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KAREN KELLBACH'S SERVICE TO WAUSAU

Life is full of ups and downs, twists and turns, obstacles and opportunities. In each moment on earth there are some people experiencing great joys while at the same time others are facing catastrophic pains. For example, some of our co-workers are experiencing the joy of becoming a parent. But simultaneously one of our greatest supporters on the city council has resigned due to failing health.

None of us know where life may lead us and we don't know how much time we will have on this earth. But we do get to choose how we will live our life. Deepak Chopra said "I am here to serve. I am here to inspire. I am here to love."

After I typed that quote, I stood up from my desk and went to a meeting. Before I came back to writing this article, I learned that City Council Representative Karen Kellbach passed away. Of course, in the first paragraph I was referring to Karen and her failing health. The quote by Dr. Chopra spoke to me as I thought about Karen's legacy with her community. She served on the City Council for most of the years I've been with the Wausau Police Department. She inspired the creation of our hugely successful

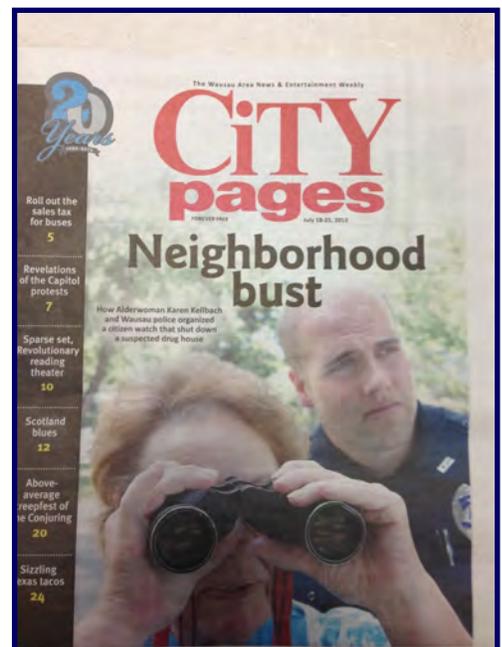
Community Resource Unit. And she loved her community.

We should all be so lucky in our final days to be able to reflect on a life filled with service, inspiration, and love. With this month's article, I am encouraging you to take some time to reflect on your life. Contemplate the life of Karen Kellbach and how she aspired to serve and impact her community.

- How do you want to serve?
- What will be the impact of your life (both professionally and personally)?
- How would you like to be remembered?

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Be reflective on these questions and then take action to achieve your vision for your life. Buddha said "What you think, you become. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you create."

Furthermore, reflect on those people who have been of service to you, inspired you, and loved you. Please take the brief moment to express your gratitude and appreciation for them. I wrote Karen a card this morning, but it will arrive too late. Don't make the same mistake as me. Express your gratitude for people important to you today. Don't wait another minute!!

Karen was a tremendous supporter of the Wausau Police Department. When I sat next to her at the Public Health and Safety committee meeting, she would regularly whisper to me her thoughts on a topic that was being discussed... and it was always supportive of the police department. I will miss talking with Karen, but I'll always remember her fondly and appreciate her commitment to this community.

Rest in Peace Karen.



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Buddha

"I am here to serve. I am here to inspire. I am here to love. I am here to live my truth."
Deepak Chopra

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." *Mahatma Gandhi*

"You were given this life because you are strong enough to live it." *Ain Eineziz*

Awards & Promotions

Congratulations to Detective Anthony Reince on becoming a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)!

IACIS has been deemed by many as the premier international organization specializing in training and certification for computer forensics. On top of his normal case load, Detective Reince has completed the intense CFCE training program and is now one of only about 1800 CFCE's in the world.

This is another example of our officers helping to fulfill our vision to be regarded as the standard of excellence in policing.



Acknowledgements & Other News

Be Amazing



Officers Meyer and Pfaff were lucky enough to attend the Be Amazing Ice Cream Social. They were able to visit with everyone, and eat some tasty ice cream!

Acknowledgements & Other News

Grateful K9

"Huge shout out to American Natural Premium who graciously donates all my dog food! It's so good and so good for me. Also a huge thank you to everyone at Marathon Town and Country Store for supporting all our local K9's." - K9 Theo



He's Famous!



Wausau Police Department's vision statement is "To be regarded as the standard of excellence in policing." We strive to achieve this every day, but we could never accomplish this without our amazing officers. Here is just one example... Officer Nick Stetzer and K9 Badge were featured in the national Police Chief magazine, talking about our successful therapy dog program in the Wausau School District.

Acknowledgements & Other News

Appreciation Event



On September 7th, we were fortunate to have Nate Carroll and his son, Charlie, stop by our department after completing the Run For The Fallen in Kronenwetter. Lieutenant Taylor had the privilege of meeting Nate & Charlie. Nate started a Thanking Law Enforcement Challenge this year. The challenge consists of thanking police officers for their service in all 50 states and all 3142 counties in America, as well as promoting mental wellness among law enforcement officers. Nate and his family do this by writing letters and meeting law enforcement in

person. Nate is also aiming to do One Million pushups this year to show support for Law Enforcement. We appreciate Nate and his family's support and thank them very much!

Needle Drop Off

We now have a sharps drop off at the police department, in addition to the medication drop off. The bin was acquired in a joint effort by the Marathon County Health Department and Solid Waste Department, as the first step in an initiative to provide the public sharps disposal points around Marathon County.

Sharps can be deposited loose in the bin, or within a container, as long as the container fits into the upper door bin.

The med drop and sharps bin can be accessed Monday - Friday from 8-4:30.



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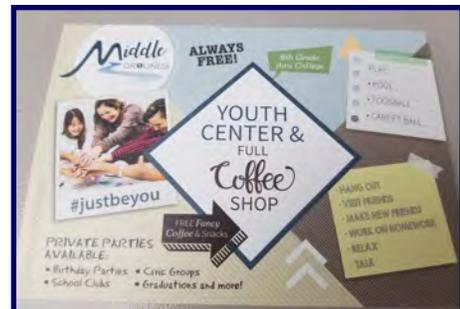


Highland Community Church held an appreciation event in honor of local law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel. "...we were again reminded how blessed we are to have a great team of individuals who serve faithfully to protect and serve."

Coffee, anyone?



Wausau PD was the grateful recipient of some fresh coffee this month. The owners of Middle Grounds Youth Center & Coffee Shop brought carafes of hot coffee, as well as several pounds of ground coffee. This is always a welcome addition to our plain coffee! Thank you so much for thinking of us!



Community Partner Spotlight

Marathon County Humane Society



The next session in our partnership with the Marathon County Humane Society features Officer Jena Zinkowich and Magdalina.

Magdalina is a 5 year old bully mix with big brown eyes. She loves her tennis balls, and is friendly with other dogs.



Officer Spotlight

Captain Ben Graham

I am proudly a lifelong resident of Wausau and have lived primarily on the City's eastside. I grew up the son of two local educators with an older brother and two younger sisters. After attending Riverview Elementary, Franklin Elementary, and Horace Mann Middle School, I was part of the last graduating class of what we term the "old" Wausau East High School.

Upon graduating from UW Stevens Point four years later with a bachelor's degree in religious studies, I began my career with the Wausau Police Department in 2008. In my relatively short tenure, I have been fortunate to work as a patrol officer, drug investigator, administrative lieutenant, patrol lieutenant, and currently serve as captain, overseeing the Investigations Division of the Wausau Police Department.



I am married to my high school sweetheart and we have four children (3 girls, 1 boy), ranging in age from 10 down to 1. In addition to work and family, I serve as a licensed non-vocational elder at Immanuel Baptist Church.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve our community and feel blessed to work alongside such dedicated men and women.