues. 1/6-1/7, Grand Theater, Wausau. Broadway musical that intertwines two mythical tales; that of young dreamers Orpheus & Eurydice and that of King Hades & his wife Persephone. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$75-\$135. [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org)
- Stayin' Alive-The World's #1 Tribute to Bee Gees** · Thurs. 1/9, Grand Theater, Wausau. Bee Gees tribute concert. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$34-\$50. [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org)
- The Missing Miles & Dig Deep** · Sat. 1/11, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Bluegrass & alternative rock. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$15. [eventbrite.com/e/the-missing-miles-album-release-party-with-dig-deep-tickets-1106885216479](http://eventbrite.com/e/the-missing-miles-album-release-party-with-dig-deep-tickets-1106885216479)
- Candlelight: Featuring Vivaldi's Four Seasons & More** · Fri. 1/17, St Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau. Classical music. Starts at 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm. \$26-\$51.50. [feverup.com/m/256074](http://feverup.com/m/256074)
- NEW Dueling Pianos** · Fri. 1/17, Bantr, Rothschild. Enjoy a piano show that covers practically every music genre. 18+. Starts at 8 pm. \$30 general admission. [bantrrothschild.com](http://bantrrothschild.com)
- Young Pups, Stretch 29, Elk Startled by Thunder** · Fri. 1/17, Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Folk punk, rock, punk rock. 21+. Starts at 9 pm. \$5 cover. 715-298-0028
- Living River** · Sat. 1/18, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Gospel quartet. Starts at 2 pm. \$20. [lucilletackcenter.com](http://lucilletackcenter.com)
- Rock Infused Orchestra** · Sat. 1/18, Wausau West High School, Wausau. Enjoy a rock/pop concert performed by over 200 string orchestra students in grades 6-12. Starts at 3 pm. Free. [wausauconservatory.org](http://wausauconservatory.org)

- Free Fallin-The Tom Petty Experience** · Sat. 1/18, Lake of the Torches Resort Casino, Lac du Flambeau. Tom Petty tribute concert. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$15 & \$10. [lakeofthetorches.com](http://lakeofthetorches.com)
- Comedian Pat Godwin** · Fri. 1/24, Bantr, Rothschild. Comedy. 18+. Starts at 6 pm. \$20-\$60. [bantrrothschild.com](http://bantrrothschild.com)
- Them Coulee Boys** · Fri. 1/24, Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau. Folk-rock. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$20. [eventbrite.com/e/them-coulee-boys-tickets-1066889076949](http://eventbrite.com/e/them-coulee-boys-tickets-1066889076949)
- Steely Dane-The Ultimate Steely Dan Tribute** · Sat. 1/25, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Steely Dan tribute concert performed by 14 of Dane County's top jazz & rock musicians. Starts at 7 pm. \$15-\$42. [campanilecenter.org](http://campanilecenter.org)
- Hyprov: Improv Under Hypnosis** · Sat. 1/25, Grand Theater, Wausau. 90 minute live show that combines hypnosis and improv. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$68. [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org)
- Don Felder: Former Lead Guitarist of the Eagles** · Sat. 1/25, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Rock. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$45-\$65. [northstarcasinosort.com](http://northstarcasinosort.com)



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- Benny Green** · Tues. 1/28, Great Northern Distilling, Stevens Point. Jazz. Starts at 7 pm. \$35. Free for music students, 50% discount for musicians. [jazzcoterie.com](http://jazzcoterie.com)
- The Simon & Garfunkel Story** · Thurs. 1/30, Grand Theater, Wausau. Critically-acclaimed, concert-style theatre show about two boys from Queens, NY who became the most successful music duo of all time. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$75. [grandtheater.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://mtoliveweston.org)
- Wausau Morning Toastmasters Meeting** · 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, Vino Latte, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. [toastmasters.org](http://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](http://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
- 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. Starts at 10:30 am. [uuwausau.org](http://uuwausau.org)
- Worship Service** · Sundays, Peace United Church of Christ, 1530 Grand Ave, Schofield. Starts at 9 am. [peacechurchucc.com](http://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](mailto:MarathonCityFarmersMarket@gmail.com)

## Wittenberg Gun Show

January 17th & 18th

at the Best Western  
W17267 Red Oak Lane  
Wittenberg, WI  
Fri 3-8, Sat 9-4  
Admission \$5

Bearing Arms Gun Shows  
Jeff 715-641-2439 or  
[bearingarmsgunshows@gmail.com](mailto:bearingarmsgunshows@gmail.com)

**MCPL Learn How to Play Cribbage** · Tuesdays 1/7-5/27, 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](http://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

**Winter Reading Program** · Thurs.-Fri. 1/2-4/5, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Read at least three books in three months & log the books in for an entry into a raffle. Reading logs must be turned into the library by 4/5 to be entered in the raffle. Free. 715-261-7230

**Fiber Artists Meetup** · Wednesdays 1/8-5/28, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Adults are invited to craft & chat at a weekly Fiber Artists Meetup. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**AARP Income Tax Preparation** · Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2/4-4/2. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will offer free income tax preparation in Wausau focused on taxpayers who are age 50 and older and have low to moderate income. Scheduling volunteers will be taking calls for required appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9 am-3 pm. 715-298-5734 for required appointments starting on 1/21. For other sites in the surrounding area search: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Site Locator or call 888-227-7669

## EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

**Homemade Journals & Notebooks** · Thurs.-Sat. 1/2-1/11, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Drop by the library at regular business hours to make a new journal from scratch with various materials. Supplies & instructions will be provided. 715-693-2144

**Mosinee Papermakers Game** · Sat. 1/4, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Fond du Lac Bears. Starts at 7:30 pm. [mosineepapermakers.com](http://mosineepapermakers.com)

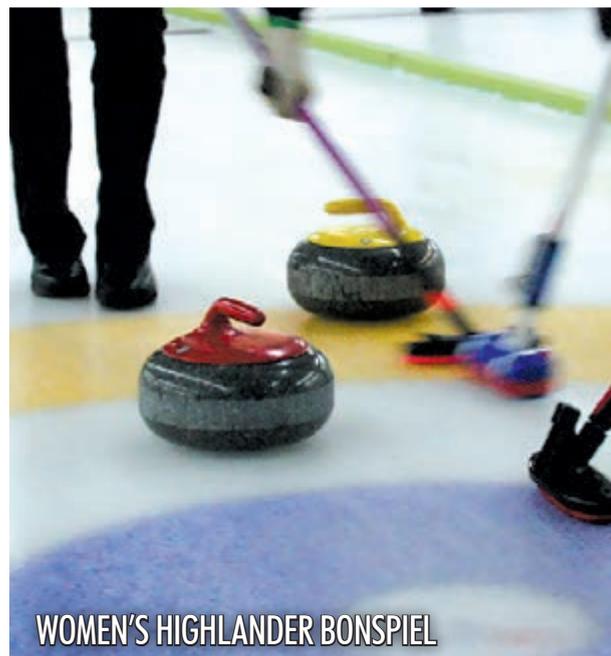
**DIY Affirmation Jar Craft** · Tues. 1/7, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn how to create an affirmation jar using simple household items. All supplies & instructions will be provided. Starts at 6:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Almond Journeys Book Club: "Lost December" by Richard Paul Evans** · Wed. 1/8, Portage County Public Library, Almond. After burning through his inheritance, Luke finds employment & romance as an entry-level clerk. Meet at the municipal center next to the library. Starts at 1 pm. 715-366-2151

**New Horizons Book Club: "The Midnight Library" by Matthew Haig** · Wed. 1/8, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point or online via Zoom. Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe, there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. Meet in the Prairie Room or online. Starts at 1:30 pm in person or 6:30 pm online. [eglade@pocolibrary.org](mailto:eglade@pocolibrary.org) for meeting details

**Mock-Tales at the Library** · Thurs. 1/9, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Read a book at the library & enjoy book-themed mocktails. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**2025 Women's Highlander Bonspiel** · Fri.-Sun. 1/10-1/12, hosted by the Wausau Curling Club at Wausau Curling Center, 1920 Curling Way, Wausau. Wear tartan attire & enjoy music, Scottish dancing, food, drinks, curling & more. Starts at 6 pm. \$280/team before 12/1, \$300 after. [wausaucurling.org](http://wausaucurling.org)



**CWMR 27th Annual Model Railroad Show** · Sat.-Sun. 1/11-1/12, Holiday Inn Convention Center Hotel, 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point. Many layouts, swap/sales tables & vendors. Starts at 9 am on Sat. & 10 am on Sun. \$5 adults, \$2 kids ages 12-17, free for ages 12 & under. 715-340-0265

**Puzzle Social** · Sat. 1/11, Portage County Public Library, Plover. Relax with different types of puzzles by yourself or socializing with other patrons. Participants can also swap old puzzles for new ones. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. 715-341-4007

**2-Person Scotch Doubles Fundraiser** · Sat. 1/11, hosted by Wausau Metro Adult Special Olympics at Dale's Weston Lanes, Weston. Win prizes with colored head pin strikes. In-game raffles. 50/50 cash raffle & basket raffles. Proceeds benefit the Wausau Metro Adult Special Olympics. Check-in at 5 pm. Bowling starts at 6 pm. \$35. [wausaumetroadultso@gmail.com](mailto:wausaumetroadultso@gmail.com) for questions. Submit entry form to Char Luedtke-918 Hillcrest Ave, Wausau WI 54401. Ph. 715-571-9582

**Mosinee Papermakers Game** · Sat. 1/11, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Fox Cities Ice Dogs. Starts at 7:30 pm. [mosineepapermakers.com](http://mosineepapermakers.com)

**Sleigh Rides for Small Groups with Lunch Option** · Sun. 1/12, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Go out on sleigh rides and enjoy optional soup buffet. Intended for groups of 8 or less. Starts at 9 am. \$15 per person for ride, \$25 per person for ride and soup buffet, \$14/buffet only, \$8 kids 6-11, free for ages 5 and under. 715-675-1171 or [willowsspringsgardens.com](http://willowsspringsgardens.com)

**Marathon City Book Club: "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano** · Mon. 1/13, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Awarded a college basketball scholarship away from his childhood home silenced by tragedy, a young man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775

**Edgar Book Club: "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. When her father impulsively moves the family to mid-1970's Alaska to live off the land, young Leni & her mother are forced to confront the dangers of their lack of preparedness in the wake of a dangerous winter season. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155

**Hatley Book Club: "The Horse Whisperer" by Nicholas Evans** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. After her teenage daughter & the girl's horse are injured in a tragic accident, Annie Graves journeys across the continent in search of Tom Booker, the Horse Whisperer, in the hope that he can use his ancient gift to help both the horse & the maimed girl. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537

**Learn How to Play Cribbage** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Adults can visit the library and play cribbage. Cribbage boards and cards will be available and all skill levels are welcome. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-659-3996

**Athens Book Club: "The Storm We Made" by Vanessa Chan** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. In 1945 Malaya, her family in terrible danger due to a choice she made 10 years earlier, Cecily Alcantara, who was lured into a life of espionage for the invading Japanese forces during WWII, who will do anything to save those she loves. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292

**Speed Puzzle Competition** · Tues.-Sat. 1/14-1/18, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Form a team of 2-4 people & complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle. Registration required. Starts at 5 pm on Tues. & Thurs., 10:30 am & 1 pm on Fri. and 10:30 am on Sat. 715-687-4420 to register

**Paging through the Past Book Club: "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Brown** · Tues. 1/14, hosted by the Portage County Public Library at the Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St, Stevens Point. The story of the University of Washington's 1935 eight-oar crew & their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-346-1223

**METRO Club Luncheon** · Wed. 1/15, Gulliver's Landing, 1701 Mallard Ln, Wausau. Presenter Jon DeGroot, Sr. Director of IT at NTC. Program is Advancing World of AI. RSVP by 1/10. Starts at noon. 715-203-2382 or [mageetutor94@gmail.com](mailto:mageetutor94@gmail.com) to RSVP

**Stratford Book Club: "The Women of Copper Country" by Mary Doria Russell** · Wed. 1/15, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. A store inspired by the life of Annie Clements, retelling in historically authentic detail how in 1913 she led a courageous strike against the world's largest copper-mining company. Starts at 1 pm. 715-687-4420

**Rosholt Choices Book Club: Jungles** · Thurs. 1/16, Portage County Public Library, Rosholt. Each month we pick a topic & invite participants to pick any book they would like to read on that topic. January's theme is "Jungles". Starts at 2:30 pm. 715-677-4512

**Winter Brew Fest** · Fri. 1/17, Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau. 8+ breweries, brat bar & live music. 21+ event. Starts at 5 pm. \$40 advance, \$45 at the door. [wausauevents.org](http://wausauevents.org)

**Mosinee Papermakers Game** · Fri. 1/17, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Dane County Dairy Kings. Starts at 8 pm. [mosineepapermakers.com](http://mosineepapermakers.com)

**Garden Visions 2025** · Sat. 1/18, Northcentral Technical College, Wausau or virtually via Zoom. Northcentral Wisconsin's largest gardening conference featuring Melinda Myers, Allen Pyle, and Leigh & Erin Presley. Doors open at 7:30 am. Starts at 8:30 am. \$69 regular registration, \$59 for ages 62+ registration, \$40 virtual registration (all day), and \$79 walk-in day. [ntc.edu/calendar/2025/01/18/garden-visions-2025](http://ntc.edu/calendar/2025/01/18/garden-visions-2025)

**Winter Fest** · Sat. 1/18, Washington Square & 400 Block, Wausau. Kid's activities, free cookies & pizza, sled dog demonstrations, ice sculptures, petting zoo & more. Starts at 11 am. Free. [wausauevents.org](http://wausauevents.org)

**Dr. Martin Lutheran King Jr. Celebration 2025** · Sat. 1/18, Marathon Park East Gate Hall, Wausau. Celebrate Dr. Martin Lutheran King Jr.'s legacy with an inspiring speech by Dr. Adedayo Onitilo, appetizers, musical performances & community activities that embody the spirit of Dr. King's message. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Starts at 5 pm. Free. [eventbrite.com/e/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration-2025-wausau-tickets-1114636861859](http://eventbrite.com/e/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration-2025-wausau-tickets-1114636861859)

**Plover Reflections Book Club: "James" by Percival Everett & "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain** · Wed. 1/22, Portage County Public Library, Plover. The group will discuss Twain's iconic classic & Everett's acclaimed modern retelling from an entirely new perspective. Starts at 2 pm. 715-341-4007

**Craft & Vendor Show** · Sat.-Sun. 1/25-1/26, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft & vendor show. Starts at 9 am. [cedarcreekmall.com](http://cedarcreekmall.com)

**Sleigh Rides for Small Groups with Lunch Option** · Sun. 1/26, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Go out on sleigh rides and enjoy optional soup buffet. Intended for groups of 8 or less. Starts at 9 am. \$15 per person for ride, \$25 per person for ride and soup buffet, \$14/buffet only, \$8 kids 6-11, free for ages 5 and under. 715-675-1171 or [willowsspringsgardens.com](http://willowsspringsgardens.com)

**Mosinee Book Club: "The Only One Left" by Riley Sager** · Mon. 1/27, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. In 1983, home-health aide Kit McDeere cares for Lenora Hope at Hope's End, uncovering dark secrets about the Hope family massacre. As Kit learns more, she realizes Lenora may be far more dangerous than expected. Starts at 2 pm. 715-693-2144

**Rothschild Book Club: "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea** · Wed. 1/29, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. After D-Day, two heroic Red Cross women, Irene Woodward and Dorothy Dunford join the Allied soldiers streaming into France, from the Battle of the Bulge to the liberation of Buchenwald, & where Irene learns to trust again through their friendship. Starts at 11 am. 715-359-6208

**Sleigh Rides for Small Groups with Lunch Option** · Sat. 2/1, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Go out on sleigh rides and enjoy optional soup buffet. Intended for groups of 8 or less. Starts at 9 am. \$15 per person for ride, \$25 per person for ride and soup buffet, \$14/buffet only, \$8 kids 6-11, free for ages 5 and under. 715-675-1171 or [willowsspringsgardens.com](http://willowsspringsgardens.com)

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## OUTDOORS

**Gatorade Grom Jam 1** · Sun. 1/12, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau.

Go skiing or snowboarding, enjoy pizza or similar lunch and a friendly competition. For ages 12 & under. Registration starts at 9 am, event starts at 1 pm. Helmets & lift tickets/season pass required. skigranitepeak.com

**Lighted Snowshoe Walk with Hors D'oeuvres & Sandwich Charcuterie Buffet** · Thurs. 1/16, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy snowshoeing walking & buffet. Starts at 5:30 pm. \$30/person for walk & buffet, \$18 for children ages 6-11, \$10/person walk only, \$10/child ages 6-11 walk only, \$20/person buffet only, \$8/children 6-11 buffet only, free for ages 5 & under. willowspringsgardens.com

**Lighted Snowshoe Walk with Chili Charcuterie Buffet** · Thurs. 1/23, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy snowshoeing walking & buffet. Starts at 5:30 pm. \$30/person for walk & buffet, \$18 for children ages 6-11, \$10/person walk only, \$10/child ages 6-11 walk only, \$20/person buffet only, \$8/children 6-11 buffet only, free for ages 5 & under. willowspringsgardens.com

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

**Genealogy Basics** · Mon. 1/13, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau.

Learn how to trace your family history using Ancestry. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Social Security Basics** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library,

Mosinee. Learn about Social Security benefits & how to plan for retirement. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

## 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

**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

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

Wmoca.org

**Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau** · Free. Gallery hours Wed.-Fri.

10 am-4 pm; Sat. 12 pm-4 pm. Closed Sun.-Tues. 715-842-4545, cvawausau.org. Inspired by activities and events.

**Merrill Historical Society Museum, Merrill** · Free. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri.

9 am-1 pm. 715-536-5652. discovermerrillhistory.org

**Keeping Up Appearances-Suds, Duds & Irons** · Ongoing exhibit. This

exhibit showcases more than 60 individual & unique restored irons, washing devices & old laundry soap. discovermerrillhistory.org

**Marathon City Heritage Center** · Open from noon to 2 pm on the second

Sunday of each month from Oct. to April, Open Sun. 4/5 noon-2 pm and 5/3 noon-2 pm. 715-443-2221. marathoncity.org

**Marathon County Historical Society** · Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm. Sat.-

Sun. 1 pm-4:30 pm. marathoncountyhistory.org

**The 1920s: Rebellion, Prosperity & Loss** · Ongoing exhibit. Step back in

time 100 years to learn what life was like in the roaring '20s. This exhibit captures the excitement around new forms of media like the radio & moving pictures, the realities of enforcing a national Prohibition of alcohol, the growth of electrified appliances to modernize life at work & in the home, and much more. marathoncountyhistory.org

**Peek Inside: See What We Collect and Why** · Ongoing exhibit at the

Marathon County Historical Society. View items on display and learn why they are a part of the Historical Society's collection. marathoncountyhistory.org

**Our Stories: The History of Marathon County** · Jan. 2022 thru Dec. 2025.

Learn about the stories of people who lived in Marathon County for a long time. Themes include arriving here, making a living and having fun. marathoncountyhistory.org

## KIDS/TEENS

**Winter Trail Tales** · Thurs.-Fri. 1/2-1/31, Nine Mile County Forest,

Wausau. Go cross-country skiing through Nine Mile County Forest & enjoy a picture book. Stop by the trail, open dusk until dawn, to read "Whose Tracks in the Snow?" by Alexandra Milton. 715-261-7220

**Tales & Tasty Treats** · Thurs. 1/2, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join us

for a reading of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" & a healthy snack. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org

**LEGO Block Party** · Sat. 1/4, 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

**Teen DIY Neon Signs** · Sat. 1/4, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau.

Teens will learn how to make their own custom neon sign using electroluminescent wire. Starts at 2:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Family Story Time** · Mon. 1/6, 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. 1/7, 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

**Winter Wigglers** · Tues. 1/7, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee.

Children can enjoy fun physical activities at an indoor obstacle course. Starts at 3:30 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

**Play and Learn** · Wednesdays 1/8-1/29, Marathon County Public Library,

Wausau. Staff from Children's Wisconsin will read a story, share music and lead children through a craft project. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. 715-261-7220

**Family Story Time** · Wednesdays 1/8-1/29, Marathon County Public

Library, Stratford. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420

**Family Story Time** · Wed. 1/8, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee.

Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-693-2144

**Family Story Time** · Wed. 1/8, 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

**STEM Literacy-CI Pediatric Therapy Reading** · Thurs. 1/9, Children's

Imaginarium, Wausau. CI Pediatric Therapy will be reading a story & have an interactive activity. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginarium.org

**Family Story Time** · Thursdays 1/9-1/30, 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

**Fairy Tale Ball 2025** · Sat. 1/11, hosted by the Playhouse Theatre Group at UWSP Dreyfus University Center, Stevens Point. Meet fairy tale characters, get their autograph and dance with them. Starts at 2 pm & 6 pm. \$30. playhousetheatergroup.com

**Family Story Time** · Mon. 1/13, 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. 1/14, 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

**Mini Makers** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee.

Explore process art. Process art is child-led & focuses on creation instead of following specific directions. Each branch will have a different project each month. All supplies provided. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

**Pokémon Club** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau.

Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

**Mini Makers** · Wed. 1/15, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild.

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instead of following specific directions. Each branch will have a different project each month. All supplies provided. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-443-2775

**Family Story Time** · Wednesdays 1/15-1/29, 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 Game Night** · Wed. 1/15, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Play a variety of board games & card games or bring your own to the library. Starts at 3 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

**Tales & Tasty Treats** · Thurs. 1/16, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join us for a reading of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" & a healthy snack. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginariump.org

**LEGO Block Party** · Thurs. 1/16, 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

**Winter Weekend-Wausau Events** · Fri.-Sat. 1/17-1/18, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join Wausau Events for a weekend filled with winter activities for the entire family. There will be fun activities at the Children's Imaginarium. childrensimaginariump.org

**PJ's, Puzzles & Pancakes Camp** · Mon. 1/20, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join us as we explore mind bending brain teasers, world puzzles, jigsaw puzzles & everything in-between. Preregistration required. Register on Children's Imaginarium's Facebook. Starts at 9 am. childrensimaginariump.org

**STEM-Powered Mini-Golf Adventure Camp** · Mon. 1/20, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. This interactive camp is perfect for students eager to collaborate, explore & apply their STEM skills to design & construct a one-of-a kind miniature golf course. Preregistration required. Register on Children's Imaginarium's Facebook. Starts at 10 am. childrensimaginariump.org

**Family Story Time** · Tues. 1/21, 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

**Family Story Time** · Wed. 1/22, 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

**Snacks & Stories with Shelly** · Thurs. 1/23, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join us for a reading & a healthy snack. Starts at 10:30 am. childrensimaginariump.org

**Snowflake Craft Day** · Fri. 1/24, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Create a beautiful one-of-a kind snowflake. All supplies provided. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-443-2775

**Teddy Bear Clinic** · Sat. 1/25, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join us for a Teddy Bear Clinic with the Medical College of WI-Central WI medical students. There are two 1 hour sessions. Preregistration encouraged. Starts at 10 am. childrensimaginariump.org

**Family Story Time** · Mon. 1/27, 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

**Play and Learn: For the Birds** · Mon. 1/27, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Stop in at the library to make a birdfeeder. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420

**Family Story Time** · Tues. 1/28, 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

#### 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. wausauchildremsmuseum.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. wausauchildremsmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

**Wednesday Learning Centers** · Every Weds., hosted

by the Stevens Point Area YMCA and Boys & Girls Club of Portage County. Available for students in K thru 6th grade. Young learners will get the chance to socialize and learn after school. Centers are open all day. \$10 per child. More info at bgclubpc.org

**Mini Monets** · Wednesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Rothschild. Preschool art program for children ages 2-5. Starts at 10 am. wausauchildremsmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

**Family Storytime** · Wednesdays, hosted online by T.B. Scott Free Library. Listen to stories, songs, and rhymes every Wednesday. Starts at 10 am. On Facebook Live

**Kids Workshop** · First Saturday of each month, Home Depot, 2705 Sherman St, Wausau. Starts at 9 am. Free. homedepot.com

## LIFELINES

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

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

**Food Pantry** · Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. Bring picture ID & proof of Marathon County residency. Starts at 9 am. 715-842-3733

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

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

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

**Blood Drive** · Thurs.-Fri. 1/2-1/3, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Thurs. 1/2, O'so Brewing Company, 1800 Plover Rd, Plover. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Fri. 1/3, Antigo High School, 1900 10th Ave, Antigo. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Mon. 1/6, Saints Mary & Hyacinth Catholic Church, 819 3rd Ave, Antigo. Starts at 10:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Mon.-Tues. 1/6-1/7, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Thurs.-Fri. 1/9-1/10, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Thurs. 1/9, Wausau Elks Lodge #248, 414 Scott St, Wausau. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Mon.-Tues. 1/13-1/14, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

**Blood Drive** · Tues. 1/14, Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W Somo Ave, Tomahawk. Starts at 11:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

**End-of-Life Planning** · Tues. 1/14, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn about end-of-life planning from two representatives from Aspirus. Starts at 2:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Blood Drive** · Thurs.-Fri. 1/16-1/17, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

*Volunteer Opportunities for the Week of January 6, 2025*

**Find More Donation + Volunteer Opportunities!** Go to the United Way Volunteer Connection volunteer website at [unitedwaymc.galaxydigital.com](http://unitedwaymc.galaxydigital.com).

**Get Your Family, Group, or Workplace Involved!** The United Way of Marathon County Community Closet offers clothing and shoes to families free of charge, year-round. Volunteer shifts are every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 2 to 4pm. Tasks include: sorting donations, ensuring that a variety of clothing is on the racks, and general organizing. Sign up at [unitedwaymc.org/volunteer](http://unitedwaymc.org/volunteer).

**Blood Drive Help Needed!** The American Red Cross collects lifesaving blood to donate to those in need. Blood Donor Ambassador Volunteers welcome donors to blood drives and provide friendly support before and after they give. For more information, contact Lee at [lee.borofka@redcross.org](mailto:lee.borofka@redcross.org).

**Lunch Help Needed!** Volunteers help the Aspirus hospital cafeteria run smoothly during the busy lunch hours. Tasks include restocking the silverware and salad bar, wiping down tables, and assisting visitors. Shifts are 11am-1pm; ages 14+. Contact the Volunteer Office at (715) 847-2848 or [volunteers@aspirus.org](mailto:volunteers@aspirus.org) to join the team!

**Volunteer From Home!** Sign up with Letters Against Isolation to bring joy, hope, and improved quality of life to seniors by simply making a connection through hand-written letters. Compatible with many student community service hour requirements! Great for individuals or groups! Sign up at [lettersagainstisolation.com](http://lettersagainstisolation.com) or contact Lindsay at [lindsay@lettersagainstisolation.com](mailto:lindsay@lettersagainstisolation.com) with questions.

**Do You Love To Be In The Kitchen?** GiGi's Playhouse is looking for Program Volunteers to teach kitchen skill-development activities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Training and resources are provided. Please contact Erica at (715) 907-1867 or [volunteer@wausau@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@wausau@gigisplayhouse.org) to get started!

**Reception & Customer Service** - Good News Project is looking for volunteers to answer phones, fill in paperwork, & greet guests. Other small duties may be assigned during down time. This position would need to commit at least a ½ day per week on a regular schedule. If you are interested in helping out, please go to <https://www.goodnewswi.com/>

volunteer-application/ to fill out an application OR contact Rouleen at (715) 843-5985. Thank you!

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

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**More Donation + Volunteer Opportunities!** Go to the United Way Volunteer Connection volunteer website at [unitedwaymc.galaxydigital.com](http://unitedwaymc.galaxydigital.com).

**Home-Cooked Meals Needed!** St. Vincent de Paul's Getting Ahead program requests donated, pre-prepared meals for approximately 15 people for their weekly workshops. The Getting Ahead program assists individuals experiencing poverty build their resources towards self-sufficiency. To sign up, please contact Emily Mueller at (715) 298-3028, option 3, or [emueller@sdpd.wausau.org](mailto:emueller@sdpd.wausau.org).

**Hygiene Essentials Needed!** The Women's Community shelter is in need of hygiene items for their clients: sanitary pads/tampons, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, lotion, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8am and 4:30pm at 3220 Hilltop Ave. in Wausau. Please contact Allie at [allie@womenscommunity.org](mailto:allie@womenscommunity.org) or (715) 842-5663 with questions.

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