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On Aging and Invisibility

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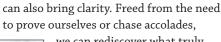
power and foundation we spent a lifetime building. The network of friends, family, and community that once anchored us starts to loosen. The lives we touched, and that touched us, continue on—but often without us in the same role. In the fourth quarter of life, we find ourselves gradually dimin-

ished, both in presence and influence. Retirement marks a turning point.

Once the initial transition settles, the mutual accord of separation sets in—we are no longer integral to the rhythm of daily work. We search for ways to fill our days, to occupy time, and to maintain purpose.

Yet as life plods on, our involvement begins to wane. At family gatherings, meals, or community events, our voices may not carry the same weight. Fewer people ask for our thoughts or lean in to listen. The slow fade of relevance takes hold. And then one day, it happens. You walk into a room—crowded or quiet—and feel unseen. You have become invisible.

But this need not be the end of the story. While aging can bring invisibility, it



we can rediscover what truly matters. We can focus on what is eternal—love, kindness, and wisdom—sharing it in ways that go beyond words.

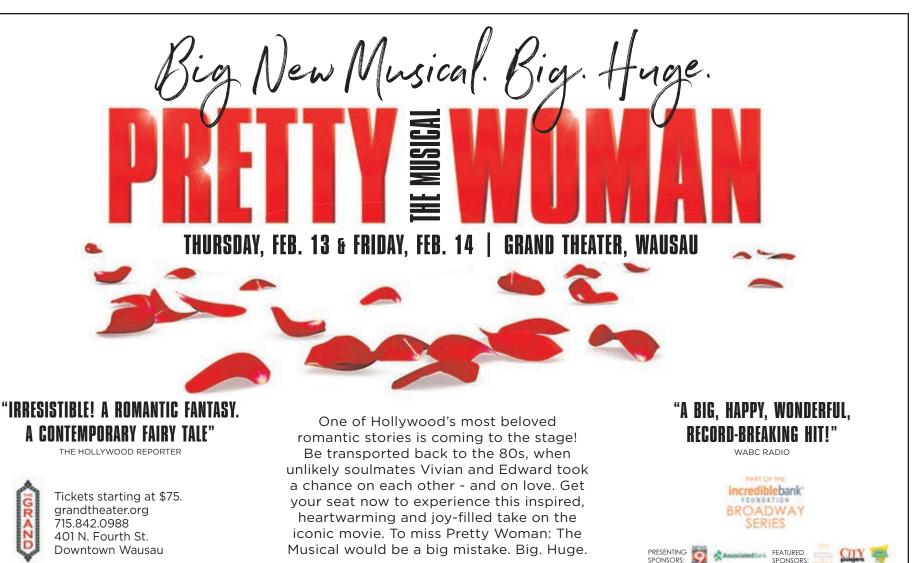
Invisibility is also a kind of freedom. It gives us the space to observe, reflect, and create without the distractions of

being in the spotlight. We can use this time to mentor others, pass on our stories, and nurture relationships that bring depth rather than breadth to our lives. Our wisdom, experience, and quiet presence can still be a source of strength and guidance for those who choose to notice.

The fourth quarter of life does not have to be about fading into the background; instead, it can offer new ways to shine. It can be a time to embrace the joy of being, rather than doing, and to show the world—and ourselves—that the gifts we offer do not have to diminish with age.

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Ethical contention

The city council approved spending on outside attorneys for the ethics board in the wake of a new complaint filed against the mayor



Doug Diny speaks at a press conference last year in which he revealed his office and home had been raided by the DOJ.

The Wausau City Council Tuesday approved spending money on an outside attorney for the city's ethics board as the mayor faces a new ethics complaint filed this month.

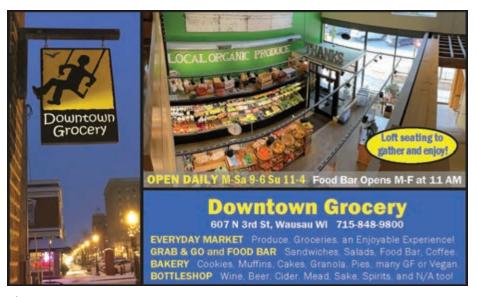
The city council by a vote of 8-2 approved spending for the outside attorney. The city attorney made the request because she is unable to advise the board since she works for the mayor and might also be called in as a witness.

That's in response to a complaint filed Jan. 14 by several Wausau residents in relation to an incident with Mayor Doug Diny and the city's new absentee ballot box back in September.

Diny on a Sunday in September removed the empty, unused ballot box awaiting installation from the steps of city hall and moved it into his office. He had a photo taken of himself moving the box with a dolly and wearing a hard hat and a yellow vest over his suit. Many residents and city council members decried the move at the time, leading to a contentious city council meeting the following Tuesday, the clerk filing a complaint with the district attorney and ultimately a state investigation. Department of Justice agents raided Diny's home and city hall office, he later confirmed during an unrelated press conference.

The latest complaint accuses Diny of denying protected groups the right to vote, and of misconduct while in office. They cite several federal laws they allege Diny violated and the city's own ethics code.

Diny's attorney, Joseph Bugni of Hurley Burish, wrote a memo that Diny forwarded to the city council and the media defending Diny from the claims. Bugni claimed Diny couldn't have violated the laws against protected class because the ballot box was removed for everyone and that voting hadn't started when he removed the box. (It did start that following Monday while



the box remained in his office.)

Bugni also disputed the clerk's sole authority over the ballot box, saying as a non-elected clerk she answers to the mayor and wouldn't be free to make decisions that contradict the mayor or city council's orders.

The decision to hire outside counsel was met with controversy in the public, as many thought it meant the city was hiring lawyers to investigate the mayor. Several residents took to the mic Tuesday to defend Diny. Some questioned why a separate complaint needed to be filed while a criminal investigation is already underway.

City council members Becky McElhaney and Victoria Tierney said they felt the ethics board should first ask for the attorneys before the council authorizes the spending.

But others felt that would be a waste of time. City Council President Lisa Rasmussen said since Jacobson has to recuse herself from assisting the board because of a conflict of interest, the board will need legal advice so not authorizing spending on outside counsel would only delay the proceedings.

Prior to public comment, Diny pointed to the city's core values which address culture and said that's one area in which the city needs to improve. He likened city hall culture to the TV series Game of Thrones. "You might not like my methods, but everything I do is for the city of Wausau."

Aspirus announces \$227M expansion

Aspirus Wausau Hospital leadership announced this week a \$227 million, multiphase expansion.

The expansion will see increased

capacity with 48 intermediate care beds and a 16-bed observation unit, according to a press release from Aspirus. It will also set up a future intensive care unit expansion.

The expansion also includes advanced diagnostics with a new CT/PET scanner, specialized care units and expanded surgical facilities.

"This expansion positions Aspirus Wausau Hospital as the destination for specialized health care in Northcentral Wisconsin," Matt Heywood, Aspirus President and CEO, said in a press release. "It is a direct response to the growing needs of our patients and communities. By increasing capacity and access to advanced technology, we are ensuring timely care and creating efficiencies that benefit everyone."

Work on the expansion is slated to begin early this year and is meant to help provide care to a population that is increasingly aging, and to address the more complex care situations that have been arising.

Kronenwetter brings filtration system online

Village of Kronenwetter residents are expected to have cleaner water as the village's new water filtration has been completed.

The filtration system is connected to the village's well No. 2 and is meant to filter out the high levels of manganese and iron. The levels are below the Environmental Protection Agency's accepted range, village leaders say, but elevated levels can stain fixtures and ruin clothing. It can also have an odor.

"This launch is a watershed moment for



Kronenwetter's new filtration system is expected to improve water quality in the village.

residents utilizing the Village's water utility," says Village President Chris Voll. "We have heard and understand their frustrations with the manganese in the water. We know this facility will improve water for years to come."

That manganese and iron will take some time to flush out the pipes after years of buildup, Kronenwetter officials say, but will be more noticeable when they flush the pipes in the spring. Total cost of the project, completed by Ellis Stone Construction in Stevens Point, is roughly \$3.5 million.

Wausau Community on Call helps police identify homeless number

Wausau's Community on Call program helps the homeless escape the coldest days by partnering with community organizations to ensure they have shelter.

But it's also providing the police with a rough count of how many people are in need of shelter.

Wausau Police Chief Matt Barnes says that number is 50 at a recent joint meeting between county and city leaders to discuss the next recommendations in addressing the city and county's homeless population.

Barnes says that number represents the total number of people who without shelter would be sleeping in the street. Police officers on a Monday that was cold enough to see the Community on Call service activated checked everywhere they could think of where homeless people typically sleep. They couldn't find anyone.

They had a total of 46 people split between two locations, Barnes says, and adding a margin of error means the city needs shelter for about 50 people.

But that's not the only challenge, he said. One thing that he said no one seems to have a solution to is what to do with individuals whose behaviors cause a danger to other shelter residents but aren't going far enough to arrest them.

Water main break in Weston

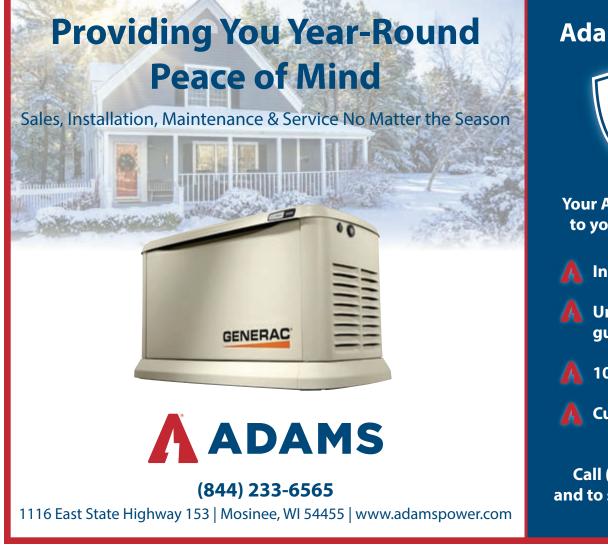
Residents in the village of Weston had a disruption last week when a water main break led the village to shut down water for several residents.

The water main break was reported last week Tuesday in the Camp Phillips Road/Schofield Avenue area. Village staff went out and fixed the break in the lines.

Subzero temperatures such as the central Wisconsin area experienced last week can cause breaks in the water lines. Wausau experienced some in 2019 after temperatures reached into the -20s and below.

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Pardon me?

Supreme Court candidate Brad Schimel says violent J6 protesters should not have been pardoned

Conservative Supreme Court candidate Brad Schimel said anyone who engaged in violence, assaulted police and resisted arrest "should have been prosecuted" for their actions in the Jan. 6 Capitol attack.

But he stopped short of condemning President Donald Trump for pardoning more than 1,500 defendants for their actions in the attack, including those convicted of assaulting police.

"Presidents have the power to pardon," Schimel said during a press call Monday. "President Biden has issued pardons, President Trump has now issued pardons as he's come in, and presidents over history have done that. It's a power they have. I don't object to them utilizing that power."

Meanwhile, the campaign of liberal Dane County Judge Susan Crawford, said she opposes both former President Joe Biden pardoning his family members on his final day in office and Trump's Jan. 6 pardons.

Schimel, a former GOP AG who now is a Waukesha County judge, said prosecutors in Washington, D.C., "overreached," noting the U.S. Supreme Court found prosecutors

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had improperly charged some nonviolent offenders with felonies for obstructing an official proceeding.

"Prosecutors should never overreach, that's one of the worst things we can do," Schimel said. "There's the old adage that 'it's better that 10 guilty people go free than one innocent person sit in prison,' and ... nothing could be more true about how our justice system should work."

Crawford campaign spokesperson Derrick Honeyman said Crawford believes the president's pardon authority "should be exercised only to advance justice."

"Presidential pardons of violent offenders who attack police officers and public institutions—and pardons of the president's own family members—undermine public trust in our justice system and the rule of law. That's just common sense," he said.

Johnson pushing for recess appointments of Trump picks

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson says he's pushing his GOP colleagues to pursue recess appointments to quickly confirm President Trump's cabinet nominees.

"Democrats are going to keep running out the clock here and denying President Trump the confirmed secretaries for his departments. I mean, it's pretty grotesque from my standpoint," Johnson said on WISN's "UpFront," which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. "If Democrats won't cooperate, allow these individuals who are going to be confirmed in a timely fashion, President Trump needs to get his team in place, and if that means recess appointments, that's the route we should take."

Entering the second week of the Trump administration, Johnson, a member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, said he was unaware of any increased immigration enforcement currently underway in Wisconsin.

"The Trump administration is going after people that are a real danger to society, the real criminals," Johnson said. "In those law enforcement actions, if they find people in this country illegally, they'll also be caught up in the law enforcement actions.

"Local law enforcement ought to cooperate with federal law enforcement," Johnson added when asked if state and local officials should be prosecuted if they obstruct deportation efforts.

Last week, a federal judge halted Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship, a move Johnson said he backed.

Judge grants stay in Act 10 decision

A Dane County judge has granted GOP lawmakers' request to stay his decision overturning large swaths of Act 10 while it's being appealed after the unions who challenged the 2011 law expressed no opposition to the move.

Judge Jacob Frost had previously put his decision on a temporary hold while he considered the request for a longer stay. He wrote in yesterday's ruling that allowing an unconstitutional law to be enforced weighed against granting a stay. But that was overshadowed by the "extremely high risk of utter chaos" if his ruling was enforced and public employee unions restarted negotiations only for an appeals court to overturn his decision.

Frost called it a "textbook example of when a circuit court should stay its decision pending appeal."

Frost this summer found the law inappropriately created different classes of employees, leaving some public safety employees with the continued power to collectively bargain and other general public workers without it. He then last month overturned dozens of provisions in the law, restoring the powers that had been stripped of most public employees 14 years ago under GOP Gov. Scott Walker and a Republican Legislature.

Evers calls for lowering costs among other things in state of the state address

Dem Gov. Tony Evers Wednesday night called for steps to lower costs for Wisconsinites, from eliminating the sales tax on over-the-counter medications to capping co-pays for insulin and providing \$500 million in state funds to make childcare more affordable.

Evers also pledged new gun control laws, money to remove lead from school bubblers and a "historic" investment in K-12 education in his upcoming state budget.

It was all part of what Evers called the "Year of the Kid" in Wisconsin as he prepares to release his state budget Feb. 18.

"Lowering everyday, out-of-pocket costs for Wisconsinites and working families must be a priority for us this session," Evers told lawmakers in the Assembly chamber as he delivered his seventh State of the State. "Making child care and everyday prescriptions more affordable are two easy ways we can help Wisconsinites afford basic needs, help paychecks go a little further, and give parents, families, and seniors some breathing room in their household budgets."

Some of Evers' calls are similar to pushes he's made in the past — without success — as he faced a Legislature with overwhelming GOP majorities. That includes a "red flag law" that would allow authorities to seize firearms from someone found to be a danger to themselves or others. Evers also again called for new state money this time \$500 million — to make permanent a program that provides subsidies to health care providers after funding it with federal COVID-19 money in recent years.

Still, Evers argued there is a mandate "to find common ground" after Dems picked up a combined 14 seats in the Assembly and Senate in November under new legislative maps.

"I am hopeful this will mean more collaboration, more partnership, a little less rancor, and a renewed commitment to do right by the will of the people," Evers said.



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Youth population drop a troubling trend

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The state's latest population projection presents a troubling outlook for Wisconsin over the next 25 years with a drop in youth numbers.

A new report from Forward Analytics explains the state's demographic challenge with a look at the decline of Wisconsin's under-18 population and a warning about what it means for the future: "fewer children today can portend fewer workers in 20 or 30 years."

The state's youth population has been dropping for a while. Forward Analytics, an arm of the Wisconsin Counties Association, notes in the 1990s, the under-18

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population grew by nearly 80,000 largely thanks to migration into the state of young families with children. That trend reversed in the following decade with a drop of 29,000 kids and continued in 2010-20 with an even bigger drop of 58,000.

Forward Analytics notes 2024 Census figures show the trend continuing with another 40,000 fewer youth compared to 2020. If that continues, the drop for the overall decade would be 95,000.

The state's schools and universities are already feeling the impact. Sixty-three percent of the 426 districts that existed in 2000 had fewer students by 2010 with 39% seeing drops of more than 10%. While that impact was largely felt in rural areas, it's become more widespread. Forward Analytics found from 2010 to 2022, 70% of districts saw enrollments fall with 32% seeing drops of at least 10%.

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With the drop, UW has been admitting more out-ofstate students who pay higher out-of-state tuition rates. Wisconsin residents made up 68% of the new freshman class last year, down from 81% in 2007. But the growing share of out-of-state students at the system's flagship Madison campus irritates some GOP lawmakers, and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, has questioned UW's budget request for \$855 million in new state aid when it's a system "in decline."

And those trends could lead to a ripple effect with fewer people aged 25-64 — the prime workforce years — which would present a challenge for employers to fill openings. For more, visit WisPolitics.com

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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 Al"). 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

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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

Honky Tonk Highway Friday 1/31 | The Garage, Rib Mountain

There's nothing quite like a good country band on a Friday night, and Honky Tonk Highway definitely fits the bill. The band combines veteran professional players with more than 100 years of experience between them to bring you everything from the latest country hits to the classics of the 70s, 80s and 90s and some of the best southern country as well. They play all over the Northwoods from Eagle River to Mosinee and they'll bring their act to The Garage, a venue that's become a music hotspot in the past few years. 7 pm. www.thegaragewausau.com

International Fly Fishing Film Festival

Wednesday 2/5 | Center for Civic Engagement Theater, UWSP-Wausau

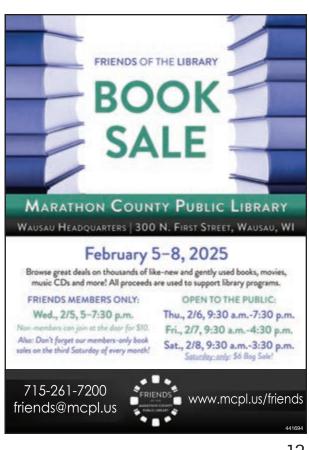
Outside of A River Runs Through It, most people might be hard-pressed to name a film about fly fishing. But those who are enthusiasts of this sport might enjoy this film festival held at the UWSP-Wausau campus. Put on by the Wisconsin River Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter, this festival features a slate of short films dedicated to fly fishing and the people who engage in it. They sound pretty interesting. One for example features a deaf and

mute fly function for example reactives a dear and mute fly fishing guide in Mexico for instance. Plus includes drawings, food and beverages and more. Doors open at 5 pm. Films start at 7 pm. \$15, \$20 at the door, \$50 includes a subscription to Fly Fusion. flyfilmfest.com

Joyann Parker and Mark Lamoine Saturday 2/1 | Malarkey's Pub, Wausau

Joyann Parker might be based out of Minneapolis these days, but she's a Wisconsin Girl through and through. In fact, she's got a song that says so! Called Sconnie Girl, Parker uses the track to celebrate some of the joys of being a Wisconsin gal while including the obligatory line about cheering the Packers and how much the Bears still suck. Parker's latest album, Roots, has charted at No. 10 on the Billboard Blues charts and her southern blues style will draw you in with its sincerity. She'll be joined by Mark Lamoine, who plays one mean resonator. 8 pm. malarkeyspub.com

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Have an event you would like to submit?

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

BAR BEATS

Thursday 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 Wavne Jaworski · O'so Brewing Company, Ployer, 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

Tom Mijal · Timekeeper Lounge & Distillery, Wausau. Polka. 1 pm. 715-679-3777

Thursday February 6 Scott Kirby · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Americana. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

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 · Malarkev'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

Thursday February 13 Jared Kay · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Folk & Americana. 4 pm. 715-358-0172 The Swing Doctors · Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230

Friday February 14

Garth Engelbright · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Americana. 5 pm. 715-344-9310 Sam Rodewald · O'so Brewing

Company, Plover. Acoustic indie pop. 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 February 15 Refuse to Rust · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

Wednesday at Midnight · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Sunday February 16 Bob Allen · The Garage, Wausau. Pop & rock. 1 pm. 715-393-4495

Thursday February 20 Brad Emanuel · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

Friday February 21 The Foxfire Affair · Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Celtic, bluegrass, maritime & folk. 7 pm. 715-693-2739 Arilya · The Garage, Wausau. Pop & rock. 7:30 pm. 715-393-4495 Glen Everhart · Malarkev's Pub. Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday February 22 Mike Nanstad · O'so Brewing Company, Ployer, Classic country & rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163 Caleb Kulhanek · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262 Knock Point · 4 Father's Pub, Wausau. Rock. 8 pm. 715-841-

0035 Wade Snake · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Rock, country, alternative & original. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Sunday February 23 Schmittkicker Duo · Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Country, rockabilly. 1 pm. 715-344-5990

Thursday February 27 Tuck Pence · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

Friday February 28 Brad Emanuel · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 6 pm. 715-722-0230 Jon Peck & The Bad Dogs · The Garage, Wausau. Blues rock. 7

pm. 715-393-4495 The Sixes · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Classic rock, alternative, country & pop. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

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 Brewing Company, Stevens Point.

GUIDE

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

Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-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-

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

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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. malarkeyspub. com

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

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

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

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

pm, 8 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 9:50 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm Wolf Man (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 3:40 pm. 6:20 pm. 9 pm

One of Them Days (R): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm A Complete Unknown (R): Thurs.

4:40 pm, 7:50 pm Mufasa: The Lion King (PG): Thurs. 1:10 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG): Thurs. 1:50 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:10 pm Moana 2 (PG): Thurs. 1 pm, 3:40

pm, 6:10 pm, 8:40 pm Wicked (PG): Thurs. 1:15 pm, 4 pm, 7:30 pm

Trolls Band Together (PG): Fri.. Sat. & Sun. 10:50 am

Green and Gold (TBD): Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:30 am. 1:10 pm. 3:50 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:10 pm; Mon, & Wed. 1 pm, 3:35 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:45 pm

Hellraiser (Remastered) (R): Wed.

7:30 pm BHM: Nope (R): Wed. 4:40 pm BHM: Get Out (R): Wed. 7:50 pm

<u>on stage</u>

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. iensencenter.org

An Afternoon on Broadway Sun. 2/2, hosted by Wausau Symphony & Band at First Presbyterian Church, Wausau. Join the Symphony Orchestra on an afternoon visit to Broadway, featuring vocalists from the Wausau Community Theatre performing favorites from Cabaret to Ragtime to Wicked, Starts at 3 pm, \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, free for students & children under 18. wausausymphonyband.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. Eniov 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 **Direct from Sweden-The Music** of ABBA · Fri. 2/14. Lake of the Torches, Lac du Flambeau. Enjoy all the hits of ABBA performed by an act direct from Sweden. 18+ show. Starts at 7 pm. \$15 & \$10.

lakeofthetorches.com Lit-Fuel Concert · Sat. 2/15, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. 90's power punk, rock. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$50-\$70. northstarcasinoresort.com

Beethoven's Fifth · Sat. 2/15. hosted by the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra at Sentry Theater, Stevens Point. The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra's 2024 Jenkins Family Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner will be performing Overture No. 1 in E Minor by Louis Farrenc, Variations on a Theme of Haydn by Johannes Brahms & Symphony No. 5 in C Minor by Ludwig van Beethoven. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students (with ID). cwso.org

Ailey II · Sun. 2/16, Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy an energetic dance show. Starts at 7 pm. \$35-\$65. grandtheater.org I am...He Said-Celebrating Neil

Diamond · Thurs. 2/20. Grand Theater, Wausau, Neil Diamond tribute concert performed by Matt. Jeff & Tommy Vee. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$62. grandtheater.org Good Co Electro Swing Band

Fri. 2/21, LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Electronic swing. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35. lucilletackcenter.com

Mike Dowling · Sat. 2/22, Pittsville Elementary School Auditorium, Pittsville. Blues, ragtime, variety. Starts at 7 pm. \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$3 vouth/students. eventbrite. com/e/mike-dowling-in-concerttickets-1217079711179

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 · Fridays, Todd & Peggy's Whiskey River Bar & Grill.

Wausau, Starts at 9 pm, 715 845-1547 Karaoke · Saturdays, Denmar

Tavern, Wausau, Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-3131 Open Mic · Sundays, Intermission,

Wausau. Hosted by The Chad O'Kennedy. Starts at 8 pm. 715-849-9377

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

Brad Emanuel · Saturdays 12/21-3/29, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Variety. Starts at 3 pm.

ON SCREEN

skigranitepeak.com <u>THIS WEEI</u> Cosmo Theatre. Merrill. 715-536-4473 Movie times thru 2/6 Green and Gold (PG13): Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm,

Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only Dog Man (PG): Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only Wolf Man (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm, Mon.

thru Thurs. 7 pm only Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094 Movie times 1/30-2/5

Complete movie listings unavailable at time of press Dog Man (PG): Thurs. 2 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 4:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11:50 am, 2:20 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:20 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 11:10 am, 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:40 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 6 pm, 8:30 pm Flight Risk (R): Thurs. 4:20 pm, 6:40 pm, 9 pm

(HeatedDreamLounger), 1:10 pm, 2:15 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues, 6:40 pm, 9:10 pm Companion (R): Thurs. 3 pm, 5:30 Sounds of Simon & Garfunkel · Sun. 2/23, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Enjoy Simon & Garfunkel's music performed by Nashville duo Swearingen & Kelli. Starts at 2 pm. \$30. campanilecenter.org Crystal Gayle · Sun. 2/23, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Auditorium, Wittenberg. Country. Starts at 4 pm. \$60-\$75.

rubbersoulproductions.com

The Magic of Rob Lake Sun. 2/23, Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy a magic show that combines the mastery of grand illusions, sleight of hand & storytelling. Starts at 7 pm. \$35-\$82. grandtheater.org

ONGOING

Parent Aide Triple P In-Home Program · Children's WI, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Program that promotes positive parenting practices to address and prevent a range of social, emotional, and behavioral problems in children and teens. For parents of children ages 0-17. 715-660-0397 for more information or to sign up

Marshfield Pickleball - Every Mon., Tues., Weds., and Fri., hosted by the city of Marshfield. Located at the Oak Ave. Community Center, 201 S. Oak Ave. Advanced ticket discounts available through the Parks & Rec department. Ci.marshfield.wi.us.

Learning Essentials About Parenting · Mondays, Children's WI, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Learn how to solve problems and strengthen relationships in your home. Starts at 6 pm. Free. 715-848-1457 to register

Werle Park Plus Neighborhoods of Wausau · 2nd Monday of most months, Grace United Church of Christ, 535 S 3rd Ave, Wausau. Meet and discuss neighborhood issues. Use basement entrance off back of church. Starts at 6 pm. 715-845-7051.

AARP Chapter 272 Monthly Meeting · 3rd Mon. of each month. United Way Office, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Each month will have a speaker discuss a current topic in the news or in the area as well as legislation being proposed that affects those over age 50. AARP membership encouraged but not required to attend. Starts at 1:30 pm. 715-571-6189

The Landing Literacy Book Club · 4th Mon. of each month. Book club at the Landing YMCA, Wausau. Book notices at YMCA, Literacy Council and Janke Bookstore. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 715-841-1855

Senior Bingo · Every Tuesday, hosted by the Marshfield Parks & Recreational Department at Drendel Room, 211 E 2nd St, Marshfield. Starts at 1 pm. \$1 for 2 cards. 715-486-2041

Sweet Adelines Center Point Chorus · Every Tuesday, Harmony House, 3500 Harmony Lane, Stevens Point. Learn and sing 4-part A Capella music barbershop style. Starts at 7 pm. 715-630-3155

Joe & Dough Military Veterans Morning Social · 2nd Tuesday of every month, Elk's Club, 1132 Clark St, Stevens Point. Military veterans are invited to socialize with others, ask questions or relax. Select meetings will feature a guest speaker presenting a veteran-related topic. Complimentary donuts, sugar-free bakery items, coffee & tea will also be available for attendees. Starts at 8 am. 715-341-6194 for more info

Pine Tree Quilters Guild · 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 6205 Alderson St, Weston. Join us for educational & informational gatherings on the 2nd Tues. at 6:30 pm & 4th Tues. at 10 am. pinetreequilters.org

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. 2/2, Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching It's Me, Hi, I'm the Problem, Me. Starts at 10:30 am. uuwausau.org

Worship Service \cdot 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. 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

JN Creations Boutique Occasional Market-Gift Shop, JN Creations LLC, Wausau. Monthly marketing days on 1/29-2/1. Starts at 4:30 pm on 1/29, 11 am on 1/30, 11 am on 1/31 & 10 am on 2/1. Free. 612-756-1177

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

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

Badger State Games Winter 2025 Pickleball - Thurs.-Sun. 1/30-2/2, Wausau Tennis & Pickleball Center, 928 McDonald St, Wausau. Watch competitors ranging in age from 14-79 compete in a variety of divisions including Seniors, Singles, Regular & Mixed Doubles. Starts at 8 am. Free admission for spectators. visitwausau.com

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

Supermassive Black Holes-Uncovering the Invisible · Sun. 2/2, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Shed light on the physics of black hole formation within galaxy evolution. Starts at 2 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

Friends of MCPL Book Sale · Wed.-Sat. 2/5-2/8, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs, TV movies, artwork, board games and puzzles for sale. For members only on Wed., but nonmembers can join on the spot for a yearly membership of \$10 or \$25 per family. Members only sale starts at 5 pm on Wed. Open to the public from Thurs.-Sat. starting at 9:30 am. 715-261-7200

Almond Journeys Book Club: "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid · Wed. 2/5, Portage County Public Library, Almond. An unforgettable novel about one classic film's actress's relentless rise to the top, the risks she took, the loves she lost & the long-held secrets the public could never imagine. Meets at the municipal center next to the library. Starts at 1 pm. 715-366-2151

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 likeminded friends. Starts at 7 pm. \$15-\$50. flyfilmfest.com

Vintage Game Night · Fri. 2/7, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Play card/board games or you can bring your own game to play. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org

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-teaparty-tickets-198104 SPYMCA Father Daughter Dance · Sat. 2/8, Stevens Point Area YMCA, Stevens Point. Participants will enjoy a dinner followed by the dance as well as the opportunity to take a father-daughter picture & receive a flower for each daughter. Starts at 5 pm. \$15 per person for Y members. \$18 per person for general public. spymca.org

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. Preregistration required. Starts at 11:30 am. \$20/person, \$8/ children under 11. willowspringsgardens.com

Mysteries of Your Brain · Sun. 2/9, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Jump into an animated adventure to discover what makes the human brain special. Starts at 2 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

Speed Puzzle Competition · Mon. 2/10 & Thurs.-Sat. 2/13-2/15, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Form a team of 2-4 people & complete a 300 piece jigsaw puzzle. Registration required. Starts at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 2 pm on Mon., 5:30 pm on Thurs., 11 am & 1 pm

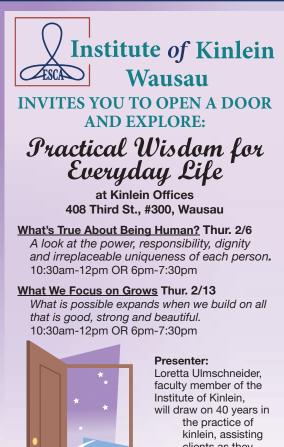
on Fri. and 10:30 pm & 12:30 pm on Sat. 715-687-4420 to register **Love Song Sing-Along** · Mon. 2/10, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Use your voice to sing along to love songs or bring a strumming instrument, such as a guitar or ukulele. Lyric sheets & chord charts will be provided. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-352-3155

Marathon City Book Club: "The Woman They Could Not Silence" by Kate Moore Mon. 2/10, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. In 1860, Elizabeth Packard, committed to an insane asylum by her traitorous husband, becomes a champion for the many rational women on her ward, discovering that the merit of losing everything is that you then have nothing to lose. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-2775

Edgar Book Club: "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah · Tues. 2/11, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. The host of The Daily Show with Trevor Noah recounts his coming of age in apartheid South Africa and its aftermath, highlighting the absurdities of modern political and social systems. Starts at 12 pm. 715-352-3155

Hatley Book Club: "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly ∙ Tues. 2/11, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. A compelling account of NASA's African-American women mathematicians, highlighting their pivotal yet unheralded contributions to America's space program despite segregation under Jim Crow laws. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537 MCPL Spencer Branch Cribbage • Tues. 2/11, 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



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- Athens Book Club: "Wandering Stars" by Tommy Orange Tues. 2/11, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Tracing the legacies of the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre to Orvil Red Feather's shooting, Opal strives to hold the family together as Orvil turn to prescription drugs, and his brother, battling PTSD, performs secret blood rituals to connect with their Cheyenne heritage. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292
- METRO Club Luncheon · Wed. 2/12, Oliva's at Gulliver's Landing, Rib Mountain. Presenter is Diane Abitz, Executive Director, stable hands. Program is Equine Therapy Center. RSVP by 2/7. Starts at noon. 715-203-2382 or mageetutor94@gmail.com to RSVP
- New Horizons Book Club: "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin · Wed. 2/12, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point or online via Zoom. A dazzlingly & intricately imagined novel that examines the multifarious nature of identity, disability, failure, and our need to be loved and to love. Meet in the Prairie Room or online. Starts at 1:30 pm in person or 6:30 pm online. eglade@pocolibrary.org for meeting details
- Mosinee Papermakers Game · Sat. 2/15, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Marquette Mutineers. Starts at 6 pm. mosineepapermakers.com
- Forward-To the Moon · Sun. 2/16, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Join Kari Byron from "Mythbusters" & "Crash Test World" to talk about NASA's space endeavors within the 21st century & the next steps towards establishing permanence outside Earth. Starts at 2 pm. Free. uwsp.edu
- Spencer Book Club: "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg · Mon. 2/17, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. A novel spanning decades, generations and America in the 1940s and today, centers around five women who worked in a Phillips 66 gas station during the WWII years. Starts at 1 pm. 715-659-3996
- Mosinee Book Club: "The Good Son" by Jacqueline Mitchard · Mon. 2/17, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. When her son is released from prison after serving time for the negligent homicide of his girlfriend, Thea is committed to helping him make amends until attempts on their lives are made, leading her to believe that those who are threatening them have something to hide. Starts at 2 pm. 715-693-2144
- Stratford Book Club: "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride · Wed. 2/19, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. In 1972, a skeleton unearthed in Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, reveals a longheld secret, exposing the role of the town's white establishment and the guarded lives of those on the margin of white, Christian America. Starts at 1 pm. 715-687-4420
- Rosholt Choices Book Club: Kings and Queens · Thurs. 2/20, 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. February's theme is "Kings and Queens". Starts at 2:30 pm. 715-677-4512
- John Marshall Leadership Day · Fri. 2/21, John Marshall Elementary, Wausau. During Leadership Day, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills through different projects, presentations & interactive sessions. RSVP by 2/10. Starts at 1 pm. docs. google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOsvumQ1hP7FHbCcnmbgMP7g9SGW yxcaPuHX4t_d3oNO1Jpw/viewform to RSVP
- The Big Draft: Bowl for Kids' Sake · Fri.-Sat. 2/21-2/22, hosted by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin at Skipp's Bowling Center, Stevens Point. Form a team and go bowling to raise money for youth mentoring. Starts at 5 pm & 7:30 pm on 2/21 and 2 pm on 2/22. secure. ggiv.com/event/bowlforkidssake-thebigdraft
- **Craft & Vendor Show** · Sat. 2/22, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft & vendor show. Starts at 9 am. cedarcreekmall.com
- Marshfield Cultural Fair · Sat. 2/22, University of Stevens Point-Marshfield, Marshfield. Enjoy exhibits, live entertainment, food & more. Starts at 10 am. Free. Marshfieldculturalfair.com
- Mosinee Papermakers Game · Sat. 2/22, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. DePere Deacons. Starts at 7:30 pm. mosineepapermakers.com

Scaled Up Reptile Expo · Sun. 2/23, hosted by Scaled Up Expo at Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center, 10101 Market St, Rothschild. Look at the reptiles from different breeders, stock up on supplies and

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- The Dark Matter Mystery: Exploring a Cosmic Secret · Sun. 2/23, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. What holds the universe together? Join scientists on their hunt for dark matter. Starts at 2 pm. Free. uwsp.edu
- Rothschild Book Club: "Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin · Wed. 2/26, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Two lifelong friends, propelled to stardom by their legendary collaboration, soon learn that success, brilliance, and wealth can't shield them from creative ambition or heartbreak. Starts at 11 am. 715-359-6208
- Plover Reflections Book Club: "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks · Wed. 2/26, Portage County Public Library, Plover. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, & the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, & injustice across American history. Starts at 2 pm. 715-341-4007 Evercon 2025 - Fri -Sun. 2/28-3/2 Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo
- Evercon 2025 · Fri.-Sun. 2/28-3/2, Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild. Fantasy/sci-fi role-playing gaming convention with board games, card games, video games, live role-play and more. Fri. 11 am-10 pm, Sat. 9 am-12 am and Sun. 9 am-5 pm. Pricing TBA. Evercon.org Wisconsin Valley Coin Club's Annual Show · Sun. 4/27, Holiday Inn & Suites, 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild. Meet currency collectors; check

out kid's activity table, free door prizes, raffles and collectors' exhibit. Starts at 9 am. Free admission. 715-574-2777

OUTDOORS

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 chocolate, special goodies & marshmallows. Some snowshoes are available to borrow. Starts at 5 pm. No cost to participate. Park annual or daily admission sticker is required. In case of possible cancellation due to bad weather or icy trails, check Friends of Rib Mountain on Facebook or call 715-680-9480
- Night Hike Fri. 2/21, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Go for an evening stroll through the illuminated gardens. Starts at 5 pm. \$5/ person. monkgardens.org
- Gatorade Grom Jam 2 · Sun. 2/23, 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

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Landlord/Tenant Rights · Mon. 2/3, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Learn about rights & responsibilities for both tenants & landlords. Starts at 6 pm. Free. 715-341-1548 for more info

- Twiddlemuff Creation · Tues.-Wed. 2/4-2/5, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Adults & teens are invited to create twiddlemuffs, sensory tools for people with dementia. Starts at 6 pm on 2/4 & 1:30 pm on 2/5. Free. 715-261-7230
- **Genealogy Meetup** · Mon. 2/10, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Meet up with others, learn about genealogy & do some independent research. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7230
- History Speaks: Moonshine in the Northwoods · Sat. 2/22, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society online or at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Learn more about clever moonshine production, extortion plots, kidnapping, hideouts & Al Capone's activities in northern Wisconsin. Starts at 2 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.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. gartistscooperative.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. Iywam.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
- Art Cluster · Tues.-Wed. 2/4-2/19, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Artwork from students in 4th & 5th grade will be on display in the Youth Services Department. Open during regular business hours. Free. 715-261-7220

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
- 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 Storytime · Thurs. 1/30, 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. 1/31, 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
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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

Beaded Wall Art · Sat. 2/1, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens are invited to the library to create colorful bead art. Starts at 2:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Hedgehog Craft Week · Mon.-Sat. 2/3-2/8, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Drop in anytime the library is open 2/3-2/8 for fun hedgehog crafts. Free. 715-693-2144

- Tales for Tots · Mondays 2/3-22/24, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Toddlers can enjoy interactive stories & songs in this 30 minute story time. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220
- Family Storytime · Tuesdays 2/4-2/25, 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

Family Story Time · Tues. 2/4, 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

Play and Learn · Wednesdays 2/5-2/26, 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 2/5-2/26, 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 Storytime · Wednesdays 2/5-2/26, 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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Family Story Time · Wednesdays 2/5-2/26, 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

Snowplow Story Time · Wed. 2/5, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Enjoy snowy stories & fun songs about snowplows. A special guest from the Village of Rothschild will demonstrate how a snowplow operates & teach you a little about it. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-359-6208

Family Story Time · Thursdays 2/6-2/27, 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

Family Story Time · Thursdays 2/6-2/27, 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

Dungeons & Dragons Battle Royale · Thurs. 2/6, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau, Experienced teen D&D players are invited to the library for a Level 5 Battle Royale. Participants must register & send in finalized character sheets. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 or mcpl.us

Fascinating Fossils · Thurs. 2/6, UWSP Science Building, 2001 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point, Learn about fossils and how they are made. Program is designed for ages 8-11. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free, uwsp.edu

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LEGO Block Party · Sat. 2/8, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. 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. 715-352-3155

A Valentines Family Tea · Sat. 2/8. Woodson History Center. 410 McIndoe St. Wausau. Activities include children's tea. sweet treats. a Valentine Day craft, photo fun, story time & cookie decorating. Starts at 2 pm. \$5 per person. Tickets available at the door. marathoncountyhistory.org

Family Story Time · Tues. 2/11, 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. 2/11, 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. 2/11. Marathon County Public Library. Wausau. Enjoy Pokémon activities and play cards with other kids. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

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- Celebrate Our Presidents · Mon. 2/17, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Celebrate Presidents' Day with a patriotic photo shoot. Use masks, hats & other props to dress up like the U.S. Presidents and First Ladies. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-352-3155
- Family Story Time · Tues. 2/18, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other
- literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-659-3996 Family Story Time · Tues. 2/18, 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
- Towering Tots Story Time · Wed. 2/19. Marathon County Public Library. Mosinee. Enjoy a STEAM-themed story time. Read a few books, sing a couple songs & create with giant Legos. Starts at 10:15 am. Free. 715-693-2144

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Read to a Therapy Dog · Thurs. 2/20, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Kids can practice their reading skills this summer by sharing stories with therapy dogs. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-359-6208

Tilts · Sun. 2/23, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Two kids & their robot friend discover how Earth's tilt & the Sun affect the day-night cycle and the seasons. Starts at 3:40 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

Play and Learn: Fun with Play-Doh · Mon. 2/24, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. Have fun with Play-Doh. A staff member from Children's Wisconsin/Marshfield Family Resource Center will be available for questions & to recommend community resources. Starts at

10:30 am. Free. 715-687-4420 Family Story Time · Tues. 2/25, 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. 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

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- $\textbf{Mini Monets} \cdot \textbf{Wednesdays, Greater Wausau Children's Museum,}$ 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
- Weekend Wonders · Third Saturday of the month, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Each month features a different topic that will get you & your family outdoors, learning about plants & animals in the
- backyard. Starts at 10 am. \$15 per family/group. monkgardens.org Babes in the Gardens · Tuesdays, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Babies & toddlers can enjoy a nature activity & playtime. Starts at 8:30
- am. Free. monkgardens.org Tots in the Gardens \cdot Tuesdays, Monk Botanical Gardens, Wausau. Each
- week, children ages 3-5 can learn about nature with an activity, crafts and story. Every month has a new theme. Starts at 10 am. \$5 per child, free for members. Cash only. monkgardens.org

LIFELINES

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

- Medicare options through Security Health Plan · hosted weekly, hosted online by the Marshfield Clinic. Learn how Medicare plans offered by Security Health Plan of Wisconsin can help you afford quality insurance. Visit securityhealth.org/OnlineEvent
- Food Pantry · Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. Bring picture ID & proof of Marathon County residency. Starts at 9 am. 715-842-3733
- Tiny Tots Closet · Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. On your first visit, you must fill out a registration form. Bring proof of residency. Proof you are a parent or guardian of a child in diapers (birth certificate, WIC card, etc.). Limit of 2 dozen diapers per visit. Limit one visit/month. Starts at 10 am. 715-842-3733

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

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

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 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 Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 2/10-2/11, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org Blood Drive · Tues. 2/11, St Paul's United Methodist, 600 Wilshire, Stevens Point, Starts at 11 am, Redcrossblood.org



Fri 3-8, Sat 9-4 Admission \$5

Bearing Arms Gun Shows Jeff 715-641-2439 or bearingarmsgunshows@gmail.com Understanding Medicare · Tues. 2/11, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Learn about the different parts of Medicare, when & how to sign up and costs associated with coverage. Starts at 1pm. Free. 715-693-2144

- Blood Drive · Wed. 2/12, Jensen Community Center, 487 N Main St, Amherst. Starts at 9 am. Redcrossblood.org
- Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 2/13-2/14. Stevens Point Blood Donation Center. 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 8:30 am. Redcrossblood.org Blood Drive · Thurs. 2/13, Northlands Pines High School, 1800 Pleasure
- Island Rd, Eagle River. Starts at 9 am. Redcrossblood.org Blood Drive · Thurs. 2/13, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2000 Roosevelt Dr, Plover. Starts at 1 pm. Redcrossblood.org
- Blood Drive · Fri. 2/14, St John Lutheran Church, 901 Eleventh St, Mosinee. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood.org
- Blood Drive · Mon.-Tues. 2/17-2/18, Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3210C Main St, Stevens Point. Starts at 12 pm. Redcrossblood. org

Blood Drive · Thurs.-Fri. 2/20-2/21, 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 27, 2025 Find More Donation + Volunteer Opportunities! Go to the United Way Volunteer Connection volunteer website at unitedwaymc.galaxydigital com.

- Spring Cleaning Help Wanted! Marathon County Historical Society is looking for volunteers to clean up the Woodson Historical Center and Yawkey House Museum for the new year. Light cleaning only: dusting, cleaning windows, vacuuming/waxing floors, etc. Help is welcome anytime during business hours. Contact Sheryl at (715) 842-5750 ext. 312 or info@marathoncountyhistory.org with questions.
- Hospice Companionship Needed! North Shore at Home is looking for volunteers who want to provide companionship to our in-house hospice patients. If you are interested, contact Sara Moss at 414-885-0909 or smoss@nshoreathome.com.
- History Lovers Needed! Partnered with the Marathon County Park Department, the Marathon County Historical Society's Little Red Schoolhouse provides 4th grade students the unique opportunity of experiencing a day in a 1900's one-room schoolhouse. Volunteers are invited to dress in period costume and help teachers with lessons. Contact Sheryl at (715) 842-5750 ext. 312 or info@ marathoncountyhistory.org to sign up for the spring session.
- Are You A People Person? Good News Project is looking for customer service help answering phones, filling in paperwork, & greeting guests for one half-day per week. More tasks assigned as you are comfortable! Flexible scheduling! Contact Rouleen at (715) 843-5985 or rouleen@ goodnewswi.com to get started.
- Help Families Stay Warm! United Way of Marathon County's Community Closet serves families by providing clothing and shoes at no cost. Volunteers who work in the closet process donations and help guests register and shop. Go to unitedwaymc.org/volunteer or email Katy at kbailey@unitedwaymc.org to sign up.
- 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 turnaround 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 inquires.
- Jubilee House, a Catholic Worker House, offers a rewarding opportunity for individuals, groups, families, and businesses to help us offer a free community meal to the needy in our Wausau area. Contact Judy Tapper at 715-848-6120 to learn more.

IN-KIND DONATED ITEMS NEEDED

- More Donation + Volunteer Opportunities! Go to the United Way Volunteer Connection volunteer website at unitedwaymc.galaxydigital com.
- Baby Supplies Needed! The Neighbors' Place diaper bank. The Babies' Place, welcomes donations of new diapers, pull ups, overnight pull ups, and hygiene items like wipes and rash cream. Please consider donating to support families in our community; contact Elizabeth at (715) 803-6985 or Elizabeth@neighborsplace.org to arrange drop off.
- Stamps Needed! Faith in Action mails birthday cards to each of their clients and volunteers on an on-going basis, 30-50 cards per month. Please consider contributing to this service by donating stamps. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the office at 630 Adams St. in Wausau, 9am-2pm, Mon.-Thurs. If you have any questions, please
- contact Jamie at (715) 848-8783 or WausauFIAinfo@gmail.com . Donate your Deer Hide \cdot drop off your hide at Wisconsin Lions Camp. Money raised from deer hides go to the Lions Camp to help serve others. Go to https://wlf.info/deer-hide-collection/ to find a drop-off location near you.

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