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Current Spaces and Empty Chair Echoes

Dear Reader,

Yesterday afternoon was bitterly cold, yet the sun shone brightly—a fitting reflection of the emotions in my heart. As I walked into the memory care unit of a Senior Living home I'd been visiting regularly to see my father-in-law Francis for the past two years, the familiar faces greeted me like old friends. They were scattered around the big room, watching yet another rerun of Mary Tyler Moore—or maybe it was The Dick Van Dyke Show. Their smiles, warm and welcoming, made me feel that despite not living there, I still belonged.

Lark stood up the moment she saw me, her arms outstretched for a hug. "You just made my day!" she exclaimed. "Where have you been these past few weeks?" I laughed, feeling a rush of appreciation for her words. Jimmy, wearing the black fedora I'd finally given him after months of promises, tipped it with a grin. I was wearing one too. We traded stories about "the good old days," and he launched into a tale I'd heard before. I didn't mind. I never did.

But my visit was more subdued this time because not everyone was there anymore including Francis, whose presence had always been both tender and sharp. Nick and Jack were also gone; their chairs, once as familiar as their faces, sat empty around the tables. I had been there to say goodbye to Nick, holding his hand and asking him to watch over his family, who clung to one another in quiet grief around his bed. Those goodbyes leave a mark, even as they remind us of the beauty in connection.



Karen, seated near the corner, reached for my hand. She launched into a vivid story about her days as a nurse in the ER. Her eyes sparkled with pride as she spoke. Beside her, Mary Lou motioned for me to come closer to her wheel chair. When I asked how she was doing, she lifted her hands like she was holding onto an invisible ledge. "Just hanging on," she said with a wry smile.

The aides began rounding everyone up for dinner so I made my last rounds, shaking hands, giving hugs, and sharing brief, meaningful exchanges. Lark pulled me into one last embrace before I pushed the buttons at the exit door to let myself out.

As the door clicked shut behind me, I couldn't help but reflect on the inevitable. Someday, I'll be in a place like this. Everything will be taken care of—meals, medications, and all the needs of a frail body. But even with all the care in the world, the loneliness lingers. Most of the residents were waiting, one step away from the reunion that comes when the spirit departs a worn-out body. Still, there was beauty in that waiting. It wasn't despair but a quiet anticipation of something more—a peace I could almost feel as I walked to my car.

Driving away, I thought about the rest of my day and all my tomorrows. I made a promise to myself: I'll savor the moments, big and small; I'll hold tight to joy, squeezing every drop from the time I have left. And one day, when I find myself in a room like that, I hope someone will walk through the door to remind me then of the life I'm living now.

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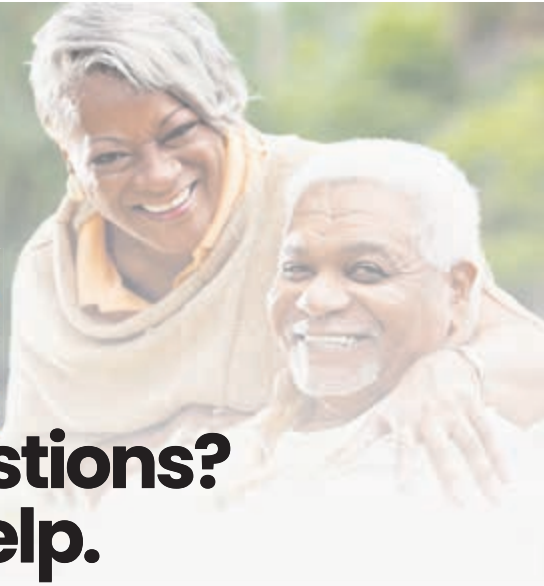

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Brewing reopening

New owner buys Bull Falls Brewery in a sheriff's sale, documents show

A new owner has purchased Bull Falls Brewery, and its owner says it could reopen soon.

Records obtained by City Pages show Kurt Mueller, who lives between Dorchester and Athens, purchased Bull Falls Brewery last month for \$250,000 in a sheriff's sale. That sheriff's sale came after the brewery was ordered foreclosed by a Marathon County Judge. Mueller said in addition to the purchase price, he and his business partner must pay about \$100,000 in back taxes on the business.

According to the foreclosure judgement order, Bull Falls Brewery's previous owners took out a loan for roughly \$1 million and owed \$1.15 million at the time of the decision last fall.



The new owners of Bull Falls Brewery tell City Pages they plan to reopen under the same name possibly as soon as mid-March

According to his LinkedIn profile, Mueller owns Critical Dimensions, a business that "performs site surveys for retail, food service, and office space throughout North America."

Mueller told City Pages that he plans to re-open the brewery, still running it as

Bull Falls Brewery. He says they have beer ready to go and are just awaiting permits.

And, Mueller says, they plan to distribute locally for now, doing it themselves versus hiring a distributor. Larger distribution could come down the road, he told City Pages.

The business could reopen as soon as mid-March if all goes as planned.

Wausau outside of a business on Thomas Street Wednesday.

Police say in December they had received a tip that Briggs would be bringing in a shipment of meth to Wausau. Police discovered 1.6 pounds of meth in a backpack Briggs had on him at the time of his arrest, police say.

Police are recommending charges of possession of meth, possession of meth with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia. Charges as of this posting have not yet been filed.

Briggs is facing disorderly conduct charges as a repeat offender filed in November. In 2019 he pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a firearm as a felon and theft. He is currently being held in Marathon County Jail on a \$250,000 cash bond, according to court records.

Wausau Police seize meth stockpile in arrest

The Wausau Police Department this week busted up a huge shipment of meth after getting a tip in December.

Wausau Police, with the assistance of the Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force and the Marathon County Sheriff's Office, arrested 31-year-old Tyler Briggs of

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How a Beneficiary Designation Works

Beneficiary designations take precedence for distribution over other documents in an estate plan. The individual or entity you name as an account beneficiary will receive the money or account, usually without it passing through the probate process.

A beneficiary can be any of the following: a person, such as a spouse, child, partner, family member, or friend, a trust, a charity, or your estate.

It is possible to name multiple beneficiaries of the same account, allowing you to divide the account among them. For example, you could leave half the account to your spouse and the other half to a child.

If you name your estate as a beneficiary, the money or account could be subject to probate.

To ensure that your account money and property go where you want and how you want, talk to an estate planning attorney to put a plan in place.

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Infused exterior improved, meets committee approval

Two months ago a city committee sent the owners of the new Infused building back to the drawing board on its exterior. On Tuesday, that same committee gave the new project's owners the thumbs up.

The city's Economic Development Committee Tuesday approved a new exterior plan for Infused, which aimed to transform a former Wausau Chemical building north of downtown Wausau.

The project took longer than expected and was granted extensions by the committee. Project founder Matthew Aschbrenner, an eye doctor, finished the building last year.

But at a November meeting, committee members said they thought the exterior was too plain. After some tension, Aschbrenner agreed to work on the exterior.

The new plan includes a number of planters, a new wooden sign and some more accent work. The planters will be on pallets and movable, to create outdoor spaces and to create more room for parking when needed.

Aschbrenner told the committee that the space is open for hosting events and by appointment. Eventually they hope to have regular hours.

Former alder/journalist and ballet leader honored with community namings

A former alderman and journalist before

that, and a former ballet leader were honored with park features named after them.

The city's Parks and Recreation Committee Monday voted unanimously to name a section of the River's Edge Trail after Pat Peckham. Peckham worked as a journalist including as news editor for City Pages before retiring and being elected on the city council.

Peckham in addition was also a bicycle enthusiast and advocate.

And the committee voted unanimously to name the amphitheater at Stewart Park in honor of Madam Waltraud Karkar. Karkar started the Central Wisconsin School of Ballet and worked with city leaders in the 80s and 90s to help restore the amphitheater at Stewart Park.

City parks offices to move to UWSP-Wausau

The city's parks offices will be moving to the UWSP-Wausau campus later this year.

Parks Director Jamie Polley says the department will be moving into the first floor of the UWSP-Wausau campus. That move will happen at either the end of March or early April, Polley says.

That's part of a plan the county has to reduce its building footprint. Other offices will be moving to Lake View Drive, so the county will be completely vacating the River Drive buildings which could then be redeveloped.

UWSP leaders late last year spoke to a county committee about plans to start leasing out space in the UWSP-Wausau campus in the face of declining enrollments and

building use. The campus at the time was only using 21% of its space, meaning much more than 3/4 of the building was going unoccupied. At the time, UWSP leaders said a task force recommended other educational uses for the building.

A consultant prior to the COVID-19 pandemic drew up potential development plans for that site, which included an expanded farmers market structure and possible housing. How much of that plan will ultimately be followed is yet to be determined.

City seeking help determining lead line inventory

The city is seeking help from residents to update its lead line inventory.

Wausau, through its EquiFlow program, replaced more than 600 private service lines last year and plans to tackle an additional 1,900 lines this year.

The city is one of the first in the country to benefit from lead line replacement funds through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, which provides a mix of grants and loans to help cities address their lead lines.

Lead exposure has been shown to have adverse health effects in humans, especially infants and children.

The city has an online map marked with the material of the lead line entering residents' homes. If your property is listed as unknown, city leaders are asking residents to contact city officials in one of the following ways:

1. Schedule an inspection with the EquiFlow Program staff by visiting the EquiFlow Website at www.leadfreewausau.com or calling 715-793-7417

2. Complete the online "self-verification" form by following the self-verification instructions on the EquiFlow Website.

Police seeking suspect in convenience store robbery

The Wausau Police Department is seeking help from the public in finding the suspect in a convenience store robbery last week.

Police say a man entered the Mobil Fast Fuel Mart on East Wausau Avenue shortly before 9:15 pm Jan. 29, asking a couple of questions about cigars and then asking to buy cigarettes.

While the clerk was ringing up the sale, police say, the man showed a gun in his waistband and demanded cash. He then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, according to the police report.

The man at the time of the robbery was wearing a black Nike hoodie, a black hat, a camouflage facemask and black sweatpants. He had foam rubber Crocs-like sandals.

He was last seen running north on 8th Street in the direction of Augusta Avenue.

Anyone with information about the suspect should contact police at Detective Jim Martin at 715-261-7942, anonymously through CrimeStoppers at 1-877-409-8777 or by visiting www.marathoncountycrimestoppers.org.

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Act 10 showdown

Judge who help craft and defend Act 10 is recusing himself from the case against it



Conservative Justice Brian Hagedorn has ruled he can't hear a case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court on collective bargaining powers for public employees after he helped draft the law and later defended it while working for then-Gov. Scott Walker.

Hagedorn, who served as Walker's legal counsel, noted his work defending Act 10 after it was passed in 2011 included nearly identical claims that are now before the court in a challenge filed by public employee unions.

Hagedorn wrote in yesterday's order that he believes recusal on the Supreme Court should be rare and only when the law requires it. Still, he believes "recusal is not optional when the law commands it."

Hagedorn's decision comes days after GOP lawmakers seeking to defend Act 10 filed a motion asking liberal Justice Janet Protasiewicz to step off the case. They argued Protasiewicz can't be impartial after indicating during her 2023 campaign that she believed the law is unconstitutional. The GOP filing also called into question Protasiewicz's ability to be impartial after

she protested the law in 2011 and signed a recall petition against Walker.

Protasiewicz didn't participate in a procedural motion in the Act 10 suit before the court as she weighs the recusal request.

Protasiewicz didn't indicate a reason for her decision in yesterday's order that gave GOP lawmakers an additional three business days to respond to a request from unions for the justices to take over the appeal in the case. Republicans had asked for a two-week extension.

Baldwin, GOP House members split on tariffs

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin called President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China "bad news" for consumers, manufacturers and farmers, arguing "everyone is going to pay more."

The Madison Dem made the comments yesterday after visiting the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy to discuss the Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Response Center and criticize Trump's federal

funding freeze. She secured \$2 billion for the center, which seeks to combat the opioid crisis in Wisconsin, focusing on fentanyl in particular.

Baldwin said she doesn't oppose tariffs, but believes they should be targeted and tailored to specific policy goals. Trump plans to implement a 25% tariff on imports from Canada and Mexico and 10% on imports from China. Baldwin said the tariffs will likely end up hurting Wisconsin farmers.

The tariffs on Mexican and Canadian imports were delayed for a month after Trump reached agreements with their governments yesterday. The tariffs on Chinese imports are set to take effect today.

"I remember the last round of Trump tariffs and the billions of dollars in lost exports our agricultural community experienced because of it," Baldwin said. "And especially in Wisconsin, where our leading agricultural industry is dairy, our dairy farmers have struggled so much, they've faced so many headwinds over so many years. Having what will likely be retaliatory tariffs facing them will mean lost export markets, and it will mean greater costs in terms of their inputs."

Baldwin urges waiting on crash investigation

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate committee overseeing the FAA and Transportation Department, says Congress doesn't need to launch its own investigation into the deadly DC plane crash.

"I don't think the committee has the expertise that the National Transportation Safety Board does," Baldwin said on WISN's "UpFront," which is produced in partnership with WisPolitics. "And so I think we should wait for their investigation. The last time there was a deadly crash in the United States was back in 2009, and the NTSB did a very thorough investigation of the circumstances there, and it resulted in several policy changes especially with regard to the number of hours that a pilot has to train before they can be a pilot on a commercial airliner. And there were other changes that were made

as a result of that investigation. I wouldn't be at all surprised if they're recommendations after this investigation that our committee would play a significant role in implementing."

Baldwin said she expects committee members will soon be briefed by the NTSB, including reports the air traffic control tower may have been understaffed the night of the crash.

"They did release some of the audio of the air traffic controller speaking with the folks operating the Black Hawk helicopter, and they were advised to avoid the incoming plane," Baldwin said. "They responded to the contact from the tower, and so it appears the air traffic controller did the appropriate, gave the appropriate warnings."

Baldwin, D-Madison, also blasted GOP President Trump's initial comments suggesting DEI and Biden administration-era policies could have contributed to the crash.

Minnesota party chair beat WI's Wikler for DNC Chair

Minnesota Dem Party Chair Ken Martin topped Wisconsin's Ben Wikler to become the next head of the national party, winning a majority on the first ballot.

Martin received 246.5 votes, while Wikler received 134.5 votes. With 428 members voting, 214.5 were needed for a majority.

Going into the vote, Wikler had posted on X that he had the support of 183 DNC members.

Immediately after winning, Martin stressed party unity. He said the fight is against Donald Trump and the billionaires trying to buy the country.

"The fight's not in here. The fight is out there," Martin said.

Wikler, the Wisconsin state chair since 2019, and Martin went into the election as the frontrunners in the eight-person field. During their speeches ahead of the votes, Marianne Williamson, a former presidential candidate, and Nate Snyder, a former official with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, ended their bids and endorsed Martin. **CP**

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Landing the expansion

The Landing opened as a place for seniors, then COVID hit. Today, it's growing and expanding

Six years ago, a group of residents aimed at starting a senior center in the Rib Mountain area.

Then Aspirus and the YMCA partnered on a big announcement of their own: Aspirus would build a giant downtown clinic, and the YMCA would be revamping its facilities.

Part of that plan was to launch The Landing, a senior gathering area connected to the YMCA in downtown Wausau. The spot was ideal because it was on a bus line, allowing seniors without the ability to drive to be able to access it. And, being connected to the YMCA means they could blend social times with activity. A senior could go to an exercise class and then wind down with a coffee and some social time at The Landing.

The Landing opened Oct. 14, according to a press release from 2019. Then roughly six months later, COVID happened. That changed everything for pretty much everyone, but especially so for seniors who were particularly vulnerable. The Landing pivoted to Facebook and Zoom events to keep seniors engaged, staff told City Pages at the time. Staff worked extra hard to help walk seniors through how to use those technologies and eventually many of its members took to it.

Why the programs? The senior population in Marathon County and Wisconsin as a whole is growing. According to a report from the state Department of Health Services, between 1.5-4% of Marathon County's population is 60 and older. And Marathon County's population of residents 70 and over is expected to grow by 70% between 2020-2040, according to analytics firm Forward Analytics.



Seniors play Mahjong at The Landing on a Friday afternoon.

It's now been over five years since The Landing opened. COVID is in the rear-view mirror. So how is The Landing doing?

City Pages sat down with Amber Pender, assistant director at The Landing, to find out more.

In brief, things are going well enough that they're expanding and leaving room for even more expansion.

A place for seniors

The Landing is a bustling place on a Friday afternoon as I step into The Landing. A left turn off the main YMCA entrance leads a visitor to the spot, with seniors playing pool, sitting at tables over Mahjong or enjoying a coffee and reading.

There are 5,000 total members of The Landing, Pender says. To be a member, one must be 55 years of age and older. Those members enjoy one of 80 recurring monthly programs or 15-20 unique programs coming throughout the day. Everything from financial presentations, to health, to painting classes are on offer for seniors. "So it's a pretty bustling place throughout the day," Pender says.

Pender says a Lunch to Go program they started, where seniors can pick up a lunch and eat it on the spot or take it home, was one of the first big successes of The Landing. It started during COVID (obviously without the option to

eat it there during that time period) and since then their other programs have grown in popularity. Membership has doubled since then, Pender says. Seniors can pick up a \$5 lunch, \$10 if it includes dessert, and they serve about 80 of them a week.

Membership is included with a senior person's YMCA membership.

Some of the more popular programs are presentations by Rick Lohr, who shares about his various travels around the world. And she says anything health and fitness-related is typically popular.

The Landing recently purchased a shuttle for off-site trips. A monthly shopping trip to Appleton has been pretty much booked up every time they go, Pender says.

Expansion plans

Work is underway on expanding The Landing. The renovations will add 12,000 square foot, with 6,000-square feet of that carved out for future growth.

The expansion will increase the first floor kitchen space, include a place for administration on the second floor and add brand new programming space on the third floor.

The first floor will become a socialization hub leaving quieter space for the programming to happen on a separate floor.

Residents are excited about the expansion, Pender says. And they've been very gracious when The Landing has had to close for construction.

The whole thing is supposed to be done in December she says.

What about the Weston YMCA, I ask? Pender earlier in the conversation mentioned that some residents come from pretty far away. Are there plans for a Landing in the Weston area?

Not exactly a full-fledged facility, she says, but they are working on more programming, which could be useful in the renovated commons space the Weston location has.

The Landing ended up opening in a difficult time, only months before the pandemic made life difficult for everyone, but especially seniors. They persevered, adapted to COVID, and kept building.

Today, they're in the process of expanding, and provided a hub for seniors to socialize and feel connection again. **CP**

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Senior WI couple running cheese shop that spans eight decades

Zbigniew “John” Borowiec and his wife Cheri could have been cast in Hollywood as the proud proprietors of a mom-and-pop deli.

Both are clad in black head-to-toe, matching shades of gray in their hair, quick broad smiles and so comfortable they finish each other’s sentences.

Welcome to the venerable Cheese Box, 801 S. Wells St. in Lake Geneva, one of the community’s most iconic shops. It has occupied this corner lot for more than 80 years. The Borowiecs acquired the property in 2013 from Ed and Lesle Schwinn, who had operated it for two decades. There was a serendipitous element to the deal.

Johnny B, as he is known, and Cheri were looking for a new opportunity. On a drive into Lake Geneva they passed by and saw a “For Sale” sign. They looked at each other, began a conversation, then made contact to open negotiations. The history and heritage appealed to them.

“We wanted to keep it as much the same as we could,” Cheri told us. “It’s very iconic. Sometimes 80-year-old people come in here and say ‘My grandpa took me here.’ It’s wonderful to hear the stories.”

Their experience in the food business runs deep. Johnny B came to America from Poland with his family at age 3, crossing the Atlantic on a ship and transferring through famed Ellis Island. The family settled in Chicago, which has the largest Polish population outside Warsaw. His first job was at the Kingsbury Grill on the Chicago River. He met Cheri when they worked together at a deli near Northwestern University.

Their growing family eventually relocated to Wisconsin and an opportunity arose to open a restaurant in Genoa City. There, Johnny B’s Home Plate was born. They operated the restaurant for 12 years.

Johnny B’s Home Plate “was a family place with an ice cream soda fountain,” Cheri said. “It was wonderful. A great experience, but very tough. I didn’t really want to have a restaurant again, but both of us loved the customer service and the food business.”

The Cheese Box fit. It’s deli-style, with carryout products rather than dine-in, although there are comfortable outdoor picnic tables for use during good weather. Though the building is large, the retail space is smaller. Don’t be fooled, though. It’s packed with unique and tasty treats, from wonderful Wisconsin cheeses to hand-made sandwiches, cookies, potato salad, soups and more.

Our favorite is roast beef and cheddar. Made for the gods. And we’ll be back to try the award-winning white chicken chili and lobster bisque.

Not to mention, when the spirit moves him, Johnny B fires up the Oklahoma Joe smoker for ribs, brisket and, especially, smoked salmon.

From April to October visitors can patronize Cheese Shop Too, with a more limited but tasty menu of products, at The Riviera downtown.

There’s also a busy catering side to the business, operated by daughter Alyx and her husband Nate Barkwill. The shop ships cheese boxes across the country.

It all happens with a commitment to the shop’s history and Wisconsin’s famous heritage with cheese. The

interactions with customers is what makes the Cheese Box owners happy.

“We pride ourselves on the customer service side of the business,” Cheri said. “We’re a small mom-and-pop place and we want people to have that welcome feeling here, that they’re going to be treated a certain way, that they’re going to find what they’re looking for. It’s one of the key elements that keeps us going.”

“I like to turn people in the direction of Wisconsin cheddars and curds,” Johnny said. “We’re known for the quality of our curds here. And our aged Wisconsin cheddars.”

They enjoy teaching visitors about cheese. Folks go to the grocery store and look for mild cheddar or sharp cheddar. Mistake.

“A lot of people come in asking for sharp cheddar, medium cheddar. I tell them we don’t go by that,” Cheri explained. “We go by the age of the cheese. It’s much more definitive and you know what you’re getting better.”

The oldest cheese they carry is 15 years. That’s not a misprint. Typical, and most popular, is cheese aged 4-5 years.

Cheri also explains that if you eat your cheese right out of the refrigerator you’re doing it wrong.

“Eat cheese at room temperature,” she said. “If you eat cold cheese you’re not going to get your money’s worth, or the best out of the cheese. It’s funny how many people come back and say ‘Oh, my God, you were so right. We eat our cheese at room temperature now and enjoy it so much more.’”

Most of their products are Wisconsin-made and often locally-sourced. They use Lake Geneva Country Meats and Kettle Moraine Honey. More than 90% of the cheese comes from Wisconsin. They carry Wisconsin wines



like Spirits of Norway. And they sell original Foamation cheesehead hats.

The people they meet matter most.

“I love engaging with people when they come in,” Johnny told us, suggesting Wisconsin’s cheese history is a significant attraction. “People are drawn to us, in a sense. Sometimes they’ll tell us all about their life.”

There’s a certain satisfaction in experiencing this kind of touchstone with Wisconsin’s history. The Borowiecs hold fast to tradition. It feels right.

Tastes right, too. **CP**

The column is produced by the husband and wife team of Bill Barth and Stephanie Klett. Bill is the former Editor of the Beloit Daily News, and a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame. Stephanie is the President and CEO of Visit Lake Geneva, and the former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

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HIGHLIGHTS



TED VIGIL



MIA BROWN

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

Dirty Dancing in Concert

Saturday 2/8 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Quinton 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

Murder Mystery Dinner: Peace, Love and Murder

Thurs.-Fri. 2/6-7 | Willow Springs Garden, Maine

OK, I can't think of the word murder mystery without imagining Michael Scott saying "I do declare" (Office fans, if you know, you know). This one has nothing to do with the south or The Office though — instead it has more to do with the 60s. Peace, Love and Murder promises to be one groovy mystery, baby. Enjoy a three-course meal, costumed characters to help get you into the vibe of things and a cocktail hour beforehand. 5:15 pm both nights. Limited spots available. \$60. willowspringsgardens.com

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Mia Brown and The Get Down

Friday 2/7 | Intermission, Wausau

Mia Brown is one of the city's great success stories. Growing up in Wausau, she ultimately was signed with Big Timber Entertainment in Nashville in 2023. Her music is a blend of pop with a little twist of country, the perfect vehicle for her powerful vocals, which are inspired by the likes of Amy Winehouse, Stevie Nicks, Steven Tyler and Kacey Musgraves. In this show she'll bring her band The Get Down to the Intermission, which has been quietly hosting a strong music lineup as of late. 9 pm Intermission Bar on Facebook.

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 too, which might surprise you. Its interior architecture program is renowned and sought after. Also on that list is its theater department, and people really come from far and wide to get into the program. That benefits the Wausau with another truly exceptional theater program to watch. In this play, famed playwright William Gibson crafts a witty and imagined look at the life of William Shakespeare, one of the greatest writers of the English language, and one about which the least is known. Thurs: 7:30 pm Wausau; Friday 7:30 pm Stevens Point; Saturday 2 pm and 7:30 pm Stevens Point; Sunday 2 pm Marshfield. uwsp.edu

Wisconsin Sports Show

Fri-Sun 2/7-9 | Central Wisconsin Expo and Convention Center, Rothschild

The snow is still flying, but hey, surely a number of you are already sick of ice fishing and have bass fever. Get that out of your system with the Central Wisconsin Sports Show. This event is dedicated to everything fishing, boating and hunting related, with a number of vendors, hands-on demonstrations and learning experiences for everyone from the novice to experts. 3-8 pm Friday, 9 am-6 pm Saturday and 10 am-4 pm Sunday. Visit fishingboatingoutdoor.com to learn more. **CP**

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BAR BEATS

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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 · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Folk, rock & blues. 8 pm. 715-819-3663
The Gentlemen Grifters · Intermission Bar, Wausau. Bluegrass & alt-country. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

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
DJ NK · Night School Party Bar, Schofield. Hip hop/EDM. 8 pm. 715-600-0996

Saturday February 15

Soul Whiskey Trio · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Country. 6 pm. 715-544-1262
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 · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Saturday February 22

Mike Nanstad · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. 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

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

BIG GUIDE

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

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 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

Karaoke · Saturdays, Kevin & Joy's 19th Hole, Schofield. Starts at 9 pm. 715-359-2343

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

ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

Cosmo Theatre,
Merrill, 715-536-4473
Movie times thru 2/13

Green and Gold (PG13): Fri. 7 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

& 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

Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094
Movie listing 2/6-2/12

Heart Eyes (R): Thurs. 6:30 pm, 9 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2 pm, 4:30 pm; Fri. & Tues. 7:30 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 11:50 am, 2:20 pm, 4:50 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:10 pm; Sat. 7:30 pm, 10 pm (Heated-DreamLounge), 10:30 am, 1 pm, 4:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:10 pm; Sun. 7:30 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:50 am, 2 pm, 4:50 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:10 pm; Mon. & Wed. 9 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2:20 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:20 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm

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Dog Man (PG): Thurs. 1:30 pm, 4 pm, (HeatedDreamLounge), 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 8:30 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 11:10 am, 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:20 pm; Sat. 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 5 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 11:10 am, 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 8:50 pm; Mon. 1:30 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm; Wed. 1:30 pm, 4 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 2:30 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm

Love Hurts (R): Thurs., Mon. & Wed. 2 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:40 pm, 9 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:30 am, 12:45 pm, 3 pm, 5:20 pm, 7:40 pm, 10 pm

Green and Gold (TBD): Thurs. 1 pm, 3:35 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:45 pm; Fri. & Tues. 10:30 am, 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:30 pm; Sat. 11:30 am, 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 7 pm, 9:30 pm; Sun. 10:30 am, 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:30

intermission

LIVE MUSIC IN FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 2/7

MIA BROWN BAND
• Pop/Rock
• 9pm — No Cover

SATURDAY 2/15

HEARTBREAK HANGOVER
• H1Z1
• Purging Paradise
• Young Pups
• Catastrophic Heros
• Metal
• 8pm — No Cover

SATURDAY 2/8

GENTLEMEN GRIFFERS
• Progressive Bluegrass
• 8pm — No Cover

MONDAY 2/17

BRIAN HOFFMAN & FRIENDS
• Acoustic music & art show
• 8pm — No Cover

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Companion (R): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11:40 am, 2:10 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:40 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:10 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:40 pm

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

Mufasa: The Lion King (PG): Thurs. 1:40 pm, 4:30 pm, 7 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 10:40 am, 1:10 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:20 pm; Sat. 10:40 am, 2 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:20 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:10 pm

Moana 2 (PG): Thurs. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7:30 pm; Fri., Sun. & Tues. 10:45 am, 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG): Thurs. 2:10 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:20 pm

Hellraiser (Remastered) (R): Thurs. 7:30 pm

The Twilight Saga Marathon (PG13): Sat. 12 pm, 12:20 pm

BHM: Nope (R): Sun. 10:50 am

BHM: Get Out (R): Sun. 2 pm

IF (PG): Fri., Sat. & Sun. 11:10 am

ON STAGE

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

Clue On Stage · 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

Soul of Langston · Sun. 2/8, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. One-man show that explores the life & legacy of American poet, playwright & civil rights activist Langston Hughes. Starts at 2 pm. \$20 adults, \$10 students. campanilecenter.org

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

Pretty Woman: The Musical · Thurs.-Fri. 2/13-2/14, Grand Theater, Wausau. Musical based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories.



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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

Valentine's Day Show · Sat. 2/15, Oz Nightclub, Wausau. Drag show. 21+. Starts at 10 pm. \$5 cover. 715-679-3606

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

Natalie Tenenbaum · Tues. 2/18, Grand Theater, Wausau. Jazz. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10. 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 youth/students. eventbrite.com/e/mike-dowling-in-concert-tickets-1217079711179

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

Carnival of the Animals · Fri. 2/28, hosted by the Central Wisconsin

School of Ballet and Wausau Dance Theatre at Grand Theater, Wausau. Carnival brings to life the amazement & amusement of the circus through spectacular costumes, humorous verse, & talents area performers. There will be circus-related children's crafts & games in the Great Hall before the performance. Starts at 6:30 pm. \$22 adults, \$18 children. grandtheater.org

Yamato: The Drummers of Japan · Fri. 3/7, Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy an evening of Japanese drumming. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$39-\$65. 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

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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

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First UU Church of Wausau Service · Sundays. First UU Church of Wausau, 504 Grant St, Wausau. On Sun. 2/9, the Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching & will take questions from the church's children & youth, covering everything from his favorite cheese to the meaning of life. 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. 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

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



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Murder Mystery Dinner-Peace, Love & Murder · Thurs.-Fri. 2/6-2/7, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy a 60's themed murder mystery, appetizers, dinner, desserts & drinks. Dress up for the occasion. Starts at 5:15 pm. Show starts at 6 pm. \$60/person. willowspringsgardens.com

2025 Central Wisconsin Sports Show · Fri.-Sun. 2/7-2/9, Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild. This outdoor recreation event will include fishing & hunting exhibitors as well as boats, pontoons & powersports. A full seminar lineup will feature presentations by fishing & hunting experts. Starts at 3 pm on Fri., 9 am on Sat. & 10 am on Sun. \$8 adult, free for youth 12 & under. fishingboatingoutdoor.com

Spud of the Month: Fondant Potatoes · Fri. 2/7, Food + Farm Exploration Center, Plover. Learn to make Fondant Potatoes. Starts at 5 pm. \$25 (20% off for members). explorefoodandfarm.org

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

Common Ground Coffee Chats · Sat. 2/8, Food + Farm Exploration Center, Plover. Drip coffee, pastries, monthly ag topic & more. Topic is Seed Types 101: Heirloom, Hybrid & GMO with Rex Phipps, Ph.D. Starts at 8 am. Free. explorefoodandfarm.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-tea-party-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

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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

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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

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