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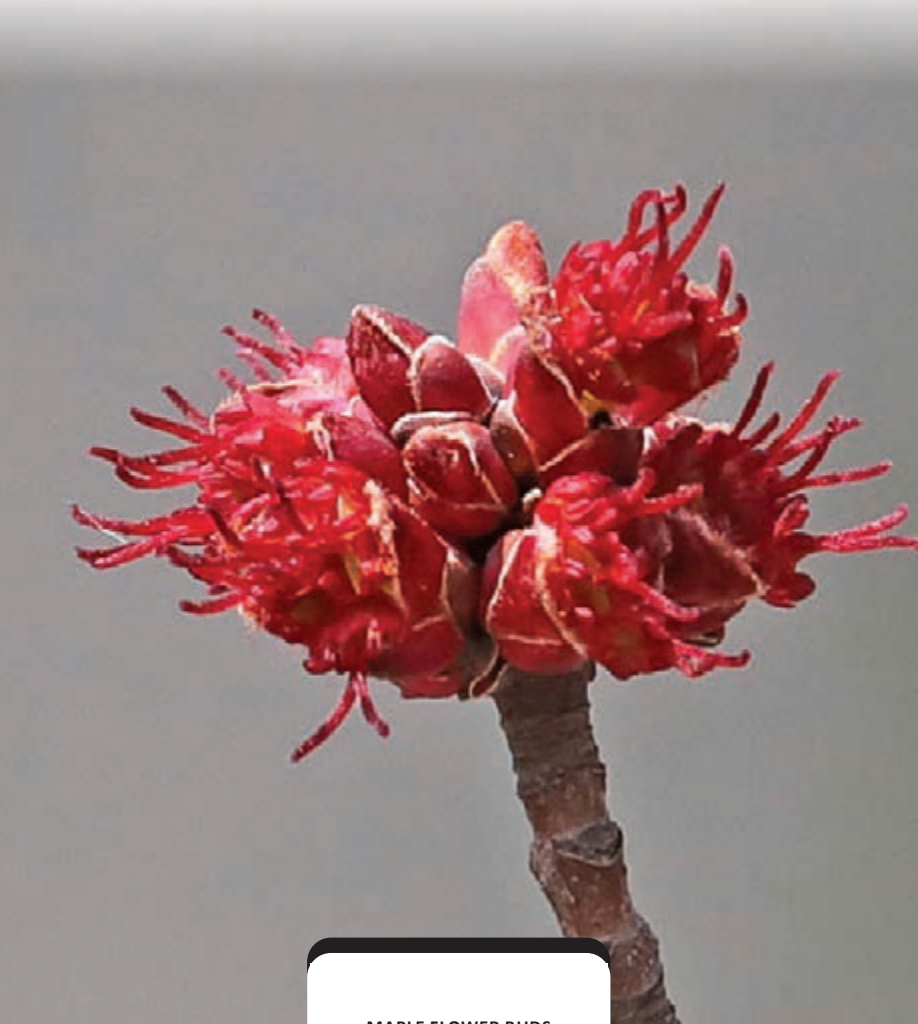
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Last week, NTC welcomed 60 high school students from ten area high schools to compete in the annual Wood Olympics at the school's Antigo campus. The competition was designed to showcase students' wood manufacturing knowledge and skill through a variety of challenges, which were taken on by 15 teams.

Participants also toured NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence, including a new sawmill training facility, and participated in a local lumber industry career fair.

Competition winners included:

## Woodworking (under \$100)

- First place – Holden Schmitz, Rhinelander High School
- Second place – Gavin Barth, D.C. Everest Senior High School
- Third place – Ayden Meyer, Rhinelander High School

## Woodworking (\$100 and over)

- First place – Ethan Ramsey, D.C. Everest Senior High School
- Second place – Aiden Kell, Merrill High School
- Third place – Colton Cveykus, D.C. Everest Senior High School

## Top individual scores

- First place – Ayden Meyer, Rhinelander High School
- Second place – Samuel Schumacher, Wausau West High School
- Third place – Soren Dumar, Rhinelander High School
- Fourth place – Iain Rumney, Rhinelander High School



A team from Rhinelander High School placed first in the Wood Olympics' team competition. The team consisted of Holden Schmitz, Ayden Meyer, Soren Dumar, Iain Rumney and Michael Wojtusik. Submitted photo

- Fifth place – Jonah Haupt, Mosinee High School

## Top team scores

- First place – Rhinelander High School
- Second place – Wausau West High School
- Third place – Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

## United Way collects Lotts more Pasta

United Way met their goal of beating last year's Lotts Pasta collection record by 1,000 pounds.

The pasta drive ran from March 20-April 30 and brought in 4,000 pounds of food, which was sorted by Marathon County's Hunger Coalition to prepare it for distribution. More than 20 businesses participated in the drive.

With a steep surge in inflation, food banks are relying on donations more than ever to make sure their communities' needs are met. The Lotts Pasta drive aimed to support community food shortage efforts by distributing pasta and rice, which are shelf-stable and versatile.



## Sex offender released

The Wausau Police Department announced the release of convicted sex offender John Marg from prison on May 2.

Marg will be monitored by Sex Offender Agent Specialists based out of the Marathon County Courthouse, will be tracked with a Department of Corrections GPS and will be on a highly restricted schedule consisting of time out in the community for work and treatment, according to the official media bulletin.

Marg will initially live in Transitional Housing in the 600 block of Jefferson St., Wausau, with his address and status to be updated regularly and available online through Wisconsin's Sex Offender Registry at <https://appsdoc.wi.gov/public>.

## Public invited to discuss WIS 52

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will hold a public involvement meeting on Wednesday, May 14 to discuss proposed options for the WIS 52 improvement project.

The proposed project will include repaving the road, rebuilding pedestrian curb ramps to comply with ADA standards, replacing curbs and gutters and improving intersections.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at the Horace Mann Middle School cafeteria, with a presentation scheduled for 5:30, followed by an open house.

## Steer clear of deer

Late spring brings with it a rise in deer-related crashes across the state, according to the Wisconsin State Patrol. While Marathon County was fortunate not to number among the top 10 counties for

crashes last year, deer can already be seen littering the sides of county roads.

To avoid hitting a deer, keep your eyes on the road, drive at a safe speed and eliminate distractions — yes, that means putting the phone down.

"Deer can be erratic and hard to spot, so it's important that drivers are looking ahead and paying close attention to the sides of the road," said Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan in a Wednesday press release. "Spring and fall are the times when we see the most deer crashes. Everyone on the road should be on the watch."

Carefully scan the road ahead, including the area around it. If one deer appears, watch for more and honk your horn to encourage them away from the road.

Also, use your headlights in the early morning and evening hours. Most deer crashes happen then, as the day transitions to night and deer become harder to see.

If you can't avoid hitting a deer, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Swerving can result in a loss of control and a more serious crash. Afterward, get your vehicle safely off of the road if possible.

If someone is hurt or the deer is in the middle of the road, call 911. If not, contact local law enforcement on the non-emergency line, staying buckled up inside your vehicle while you wait for help to arrive. Never get out of your car and walk along the road or attempt to move an injured deer.

Motorcyclists have a higher risk of injury or death in a deer-related accident. If you can't avoid hitting a deer with your motorcycle and there is enough space to swerve around it without leaving your lane, brake and adjust course as needed. **CP**

## It's time to move forward

**Think spring!** As winter fades, our focus shifts from snow-covered landscapes to the promise of summer—and the future of Wausau.

This past winter brought less snow than usual, potentially allowing us to reallocate \$250,000 originally earmarked for snow removal toward much-needed street paving and repairs. I encourage the Finance Committee to address this opportunity promptly so we can prepare for the upcoming construction season.

Downtown, the Foundry on 3rd project is progressing well, transforming the former Wausau Center Mall site into a vibrant mixed-use development with 154 market-rate apartments and commercial spaces. This initiative is pivotal in revitalizing our city center. As we envision the businesses that will occupy the ground floor, one idea stands out: attracting a Trader Joe's.

Trader Joe's has successfully integrated into urban settings, such as its location on Monroe Street in Madison, situated beneath a four-story residential building. They describe themselves as a neighborhood grocery store offering unique products like Mandarin Orange Chicken and Cold Brew Coffee Concentrate, alongside everyday

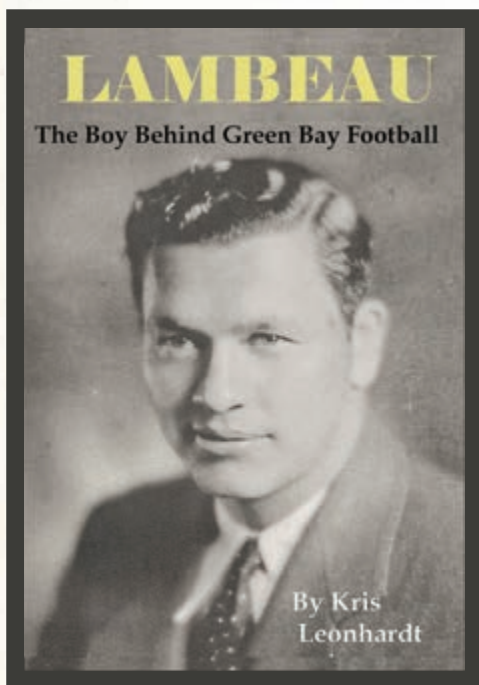
essentials—all at competitive prices. Such a store could serve not only our downtown residents but also draw visitors from the region, revitalizing the area and utilizing existing infrastructure like the former mall's parking ramps. I have briefly discussed this concept with developer Terrance Wall. While bringing Trader Joe's to Wausau would be ambitious, it's a goal worth pursuing. However, we must acknowledge the challenges: our local taxes are high, average incomes are modest, and population growth is stagnant. To attract businesses like Trader Joe's, we need to create a more favorable business climate.

The Foundry on 3rd is a catalyst for change, but without a concerted effort to improve our economic environment, we risk missing this opportunity. I urge the council to prioritize enhancing our business climate to ensure the success of such transformative projects.

Lastly, regarding ongoing legal matters: I remain confident in a favorable resolution.

Nonetheless, we must not allow these issues to distract us from our primary responsibilities. Our focus should remain on the city's development and the opportunities ahead. **CD**

## “A fascinating TALE



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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## 'I'm not retired, I've rewired'



I had a client retire from her career at an early age, in her mid-50s. It was a big decision, as both her employment and her financial circumstances changed within the same year. Since she'd been at the same company for decades, continuing to work at another full-time job would have been

a substantial shift from the position she'd held for much of her life. The big question was, did she have to keep working to earn the same salary or could she fully depart from the commitment of traditional employment? We did extensive planning by mapping out her finances, analyzed the

taxation upon withdrawal of her different types of accounts, planned future spending and all the other elements that go into setting up a retirement income plan. She chose to give her notice and not look back.

When she came in for a review, this happy lady relayed how she was enjoying her new freedom to embrace a passion of hers from which she earns a part-time income. She also said it was awkward at times telling friends she'd retired both because of her young age as well as the fact that she is still working, just not at her traditional job. She went on to tell me, "So now, I don't tell people that I've retired, I tell people that I've rewired!" I replied saying that was perfect, and have since come to realize how many people essentially do the same. Thinking through several of

my clients, people with high amounts of responsibility hold stressful positions that they choose to or plan to leave, and go on to find other means of earning less income but with more enjoyment. It's because their individual financial circumstances allow them to do so.

Consider whether in your future, you may be able to proudly say, "I'm not retired, I've rewired!" **CP**

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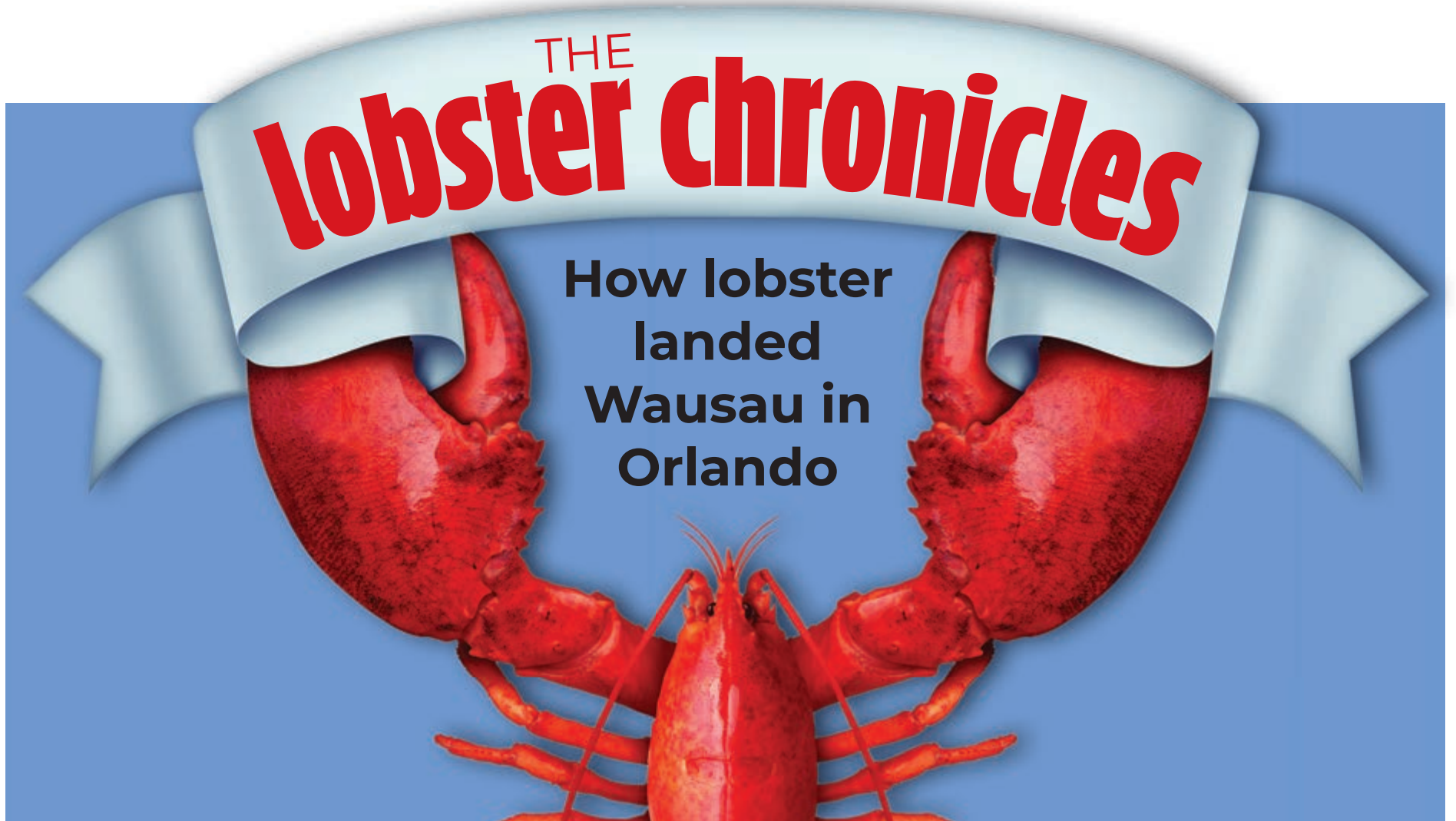
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Last month, Wausau received a shout from the official Red Lobster Facebook account — not to announce a much-requested addition to the city, but because of a stunt outside of the company’s headquarters involving a plane, a banner and first-name basis with their CEO.

“Damola, Wausau WI loves Red Lobster! Please? XO,” read the banner, black letters bold against a clear blue sky. It was attached to a plane that, when not advertising for businesses, tends to fly marriage proposals.

The message was the latest — and possibly the last — in a long series of schemes cooked up by Paul Grinsel and Ryan Gallagher, hosts of weekly “biz-fotainment” podcast the *Wausau Business Show* (WBS.) Grinsel and Gallagher crafted the message on the air, working with the plane’s pilot over the phone to maximize its impact within their chosen medium’s constraints.

“If this doesn’t do it, we give up,” said Grinsel on the podcast before the stunt — ‘it’ being bringing a Red Lobster to Wausau.

It’s a running joke, apparently. In polls by the city in both 2012 and 2018 asking residents which national restaurant chain they would like to come to Wausau, respondents overwhelmingly voted for Red Lobster.

There have even been a clawful of false alarms over the last decade about the arrival of the crimson crustacean within Wausau, including a 2021 April Fools prank by a local auto repair shop involving a “Future home of Red Lobster” sign in Weston.



“It’s a long-standing joke,” explained a Wausonian on the r/wisconsin Reddit. “Any time a building that resembles a restaurant starts construction, everyone is like, ‘Red Lobster!’ I have no clue how it started, but it has been that way for years.”

Grinsel and Gallagher began their own campaign last April, shortly before Red Lobster filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in May.



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Last year, the Wausau Business Show organized a “Lobster Bus” trip, shuttling locals 90 miles to Green Bay on a Lamers bus to eat at the nearest Red Lobster. Submitted photos

In a bid to “help Wausau save Red Lobster” amidst the company’s shrimp-induced financial woes, the pair organized a “Lobster Bus” trip, shuttling locals to Green Bay on a Lamers bus to eat at the nearest Red Lobster. The trip was about 90 miles each way, with proceeds from its \$125 tickets going toward the Community Foundation of North-Central Wisconsin in a move that led the hosts to label their show “highly philanthropic” in a tongue-in-cheek press release.

They’ve rallied some of Wausau’s biggest names for the cause: Wausau West High Schooler Nolan Travis, who performed on Broadway last year following a Jimmy Award nomination for his role in the school’s production of *Man of La Mancha*, lent his voice to a “Red Lobster musical” cooked up by the pair; Mayor Doug Diny contributed a read through of the Red Lobster menu that, in its final edited form, is almost moving.

They’ve even attempted to get non-Wausonians in on the scheme. After celebrity Red Lobster-head and philanthropist Flavor Flav’s own viral stunt to save the chain, in which he posted a photo of himself next to a table full of everything on the chain’s menu, Grinsel shouted him out.

“Thank you for being on our team, Flava!” Grinsel said. “We love you nearly as much as those cheddar biscuits!”

And then, of course, there’s their most recent stunt, the airplane, an attempt to nab the attention of Red Lobster CEO Damola Adamolekun.

“It worked,” said Gallagher in the WBS episode following the stunt.

“We did it,” said Grinsel.

“Damola himself acknowledged the banner,” said Gallagher.

They expressed that they’re “currently working on getting an interview [with Adamolekun] set up” and that “it’s looking promising.”



In another show of Wausonian dedication to the bit (the bib?), Grinsel and Gallagher joined a resident while he had the Red Lobster logo on his thigh.

Red Lobster, however, still has no plans to open a location in Wausau.

“If there’s one city that’s gonna save you, Red Lobster, it’s Wausau, Wisconsin,” Gallagher said.

A brief summary of the “Red Lobster Saga” can be found on the WBS site at <https://wausaubusiness.com/red-lobster-saga>, but it’s only the tip of Wausau’s over-a-decade-old Red Lobster iceberg. Gallagher and Grinsel, with their marketing know-how and drive to cause mischief, have simply made the biggest splash in the ocean of national consciousness.

Whether it amounts to anything more than a series of wildly entertaining marketing stunts disguised as pranks — or is it the other way around? — is up to the tides. **CP**

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## Alive Again: A Tribute to Chicago

Saturday 5/10 | UW Center for Civic Engagement, Wausau

For one night only, this Chicago tribute band — made up of musicians from across the Midwest — will be back in Wausau to play all of your old favorites. They've got everything a Chicago tribute band could need — rock instruments, a three-piece horn section and passion in spades. Alive Again is an area regular and is the brainchild of Wausau native Dr. Patrick Phalen, a member of the aforementioned horn section. Besides being a master on the trumpet, Phalen is also the group's music director, arranger and booking agent. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$35 for seniors and \$15 for students and can be purchased at <https://catm.booktix.com>.

## Keeping a Bird-Friendly Yard

Saturday 5/10 | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Celebrate Central Wisconsin's peak bird migration season and support our feathered friends in style. If you've ever wanted to know how to make your spaces more bird-friendly amidst a declining songbird population, then join community birdwatching and conservation groups Save Our Songbirds, the Wausau Bird Club and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology to learn about native Wisconsin plants that you can add to your yard, patio or balcony to attract birds, and pick up some gardening and landscaping tips to create a space birds can call home while you're at it. Attendees will also receive a free plant courtesy of Johnson's Nursery of Menomonee Falls. Really, unless you hate birds, you've got more to lose by not going. 1 p.m. Free. No registration required.

## 52nd Annual Pop Concert

Fri., Sat., Mon., Tues. 5/9, 10, 12, 13  
Wausau West Auditorium, Wausau

This annual spectacular put together by the students in Wausau West's choral and music programs is back for its 52nd year, with a total of five performances across four days. That's a lot of music. All dates have 7:30 p.m. shows, with the addition of a show at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at <https://gofan.co/app/school/WI25048>.

## Stadium Dr.

Friday 5/9 | Burks Bar, Wausau

The Iowa-based folk duo returns to Wausau this Friday for a concert on the Burks Bar patio, and what a great week for it. If the weather report is to be believed, we're looking at sunny skies and warm temps for at least another week. Between drinks, some satisfyingly snacky food offerings and the mellow stylings of Jefferson Fosbender and Alejandro Trevino, you're in for a pretty chill time. 6–9 p.m.

Oh, and if your Friday's already booked, you'll also be able to catch the pair from 6–9 p.m. on Saturday at El Tequila Salsa and from 1–4 p.m. on Sunday at the Garage.



## Voices of Historic Preservation: Live

Friday 5/9 | 130 First St., Wausau

Apparently, there's something called Historic Preservation Month, and we're in it. To celebrate, the Friends of Wausau Historic Landmarks are hosting a night of special presentations on the (sometimes literal) building blocks of the city, with a talk by Ben Tyjeski of Tyjeski Tiles Company on the area's terracotta and tiles followed by an overview of Sears Catalog Homes, including local examples and how to identify them, by Friend of Wausau Historic Landmarks Christine Martens. Tickets are free, but you must preregister to attend. Find the link on Friends of Wausau Historic Landmarks' Facebook page. **CP**

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### BAR BEATS

#### Thursday May 8

**Mark Wayne** • Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic country, variety, rock & roll. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

#### Friday May 9

**Black Label Trio** • Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 4 pm. 715-344-9310

**Carl Jackson & Naomi Dawson** • Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Country. 5 pm. 715-722-0230

**Stadium Dr.** • Burks Bar, Wausau. Folk-rock. 6 pm. 715-848-2253

**Local Heroes Duo** • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

**Mill Creek Cowtippers** • The Garage, Wausau. Country. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

**The Foxfire Affair** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Celtic, folk, maritime. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Saturday May 10

**Bryce Thomaschfsky Band** • Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Acoustic variety. 5 pm. 715-722-0230

**Roger Lee** • O'so Brewing Company, Plover. 70's-80's country & variety. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Old Pine Road** • The Garage, Wausau. Bluegrass. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

**Corey Rae White** • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Variety. 9 pm. 715-819-3663

**Dandelion Delivery Service/Elven Cowgirl Space** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Rock. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Sunday May 11

**Rugg the Band** • The Office Bar, Schofield. Jam bluegrass. 1 pm. 715-355-5432

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

**Juan** • Trails End Lodge, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 3 pm. 715-848-2000

#### Friday May 16

**Brad Emanuel** • Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

**Bradley Sperger** • Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 5 pm. 715-722-0230

**Tom Jordan** • The Office Bar, Schofield. Variety. 7 pm. 715-355-5432

**Still Reckless** • The Garage, Wausau. Country. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

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

**Fangerlis/Johnny Dissent/Chad O' Kennedy** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Alt punk. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Saturday May 17

**Jack Squat** • The Garage, Wausau. Rock. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

**Chris Herriges** • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

**Kevin Troestler Band** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Funk/jam. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Sunday May 18

**Andy Braun** • The Garage, Wausau. Folk-rock. 2 pm. 715-393-4495

**80 Proof** • Trails End Lodge, Wausau. Acoustic. 3 pm. 715-848-2000

#### Thursday May 22

**Tuck Pence** • Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic variety. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

**Brook Pridemore/Chad O' Kennedy** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Alt pop/folk punk. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Friday May 23

**Outlaw'D** • The Garage, Wausau. Country. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

**Dig Deep** • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Bluegrass. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

**Mattea Joy** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 8 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Saturday May 24

**Tom Winkers** • O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Variety. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Mattea Joy** • Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Acoustic variety. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

**The Now** • Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Rock, country & pop. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232

**Blindside** • The Garage, Wausau. Classic rock & blues. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

**Jordan Bain** • Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Blues, country, alt & indie and classic rock. 8 pm. 715-819-3663

#### Sunday May 25

**Mattea Joy** • The Garage, Wausau. Acoustic variety. 2 pm. 715-393-4495

**Brooks Herring** • Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Country, alternative rock & blues. 3 pm. 715-358-0172

**Marty Frei** • Trails End Lodge, Wausau. Rock 'n roll. 3 pm. 715-848-2000

**Whiskey & Lace** • Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Country, pop, pop-punk & rock. 6 pm. 715-341-2232

**Bad Habitz** • Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. 70's & 80's rock. 7 pm. 715-344-5990

#### Thursday May 29

**Karley Davidson** • Northern Waters Distillery, Minocqua. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-358-0172

#### Friday May 30

**Scott Kirby** • Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Americana. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

**Jordan Blanchard** • The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 8 pm. 715-393-4495

#### Saturday May 31

**The Foxfire Affair** • Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Celtic, bluegrass, folk, maritime. 5 pm. 715-432-6285

**Stewart Ellyson** • O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Classic rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Austin Skalecki** • Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Folk, blues. 6 pm. 715-544-1262

**Rugg** • Intermission Bar, Wausau. Jam bluegrass. 9 pm. 715-849-9377

#### Sunday June 1

**Dean & Terry Duo** • The Garage, Wausau. Country. 1 pm. 715-393-4495

**Jason Koprek** • Trails End Lodge, Wausau. Variety. 3 pm. 715-848-2000

# BIG GUIDE

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

#### Thursday June 5

**Cherry Pie** • Tiki Beach Bar & Grill, Mosinee. Rock. 6:30 pm. 715-341-2232

**Jerry Schmitt Band** • Gorski's, Mosinee. Country, rockabilly. 7 pm. 715-693-4001

#### Friday June 6

**Bluez Driver** • The Garage, Wausau. Blues & rock. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

#### Saturday June 7

**Kevin Troestler** • O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Country, bluegrass, blues, rock. 6 pm. 715-254-2163

**Brett Westgrove** • The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

#### Sunday June 8

**KT Country** • Trails End Lodge, Wausau. Country. 3 pm. 715-848-2000

#### 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

**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)

**Blues Hang** • 1st & 3rd Wednesday every month, Sconni's Alehouse and Eatery, Schofield. All are welcome. Backline drums & amps provided. Just bring your instrument & a smile! Starts at 7 pm. 715-241-7665

**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 & 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](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

## TOP 10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS FROM INNER SLEEVE

1. Ghost 'Skeleta'
2. Samantha Fish 'Paper Doll'
3. Machine Head 'Unatoned'
4. Bobby Rush & Kenny Wayne Shepherd 'Young Fashioned Ways'
5. Bon Iver 'Sable, Fable'
6. Car Seat Headrest 'Scholars'
7. Elton John & Brandi Carlile 'Who Believes In Angels'
8. Jason Isbell 'Foxes In The Snow'
9. Killswitch Engage 'Consequences'
10. Dorothy 'The Way'

**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

## ON SCREEN THIS WEEK

**Cosmo Theatre, Merrill, 715-536-4473**

Movie times thru 5/15

**Thunderbolts\* (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

**The Accountant 2 (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 pm only

**Sinners (R):** Fri. 7 pm & 9:20 pm, Sat. 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 7 pm & 9:20 pm, Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, Mon. thru Thurs. 7 pm only

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

Movie listing 5/8-5/14  
**Thunderbolts\* (PG13):** Thurs. 1:40 pm, 7:40 pm, 4:40 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 1 pm, 2:20 pm, 4 pm, 5:20 pm, 7 pm, 8:20 pm; Fri. 10:50 am, 1:40 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:20 pm, 10:15 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 3:50 pm, 5:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 8 pm, 9:30 pm, 2:20 pm; Sat. 10:50 am, 1:40 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:20 pm, 10:15 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 3:50 pm, 5:10 pm, 6:40 pm, 8 pm, 9:30 pm, 2:20 pm; Sun. 10:40 am, 1:30 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:10 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10 am, 12:50 pm, 3:40 pm, 6:30 pm; Tues. 10:50 am, 1:40 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:20 pm, 10:15 pm (HeatedDreamLounge), 10:10 am, 12:10 pm, 1 pm, 3:10 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:40 pm, 8:50 pm, 9:30 pm

**Clown in a Cornfield (R):** Thurs. 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 7:40 pm, 10:10 pm; Sun. 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm; Mon. & Wed. 8:30 pm

**Fight or Flight (R):** Thurs. 2:10 pm,

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**Shadow Force (R):** Thurs. 6 pm, 8:10 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:30 am, 2:10 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:10 pm; Sun. 11:50 am, 2:30 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:50 pm; Mon. & Wed. 2:30 pm, 5:10 pm, 7:50 pm; Tues. 10 am

**The Accountant 2 (R):** Thurs. 2 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm; Fri., Sat. & Tues. 11:10 am, 12:35 pm, 3:20 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:40 pm

**Until Dawn (R):** Thurs. 1 pm, 3:30 pm; Fri. & Sat. 10 am, 2:20 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm, 9:40 pm; Sun. 10 am, 12:40 pm, 3:20 pm; Tues. 10 am, 2:20 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

**Sinners (R):** Thurs. 1 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:20 pm; Fri. & Sat. 11:50 am, 3 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:20 pm; Sun. 10:10 am, 1:20 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:40 pm; Tues. 12:40 pm, 3:50 pm, 6:10 pm, 9:20 pm

**A Minecraft Movie (PG):** Thurs. 1:50 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:10 pm; Fri. & Sat. 10:10 am, 11 am, 12:45 pm, 1:40 pm, 3:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:20 pm, 9 pm; Tues. 10:10 am, 11 am, 12:45 pm, 1:40 pm, 3:40 pm, 4:20 pm, 6:20 pm, 9:40 pm

**The Amateur (PG13):** Thurs. 2:10 pm, 5:10 pm

**The King of Kings (PG):** Thurs. 1:30 pm

**The Hunger Games Marathon (PG13):** Sat. 12 pm

**Show Me Your Glory (2025) (TBD):** Tues. 7 pm; Wed. 7:30 pm

## ON STAGE

**“A World in Harmony”** • Thurs. 5/8, hosted by Central Wisconsin Musicians at UW Center for Civic Engagement Veninga Theater, Wausau. Music that transcends borders celebrating heritage, unity & the spirit of song. Starts at 7 pm. \$10. uwsp.edu

**Don Quixote de la Center** • Thurs.-Sun. 5/8-5/11, hosted by the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater at Sentry Theater, 1800 N Point Dr, Stevens Point. This new play is a poignant tale of a memory care resident, who, lost in a knightly fantasy, challenges his loved ones to choose between harsh reality & the comfort of imagination. Starts at 7 pm 5/8-5/10 and 2 pm on 5/11. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 child, \$7 veterans, \$5 student rush. cwact.org

**Live Laugh Love featuring Peter Keys (of Lynyrd Skynyrd), Peter Dante & Scotty Austin** • Fri. 5/9, 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

**The Journey** • Fri.-Sat. 5/9-5/10, hosted by Wausau Pro Musica at First Presbyterian Church, Wausau. Welcome Spring with a wonderful array of music genres that speak of the journeys of life, love & friendship that includes familiar pieces such as Away From the Roll of the Sea, and Your One & Only Life. Celebrate the inaugural performance of The Long, Straight Road, composed by Diane McAnnish & based on the poem “Freedom” by

Olive Runner. Starts at 7 pm on Fri. & 3 pm on Sat. Free. Free will donations are accepted & appreciated. wausaupromusica@gmail.com

**“The Odd Couple”** • Fri.-Sat. 5/9-5/10, hosted by the Denim & Dessert Readers Theatre at Presque Isle Community Center, 8306 School Loop Road, Presque Isle. Female version of Neil Simon’s hit comedy. Cash beverage bar before the show & complimentary coffee & desserts after. Show starts at 7 pm. Free admission. 715-904-9063

**52nd Annual Pop Concert 2025** • Fri.-Sat. 5/9-5/10 & Mon.-Tues. 5/12-5/13, Wausau West Auditorium, 1200 W Wausau Ave, Wausau. Pop music. Starts at 7:30 pm. Additional 2:30 pm concert on 5/10. \$15 tickets. Tickets available at Gofan.co

**Morgan Wallen Tribute-Wasted on Wallen** • Sat. 5/10, Bantr, 805 Creske Ave, Rothschild. Classic country. 18+. Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$20. bantrrothschild.com

**The BrïTins** • Sat. 5/10, hosted by the Merrill Area Concert Association at Merrill High School Auditorium, Merrill. Beatles tribute. Starts at 7 pm. \$60 adult, \$20 student, \$130 family membership. maca.merrillconcerts.org

**Alive Again: A Tribute to Chicago** • Sat. 5/10, hosted by Community Ambassadors Through Music at UW Center for Civic Engagement Veninga Theater, Wausau. Experience timeless classics of Chicago like Saturday in the Park & You’re the Inspiration. Proceeds will support aspiring local musicians. Starts at 7 pm. \$40 adult, \$35 senior 65+, \$15 student. catm.booktix.com

**Riverdance 30-The New Generation** • Wed.-Thurs. 5/14-5/15, Grand Theater, Wausau. Irish tap dancing show. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$70-\$200. Grandtheater.org

**Scorched Waves, Lunar Moth & For Ollie** • Fri. 5/16, Mathias Mitchell Public Square, downtown, Stevens Point. Indie rock, garage rock, rock. Starts at 7 pm. Free. createportagecounty.org

**7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience** • Fri. 5/16, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Tribute to rock & roll artist The Eagles. Starts at 7 pm. \$35 adult, \$15 student. campanilecenter.org

**Comedy Night at Rookies: Ryan Kahl & David Freeburg** • Fri. 5/16, Rookies Sportpub, Stevens Point. Comedy. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 8 pm. \$5. eventbrite.com/e/rookies-comedy-night-tickets-1354963174329

**Brewery Comedy Tour** • Sat. 5/17, Mosinee Brewing Company, Mosinee. Comedy. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$13-\$20. eventbrite.com/e/the-brewery-comedy-tour-at-mosinee-tickets-225689612707

**Daybreak: The Music & Passion of Barry Manilow** • Sat. 5/17, Grand Theater, Wausau. Tribute to pop artist Barry Manilow. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$25-\$45. Grandtheater.org

**The Rush Tribute Project** • Sun. 5/18, Grand Theater, Wausau. Tribute to rock artist Rush. Starts at 7 pm. \$25-\$57. Grandtheater.org

**America: Encore Tour 2025** • Sat. 5/24, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bowler. Variety. 21+. Doors open at 7 pm. Starts at 8 pm. \$99. northstarcasinoresort.com

**The American Ride Toby Keith Tribute** • Sat. 5/24, Lake of the Torches Resort & Casino, Lac du Flambeau. Country. 18+. Starts at 7 pm. \$20 & \$25. lakeofthetorches.com

**One Night in Memphis-The #1 Tribute to Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash** • Wed. 5/28, Grand Theater, Wausau. Tribute to legendary Sun Records recording artists Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis & Elvis Presley. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$40-\$55. Grandtheater.org

**Horseshoes & Hand Grenades and Buffalo Grass League** • Thurs. 5/29, Stoney Acres Farm, Athens. Old-time, folk, bluegrass. Doors open at 5 pm. Buffalo Grass League plays at 6 pm. Horseshoes & Hand Grenades play at 7 pm. \$49. stoneyacres.farm/horseshoes

**Hub City Concert Series: Allen Brothers Trio** • Fri. 5/30, Wenzel Family Plaza, Marshfield. Rock, pop & funk. Starts at 7 pm. visitmarshfield.com

**Anastasia: The Musical** • Fri.-Sun. 5/30-6/1 & Fri.-Sun. 6/6-6/8, hosted by Wausau Community Theatre at the UW Center for Civic Engagement, Veninga Theater, Wausau. This dazzling show transports its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920’s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Starts at 7:30 pm on 5/30, 5/31, 6/6 & 6/7 and 2 pm on 6/1, 6/7 & 6/8. \$25 adults, \$21 seniors & college students, \$17 youth, \$10 children. purplepass.com/wct25anastasia

**Notes @ Night: Jordan Bain** • Wed. 6/4, Downtown Stevens Point, Stevens Point. Blues, country, alt & indie and classic rock. Starts at 5:30 pm. stevenspointarea.com

**Levitt Amp Concert Series: Jennifer Lyn & The Groove Revival** • Thurs. 6/5, Phiffner Park Bandshell, Stevens Point. Blues. Starts at 6 pm. createportagecounty.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. Have you ever heard about Granite House in Wausau? If not, come to the meeting on 5/19 where Amy Fromm, Director of Operations, will describe her work in this psycho-social rehab center for mentally ill adults. 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, 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


**Men’s Cancer Support Group** • 3rd Tuesday of each month, Aspirus Cancer Care-Wausau, 215 N 28th Ave, Wausau. Open to all men affected by cancer either personally or through a loved one. Starts at 10 am. 1-715-847-2000 ext 50874 for more info

**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

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**Wednesday Night Sessions** • Wednesdays, Mount Olive Lutheran



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**County Board Supervisory District 35**

Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, is accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant seat of County Board Supervisory District 35, representing the Towns of Emmet Ward 2, Marathon, and Mosinee as per Wis. Stat. 59.10(3)(e). The appointment is effective upon confirmation by the County Board at their Thursday, May 15, 2025 County Board meeting. Applicants for District 35 must be residents of County Board Supervisory District 35. The successor appointed shall serve the unexpired term, ending the 3rd Tuesday of April 2026. Interested candidates should submit their letter of interest to Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403, by noon on Monday, May 12, 2025. A map of Supervisory District 35 can be obtained from the County Clerk's Office or on-line at: <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/2646/638192369008730000>.



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**Wausau Morning Toastmasters Meeting** • 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, Vino Latte, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. [toastmasters.org](http://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. 715-842-3343 for new members 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](http://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. Starts at 10:30 am. [uuwausau.org](http://uuwausau.org)

**Worship Service** • Sundays, Peace United Church of Christ, 1530 Grand Ave, Schofield. Starts at 9 am. [peacechurchucc.com](http://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](mailto: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

**"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 visit [clarkcountywi.org](http://clarkcountywi.org)

**JN Creations Monthly Market Days** • Sat. 5/10 & Thurs.-Sat. 6/5-6/7, 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 10 am on 5/10, 11 am on 6/5 & 6/6 and 10 am on 6/7. Free. 612-756-1177

**Eagle River Farmers Market** • Wednesdays 5/7-10/8 & Sundays 5/25-10/5, Hwy 45 & Michigan St, Eagle River. Experience farm fresh fruits & veggies, unique artisan crafts, live entertainment, food trucks & more. Market vendors accept WIC/Senior Vouchers/SNAP/ Gift Certificates. Markets open rain or shine. Cash preferred by vendors but some accept credit cards. Starts at 8:30 am. [EagleRiverFarmersMarket.com](http://EagleRiverFarmersMarket.com)

**Gluten Free Meeting** • second Thursday each month, Aspirus Stevens Point (Saint Michael's Hospital), 900 Illinois Ave, Stevens Point. Interact with others who live gluten free through social activities & informational meetings & information shared in emails & on this website. Those with food sensitivities & the keto diet are also welcome to attend. Starts at 3:30 pm. [glutenfreestevenspoint.weebly.com](http://glutenfreestevenspoint.weebly.com)

**Sunday Brunch on the Farm** • Sundays from 5/11 thru Oct., Lonely Oak Farm, 11946 County Rd S, Milladore. No reservations. Please no pets. Starts at 10 am. [lonelyoakfarm.net](http://lonelyoakfarm.net)

## EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

**LM Pilates** • Thurs. 5/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**Open House** • Thurs. 5/8, Community Center of Hope, 607 13th St, Mosinee. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a few brief remarks by Executive Director Amy Bergstrom. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the Pantry & Community Room, enjoy refreshments, talk to volunteers, & learn more about services provided. Starts at 4:30 pm. Free. [cchope.net](http://cchope.net)

**Yoga Sculpt** • Thurs. 5/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 4:40 pm. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**Zumba** • Thurs. 5/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:45 pm. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**Boxing & Self Defense** • Thurs. 5/8, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 6:45 pm. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**Circuit Training** • Fri. 5/9, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 5:15 am. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**Cycling** • Sat. 5/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 7 am. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**LM Pilates Launch** • Sat. 5/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 8 am. Free. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**Barre** • Sat. 5/10, Greenheck Turner Community Center, Weston. Starts at 9:15 am. [gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness](http://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/quick-links/group-fitness)

**2025 Portage County Cultural Festival** • Sat. 5/10, Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Stevens Point. Listen to music on multiple stages, browse arts & crafts and sample foods from around the world. Starts at 10 am. Free. [portagecountyculturalfestival.org](http://portagecountyculturalfestival.org)

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**Thursday**  
Chicken Tetrastini / *Sautéed chicken breast strips, green pepper, onion & mushrooms on a bed of fettuccine with cream sauce + tossed salad or soup*

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**Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale • Sat. 5/17,**  
Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs,  
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**Wausau Woodchucks Game** • Thurs.-Fri. 6/5-6/6,  
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## OUTDOORS

**Bandits of the Woods** • Fri. 5/9, Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point. Learn about raccoons and their habitat, diet & predators. Meet at the Menzel Pavilion. Starts at 10 am. uwsp.edu

**"Nutty Neighbors": Understanding Squirrels** • Fri. 5/9, Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point. Explore how squirrels worldwide compare to those at Schmeeckle. Meet at the Visitor Center. Starts at 6 pm. uwsp.edu

**Spring Wildflower Hikes** • Sat. 5/10, hosted by the Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Go for a hike and observe wildflowers. Bring water & tick repellent. Starts at 10 am. Free. ribmountain.org

**Family Meeting** • Mon. 5/12, hosted by the Wausau United Ride Mountain Bike Team at Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Come learn about the team. For kids in grades 6-12. Practice Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays 6-7:30 pm (July-Oct.). 715-600-6330 or wausaumbt.org for more info

**Northwoods Chapter Ice Age Trail Spring Wildflower Hike** • Sat. 5/17, Merrill School Forest, Merrill. Meet at New Wood County Park on Hwy 107. Starts at 10 am. 715-551-1118

**2025 Rib Mountain Adventure Challenge** • Sat. 5/24, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Rib Mountain. Run, bike or paddle through the wildness of Central Wisconsin. Choose from a 3-hour, 8-hour or 18-hour challenge. \$140-\$225. More info at ribmountainadventurechallenge.com

**Run for their Lives 5k** • Sat. 5/31, Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau or virtually. Go for a 5k run/walk to support the Marathon County Humane Society. Starts at 8:30 am. \$25. runsignup.com/Race/WI/Wausau/HSMCRunforTheirLives5k

**Birding Hikes** • Sat. 5/31, hosted by the Wausau Bird Club and the Friends of Rib Mountain at Rib Mountain State Park, Wausau. Go for a hike and observe birds in the state park. Bring binoculars if possible. Starts at 7 am. Free. ribmountain.org

**Wisconsin Valley Golf Association Tournament** • Sun. 6/1, Merrill Golf Club, Merrill. Individual stroke golf tournament open to those who enjoy golf. Starts at 8 am. \$55. wivalleygolf.org

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

**Keeping a Bird-Friendly Yard** • Sat. 5/10, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum, Wausau. Learn about ways to create a bird-friendly environment in your backyard, receive a free plant, tour the Museum & participate in hands-on bird art activities. Starts at 1 pm. Free. lwam.org

**Genealogy Meetup** • Mon. 5/12, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Meet up with others, learn about genealogy & do some independent research. This meetup will feature a virtual visit from Eleanor Brinsko, a professional genealogist. Starts at 1 pm. Free. 715-261-7230

**Genealogy Searching Class** • Thurs. 5/15, Register of Deeds, Marathon County Courthouse, 500 Forest St, Wausau. Listen to the Marathon County Register of Deeds, Jennifer Lemmer & the Chief Deputy, Wendy Fischer talk about how to conduct genealogy searching in their office. Attorney Janet Lattyak from Lattyak Elder Law LLC will also speak about how genealogy searching affects her legal practice. Seating limited. Starts at 5 pm. Free. 715-261-1470 to reserve your spot

**Newspaper Comic History** • Sat. 5/17, Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point. Learn about the art & history of newspaper comics from Rob Stolzer. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-346-1548

**Cosmic Cycles** • Mon. 5/26, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Discuss topic of time, calendars & the seasons as they relate to natural cycles in the cosmos. Starts at 7 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

**Phantom of the Universe-the Search for Dark Matter** • Wed. 5/28, UWSP Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point. Learn about the history behind dark matter & how are scientists collaborating to find it. Starts at 7 pm. Free. uwsp.edu

**History Speaks: Historic Clarke Island** • Sat. 5/31, hosted by the Marathon County Historical Society at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau. Dave Eckmann, President/CEO of the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce will present the history of Clarke Island from the community's foundational years to becoming the new home to the Chamber of Commerce. Starts at 2 pm. Free. marathoncountyhistory.org

## ARTS/EXHIBITS

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

**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

**Monochrome** • Thurs.-Sun. 5/8-6/15. Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point. Monochrome uses tone to convey mood, concept, or form, telling a compelling color story, one shade at a time. Open reception Thurs. 5/8 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

**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.org

**Gridiron Garments** • Sat.-Sun. 3/1-6/1. Woodson Art Museum, Wausau. The exhibition presents player-worn 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

**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.

**Historic Artspective** • now until Fri. 5/23. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. This exhibit features a selection of unassuming artifacts of the Marathon County Historical Society Collection. Regional artists were invited to create a work of art in their respective medium to be displayed next to its historic item. cvawausau.org

**Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude** • now until Fri. 5/23. Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau. Revisiting rural the landscape they grew up in, Robert Martin, imagines queer futures while honoring a rooted past. cvawausau.org

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

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

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

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

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

Ongoing exhibit at the Marathon County Historical Society. View items on display and learn why they are a part of the Historical Society's collection. marathoncountyhistory.org

**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. marathoncountyhistory.org

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

**Wisconsin Visual Arts Guild Spring Show** • Mon.-Fri. 4/7-7/11. Reaching New Heights Gallery, Marshfield Clinic, Weston Center, Entrance C, Parking Lot 6, on the first & second floor. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083641021424

**Motorama Auto Museum, Aniwa** • Open Wed.-Sat. 9 am to 5 pm from May to Oct. Check out over 500 rare, vintage vehicles. \$10 admission, free for kids 15 and under. motoramaautomuseum.org

## KIDS/TEENS

**Grab & Go: Pipe Cleaner Flower Pot** • Thurs.-Sat. 5/1-5/31, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. In this Grab & Go activity, children will twist & fold pipe cleaners to create a flower pot masterpiece. Free and available at MCPL Wausau while supplies last. 715-261-7220

**Play and Learn** • Wednesdays 5/7-5/28, 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

**Storytime in the Garden** • Thurs. 5/8, Yawkey House, 403 McIndoe St, Wausau. Enjoy a couple of story books and children's crafts. Starts at 11 am. Free. 715-842-5750

**Crafts & Dragons: Dragon Eggs** • Thurs. 5/8, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens are invited to the library to create dragon eggs. Participants will use craft Styrofoam eggs, push pins, nail polish & super glue to create this unique craft. Starts at 5:30 pm. Free. 715-261-7220

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