Fall 2024
Program Guide

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Learning Is Forever
Welcome To LIFE

LIFE (Learning is ForEver) is a membership-based association of adult learners, providing a wide array of classes and activities that share experiences, promote intellectual and cultural enrichment, and encourage lifelong learning. It is sponsored by University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and hosted by Continuing Education and Outreach. All instructors are volunteers.

Designed to meet your needs and interests, the LIFE program provides new learning opportunities on a variety of topics in an array of formats including:

- Peer Teaching and Learning
- Lectures by Visiting Experts
- Theater and Sports Events
- Field Trips

What Does LIFE Offer?

Since members are the heart of the LIFE program, courses are developed based on member interest. Most classes meet once while there might be a few that have two parts. Courses and events are offered during two terms:

- Summer/Fall (July – December)
- Winter/Spring (January – June)

A LIFE membership includes one term. One bi-annual membership fee ($59) entitles you to participate in as many courses as you wish and discounts on select UWSP programming for one semester.

LIFE Contact Information

Email  uwspcelife@uwsp.edu  Website  www.uwsp.edu/conted/LIFE
Phone  715-346-3838  Hours  8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fax  715-346-3504  Address  2100 Main Street
                           Old Main Bld. 012
                           Stevens Point, WI, 54481
We hope you will enjoy a wide array of classes and activities offered this semester. LIFE’s Curriculum Committee (a volunteer group of your fellow members) is always looking for fresh class ideas and new presenters. If you are interested in leading a class or trip, please contact any of the curriculum committee members, attend a curriculum committee meeting, or better yet, join the committee! Email the curriculum committee or the LIFE Board at UWSPCELIFE@uwsp.edu

Meetings will be held via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on
August 19, September 3, September 16, October 14, October 28.

Barb Barkowiak
Horace Davis
Kurt Hase
Bill Kirby
Ed Miller
Tom Ordens
Jane Osypowski
Jan Seiler
Paul Shogren
Teresa Stoltenberg
Jim Walker
Mary Zinda

Meetings are held via Zoom at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays:
August 6, October 1, December 10

Most LIFE classes will be recorded and posted on our Canvas page. The Canvas page is only accessible to registered LIFE members and the recording will only be available there. If you have concerns about your name or face being displayed in this video, please feel free to change your display name and/or shut off your video. You can tell if we are recording by checking for a red light in the top left of your screen. Thank you in advance for saving us hours of editing time.
Welcome to the LIFE Program for the Summer/Fall Term

We are excited to again bring you a variety of offerings, most of which will be available via Zoom with a good number that can be attended in-person. Presenters choose whether they are willing to do their program before an audience in addition to being made available on Zoom, or as Zoom only. If there is an in-person component, presenters choose the campus that they will do their session. LIFE members can attend at the campus where the program is offered and not just at the campus closest to where they live. LIFE, like UWSP, is working hard to integrate our three locations. Hybrid programs at the Stevens Point Campus will continue in the Chemistry-Biology Building (Room 161). Attending in person is a great way to get to know other LIFE members and engage with the presenter. In addition, LIFE continues to offer several local field trips to its members. These have been very popular. Also, if you miss a class you wanted to attend, a recorded version will be available from our Canvas library. We are especially proud of our tech volunteer staff that will help you to ensure that you are able to participate in our programs on Zoom and to access past programs from our library. Do not hesitate to ask us for assistance. While LIFE began using Zoom because of Covid, it has allowed us to have our members participate wherever they are located. Some members live all or part of the year outside Wisconsin. Also, parking and weather are not issues. This allows LIFE to draw upon a wider range of presenters, including notable scientists and book authors.

Besides exploring interesting topics, the LIFE program is important in maintaining cognitive well-being and keeping members socially connected. LIFE encourages all members to volunteer to help us design and run our programs. Please let us know if you can help.

Looking forward to seeing you this semester!

Ed Miller,
President of LIFE, Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Consider making a contribution to the LIFE Foundation, which will be used to support LIFE operations and is tax deductible as allowed by law. Please make your donation check payable to UWSP Foundation - LIFE and mail contributions to:

UWSP Foundation
Old Main, Room 134
2100 Main Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

A special thank you to our friends at UWSP Continuing Education that help make all of our LIFE events, trips and this program guide possible!

Rebecca Bauer, UWSP CE Program Manager
Kelly Bird, CE Administrative Assistant
Steve Sparrow, Customer Service/Hybrid Tech
Tim Zeszutek, Marketing Specialist
and everyone else on the Continuing Education Team when they help out.
GET GOATS TO EAT YOUR WEEDS!
Join Dr. Holly Petrillo and her goats to discover how they are being used as powerful allies in managing forests sustainably. See the Liberation Farm goats in action as they combat unwanted woody and invasive plants, such as buckthorn, honeysuckle, brambles, spotted knapweed, and more! Whether you are a landowner, conservation enthusiast, or simply curious about innovative conservation practices, learn about how the city of Wausau uses goats in Barker-Stewart Island Park. We will start in the Terrace room on the UWSP Wausau Campus then move out to the park area. Seating is not available at the park, so we encourage you to bring a chair so you can sit during the event. There is no need to walk off-trail, but if you choose, you will be allowed to go into the fenced area where goats will be grazing. Trail conditions can be unpredictable and trail surfaces may be uneven. Dress for the weather, wear sunscreen and bug protection, and bring your water bottle.

Tuesday, July 9
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: In–Person – UWSP Wausau Campus
Terrace Room
Led by: Holly A Petrillo, Ph.D., (Professor of Forest Entomology and Pathology, UWSP)
Pre–registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $10 | Non–LIFE $15
Transportation on your own; Parking available in Marathon County Park next to Campus

LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION
News of the World by Paulette Jiles is an adventure story, filled with danger and incident; a western, meticulously researched and rendered; and a two hundred-page prose poem with poetry’s usual virtues of compression, resonance, beauty, and power. Set in post-Civil War Texas, the chaos of that place and time are vividly depicted, even as the story remains primarily one of character. Paulette Jiles has shown how rich and deeply imagined the historical novel can be. ~ National Book Foundation Judges Citation. Anne greatly enjoyed the audiobook version, narrated by Grover Cleveland. Check your local library for copies of this title.

Monday, July 8
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: Anne Rogalski (Associate Director CE)

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF
A monthly Zoom-based book discussion focusing on non-fiction history titles. Titles are selected for length, date of publication, availability of library copies and general interest. The books will follow the selections of the Portage County Public Library. In July we are discussing, Maus: A Survivor’s Tale by Art Spiegelman. 1986.

Thursday, July 11
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE
Step back in time to the enchanting world of the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Wisconsin! Picture this: wandering through the bustling streets of a 16th-century English village, where artisans craft wonders before your eyes and performers breathe life into tales of old. As you stroll, minstrels serenade you with melodies that transport you to another era, while the aroma of delicious fare wafts from charming food stalls. But that is just the beginning! Prepare to be dazzled by thrilling jousting tournaments, theatrical spectacles, and side-splitting comedic acts that unfold throughout the day. Whether you are donning your finest attire for a costume contest or simply soaking in the immersive ambiance, the Bristol Renaissance Faire guarantees a day filled with laughter, excitement, and a sprinkle of magic. Join trip leaders Anne Rogalski and Tim Zeszutek on this unforgettable adventure that promises to create memories for years to come!

Saturday, July 27
All Day
Location: Bristol, WI
Led By: Anne Rogalski (Associate Director, CE) and Tim Zeszutek (CE Marketing Specialist)
Pre–registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $125 | Public: $145
LUMBERJACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Whether you are a lumberjack enthusiast or a first-time spectator, the Lumberjack World Championships in Hayward promise an unforgettable blend of athleticism, camaraderie, and the rugged spirit of the Northwoods. This annual event showcases the skill, strength, and precision of lumberjacks from around the globe. From thrilling axe throwing competitions to lightning-fast logrolling and chainsaw events, the championships promise a spectacle of athleticism and outdoor prowess.

Saturday, August 3
All Day
Location: Hayward, WI
Led By: Anne Rogalski (Associate Director of CE) and Becky Wirkus (CE Youth Program Manager)
Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $125 | Public: $145

LIFE Membership Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend. Zoom Meeting only.
Monday, August 5
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Membership/Promotion Committee Chair)

LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION
Join in the discussion of *The Penelopiad* by Margret Atwood. In Homer’s account in the *Odyssey*, Penelope, wife of Odysseus and cousin of the beautiful Helen of Troy, is portrayed as the quintessential faithful wife, her story a salutary lesson through the ages. In this splendid contemporary twist to the ancient story, Margaret Atwood has chosen to give the telling of it to Penelope and to her twelve hanged maids, asking: “What led to the hanging of the maids, and what was Penelope really up to?” In Atwood’s dazzling, playful retelling, the story becomes as wise and compassionate as it is haunting, and as wildly entertaining as it is disturbing. With wit and verve, drawing on the story-telling and poetic talent for which she herself is renowned, she gives Penelope new life and reality—and sets out to provide an answer to an ancient mystery. Check your local library for the book or ebook.

Monday, August 5
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: Betty Kieliszewski (LIFE Treasurer)

LIFE Board Meeting
All are welcome to attend. Zoom Meeting only.
Tuesday, August 6
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Ed Miller (LIFE President)

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF
Discussion of *The Bright Ages: A New History of Medieval Europe* by Matthew Gabriele and David M. Perry. 2021. See page 7 for program description. Check your local library for the book or ebook to read before the discussion.

Thursday, August 8
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

MILWAUKEE BREWERS TRIP
Ride a coach bus to Milwaukee and see the Brewers take on the Los Angeles Dodgers at American Family Field.

Thursday, August 15
All Day
Location: American Family Field, Milwaukee
Led By: Kelly Bird (CE Administrative Assistant) and Carissa Check (CE Registration Specialist)
Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $95 | Public: $115

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
An orientation meeting for all new members to learn more about the LIFE program, how things are done, and the benefits of being a LIFE member. Previous LIFE members are welcome to join us to meet new members.

Monday, August 26
10 – 11 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Rebecca Bauer (LIFE Program Manager)
MYSTERIOUS GRIEF: A UNIVERSAL HUMAN EXPERIENCE
Explore the various ways grief interacts with our life. Learn how to recognize grief associated with any type of loss and how to help others suffering grief.

Tuesday, August 27
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Peter Sanderson (Family Physician) and Reverend William Christiansen (Hospice Care Chaplain)

UPDATE ON THE NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT
The Never Forgotten Honor Flight is a Wausau – based organization formed in November of 2009. Our goal is simple: to fly veterans (in our region) who served during World War II, the Korean War or the Vietnam War eras to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. The Never Forgotten Honor Flight Hub has flown (as of 10/16/2023) 4,399 veterans including 99 sets of brothers (5 Marohls, 5 Peters & 4 Dobbies), 13 husband/wives & 63 women veterans. 1,045 WWII; 1,247 Korean; 2,107 Vietnam and 2,702 Guardians.

Wednesday, August 28
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Jim Cambell (Co-Founder and VP Marketing for NFHF, Lt Col USMC Retired, UWSP Alumni)

ACADEMIC FREEDOM, CENSORSHIP, AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE FREE UNIVERSITY
This presentation starts with two personal experiences regarding academic censorship and the challenges of academic freedom: the first from a Northern university involving the cover of a textbook and aesthetic-moral taste, and the second from a Southern university that involved both loyalty oaths and job security. We evaluate the significance of these two stories, academic freedom and its meaning, its history, its limits and its defense against repeated attacks from both the left and the right. We conclude asking: Why is academic freedom, so very important in a political democracy, under continuous criticism and evaluation?

Wednesday, September 4
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Arthur Herman (Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, UWSP)

MYSTERY TRIP #4
Join Anne, Carissa and Kelly on their fourth “Mystery Trip!” Encouraged by travelers’ requests, they have created a daycation with five stops, for which travelers will receive clues the day of the adventure. Bring your curiosity, an appetite, and spending money for potential goodies to bring back with you.

Friday, September 6
All Day
Location: ???
Led By: Anne Rogalski (Associate Director, CE), Carissa Check (CE Registration Specialist) and Kelly Bird (CE Administrative Assistant)

Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $165 | Public: $185

LIFE Curriculum Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend as we prepare programs for the Spring Semester.

Tuesday, September 3
10:30 a.m. – Noon
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

LIFE Membership Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend.

Monday, September 9
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Membership/Promotion Committee Chair)
LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION
Population: 485 - Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time
by Michael Perry (2002) - Welcome to New Auburn, Wisconsin
(population: 485). Michael Perry loves this place. He grew up here,
and now – after a decade away – he has returned. Unable to polka
or repair his own pickup, his farm-boy hands gone soft after years of
writing, Mike figures the best way to regain his credibility is to join the
volunteer fire department. Against a backdrop of fires and tangled
wrecks, bar fights and smelt feeds, he tells a frequently comic tale
leavened with moments of heartbreaking delicacy and searing
tragedy. Check your local library for a copy of the book or ebook.

   Monday, September 9
   1 – 2:30 p.m.
   Location: Zoom Meeting Only
   Led By: Teresa Stoltenberg (LIFE Member at Large)

TECH RECS
Presentations and discussions about what to consider buying,
subscribing to and downloading for easy and better home tech
use. This session we will do an overview of the different streaming
TV and audio services and ways to save money by dropping
cable programming.

   Tuesday, September 10
   1 – 2 p.m.
   Location: Zoom Meeting Only
   Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP)

FILM DISCUSSION
Every two weeks, Roger Bullis and/or Carol Colby will lead a
discussion about a film. Film titles will be announced a week or so
ahead of time via email and social media.

   Tuesday, September 10
   3 – 4:30 p.m.
   Location: Zoom Meeting Only
   Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP)
          and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)

LIFE COFFEE SOCIAL
Join us for some good company and coffee (or tea) with fellow
LIFE members. We will meet at local coffee shops around Stevens
Point. Locations will be disclosed a couple weeks before in Friday’s
e-mail. If weather permits we may incorporate an exhibit or walk with
our morning.

   Wednesday, September 11
   10 – 11 a.m.
   Location: In–Person Only – TBD, See weekly email
   Led By: LIFE Members

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   Monday, September 16
   10:30 a.m. – Noon
   Location: Zoom Meeting Only
   Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

PREPARING FOR LIFE’S EMERGENCIES
In honor of National Preparedness Month, we will discuss Home
and Personal Preparedness, Financial Preparedness, and share
Community Preparedness Information.

   Monday, September 16
   1 – 2:30 p.m.
   Location: Zoom Meeting Only
   Led by: Bonnie Skalecke (Deputy Emergency Management
          Coordinator for Portage County)

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING QUICK?
Keep an eye out for these icons to help you quickly decide if a talk or trip
is for you! All Adventure Tour trips will need pre–registration and more
information will be sent after signing up.
THE LIBERAL ARTS AS SOURCES OF SELF-TRANSFORMATION
It was Aristotle (389-322 B.C.) who first noted the ability of the art of Greek tragedy to singularly transform human experience and behavior. In his Poetics, he called this transformative experience “Katharsis” (“purging”). I argue that all the arts (from music, dance, painting to writing, teaching, speech and even problem-solving) can become sources for self-transformation, thereby changing the creator of the work as well as the viewer in significant, life-altering ways. The survival of the liberal or “liberating” arts, e.g. philosophy, languages, mathematics, history, political science, sociology, etc. and the ennobling experiences they cause are indispensable in coming to learn what it means, in these challenging times, to live the best and most worthwhile life.

Tuesday, September 17
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Arthur Herman (Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, UWSP)

LIFE CARD SOCIAL
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Wednesday, September 18
10 a.m.
Location: In–Person Only – TBD, See weekly email
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

SOCIAL SECURITY: MAKING THE PROGRAM FINANCIALLY VIABLE
If Congress does not act soon, Social Security will not be able to pay full benefits. The last major reform was 20 years ago. What are the current projections? What changes can be made? Will Congress take action in sufficient time?

Thursday, September 19
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Ed Miller (Emeritus Professor of Political Science, UWSP)

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF

Thursday, September 19
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

EXOPLANETS – DISCOVERING NEW WORLDS
Visit the planetarium with us! Discuss the current night sky of Central WI, including the constellations visible after sunset in mid-to-late September. Then enjoy the fulldome show, Exoplanets- Discovering New Worlds. Learn the methods astronomers use to find planets outside our solar system noting successful missions as CoRot, Kepler, TESS and others. Speculate on the existence of life within our solar system and beyond.

Friday, September 20
10 a.m.
Location: In–Person Only – Stevens Point Campus
Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Science Building, Room A217
Led By: Sebastian Zamfir (Associate Professor/Planetarium & Observatory Director)

Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838; Limited to 50 participants; transportation on your own $7 per LIFE Member (non-refundable)

ALDO LEOPOLD (1887-1948) – ECOMYSTIC OR ECOFASCIST AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF “A SAND COUNTY ALMANAC”
In Leopold’s classic celebration of the biotic community, there is a section labeled “The Land Ethic.” In it, Leopold lays out his philosophic solution to the problem of environmental degradation and pollution. That solution entails the transformation of the ordinary human conscience into the eco conscience. But in the process, this solution leads to two curious inferences that I call “ecofascism” (you are in the land) and “ecomysticism” (the land is in you). We analyze these two conclusions and Leopold’s responsibility for each.

Monday, September 23
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Arthur Herman (Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, UWSP)
POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES
A study of the historical and contemporary political parties in the United States. An emphasis will be on the Democratic and Republican parties and their formation and evolution over time. Also, our single member district system of elections will be examined and how it favors a two party system.

Tuesday, September 24
10 – 11 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Jim Canfield (Professor Emeritus of Political Science)

FILM DISCUSSION
Every two weeks, Roger Bullis and/or Carol Colby will lead a discussion about film. Film titles will be announced a week or so ahead of time via email and social media.

Tuesday, September 24
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP) and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)

BLUE WITH A SPLASH: A MUSICAL DISCUSSION
Dr. Andy Moran, music director of the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra, will present a musical discussion focusing on music being performed by the CWSO on October 12, 2024 at Sentry Theater in Stevens Point.

Wednesday, September 25
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Dr. Andy Moran (Music Director, CWSO, Associate Professor of Music, UWSP)

GET TO KNOW THE STEVENS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Tour the Stevens Point Police Department, then gather in their meeting room to get your questions answered such as: What is police training like? What steps do officers go through when pulling a car over? How does the city interact with campus, county, and state law enforcement? Also anything else you would like to know.

Thursday, September 26
10 a.m.
Location: In-Person Only – 933 Michigan Ave, Stevens Point
Led By: Joseph Johnson (Administrative Lieutenant, Public Information Officer, UWSP Graduate - Sociology Major)

Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838; Limited to 20 participants; transportation on your own $5 per LIFE Member (non-refundable)

LOON RESCUE PRESENTATION
Kevin and Linda Grenzer of Loon Rescue, Inc. have traveled throughout the State of Wisconsin to rescue loons. They will present their rescue stories of loons who they successfully captured that were either injured, sick, entangled or iced in. Kevin and Linda will also discuss ways what you too can do to help protect loons.

Thursday, September 26
1 – 3 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Kevin and Linda Grenzer

AUTUMN JOURNEY: A FALL LUNCH TRAIN RIDE
Embark on a scenic fall train ride aboard the East Troy Electric Railroad, where you will enjoy an excellent lunch onboard as you soak in the stunning autumn views. We will make a stop at the Elegant Farmer for an upscale shopping experience. It includes a deli, bakery, and unique farm products. They are also known for their famous apple pie baked in a paper bag. It is a perfect blend of nostalgia, culinary delights, and seasonal beauty all in one unforgettable journey. Price includes coach bus transportation, train ride, and lunch on the train.

Friday, September 27
All Day
Location: East Troy, WI
Led By: Kelly Bird (CE Administrative Assistant) and Carissa Check (CE Registration Specialist)

Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $155 | Public: $175

All of our virtual options use Zoom!
If you need quick tips you can follow this link uwsp.edu/conted/Pages/Zoom-Tutorial.aspx
UNDERSTANDING CREDIT
We will break down the elements of a credit score, get to know the three credit bureaus and their role in calculating the scores, amend with best practices for protecting identity.

Wednesday, October 2
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Ashley Landwehr (Simplicity Financial Education Coordinator; Certified Financial Counselor)

WHEN BUGS GO BAD
Not all bugs are pests; in fact, out of nearly one million known insect species, only one to three percent are considered harmful. In this program, we will learn how beneficial insects can assist in the garden by preying on pest insects or parasitizing them. We will explore the crucial role of pollination carried out by pollinators. And we will uncover the delicate balance in your backyard ecosystem, and why invasive insect species threaten this balance. After discovering why pest populations can explode, we will walk through steps you can take to support a thriving landscape full of diverse insects.

Thursday, October 3
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Janell Wehr (Horticulture Educator at UW-Madison Division of Extension)

WISCONSIN’S GREEN FIRE – THINKING LIKE A MOUNTAIN TO PROTECT & CONSERVE WISCONSIN’S NATURAL RESOURCES
Wisconsin’s Green Fire (WGF) is a unique organization. While WGF works collaboratively with many state conservation and environmental groups, we are the only group with a cadre of scientists and subject matter experts doing the science. With science, facts and data in hand, we work to advance sound policies that protect human health and the environment, and conserve Wisconsin’s amazing natural resources.

Tuesday, October 1
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Meleesa Johnson (Executive Director of Wisconsin’s Green Fire)
THE WISCONSIN SUPPER CLUB STORY
This presentation covers the history of supper clubs and Ron Faiola’s travels around the state visiting supper clubs for the past 14 years. It also covers the current state of Wisconsin’s supper club culture. Ron Faiola is a best selling author of the book series on Wisconsin Supper Clubs. He was awarded a Gold Medal from the Midwest Independent Publishers Association in 2022 for his third book, *The Wisconsin Supper Clubs Story: An Illustrated History, With Relish.* An expanded and updated Second Edition of *Wisconsin Supper Clubs: An Old Fashioned Experience* was released on November 21, 2023.

**Wednesday, October 9**
1 – 2:30 p.m.
**Location:** Hybrid – Marshfield Campus, Everett Roehl STEM Center, Jean’s Vanguard Room
**Led by:** Ron Faiola (“Wisconsin’s legacy filmmaker” and a “supper club guru.”)

A HISTORIC LOOK BACK: NATIVE PRESENCE AND ABSENCE IN STEVENS POINT
The presentation will briefly cover the deep prehistory of Native presence on the landscape, and then speak to historic Native land cessions and Menominee traditional lands and place names in Portage County.

**Thursday, October 10**
1 – 2:30 p.m.
**Location:** Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
**Led by:** Ray Reser (Emeritus Professor of Archaeology, UWSP; Member of WI State Historic Preservation Review Board, Former President; WI Archaeological Survey)

BIRDING AT GEORGE W. MEAD STATE WILDLIFE AREA
Experience the spectacle of migration at George W. Mead State Wildlife Area. We will explore a few areas looking for migratory species that utilize the wide variety of habitats on the property. The field trip will be a combination of light walking and driving.

**Friday, October 11**
10 a.m.
**Location:** In–Person Only – 201517 County Rd S, Milladore
**Led By:** Rob Pendergast (15 years of bird identification field experience and field trip leader for several organizations in the Midwest)

**Pre-registration Required:** Online or Call 715-346-3838;
Limited to 20 participants; transportation on your own
$5 per LIFE Member (non–refundable)
LIFE Curriculum Committee Meeting
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Monday, October 14
10:30 a.m. – Noon
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION
The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel. This fiction novel is inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II. A young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis in this “sweeping and magnificent” historical novel from the number one international best-selling author. Check your local library for a copy of the book or ebook.

Monday, October 14
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: Teresa Stoltenberg (LIFE Member at Large)

A REVIEW OF THE GARDEN TO MARKET COLLEGE PROGRAM AT NTC
A review of the Garden to Market college program at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. Includes smart tips on how you can get the most out of shopping at and supporting your local Farmers Market. Trevor teaches students how to manage a variety of garden spaces, a hoop house, a greenhouse and indoor hydroponic growing facility.

Tuesday, October 15
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: Trevor Frank (Garden to Market Specialist Instructor at NTC)

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Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE – WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS
The Partners of the Americas was founded in 1964 as the “people to people” component of the Alliance for Progress. Today it is a private, non-profit and non partisan organization enjoying the support of many individuals, international organizations and foundations. Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas (WNP) is one of the many partnerships in other US States that have been partnered with countries in Central and Latin America to promote understanding and supportive ties between the people of both countries.

Wednesday, October 16
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Betty Pionek (President of WNP) and Amy Wiza (Executive Director of WNP)

HOW HUMAN EVOLUTION ACCELERATED
John Hawks has traveled across Africa, Europe and Asia in his research into our origins and evolution. He will show us how our evolution has rapidly accelerated during the last 10,000 years.

Thursday, October 17
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: John Hawk (Professor at UW-Madison since 2002)

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF
Join in the discussion of We Were Soldiers Once... and Young: La Drang - The Battle that Changed the War in Vietnam by Harold G. Moore and Joseph L Galloway. New York: Random House, 1992. See page 7 for program description. Check your local library for the book or ebook to read before the discussion.

Thursday, October 17
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led by: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

KEEP IN MIND!
Unfortunately, sometimes we have cancellations due to a variety of reasons. Remember to check your email or our social media for updates!
WSAW STUDIO TOUR
Join us for a tour of Channel 7 WSAW. Start with a brief tour and overview of the newsroom and how it operates. Then, head into the control room to preview how a newscast is produced behind the scenes. Next, head into the studio to watch the newscast live in the studio. We will hold a little Q&A with our anchors, meteorologist, reporters etc. following the show. After the tour, join us for an optional visit to Wausau’s new Ukrainian Bakery, Just Right: Cakes, Coffee, Gifts.

Friday, October 18
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: In–Person Only – 1114 Grand Ave, Wausau
Led By: Adam Donner (Promotions Director)
Pre–registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838; Limited to 20 participants; transportation on your own
$5 per LIFE Member (non–refundable)

UTILITY SCALE SOLAR IN PORTAGE COUNTY
Vista Sands Solar Project is proposed as a 6,800-acre solar project in southwest Portage County and is the largest solar project proposed in Wisconsin. It is located adjacent to and intermingled with the Buena Vista Wildlife Area, land purchased by the state of Wisconsin and other groups as habitat for the greater prairie chicken, a state threatened species. The Vista Sands proposal has attracted attention from two town governments where the Vista Sands project is located, wildlife groups, and renewable energy organizations. In this session we will talk about this story, including who decides on large solar projects, and what the process and decision-making criteria are.
You can view a map and summary of the Vista Sands Solar proposal at https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/CommissionActions/CasePages/VistaSandsSolarProject.aspx
Please try to attend in person if possible; the presenter feels the interaction in the classroom with the maps will encourage more discussion.

Tuesday, October 22
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led by: Lynn Markham (Land Use Specialist with WI Extension for 23 years)

FILM DISCUSSION
Every two weeks, Roger Bullis and/or Carol Colby will lead a discussion about a film. Film titles will be announced a week or so ahead of time via email and social media.

Tuesday, October 22
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP) and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)

PLANT PROPAGATION PRACTICES
Expand your plant population with these fun plant propagation practices. Learn some simple ways to expand your plants from indoor plants to buckets of trees. Trade your new plants with friends or amaze your grandkids with an “experiment.” Those in attendance in the classroom will leave with plants!

Wednesday, October 23
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Rebecca Wirkus (CE Youth Program Manager, UWSP)

THE GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2024:
A BRIEF VOTER PREVIEW
We will gather to preview the upcoming general election with a look at a potential sample ballot in Wisconsin, reviewing the candidates, the new election maps, possible referendums, and other current issues. This class will allow for open discussion, and hopefully answers to some of your questions. Includes suggested resources for voters to do further research on their own before casting their votes.
Presenters will be from:
League of Women Voters Wisconsin – https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin
Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition – https://www.fairmapswi.com/

Thursday, October 24
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Debra Cronmiller (Executive Director League of Women Voters WI) and Carlene Bechen (Organizing Director Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition)
IDENTITY THEFT: PROTECT AND PREVENT
Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the United States. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you are. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it and how to prevent it — including information about Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. Receive tips for safeguarding personal information and how to recover from Identity Theft. Helpful brochures will be available.

Monday, October 28
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Jeff Kersten (Agency Liaison for Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection)

JOIN US FOR OUR HYBRID CLASSES IN PERSON!
We are using CBB, Chemistry Biology Building,
2101 4th Avenue Stevens Point, See the map on page 43.
There is metered parking available in Lot T.

IT CAN’T HAPPEN HERE: WELL, IT ALREADY HAS – FASCISM IN AMERICA
Join us for a timely viewing and discussion of the Academy Award nominated short documentary film by Marshall Curry – “A Night at the Garden." In 1939, 20,000 plus Americans rallied in New York’s Madison Square Garden to celebrate the rise of Nazism. In addition we will discuss the F-Scale Authoritarian personality test which measures an individual’s tendencies and attraction on a spectrum towards or against fascism in society. Links for the test and to preview the documentary will be included in an email before the presentation.

Wednesday, October 30
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Kurt Hase (LIFE Member-at-Large)

TOUR NORTHWIND SOLAR - A LOCAL SOLAR PV CONTRACTOR
Northwind’s facility was built in 2020 and features several solar arrays, car chargers, backup battery and more. Come learn about our business, the solar industry, PV technology and more as you take a closer look at our facility.

Friday, November 1
10 a.m.
Location: In-Person Only – 578 Allen St, Amherst
Led By: Matt Rice (Residential Design & Sales)
Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838;
Limited to 25 participants; transportation on your own
$5 per LIFE Member (non-refundable)

A SIMPLE WAY TO HELP!
Consider making a contribution to the LIFE Foundation! Any donation is used to support LIFE operations and LIFE trips. See page 5 for more information.
THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS OF EXPLORING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
The presentation will address the psychological benefits of exploring your family history. Examples and interaction with the participants will be a major component of the presentation.

Wednesday, November 6
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Michael Schulein (Retired Clinical Psychologist)

CONFRONTING THE AMERICAN EMPIRE IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Why are minority groups now asserting that they “matter?” Why have we been tearing down or moving statues? Why has “identity politics” become so prevalent? What is the deep meaning of “the culture wars?” What has happened to the idea of “patriotism?” Many of these and other contemporary issues are examined in relation to “Building the American Empire” during the 19th and 20th Centuries. Several aspects of our “Empire” past have recently assumed center stage and need to be addressed. Comments and perspectives will be appreciated.

Thursday, November 7
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Robert Wolensky (Emeritus Professor of Sociology, UWSP)

LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION
*The Round House* by Louise Erdrich (2012) won the National Book Award for fiction. This book will transport readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family. Check your local library for a copy of the book or ebook.

Monday, November 11
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Deb Oliver (LIFE Member)

AUTHOR TALK: TAILSPIN BY JOHN ARMBRUSTER
World War II tail gunner Gene Moran fell four miles through the sky without a parachute and lived. Captured by the Germans, he survived a harrowing eighteen months as a prisoner of war, including a six-hundred-mile death march in 1945 across Central Europe. When Gene returned home, he kept those memories locked up for nearly seventy years, until finally sharing with an eager history teacher, John. As the interviews with Gene go on, John faces an ordeal of his own. His wife is fighting brain cancer. Tailspin is more than a war story. It is a story of two men’s separate journeys confronting trauma and loss. It is a story of resilience and hope. Check your local library to read the book before the discussion.

Tuesday, November 12
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: John Armbruster (Retired History Teacher)

TECH RECS
Presentations and discussions about what to consider buying, subscribing to and downloading for easy and better home tech use. This session we will look at the newest tablet and cell phone carriers and internet options, reviewing the best overall choices and the best cheap bargains to consider.

Tuesday, November 12
1 – 2 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP)

LIFE COFFEE SOCIAL
Join us for some good company and coffee (or tea) with fellow LIFE members. We will meet at local coffee shops around Stevens Point. Locations will be disclosed a couple weeks before in Friday’s email. If weather permits we may incorporate an exhibit or walk with our morning.

Wednesday, November 13
10 – 11 a.m.
Location: In–Person Only – TBD, See weekly email
Led By: LIFE Members
PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
This presentation will discuss application areas of AI relevant to our daily lives, including healthcare, media and content consumption, virtual assistants and home automation, shopping, and transportation. We will take a look at common applications of AI technologies in diagnostic systems, machine learning applications, recommendation and personalization systems, computer vision, and natural language processing.

Monday, November 18
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Tomi Heimonen (Associate Professor of Computing and New Media Technologies at UWSP, Ph.D.)

PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS 2024:
A POST ELECTION ANALYSIS
Analysis of the results of the presidential, congressional, and state elections, including what voters seem to be saying based upon exit poll data. How will the new Congress compare to the existing one? Did Wisconsin's redistricted maps make for change?

Tuesday, November 19
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Ed Miller (Emeritus Professor of Political Science, UWSP)

TWO VETERANS, TWO GENERATIONS, AND THEIR STORIES OF SERVING OTHERS
From the inception of the Vet's House in Madison 50 years ago, Vietnam Veteran, Dan Naylor has worked tirelessly to support Veteran's returning from war. Together, with his daughter, Laura Colbert, an Iraq Combat Veteran, they share their trials, their healing, and the power of service.

Tuesday, November 19
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Laura Colbert (Masters in Educational Leadership and Professional Development, Bachelors in Kinesiology)
  Dan Naylor (Masters Public Administration and Bachelors in Business Management)
LIFE CARD SOCIAL
Whether you are an avid card player or someone who wants to learn some new card games, join our card playing social with your fellow LIFE members. We will start with the more popular card games and can introduce some not so famous card games as interest arises.

Wednesday, November 20
10 a.m.
Location: In–Person Only – TBD, See weekly email
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

BASKETBALL BASICS – PART TWO
Continuation of Part One from November 14.
Do you have grandchildren that play basketball? Do you watch basketball but do not always understand what is being called by the officials? Are you sometimes confused because what you see happen on the court is not necessarily the same as what is sometimes explained by TV announcers? Would you like to be more knowledgeable and join in conversation about basketball? Then join us for a fun-filled discussion and demonstration of the rules, violations, players, officials, and other major aspects of the game. The presenters have a combined 85 years of high school basketball officiating experience and aim to help you to better understand the game as it is played today.

Thursday, November 21
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Tom Ordens, Dave Dahlinger, Dave Acaley (Combined 85 years of officiating experience in high school basketball including state tournament playoffs)

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF

Thursday, November 21
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

MRS. DOUBTFIRE: THE MUSICAL
Join us on this day trip to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center to see everyone’s favorite Scottish nanny in the new hit musical critics call “wonderful, heart-warming, and laugh-out-loud funny.” Based on the beloved film, Mrs. Doubtfire tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. This trip includes tickets to the show, dinner at Pullman’s At Trolley Square, and coach bus to Appleton and back.

Saturday, November 23
All Day
Location: Performing Arts Center, Appleton
Led By: Anne Rogalski (Associate Director, CE) and Kelly Bird (CE Administrative Assistant)
Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $235 | Non-LIFE $255

BOOKS THAT MAYBE OF INTEREST
LIFE Member, Emeritus Professor Bill Kirby is an avid reader and blogger. Discuss eight non-fiction books, mostly about our minds, bodies and experiences that Bill and his blog followers have found helpful.

Monday, November 25
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Bill Kirby (Emeritus Professor in UWSP School of Education)

FILM DISCUSSION
Every two weeks, Roger Bullis and/or Carol Colby will lead a discussion about a film. Film titles will be announced a week or so ahead of time via email and social media.

Tuesday, November 26
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP) and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)

LIFE Membership Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend.

Monday, December 2
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Membership/Promotion Committee Chair)
**HOW IS AIR POLLUTION RELATED TO DEMENTIA?**
There are twelve known causes of dementia and air pollution is one. How might particles in the air harm the brain? Recent studies have demonstrated the presence of tiny nanoparticles of air pollution within brain cells. There is evidence suggesting that these particles enter the brain through the nose at the point where nerve cells for our sense of smell pass through the nose to enter the brain. Although the complete story is still unclear, it is possible that air pollution directly harms brain cells when air pollution particles enter the brain.

**Wednesday, December 4**
10 – 11:30 a.m.
**Location:** Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
**Led By:** Bruce Krawisz M.D. (certified in specialty of Pathology by American Board of Pathologist)

**POST–SHOW TALKBACK – AFTERIMAGES 2024**
Afterimages is an exciting and unique experience in the UWSP Department of Theatre and Dance, allowing students to experiment with their artistry in a safe and collaborative space. The dances are inspired by personal experiences and relationships. Join the directors for a post-show chat on these performances. LIFE members are welcome to bring a Non-LIFE member as a guest to the post-show event.

Tickets for the performance must be purchased separately through the UWSP Box Office or online.

**Sunday, December 8**
Following 2 p.m. performance
**Location:** In–Person Only – Stevens Point Campus
Noel Fine Arts Center 221
**Led By:** Student Choreographers

**LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION**
*This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. (2019) In 1932, Minnesota the Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O’Banion, a lively boy whose exploits earn him the superintendent’s wrath. Forced to flee, he and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own. Check your local library for a copy of the book or ebook.

**Monday, December 9**
1 – 2:30 p.m.
**Location:** Zoom Meeting Only
**Led By:** Teresa Stoltenberg (LIFE Member at Large)

**LIFE Board Meeting**
All are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, December 10**
9 – 10:30 a.m.
**Location:** Zoom Meeting Only
**Led By:** Ed Miller (LIFE President)

**TECH RECS**
Presentations and discussions about what to consider buying, subscribing to and downloading for easy and better home tech use. This session we will discuss if you need a new TV, the best sets and options to watch for and why you should wait until January or February.

**Tuesday, December 10**
1 – 2 p.m.
**Location:** Zoom Meeting Only
**Led By:** Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP)

**FILM DISCUSSION**
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**Tuesday, December 10**
3 – 4:30 p.m.
**Location:** Zoom Meeting Only
**Led By:** Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP) and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)
LIFE COFFEE SOCIAL
Join us for some good company and coffee (or tea) with fellow LIFE members. We will meet at local coffee shops around Stevens Point. Locations will be disclosed a couple weeks before in Friday’s email. If weather permits we may incorporate an exhibit or walk with our morning.

Wednesday, December 11
10 – 11 a.m.
Location: In–Person Only – TBD, See weekly email
Led By: LIFE Members

SAVING MONEY WITH THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT
Learn how to save money, upgrade your home, and protect the environment at the same time with President Biden’s Affordable Clean Energy Plan. There are a variety of benefits to take advantage of that reduce the upfront cost of home upgrades and reduce your monthly utility bills. From upgrading your house’s heating system to saving on new windows, from installing solar to getting an electric car, learn how you can save money and protect the environment. The presenter, Maxwell, is currently working in Stevens Point on Clean Energy and Clean Water Issues. He is passionate about our society’s transition to clean energy and sustainability.

Thursday, December 12
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Stevens Point Campus – CBB 161
Led By: Maxwell Johnson (Central Organizer for Wisconsin Conservation Voters, UWSP Alumni)

ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS TRIP
Join us for an enchanting day filled with holiday flair. Our first stop is the Wauwatosa Holiday Market: an outdoor European Christmas Market with traditional food, unique shopping experiences, and live entertainment. Next, we visit the Milwaukee Domes to see their holiday decorations, vibrant poinsettias, and other seasonal plants. Our last stop will be in Cedarburg to witness “The Most Enchanting Christmastime Main Street in the Country” as selected by OnlyInYourState.com in 2023! Explore the decked-out streets of holiday lights, beautiful store front windows, and charming boutiques. You will find many options for a place to eat in this “Christmassy” town. The trip price includes coach bus transportation and entrance into the domes. You are responsible for your meals.

Friday, December 13
All Day
Location: Milwaukee Area
Led By: Anne Rogalski (Associate Director, CE), and Kelly Bird (CE Administrative Assistant)
Pre-registration Required: Online or Call 715-346-3838
LIFE: $89 | Non-LIFE $109

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF

Thursday, December 19
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

GOOD IDEAS CONFERENCE – 40TH ANNUAL
A University Experience for Adults! Join a group of adult lifelong learners for an enriching three-day conference.
Please see https://www3.uwsp.edu/conted/Pages/Good-Ideas.aspx

Tuesday – Thursday
January 7 – 9
Class times will vary
Pre-registration Required
Location: UWSP Wausau Campus
In–Person or select online

LIFE BOOK DISCUSSION
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult (2022) is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves. Check your local library for a copy of the book or ebook.

Monday, January 13
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Mary Zinda (LIFE Member)
FILM DISCUSSION
Every two weeks, Roger Bullis and/or Carol Colby will lead a discussion about a film. Film titles will be announced a week or so ahead of time via email and social media.

Tuesday, January 14
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP) and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)

LIFE’S HISTORY BOOKSHELF
Join in the discussion of *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel Brown. New York: Viking, 2013. See page 7 for program description. Check your local library for the book or ebook to read before the discussion.

Thursday, January 16
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Andy Barnett (Retired Librarian)

LIFE Curriculum Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend.

Monday, January 21
10:30 a.m. – Noon
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Paul Shogren (LIFE Curriculum Committee Chair)

FILM DISCUSSION
Every two weeks, Roger Bullis and/or Carol Colby will lead a discussion about a film. Film titles will be announced a week or so ahead of time via email and social media.

Tuesday, January 28
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting Only
Led By: Roger Bullis (Emeritus Professor of Digital and Mass Media, UWSP) and Carol Colby (Retired English and Communication Arts Instructor)
Perks For All LIFE Members

LIFE Members: Your UWSP LIFE Lanyard/LIFE Nametag grants you perks at ALL THREE campus locations.

Stevens Point
- Free coffee at LIFE Headquarters (Old Main, Room 012)
- Free guest WiFi and public restrooms
- Access to the Arboretum and Public Common Areas across campus for reading, studying, chatting, etc.
- Art Gallery viewing (when open)
- Discounted tickets to select UWSP Music, Theatre and Dance Performances. Promo Code – LIFE2024
- Option to purchase fitness center passes
- Other businesses open to the public (food service/restaurant and catering, book store, and outdoor grounds area, such as tennis courts, etc.) Does not include paid reservations

Marshfield
- Free coffee at the Solution Center
- Free guest WiFi and public restrooms
- Free Parking
- Access to the Center for Inclusive Excellence, Arboretum, Library, Public Common Areas for reading, studying, chatting, etc.
- Art Gallery viewing (when open)
- Discounted tickets to UWSP - Marshfield Campus Music and Theatre Performances. Promo Code – LIFE2024
- Indoor walking route available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Option to purchase fitness center passes
- John Harrington Memorial Athletic Fields

Wausau
- Free guest WiFi and public restrooms
- Access to the Union (music, food, ping pong, gaming) and Library
- Art Gallery viewing (when open)
- Discounted tickets to UWSP - Wausau Campus Music and Theatre Performances. Promo Code – LIFE2024
- Free admission to women’s volleyball and men’s basketball games
- Indoor walking route available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. (please see map)
- Option to purchase fitness center (including racquetball court)
### July

**Monday, January 8**  
LIFE Book Discussion  
Get Goats to Eat Your Weeds!

**Tuesday, January 9**  
LIFE’s History Bookshelf

**Thursday, July 11**  
LIFE’s History Bookshelf  
Bristol Renaissance Faire

**Saturday, July 27**

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Enchanted Christmas Trip  
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**Thursday, December 12**  
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**Tuesday, January 28**  
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Film Discussion

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Keep an eye out for these icons to help decide if a class or trip is for you!

- **Over Zoom**
- **In-Person**
- **Hybrid Class**
- **Daycation**
- **Multi-Day Trip**
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**Adventure Tours**

**Multi-Day Trips:** Our Multi-Day trips are typically week long adventures that consist of a schedule built to give you the best experience possible! Whether you are looking to take a trip to New York City, Yosemite National Park, or even explore Europe, we’ve got you covered!

**Daycations:** These are one day trips that are designed to help enrich your mind with fun local adventures that are never more than a bus ride away. We go to Brewers Games, tour wineries, and explore what Wisconsin has to offer!

**Customized Trips:** Planning a company retreat, family reunion, or any other group event, we can help!

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**Acadia National Park**

October 1–5, 2024

REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 31, 2024

- Explore what Maine has to offer as we hike along picturesque cliffs and breathtaking ocean views, all in the color changing season of fall.
- Enjoy popovers at the Jordan Pond House, visit the Abbe Museum, and be among the first in the US to catch the sunrise on top of Cadillac Mountain.
- Lodging is at the iconic Bar Harbor Inn, located in the heart of downtown Bar Harbor.

**Registration Fee**

- Newport Building: $3,298, +$950 for single room
- Oceanfront Lodge: $3,614, +$1250 for single room

[uwsp.edu/conted/Pages/Acadia-Trip-2024.aspx](http://uwsp.edu/conted/Pages/Acadia-Trip-2024.aspx)
Savannah, Georgia
January 27–31, 2025
REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 23

• There is so much to love, we were asked to “mix it up a bit” from the 2022 trip so that people can go again!
• Experience the city’s rich history, delicious cuisine, and incredible beauty.
• For those interested in history, we will visit various Civil War landmarks and a historic fort.
• Join us on a city comedy tour via a trolley, go ghost hunting, and cook your own classic southern meal.

Registration Fee
Double occupancy: $2,490 per person
Single occupancy: $3,290

Alaska
August 7–13, 2025
REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 7

• Journey through America’s last great frontier!
• On this trip you will experience a Tundra Wilderness Tour, visit a local farm in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, and board a Glacier Wildlife Cruise to travel through the majestic Kenai Fjords National Park.
• As we ride through Denali National Park in a deluxe domed rail car we have the chance to see wildlife, incredible sights, and see how Alaska is a land without parallel.

Registration Fee
Double occupancy: $6,345 per person
Single occupancy: $7,720
Referral Program

We continue to offer current LIFE members an opportunity to get the next semester of LIFE for free! Earning the free membership is easy. All you need to do is recruit two NEW people to join the LIFE program in the same semester. When they register have them include your name in the referral section (or you can email us to let us know you referred them). After the two NEW LIFE members have joined, we will contact you about your free membership for the next semester.

LIFE members may bring guests for a one time free class to see if they like it.

What is LIFE? Selling points:

- A membership-based association of nearly 250 adult learners providing the opportunity to share learning experiences and to discover new joys in life.
- LIFE offers 60-70 individual learning opportunities per semester, lead by visiting experts, community leaders, UWSP faculty, and LIFE members.
- Participate in discussions with adults of similar age, with similar interest.
- Attend field trips to experience learning opportunities about area events, institutions, and activities.
- Hybrid options are available for you to meet and socialize with other LIFE members.
- You can attend classes in the comfort of your own home (wherever that may be) or while on vacation with our zoom options.
- Tech help for Zooms available if needed.

Contact us if you would like to any marketing materials to pass around.

Learning Is ForEver Registration
Fall 2024

Registration Options:
1. Register online with payment options to mail in a check (to help LIFE avoid credit card fees) or pay with credit card.
2. Fill out form below and mail with check (or drop off) to UWSP Continuing Education, 2100 Main Street, Old Main 032, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Name (A) ___________________________________________________
Name (B) ___________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________
City ____________________ County ____________State ____ Zip _____
Home Phone ________________________________________________
Cell Phone (A) ________________________  (B) __________________
Email (A) ______________________ (B) __________________________
Emergency Contact Name _____________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone _____________________________________
Emergency Contact Relationship ________________________________

UWSP Release of Liability (REQUIRED)
I and my heirs, in consideration for my being allowed to participate voluntarily in the LIFE program through the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, do hereby release the University of Wisconsin System and its employees, officers, and agents from any liability for damage to or loss of personal property, sickness and injury from whatever source, legal entanglement and death, which might occur while participating in this event. I also understand and acknowledge that I am responsible for my own well being while participating, and I understand the possible dangers and risks involved in this program.

Signature of Participant A / Date __________________ Signature of Participant B / Date __________________

Photography Release
Yes, UWSP Continuing Education may use my photograph and video presence for promotional or advocacy purposes. Initial A ______ B ______
Refunds for tours will only be issued if we are able to fill the spot from the waitlist or if a waitlisted LIFE Member (who has paid for the tour) is not moved to the tour attendance list.

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**FALL 2024 MEMBERSHIP**

| A or B | LIFE Membership (July – December) | $59/person | $_

- □ First-time member
- How did you learn about the LIFE Program? ___________
- Name of LIFE member who referred you: ____________________

**CLASSES/TRIPS WITH FEES**

| A or B | Get Goats to Eat Your Weeds! (July 9 in Wausau) | LIFE – $10/person | $_
|        | Exoplanets - Discovering New Worlds (September 20 in Stevens Point) | $7/person | $_
| A or B | Get to Know the Stevens Point Police Department (September 26 in Stevens Point) | $5/person | $_
| A or B | Birding at George W Mead State Wildlife Area (October 11 in Milladore) | $5/person | $_
| A or B | WSAW Studio Tour (October 18 in Wausau) | $5/person | $_
| A or B | Tour Northwind Solar – A Local Solar PV Contractor (November 1 in Amherst) | $5/person | $_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** $_

REGISTRATION OPENS July 9, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Online registration available at www.uwsp.edu/conted/life. If you do not know your password, click “I forgot my password” at the bottom of the logon page to receive a new password via email.