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North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Announce Annual Plant Sale

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The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is thrilled to

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announce their highly anticipated Plant Sale, scheduled to take place on May 17, 2025, from 7:00 am to noon. The event will be held at the Marathon Park Cattle Barn, located at 1201 Stewart Ave in Wausau, Wisconsin. This is a fundraiser supporting several amazing local public gardens; student scholarships and other community initiatives.

Garden enthusiasts and plant lovers alike can look forward to a vibrant and diverse selection of locally grown plants including an array of perennials, annuals, hostas, vegetables, tomatoes, natives, and seedlings, ensuring there's something to suit every taste and garden style.

One of the highlights of the event is the free children's planting area, where young green thumbs can get their hands dirty and cultivate their love for gardening under the guidance of experienced volunteers.

Proceeds from the plant sale make it possible for The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association to fund a wide array of initiatives, including Scholarships for College Students, the Wildflower Gardens at Rib Mountain State Park, Children's Educational Gardening Community Experiences. Horticultural Education Classes, and much more!!

"We're excited to invite the community to join us for our annual Plant Sale," said Jill Falstad, Chair of the Plant Sale of the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association. "It's not only an opportunity to acquire high-quality plants at affordable prices but also a chance to support local gardeners and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Most importantly, proceeds go to support important local garden-related initiatives."

Admission to the event is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring cash or checks for purchases, as credit card transactions will not be available.

For more information about the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and their upcoming Plant Sale event, visit their website at NCWMGA.org.

About North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association:

The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is dedicated to promoting horticultural education, community beautification, environmental stewardship. Through their various programs and events, they aim to inspire and empower individuals become successful gardeners and responsible caretakers of the natural world.

MCPL Wausau to host virtual visit with professional genealogist

MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Genealogy enthusiasts are invited to join us at the library for a special genealogy meet up featuring a virtual

visit from Eleanor Brinsko, a professional genealogist. This event will take place at the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters (300 N. First St., Wausau) on May 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the basics of genealogical research, commonly used resources, and when to pursue a genealogy

professional. There will be an opportunity afterwards to ask questions and explore resources independently, with assistance available if needed.

This event is free and open to the public with no registration required. For more information, call 715-261-7230.

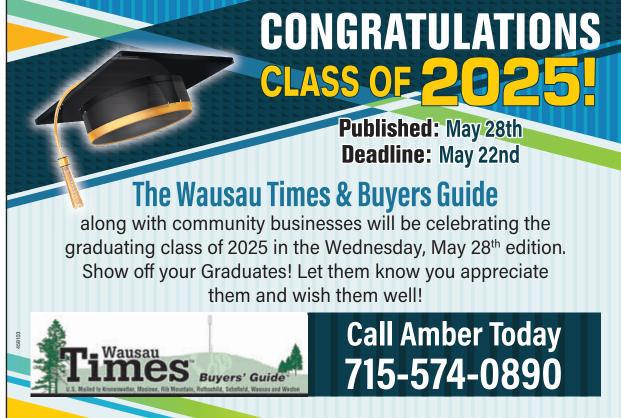














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The Grand Theater announces ambitious Second **Century Capital Campaign to secure its future**

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The Grand Theater, cherished cultural landmark in the heart of Wausau for nearly a century, today announced the public launch of its Second Century Campaign, a transformative \$17 million initiative to revitalize the iconic venue for its next 100 years. Following a successful quiet phase, has already secured over \$12 million in pledges, the campaign address critical infrastructure needs. enhance accessibility, and modernize the theater meet the evolving expectations of audiences

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essential to ensure The Grand remains a vibrant hub for arts, culture, and community engagement. "Our plans began and center around the historic theater itself," says Sean Wright, Executive Director. Key areas of focus for the renovation also include:

- Theaterimprovements for patrons: Installing new, comfortable seating with improved sightlines, updating the lobby and patron amenities, and revitalizing the beloved theater aesthetic.
- Critical infrastructure upgrades: Addressing the end-of-life roof and building systems to ensure a comfortable and safe environment for patrons and performers.
- · Expanded accessibility: Implementing upgrades to ensure the theater is welcoming and accessible to all members of the community, including new safety improvements in the balcony.
- Enhanced technical capabilities: Investing in state-of-the-art technical backstage systems and improvements to continue to attract top-tier touring productions.
- Great transformation: Creating more flexible and

SECOND CENTURY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

> acoustically enhanced space for additional programming opportunities, community and events. intimate gatherings.

"For almost 100 Years, The Grand has brought incredible experiences to our community and with this campaign, we are setting the stage for this historic theater to continue to thrive for the next century," says Wright. "This campaign is not just about preserving a building; it's about investing in the cultural and economic vitality of our region for generations to come." Todd Nicklaus, Board President Performing the Arts Foundation, echoed this sentiment, stating, "The board of directors is truly honored and excited to be part of this important

project for the community. The Grand Theater is not only a beautiful monument to Wausau's impressive legacy, but also key to the continued vibrancy of the entire region.

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We hope everyone joins us in a collective effort to ensure a bright future for The Grand's Second Century." 1 of 2 The Grand's impact extends far beyond its stage. Since 2002, over 1.2 million people have attended performances, generating a remarkable \$74.2 million economic impact for the region. In 2024, The Grand contributed a record \$6.7 million to the local economy. underscoring its vital role as an economic driver and key recruitment tool for the region. The public phase of the Second Century Campaign will unfold with various opportunities for the community to participate. A key element of the campaign is the popular "Name a Seat" program, offering a tangible way for individuals and families to leave their legacy at The Grand. The anticipated timeline for the extensive renovations is over two phases with closures from May to November in both 2026 and 2027, allowing The Grand to continue to provide an annual season with minimal impacts to patrons.

All work is scheduled be completed by the 100th Anniversary of The Grand in November of 2027, which will feature Grand Reopening Celebration marking the completion of the project. The Grand extends its deepest gratitude to the visionary donors who have already demonstrated extraordinary their commitment to this campaign during the quiet phase. Their early leadership has provided significant momentum and underscores the community's belief in The Grand's enduring importance. "The donors who stepped forward in the beginning validated the important role that Grand plays in The community, their visionary support instrumental planning. I our am deeply grateful for their commitment to this critical effort," says Nicklaus. The public is invited to learn more about the Second Century Campaign and explore ways to contribute by visiting www.grandtheater.org/ secondcentury.





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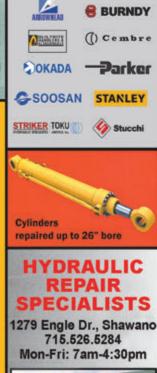
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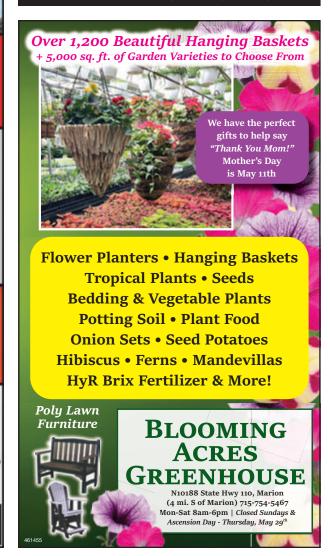




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Marshfield Clinic invests \$700,000 in 31 communities in the battle against opioid and stimulant misuse

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The Marshfield Clinic region of Sanford Health has invested \$700,000 in 31 communities across Wisconsin to address the negative impact of opioid and stimulant misuse.

funds, which The come from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services opioid response opioid settlement and funds, dispersed are through the Northwoods Coalition, www. northwoodscoalition. org. Formed through a partnership between Marshfield Clinic and several community coalitions in 1995. Northwoods Coalition is the largest and oldest network of coalitions dedicated to substance use prevention in Wisconsin, serving 34 counties and 11 Wisconsin Tribal Nations.

The investment in the 31 communities is part of the Northwoods Coalition's plan to fight opioid epidemic through evidence-based prevention and harm strategies. reduction Wisconsin, like many other states, has been significantly affected by the opioid crisis

"The human, societal, and financial toll the opioid crisis has in our communities is tragic," said Jay Shrader, vice president of Community Impact and Social Accountability. "This funding is vital and is one small but important step in supporting our communities in ongoing battle against opioid and stimulant misuse. Our communities and community partners on the frontline know how to best use these funds in their communities."

Funding supports evidence-based practices like drug takeback events, Naloxone distribution, sharps disposal events, community awareness and campaigns, anti-stigma drug checking distribution technology (fentanyl test strips, xylazine test strips).

Communities can participate in an opioid academy led by a world-renowned training organization. CADCA organization nonprofit committed to creating safe, healthy, and drug-free communities. The goal of this training academy is to help coalitions create plans for implementing evidencebased practices in their communities using opioid settlement dollars.

Legislative roundtables will give coalitions a chance to showcase their plans to their county-level legislators, in the hopes of getting access to the opioid settlement dollars and putting them to use.

"Additionally, our hope is for state legislators to attend this roundtable and be reminded of the importance of continuing to advocate for opioid prevention and harm funding," reduction Shrader said. "This is an amazing opportunity



Marshfield Clinic **Health System**

communities organize around the opioid settlement dollars available to them and will be for years to come."

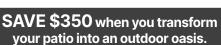
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The Wausau American Legion Post 10 delivered over 266 meals to the homes of Veterans and their families on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. To show their support for Veterans, the Man of Honor Society in Wausau provided 42 hams for the meals. The ham was professional sliced and included in the meals. Volunteers packaged the meals for delivery by twenty-five volunteer drivers.

The post has provided over 7,000 "Safe at Home" meals for Veterans and widows in the past four years. The meal deliveries are just one of the ways that the post thanks Veterans for their service.

The post is always looking to help more Veterans with meal deliveries. You can call the post reservation line at 715-298-1606 to be added to the meal delivery list for their next delivery. Please call and leave a name and phone number. Families and caregivers are also encouraged to call for their veteran. The meals are free for Wausau area Veterans and widows.

Post 10 thanks all of the volunteers, members, and nonmembers, who make it possible to provide this valuable Veteran service. The post also appreciates the support from our local businesses and community members.



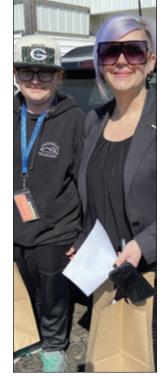




















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Prevail Bank Supports Local United Way with \$2,000 Donation

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Prevail Bank provided \$2,000 to United Way of Marathon County to assist individuals those and families who are employed but don't earn enough to make ends meet. The latest 2024 report reveals that the percentage of households that fall into this category increased from 29% to 34%. While wages have increased for many, the cost of living has increased even faster. more information, readers are encouraged to go

to www.unitedwaymc.org.

The United Way was one of 29 nonprofit organizations selected to receive funding through Prevail Bank's Charitable Contributions program this spring. The program awarded a total of \$82,500 to nonprofits that serve low-to-moderate income households, stimulate local economies, offer financial education, or work to improve the quality of life for underserved populations in the communities Prevail Bank serves.



Amanda Flannery, Resource Development Director for United Way of Marathon County (left), accepted the big check from Prevail Bank professionals Keri Burns, AVP Mortgage Loan Originator (NMLS# 1683827), and Megan Bargender, Teller.

MCPL WAUSAU EVENTS

Fiber artists invited to MCPL Wausau to stitch and socialize

Adults who enjoy crafts are needlework invited to bring their projects and spend time crafting and socializing with others at the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters, 300 N. 1st St., Wausau. The next fiber artists' meet up will be on May 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Whether it's knitting, crocheting, embroidery or mending, everyone is welcome to bring their projects and chat. Maybe you'll learn some tips or tricks or even make new friends!

This event is free and open to the public; no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 715-261-7230.

Boost productivity by working alongside others at MCPL Wausau

Parallel working, or body doubling, is a unique productivity strategy where people work alongside others to boost focus and motivation. Adults and teens looking for a little extra inspiration are invited to the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters (300 N. First St., Wausau) on May 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to work on creative projects or tasks.

Patrons can work on art, crafts, creative writing, or other projects in a relaxed environment, with music playing softly in the background. Intended to be a collaborative community space, you're encouraged to ask those around you for feedback on what you are working on!

This event is free and open to adults and teens, no registration required. For more information, call 715-261-7230.

Friends of MCPL to host next members-only book sale on May 17

WAUSAU -The Friends of MCPL are hosting their next sale exclusively for members on May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters, 300 N. First St., Wausau.

The sale will feature a wide variety of items up for sale, including hardcover and paperback books, audiobooks, music CDs, TV series and movies on DVD, works of art, and even a wide selection of board games and puzzles, all donated by the public or removed from the library's own collection.

This sale is only open to members of the Friends of the Marathon County Public Library. To join, folks can download, fill out, and mail in an application prior to the sale, or non-members can join on the spot prior to entering the sale. The cost of a yearly membership is just \$10 per person, or \$15 per family, and is good for all of 2025!

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MCPL Wausau to screen Studio Ghibli movie From

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Up on Poppy Hill

All ages are invited to the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters (300 N. First. St., Wausau) on May 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a showing of the Studio Ghibli film From Up on Poppy Hill.

From Up on Poppy Hill (© 2011 Chizuru Takahashi, Tetsuro Sayama/Keiko Niwa/Studio Ghibli)

A Studio Ghibli Summary: Yokohama, 1963. Japan is picking itself up from the devastation of World War II and preparing to host the Olympics. Against this backdrop of hope and change, a friendship begins to blossom between high school students Umi and Shun – but a buried secret from their past emerges to cast a shadow on the future and pull them apart.

This event is free and open to the public with no registration required. For more information, call 715-261-7230 or visit https://mcpl. us/series/a-year-of-ghibli/.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Mother's Day!

Dear Reader,

Mother's Day is upon us—a moment to pause and honor the women who gave us life, love, and guidance. Each of us

owes our existence to a mother, through whom, by the grace of God, we came into this world. In that miraculous birth was a sacred gift: a bond of love that begins even before we take our first breath.

The umbilical cord may be cut at birth, freeing us to pursue our own paths, yet the connection to our mothers never truly ends. It lives on in her care, her wisdom,

her sacrifices, and in the quiet ways she has helped shape our lives.

To have a mother—or to have had one—is an infinite blessing. From the moment of our conception, her presence, seen or unseen, known or unknown, is a source of strength and grace that remains with us forever.

So this Mother's Day, take a moment to celebrate your mother—whether with a gift, a word of thanks, a loving gesture, or a prayer whispered in her memory. Whether she is near or far, here or gone, let your heart speak.

And to all the mothers out there—please take a bow. You are the quiet heroines of the human story. Have a joyful and well-deserved Mother's Day.

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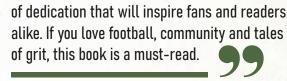
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Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay

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