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Whatever I do is not just me; it is many. We are all in this together. No one deserves all the credit, and no one should bear all the blame. Our successes and failures are collective, reflecting the journey we share.

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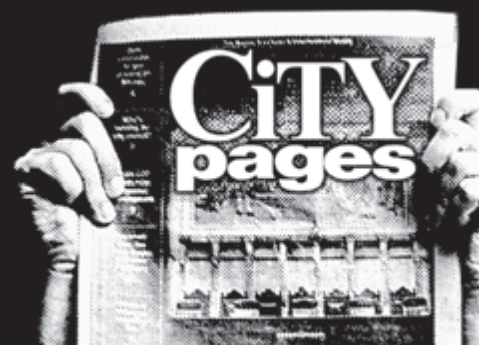


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But Perkins’ attorney, Lana Ruhland, hinted that further action might come from the complaint.

“True grassroots groups should be fully protected by the First Amendment but overtly partisan groups must be accountable to our campaign finance laws,” Ruhland said in a statement. “There cannot be a loophole where groups can effectively operate as a PAC in supporting candidates, hosting fundraisers and engaging in express advocacy without abiding by these laws. Groups cannot skirt these requirements when they’ve so blurred the lines between advocacy and partisan politics. My client will carefully review all available avenues.”

HR committee dismisses complaint from former alderman

A city committee dismissed a verified complaint by a former alderman who called for two city staff members to be fired.

The city’s Human Resources Committee Monday dismissed the complaint brought by former alderman Keene Winters. Winters in the complaint, obtained by City Pages, accused the city of incorrectly classifying some city debt which meant the city was exceeding its debt limit, violating the law. He accused City Finance Director Maryanne Groat and City Attorney Ann Jacobson of misleading the council on the matter and called for their suspension while the complaint is investigated. And ultimately, the complaint says, called for them to be fired.

The city’s HR Committee met in late December to discuss the complaint in closed session and did so again on Monday. Following the closed session, the committee voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint. No further comment on the matter was given.

Mayor Doug Diny told City Pages that municipal attorneys were contracted to evaluate the complaint.

The city’s bond council, Quarles and Brady, explained to

city leaders Tuesday that the water and sewer bonds are classified differently than other forms of debt. The firm is charged with specifically ensuring the city’s borrowing is in compliance with the law, a representative of the firm told city leaders.

Kronenwetter starts extension after village board member doesn’t file paperwork

Interested candidates for the village of Kronenwetter Board have until Friday to file their candidacy paperwork after a sitting board member failed to file paperwork.

Alex Vedvik didn’t file candidacy or non-candidacy paperwork, according to Kronenwetter officials, so the deadline to turn in nomination papers has been extended until Friday.

Board member Kelly Coyle filed non-candidacy paperwork, while incumbents Chris Voll and Chris Eiden filed to run again.

Three candidates are running for village board, sparking a primary. Incumbent Voll will face challengers Aaron Myszka and David Baker.

The three will face off in the primary on Feb. 18.

Charges filed in Tomahawk man’s death

Prosecutors have filed homicide charges in the recent death of a Tomahawk man.

The Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office on Monday filed first-degree intentional homicide charges on Michelle Sanderson, 43, of Tomahawk. The charges also included resisting or obstructing an office and disorderly conduct, and all three charges carried a domestic abuse modifier.

Michelle Sanderson is accused in the death of 50-year-old Richard Sanderson of Tomahawk. According to the criminal complaint, police believe Michelle Sanderson stabbed her husband with a steak knife and he was taken

to the hospital in Tomahawk shortly before 10 pm. He died of his injuries at the hospital around 10:30 pm, according to the complaint.

Michelle Sanderson told police she heard her husband calling for help from the garage and found him bleeding, the complaint says.

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TV buys explode in next Supreme Court race

Conservative Supreme Court candidate Brad Schimel says in his first TV ad that “justice is my life’s work.”

Meanwhile, the liberal group A Better Wisconsin Together is up with what it called a mid six-figure buy accusing Schimel of being soft on sexual predators.

Schimel announced Monday he was starting a \$1.1 million TV buy that would run through the end of January. His campaign said it includes broadcast and cable with ads to run in the Milwaukee, Green Bay, Madison, La Crosse and Wausau markets.

In the ad, Schimel says his career



includes helping Wisconsin’s most vulnerable, stopping elder abuse, taking on human traffickers and putting pedophiles behind bars.

He also says he led the sexual assault kit initiative, clearing 4,000 backlogged kits so survivors could “finally get justice.” The backlog of untested kits was an issue in 2018 as Schimel lost his reelection bid for attorney general to Dem Josh Kaul. Dems have already knocked Schimel as he has

mounted his bid for Supreme Court.

“For me it’s not a title, it’s my mission statement,” Schimel says to close the spot.

LeMahieu: Republics will pull polices from Evers’s budget

Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu says Senate Republicans will “pull out all the policy issues right away” when Gov. Tony Evers introduces his budget plan.

“It’s not a policy vision for the governor,” LeMahieu said on WISN’s “UpFront,” which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. “But a lot of the requests, in education, K-12 is way too much. He said \$4 billion was almost too much for him in education, so we’ll see what he puts in there.”

LeMahieu said Senate Republicans will also “not fully fund” the Universities of Wisconsin request for \$855 million in new funding.

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"Outside of Madison and maybe one or two other campuses, enrollment is declining," LeMahieu said. "So I'm not sure why it makes sense to continue to put more money into a system that's in decline."

LeMahieu indicated Republicans will first introduce a stand-alone tax cut bill ahead of budget negotiations with an estimated \$4 billion surplus and likely see different bills coming from the Senate and Assembly.

"I think it's important to get a commitment from the governor to cut taxes first before we pass the budget," LeMahieu said. "We'll work with the Assembly, but it might be a Senate bill, there might be an Assembly bill, and we'll work together to maybe do both or combine."

Senate votes along party lines for Voter ID

The state Senate today approved along party lines a constitutional amendment that would require voters to show a government-issued ID to cast ballots, the first piece of legislation the chamber passed in the new session.

The amendment, approved 17-15 with Republican Rob Stafsholt absent today, next heads to the Assembly, which plans to take it up Tuesday.

Dem state Sen. Kelda Roys, of Madison, chided her GOP colleagues for rushing to take up the constitutional amendment just weeks after a shooting at a Madison school in her district that left three dead. She argued the Legislature should be focused on issues such as gun violence and rising costs for child care, health care and prescription drugs.

Instead, Roys said, Republicans are focused on adding a restrictive voter ID requirement to the state Constitution that they know has already prevented some Wisconsinites from casting ballots because they lack the proper identification. She

argued it was part of a GOP effort to improve their chances at the ballot box.

"We should be making peoples' lives better and protecting people's rights. Instead, we're vandalizing our Constitution and making it more difficult to vote," Roys said.

Dems, GOP view certification through a different lens

Democratic lawmakers remembered the Jan. 6 Capitol riot and promised a more peaceful transfer of power this year, while Republicans celebrated the certification of president-elect Donald Trump.

"Today we remember January 6, 2021, where Donald Trump incited a violent mob of his supporters to attack the Capitol because he lost a presidential election," U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee, said on X. "No attempts to downplay or lie about what happened will erase the truth."

Moore continued to speak out against Trump, citing concerns with his promise to pardon those who stormed the Capitol four years ago.

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Town of Vermont, described Jan. 6, 2021, as a day when rioters were "tricked" by a defeated president into defying democracy by storming the capitol.

"January 6th was one of the darkest days in our nation's history and a stain on our tradition as a peaceful transfer of power," Pocan said on X. "While I wish the results were different, I supported certifying the election because the peaceful transfer of power is what makes our democracy work."

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, acknowledged those mourning a loved one on the anniversary of Jan. 6 in a statement on X, then said she still had a job to do: "Certify the 2024 election because, whether I like the results or not, I am committed to a peaceful transition of power and accepting the results of a fair election." CP



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By B.C. Kowalski

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Find details and descriptions of the major shows, music and visual art coming to Wausau and central Wisconsin now through June.

Covering venues in Stevens Point, Wausau, Merrill, Minocqua and Spencer. Check City Pages' Big Guide every week for updates and additions.

Every fall and spring for as long as I can remember, City Pages has sought to highlight the shows and art that you should have on your radar. That was the premise of City Pages' creation in the first place — that there is a lot going on in Wausau art-wise and frankly no one was talking about it. So City Pages did. Find details and descriptions of the major shows, music and visual art coming to Wausau and central Wisconsin now through June.

art exhibits ▶▶▶▶

Kimono: Garment, Canvas and Artistic Muse

March 1-June 1 | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

The Kimono (literally translated as “clothing stuff”) goes back to ancient Japan and yes, even in modern Tokyo, you'll see women walking around the skyscrapers wearing one. (Rare, but not non-existent.) This exhibit celebrates the kimono along with other aspects of Japanese culture such as woodblock prints and sculpture.

35th Annual Midwest Seasons

Though March 15 | Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau

People might associate the Midwest with blandness, but this annual exhibit turns that idea on its head with creations from artists across the area of the country we call home. Whether it's the thrill of sport, the joy of a morning coffee or the awakening of spring, these exhibits bring the Midwest to life in creative ways.

Sara Lee Hughes

Through March 29 | Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art

Sara Lee Hughes grew up the child of divorced parents in the 70s and 80s in Texas, and something about that pops out in her work. In one work, Channel 39, the connection is obvious. The painting is an obvious nod to the Brady Bunch. But with the others, there's something about the quiet suburbia of the 70s and 80s that is strongly evoked in her work. That's not to suggest that the paintings are saccharin by any means — there's something disturbing lying beneath the surface, something the viewer can't quite put their finger on, but it's definitely there.

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Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos

Friday 1/17 | Grand Theater, Wausau

If you've never been to a piano bar, you have no idea how fun they can be. There's something about a really good piano entertainer that sets him or herself apart from other musicians. So this show coming up at The Grand ought to be a real blast. Minnesota musicians David Eichholz and Ted Manderfeld put on a Vegas-style comedy music show that channels everything from rap to country. And like those piano bars I mentioned earlier, audience participation is a key component of the excitement. 7:30 pm. \$30-\$50. grandtheater.org

Them Coulee Boys

Friday 1/24 | Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau

Midwest touring sensations Them Coulee Boys got their start as camp counselors in Northern Wisconsin. A long session of Avett Brothers and classic country songs in 2011 led to gathering members and the formation of a band that's a favorite amongst those who love bluegrass. The band is kicking off the year with a session at Whitewater Music Hall, which has a nice large space for people to mingle in and beer crafted right on sight. Perfect for a night of musical fun. 8 pm. \$20. 21+ whitewatermusicall.com or on Facebook





STEELY DANE

Steely Dane

Saturday 1/25

Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua

There are a lot of sayings around Steely Dan. One: They are your favorite band's favorite band. Two: Many jazz musicians are wannabe rock stars, but Steely Dan's members were rock stars who dreamed of being jazz musicians. (Paraphrased from a documentary on the group.) But either way, Steely Dan is one of the seminal groups of the 70s, unique in how they blended jazz with post-60s rock for a sound that's unique and complex. They were also known for bringing top-notch musicians from the rock and jazz worlds (such as bringing Wayne Shorter on to record for Asia, or the session guitarist Larry Carlton for iconic guitar solos). Steely Dane recreates the magic that is Steely Dan, and some critics say better than anyone else has. 7 pm. \$35 adults, \$15 students, gold packages available. campanilecenter.org

Hyprov

Saturday 1/25 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Whose Line is it Anyway is that classic improv show turned stage performance — and one of its principal stars was Colin Mochrie. For this show, Mochrie joins hypnotist Asad Mecci for this hilarious and mystifying show. Hyprov did a 70-show stint off-Broadway, has toured more than 100 cities and had a six-month residency in Las Vegas, all while garnering much acclaim. See what critics are calling "catnip for those who relish spontaneity and informality." 7:30 pm. \$30-\$68. grandtheater.org

Simon and Garfunkel Story

Thursday 1/30 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Growing up, I always found "The Sound of Silence" to be both beautiful as a work of art and one of the iconic songs of the 1960s. As in, you hear it on a TV show and you know it's meant to evoke the time period. Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel are two of the 60s greatest musicians and I can close my eyes and hear their wonderful vocal harmonies on command. They were a duo that was more

than the sum of their parts (though I have a soft spot for "Call Me A"). This show recreates the magic that was Simon and Garfunkel, which they've done in sold-out shows in more than 50 countries. 7:30 pm. \$40-\$75. grandtheater.org

Jeff Allen: Are We There Yet?

Friday 1/31 | Arts Council, Wisconsin Rapids

A lot of people might have noticed that we are really in the age of comedy — stand-up comedians have some of the most successful podcasts, which has driven them to be thought leaders in today's society — and a lot of that is because they tend to see hard truths and use humor to point them out. Jeff Allen is one of the more successful of those comedians, but he uses clean comedy to get his point across, making his show more accessible to a wider audience than most. Allen has books, videos, has appeared on HBO, Fox, Good Morning America and performed for corporate audiences from Chick-fil-A to Hobby Lobby, and he uses that clean approach to leave audiences in stitches. 7:30 pm. \$47 adults, \$10 students. savorthearts.com



Vacancy County Board Supervisory District 24

Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, is accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant seat of County Board Supervisory District 24, representing the Towns of Franzen, Bevent, Guenther, Wards 1 & 2 in the Town of Knowlton, and Wards 6 & 8 in the City of Mosinee as per Wis. Stat. 59.10(3)(e). The appointment is effective upon confirmation by the County Board at their Tuesday, February 20, 2025 County Board meeting. Applicants for District 24 must be residents of County Board Supervisory District 24. The successor appointed shall serve the unexpired term, ending the 3rd Tuesday of April 2026. Interested candidates should submit their letter of interest to Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403, by noon on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. A map of Supervisory District 24 can be obtained from the County Clerk's Office or on-line maps.

Ted Vigil: A Tribute to John Denver

Thursday 2/6

Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

Most people think of John Denver as a 70s musician — and for good reason. The bulk of his hit songs were written and performed in the 1970s. But Denver was pretty active in the 1960s folk scene and his music was inspired by those times. Ted Vigil impressively not only sounds like the late nature-based folk musician, but he sure looks like him too. Vigil isn't an impersonator to be clear - he considers what he does a tribute to the artist behind "Rocky Mountain High" and "Country Boy." But based on how he looks and sounds, you'll think otherwise. 7 pm. \$40. lucilletackcenter.com



A Cry of Players

Thurs-Sun 2/6-9 | Various locations in Wausau, Marshfield and Stevens Point

When people think of UW-Stevens Point, the first thing that usually comes to mind is the College of Natural Resources. But the university is known for a few other things to, which might surprise you. Its interior architecture program is renowned and sought after. Also



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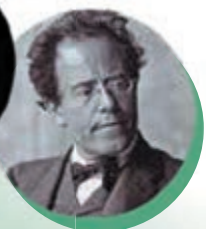
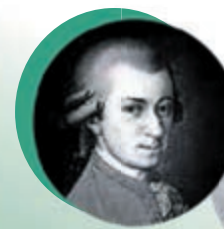
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Dirty Dancing in Concert

Saturday 2/8 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Quentin Tarantino famously said the 80s was one of the worst decades for movies. Well, I think he's wrong. (But maybe we just remember the films from our childhood fondly?) Dirty Dancing is one of the most iconic 80s movies from the decade, and no one can hear the song "The Time of My Life" without thinking of that film (and frankly, of an era with different attitudes toward romance and love). This event brings to life the music of Dirty Dancing with a live band while the film is projected behind them — sounds like a pretty epic 80s experience to me! 7:30 pm. \$35-\$77. grandtheater.org


Pretty Woman: The Musical

Thurs.Fri. 2/13-14 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Someone at the Grand Theater must be on an 80s kick — and that's cool, I love Stranger Things too. Within a week of each other you can watch Dirty Dancing while a live band plays the songs and then you can watch Pretty Woman: The Musical. Brought to life by Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell, this fantastic production will knock your socks off while evoking memories of the 80s. (OK, technically it came out in 1990 but decade culture tends to bleed over a little.) 7 pm. \$75-\$135. grandtheater.org

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Friday, Feb. 14: 7 pm; Saturday, Feb. 15: 1 pm and 7 pm; Sunday, Feb. 16: 2 pm.

Thursday, Feb. 20: 6:30 pm; Friday, Feb. 21: 7 pm; Saturday, Feb. 22: 7 pm; Sunday, Feb. 23: 2 pm.



Local H

Friday 2/15 | Q&Z Expo Center, Ringle

Back in the 1990s, I and a friend got tickets to go see Stone Temple Pilots. Opening for them was a band neither of us had ever heard of, but after the show we quickly became fans. Local H had a hard-driving style and became one of the top under-the-radar bands of the alternative 90s. The anthem "High-Fivin' MF" has lyrics I probably can't print in these hallowed pages, but the title probably gives you an idea. Local H was founded in 1990 in Zion, Illinois, by guitarist Scott Lucas, who has been the band's only continuous member. And, it's easy to forget, the band was only two members, with the guitarist running his guitar through a guitar and a bass amp to achieve a fuller sound. Impressive since it came before the age of live looping. 7 pm. \$25 advanced, \$30 at the door. qzexpoctr.com

Ailey II

Sunday 2/16

Grand Theater, Wausau

Since I generally have two left feet, I'm always impressed by dance troupes. The amount of coordination and body control, the athleticism of dancers has always been impressive to me. This act, Ailey II, is no exception with statuesque dancers who perform incredible moves. I am definitely not in the loop in this field because I hadn't heard of Ailey II but the group has been around since 1974, bringing together some of the top dancers and choreographers in the world. 7 pm. \$35-\$65. grandtheater.org



Bachelors of Broadway: Gentlemen of the Theatre

Thursday 2/20 | Arts Council, Wisconsin Rapids

If you're a fan of Broadway musicals, there is a good chance this is already on your radar. If not, Bachelors of Broadway brings a pretty unique experience — three Broadway-quality singers take the stage with the backing of a full 9-piece band and bring a fresh perspective on classics from Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Jersey Boys, Miss Saigon and much more. 7:30 pm. \$49 adults, \$10 students. savorthhearts.org.

Good Co

Friday 2/21 | Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

Remember those few years in the 1990s when swing was back in a big way, and every movie seemed to have a The Mighty Mighty Bosstones song on it? (I mean, I'm sure there aren't too many of you who actually remember the original swing era.) Good Co bills itself as the first electro-swing band in that genre that evokes images of zoot suits, mafia shootouts and swing dancing. You'll go check them out if ya know what's good for ya, see? 7:30 pm. \$35. lucilletackcenter.com

RITZ on the Back to Life Tour

Saturday 2/22 | Q&Z Expo Center, Ringle

RITZ might not exactly be what you think about when you think about rap.

He's got long, frizzy Weird Al hair that shoots out from underneath his stocking cap, and round John Lennon-esque glasses. In one of his most recent videos for a song called "Who" he seems to be chilling in a room that looks like a retired regional manager in Northern Wisconsin would live in. But when the beat drops, you hear he's the real deal, spitting fast bars over a booming bass undercurrent. The Georgia native has been rapping since 2007, and based on the number of subscribers and views on YouTube, doesn't look to be slowing down any time soon. 6 pm. \$25 (\$50 includes Q&Z Lounge). qzexpoctr.com



Magic of Rob Lake

Sunday 2/23 | Grand Theater, Wausau

There are two joys to magic shows. The first is the spectacle of what is actually being performed. And the second comes afterward, as you wonder, just how did they pull that off? The Magic of Rob Lake is a show that will inspire both of those joys. A finalist in 2018's America's Got Talent, Rob Lake has been called the World's Greatest Illusionist by NBC (sorry David Blaine). His dazzling show will leave you bewildered, wondering as you leave how he did it, and how he did so in such style. 7 pm. \$35-\$82. grandtheater.org

Rucksack Revolution

Friday 2/28 | Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua

I remember when Horseshoes and Hand Grenades was basically the house band and Central Waters Brewery, and they'd be playing almost every event the brewery held. And I also remember running into lead singer Adam Greuel's dad toward the end of my time in Stevens Point, and him telling me they couldn't go anywhere without getting recognized. Greuel for Rucksack Revolution joins Sara Vos of Dead Horses, another Wisconsin band that's had its own rise. The two together make a great combination. 7 pm. \$28. campanilecenter.org



precision and attention to detail the Japanese are known for, you will start to understand why this group has come to the Grand on more than one occasion. These talented musicians from Japan have been doing this for 25 years and they create a rhythmic feast that must be seen to be believed. It's as much a visual joy as it is an auditory one. 7:30 pm. \$39-\$65, with a limited number of \$10 tickets to children. grandtheater.org

Marielle Kraft

Thursday 3/13 | Grand Theater, Wausau

The Grand is known for those fine arts shows that otherwise might not appear in Wausau. But a few years back they also embarked on a new series to help make The Grand more accessible and bring another level of talent. Marielle Kraft is one of those up-and-comers. Kraft combines musical chops with a gift for storytelling that will make for an intimate night at the Grand, where all the seating is placed on the stage, giving it a nightclub kind of feel. 7:30 pm. \$10. grandtheater.org

Switchback

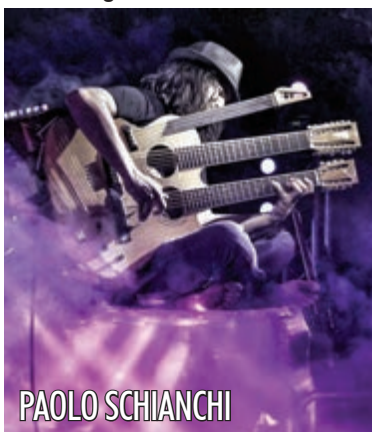
Friday 3/14 | Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

What do you get when you combine Americana with a touch of Irish Celtic music? Switchback is the brainchild of Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack, and the duo has grown into a force over the past 40 years of its existence, becoming a mainstay on PBS. This is an opportunity to see the duo close to home in the warm confines of the Lucille Tack Center for the Arts. 7:30 pm. \$30. lucilletackcenter.com

Paolo Schianchi

Sunday 3/16 | Merrill Senior High, Merrill

One of the first things you might notice in promotions for Paolo Schianchi is that he's carrying one odd-looking guitar. That's because he has developed the instrument, a 49-string guitar (seriously, that's not a typo) with three necks. Watching him play it is one of the most insane things I've ever seen — it has three necks, one that's fretless, one that's a 12-string, and one normal, and then he has a series of harp-like strings near the bottom of the guitar that he finger picks like a harp. The result is nothing short of ephemeral. 7 pm. Season tickets are \$60 for adults, \$20 for students and \$130 for families. Search Merrill Area Concerts for more.



The Music of Billy Joel and Elton John

Thursday 3/20 | Arts Council, Wisconsin Rapids

I had a group of friends who, whenever Elton John's "Benny and the Jets" would come on, we would air keyboard along in a very exaggerated fashion. And if it was back-to-back with Billy Joel's "I'm Moving Out" — well, we'd end up pretty tired by the end of the song. Here musician Michael Cavanaugh brings the piano music of Elton John and Billy Joel to life (Joel hand-picked Cavanaugh to play him in a Broadway production, so that says a lot). 7:30 pm. \$54 adults, \$10 students. savortheararts.com

Doobie Others Tribute Band

Saturday 3/22 | Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua

It's funny that I always think of the Doobie Brothers as a 60s band, when in fact they didn't form as a band until 1970. But the 60s vibe seems strong with this band when you hear some of their hits such as "Taking it to the Streets" or "Listen to the Music." They're the quintessential 70s band right along with Steely Dan and this tribute group called the Doobie Others keeps that vibe alive. 7 pm. \$35 adults, \$25 students, gold packages available. campanilecenter.org



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Academy of St. Martin

Saturday 3/1 | Grand Theater, Wausau



If you're in the know, you know this is one big deal. The Academy of St. Martin is one of the top chamber orchestras in the entire world, and the ensemble making its way to the Grand Theater is a rare treat that's unlikely to be repeated for a while. This ensemble formed back in 1958 and has been spinning out live performances and recordings since, including a best-selling version of Vivaldi's Four Seasons in 1969. The ensemble also performed the music on the Amadeus soundtrack. For the Wausau performance, they will play "Copland's Quiet City, Adams' Shaker Loops, and Haydn's Symphony No. 29" according to the Grand's listing. 7:30 pm. \$30-\$75. grandtheater.org

Yamato

Friday 3/7 | Grand Theater, Wausau

There's something about drummer groups in general that creates a powerful experience. And combined with the

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U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus

Tuesday 3/25 | Arts Council, Wisconsin Rapids

The U.S. Army Field Band travels the world every year, putting on thousands of miles as one of the top military bands in the world. The four performing components of the band perform 100 times per year, making for a busy schedule! And this opportunity is unique, because not only do you have a chance to hear the field band and Soldiers' Chorus in your own backyard, but the show is actually free! Reservations required. Limit of four. 7:30 pm. savorthearts.com



Red Hot Chili Pipers

Friday 3/28 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Every time the Chili Pipers come back to town, it always causes a double take. It's very easy to mistake it for the Red Hot Chili Peppers! Alas, Flea is not coming to the Grand Theater but one rocking bagpipe experience is. The Chili Pipers are probably the most badass bagpipe show you've ever seen. Imagine taking the stage production of a rock show, along with the same backing instruments, and adding a few bagpipe players up from jamming out and you're starting to get the picture. The Chili Pipers have played events connected with Formula One, The Olympics and the Rugby World Cup and their tours tend to sell out, so this is a show you won't want to miss. 7:30 pm. \$25-\$55. grandtheater.org



garage band success story. The BoDeans are an up-beat rock band with just a touch of twang and they bring a vibe that's sometimes hard to describe. I saw them at Summerfest once and the crowd went ballistic. Expect the crowd at the Grand to go ballistic as well. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$65. grandtheater.org

Lone Pinon

Friday 4/11 | Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

I didn't find the Lucille Tack Center's description of Lone Pinon very illuminating, so I pulled up a YouTube video instead — the best way to describe the band is if a bluegrass band met a mariachi band. The result is a very southwest style of music that adds a little variety to the genre. Besides just playing music, the band will give you a sense of the music and culture of the northern New Mexico area. 7:30 pm. \$25. lucilletackcenter.com

The Enchanted Bookshop Musical

Fri-Sun 4/11-13 | Location TBA

These young performers at the Central Wisconsin Children's Theatre group will put on a show that surprises you. In this performance, they will put on The Enchanted Bookshop, a musical about an ordinary-seeming bookshop that comes to life at night, with each night a brand new magical adventure. But trouble brews when the store's magical inhabitants discover an intruder — do they warn the bookstore's owner and break the rules that erase their own existence? Friday 7 pm; Saturday 2 pm and 7 pm; Sunday 2 pm. Prices TBA. mycwct.org

Step Afrika!

Tuesday 4/22 | Grand Theater, Wausau

A friend of mine from Mexico was, interestingly, a huge fan of African dance and could perform it admirably. I can see why — the rhythms and movements can

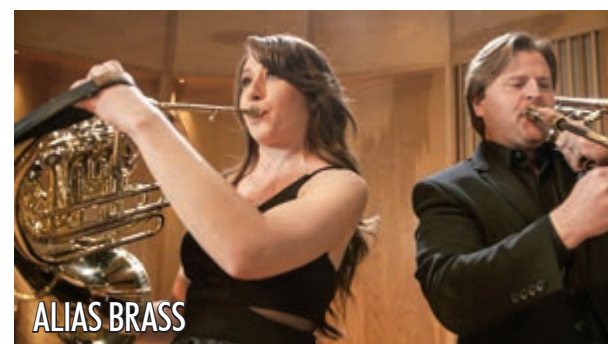


become almost hypnotic. Step Afrika! brings a blend of songs, storytelling and humor, and even some audience participation to put on a show that will leave your heart pounding. 7:30 pm. \$30-\$65. grandtheater.org

Alias Brass

Thursday 4/24 | Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer

Usually when I think of chamber music, I imagine violins and violas and such. But this chamber group is all brass, baby. Described as being a sure-fire hit and with a little something for everyone, Alias Brass has a mission to keep music sustainable and thriving by incorporating a number of global musical styles. 7 pm. \$30. lucilletackcenter.com



Street Corner Symphony

Saturday 4/26 | Merrill High School, Merrill

There's a chance you might have heard of Street Corner Symphony. The group was a runner-up on the NBC show The Sing-Off in 2010. This Tennessee-based a cappella group can somehow manage to pull off a variety of styles, weaving between them flawlessly. Come see what all the fuss is about. 7 pm. Season tickets are \$60 for adults, \$20 for students and \$130 for families. Search Merrill Area Concerts for more.



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Home, I'm Darling

Date TBA | Whitewater Music Hall, Wausau

Dates for this play, put on by the Wausau Community Theatre, have not been released yet. But it is coming in April! Part of the theatre group's plan to diversify the spaces it performs in, Wausau Community Theatre will put on a production of this dark comedy about sex, baking and the quest to be the perfect housewife in the 1950s while the couple struggles financially. Times, dates and ticket info TBA.

The BoDeans

Thursday 4/10 | Grand Theater, Wausau

There have been a couple of bands coming to the Grand Theater lately that I have been really excited about. And the BoDeans are one of them. Formed to the south of us in Waukesha, The BoDeans are a real 80s Wisconsin

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Marty Stuart

Friday 5/2 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Marty Stuart got his start at an early age with some of the biggest country music stars. At age 13, he joined bluegrass legend Lester Flatts' band and toured with big names such as Johnny Cash. But Stuart was too good to not be recognized as a star in his own right, and his 40 years performing and recording on his own has yielded five Grammys, a spot in the Country Hall of Fame and an AMA Lifetime Achievement. Stuart coming to the Grand is a big deal and if you love country, you won't want to miss this one. 7:30 pm. \$36-\$200. Grandtheater.org



MARTY STUART

Ben Folds

Sunday 5/4 | Grand Theater, Wausau

For those excited about this late-90s star coming to the Grand last October, the postponement was probably a disappointment. But never fear, Folds is still making his way to Wausau. Ben Folds, who previously led the band The Ben Folds Five, had a knack for driving piano rhythms with fun lyrics that would probably be cancelable today. Folds' music probably inspired more than one would-be piano player (I took a piano class in college because of Folds) so it's exciting that he'll be at the Grand. Tickets from the previous show will be honored, and there are more available for those who didn't get them the first time around. 7:30 pm. \$45-\$87. grandtheater.org



BEN FOLDS

The BriTins

Sunday 5/10 | Merrill High School, Merrill

It's been a long time since you could see the actual Beatles in concert — long before many of us, including me, were born. So there are a number of tribute acts dedicated to one of the greatest bands of all time, and this Milwaukee-based group is definitely one of the better ones. The BriTins got rave reviews when they played the gazebo at Normal Park in Merrill and you'll love them at the Merrill High School Auditorium as well. 7 pm. Season tickets are \$60 for adults, \$20 for students and \$130 for families. Search Merrill Area Concerts for more.



RIVERDANCE

Riverdance

Wed.-Thurs 5/14-15 | Grand Theater, Wausau

I was working at Target when Riverdance first emerged on the scene — and the tapes (that's right, videotapes) of Riverdance flew off the shelves. The energetic performances blending technology and traditional Irish-style dancing have been mesmerizing audiences ever since. This recent season is the first for a whole new generation, meaning the performers currently involved weren't even born when Riverdance first started. And, it's likely to be so popular that they have two shows ready for you. 7:30 pm. \$70-\$200. grandtheater.org

what might be one of the band's most recognized songs. This tribute act does everything it possibly can to recreate the magic of Tom Sawyer and all of Rush's other songs in a show that sold out last year. 7 pm. grandtheater.com

7 Bridges: The Eagles Ultimate Experience

Friday 5/16 | Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua

Chances are if you're an Eagles fan, you've already decided to "Take it Easy" and get your tickets to this show. 7 Bridges doesn't use any harmonizers or backing tracks — this band just faithfully recreates the Eagles concert experience for you to enjoy. 7 pm. \$35, \$15 student or military. campanilecenter.com



RUSH TRIBUTE PROJECT

Rush Tribute Project

Sunday 5/18 | Grand Theater, Wausau

When you watch the video for Rush's "Tom Sawyer" it looks like their studio could be in the woods in Wisconsin. But the Canadian band filmed it at Le Studio in the Laurentian Mountains on the eastern side of Canada, in

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Laurel Canyon: Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young

Thursday 6/26

Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua

Crosby, Stills and Nash had barely much time playing together when they took the stage at Woodstock and churned out one of the most iconic performances at the famed music festival. (The band's recording of the song "Woodstock" - which included Neil Young - also became emblematic of the festival, despite it being written by Joni Mitchell who was unable to attend the festival herself.) They're one of the bands that is hard to hear without thinking of that time period and this tribute band does its best to bring back the Laurel Canyon days of the California 60s. 7 pm. \$35 adults, \$15 students and military. campanilecenter.org



Into the Woods

Fri-Sun 6/20-22

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If you know the world of musicals, you know the name Stephen Sondheim - he's a legend. In this modern classic, Into the Woods combines all the fairy tale characters into one dark comedy with a magical score and in this case, portrayed by the talented children who comprise the Central Wisconsin Children's Theatre. Friday 7 pm; Saturday 2 pm and 7 pm; Sunday 2 pm.



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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

Rich & Dusty Pockets · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

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

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

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

Saturday January 18

KT Country · The Chatterbox, Wausau. Country. 2 pm. 715-842-3059

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

Tuck Pence · Hub Inn, Merrill. Acoustic variety & original. 6 pm. 715-218-2186

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

Last Bridge · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Classic rock, rock & variety. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

Sunday January 19

80 Proof Duo · The Garage, Wausau. Acoustic. 1 pm. 715-393-4495

Rugg the Band · The Office Bar, Schofield. Rock. 2 pm. 715-355-5432

Thursday January 23

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

Friday January 24

The Cheese Doodles · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

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

Andy Braun · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Folk-rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Santy & Son · The Garage, Wausau. Rock. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

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

Sunday January 26

Bradley Sperger · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 1 pm. 715-393-4495

Thursday January 30

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

Mike Nanstad · Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Classic country & rock. 5:30 pm. 715-824-2739

Friday January 31

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

Wayne Jaworski · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Acoustic pop. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Honky Tonk Highway · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Derek Ramnarace · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday February 1

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

Cody Earl Band · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Joyann Parker & Mark Lamoine · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Sunday February 2

Pat, Patience & Tom · Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 1 pm. 715-344-5990

Friday February 7

Jupiter Lynx · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Alternative & pop rock. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

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

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

Saturday February 8

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

Tommy Z · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Emma Sprenger · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Folk, Americana, pop, country & soft rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Between Howls · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Folk, rock & blues. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Sunday February 9

Charlie Wiggins · The Garage, Wausau. Acoustic rock, country & pop. 1 pm. 715-393-4495

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

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. 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

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Den of Thieves 2: Pantera (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9:30 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:45 pm, 7 pm & 9:30 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:45 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

A Complete Unknown (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9:30 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:45 pm, 7 pm & 9:30 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:45 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094
Movie times 1/16-22

Wolf Man (R): Thurs. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 9 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:20 am, 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 6:40 pm, 9:20 pm; Sun. 11:20 am, 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 9:20 pm; Mon. 10:30 am, 1:05 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm (HeatedDreamLounge); Wed. 1 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 8:20 pm

The Goonies 40th Anniversary (PG): Sun. 3:40 pm, 6:30 pm; Mon. 7:10 pm

One of Them Days (R): Thurs. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:40 am, 1:10 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Sun. 2:30 pm; Mon. 11 am, 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm; Wed. 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm

Better Man (R): Thurs. 1:30 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:50 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 10:40 am, 1:50 pm; Sun. 11:20 am; Wed. 1:50 pm

Den of Thieves 2: Pantera (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:40 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11:40 am, 3 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm; Wed. 1:20 pm, 5 pm, 7:20 pm

A Complete Unknown (R): Thurs. & Wed. 1:10 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:30 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:50 am, 3 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:30 pm; Sun. 12:10 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:30 pm

Nosferatu (R): Thurs. 1:40 pm, 4:50 pm, 8 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 10:30 am, 1:35 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:40 pm; Sun. 10:30 am, 1:35 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:40 pm; Wed. 1:20 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:40 pm

TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. David Gilmour - Luck & Strange
2. The Cure - Songs Of A Lost World
3. Tab Benoit - I Hear Thunder
4. Jerry Cantrell - I Want Blood
5. Dirty Knobs - Vagabonds, Virgins, & Misfits
6. Hammerfall - Avenge The Fallen
7. Jack White - No Name
8. Crobot - Obsidian
9. Linkin Park - From Zero
10. Wilco - Hot Summer Cool Shroud

Mufasa: The Lion King (PG): Thurs. 1:50 pm, 4:40 pm, 6 pm, 8:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:40 am, 1 pm, 3:50 pm, 7:10 pm, 10 pm; Wed. 1 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:10 pm

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG): Thurs. 1:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 7:30 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:50 pm; Sun. 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:50 pm; Wed. 1 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm

Moana 2 (PG): Thurs. 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 10:30 am, 1:10 pm, 3:40 pm, 4:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:55 pm; Sun. 10:30 am, 1:10 pm, 3:40 pm, 4:40 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:55 pm; Wed. 1:40 pm, 4:40 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:40 pm

Wicked (PG): Thurs. 2:30 pm, 7 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:10 am, 2:50 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:50 pm; Sun. 11:10 am, 2:50 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:20 pm; Wed. 2:40 pm, 3:50 pm, 7 pm

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

Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos · Fri. 1/17, Grand Theater, Wausau. Musical comedy show performed by two amazing showmen. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$50. grandtheater.org

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. bantrottschild.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

Keith Gennerman · Sat. 1/18, Memorial Hall, Dorchester. Polka. Starts at 1 pm. 715-654-5006

Living River · Sat. 1/18, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Gospel quartet. Starts at 2 pm. \$20. 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

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

Comedian Pat Godwin · Fri. 1/24, Bantr, Rothschild. Comedy. 18+. Starts at 6 pm. \$20-\$60. bantrottschild.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

Timothy Tesch · Fri. 1/24, Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Acoustic. 21+. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-0028

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

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

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. northstarcasinoreort.com

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

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

Clue On Stage · Fri.-Sun. 1/31-2/2 & Fri.-Sat. 2/7-2/8, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater at Sentry Theater, Stevens Point. Mystery play based on the 1985 Paramount movie & inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. Starts at 7 pm on Fri. & Sat. and 2 pm on Sun. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 child & \$7 veteran. cwact.ticbooth.com

Willy Porter · Sat. 2/1, Jensen Community Center, Amherst. Folk, blues, Americana, alternative & progressive rock, original. Starts at 7 pm. \$25 advance, \$35 at the door. jensencenter.org

Ted Vigil John Denver Tribute · Thurs. 2/6, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. John Denver tribute. Starts at 7 pm. \$40. lucilletackcenter.com

Dirty Dancing in Concert · Sat. 2/8, Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy the 80's classic movie's first live film-to-concert experience. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$77. grandtheater.org

Candlelight: Valentine's Day Special ft. "Romeo and Juliet" & More · Fri. 2/14, St Stephens Lutheran Church, Wausau. Classical music. Starts at 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm. \$27.43. feverup.com/m/256077

Wisconsin Jazz Orchestra · Fri. 2/14, Stevens Point Country Club, Stevens Point. Jazz. Starts at 7 pm. \$17.50-\$55. Free for music students, 50% discount for musicians. jazzcoterie.com

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

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

Aspirus Wausau Farmers Market · Every Thursday, Located at Aspirus Corporate Parking Lot, 2200 Westwood Dr, Wausau. Opens 9 am. Aspirus.org

History Chats · Every Thursday, hosted online by the Marathon County Historical Society. Learn about Marathon County's history from Ben Clark and/or Gary Gisselman. Starts at 12:30 pm. On Facebook Live and Marathon County Historical Society's Youtube page

Free Community Meal · Every Thursday (except 4/14 & Thanksgiving), Jubilee House, The Church of the Resurrection, 621 2nd St, Wausau. Meals served from 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. On Sun. 1/19 Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching Beyond the Possible. 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 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. spwinterfarmersmarket.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

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

Veterans Mini Fair · Thurs. 1/16, Artist & Fare, 1800 Plover Rd, Plover. The Mini Fair offers veterans a chance to explore services from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Attendees can enroll in healthcare programs & engage in one-on-one discussions with County Veteran Service Officers for guidance on benefits & resources. Veterans can also meet with representatives from the Veterans Benefits Administration to ask questions about claims processing. Starts at 1 pm. 608-372-3971 ext. 64201

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

Parallel Worknights · Thurs. 1/16, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Work on art, crafts, creative writing or other projects in a relaxed environment, with music playing softly in the background. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

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

Mosinee Papermakers Game · Fri. 1/17, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Dane County Dairy Kings. Starts at 8 pm. 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

Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale · Sat. 1/18, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs, TV movies, artwork, board games and puzzles for sale. For members only but nonmembers can join on the spot for a yearly membership of \$10 or \$25 per family. Starts at 9:30 am. 715-261-7200

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

Gather Your Party · Sat. 1/18, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Adults are invited to join fellow tabletop gaming enthusiasts for a social hour dedicated to discussing tabletop role-playing games, forming new gaming groups, & connecting with other players. Starts at 2:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

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

Sober Curious Connection · Sat. 1/18. Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau. Enjoy an evening of meaningful connection, creativity & inspiration. Event will have guest speakers & live music from local artists. Contemporary art on display to spark conversation & creativity. Starts at 7 pm. Free. Wmoca.org

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

Breakfast Event · Sun. 1/26, St. Adalbert Catholic School, 3315 St. Adalbert Rd, Rosholt. Enjoy all you can eat pancakes with bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, hash browns, desserts, orange juice, milk & coffee. Cash & prize raffle drawing at 11:30 am. All proceeds benefit St. Adalbert Catholic Church. Starts at 8:30 am. \$12 adults, \$6 children ages 6-12, free for children 5 & under. 715-573-6216

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 willowspringsgardens.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

Fiber Artists Meetup · Mon. 1/27, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Adults who enjoy needlework are invited to bring their projects & spend time crafting and socializing with others. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

No-Sew Gnome Craft · Mon. 1/27, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Craft your own DIY felt gnome using just a few materials like yarn & felt. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-359-6208

Puzzle Swap · Mon.-Sat. 1/27-2/1 & 2/3-2/8, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Pass a puzzle on & come back during the first week of February to grab something new. Drop off a complete puzzle between 1/27-2/1 & stop by the week of 2/3-2/8 to take a puzzle someone else has shared and enjoy putting together in your home. Free. 715-687-4420

Vibrational Sound Therapy · Tues. 1/28, hosted by Mosaic of North Central Wisconsin at 5 Koshas, Wausau. Experience a rejuvenating hour of rest with the soothing vibrations of a variety of instruments, including crystal singing bowls. Starts at 6 pm. \$20 person, \$17 members. simpletix.com/e/mosaic-5koshas-empowering-women-through-vi-tickets-193466

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 willowspringsgardens.com

Mosinee Papermakers Game · Sat. 2/1, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. M&M Shamrocks. Starts at 7:30 pm. mosineepapermakers.com

2025 International Fly Fishing Film Festival · Wed. 2/5, hosted by the Wisconsin River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited at the Center for Civic Engagement Theater-UW-Stevens Point, Wausau. The International Fly Fishing Film Festival screens premium fly fishing films at locations around the globe. This event is locally-hosted by a network of theatres, fly shops, event producers, clubs, chapters & charities, all headed-up by passionate anglers eager to share an evening with a community of like-minded friends. Starts at 7 pm. \$15-\$50. flyfilmfest.com

Spread the Love Tea Party · Sat. 2/8, hosted by Mosaic of North Central Wisconsin at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Enjoy tea & light refreshments, bracelet making & bingo. Starts at 1 pm. \$1 donation, free for members. simpletix.com/e/spread-the-love-tea-party-tickets-198104

Mosinee Papermakers Game · Sat. 2/8, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Sun Prairie Killer Bees. Starts at 7:30 pm. mosineepapermakers.com

Valentine's Day Themed Tea Party · Sun. 2/9, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Learn about the history of Valentine's Day, make Valentine's Day cards, and enjoy treats, sandwiches and more. Dress up for the occasion. Pre-registration required. Starts at 11:30 am. \$20/person, \$8/children under 11. willowspringsgardens.com

OUTDOORS

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

Wausau Noon Optimist Youth Fisheree · Sun. 1/26, hosted by Wausau Noon Optimist Club at Rookery Park, Wausau. Ice fishing contest for ages 17 and under. Free registration and door prizes awarded to most participants. Starts at noon. wausaunoonoptimist.org

Northwoods Chapter Ice Age Trail Snowshoe Hike · Sat. 2/1, Underdown Recreation Area, Lincoln County. Guided 1-4 hour hikes. Blazing fire, hot chocolate, apple cider & cookies after. Starts at 10 am. 715-551-1118 or brjaecks@outlook.com

42nd Annual Mosinee Area Action Club Fisheree · Sat. 2/8, hosted by the Mosinee Area Action Club at Half Moon Lake, County Rd KK Boat landing, Mosinee. Ice fishing contest. \$300 cash for biggest walleye. Starts at 7 am. \$10 entry fee. mosineeareaactionclub.org

Candlelight Snowshoe Hike · Sat. 2/15, hosted by the Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Enjoy a snowshoe hike & enjoy hot



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LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Creative Writing Workshop · Sun. 1/26. Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau. Workshop writing class hosted by Jodi Bouchard. People of all ages are welcome. Starts at 10 am. \$30/person. Wmoca.org

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. Open 11 am-4 pm daily. qartistscooperative.com

Figure · now until Thurs. 2/27. Q Artists Cooperative, Stevens Point. Group show featuring Deborah Wage, Diane Bywaters, Justine Pawelski, Mary Lee Reineking, Mike Jagielo, Dondi Bueno & Joan North. qartistscooperative.com

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

Winter's Garden · Fri.-Sun. 1/17-2/23. Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. Winter-themed juried exhibition. Open reception Fri. 1/17 from 4:30 pm-7 pm. stevenspoint.com/rac

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

Survival of the Fittest · now until Sun. 2/23. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Explore 45 masterworks from four influential wildlife painters, German-American Carl Rungius, German Wilhelm Kuhnert, Swede Bruno Liljefors & German Richard Friese. lywam.org

The Bird Room Redux · now until Sun. 2/23. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. Exhibits 3 larger-than-life canvases of avian subjects. lywam.org

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

Solo Exhibit-Sara Lee Hughes · now until Sat. 3/29.

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau. 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.

WVAA Member Memorial Exhibit · now until Fri. 3/14. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Artwork on display created by members of the Wisconsin Valley Art Association. cvawausau.org

35th Annual Midwest Seasons · now until Sat. 3/15. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Midwest Seasons features artists from all over the country who submit pieces that capture the spirit of the Midwest & its seasonal wonders. Open reception on 1/17 from 5 pm-7pm. cvawausau.org

Portals, Planets, & Petri Dishes · now until Sat. 3/15. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Angela Piehl's prints & drawings explore the medium of collage & its aesthetic as a metaphorical parallel to the process of composting. Open reception on 1/17 from 5 pm-7pm. 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 the second Saturday of each month from 10 am-1 pm year round or by appointment. 715-443-2221. visitMCHC@yahoo.com

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

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 · 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

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

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. childrensimaginarium.org

Family Storytime · Thurs. 1/16, Portage County Public Library, Plover. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-341-4007

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

Baby Storytime · Fri. 1/17, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. A cuddling storytime, featuring interactive stories & songs for you & baby. Recommended for babies, newborn to 17 months, & siblings are welcome. Starts at 9:45 am. 715-346-1549

Pizza Party · Fri. 1/17, Portage County Public Library, Plover. Enjoy pizza-themed fun including crafts, activities, games & more. In addition, each child can make their own English muffin pizza. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-341-4007

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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. childrensimaginarium.org

Family Storytime · Sat. 1/18, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

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. childrensimaginarium.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. childrensimaginarium.org

Family Storytime · Tues. 1/21, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

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

Family Storytime · Wed. 1/22, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

Family Play Group · Wed. 1/22, Portage County Public Library, Rosholt. These monthly Family Play Group programs will include fun activities aimed at building & enhancing children's literacy skills. This month's theme, Winter Wonderland, features winter crafts, cozy stories & building an indoor snowman. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-667-4512

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

Family Storytime · Thurs. 1/23, Portage County Public Library, Plover. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-341-4007

Baby Storytime · Fri. 1/24, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. A cuddling storytime, featuring interactive stories & songs for you & baby. Recommended for babies, newborn to 17 months, & siblings are welcome. Starts at 9:45 am. 715-346-1549

Family Storytime · Fri. 1/24, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

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. childrensimaginarium.org

Family Storytime · Sat. 1/25, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

Baseball Camp · Sun. 1/26, Greenheck Field House, Wausau. This exclusive event will offer young athletes in grades 5-12 the rare opportunity to train with the latest Major League Baseball technology & coaching techniques. Starts at 8 am. \$75 admission. ksocietyfoundation.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

Family Storytime · Tues. 1/28, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

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Ongoing

Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Open Tues-Thurs. 9 am-2 pm, Fri. & Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 12 pm-5 pm. Closed Monday. \$5 per child 1-12 years, free for children under 1 year, \$1 for parents and caregivers. wausauchildrensmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

Story Time for Young Children · Tuesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum, Rothschild. Toddlers-age 7 can enjoy stories and other activities. Starts at 10 am. wausauchildrensmuseum.org or 608-408-4668

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

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

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

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

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

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 1/20-1/21, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Wed. 1/22, The Grand Theater, 401 S 4th St, Wausau. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 1/23, Stevens Point Area YMCA, 1000 Division St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 1/23-1/24, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 1/23, Woodlands Church, 190 Hoover Ave, Plover. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Long-Term Care 101 · Thurs. 1/23, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Learn how to plan long-term care. No registration required. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-687-4420

Blood Drive · Mon. 1/27, Plover Municipal Building, 2400 Post Rd, Plover. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 1/27-1/28, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 1/28, First Universalist Unitarian Church, 504 Grant St, Wausau. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 1/28, UW-Stevens Point UC Center, 1015 Reserve St, Stevens Point. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

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

Blood Drive · Fri. 1/31, Antigo Community College, 723 Deleglise St, Antigo. Starts at 9 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon. 2/3, Three Lakes Community, 6930 W School St, Three Lakes. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 2/3-2/4, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Tues. 2/4, St Peters Church, 5001 County Rd G, Eagle River. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Wed. 2/5, Cabaret Cove, 1540 Pueblo Dr, Rhinelander. Starts at 11 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 2/6-2/7, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive · Thurs. 2/6, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau. Starts at 1 pm. Redcrossblood.org

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Opportunities for the Week of January 15, 2024

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

Young Professionals Wanted! The United Way's Emerging Leaders group provides volunteer support to the Catholic Charities Warming Center the first Monday of every month, November through April. The next date is February 5. Contact Carly at channey@unitedwaymc.org or 715-298-5719 to volunteer or provide part of a meal to serve to Warming Center guests!

Give The Gift Of A Lift! Many of our older and disabled neighbors don't drive, and this can be especially isolating in the winter. Faith in Action offers rides to seniors for personal appointments, such as visits to family and friends, exercise classes, and beauty salons. If you would like to help, please contact Jamie at 715-848-8783 or WausauFAinfo@gmail.com to start a volunteer application. Ages 18+.

Volunteers Needed for Music Competition! Saturday, February 24, the Wausau School District Solo & Ensemble Event will be held at Wausau East. Help is needed in several areas, including attendance monitoring, transporting forms, serving concessions, and various administrative tasks. This is an all-day event; no experience required. Please contact Kirsten Hornby at 715-261-0650 to sign up!

Help Patients Make Their Wishes Known! Many patients need help completing their Power of Attorney for Health Care, a legal document that tells others what medical care they do or do not want in a time of crisis. This volunteer will assist with completing the document(s) provided, witnessing the signature, and making copies, as well as other

office duties as requested. Please contact the Aspirus volunteer office at (715) 847-2848 or volunteers@aspirus.org for more information.

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 for inquiries.

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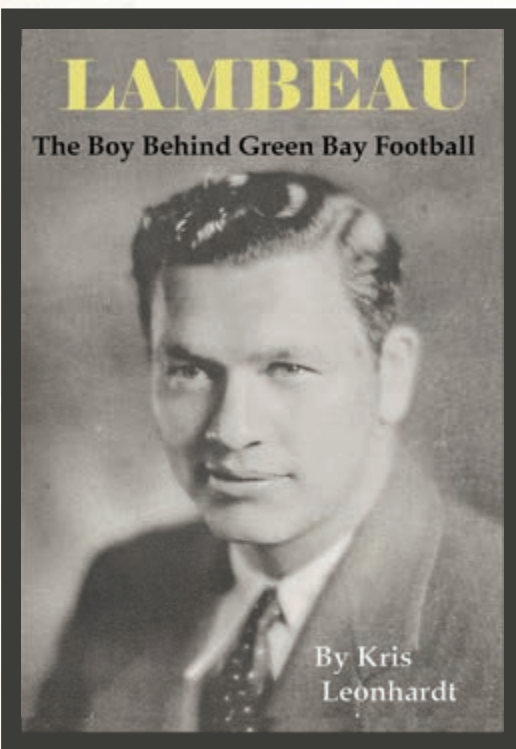
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Children's Winter Gear Needed! The United Way of Marathon County's Community Closet is looking for kids' outdoor gear, specifically snow pants, gloves, and winter boots as well as men's casual pants and gently used or new tennis shoes. Please drop off donations at the Community Closet garage, located behind the United Way office, 705 S. 24th Ave, Suite 440, in Wausau, on Wednesdays 1-4pm or Fridays 9am-12pm.

Baby Hygiene Items Needed! The Babies' Place at The Neighbors' Place needs shampoo, baby wash, diapers, diaper rash cream, and other baby hygiene items to stock their shelves. Donations accepted 8am-3pm Monday through Friday on the loading dock side of 360 Grand Avenue. Contact Elizabeth at 715-845-1966 with questions. CP

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