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Hope Bristow, behavioral unit Registered Nurse with Aspirus Health, reflects on the profound

"Our staff has always been dedicated to providing patient-centered care," she shares. "But through our partnership with Three Bridges, we've been able to extend that care beyond the hospital walls, meeting

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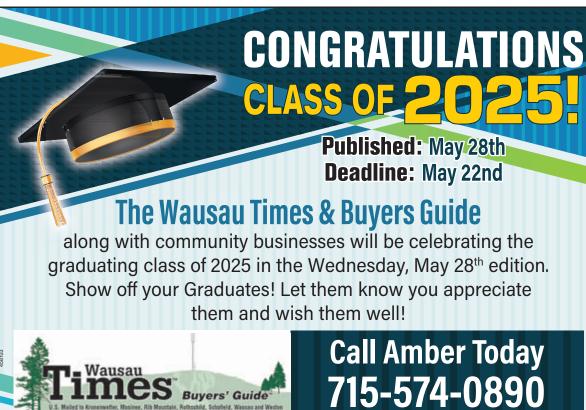
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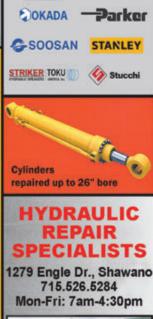
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Wausau. Irish tap dancing

Passion of Barry Manilow

· Grand Theater, Wausau.

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Manilow. Starts at 7:30 pm.

The Rush Tribute Project

Karaoke Night · Moua's Callon St. Pub, Wausau.

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8 pm. (This occurs on May

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Video Trivia · The Garage,

Wausau. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. Trivia starts at

7 pm. (This occurs on May

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Pub, Wausau. Starts at 7:30 pm. (This occurs on May

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· Grand Theater, Wausau.

Tribute to rock artist Rush.

Sunday, May 18

Starts at 7 pm.

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Starts at 9 pm.

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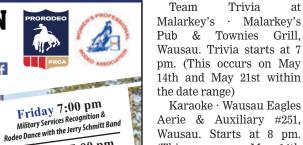
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Wednesdays

Karaoke · Wausau Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary #251, Wausau. Starts at 8 pm. (This occurs on May 14th and May 21st within the date range)

#### **Thursdays**

Aspirus Wausau Farmers Market · Located at Aspirus Corporate Parking Lot, 2200 Westwood Dr, Wausau. Opens 9 am. (This occurs on May 15th within the date range)

Free Community Meal · Jubilee House, The Church of the Resurrection, 621 2nd St, Wausau. Meals served from 4:30 pm-6 pm. (This occurs on May 15th within the date range)

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# Wisconsin Underage Tobacco and Vape Sales Decreased in 2024

Decrease in underage sales linked to actions by local communities, public health officials work to continue the downward trend

**EMMA KANE. COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HEALTHY** LIVING



The rate at which tobacco and vape retailers sold to underage consumers fell last year, with annual data showing a decline from 13.6% in 2023 to 11.8% in 2024. These results come from the Synar Survey, annual statewide assessment of the retailer violation rate. In 2019, the rate was 5.5% and reached its highest point in 2021 when the rate was 14.1%.

"Thanks to the support we get from our local law enforcement agencies, we're able to successfully implement the Wisconsin Wins tobacco compliance check program, and help our local retailers not sell tobacco products to kids." says Emma Kane with Community Action for Healthy Living.

The most recent Synar

Surveys have monitored sales to those under age 21. This aligns with a change that raised the federal legal tobacco sales age from 18 to 21 at the end of 2019. Federal law is the law of the land. Wisconsin retailers are required to follow the federal tobacco sales law.

Wisconsin remains one of only eight states that have not changed their state law to match the federal law, which has caused challenges enforcement statewide. Confusion about the differing laws makes access to tobacco too easy for youth and young adults, putting them at risk for a lifetime of addiction to nicotine. Statistics show that 95% of current tobacco users say they started using before they turned 21.

The 2024 data revealed that the most underage sales took place at tobacco and vape shops. These outlets sold to underage consumers at a 30% rate. higher than rates at gas stations (11.8%) and other of retail outlets types (10.8%).

FDA inspectors actively enforce the federal Tobacco 21 law throughout the state, but local officials cannot enforce the legal tobacco sales age of 21 because they get their authority from state law.

Bringing Wisconsin laws into alignment with federal standards will allow local law enforcement to prevent youth and young adults' commercial access to nicotine tobacco and products.

Wisconsin Wins is a statewide tobacco retailer outreach and inspection program. Wisconsin Wins conducts inspections and provides retailers with the tools and training to prevent underage sales.

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Wisconsin Wins can carry out many more retailer inspections.

"We know that most retailers want to follow the law, but when it's confusing, it's easy to make a mistake,' says one local tobacco compliance inspector. "If we could just simplify things for everyone, we'd make a lot of progress."

A state Tobacco 21 law could powerfully impact the current and future health of all Wisconsinites. Visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ tobacco21 to learn more about Tobacco 21. Free training to help retailers comply with the Tobacco

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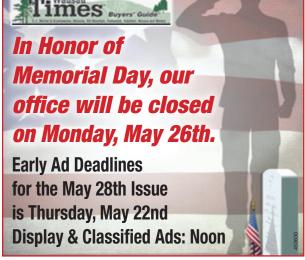
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# **United Way & The Babies' Place Hold Pregnancy Fair**

## The Mobile Community Closet will be on site, offering free maternity and infant clothing.

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Oh BABY! United Way of Marathon County and The Babies' Place are teaming up for a pregnancy and postpartum resource fair on Thursday, May 22, from 3:30-6pm at Community Partners Campus located at 360 Grand Avenue, Wausau (near bus route

People do not need to live in the county to receive free clothing from our mobile closet.

Guests will learn about community resources that address a wide range of needs through pregnancy

and postpartum.

PLUS, expecting families will receive a starter set of diapers from The Babies' Place, and full diaper packs will be available to households that meet income requirements.

United Way Marathon County's Mobile

Closet will Community also be on site, offering free maternity clothing and infant clothing for 0-12 months. Plus, FREE infant hygiene kits will be available, and chances to win baby-related prizes.

Services include: Healthfirst Network/WIC, Marathon County Health Department/Nurse Family Partnership, Birth to 3 Program, Aspirus (Birthing Center, NICU, Safe Kids, Peds, Family Medicine), Bridge Community Health Clinic, LENA Start, Children's Wisconsin, Marathon County

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# MCPL Wausau **Events**

MCPL Wausau to hold community game night on May 21



Looking for an exciting way to spend an evening with friends, family, or fellow community members? Adults and teens are invited to the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters (300 N. First St., Wausau) for a community game night on May 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A variety of modern board games will he

available for players to choose from or attendees are welcome to bring their favorite games from home and share the fun with others. Bring your friends, family, or just yourself and meet up with others in the community!

Free, open to the public, and no registration is required. Call the library at 715-261-7230 for more information.

MCPL Wausau to host clay garden snail craft for adults



Take a break from the hustle and bustle and enjoy a creative afternoon at the library! Adults are invited to join us at the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters (300 N. First St., Wausau) on May 22 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to sculpt charming garden snails out of Sculpey clay.

Sculpey is a soft and easy-to-mold polymer clay that's great for beginners and seasoned crafters alike. Participants will be guided through the process of shaping and decorating a whimsical snail, perfect for brightening up a garden or indoor space! Please note that snails will need to be baked at home to fully cure.

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MCPL Wausau to host silent book club for adults



Looking for a little quiet time to catch up on your reading? Join fellow book lovers at the library for a silent book club! Adults are invited to the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters (300 N. First St., Wausau) on May 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a peaceful evening of reading.

A silent book club offers a relaxed space where readers can enjoy a book, e-book, or audiobook quietly in the company of others. Think of it as an introvert-friendly happy hour! Feel free to come alone or with a friend, and drop in at any time during the event. You're welcome to bring your own nonalcoholic beverage and

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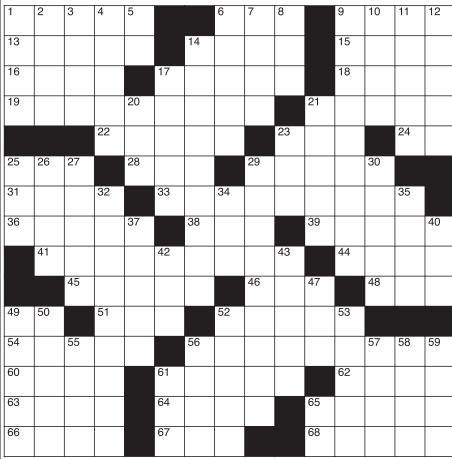
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# **DOR** celebrates small businesses and entrepreneurs during National Small **Business Week**

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Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is proud to recognize and support the vital contributions of small businesses across the during National Business Week. Small observed May 4-10, 2025. Small businesses are the backbone of Wisconsin's fostering economy, innovation, creating jobs, strengthening our communities.

National Small Business Week acknowledges the important contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. The DOR Small Business Outreach Team (SBOT) was created in 2022 to connect with the small business community in Wisconsin. The team's goal is to educate small and business owners aspiring entrepreneurs on how to properly register a business with DOR, how to stay compliant, withholding tax, sales and use tax, electronic filing, and MyTax Account. They provide a variety

of resources for small businesses, focusing on diversity and underserved communities in "Wisconsin's Wisconsin. small businesses are essential to our state's prosperity," said Juan Carlos Reyes, Customer Communications Outreach Coordinator for DOR. "We understand that managing taxes can be a challenge for new and growing businesses. That's why we offer a range of resources to help small business owners and entrepreneurs across the state understand their responsibilities and focus on what they do best running their businesses."

Since its formation, SBOT has been hosting successful small husiness webinars/ seminars throughout the state of Wisconsin, promoting DOR's values of innovation, inclusivity, empathy, and knowledge in

three different languages, including Spanish and Chinese-Mandarin, to add the Hmong language to presentations beginning this year. DOR supported over a dozen organizations and hundreds of small businesses and entities through **SBOT** presentations last year alone.

The SBOT not only provides external education to Wisconsin entrepreneurs; it also educates internal DOR members by hosting special guests during team meetings. These efforts help the team build bridges with external partners, creating and reinforcing relationships between DOR, other agencies and non-profit organizations, and community leaders. To learn more about the SBOT and DOR's small business resources, visit the website at https:// www.revenue.wi.gov/ Pages/Businesses/ Seminars-home.aspx.

#### PUBLISHER'S LETTER

#### **Unto Dust...**

Dear Reader.

In the final accounting, when the ledger of our days closes and the last breath escapes like a whisper into the void, what remains of us? We who once walked with purpose, loved with abandon, and dreamed beyond the confines of our mortal shells—what becomes of all that we were?

The body, once a vessel of consciousness and desire, returns to its elemental state. Skin that felt the warmth of summer suns and the tender touch of loved ones dissolves. Bones that carried us through decades of striving and stumbling crumble into the same dust from which all life emerges. We are reduced to our most basic components, indistinguishable from the earth that receives us.

Our possessions, those objects we accumulated and cherished, outlive us for a time. Books with dog-eared pages. Photographs fading at the edges. Heirlooms passed down with stories attached. But eventually, these too deteriorate, are discarded, or lose their connection to those who once gave them meaning. The material monuments to our existence erode under time's relentless passage.

The institutions we built, the companies we labored for, the organizations we championed—these may persist beyond our individual spans, but they transform, merge, dissolve, reinvent themselves until our fingerprints upon them become unrecognizable. Even civilizations, those grand collective projects of humanity, rise and fall like tides, leaving only fragments for future archaeologists to piece together.

Is this, then, the final word on human existence? A brief flare of consciousness between two infinite darknesses? A temporary arrangement of atoms that, once scattered, can never be reassembled in quite the same way?

Perhaps not.



For in the spaces between particles dust grains of sand, something intangible persists. The ideas we contributed to the great conversation of human thought; the stories we told that shaped how others understood themselves and their world; the kindnesses we extended

that altered the trajectory of another's life in ways we may never have witnessed; the children we nurtured-whether our own or those who simply crossed our path-who carry forward not just our genetic material but our values, our perspectives, our ways of seeing; these invisible legacies ripple outward through time, touching lives we will never know, in places we will never visit, in eras we will never witness.

We are, in the end, both less and more than we imagine ourselves to be. Less permanent in our individual identity, more enduring in our collective impact. Less significant as separate beings, more powerful as contributors to humanity's snarea story.

When we return to dust and sand, what remains is the echo of our humanitynot preserved in stone but alive and evolving in the hearts and minds of those who come after us. Our brief moment of consciousness, our fleeting dance of atoms, becomes part of the endless transformation of matter and meaning that is the universe knowing itself.

And in that continuation, there is hope. For while we may not persist as we are, something of what we gave to the worldsomething essential and true—remains.

Even dust catches the light sometimes, and in those glimmering particles, the story continues.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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# **Two Hunters Receive Ethical Hunting Award**

DNR

Wisconsin The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently named two individuals the 2024 Ethical Hunter Award recipients for outstanding individual acts that aided other hunters during the archery and firearm deer hunts.

Babino Eliot Platteville and Cody Kabus of Independence were honored at an April 17 ceremony held at the offices of Vortex Optics, the corporate sponsor of the DNR annual honor.

Babino found two deer rifles left at a boat landing

Yellowstone Earlier, he had helped two hunters trailer their boat and suspected the firearms belonged them. Babino contacted DNR conservation warden Jane Voskuilen to assist in getting the firearms back to their owners.

Cody Kabus dispatched a deer he thought he had wounded the previous afternoon, only to realize another hunter had, in fact, wounded it. He successfully made sure the largeantlered buck got to the rightful bowhunter.

"We want to ensure future generations have good stories to hear about hunters doing the right thing. Or, better yet, see these actions as they occur in the field," said Lt. Renee Thok, Wisconsin DNR hunter education administrator. "These ethical acts are real-life examples of how to hunt correctly and ethically, and it is very important to highlight and honor them."

This ethical hunter award was first presented in 1997. The public submits nominations, which are judged by a five-member panel of DNR conservation wardens, active or retired, and two outdoor writers.



Pictured left to right: Vortex Optics sales specialist Ryan Muckenhirn, DNR Major April Dombrowski, Cody Kabus, Eliot Babino, DNR Conservation Warden Jane Voskuilen and Lt. Warden Renee Thok.

Jerry Davis photo

#### **EVENTS**

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Open Mic Night · Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Hosted by Caleb Delaney. Starts at 8 pm. (This occurs on May 15th within the date range)

**Fridays** 

Karaoke Night · Moua's Callon St. Pub, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. (This occurs on May 16th within the date range)

Karaoke · Todd & Peggy's Whiskey River Bar & Grill, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. (This occurs on May 16th within the date range)

Saturdays

Karaoke · Denmar Tavern, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. (This occurs on May 17th within the date range)

Sundays

First UU Church of Wausau Service · First UU Church of Wausau, 504 Grant St, Wausau. Starts at 10:30 am. (This occurs on May 18th within the date range)

Chapter 272 AARP Monthly Meeting · 3rd Mon. of each month. United Way Office, 705 S 24th Ave, Wausau. Meeting on 5/19 where Amy Fromm, Director of Operations, will describe her work in this psycho-social rehab center for mentally ill adults. Starts at 1:30 pm. (This occurs on May 19th within the date range)

Men's Cancer Support Group · 3rd Tuesday of each month, Aspirus Cancer Care-Wausau, 215 N 28th Ave, Wausau. Starts at 10 am. (This occurs on May 20th within the date range)

Wausau Morning Toastmasters Meeting  $\cdot$  1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, Vino Latte, Wausau. Starts at 7 am. (This occurs on May 21st within the date range)

**EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS** 

Wednesday, May 14

A Year of Ghibli: The Wind Rises · Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch the Studio Ghibli movie The Wind Rises. Starts at 5 pm. Free.

Fiber Artists Meetup Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Adults are invited to bring their projects & spend time crafting & socializing with others. Starts at 6 pm. Free.

Thursday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 17

Plant Sale · hosted by the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners at the Marathon Park Cattle Barn, 1201 Stewart Ave, Wausau. Plants for sale include perennials, annuals, hostas, vegetables, tomatoes, natives seedlings locally grown and/or dug up by Master Gardeners. There is also a free children's planting area. Starts at 7 am.

Learn Build Fly Armed Forces Day · hosted by EAA Chapter 640 at Wausau Downtown Airport. 620 Woods Pl, Wausau. Meet Stan Lee's aviation superhero, Aviore enjoy interactive exhibits, military displays, a pancake breakfast, youth run, simulators & more. Starts at 8 am. Free.

of Friends MCPLMembers Only Book Sale · Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Books, CDs, TV movies, artwork, board games and puzzles for sale. For members only but nonmembers can join on the spot for a yearly membership of \$10 or \$15 per family. Starts at 9:30

Year of Ghibli: Α From Up on Poppy Hill · Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Watch the Studio Ghibli movie From Up on Poppy Hill. Starts at 2 pm. Free.

Wednesday, May 21

Ceremony to Honor Unknown Soldier the in Wausau · hosted by The Daughters of the American Revolution & American Legion Post #10 at Potter's Field at Pine Grove Cemetery, 1501 Grand Ave, Wausau. Potter's Field is located in the southeast corner of the cemetery. There will be a wreath laying, color guard, memorial poems, songs, known history of the veteran & echo taps. Starts at 1 pm.

LECTURES/ **WORKSHOPS** 

Thursday, May 15

Genealogy Searching Register of Class 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.

#### **ARTS/EXHIBITS**

Woodson Art Museum, Wausau · Free. Open Tues.-Fri. 9 am-4 pm, Sat.-Sun. noon-5 pm.

Kimono: Garment, Canvas & Artistic Muse · Ends June 1. 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.

Gridiron Garments · Ends June 1. The exhibition

presents player-worn artifacts chosen specifically to best tell the story of evolution of American pro football & its garments.

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art · Open 11 am-3 pm Tues.-Sat.

Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau · Free. Gallery hours Wed.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 12 pm-4 pm.

Historic Artspective · Ends May 23. This exhibit features a selection of unassuming artifacts of Marathon County the 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.

Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude · Ends May 23. Revisiting rural the landscape they grew up in, Robert Martin, imagines queer futures while honoring a rooted past.

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

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.

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.

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.
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.

#### KIDS/TEENS

Grab & Go: Pipe Cleaner Flower Pot · Ends May 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. Play and Learn Wednesdays, May 14 & May 21, 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.

#### Thursday, May 15

LEGO Block Party Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Children of all ages and families are invited to build creative projects using LEGO blocks. All blocks will be provided. Starts at 3 pm. Free.

#### Monday, May 19

Study Hall · Marathon County Public Library, Wausau. Teens can drop by the library for a quiet place to study & work on homework. Stop in anytime between 3:30 pm-5:30 pm. There will be after-school snacks, fidgets & brain break activities. Free.

# LIFELINES Thursday, May 15

Blood Drive · Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 150202 County Rd NN, Wausau. Starts at 12 pm.

Food Pantry · Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. Bring picture ID & proof of Marathon County residency. Starts at 9 am. (This occurs on May 15th within the date range)

Tiny Tots Closet Thursdays, St Paul's United Church of Christ, Wausau. On your first visit, you must fill out a registration form. Bring proof of residency. Proof you are a parent or guardian of a child in diapers (birth certificate, WIC card, etc.). Limit of 2 dozen diapers per visit. Limit one visit/month. Starts at 10 am. (This occurs on May 15th within the date range)

# **NEW Manufacturing Alliance announces 2025 Aging Workforce Study**

FOR MMC

The Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Manufacturing Alliance announced on May 2, its 2025 Aging Workforce study at the Future of Work Summit on Succession Planning at Fox Valley Technical College.

The organization surveyed its members in February and March 2025 to understand the impact of the aging workforce in northeast Wisconsin. This study was like one done in 2017. The survey explored manufacturers' concerns about the impact of the retiring workforce; average age and tenure of its production and engineering workforce; ages in key occupational fields; and best practices to address the issue of knowledge loss. There were



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65 companies that completed the survey; they employ 14,961 people or 10 percent of the entire manufacturing workforce in the region.

The findings highlight their concern and demonstrate the need to develop a strategy to address this issue. An Alliance task force is currently dedicated to finding and sharing best practices, and communicating about the key occupations that will be in high demand due to significant retirements. Of the companies surveyed, 75%

expressed concern about their workforce retiring, however, only 37% had a plan to address the issue

The study found that the average age for the production workforce is 38, which is younger than the national average of 44 years. The average age for engineers is 42 years of age for engineers, which is similar to the national average age of 43 years of age. Tenure for production workers was significantly higher for Alliance members of 9 years, compared to the national

average of 4.9 years. In addition, the Alliance engineering workforce's tenure, 10 years, is higher than the national average of 4.9 years.

The study asked how many people were 56 years and older in key occupations. Machinists were found to have 44% of respondents who stated this critically important position were 56 years and older. Other key positions in the workforce that are 56 years and older are 45% of engineers, 40% of plant managers, and 38% of welders.

There were a few key findings in comparing the 2017 study to the 2025 study. There is still strong concern regarding the aging workforce, although lower than the 85% that reported concern in 2017. The average age of a production worker is younger than the 2017 study, the previous study had the age being 43 years old. The efforts of the NEW Manufacturing Alliance have made a difference in promoting manufacturing careers to youth.

Questions regarding the event should be directed to Ann Franz at 920-606-7691 or email ann.franz@nwtc.edu. For more information about the NEW Manufacturing Alliance, go to www.newmfgalliance.org.

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#### Rummage Sales This Week

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#### Wausau: 116 S. 68th Ave. FRI 5/16 & SAT 5/17 8a-5p

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Wausau 227985 Crane Dr. TH 5/15-SAT 5/17, 9a-5p Multi-family sale. Nice mens, womens, kids & baby clothing; baby equip; toys; misc comp. accessories; ping pong table; B-Ball hoop shooting

#### Rummage Sales This Week

#### Wausau: 3018 Hubbill Ave. TH 5/15 & FRI 5/16, 8a-5p SAT 5/17, 8a-12

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their lives.' Substance use affects corner of the every and statistics nation, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Services (SAMHSA) demonstrate magnitude of the challenge: only 10 percent of those struggling with substance use disorders receive treatment. This partnership aims to shift that narrative by providing critical access to recovery resources in underserved areas.

partnership This has made it possible for Three Bridges' 24/7 peer support coaches to respond to individuals at any hour. "Having an

advocate during a moment of crisis can make all the difference," explains Brock. "It increases the likelihood that individuals will engage in recovery efforts and stay on that path."

The partnership is about than addressing immediate needs. It's about fostering lasting change and the importance of creating a judgment-free space where individuals feel heard, valued, and

supported. "Recovery is deeply personal and often requires support in multiple areas physical, emotional, and social," says Bristow. "The work we're doing with Three Bridges not only empowers individuals but also strengthens families and communities as a whole."

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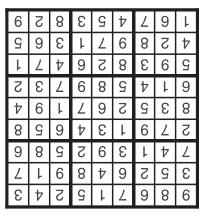
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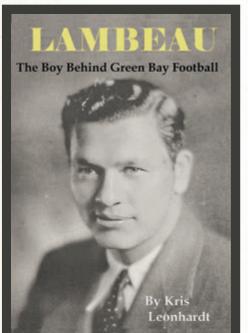
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If you live in Marathon County, there is still plenty of time to provide your insights and feedback on LIFE in Marathon County through the 2025 LIFE Survey. The survey takes just 5-10 minutes to complete and is open until May 31, 2025. It's available in multiple languages, and your feedback helps us celebrate our wins and highlights the great things already happening in our community.

Your answers play an important role in shaping decisions that affect our community. The LIFE Survey not only recognizes

our achievements but also helps us identify important issues that need attention. You deserve a voice in the future of your community.

With about a month left to participate, nearly 1500 community members have already shared their voices by completing the survey - thank you for your participation!

Help us make sure that everyone has the chance to share their thoughts. We encourage you to spread the word and share the 2025 LIFE survey with others in Marathon County.

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Thank you for helping us shape a better quality of life for everyone in Marathon County!





# **Wisconsin Cherry Board Election Begins**

#### **DATCP**

Wisconsin's licensed cherry growers are invited to submit their votes through June 16, 2025, to elect two new members to the five-member Wisconsin Cherry Board.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers the election and is proceeding with no candidates listed on the ballot, as no nominations were received by the March 28, 2025, nomination deadline. Eligible growers are encouraged to write in the names of two affected cherry growers to serve on the board. The elected producers will serve threeyear terms beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,

DATCP began mailing ballots to cherry producers

the week of May 5, 2025. Producers with questions or those who have not received a ballot by May 20 can contact DATCP's Market Orders Program at DATCPMarketOrders@ wisconsin.gov.

Completed ballots must be signed and returned by email to DATCPMarketOrders@ wisconsin.gov postmarked to DATCP Market Orders Program, PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708, on or before June 16, 2025.

About the Wisconsin **Cherry Board** 

The Wisconsin Cherry Board is composed of five at-large members who oversee the collection and use of approximately \$45,000 in assessment fees paid annually by Wisconsin cherry growers. funding is used to support the cherry industry through research, education, and promotion of Wisconsingrown cherries.



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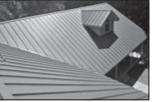
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# Visit Wausau Celebrates National Travel and Tourism Week with Governor Evers' Visit to Nine Mile County Forest

#### **VISIT WAUSAU**

As part of National Travel and Tourism Week, Visit Wausau proudly welcomed Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers to the Nine Mile County Forest in the Village of Rib Mountain on Tuesday, May 6, for a firsthand look at one of Marathon County's most cherished outdoor recreation assets.

Governor Evers was Wisconsin joined by Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers, Director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Cassie Mordini, and a team of local leaders, including Jamie Polley, Director of Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry, who led the tour. Also attending were Tim White, Director of Executive

Wausau, Visit Lovlien, Tom County Forest Administrator, and Bill Bertram and Lauer John from IronBull, nonprofit dedicated outdoor to adventure events.

"Tourism is an economic engine for Wisconsinplain and simple—and it's thanks to

the local partners and local one-of-a-kind experiences that keep folks coming back year after year. This week is about celebrating them," said Governor Evers. "As governor, I've been proud support Wisconsin's



travel and tourism industry, from creating the Office of Outdoor Recreation in 2019 to supporting capital projects in communities across the state to my new proposal to create an Office of Film and Creative Industries to bring creative endeavors to Wisconsin's doorstep, and I look forward to continuing to support this critical industry in the years ahead."

The visit highlighted the growing economic impact

outdoor recreation in Marathon County. According to the recent DIY Economic Impact Workshop and its 2024 report, Nine County plays Forest a vital role in drawing visitors year-round for hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing,

events—benefiting and local businesses, hospitality, and quality of life.

Tourism continues to be a cornerstone of Marathon County's economy, supporting small

businesses. enhancing community amenities, and generating millions economic activity. Visit Wausau is proud to champion the region as Wisconsin's Basecamp, where outdoor adventure meets urban comfort.

To cap off the month and celebrate tourism together, Visit Wausau invites community members, partners, and stakeholders to its:

Annual Tourism Social: "It All Starts With a Visit": Tuesday, May 28, Sconni's Alehouse & Eatery, Schofield 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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