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Wausau native participates in a man-overboard drill aboard **USS Howard**

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Ensign Julianne Barkholz, from Wausau, Wisconsin, hangs from a J-bar davit on the foc'sle during a manoverboard drill aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guidedmissile destroyer USS Howard (DDG 83) while conducting routine operations in Sagami Bay, Jan. 18. Howard is forward-deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th Fleet's principal surface force.





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Not a Brush Fire

Just before 3 pm on January 21st, the Merrill Fire Department and Merrill DNR Ranger were dispatched to a possible grass fire with black smoke off of Highway 107 in the field north of Tri-

Hi Trucking. Brush-66, Enigne-61, and Med-61 responded immediately to the area. Upon arrival, crews determined it was a large camper that was burning and was already

See BRUSH page 3



ANNUAL MEETING

In-person & virtual options are available!

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 7:00 p.m.



If you are attending in person:

▶ The meeting will be held at the Antigo High School, 1900 West 10th Ave., Antigo. Registration starts at 6 pm.

If you are attending virtually:

- Please complete the registration form at: covantagecu.org/annualmeeting. We will send instructions via email on how to access the meeting.
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HABITAT WAUSAU IS SEARCHING FOR THEIR NEXT PARTNER FAMILIES!

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Habitat for Humanity Wausau (Habitat Wausau) is searching for their next partner families. The 2025 application period for Habitat Wausau's Homeownership Program is now open. Applications will be accepted now through March 24, 2025.

Who should apply? Households living in substandard or inadequate housing, seeking housing affordable housing not to exceed 30% of their income, are willing to partner, and have the ability to repay a zero-interest 30-year mortgage financed by Habitat Wausau should reach out to Habitat Wausau for more information about the application process.

Program Qualifications:
Need for Housing:
Based on current housing
conditions there must

be a demonstrated need for improved housing. Applicants must be United States Citizens or Permanent Resident and should be residents of the greater Wausau area for at least one (1) year and can pass a criminal background check.

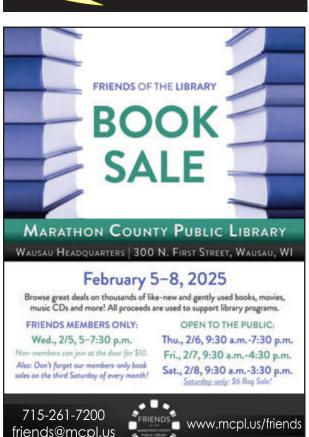
Ability to Pay: Homeownership Program families will be purchasing a habitat home, they must have the ability to pay a 30-year, interest free mortgage. Eligible income limits are between \$33,200 – \$75,120 based on family size.

Willingness to Partner:
Families must be willing to work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Wausau and complete 300 hours of sweat equity by attending classes, workshops, attending

events, volunteering at the Wausau ReStore, and helping with home construction.

Eligible income limits 30-60% of the median income for Marathon County, based US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2024 income limits. See ranges provided below for household acceptable ranges.







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Households interested in applying are highly encouraged to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the application process. Everyone is encouraged to attend a session, but it is not required.

Informational meetings will be held Tuesday, February 11 at 6 pm, Thursday, February 15 at 10 am and Saturday, February 20 at 10 am at Habitat for Humanity of Wausau's office in Weston. Registration is recommended. To register,

please visit Habitat Wausau's website www. habitatwausau.org or call the office at 715-343-4212.

For additional information visit: https://habitatwausau.org/homeownership-program/

About Habitat for Humanity of Wausau: Since 1990, Habitat for Humanity of Wausau has built 73 homes in our community. Habitat for Humanity of Wausau is currently constructing Home 74 & 75 in conjunction with the DC Everest and Mosinee Highschool construction

trades program.

In addition to new homeownership, Habitat Wausau provides critical home repairs to families in the Greater Wausau area who own their own homes and meet the income guidelines. Since 2024 Habitat Wausau has acquired Ramp Up Marathon County and volunteers from both organizations successfully completed 4 ramps to qualifying families Marathon County in 2024.

Funding for Habitat Wausau programs comes

from donors, grants, inkind support of building materials. in-kind donations to the Wausau Habitat ReStore, and proceeds from Wausau Habitat ReStore located in Weston. Wausau ReStore is a primary funding source for Habitat Wausau new home construction. Retail store hours are Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm and Saturdays from 9 am - 2 pm. Proceeds from our Wausau ReStore support Habitat Wausau programming. For more information, visit www.habitatwausau.org

Wausau Board of Education Places Operational Referendum on Ballot for April 1

FOR MMC

At its Monday meeting, the Wausau School District Board of Education approved an operational referendum that will appear on the ballot Tuesday, April 1.

If the proposed \$8 million per year, non-recurring operational referendum is approved by voters, the district will be able to raise its revenue limit by \$8 million per year, through the 2029-30 school vear. This will enable the district to mitigate its budget deficit, maintain and enhance student programming, address ongoing maintenance needs, like roofing, HVAC, and air conditioning, mass communication and camera upgrades, and attract and retain staff.

"While we are proud of our successes, our district faces serious financial challenges due to factors largely outside of our control," said Superintendent Cale Bushman. "We believe we've taken steps, like consolidation of schools from the recommendation of the Elementary Facility Plan Citizen Task Force, to help address some of those challenges. This referendum provides us an opportunity to mitigate our budget deficit, while at the same time addressing some of our district's deferred maintenance needs." Like most Wisconsin school districts, the Wausau School District is managing the challenges of rising expenses, an outdated and inequitable state school funding formula, and a lack of state aid to public schools in recent years.

In Wisconsin, public schools are primarily funded by a combination of state aid and local property taxes. Every district also has a revenue limit that caps the amount of money it can receive through state aid and local property taxes. The revenue limit was set in 1993 and has not kept pace with increasing costs and Inflation.

If revenues had kept pace with inflation since 2009, the Wausau School District would receive \$3,300 more per pupil for the 2024-25 school year.

Based on conservative assumptions, the district is projecting a deficit of approximately \$4 million for the 2025-26 school years. This projection factors in the state-level funding

recently granted to public school districts as part of the Wisconsin 2023-25 state biennial budget.

If the April 1 referendum is approved, it would have an estimated property tax impact of \$0 per year on every \$1,000 of equalized property value in our community. This is possible due to sound planning by district leaders and the Board of Education. The district has worked to prepay debt to help keep the tax rate stable over the long term and minimize the tax impact of a referendum. Taking these measures has provided room for the board to propose an operational referendum without an associated property tax increase.

District leaders and the Board of Education are committed to sharing as much information as possible and answering community members' questions in the weeks and months ahead. Later this month, the district will be launching a webpage with more details and answers to frequently asked questions.



Local Events

BAR BEATS

Thursday January 30

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

Friday January 31
Snow on the Mount

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

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

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

Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663 Saturday February 1

Saturday February 1 Lawrence Andersen · Point Brewery, Stevens

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The Marathon County Historical Society presents

A Valentines Family Tea

FOR MMC

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Join us for an afternoon of fancy fun as the Marathon County Historical Society hosts our annual Valentines Family Tea on February 8th, 2 pm.

Dress your best or come as you are. Activities will include a children's tea, sweet treats, a Valentine Day craft, photo fun, story time and cookie decorating. Truly an enjoyable and cordial time for all who attend.

Tickets are \$5 per person and children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available at the door, no reservation required.

MCHS is located in the Woodson History Center at 410 Mcindoe Street, Wausau. Wisconsin. Exhibit and office hours are Tuesday -Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday 1 pm to 4:30 pm. Admission is

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free. The Research Library is open from 9 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday - Friday. Tours of the Yawkey House Museum are available Tuesday -

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and the camper was a total

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Visit Wausau Celebrates \$3.25 Million Annual **Economic Impact of Nine Mile County Forest**

VISIT WAUSAU



to announce the findings of the 2024 Nine Mile Economic Impact Report, showcasing the essential role of Nine Mile County in supporting the local economy. This report, now featured on the Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation's website, highlights Nine Mile's remarkable contribution of over \$3.25 million in annual economic activity.

Nine Mile County Forest has long been a beloved destination for outdoor enthusiasts, offering year-

round opportunities for skiing, cross-country mountain biking, and hiking. The report underscores how this recreational hub not only attracts visitors but also drives significant revenue for local businesses, hospitality, and retail sectors, reinforcing Greater Wausau's reputation as Wisconsin's Basecamp for outdoor adventure.

"Nine Mile is a cornerstone our community's outdoor recreation scene," Tim White, Executive Director of Visit Wausau. "This report affirms what we've known for years: outdoor recreation is a major economic driver that strengthens local businesses and enhances the quality of life in Marathon County.'

The report was produced as part of the Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation's innovative DIY Economic Impact Report program, which empowers local stakeholders measure the localized economic benefits of outdoor recreation. The program's success extends across Wisconsin, with five reports collectively in economic activity generated by destinations such as Eau Claire's paved trail system, Dodge County Parks, and the Cheese Country Trails in Lafayette County.

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prepare the bank for its growth to \$1 billion in assets and beyond, while transitioning outsourced accounting functions in-house.

Schneider, who lives with her family in Wausau, is actively involved with her 2 teenage boys, and enjoys boating, downhill skiing, and traveling to warm climates.



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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On Aging and Invisibility

Dear Reader,

As we age, we begin to relinquish the 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 diminished, 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 can also bring clarity. Freed from the need to prove ourselves or chase accolades, 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.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon. **Be Careful When Riding ATV/UTVs, Snowmobiles In Winter Conditions** Frost, ice and snow can make trails dangerous in winter.

DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges the public to be mindful of potentially dangerous winter conditions when operating recreational vehicles, especially frozen waterbodies.

There have already been two fatal UTV crashes and one fatal snowmobile crash in the state this year, with two of those accidents occurring on frozen waterbodies.

Frost, ice and fresh snow on winter roads or trails can cause slippery conditions. Remember to stay sober, wear proper safety gear and be careful when slowing down and approaching turns.

If your winter outing involves travel over a waterbody, remember that every waterbody has its own characteristics. Check if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows, is spring-fed or has currents, which can thin the ice.

Here are a few more safety tips to keep in when operating mind recreational vehicles

during winter.

- · Remember that ice is never completely safe under any conditions.
- · The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions.
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a personal flotation device or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss.
- · Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.
 - Do not travel in

- · Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- · Slow down when traveling at night.

· Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

In addition to these safety tips, the DNR reminds riders to check trail conditions ahead of time by contacting your county forestry and/or parks department, local clubs or viewing Travel Wisconsin's Snow Report.









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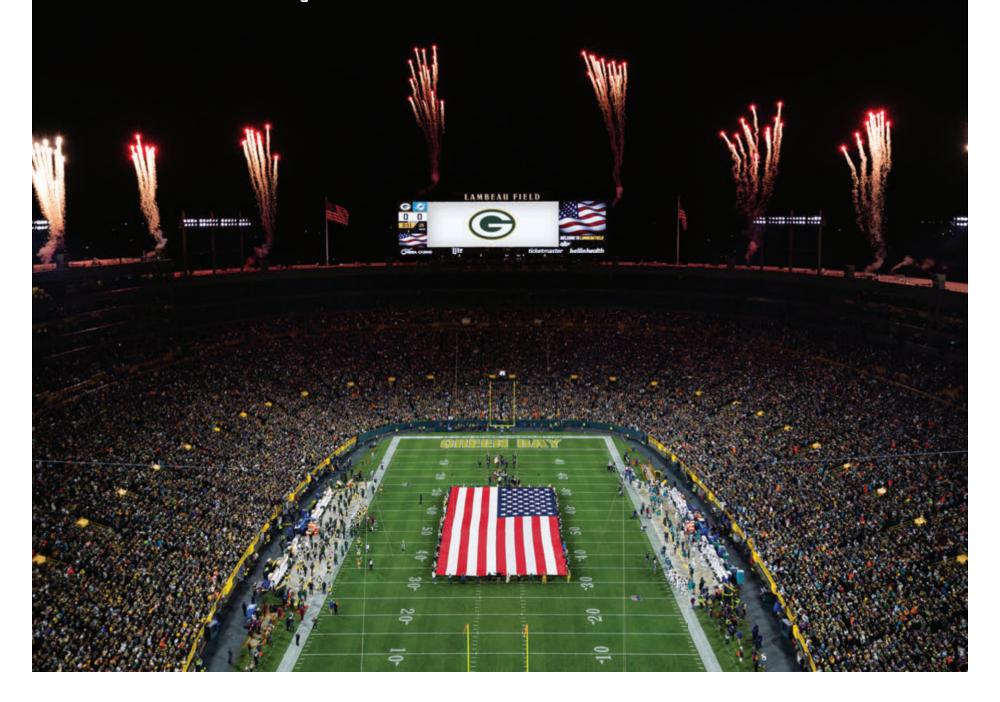


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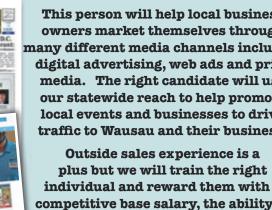
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EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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 Brewing Mosinee Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday.

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

Limit team size to 6 people.

Team Trivia 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 · 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

Emanuel Brad Saturdays 12/21-3/29, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Variety. Starts at 3 pm. skigranitepeak.com **ON STAGE**

The Simon & Garfunkel Story · Thurs. 1/30, Grand Theater, Wausau, Criticallyacclaimed, concert-style theatre show about two boys from Queens, NY who became the most successful music duo of all time. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$75. grandtheater.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

Rondele Ranch Groundbreaking Ceremony · Thurs. 1/23, Rondele Ranch, County Hwy K, Harshaw. Rondele Ranch is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the construction by design/builder Keller Inc., on an entertainment space on their main grounds. Starts at 11:30 am. 844-947-2624

Craft & Vendor Show · Sat.-Sun. 1/25-1/26, Cedar Creek Mall, Rothschild. Craft & vendor show. Starts at 9 am. cedarcreekmall.com

Breakfast Event · Sun. 1/26, St. Adalbert Catholic School, 3315 St. Adalbert Rd, Rosholt. Enjoy all you can eat pancakes with bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, hash browns. desserts, orange juice, milk & coffee. Cash & prize raffle drawing at 11:30 am. All proceeds benefit St.

Adalbert Catholic Church. Starts at 8:30 am. \$12 adults, \$6 children ages 6-12, free for children 5 & under. 715-573-6216

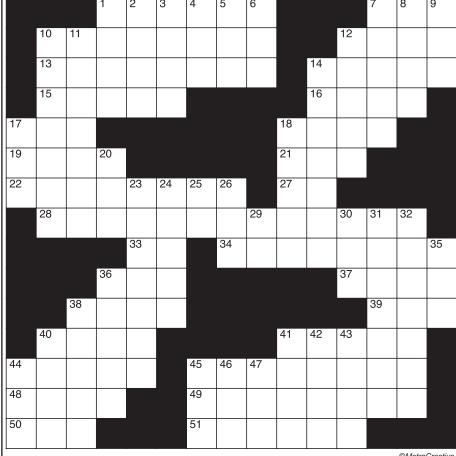
Sleigh Rides for Small Groups with Lunch Option · Sun. 1/26, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Go out on sleigh rides and enjoy optional soup buffet. Intended for groups of 8 or less. Starts at 9 am. \$15 per person for ride, \$25 per person for ride and soup buffet, \$14/buffet only, \$8 kids 6-11, free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

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

Starts at 2 pm. 715-693-2144 Fiber Artists Meetup Mon. 1/27, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Adults who enjoy needlework are invited to bring their projects & spend time crafting and socializing with others. Starts at 4 pm. Free. 715-352 - 3155

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

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



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- 19. Protective covering
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- 27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- 28. Unacceptable
- 33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- 34. American national park 36. One point south of due east
- 37. Assist in a crime 38. Greek mythological
- personification of Earth 39. A major division of
- geological time
- 40. German courtesy title 41. English family dating back
- to Norman times
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- 45. South American nation 48. Former Milwaukee Buck
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- 50. Passports and drivers
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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Supreme god of ancient
- Egyptians 2. Nevada city
- 3. Energy, style and
- enthusiasm
- 4. Bird's beak 5. Language
- 6. Midway between south and southeast
- 7. Punjab village
- 8. Small biting flies
- 9. Sportscaster Patrick
- 10. A way to get around
- 11. Repeat
- 12. A way to cook with fat
- 14. Temporary loss of
- consciousness 17. Reciprocal of a sine
- 18. Fir tree genus

- 20. "Transformers" director Michael 23. Criminals who steal
- 24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
- 25. Music product 26. "Talk to you"
- 29. Santa says it three times 30. Doctors' group
- 31. African nation
- 32. Ageless
- 35. When you hope to get somewhere
- 36. Worn 38. Deprives of vigor
- 40. Used to have (Scottish)
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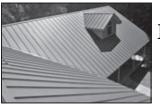
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