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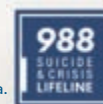
  
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This experience got me thinking. Life is unpredictable. You wake up in the morning with plans, but everything can change in an instant, with no warning whatsoever. Those 15 seconds as we swerved away from the stalled vehicle could have been our last moments. But it wasn't. For others, tragically, it was.

Life is so fragile. There are no guarantees, no flashing signals warning us when our time is up. One moment we're here, and the next, we're not. This realization isn't meant to instill fear but to inspire gratitude. Each day we're given is a gift—precious, fleeting, and worth cherishing.

Let's not take it for granted. Let's love fully, live purposefully, and appreciate the time we have. Because in the blink of an eye, everything can change. We can't control when or how the end comes, but we can make the moments we still have truly count.

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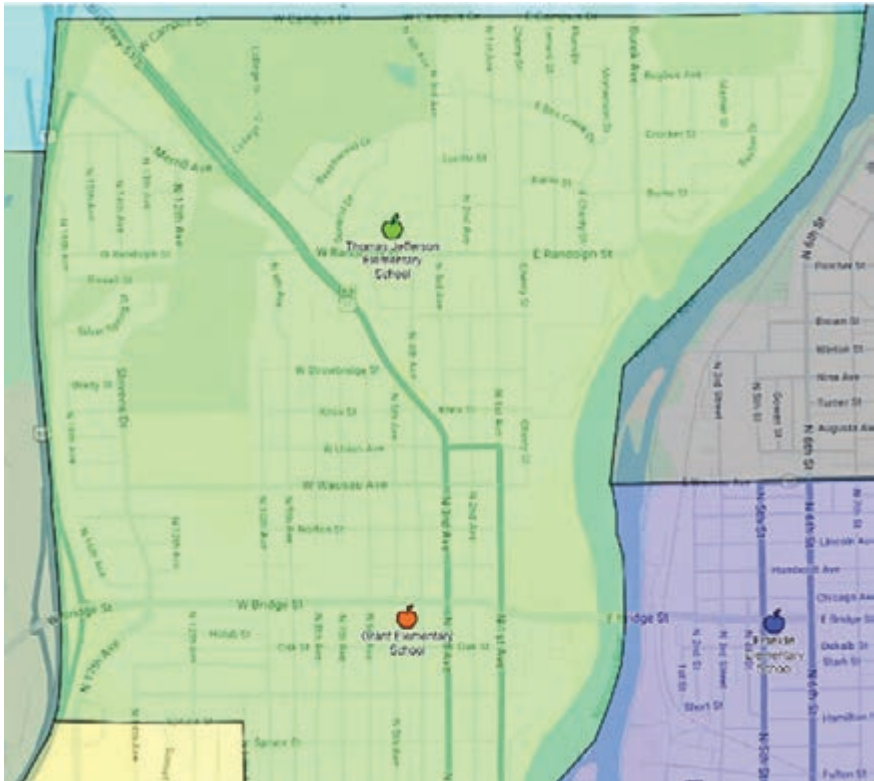
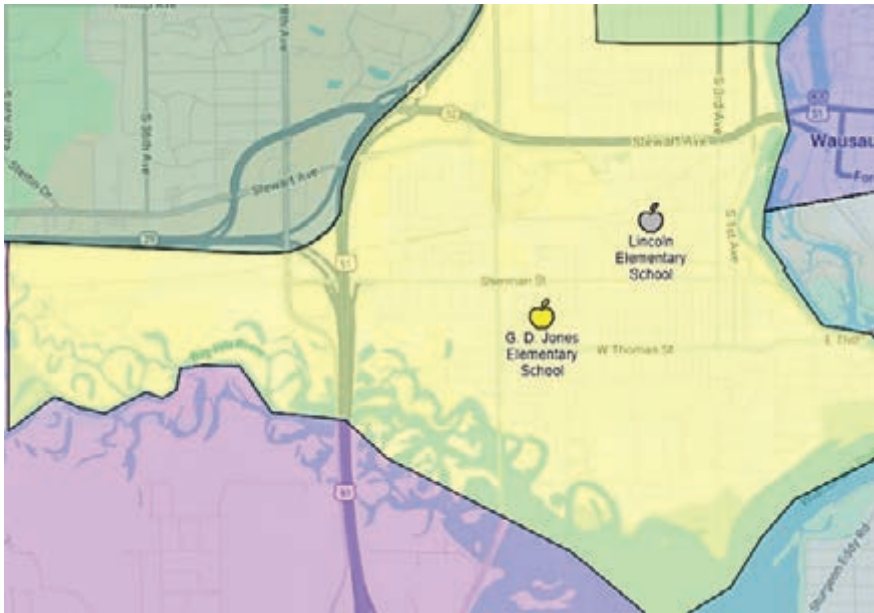
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The Wausau School Board Monday approved new boundary maps for the elementary school consolidation, which will be in effect for the next school year.

## Consolidation mapping

### Wausau School Board approves boundary maps for elementary consolidation

**The Wausau School Board** Monday approved new boundary maps for the upcoming elementary school consolidation.

The school consolidation was approved in January. The district will close Hewitt-Texas, Hawthorne Hills, Grant and Lincoln elementary schools. Lincoln will become a site for 4K education.

The school board also approved allowing administrators to start seeking the sale of the now unused elementary schools, either through a realtor or other method at the discretion of the administration.

The elementary school consolidation was the first step toward right-sizing the district's building and staff size. It came after the Wausau School Board ultimately scrapped a more comprehensive consolidation plan that would have completely remade the district's schools, including consolidating East and West high schools into one elementary.

The consolidation will be in place for the 2025-2026 school year.

The board passed the new boundaries with little fanfare, other than a line around Forest Street dividing John Marshall and Franklin elementary schools. Board member Lance Trollop questioned why the line, which runs at a diagonal to Forest Street, doesn't just run along the street. The board approved the boundary with that change in place.

Mayor Doug Diny began the meeting with an explanation of the city's public comment policy, which includes the statement that the city's public comment policy allows citizens to speak about items on the council agenda and "other public comment."

That drew calls for a point of order from city council members Carol Lukens and Lou Larson. Lukens said public meetings laws require specific items up for discussion to be agendized so that the public has a reasonable explanation as to what will be discussed.

But council member Terry Kilian disagreed with the framing, saying residents have a right to speak before the city council in public comment on the items they choose. In his preamble, the mayor was only clarifying that, she said.

Diny said he brought up the topic because he had gotten several emails after the last city council meeting criticizing him for not reigning in public comment more.

The discussion was eventually shut down after city council member Gary Gisselman pointed out that the discussion itself was out of order since it wasn't agendized.

### Mayor appointment to ethics commission canceled

Mayor Doug Diny was poised to appoint a new member to the city's ethics board Tuesday, but that was canceled.

Diny, who faces an ethics complaint the ethics board is slated to consider over his removal of a ballot box from the steps of city hall, announced at Tuesday's City Council meeting that the candidate he had

### Debate about public comment takes up most of council meeting

What promised to be a very short Wausau City Council meeting was extended as a debate erupted about the public comment period.



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in mind withdrew for a scheduling conflict. That candidate, Dylan Anderson, currently works for Rep. Tom Tiffany and has worked for other Republican legislators and the state party itself. The ethics board is slated to meet next week Wednesday.

### Council approves records request related to complaint

The city council following a closed session voted to approve the release of records after waiving attorney-client privilege.

The records request came from former city council member Keene Winters, who made the request after the city denied his complaint that the city was taking on more debt than state law allows.

Winters claimed city staff were misclassifying debt in order to get around the state debt limit. But in a presentation before the city council, outside legal counsel Quarles and Brady disagreed with that assessment.

Winters in his records request sought a copy of the opinion provided to the city in making its determination on the complaint.

### Whitewater Music Hall closed

The news of Bull Falls Brewery reopening soon was followed by news that Whitewater Music Hall is closing.

The brewery's owner announced Friday that the weekend would be the last for the music hall, which featured a coffee shop

and homemade beer on tap.

The owners plan to keep the building, allowing businesses such as Northern Lights Sauna, Rise Up and other organizations to continue operating out of the downtown spot.

Earlier this week, October Guitars announced it too would be closing. According to a post on its website, the business is closed right now but will re-open soon to host a retirement sale.

### UWSP to kick off new dual enrollment pilot program

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is kicking off a new pilot program around dual enrollment next fall, UWSP officials say.

The new program is planned to start in the fall semester and there will be another in the spring, offering Introduction to Sociology and Introduction to Astronomy, says Miranda Gentry-Siegel, interim director of campus operations at UWSP.

The school has had a dual enrollment program in which high school students could take college classes for some time. But this specific program is focused on students who have the capacity to take college classes but face barriers to doing so.

The courses will be online and asynchronous, as one barrier they heard from schools is that it's tough to fit a college class with a high school schedule because they don't line up, Gentry-Siegel says.

The program is working with D.C. Everest, Marshfield, Pittsville, SPASH

and Edgar high schools and will work with 35 students this fall and 35 students in spring 2026. That could be expanded to Wausau schools if the program is successful.

There will be no cost to students, Gentry-Siegel says.

### Fuzzy's Tacos liquor license likely to be revoked

Fuzzy's Taco Shop's liquor license could be revoked following the business's closure.

The village of Weston's Community, Life and Public Safety Committee voted to move forward with revoking the license. Fuzzy's closed in December and had a non-reserve liquor license. Following revocation, that license could become available to another business.

Weston staff say they reached out to Fuzzy's representatives via email, phone call and snail mail asking what the business's plans were. They heard nothing back, staff members told the committee.

If Fuzzy's Taco Shop fights the

revocation, that could lead to a hearing in which the committee would hear arguments and make a determination. But non-reserve liquor licenses are limited by state law and so municipalities have rules that they need to be in continual use.

### Investigators looking into Lincoln County shooting

Lincoln County officials are looking into a shooting in the town of Schley in Lincoln County.

Deputies responded to an emergency call for a man with a gunshot wound early Friday morning. Deputies say they discovered a man with a gunshot wound to his shoulder. He was treated on scene and then transported to Wausau Aspirus Hospital for treatment.

Lincoln County officials identified all parties involved and say there is no threat to the public. Deputies didn't say anything about the nature of the gunshot; only that the incident is still under investigation. **CP**



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# Donation explosion

**State parties send seven figures of donations to Crawford, Schmiel in Supreme Court race**

The state Dem and Republican parties turned to heavy hitters for much of their fundraising over the first month of 2025 and then made seven-figure transfers to their preferred Supreme Court candidates, a WisPolitics review shows.

The state Dem Party gave Susan Crawford \$2 million last month after collecting a \$1 million donation from megadonor George Soros and \$500,000 from Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Meanwhile, the state GOP gave Brad Schmiel \$1.675 million in January after it received \$975,000 from Beloit businesswoman Diane Hendricks and \$850,000 from Illinois businesswoman Liz Uihlein.

In all, Crawford, a Dane County Circuit Court judge, reported nearly \$4.5 million raised between Jan. 1 and Feb. 3, \$3.6 million spent and almost \$3.1 million in the bank to end the period.

Schmiel, a Waukesha County Circuit Court judge and former GOP attorney general, reported \$2.7 million raised, \$2.1 million spent and \$2.4 million cash on hand.

The two are on record fundraising paces in a race that will determine ideological control of the state Supreme Court after liberals flipped it to a 4-3 majority in their favor in 2023 after 15 years in the minority.

Crawford has reported raising \$352,715 in contributions of \$1,000 or more since the pre-primary period closed Feb. 3. Altogether, she's raised more than \$7.7 million since getting into the race in May.

Schmiel, meanwhile, has reported \$175,405 in late contributions. That puts his overall haul at \$4.9 million.

Two years ago, liberal Janet Protasiewicz had raised just more than \$1.8 million on her way to spending \$16.7 million on her winning bid.



## Kinser leads pre-primary funding for School Super race

Education consultant Brittany Kinser raised \$301,316 in the pre-primary period, more than three times what her nearest rival for state superintendent pulled in.

State Superintendent Jill Underly reported \$81,773 — with \$56,118 of that coming from the state Dem Party — while Sauk Prairie Superintendent Jeff Wright raised \$34,804.

Kinser, who described herself as a Blue Dog Dem in an interview with WisPolitics last fall, benefited from a string of donations from traditional GOP donors and those associated with the school choice movement.

That includes \$20,000 each from Illinois business couple and GOP megadonors Dick and Liz Uihlein, \$20,000 from Beloit businesswoman Diane Hendricks, and \$20,000 from Bill Berrien, a Milwaukee area businessman considered a possible GOP gov candidate in 2026.

In all, 11 people gave Kinser the maximum donation of \$20,000.

She also reported: \$10,000 from Agustin Ramirez, who helped launch Augustine Prep, which participates in the Milwaukee school choice program; \$5,000 from businessman Scott Mayer, who considered a run for U.S. Senate in 2024; \$2,500 from the Milwaukee County GOP; and \$1,000 from former Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen, a voucher proponent. She also listed a \$2,500 donation from Cory Nettles, who served as Commerce secretary under Dem Gov. Jim Doyle.

Her other donations included \$1,042 from Peter Bernegger, who has spread a series of falsehoods about the 2020 election. Bernegger was convicted of mail and bank fraud in 2009. He's currently facing a felony charge for allegedly doctoring a subpoena related to one of his election reviews.

## Wolfe can continue in WEC role, top court says

A unanimous state Supreme Court today ruled Wisconsin's top elections official can continue serving in the role indefinitely, shooting down attempts by GOP lawmakers to remove Meagan Wolfe from the post.

The court found state law requires the six-member Elections Commission to appoint a new administrator only if a vacancy occurs. But the court found there is no vacancy with Wolfe continuing to serve in the role even though the original four-year appointment expired in 2023.

In doing so, the court cited a previous ruling in a similar case that allowed one of former GOP Gov. Scott Walker's appointees to continue serving on the Natural Resources Board even after his term expired.

Citing that decision, the court found, "WEC does not have a duty to appoint a new administrator to replace Wolfe simply because her term has ended.

Wolfe became the focus of ire for some Republicans after Donald Trump's narrow loss to Joe Biden in 2020, and some GOP lawmakers had called for her removal.

In 2023, the three GOP appointees on the six-member Elections Commission voted to reappoint Wolfe to the post, which would then submit the nomination to the Republican-controlled state Senate for confirmation.

## Wimberger calls Evers PFAS plan a concession

GOP Sen. Eric Wimberger suggested a budget proposal announced by Gov. Tony Evers to combat PFAS contamination is a concession to Republican lawmakers, but said he still has concerns about language to protect innocent landowners.

Wimberger said Evers' proposal is "an admission of what I've been saying for years: we can't just write the DNR a check for \$125 million to fight this problem."

Meanwhile, Midwest Environmental Advocates said it's open to a narrow exemption to protect farmers.

Evers yesterday announced a swath of measures to improve water quality in his Feb. 18 budget proposal, including more than \$145 million to address PFAS contamination. That funding includes \$125 million set aside in the 2023-25 state budget to fight PFAS.

Evers' proposal also lists provisions aimed at helping those whose properties are contaminated through no fault of their own — a key sticking point in negotiations with the GOP-run Legislature over PFAS funding.

Wimberger, of Green Bay, co-authored SB 312 last session, which laid out how to spend the \$125 million. Republicans have argued it includes important protections for innocent landowners, but Evers vetoed it last session over provisions limiting DNR's authority to regulate PFAS. The Joint Finance Committee has rejected Evers' calls to release the money directly to DNR. **CP**



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## Village elections

February is always an interesting month for elections. Lately as the number of candidates for local office has increased, there increasingly have been spring primaries.

This year two villages have board president primaries: Kronenwetter and Weston. So we sent each candidate a questionnaire to make their pitch to City Pages readers in their own words. We listed incumbents first and then challengers in alphabetical order.

**WESTON:** Three candidates are running for the village of Weston Board President. They include incumbent Mark Maloney and challengers Jim Pinsonneault and Hooshang Zeyghami. All three are currently on the village board. The top two vote-getters will face off in the spring election April 1.

### Mark F. Maloney

**Age:** 65

**Occupation:** Director of Retail Sales – CRAZY FRESH /Russ Davis Wholesale

**Political experience:**

- Town of Weston 4yrs Supervisor
- Village of Weston 6yrs Trustee (2nd stint)
- Village of Weston 2yrs Trustee (3rd stint)
- Village of Weston 4yrs President (currently)
- Marathon County Board of Supervisors (2 non-consecutive terms)

**Why did you decide to run for village president?**

- Wally Sparks resigned/retired and nominated me to replace him.
- The Village of Weston - Board of Trustees voted and unanimously approved to appoint me as president.
- I ran unopposed 2nd term and was reelected.
- I truly enjoy and get much pleasure in service to others and finding solutions to fix or solve issues.
- I also believe that I have an ability to bring others together, to find common ground, and respect each other's opinions.

**What's the biggest challenge facing the village right now and how would you address it?**

We have several large challenges currently in no specific order:

- Closure of TID/TIF #1 is approaching in several years and I believe we are moving in a good direction with closure.
- Embracing the incredible positive opportunities that the Greenheck/Turner Community Center brings to our Village and total surrounding area municipalities
- Increasing partnering and building lasting relationships with our neighboring municipalities. sharing in costs, services, management, staff and all ways possible to stretch our residents tax dollars.
- Looking to move in a positive merger of Fire and EMS with more neighboring municipalities, . . . crucial for better response times and cost savings for area residents.
- Challenge that has been seized . . . the incredible merger of police departments creating the new identity of the Mountain Bay Metro Police Department. I am proud to say I had a part in working with these very accomplished, professional, brave, hard working, women and men, protecting and serving our City of Schofield, Town of Weston, Village of Rothschild and Village of Weston in accomplishing this outstanding merger!!

**What would your top three priorities for the village be if you were elected?**

- Being available and engaged with our residents, business owners, and all things "Village of Weston"



- Effectively presiding over Board of Trustee meetings, working with residents for accessibility, and help guide staff in a customer service attitude.
- Lower Cost Housing and Possibilities . . . Municipalities must/need to seriously figure this out, relax codes on sizing, lot size, specific needs and get this done,

**What is your pitch to voters? Why should voters choose you over your opponents later this month?**

To the Village of Weston Residents / Taxpayers / My Boss,

I believe I am engaged, responsive, try to fix issues or help find others who can help.

I am trying hard to listen better (according to my daughter who believes I need to try harder)

. . . I am working on "listening to understand" not "listening to respond"

I enjoy my elected position and hope it resonates out to the greater public.

I enjoy a good healthy discussion/debate . . . always trying to find a path to compromise.

If you agree, I would appreciate your vote!!

Leave it Better.

### Jim Pinsonneault

**Age:** 42

**Occupation:** Automotive Service Technician

**Political experience:** I have served on the Village of Weston Board of Trustees for almost 2 years

**Why did you decide to run for village president?**

First off, service and giving back is in my DNA. I joined the United States Marine Corps right after September 11, 2001. I have continued to serve my country, and community long after my active duty status ended. Eventually that service transitioned to local government. In 2023, I ran for village trustee, and jumped in with both feet after being elected. The village president position is generally unopposed. I have a problem with that. When there is only one person to vote for, it really gives you no choice at all. I also feel that there is improvement which can be made in the village, and I want to lead in that positive change.

**What's the biggest challenge facing the village right now and how would you address it?**

I feel the biggest problem is spending. The cost of goods, services and contacts continue to increase, yet the only approach which is utilized to overcome it is to spend more. I am one who looks at things objectively and isn't afraid to think outside the box. Just because things "are always done" a certain way, doesn't mean they need to be. It's 2025 and there is no reason we need to continue to operate things in Weston like it's 1996. Times have changed, and we need to be open to change, and evolve with the times.

**What would your top three priorities for the village be if you were elected?**

1. Keep Weston a safe place to live, and raise a family. Police, fire, clean water, parks, low crime, etc are all reasons why Weston is such a wonderful community to live in.
2. Facilitate sustainable and responsible growth. Marathon County is growing, and much of that growth is taking place right here. We need to have appropriate planning and policy practices in place to encourage that growth to happen here, while keeping a high quality of services and keeping property tax rates low. Being business-friendly, and welcoming new business to Weston is critical in this.
3. Avoiding increases in property taxes, while maintaining and improving the services the village provides. When I moved here in 2008, the property taxes in Weston were very attractive when compared to other area municipalities. As time went on, the taxes continued to increase, and are much less desirable compared to our neighbors. There are many avenues to explore to achieve this goal. Closing our TIF districts, continuing to work with other municipalities to share services, and looking for increased efficiencies within our operations to do more with less.



**What is your pitch to voters? Why should voters choose you over your opponents later this month?**

My pitch is simple. In Weston government "EveryoneEATS"

Efficiency  
Accountability  
Transparency  
Sustainability

By holding every elected official, appointed official, and staff member to those standards, it will promote keeping Weston a great place to live, with a high level of services delivered, at the lowest cost to the taxpayers.

I am not a cookie-cutter candidate. I haven't been on the board years and years. I have new ideas, and I welcome change. Continuing on the same unsustainable path we are on is what a vote for the other candidates will yield. It is time for a change in the village. Let's break the mold, and stop rubber-stamping status quo ideas.

I look forward to continuing to serve the village of Weston, and I ask for your vote for president on February 18 and April 1.

### Hooshang Zeyghami

**Occupation:** Professional Engineer, PE (retired)

**Prior Political Experience:**

- 8 years – Village of Weston Trustee
- Vice Chair of the Planning Commission
- Chairman of the Public Works Committee
- Commissioner of Tourism for the Village of Weston
- Board member of the Convention and Visitor Bureau for Marathon County

**Education:**

- BS - University of Wisconsin – Platteville- Civil Engineering
- MS – Oklahoma State University – civil/environmental engineering Post-graduate studies – University of WI - Environmental Engineering

**Community Involvement:**

- Board member of the UWSP@Wausau – in Wausau, Wisconsin
- Past president of the Wausau Kiwanis's Noon Club
- Past president of youth soccer Association (DCESA)- introduced soccer to the area in 1980.
- Member of the strategic planning committee for the original Greenheck Fieldhouse

**1. Why did you decide to run for the Village President?**

I have lived in Weston for 47 years and have seen significant changes. With my experience as a trustee, vice chair of the planning commission, as chairman of public works, I understand the challenges we face. I'm offering a fresh perspective, leveraging my engineering background and business experience to improve our village.

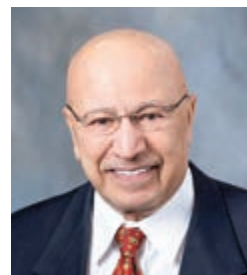
**2. The Biggest Challenge**

Our drinking water contains iron, magnesium, and (PFOS); and requires treatment. I propose the construction of a water treatment plant, funded partially through government grants to reduce cost for residents.

**3. Top Priorities**

1. \*Keep Taxes Low\*: Minimize tax increases and explore grant opportunities to support village projects.
2. \*Construct a New Water Treatment Plant\*: Our water contains iron, magnesium, and other contaminants (PFOS). I'll pursue grant funding to help finance a new treatment plant, ensuring clean drinking water for our residents.
3. \*Improving Our Roads\*: Enhance our infrastructure to support residents and businesses.

As a dedicated member of this community, I'm committed to keeping the Village of Weston a great place to live in and ensuring that the village has a reliable police department, fire/EMC department, and other essential services that are crucial for its growth and well-being. I ask for your support in this election.





**KRONENWETTER:** This year three candidates will face off in the primaries. Those include incumbent President Chris Voll, board member Aaron Myszka and former County Board Member David Baker

## Chris Voll

**Age:** 61

**Occupation:** Product Manager / Technical Advisor

**Political experience:** County Board Supervisor (4 terms), Village Trustee (3.5 terms) and current Village President (5 terms) for a total of 17 years.

**Why did you decide to run for village president?**

Community service is my passion, something I believe in and have done from an early age, starting with Boy Scouts, and then membership in local organizations like Jaycees and Lions clubs. My goal has remained the same: advance positive change. We will capitalize on our previous accomplishments and continue that momentum into the future. I thought long and hard about running. I saw the people who were going to run and I felt like I needed to run again, to finish what has been started.

**What's the biggest challenge facing the village right now and how would you address it?**

Our biggest challenge, since 2020 has been staff retention and vendors. People leave for all sorts of reasons, better opportunities, etc. To get an idea of the real issues with staff, I will direct people to the Von Briesen report. This expensive report outlines in detail the reasons behind staff departures. The vendor issue is also related to the activities outlined in the report. We cannot get a variety of vendors to work with us, as well as any real development in the village. My solution is to continue with the code of conduct, work with the vendors and developers, to show we are moving in the right direction. I want to continue working with staff to help them be as effective as possible. The biggest thing that can help make change occur is for voters to attend meetings, interface with board members, review past board meeting recordings and learn for themselves what has happened and how they can make positive changes so the people who cause issues are decidedly shown their actions are hurting everyone within the village.

**What would your top three priorities for the village be if you were elected?**

The first priority is filling staff vacancies. We continue to have interviews with qualified candidates. We just hired a planning technician, also new is an interim finance director, and we have ongoing interviews for the clerk position. We need to continue to provide training and guidance to new staff members and help them be able to become the stellar employees that I know they will be, and that the village needs.

I firmly believe in hiring good people, helping them acclimate to their roles, and then working with them in a collaborative way. The second priority is the continuation of the water quality plan that I created.

The second step was to build a water treatment facility. The filtration plant went online last month. The filtration plant will remove the manganese and iron from our water. The facility is large enough to accommodate another well, if needed. The final piece is looking for a third well site. These items will set up the village's clean water program for years to come. The third priority is development, with the floodplain remapping completed, this will open up new areas for additional commercial and residential development. These areas around Kowalski Rd will be prime locations now. Additional residential developments off to the East as well. There are development projects that are underway for TID 2.

These development projects will assist in getting the remaining properties developable.



**What is your pitch to voters? Why should voters choose you over your opponents later this month?**

I have willingly served 17 years on the village board, as such I have the experience and the past knowledge to continue moving the village forward. No other candidate has the depth and breadth of my experience nor do they have the objectivity when participating in meetings. I have proven to be someone who works for the good of all, not someone who has pet projects or advances the wishes of some people versus others. I respect the people who made this village what it is today, I respect and honor those who work hard every day to continue that work, and I keep my eye on the big picture – what Kronenwetter can be in the future for our kids and grandkids. We don't need one group who will defund our protective services or another group who wants to borrow funds for everything, including a splash pad. I'm the guy in the middle who wants us to capitalize on the progress we have made and continue that momentum. If you are still wondering what my political party affiliation is, then I have done the right thing in being non-partisan which is what this job calls for. I'm just a decent reasonable person who is willing to do the right thing.

## David Baker

**Age:** 65

**Occupation:** Business Owner, Consultant/Engineering – Industrial Automation

**Political experience:** Marathon County Supervisor, District 23 from April 2022 to April 2024; Political Blogger at [www.marathon-countyspotlight.com](http://www.marathon-countyspotlight.com)

**Why did you decide to run for village president?**

I am running for village president because our village government is broken, which has contributed to tarnishing our village's reputation. We have had 6 village administrators (including interim and acting) in the last 3 years and a revolving door of village employees. Our Village leadership has made irresponsible budget decisions and depleted our reserves.

**What's the biggest challenge facing the village right now and how would you address it?**

The biggest challenge facing the village is the same as the reason I am running – Kronenwetter's village government is not functioning at optimal levels. I plan to bring order back to village government by focusing on three top priorities: Functional and effective village board meetings; bring transparency, accountability and accuracy to the village's finances and financial statements; and rebuild the village's reputation and develop a plan for the village's future.

**What would your top three priorities for the village be if you were elected?**

1) Functional and effective village board meetings.

Running effective board meetings is a key responsibility of the village president. Our village board meetings often are not limited to discussions of the agenda items and turn into forums to attack fellow trustees and village suppliers.

If elected, I will make it a priority to run the village board meetings in a professional and effective manner that begins to help us restore the reputation of the village.

2) Bring transparency, accountability and accuracy to the village's finances and financial statements board leadership has demonstrated a lack of understanding regarding municipal budgets and levy limits.

The board cut taxes in 2023, budgeted for deficit spending and depleted the village's unassigned reserves to \$182,212. In addition, there was an unexplained \$3,000,000 discrepancy between the village's books and the 2023 audited financial statements.

If elected, I will make it a priority to provide accurate, timely financial statements and to develop and follow a clear and understandable budget process.

3) Rebuild the reputation of the village and develop a plan for the village's future.

I am committed to addressing challenges promptly to prevent them from escalating. I will make the necessary, and



sometimes difficult, decisions while maintaining transparency with both village residents and employees.

**What is your pitch to voters? Why should voters choose you over your opponents later this month?**

The current leadership is no longer seeing the issues of the village clearly and with a vision for the future. This is likely why we are seeing the revolving door of staff and the known issues not being resolved. Key issues are not being dealt with and the result is a village in decline.

I have the experience, education, skill set, and demonstrated ability to build consensus among board members, engage the public, and begin to rebuild our village government and village's reputation.

I look forward to working with the VOK staff, the trustees and the citizens, to make Kronenwetter a village we can be proud to live in.

## Aaron Myszka

**Age:** 39 Years old

**Occupation:** Warehouse Supervisor

**Political experience:** 1 year on Village Board

**Why did you decide to run for village president?**

I am a proud Kronenwetter resident who is running for my family and all of the constituents of our village. The village has been unable to generate positive forward momentum. Constructive dialogue has been totally nonexistent at the village board level. I want to bring back collaboration and remove the toxic division Kronenwetter has seen in recent years. The village desperately needs a breath of fresh air to move forward in a positive direction. There is a need for a strong leadership presence at the head of the board that has been lacking. I will be that strong leader for our community.

**What's the biggest challenge facing the village right now and how would you address it?**

The biggest issue facing our village has been a lack of leadership, a lack of accountability, and a lack of stability. Many of the serious issues facing our village are merely a consequence of years of a lack of consistent direction from leadership.

My only agenda is that I love this community and I want to remove the division in the village so that Kronenwetter can finally reach its full potential.

**What are your top 3 priorities for the village if you were elected?**

The village hall is currently closed on Fridays due to lack of staffing. Attracting and retaining qualified staff has been an ongoing issue for our village. My top focus will be recruiting qualified candidates to fill the numerous vacancies, while facilitating a constructive working relationship between village staff and the board. My next focus will be on keeping property taxes low while updating infrastructure in Kronenwetter to improve the quality of life for our residents. Two areas that need to be addressed are our roads and parks. Finally, we live in a very safe community and it is imperative we keep it this way. A positive working relationship between the board and the police/fire departments is essential. With my leadership, I am committed to improving and maintaining a collaborative working relationship with our amazing police and fire departments.

**What is your pitch to voters? Why should voters choose you over your opponents later this month?**

It is my priority to change our reputation and provide quality leadership. I will bring unity to the board by improving communication and direction. Maintaining decorum at board meetings is essential for constituents to be involved while also being respected. Decorum in board meetings has been absent under current leadership. Our current President has been in office for 10 years and we have serious fundamental problems to address that consistently have not been addressed. Kronenwetter needs new leadership, I am confident I am the right person to be our next village president. **CP**





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# HIGHLIGHTS



LOCAL H



COOL HAT

## Local H

Friday 2/14 | Q&Z Expo Center, Ringle

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

## Les Misérables School Edition

Fri-Sun 2/14-16 & Thurs-Sun 2/20-23  
Center for Civic Engagement, Wausau

This probably sounds like a broken record at this point, but it always needs saying — don’t overlook these shows

## LES MISÉRABLES



photo by Kara LaFrombois

because they are children’s theater. The Central Wisconsin Children’s Theater puts on some truly top-notch shows, and this one is no exception. Based on the Victor Hugo novel, this story of false imprisonment in 19th century France is the longest-running musical of all time, and it has one of the most-recognized and celebrated musical scores. [mycwct.org](http://mycwct.org)

- Friday, Feb. 14: 7 pm; Saturday, Feb. 15: 1 pm and 7 pm; Sunday, Feb. 16: 2 pm.
- Thursday, Feb. 20: 6:30 pm; Friday, Feb. 21: 7 pm; Saturday, Feb. 22: 7 pm; Sunday, Feb. 23: 2 pm.

## Ailey II

Sunday 2/16 | Grand Theater, Wausau

Since I generally have two left feet, I’m always impressed by dance troupes. The amount of coordination and body control, the athleticism of dancers has always been

impressive to me. This act, Ailey II, is no exception with statuesque dancers who perform incredible moves. I am definitely not in the loop in this field because I hadn’t heard of Ailey II but the group has been around since 1974, bringing together some of the top dancers and choreographers in the world. 7 pm. \$35-\$65. [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org)

## Cool Hat

Friday 2/14 | The Mill Yard, Wausau

Friday nights are for throwing on a few tunes, and getting a good chill vibe going. Wausau band Cool Hat can help channel that vibe for you. The band plays a variety of covers and also sprinkles in their own originals, with a blend of rock and funk that is upbeat and fun. The band will be playing at The Mill Yard on Wausau’s west side of town, which is hosting a fun little Valentine’s Day gathering. 9 pm. The Mill Yard on Facebook.

## Dark Valentine’s Day Party

Friday 2/14 | Nevermore on Third, Wausau

If you’re into the gothic aesthetic, and you’re idea of Valentine’s Day involves skulls and Edgar Allen Poe’s poetry, Nevermore has you covered. The gothic-themed bar is hosting a Dark Valentine’s Day Party, which will featured the music of DJ Lucius Lovewatts, comedy and crowdwork from the comedians Jimi C and Lewis Bee, and a unique twist: If you’re in a couple, you’re to wear red and black, and if you’re single, you should wear white. Now I definitely want to hear an update on how that idea pans out. 7 pm. Nevermore on Third on Facebook.

## Pretty Woman: The Musical

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

Someone at the Grand Theater must be on an 80s kick - and that’s cool, I love Stranger Things too. Within a week of each other you could watch Dirty Dancing while a live band plays the songs and now you can watch Pretty Woman: The Musical. Brought to life by Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell, this fantastic production will knock your socks off while evoking memories of the 80s. (OK, technically it came out in 1990 but decade culture tends to bleed over a little.) 8pm Thursday and 7 pm Friday \$75-\$135. [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org)



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### BAR BEATS

#### Thursday February 13

**Jared Kay** · Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Folk & Americana. 4 pm. 715-358-0172  
**Alex Dalnodar & Cole Holiday** · Bill's Bar, Merrill. Bluegrass. 6:30 pm. 715-218-1038  
**The Swing Doctors** · Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230

#### Friday February 14

**Klein Creek** · 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  
**The Northwoods Bassist** · Hub Inn, Merrill. Acoustic variety featuring classic rock. 6 pm. 715-218-2186  
**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  
**TJ Morrow** · Arrow Sports Club, Weston. Country. 9 pm. 715-359-2363

#### 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  
**H1Z1, Purging Paradise, Young Pups & Catastrophic Heros** · Intermission Bar, Wausau. Metal. 8 pm. 715-849-9377  
**Last Bridge** · Black Bear Bar & Grill, Minocqua. Classic rock, rock & variety. 9 pm. 715-358-2116

#### Sunday February 16

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

#### Monday February 17

**Brian Hoffman & Friends** · Intermission Bar, Wausau. Acoustic. 8 pm. 715-849-9377

#### 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. 715-234-4495  
**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

**Billy Bronsted Duo** · Intermission Bar, Wausau. Americana. 8 pm. 715-849-9377

**Cashed, Wednesdays & Sunday Rebellion** · Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Punk, rock. 9 pm. 715-298-0028

#### 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  
**Trivia** · Tuesdays, District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-6707  
**Video Trivia** · Tuesdays, The Garage, Wausau. Create a team of up to 4 players or play solo. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-393-4495  
**Trivia** · Tuesdays, The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-355-7001  
**Karaoke** · Tuesdays, Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Starts at 7:30 pm. 715-845-2030

**Team Trivia Nights at Sawmill Brewing Company** · Wednesdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. The games start at 6 pm each Wednesday. Teams can include up to 6 people. [sawmillbrewing.net](http://sawmillbrewing.net)

**Trivia** · Wednesdays, Rhinelander Brewing Company, Rhinelander. Play individually or on a team of up to 6 people. Starts at 6 pm. 715-550-2337

**Trivia@MBCo** · Wednesdays, hosted at Mosinee Brewing Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit team size to 6 people. [mosineebrewing.com](http://mosineebrewing.com)

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

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

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

**Open Mic at Sawmill Brewing Company** · Thursdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. Open mic every Thursday for those who want to perform comedy, music

or poetry. Starts at 6:30 pm. [sawmillbrewing.net](http://sawmillbrewing.net)

**Third Thursdays Live Music** · 3rd Thursday every month, Sconni's Alehouse and Eatery Schofield. Starts at 6 pm. 715-241-7665

**Open Mic Night** · Thursdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Hosted by Caleb Delaney. Play guitar, drums, bass or other string instruments. Comedy not available at this time. Starts at 8 pm. 715-819-3663

**Karaoke** · Thursdays, Hy-Da Way, Merrill. Starts at 8:30 pm. 715-722-0660

**Karaoke** · 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** · Mondays, Intermission, Wausau. Hosted by The Chad O'Kennedy. Starts at 8 pm. 715-849-9377

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

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

### ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

**Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473**  
*Movie times thru 2/20*

**Captain America: Brave New World (PG13)**: Fri. 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

**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

**Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094**  
*Movie listing 2/13-2/19*

**Captain America: Brave New World (TBD)**: Thurs. 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 5 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 4:30 pm (HeatedDreamLounger),

11:20 am, 12:50 pm, 3:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 5:20 pm, 6:10 pm, 6:50 pm, 8:20 pm, 9:10 pm, 9:50 pm, 12:10 pm; Mon. 11 am, 2 pm, 8 pm, 5 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 12 pm, 1 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm; Wed. 1 pm, 7 pm, 4 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 6 pm

**Despicable Me 4 (PG)**: Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10:15 am  
**Paddington in Peru (PG)**: Thurs. 2 pm, 4:45 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:20 pm; Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10:20 am, 11:10 am, 1:10 pm, 2:20 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:10 pm, 10 pm; Mon. 10:30 am, 1:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:50 pm; Tues. 10:15 am, 11:10 am, 1:10 pm, 2:20 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:10 pm, 10 pm; Wed. 1 pm, 2 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm

**Heart Eyes (R)**: Thurs. 1:40 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:30 pm, 10 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 12:10 pm, 2:40 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:40 pm, 10:10 pm; Wed. 1:10 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:40 pm  
**Love Hurts (R)**: Thurs. 2:30 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:30 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:40 am, 1 pm, 3:20 pm, 5:40 pm, 8 pm, 10:20 pm; Wed. 1:50 pm, 4:10 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:50 pm

**Green and Gold (TBD)**: Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 1:30 pm, 4:20 pm, 7 pm, 9:30 pm; Tues. 10:20 am; Wed. 1:20 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:50 pm

**Dog Man (PG)**: Thurs. 1:30 pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 4:40 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:40 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 11 am, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm, 1:50 pm; Wed. 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:40 pm, 9 pm

**Flight Risk (R)**: Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 7:20 pm, 9:45 pm

**Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)**: Thurs. 1 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:40 pm, 9:30 pm; Fri., Sat., Sun. & Tues. 10:50 am, 1:40 pm, 4:30 pm; Wed. 1:30 pm  
**Moana 2 (PG)**: Thurs. 2:10 pm, 4:50 pm

**Marcus Mystery Movie (2/17)(PG)**: Mon. 7 pm

**Companion (R)**: Thurs. 2:20 pm, 7:20 pm, 9:50 pm

**BHM: Coming to America (R)**: Wed. 7:50 pm

**BHM: Do The Right Thing (R)**: Wed. 4:50 pm

**2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films- Animation (TBD)**: Wed. 7:30 pm  
**A Complete Unknown (R)**: Wed. 4:10 pm

### ON STAGE

**Pretty Woman: The Musical** · Thurs.-Fri. 2/13-2/14, Grand

## TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. The Cure 'Songs Of A Lost World'
2. Dream Theater 'Parasomnia'
3. David Gilmour 'Luck & Strange'
4. Linkin Park 'From Zero'
5. Sharon Van Etten & The Attachment Theory 'ST'
6. Jovin Webb 'Drifter'
7. Ghost 'Rite Here Rite Now'
8. Gillian Welch & David Rawlings 'Woodland'
9. Weather Station 'Humanhood'
10. Waxahatchee 'Tigers Blood'

Theater, Wausau. Musical based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories. Starts at 8 pm on Thurs. & 7 pm on Fri. \$75-\$135. [grandtheater.org](http://grandtheater.org)

**Local H w/special guest Noliun** · Fri. 2/14, The Q & Z Expo Center, Ringle. Rock. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. [qzexpocenter.com](http://qzexpocenter.com)  
**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](http://feverup.com/m/256077)

**Les Miserables** · Fri.-Sun. 2/14-2/16 & Thurs.-Sun. 2/20-2/23, Veninga Theatre, UW Center for Civic Engagement, Wausau. Featuring top talent from Central Wisconsin area schools, this production brings the timeless story of love, redemption, & revolution to life in a way you've not witnessed before. Starts at 7 pm on 2/14 & 2/15, 1 pm on 2/15 and 2 pm on 2/16. Starts at 6:30 pm on 2/20, 7 pm on 2/21 & 2/22 and 2 pm on 2/23. \$15 adult tickets, \$13 children under 18 and seniors over 60. [cwct.booktix.com](http://cwct.booktix.com)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://grandtheater.org)

**Natalie Tenenbaum** · Tues.

2/18, Grand Theater, Wausau. Jazz. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10. [grandtheater.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://campanilecenter.org)

**Crystal Gayle** · Sun. 2/23, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Auditorium, Wittenberg. Country. Starts at 4 pm. \$60-\$75. [rubbersoulproductions.com](http://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](http://grandtheater.org)

**Rucksack Revolution** · Fri. 2/28, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Folk. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$28 general admission. [campanilecenter.org](http://campanilecenter.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](http://grandtheater.org)

**Jazzmeia Horn** · Wed. 3/5, Great Northern Distilling, Stevens Point. Jazz. Starts at 6 pm & 8 pm. \$35. Free for music students, 50% discount for musicians. [jazzcoterie.com](http://jazzcoterie.com)

**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](http://grandtheater.org)



Gaelic Storm w/ special guest Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band · Sun. 3/9, Grand Theater, Wausau. Irish rock & country blues. Starts at 7 pm. \$49-\$69. 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. 2/16, the Reverend Brian Mason will be preaching No, You're Wrong-But Let's Be Friends Anyway. Explore how to disagree without being disagreeable & why being right isn't all it's cracked up to be. 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. 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

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## EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

**Speed Puzzle Competition** · 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 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

**Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale** · Sat. 2/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs, TV movies, artwork, board games and puzzles for sale. For members only but nonmembers can join on the spot for a yearly membership of \$10 or \$25 per family. Starts at 9:30 am. 715-261-7200

**Dungeons & Dragons Trivia** · Sat. 2/15, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Test your knowledge of the legendary tabletop role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons. Starts at 2:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Mosinee Papermakers Game** · Sat. 2/15, Mosinee Rec. Center, Mosinee. Mosinee Papermakers vs. Marquette Mutineers. Starts at 6 pm. mosineepapermakers.com

**Sleigh Rides for Small Groups with Lunch Option** · Sun. 2/16, 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

**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

**A Year of Ghibli: Castle in the Sky & Porco Rosso** · Mon. 2/17, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch two Studio Ghibli movies: Castle in the Sky & Porco Rosso. Castle in the Sky starts at 3 pm & Porco Rosso starts at 6 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Bunny Fest** · Tues. 2/18, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Learn about bunny care & meet an adoptable bunny. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 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 long-held 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

**DIY Felt Pennant** · Wed. 2/19, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Customize your own felt pennant. All supplies will be provided. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-446-3537

**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

**Parallel Worknights** · Thurs. 2/20, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Work on art, crafts, creative writing or other projects in a relaxed environment, with music playing softly in the background. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Hot Cocoa & Critters** · Thurs. 2/20, Portage County Public Library, Plover. Warm up with some cold-blooded critters & hot cocoa as the Plover Branch welcomes the UWSP Herpetology Society to show some of their reptiles & amphibians. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-341-4007

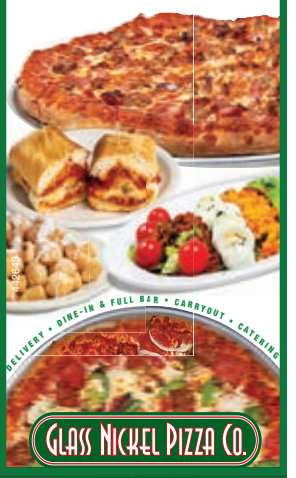
**Alaskan Dinner** · Fri. 2/21, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Dinner includes crab cakes, fruit tray, charcuterie board, salmon chowder, salad, bread & butter, baked cod, beef tips, crab pasta salad, Yukon gold mashed potatoes,

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**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.qgiv.com/event/bowlforkidssake-thebigdraft

**Winter Carnival** · Sat. 2/22, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy sleigh rides, bingo, carnival games, snowmobile show, puzzle contest & more. Starts at 8:30 am. Free admission. willowsspringsgardens.com

**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. uwsp.edu/marshfield/cultural-fair

**Pancake Feed & Raffle** · Sat.-Sun. 2/22-2/23, Riverview School on Troy St, Wausau. All you can eat pancakes, regular or potato, served with sausages, scrambled eggs, beverage & dessert. With a purchase of a ticket, you're also put in a raffle drawing \$250 first prize. Starts at 4:30 pm on Sat., 8 am on Sun. \$8 at the door. Proceeds benefit central Wisconsin charities. Free for children age 5 & under. facebook.com/search/top?q=town%20of%20texas%20lions%20club

**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 possibly take a reptile home. Starts at 10 am for VIP, 11 am for general admission. \$14 VIP admission, \$7 general admission, free for ages 5 and under. scaledupexpos.com

**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

**Fiber Artists Meetup** · Mon. 2/24, 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

**Rothschild Book Club: "Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin** · Wed. 2/26, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Two lifelong collaborators, 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

**Ignite's 13th Anniversary Party** · Wed. 2/26, hosted by Ignite Young Professionals at District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Celebrate 13 years of growth, connection, & community impact with Ignite Young Professionals. The evening will be casual, with smart casual attire, sub sandwich platters provided, & a cash bar. Starts at 6 pm. Free. eventbrite.com/e/ignites-13th-anniversary-party-tickets-1237375025009

**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

**Fire & Ice** · Fri. 2/28, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. Join us for Fire & Ice, an adult-only evening at the Children's Imaginarium blending science, artistry & indulgence to support access to all programming. Starts at 7 pm. \$85. zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fire-and-ice

### OUTDOORS

**Lighted Snowshoe Walk with Valentine Charcuterie Buffet** · Thurs. 2/13, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Enjoy snowshoeing walking & buffet. Starts at 5:30 pm. \$30/person for walk & buffet, \$18 for children ages 6-11, \$10/person walk only, \$10/child ages 6-11 walk only, \$20/person buffet only, \$8/children 6-11 buffet only, \$5 snowshoe rental, free for ages 5 & under. willowsspringsgardens.com

**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

**Snowshoe Hike & Wine Flight** · Sat. 2/22, Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, 142744 Countryside Dr, Wausau. Candlelight snowshoe or walk. Bring your own snowshoes. Enjoy wine, refreshments, snacks & baked goods and more. Starts at 6 pm. Free. stablehandstherapy.com

**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

**Gatorade Grom Jam 3** · Sun. 3/2, 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

**Show Us Your Tricks** · Fri. 3/7, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Compete in a Mardi Gras themed competition for the most beads. Starts at 6 pm. skigranitepeak.com

**Pond Skim** · Sat. 3/29, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Skim across a 100' pond while dressed in costume. Starts at 12 pm. skigranitepeak.com

### LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

**Discussion on Local Genealogy** · Thurs. 2/13, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Learn about Spencer genealogy from a member of the Spencer Historical Society. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-659-3996

**Underground Railroad Talk** · Sat. 2/22, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. UW-Stevens Point History Professor, Lee Willis, will examine the ways African Americans pushed the issue of slavery to the forefront of the state & national politics in their daring escapes from bondage through the Underground Railroad. Starts at 12:30 pm. 715-346-1548

**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

**Pasty Workshop Cooking Class** · Wed. 3/5, Food + Farm Exploration Center, Plover. Learn how to make a traditional Northwood Meat Pie, the Pasty. Starts at 5:30 pm. \$60 (20% off for members). explorefoodandfarm.org

**Stained Glass Cactus Class with Sassy Glassers** · Tues. 3/11, Food + Farm Exploration Center, Plover. Create your own stunning stained glass cactus or floral planter stakes. Starts at 5:30 pm. \$55. explorefoodandfarm.org

### ARTS/EXHIBITS

**Q Artists Cooperative**, Stevens Point · 1108 Main St, Stevens Point. Ongoing exhibits of the work of more than thirty local artists in a variety of media, featured shows rotating every two months. Open 11 am-4 pm daily. qartistscooperative.com

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

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

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

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

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

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# In the pocket

A new renovation offers a big pool hall in the south metro

While cue sports like carom, snooker, and pool can sometimes be seen as over the hill these days and more of a niche than a major affair, a Mosinee business shows they are instead more on top.

Nestled on the side of Old Highway 51, the On the Hill Billiards Club Bar and Grill has catered to fans of putting their best shot in the pocket since opening their 3,600-square-foot addition dedicated solely to the game two years ago. In contrast to other spaces like bars which have pool tables, owner Todd Holzer – who oversees the space alongside fiancée Ruth Geier – sees the site as more of a pool hall which happens to have a bar attached and this is needed to really succeed.

“The big difference now from 30 years ago with how you operate is, back then you just had to turn on lights and wait for people,” Holzer says. “Now, if you do not have something going on, people do not go out just to go out. It is why we have events every weekend and mostly these are pool tournaments. We’ve also done charity fundraisers and pool is the majority of our business.”

Indeed, reports from organizations like Gallup, Inc. published as recently as 2023 have found the number of adults under 35 who drink is down to 62 percent from 72 percent a decade ago. This is why Holzer says the pool hall itself is closed off from the bar by a door and is in its own separate space, is equipped with eight tables, and this summer, will be the spot for an event focused on the love of the game and not the food and drink people can enjoy alongside or after, if all goes well.

“In May we are trying to fill up a tournament,” he adds. “It is going to be called the Paper City Classic. Hopefully, it will bring some pro and semi-pro players and money to



On the Hill Billiards Club Bar and Grill owner Todd Holzer prepares to sink a shot at the pool table in his hall. The under-the-radar spot opened its major edition for the sport back in 2023.

the town. If you want to come up and shoot, tables are \$6 an hour or \$15 for a day. We’re open six days a week.”

For Auburndale resident Brian Lang, it all lives up to Holzer’s promise.

“Great place to relax, shoot some pool, enjoy great burgers and a friendly group of people. Diamond tables,” a Facebook review from Lang published in 2024 on the club’s page reads.

The On the Hill Billiards Club Bar and Grill is open from 3 p.m. through 11 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. through 2 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. through 2:30 a.m. Saturday. They are closed on Sunday and more information can be found by visiting their page on Facebook. **CP**

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