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## **PUBLISHER'S NOTE**

# Protected Moments in Time: A Reflection on Love and Change

Dear Reader,

In life, we all experience what I'd call "protected moments in time"—those rare and powerful instances where everything



feels eternal. Perhaps it was the day you fell in love and promised a "for-ever" to someone, or a life-changing experience where a vow to stay true felt as solid as the stars. In these moments, we see our highest ideals, our best selves, and we genuinely believe that nothing will shake that promise.

Yet life has a way of unfolding unpredictably. Years pass, circumstances change, and sometimes, so do we. We might find ourselves looking back at those once-immovable promises, wondering if they are still meant to shape our lives now. It's a complex question: Do we remain loyal to the person we once were, honoring that promise? Or do we let that moment live as a cherished memory, appreciating it for what it was, even if we have outgrown it?

As we grow, perhaps part of honoring these protected moments is acknowledging that they held real meaning and value, even if time has carried us in different directions. It's about asking ourselves how these moments can be preserved—not necessarily as obligations but as threads in the fabric of our lives. In this way, those precious promises don't have to be lost or broken; instead, they become a part of who we are today, even as we embrace the person we've become.

Opening this dialogue invites us to look at our lives with compassion, respect, and honesty. It allows us to honor our past without being held captive by it, and perhaps to understand that some promises were meant to live beautifully in memory, influencing us, but not confining us. In these reflections, we might find peace, and maybe even inspiration, to continue building moments worth protecting in the time we have

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## WEALTH INFORMATION LADY By LouAnn Schulfer, AWMA®, AIF®

# There has always been something to worry about

**Tariffs, trade wars, inflation,** interest rates, government spending, political fighting, foreign wars ongoing labor shortages, an aging population, social security uncertainty, and so much more. These all make for sensational headlines, reasons to worry and are the subject of many conversations. Interestingly enough though, there have always been reasons to worry, including worrying about our money.

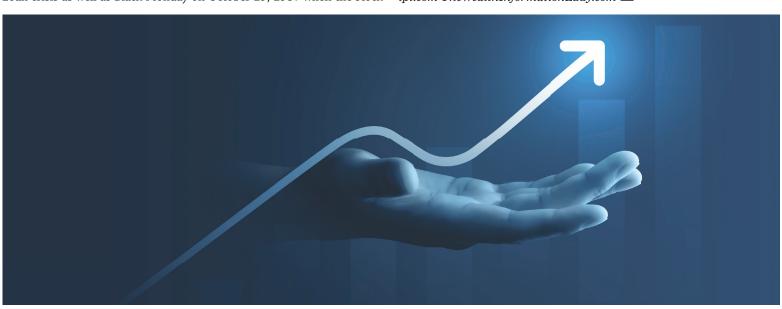
A quick look back at history reminds us of what we've gotten through as a country and financially. Two World Wars, a great depression, and an attack on American soil in 1941 with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Consumer goods shortages in 1944, the beginning of the Cold War in 1947, the Soviets detonating an atomic bomb in 1949, and the Korean War in 1950. The Soviets detonated an H-bomb in 1953, Castro seized power in Cuba in 1959, and the Berlin Wall was erected in 1961. The Cuban missile crisis happened in 1962 and President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. It must have been rather stressful to live through the late 1960's with the Vietnam War and in the 1970's we dealt with Watergate, an oil embargo, an energy crisis and the Three Mile Island nuclear accident. Inflation ran rampant in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and in 1981, both President Reagan and the Pope were shot. The late 1980's brought the Savings and Loan crisis as well as Black Monday on October 19, 1987 when the stock

market fell by 20% in a single day. The fed raised interest rates six times in 1994, and the end of the 90's brought the crash of technology stocks, fears of Y2K and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The subprime mortgage market melted down, leading to the great recession in 2008. Unemployment hit 10% in 2009 and we faced a "Fiscal Cliff" and downgrade of US debt in 2012. The 20-teens brought hurricanes, trade wars, and then, the infamous Covid-19 pandemic. We got through all of it.

I could tell you what a few dollars invested in the stock market would have turned into going all the way back to the beginning of worry, but most of us don't have that kind of time horizon. An interesting 10 year segment is 1968-1978, when the S&P 500 began at 96.47 and ended right back where it started, at 96.11, the epitome of a flat decade. That may lead one to worry that investing during those ten years would have gotten them nowhere. However, had one invested \$10,000 in stocks to mirror the S&P 500 during that time frame and reinvested their dividends, their ten grand would have grown to \$15,174.

A disciplined investment strategy includes remembering that when headlines sizzle and markets gyrate, we recall that there has always been something to worry about.

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## METRO BRIEFS by Kana Coonce

# SSA office remains open

The rumored closure of Wausau's Social Security Agency office as reported in City Pages in its March 13 is false, according to a local resident. City Pages apologizes for any confusion.

The resident claimed that upon a visit to the office, staff told her that the Wausau office is not closing and provided her with a list of 800- numbers that may be used to make in-person appointments going forward.

A review of federal records by Shereen Siewert of Wausau Pilot and Review confirmed that Wausau's main SSA office is not set to close in the near future.

City Pages had reported the alleged closure based upon a page on the Department of Government Efficiency's website that lists the Wausau SSA among the department's lease termination or consolidation "savings." No further information is provided on the site.

A SSA representative previously stated that many of the locations being shuttered are sites that already see limited use due to the prevalence of virtual hearings following the pandemic.

## United Way's pasta crusade continues

United Way of Marathon County is still accepting all the pasta you can give as the Lottsa Pasta food drive enters its second week. The pasta collected during this drive will benefit local food pantries.

Highly sought-after items include whole grain pasta, chickpea and black bean pasta and rice. Why pasta? It's shelf stable and easy and versatile to cook with.

After the drive, United Way's Hunger Coalition will sort and distribute it to local food pantries and non-profits.

The collection drive runs through April 30. Donations can be dropped off at Festival Foods in Wausau, Express market by Festival Foods in Weston or the United Way office.

Last year, about 3,300 pounds of pasta were distributed to local food pantries. United Way teamed up with many community members and 27 local businesses.

For more information, visit unitedwaymc.org.

## Last chance to enter cheese challenge

April 4 is the last day to sign up for the UW-Extension's grilled cheese competition slated for later in the month.

Participants in the Marathon County Grilled Cheese Challenge will have 30 minutes to create a delicious grilled cheese from provided ingredients. First- and second- place winners will receive cheese baskets from Great Lakes Cheese with \$50 and \$25 worth of their products, respectively. There will be two competitions: an individual competition, which will take place at 6 p.m. on April 18, and a team competition, which will take place the following day at 1 p.m. Teams will consist of two members. There is a maximum of 10 competitors per competition.

Entry is \$5 to help pay for necessary supplies. Open to chefs aged 8-17. Register at https://go.wisc.edu/grilledcheese.

## Another reminder to prepare for polls

The Wisconsin DMV reminds citizens to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in the Spring Election on April 1, 2025.

"Most people already have some form of identification they can use for voting purposes, including a driver license or ID," DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said.

A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website, https://bringit.wi.gov.

For a list of the required documents to obtain identification from the DMV to show at the polls, visit wisconsindmv. gov/idcards. If their DMV-issued ID is not ready in time to take to polls, voters can receive a receipt, free of charge, that they can use at the polls in the ID's place.

## Area students to show off Skills in Madison

Students from three area schools will represent their districts at the 52nd annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference from April 1–2.

D.C. Everest, Wausau East and Wausau West High School students will compete alongside more than 1,750 middle, high and post-secondary school students at Alliant Energy Center and Madison Area Technical College in Madison.

Student teams will work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in competitions in a wide array of skill sets.

SkillsUSA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations with the goal of lowering the skill gap. Students, teachers and industry representatives work together to nurture students' skills and ensure America has a skilled workforce. The diverse talent pipeline covers 120 trades, technical and skilled service occupations, mostly related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.







## Is a reverse mortgage a good idea?

#### **DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,**

What can you tell me about reverse mortgages?

When my husband passed away last year my income dropped almost in half, and I've been struggling to keep up with my monthly living expenses.

Senior Homeowner

#### **DEAR SENIOR,**

For retirees who own their home and want to stay living there, but could use some extra cash, a reverse mortgage is a viable financial tool, but there's a lot to know and consider to be sure it's a good option for you.

Let's start with the basics.

A reverse mortgage is a unique type of loan that allows older homeowners to borrow money against the equity in their house (or condo) that doesn't have to be repaid until the homeowner dies, sells the house or moves out for at least 12 months.

At that point, you or your heirs will have to pay back the loan plus accrued interest and fees (usually by selling the home), but you will never owe more than the value of your home.

It's also important to understand that with a reverse mortgage, you, not the bank, own the house, so you're still required to pay your property taxes, homeowners' insurance and upkeep.

Not paying them can result in foreclosure.

To be eligible, you must be 62 years of age or older, have at least 50% equity in your home, and currently be living there.

You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to continue paying your property taxes and insurance.

Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow account to pay future

If the financial assessment finds that you cannot pay your insurance and taxes and have enough cash left to live on, you'll be denied.

#### Loan details

More than 90% of all reverse mortgages offered are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), which are FHA insured and offered through private mortgage lenders and banks.

HECM's have home value limits that vary by county but cannot exceed \$1,209,750 in 2025.

How much you can actually get through a reverse mortgage depends on your age (the older you are the more you can get), your home's value and the prevailing inter-

Generally, most people can borrow somewhere between 40-60% of the home's

To estimate how much you can borrow, use the reverse mortgage calculator at ReverseMortgage.org.

To receive your money, you can opt for a lump sum, a line of credit, regular monthly checks or a combination of these.

But be aware the reverse mortgages aren't cheap.

You'll have to pay an origination fee, which is the greater of \$2,500 or 2% of the first \$200,000 of your home's value plus 1% of the amount over \$200,000. HECM origination fees are capped at \$6,000.

You'll also be charged an initial mortgage insurance premium, which is 2% of the loan amount, along with closing costs that will likely run several thousand

Any amount you borrow, including these fees and insurance, accrues interest, which means your debt grows over time.

To learn more, see the National Council on Aging's online booklet "Use Your Home to Stay at Home" at NCOA.org/article/ use-your-home-to-stay-at-home.

Also be aware that because reverse mortgages are complex loans, all borrowers are required to get counseling through a HUD approved independent counseling agency before taking one out.

Most agencies charge between \$125 and

To locate one near you, visit Go.usa.gov/ v2H, or call (800) 569-4287.

#### Other options

If a reverse mortgage doesn't suit you, you could also tap your home equity by getting a regular home equity loan or line

This type of borrowing requires you to make payments, and lenders can freeze or lower limits on lines of credit, but the borrowing costs are much lower.

Or you could also sell your home and move somewhere cheaper.

## Sell at a \$70K loss or become a landlord?

#### DEAR MONTY

We need to move to Minnesota, and we live in Texas.

It's a new build; we've lived in it for two years, got all the upgrades, and it backs up to a hiking trail and gated community outside of Austin.

In theory, it should have been appreciated, but it has not.

There are tons of new builds going up

Our agent told us that we would most likely lose \$60-70,000 when selling.

Now, we are considering renting out the home instead. In the best case scenario, we would "lose" \$1k per month if we rent.

But that seems better than losing \$60k

We also wouldn't lose money since it's an investment in our home.

Theoretically, our home should eventually increase in value, but it's too soon.

We have one rental property, our (possible) second rental property.

In terms of numbers, we bought the home for \$575k in 2023.

We put \$40k down. We would likely lose

the down payment plus another \$20k. Any advice is appreciated.

#### MONTY'S ANSWER

First, let's address the monthly cash flow scenario. You mention losing approximately \$1,000 per month if you rent.

Over a year, that's \$12,000 in negative cash flow.

While you're correct that part of your mortgage payment goes toward building equity, you'll still need to cover that monthly shortfall from other income

Be sure to factor in additional costs beyond the mortgage payment, including property management fees, maintenance, property taxes, insurance and reserving reserves for significant repairs.

The \$60-70,000 immediate loss from selling is undoubtedly significant. However, consider both options' opportunity costs and risks if you rent the property and continue losing \$1,000 monthly.

In that case, you'd reach that same \$60k loss amount in about five years of negative cash flow (not accounting for tax benefits

or property appreciation/depreciation). Some key points in favor of renting:

- · You already have landlord and local property management experience
- You'd avoid locking in the current loss
- The Austin area has strong long-term growth potential
- You can deduct rental property expenses and depreciation on your taxes
- Property values may recover before you need to sell

#### Points favoring selling now:

- · You'd have closure and could focus on your Minnesota move
- · You wouldn't have the stress of managing a distant property
- You'd avoid the ongoing negative cash flow
- You wouldn't risk further market declines
- · You could use any remaining proceeds for your next home

Given your specific circumstances, renting could be viable if:

- You can comfortably afford the monthly negative cash flow
- · You're willing to hold the property long-term (five-plus years)
- · You have sufficient reserves for maintenance and vacancies
- You're comfortable with the risks of remote property management

However, don't dismiss selling to avoid locking in a loss.

Sometimes, accepting a known loss is better than risking a larger one, especially if holding the property would significantly strain your finances or complicate your

Also consider a middle option: Rent the property for one to two years while the market potentially stabilizes, then

This option would give you time to evaluate being a long-distance landlord while waiting for possible market recovery.

Whatever you decide, make sure to consult a tax professional.

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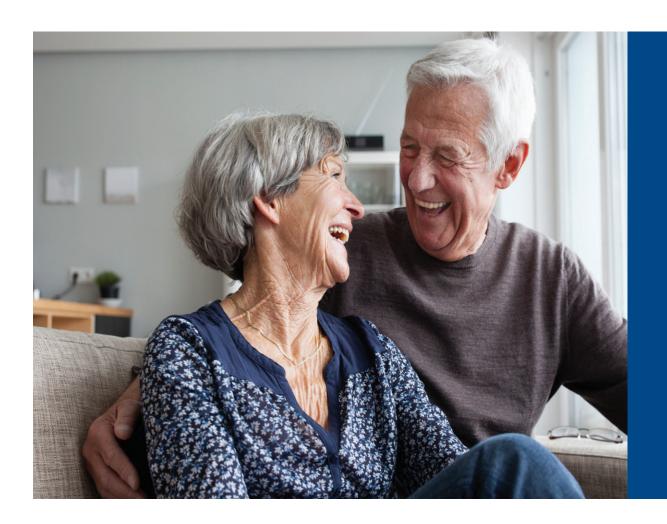




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## COVER FEATURE by Kana Coonce

Joann, who?

Local shops eye new craft market





**Roughly a month ago,** craft and fabric retail giant Joann announced that it would be shuttering all of its stores for good. The announcement came after the company filed for bankruptcy in January, the second time it had done so in less than a year.

Following the announcement, posts abounded on social media mourning the chain's closing. Crafters expressed sadness, anger and confusion. Sewists wondered where they would buy fabric once Joann was no longer an option.

When asked about the most popular items at the store, a representative from the Joann store in Wausau said that their selections seem to sell pretty evenly across the board, with no particular craft dominating sales over the others.

"I think what people are mostly gonna miss is fleece," the spokesperson said, "but also just a different variety of fabrics in general for a price point that won't break the bank."

Incidentally, despite the company's overall loss in business the spokesperson alleged that the Wausau location's sales have been steady and were up from last year even before the closure announcement.

The location does not yet have an official date for closure, although the representative suggested that the company has floated the end of May as a deadline for stores to get everything in order.

Of the three major craft store chains found in Wisconsin — Hobby Lobby, Michaels and Joann — proponents of Joann have claimed that it offers the best variety of fabrics for reasonable prices, including specialty fabrics like polar fleece and costume material. While Michaels is expected to expand its fabric offerings in an attempt to capture the Joann market, buyers have yet to see what exactly those offerings might be.

Instead of moving on to another chain, local craft store owners hope that crafters who previously relied on Joann will seek them out, instead.

"What happens is a lot of us little retailers belong to social media, and everyone's saying, 'Where are we gonna go?' Where are we gonna go?' said Mary Wilke, who owns



sewing machine repair and quilt shop Sew Smart. "And I'm like, 'There are so many small retail shops right in your community and you don't even know about it.' We have everything Joann does."

"The goal is really to drive the customer to seek out these local craft stores and start supporting us, because we're going to start disappearing too if we don't see that business," she said.

With the advent of big box stores, independent specialty shops have declined in popularity, leading many business owners to close their doors.

Wilke said that quilt shops across Wisconsin have been closing at increased rates in recent years, although many of the businesses' owners cite retirement as their excuse. Without a steady cashflow — or savings to fall back upon — maintaining even the most humble of storefronts becomes unsustainable.

"A lot of them are woman-owned, and we're not a franchise," said Wilke.

Joann has been a staple for cosplayers — hobbyist

tailors who dress up as comic book, video game, television or movie characters — for years. Wilke said that while this niche may not find as much use from Sew Smart's fabric offerings as a quilter might, as garments typically require hyper-specific components — zippers of certain sizes, for example — that aren't practical to stock regularly, costume makers trend toward upcycling existing garments from thrift shops anyway and can still benefit from the store's other services.

Such services include craft and sewing classes and sewing machine repair.

"We have a very large sewing machine part of our store, so we do a lot of sewing machine service and a lot of accessories," Wilke said.

She noted that repair requests for sewing machines bought elsewhere make up a large chunk of the store's business.

"Our repair business is very strong, because if you go to Walmart and buy a machine for \$200, there's no warranty, there's no guarantee, and it probably won't last 6 months," she said. "It's like buying a car. You have to get it serviced yearly. Those higher-end machines do need a regular checkup once a year."

And while a crafter accustomed to the slashed prices



of big box stores might initially balk at the price tags on some of Sew Smart's machines, Wilke noted that most customers walk away from the store with machines under \$1000 — machines that they can trust to last and which include service.

"[Local craft store owners] are not getting rich off of our customers," she said.

The higher-end machines, she explained, are not designed with the average sewist in mind. "They're state of the art, and they do machine embroidery, and they have laser lights. They have stitch enablers. They're pretty cool."

Wilke also emphasized that her profits mainly go toward keeping the store running — rent, utility and labor costs.

"All that money stays locally," she said. "[Sew Smart's employees] are going to the local grocery stores and local restaurants.'

For now, Wilke and the Sew Smart staff are trying to navigate the needs of this new market of crafters and how to accommodate them.

"Most of the customers want polar fleece, and quilt shops just aren't prepared to add that much inventory because it adds so much bulk," she explained.

From fabric to beads to sculpting materials, a crafter can find a craft store for their needs all over the county if they're willing to look. And if it means they can build a lifelong relationship with their community, then the craft retailers of Marathon County are all ears about how to serve their neighbors better.



An assortment of the products and services on display at Sew Smart. Owner Mary Wilke hopes to welcome new customers to the store in the wake of Joann's closing. Submitted photos







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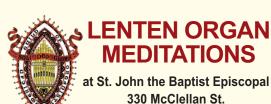
Saturday 3/29 | Coral Lanes Bowling, Rothschild

Who let the Bad Dogs out? The Humane Society of Marathon County! This Saturday, join HSMC for a night of rhythm and blues courtesy of Jon Peck & the Bad Dogs, a trio of Central Wisconsin musicians whose funky dirges and well-traveled guitar fingers will have you swaying and howling at the moon. Whether you want to test your luck with door prizes, a silent auction and 50/50 drawings, or you're just there to jam, you can rest easy knowing that proceeds from the event will be used to help shelter pets to find rockin' new lives of their own. 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$5 minimum donation at the door.

## Lost Wausau Architecture | History Speaks

Saturday 3/29 | Woodson History Center, Wausau

Remember *National Treasure*, the aughts-era film in which Nicolas Cage unearths secrets hidden in plain sight within the very treasures after which the film is named? Okay, so this isn't quite on that level. It's actually much, much cooler. Not only are all of the secrets found within this month's installment of History Speaks true – not dreamed up in a Hollywood writers' room – but they happened right in your own backyard. As an added bonus,



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no historical artifacts were harmed in the making of this program – by historians, at least. This is a presentation about some of the late buildings of Wausau past, after all. Presented by Gary Gisselman, historian and librarian at the Marathon County Historical Society. No registration required. 2 p.m. Free.

## **Spring Fling Family Festival**

Saturday 3/29 | Granite Peak, Wausau

While Granite Peak's annual Spring Fling will run for the entire weekend, from Friday - Sunday, the ski resort is saving their biggest events for Saturday: the Bone and Joint Pond Skim, in which intrepid snowboarders and skiers can test their bravery and might against the frigid waters of Granite Peak's 100-foot pond – all while dressed in goofy costumes; an apres-ski concert by three-time City Pages 'Best of' winner the Brad Emanuel Band; and end-of-the-night fireworks. For more details, see https://www.skigranitepeak.com/things-to-do/upcoming-events/spring-fling-family-festival.

#### **Comedy Rock Nite**

Saturday 3/29 | Nevermore on Third, Wausau

Four bands and three comedians walk into a bar. Each of them performs onstage. That's right – if you were waiting for a punchline, you won't hear it from me. This Saturday, putting the thesis that "musicians and comedians are typically similar kinds of people" to the test, Nevermore on Third will present a clown car's-worth of performers: bands BluezDriver, Stretch 29, the DUI's and the



ZippNutts and comedians Lewis Bee, Kaleb Robertson and Jimi C. The event's listing on Facebook emphasizes that these acts will not share the stage at the same time. One at a time, folks. \$5 cover charge. 8 p.m.

#### **Mystery in the Stacks**

Saturday 3/29 | Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

Marathon County has yet another mystery on its hands, and this time, it's at the library. Someone is after librarian Kat Logs. It's up to you and your team of investigators to crack the case and put the would-be culprit behind bars before Kat is Dewey Decimated. Free, but you must register for one of three remaining timeslots: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Register online at https://mcpl.us/event/wausau-mystery-in-the-stacks/ or by calling the MCPL Wausau location at 715-261-7230.

## U.S. Labor Then and Now Film Screening and Discussion

Saturday 3/29 | UW Center for Civic Engagement,
Wausau

For an event with "labor" in the name, this actually sounds pretty fun – if you're a history geek like I am, at least. UW-Madison School for Workers Professor Dr. Michael Childers will screen seven films about United States labor history, following each with discussions. On the docket are The Making of Milwaukee, America's Most Dangerous Woman, The Gilded Age, Fist Full of Lightning, The Triangle Fire, Divided We Fall and Return of the Gilded Age. Lunch will be provided. Free. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you wish to RSVP, you may email jstarr1504@aol.com. 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.





#### Have an event you would like to submit?

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

#### **BAR BEATS**

#### Thursday March 27

Tuck Pence • Northern Waters
Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic
variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172
Adam Keuler • Timekeeper Lounge
& Distillery, Wausau. Variety. 7
pm. 715-679-3777

#### Friday March 28

**Dean & Terry •** Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Country. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

Josh Otte/Chad O'Kennedy • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Original rock. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Saturday March 29

Brothers Burn Mountain •
Northern Waters Distillery,
Minocqua. Blues. 4 pm. 715-358
0172

**Northwoods Skitchers Duo •** Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 5 pm. 715-344-9310

Sarah Crow & The Strangers • O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Folk. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

Tom Burt • Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Acoustic. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

Justin Zopel • Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

Black Hole Sons • The Garage, Wausau. Rock. 7 pm. 715-393-

Mia Brown • Timekeeper Lounge & Distillery, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-679-3777

#### Sunday March 30

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

Tim Tesch • Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-298-0028

#### Friday April 4

Jordan Bain • O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Indie, classic rock, country & originals. 6 pm 715-254-2163

Ryan Howe • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

#### Saturday April 5

Klein Creek • Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Americana & country. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

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

#### Sunday April 6

Schmittkicker Duo • Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Country, rockabilly. 1 pm. 715-344-5990

#### Monday April 7

**Brad Emanuel** • The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Variety. 4 pm. 715-355-7001

#### Thursday April 10

**The Swing Doctors** • Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230

#### Saturday April 12

Josh White • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

Mia Brown & the Get Down • Arrow Sports Club, Weston. Variety. 9 pm. 715-359-2363

#### Friday April 18

Dean & Terry • Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Country & rock. 5:30 pm. 715-824-2739

Paddygrass • Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Celtic bluegrass. 7 pm. 715-722-0230

#### Saturday April 19

Seth James • Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Jazz, classic, pop, rock, gospel & funk. 3:30 pm. 715-824-2739

Stewart Ellyson • Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Rock. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

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

Night Shift • Arrow Sports Club, Weston. Variety. 8 pm. 715-359-2363

#### Friday April 25

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

## Saturday April 26 The Foxfire Affair • Sawmill Proving Company Marrill Col

Brewing Company, Merrill. Celtic, maritime, folk & bluegrass. 6 pm. 715-722-0230

#### Brianna Rae Unplugged •

Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 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-

Karaoke • Tuesdays, Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Starts at 7:30 pm. 715-845-2030

## Team Trivia Nights at Sawmill Brewing Company • Wednesdays,

hosted at Sawmill Brewing
Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill.
The games start at 6 pm each
Wednesday. Teams can include up
to 6 people. sawmillbrewing.net

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

Trivia@MBCo • Wednesdays, hosted at Mosinee Brewing Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit team size to 6

people. mosineebrewing.com

Bingo • Every Wednesday, Renee's Red Rooster & Sunset Grill, Stevens Point. Starts at 7 pm. 715-344-9825

#### Team Trivia at Malarkey's •

Wednesdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Trivia starts at 7 pm. malarkeyspub.com

**Karaoke •** Wednesdays, Wausau Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary #251,

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

Wausau. Starts at 8 pm. 715-845-4795

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

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

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

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

Karaoke • Fridays, Todd & Peggy's Whiskey River Bar & Grill, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-845-1547

**Karaoke** • Saturdays, Denmar Tavern, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-3131

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

Open Mic • 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. 715-355-543?

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

## ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

#### Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473 Movie times thru 4/3

A Working Man (R): 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

Snow White (PG): 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 Black Bag (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm,

Sack Bag (R): Fri. 7 pm & 9 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

#### Cedar Creek Cinema, Rothschild, 715-355-5094

Movie listing 3/27-4/2

A Working Man (R): Thurs. 4 pm
6:50 pm, 8:10 pm; Fri. 9:45 am
(HeatedDreamLounger), 11 am,
1:55 pm, 4:40 pm, 7 pm; Sat.
9:45 am (HeatedDreamLounger),
11 am, 1:50 pm, 4:40 pm, 7 pm;
Sun. 11:10 am, 2 pm, 4:50 pm,
7:40 pm; Mon. & Wed. 2:10 pm,
5 pm, 7:50 pm; Tues. 9:45 am

(HeatedDreamLounger), 11:10

am, 1:20 pm, 4:10 pm, 7 pm

Disney's Snow White (PG): Thurs.
1:40 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:20 pm
(HeatedDreamLounger), 1 pm,
3:50 pm, 6:40 pm; Fri., Sat. &
Tues. 11:10 am, 1:50 pm, 4:30 pm,
7:10 pm (HeatedDreamLounger),
12:50 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:10 pm,
8:50 pm, 9:50 pm; Sun. 11
am, 1:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 7 pm
(HeatedDreamLounger), 11:40
am, 2:20 pm, 5 pm, 7:40 pm;
Mon. & Wed. 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20
pm (HeatedDreamLounger), 1:20

pm, 4 pm, 6:40 pm

The Woman in the Yard (PG13):

Thurs. 2 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:30 pm; Fri. & Sat. 11 am, 1:20 pm, 2:40 pm, 5 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:50 pm; Sun. 11 am, 1:20 pm, 3:40 pm, 5:40 pm, 8 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:30 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:10 pm, 8:30

pm, 5 pm, 7:40 pm, 10 pm **The Chosen: Last Supper Part 1** (TBD): Thurs. 6 pm, 8 pm; Fri. & Sat. 12 pm, 3:10 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:30 pm, 12:40 pm, 3:50 pm; Su

pm; Tues. 11 am, 1:20 pm, 2:40

Sat. 12 pm, 3:10 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:30 pm, 12:40 pm, 3:50 pm; Sun. 11:20 am, 12 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:10 pm, 6:20 pm, 8:30 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1 pm, 2 pm, 4:10 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:20 pm; Tues. 12 pm, 12:40 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:35 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:30 pm

Death of a Unicorn (R): Thurs. 4 pm, 6:40 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:20 am, 2 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, 10 pm; Sun. 11:50 am, 2:30 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:50 pm; Mon. & Wed. 2:50 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:10 pm One of Them Days Laugh-Along (R): Fri., Sat. & Tues. 7:20 pm, 10 pm;

Sun. 6 pm, 8:30 pm; Mon. & Wed. 8:20 pm

The Alto Knights (R): Thurs. 1 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm; Fri., Sat. &

4:30 pm, 7:30 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:45 am, 3:40 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm; Sun. 11:30 am, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm Novocaine (R): Thurs. 2:40 pm.

Novocaine (R): Thurs. 2:40 pm, 5:20 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 6:40 pm, 9:20 pm; Sun. 5:30 pm, 8:20 pm; Mon. & Wed. 8 pm

## TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

- 1. Dream Theater 'Parasomnia
- 2. Spiritbox 'Tsunami Sea'
- 3. Sharon Van Etten & The Attachment Theory 'ST'
- 4. The Cure 'Songs Of A Lost World'
- 5. Tommy Castro 'Closer To The Bone'
- 6. Killswitch Engage 'Consequences'7. Whitechapel 'Hymns In Dissonance'
- 8. Amyl & The Sniffers 'Cartoon Darkness'
- 9. Hellacopters 'Overdriver'
- 10. Jinjer 'Duel'

Captain America: Brave New World (TBD): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 4:10 pm, 7 pm; Fri. & Sat. 1 pm,

3:45 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:40 pm; Sun. 11:50 am, 2:50 pm, 5:40 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1:50 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:40 pm; Tues. 11 am, 1:45 pm, 3:45 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:40 pm

Dog Man (PG13): Thurs. 1:20 pm, 3:40 pm; Fri. & Sat. 11:40 am, 2 pm, 4:20 pm; Sun. 11:20 am, 1:50 pm; Mon. & Wed. 1 pm, 3:20 pm, 5:40 pm; Tues. 11 am, 2 pm, 4:20 pm

The Day the Earth Blew Up: A
Looney Tunes Movie (PG): Thurs.
1:30 pm

The Last Supper (PG13): Thurs 1:10 pm

Mickey 17 (R): Thurs. 1:50 pm,

#### ON STAGE

We are Messengers • Thurs. 3/27, Grand Theater, Wausau. Rock 'n roll. Starts at 7 pm. \$25-\$66. Grandtheater.org

Comedy Night with Rob Brackenridge & Pals • Fri. 3/28, Timekeepers Distillery, Wausau. Comedy. Starts at 7 pm. \$15. exploretock.com/timekeeperdistillery-wausau/event/538314/ comedy-show

Brewery Comedy Tour • Fri. 3/28, Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$13-\$20. eventbrite.com/e/ the-brewery-comedy-tour-atmosinee-tickets-225689612707

Red Hot Chilli Pipers • Fri. 3/28, Grand Theater, Wausau. Scottishthemed music that blends rock music with bagpipes. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$25-\$55. Grandtheater. org

Comedy Night Rock • Sat. 3/28, Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Comedy & rock shows. Lineup: Bluezdriver, Stretch 29, The DUI's, The ZippNutts. Starts at 8 pm. 715-298-0028

Midnight Rodeo Country Series featuring Thomas Mac + DJ Slim McGraw • Sat. 3/29, Bantr, Rothschild. Classic country. 18+. Doors open at 6:30 pm. First show starts at 7 pm. Second show starts at 11 pm. \$25 general admission. bantrrothschild.com

Rock-N-For Pets: Jon Peck & The Bad Dogs • Sat. 3/29, Coral Lanes Bowling, Rothschild. Blues rock. Donations benefit the Humane Society of Marathon County. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$5 minimum donation. catsndogs.org

Satisfaction • Sat. 3/29, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Rock & roll. 21+. Starts at 8 pm. \$23-\$28. northstarcasinoresort. com Music of Billy Joel & Elton John starring Michael Cavanaugh •

Sun. 3/30, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Enjoy music from two rock piano legends performed by Michael Cavanaugh. Starts at 7 pm. \$20-\$65. campanilecenter.org

Couples Comedy Night • Thurs. 4/3, Grand Theater, Wausau. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$49. Grandtheater.org

Classic Albums Live: U2's The Joshua Tree • Sat. 4/5, Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy U2's 1987 album, The Joshua Tree, performed by Classic Albums Live. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$59. Grandtheater.org

Benny Benack III Quartet • Tues. 4/8, Great Northern Distilling, Stevens Point. Jazz. Starts at 6 pm & 8 pm. \$35. Free for music students, 50% discount for

musicians. jazzcoterie.com **Bermuda Search Party •** Tues. 4/8, Grand Theater, Wausau. Pop. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10 general

admission. Grandtheater.org **BoDeans** • Thurs. 4/10, Grand

Theater, Wausau. Country.

Starts at 7:30 pm. \$65, \$52, \$35.

Grandtheater.org The Enchanted Bookshop Musical • Fri.-Sun. 4/11-4/13, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Children's Theatre at UWSP at Wausau Veninga Theater, Wausau. Based on an enormously popular children's play, The Enchanted Bookshop, this musical adaptation transforms an ordinary bookstore, A Likely Story, into a magical world where beloved literary characters come alive each night, thanks to a spell from the Book Fairy. Starts at 7 pm on 4/11 & 4/12 and 2 pm on 4/12 & 4/13. \$15 adults, \$13

child/senior. cwct.booktix.com

Lone Piñon • Fri. 4/11, LuCille Tack
Center for the Arts, Spencer. New
Mexican ensemble. Starts at 7:30
pm. \$25. lucilletackcenter.com

Mozart & Mahler • Sat. 4/12, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra at Sentry Theater, Stevens Point. The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra will be performing Overture to Don Giovanni by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Exsultate Jubilate by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Sonia Grimsled, soprano) & Symphony No. 4 in G Major by Gustav Mahler. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students (with ID). cwso.org Michael Glabicki of Rusted Roots

with Dirk Miller • Tues. 4/15, Rookies Sports Pub, Stevens Point. Rock & soul. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$25 advance. \$35 day of show. uwsp.edu Trampled by Turtles w/ Erik Koskinen • Fri. 4/18, Grand Theater, Wausau. Bluegrass, folk, variety. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$48-\$85. Grandtheater.org Libby Decamp w/ Old Pup • Sat. 4/19, Lamplight Sessions, 224 Main St, Mosinee. Folk, blues. Starts at 7 pm. \$36. lamplightsessions.com

Step Afrika! • Tues, 4/22, Grand Theater, Wausau, Step Afrika blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities & sororities, traditional West & South African dances & an array of contemporary dance & art forms. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30-\$65. Grandtheater.org

Alias Brass • Thurs. 4/24, LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Variety. Starts at 7 pm. \$30. lucilletackcenter.com

Bachelors of Broadway: Gentlemen of the Theatre • Fri. 4/25, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Enjoy Broadway musicals sung by three performers. Starts at 7 pm. \$15-\$42. campanilecenter.org

Brewery Comedy Tour • Fri. 4/25, Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$13-\$20. eventbrite.com/e/the-brewerycomedy-tour-at-mosinee-tickets-225689612707

Street Corner Symphony • Sat. 4/26, hosted by the Merrill Area Concert Association at Merrill High School Auditorium, Merrill, Variety of music sung in a capella. Starts at 7 pm. \$60 adult, \$20 student, \$130 family membership, maca, merrillconcerts, org

Mollie B & Squeezebox with Ted Lange • Sun. 4/27, Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Polka. Doors open at noon. Starts at 1 pm. \$25. eventbrite.com/e/mollie-b-and-squeezebox-with-ted-lange-at-rookiestickets-1090386257649

Songs of Joy & Celebration • Sun. 4/27, hosted by Monteverdi Chorale at St Peter Catholic Church, 800 4th Ave, Stevens Point. Final concert will conclude with thoughtful music & inspiring texts that will encourage us to find peace. Starts at 4 pm. \$20 adult, \$15 senior, free for student/youth. monteverdichorale.org

Junior Brown • Sun. 4/27, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Auditorium, Wittenberg. Variety. Starts at 4 pm. \$35-\$40. rubbersoulproductions.com

#### **ONGOING**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Joe & Dough Military Veterans Morning Social • 2nd Tuesday of every month, Flk'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, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 150202 County Rd NN, Rib Mountain, 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

Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Meeting • 1st Wednesday each month (except Jan., Jul. & Aug.), Portage County Aging & Disability Resource Center, Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St, Stevens Point. Come share your knowledge & experience with other family historians. Starts at 7 pm. spagswi.org

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. 715-869-7579 for new members or 715-498-5987 for more info

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

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. Sun. 3/30 Rev. Brian Mason will be preaching: This Sermon will Self-Destruct.... Join us after the service for coffee & fresh bakery in the atrium. 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

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

JN Creations Monthly Market Days • Thurs.-Sat. 4/3-4/5, 408 N 3rd St

Suite 207, Wausau. Features curated collections from local & regional makers including reclaimed, repurposed, vintage & rustic designs. Art, jewelry, bath & body, candles, home décor & more. Starts at 11 am on Thurs. & Fri. and 10 am on Sat. Free. 612-756-1177

JN Creations Monthly Sip 'n Swap • Thurs. 4/17, 408 N 3rd St Suite 207, Wausau. Sip a sample while you swap. Swap out your used magazines, reading books, cookbooks & puzzles, Starts at 11 am, Free, 612-756-1177

"Bloomin' Greenhouse Tour"-2025 • April thru Oct., hosted by the Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau at Clark County, WI. Go on a self-guided tour to many greenhouses & garden centers throughout Clark County consisting of several plants of many varieties. Start times vary. No cost. For a brochure, call 715-255-9100 or

#### **EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS**

Lenten Soup Kitchen • Wednesdays 3/12-4/16, Church of the Resurrection, 621 2nd St, Wausau. 3/12 Chicken noodle, 3/19 Chili, 3/26 Chicken vegetable, 4/2 Beef, beer & barley, 4/9 Chef's surprise & 4/16  $\,$ Chicken noodle. Served with fresh bread, crackers, coffee, milk & water. Takeout available. Starts at 11 am. Free will donations appreciated, 715-845-6715

LM Pilates • Thurs. 3/27, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Tic Tac Boards with Pasture Chic Designs • Thurs. 3/27, Food + Farm Exploration Center, 3400 Innovation Dr, Plover. Enjoy creating your own tic tac board. Starts at 1:30 pm. \$15, explorefoodandfarm.org

Les Mills RPM-V • Thurs. 3/27, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Zumba • Thurs. 3/27, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Boxing & Self Defense • Thurs. 3/27, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:45 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/groupfitness

**Strong Nation** • Fri. 3/28, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Check Mindbody • Sat. 3/29, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

U.S. Labor Then & Now • Sat. 3/29. UW-Stevens Point at Wausau. Center for Civic Engagement, Veninga Theater, Wausau. Dr. Michael Childers. UW-Madison School for Workers Professor, will screen & lead discussions on the labor films: The Making of Milwaukee. America's Most Dangerous Woman, The Gilded Age, Fist Full of Lightning, The Triangle Fire, Divided We Fall & Return of the Gilded Age. Lunch will also be provided. Walk-ins are welcome but RSVPs are appreciated by 3/26. Doors open at 8:30 am. Starts at 9 am. Free. jstarr1504@aol.com to RSVP

YMCA Camp Glacier Hollow's 2nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival • Sat. 3/29, YMCA Camp Glacier Hollow, 9289 Pavelski Rd, Amherst Junction. Enjoy a free pancake breakfast, live maple syrup tapping demonstrations, guided bird & tree identification walks & more. Starts at 9 am. Free. spymca.org or 715-342-2980 to register

Barre • Sat. 3/29, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Mystery in the Stacks • Sat. 3/29. Marathon County Public Library. Wausau. Adults & teens are invited to the library to play a live-action mystery game, Registration required, Starts at 9:30 am, Free, 715-261-7230 or mcpl.us to register

A Year of Ghibli: Castle in the Sky & Porco Rosso • Sat. 3/29, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch two Studio Ghibli movies Castle in the Sky & Porco Rosso. Castle in the Sky starts at 10:30 am & Porco Rosso starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 or mcpl.us

RPM-V • Sun. 3/30, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 3:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Flow & Restore Yoga • Sun. 3/30, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness TRX • Mon. 3/31, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at

 $5:\!15 \ am. \ gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness$ Yoga Flow • Mon. 3/31, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Bodypump • Mon. 3/31. Greenheck Turner Community Center. Weston. Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness HIIT • Mon. 3/31, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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StrongNation • Tues. 4/1, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston, Starts at 5:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills Pilates • Tues, 4/1, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston, Starts at 6:30 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Cycle Strength • Wed. 4/2, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Almond Journeys Book Club: "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde • Wed. 4/2, Portage County Public Library, Almond. An archetypal tale of a young man who purchases eternal youth at the expense of his soul. Meet at the municipal center next to the library. Starts at 1 pm. 715-366-2151

Les Mills Bodypump • Wed. 4/2, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston, Starts at 5:30 pm. https://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

Les Mills BodyBalance • Wed. 4/2. Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston, Starts at 6:35 pm. gtcc. dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness

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Strong Nation • Fri. 4/4. Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/ quick-links/group-fitness

Fiber Artists Meetup • Fri. 4/4, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. Adults are invited to bring their projects & spend time crafting & socializing with others. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-659-3996

HIIT • Sat. 4/5, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quicklinks/group-fitness

Barre • Sat. 4/5, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quicklinks/group-fitness

Edgar Book Club: "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein • Tues, 4/8, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar, Nearing the end of his life, Enzo, a dog with a philosopher's soul, tries to bring together the family, pulled apart by a three year custody battle between daughter Zoe's maternal grandparents & her father Denny, a race car driver. Starts at 12 pm.

Hatley Book Club: "The Painted Drum" by Louise Erdrich • Tues. 4/8, Marathon County Public Library, Hatley. Discovering a cache of valuable Native American artifacts while appraising an estate in New Hampshire, Faye Travers investigates the history of a ceremonial drum, which possesses spiritual powers & changes the lives of people who encounter it. Starts at 1 pm. 715-446-3537

MCPL Spencer Branch Cribbage • Tues. 4/8, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer, Adults can visit the library and play cribbage. Cribbage boards and cards will be available and all skill levels are welcome. Starts at 1:30 pm. Free. 715-659-3996

Athens Book Club: "Weather" by Jenny Offill • Tues. 4/8, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Hired by her famous podcaster mentor to answer letters from increasingly polarized fans, a librarian who has acquired her education from a lifetime spent reading struggles between the limits of her knowledge & growing crises in the outside world. Starts at 2 pm. 715-257-7292

Author Visit: Jim Servi • Tues. 4/8. Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Meet local author & veteran Jim Servi as he discusses his debut novel, Forever Changed. Starts at 5:30 pm. 715-257-7292

Northwoods Chapter Ice Age Trail Meeting • Tues. 4/8, Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St, Merrill. Presentation on Ecology & Identification for Forest Raptors in Northcentral Wisconsin. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-551-1118

METRO Club Luncheon • Wed. 4/9, Oliva's at Gulliver's Landing, Rib Mountain. Presenter is Peggy Griffin, Willow Springs Gardens. Program is Creating Our Community on Tradition. RSVP by 4/4. Starts at noon. 715-203-2382 or mageetutor94@gmail.com to RSVP

New Horizons Book Club: "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson & "Inside Out and Back Again" by Thanhha Lai • Wed. 4/9. Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point or online via Zoom. In vivid poems. "Brown Girl Dreaming" shares what it was like for Woodson to grow up as an African American in the 1960's & 1970's. Lai's book is a series of poems chronicling a young girl's life changing year of 1975. Meet in the Stevens Point's Prairie Room or online. Starts at 1:30 pm in person or 6:30 pm online. eglade@pocolibrary.org for meeting details

Game Night with the Legion • Sat. 4/12, American Legion Hall, Rudolph. Cards & board games for all ages. Coffee, punch & popcorn provided. Starts at 6 pm. 715-435-3662

Marathon City Book Club: "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi • Mon. 4/14. Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City, An award-winning young neurosurgeon describes, how after receiving a terminal diagnosis with lung cancer, he explores his roles as a patient & care provider, the philosophical conundrums about meaningful life, & how he wanted to spend his final days. Starts at 5:45 pm. 715-443-

Stratford Book Club: "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt • Wed. 4/16, Marathon County Public Library, Stratford. After her husband dies, Tova Sullivan starts working at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, where she forms a special bond with a giant octopus who holds the key to solving the mysterious disappearance of her 18-year-old son, Erik, over thirty years ago on the Puget Sound. Starts at 1 pm. 715-687-4420

Business Expo 2025 • Thurs, 4/17, hosted by the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce at Central Wisconsin Convention Expo Center, Rothschild. Visit business panels and learn about existing or new products and services, employment opportunities and more. Starts at noon. wausauchamber.com

Rosholt Choices Book Club: "M" for Murderers • Thurs. 4/17, 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. April's theme is "M for Murderers". Starts at 2:30 pm. 715-677-4512

Spencer Book Club & Author Visit: "A Council of Dolls" by Mona Susan Power • Mon. 4/21. Marathon County Public Library, Spencer. The story of three women from different generations, told through the stories of the dolls they carried in 1888, 1925, & 1961 bringing to light the damage done to indigenous people through history. Mona Susan Power will be ioining us in this discussion of her book. Starts at 1 pm. 715-659-3996

Mosinee Book Club: "Things My Son Needs to Know About the World" by Fredrik Backman • Mon. 4/21, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Whimsical essays by the best-selling author of "A Man Called Ove" celebrate the first steps, milestones, & foibles of modern parenthood, sharing father-to-son advice on everything from finding a place to belong to beating "Monkey Island 3". Starts at 2 pm. 715-693-2144

Rothschild Book Club: "A Death in Door County" by Annelise Ryan • Wed. 4/23, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. A Wisconsin bookstore owner & hobbyist crypto zoologist agrees to help the local police chief after several bodies show up on the shores of Lake Michigan with giant bites from an unknown animal. Starts at 11 am. 715-359-6208

Plover Reflections Book Club: "The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel • Wed. 4/23, Portage County Public Library, Plover. A remarkable tale of survival & solitude-the true story of a man who lived alone in a tent in the Maine woods, never talking to another person & surviving by stealing supplies from nearby cabins for twenty-seven years. Starts at 2 pm. 715-341-4007

"Spring into the Arts" • Fri.-Sun. 4/25-4/26, hosted by the Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau at Clark County, WI. Drive along the scenic roads of Clark County, meet artists & view/ purchase their creations. Enjoy shopping, music &food throughout the weekend. Starts at 9 am. 715-255-9100 or clarkcountywi.org for more info

Wisconsin Valley Coin Club's Annual Show • Sun. 4/27, Holiday Inn & Suites, 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild. Meet currency collectors; check out kid's activity table, free door prizes, raffles and collectors' exhibit. Starts at 9 am. Free admission. 715-574-2777

#### OUTDOORS

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/WOR

History Speaks: Lost Wausau Architecture • Sat. 3/29, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society online or at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Learn about historical & significant buildings lost to the wrecking ball during the course of Wausau's history. Starts at 2 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org

Big Astronomy • Sun. 3/30, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Learn about the diverse people who push the limits of technology, enable scientific discovery & expand what we know about the Universe using state-of-the-art telescopes. Starts at 2 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

PCPL Fermentation Beverage Program • Mon. 3/31 hosted by the Portage County Public Library at CREATE Portage County's Idea Center, 1039B Ellis St. Stevens Point. Learn about the art of brewing using homegrown & wild yeast. Sample some kombucha & the lesser-known fermented drink tepache, & enter for a chance to walk away with your own starter kit to begin brewing kombucha at home. Starts at 6:30 pm. Free. 715-346-1549

Celebrate the Bookmobile • Thurs. 4/3, Marathon County Public Library, Rothschild. Learn about the history of the MCPL bookmobile. Starts at 2 pm. Free 715-359-6208

Crafty Learning Day • Sat. 4/5, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau. 16 classes to choose from. Take 3 classes, Includes Junch, Starts at 8:15 am, \$45. wahceinc.org/marathon-county-hce/ or 715-218-6945

Intro to Spreadsheets • Sat. 4/5, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Learn how to create & format spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Registration required. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7230 or mcpl. us to register

Genealogy Basics • Mon. 4/7, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Learn how to trace your family history using Ancestry. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-693-2144

Understanding Social Security Disability Benefits • Tues 4/8. Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Learn about Social Security Disability benefits, the qualification process & how to prepare to apply. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-693-2144

#### 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

Culture & Agriculture • Sat.-Tues. 3/1-4/22. Q Artists Cooperative, Stevens Point. Annual juried art exhibition featuring 64 pieces of art from 54 artists in 13 different states. 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 Emerging Artists • now-Sun. 3/13-3/30. Riverfront Arts

Center, Stevens Point, 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

Kimono: Garment, Canvas & Artistic Muse • Sat. Sun. 3/1-6/1. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. The exhibition is presented in three sections & contains a total of 46 artworks, including 20 kimonos, woodblock prints, a woodblock printed book, & photographs, as well as 19 works of contemporary art made of paper, fiber, metal, ceramic & glass. Lywam.

Gridiron Garments • Sat.-Sun. 3/1-6/1. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. The exhibition presents playerworn artifacts chosen specifically to best tell the story of evolution of American pro football & its garments. Lywam.org

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



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Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau • Free. Gallery hours Wed.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 12 pm-4 pm. Closed Sun.-Tues. 715-842-4545, cvawausau.org. Inspired by activities and events.

Merrill Historical Society Museum, Merrill • Free. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 am-1 pm. 715-536-5652. discovermerrillhistory.org

Keeping Up Appearances-Suds, Duds & Irons • Ongoing exhibit. This exhibit showcases more than 60 individual & unique restored irons, washing devices & old laundry soap. discovermerrillhistory.org

Marathon City Heritage Center • Open the second Saturday of each month from 10 am-1 pm year round or by appointment. 715-443-2221.

Marathon County Historical Society • Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm. Sat.-Sun. 1 pm-4:30 pm. marathoncountyhistory.org

The 1920s: Rebellion, Prosperity & Loss • Ongoing exhibit. Step back in time 100 years to learn what life was like in the roaring '20s. This exhibit captures the excitement around new forms of media like the radio & moving pictures, the realities of enforcing a national Prohibition of alcohol, the growth of electrified appliances to modernize life at work & in the home, and much more, marathon county history, org

Peek Inside: See What We Collect and Why • Ongoing exhibit at the Marathon County Historical Society. View items on display and learn why they are a part of the Historical Society's collection. marathoncountyhistory.org

Ain't She Sweet-An Exhibit of Women in the 1920s • Ongoing exhibit at the Marathon County Historical Society. This exhibit looks at the 1920s woman through fashion, accessories & most of all their stories. marathoncounty

Our Stories: The History of Marathon County • Jan. 2022 thru Dec. 2025. Learn about the stories of people who lived in Marathon County for a long time. Themes include arriving here, making a living and having fun. marathoncountyhistory.org

#### **KIDS/TEENS**

Family Storytime • Saturdays, Fridays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3/1-3/28, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

Crafts & Coloring Extravaganza • Sat.-Mon. 3/1-3/31, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Stop in at the library for different crafts or coloring projects. Stop in anytime during regular business hours. Free. 715-693-2144

Tales for Tots • Mondays 3/3-3/31, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Toddlers can enjoy interactive stories & songs in this 30 minute story time. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Story Time • Thursdays 3/6-3/27, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children can listen to stories, listen to songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Story Time • Thursdays 3/6-3/27, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-443-2775

Family Storytime • Thursdays 3/6-3/27, Portage County Public Library, Plover. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-341-4007

Baby Storytime • Fridays 3/7-3/28, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. A cuddling storytime, featuring interactive stories & songs for you & baby. Recommended for babies, newborn to 17 months, & siblings are welcome. Starts at 9:45 am. 715-346-1549

Spring Break-Camp Invention • Mon.-Fri. 3/24-3/28, Children's Imaginarium, Wausau. During the week of Spring Break, campers in grades K-6 will collaborate with friends to take on fun hands-on STEM challenges. Starts at 9 am. \$300. invent.org/program-search/camp-invention/wi47/15552

Spring Break Craft Week • Mon.-Sat. 3/24-3/29, Marathon County Public Library, Marathon City. Drop in during business hours for fun & easy craft projects. Free. 715-443-2775

Escape the Library! • Tues.-Thurs. 3/25-3/27, Marathon County Public Library, Mosinee. Stop in at the library for escape room fun. Each day will feature a different escape room challenge to solve. Contact the library for more information & for time slots. Registration required. Free. 715-693-2144 for more info or to register

Let's Play Mario Kart! • Thurs. 3/27, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. School-aged children are invited to the library to play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch. Starts at 9 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Let's Play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate! • Thurs. 3/27, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens can stop by the library to play Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Clothespin Critters • Fri. 3/28, Marathon County Public Library, Spencer.
Using clothespins & a variety of craft materials, participants can make critters like butterflies, snails, grasshoppers & more. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-659-3996

Movie Showing • Fri. 3/28, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch a movie at the library. The 2024 film is based off a children's novel by Peter Brown. An intelligent robot is stranded on an uninhabited island & bonds with the island's animals as it attempts to survive the harsh environment. Rated PG. Starts at 2 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

Super Hero Power Party • Sun. 3/30, Willow Springs Garden, Wausau. Dress up as your favorite super hero and enjoy super hero-themed food and beverages, picture taking, and arts & crafts. Register by 3/29. Starts at 11:30 am. \$15/person, \$8 children ages 11 and under. willowspringsgardens.com

Family Storytime • Tuesdays 4/1-4/22, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Enjoy interacting with local librarians while we read books, sing songs & share other fun activities. Most appropriate for preschoolers but all are welcome. Starts at 10:30 am. 715-346-1549

Family Story Time • Tues. 4/1, Marathon County Public Library, Edgar. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-352-3155

Play and Learn • Wednesdays 4/2-4/30, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Staff from Children's Wisconsin will read a story, share music and lead children through a craft project. Starts at 9:30 am. Free. 715-261-7220

Family Story Time • Wednesdays 4/2-4/30, Marathon County Public Library, Athens. Children can listen to stories, sing songs and learn through other literature-based activities. Starts at 10:30 am. Free. 715-257-7292

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of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis "Curly" Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay

community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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# Sewing the threads of self-sufficiency

Sewing geek shares her love — and knowledge — of machines

Mary Wilke has had her hands on sewing machines for as long as she can remember.

In 2003, Wilke purchased Wausau-based sewing machine repair and quilting shop Sew Smart — at the time known as A & J Sewing Center — from her mentors, Art and Jan Goudin. This will be her 22nd year running the shop.

"One of my favorite things to do personally is to take sewing machines apart and fix them," said Wilke. "I started to learn how to repair them when I bought A & J."

Growing up, Wilke spent her childhood helping her father restore vintage Chevrolets in his garage. When she began working alongside the Goudins, her long days toiling away in the garage served as a foundation for understanding sewing machines' mechanics. Over time, Wilke grew wellversed in repairing sewing machines of all makes and ages.

This has lent itself to a fondness for vintage sewing machines, which Wilke collects. At present, Wilke's collection houses over 400 sewing machines, some of them dating back to the 19th century.

She loves to share this knowledge, too. Of the classes offered at Sew Smart, which range in content from creative to technical, classes like "Jammin with my Janome" and "Pfantastic Pfaff Fun" invite owners of specific sewing machine brands to bring their machine, a project and any questions they might have.

These classes are offered as part of Sew Smart's Learning Center, which opened last fall. Classes can seat 20–30 students, may be offered online and may be taught by artists from across the community.

"Lately it's been more on the craft side — making purses," said Wilke of the classes. "We do from beginner to advanced sewing, machine embroideries... One of the local artists will do a guided painting class."

Overall, the goal is to provide sewists with a rounded education, putting the power to create and to care for their equipment into their own hands.

The shop also offers sewing supplies, including needles, fabric and sewing machine accessories, and sewing machines for any skill level, from amateur to professional. Machine purchases include Sew Smart support, meaning they can be taken in for regular maintenance and repair.

Sew Smart is located at 227207 Rib Mountain Dr., Wausau. It's open on weekdays from 9–5 and on Saturdays from 9–2.





Sew Smart owner Mary Wilke posts fabric and sewing machine demonstration videos regularly to the store's Facebook page.

Submitted photos.





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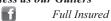
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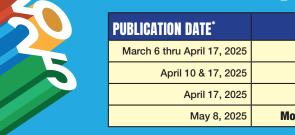
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