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## 3 events you won’t want to miss this weekend



Guests can bring sleds, tubes, snowshoes or cross-country skis for a day of winter activities on the hills and trails at Tri-Norse Outdoor Park for Nordic Day. MAREKULIASZ, MAREKULIASZ, GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Daily Tribune is highlighting local events happening in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Every week, you’ll find three local events ranging from children’s activities to festivals, learning events, performances and more. Do you have an event you want to highlight? Email event descriptions, posters, event links, photos and more details to [news@wisconsinrapidstribune.com](mailto:news@wisconsinrapidstribune.com).

### Autism Society of Central Wisconsin at Skate City

The Autism Society of Central Wisconsin will host Roll Into Some Family Fun from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 at Skate

City, 2211 36th St. N. in Wisconsin Rapids. The skating event will be for Autism Society of Central Wisconsin members and potential members and will include free skate or rollerblade rental, pizza and soda. The event is free, but additional concessions will be available to purchase. Space is limited, and the group asks people to RSVP at <https://forms.gle/ud2ZQFLKArttkerk7>. For more information, visit [autismsocietywi.org](https://autismsocietywi.org) or find Autism Society of Central Wisconsin on Facebook.

### Ink & Elegance

Timeless Ink Tattoo, Foreverwear Permanent Jewelry and The Outpost Ranch will host Ink & Elegance from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at The Outpost Ranch, 9331 State 13 S. in Saratoga. The event will feature walk-in flash tattoos,

permanent jewelry, henna, baked goods, food trucks and unique vendors. For more information, find Foreverwear Permanent Jewelry LLC or Timeless Ink Tattoo on Facebook.

### Nordic Day

Tri-Norse Outdoor Park will host Nordic Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at the park at 1001 Adams County O in Rome. The group has limited tubes available and asks guests to bring their own sleds, tubes, snowshoes or cross-country skis for a day of winter activities on the hills and trails. The event will also include free pizza. For more information, visit [trinorse.org](https://trinorse.org) or find Tri-Norse Outdoor Park on Facebook.

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## Stabbing victim takes stand for WI Rapids homicide trial

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – A 59-year-old man who said he was stabbed in the head seven times the night a 56-year-old Wisconsin Rapids man was killed took the stand during the first day of a homicide trial Feb. 2 in Wood County Circuit Court.

Randall E. Harris Jr., of Milwaukee, is charged with first-degree intentional homicide for the death of his father, Randall E. Harris Sr., 56, of Wisconsin Rapids, on Oct. 31, 2025. He is also charged with recklessly endangering safety for the injuries to the 59-year-old man.

Harris Jr.’s trial, which is expected to last eight days, began Feb. 2 with the selection of 15 jurors.

The 59-year-old victim said he was asleep when a woman sleeping with him shook him awake at 3:30 a.m. Oct. 31. He testified he heard Harris Sr. yelling the word “Ma” and then four gunshots. It is the Daily Tribune’s policy, in most cases, to not name the surviving victims of a crime.

The man said he ran to his door and opened it at the same time an 81-year-old woman opened her bedroom door and asked what was going on. The man said Harris Jr. came up the basement steps and told the man he should check on Harris Sr.

The man said he went past Harris Jr. to go down the steps where Harris Sr. had his bedroom, and Harris Jr. hit him over the head with something made of glass. He said he stumbled down the steps and then went back up to find out what had happened.

The man said he found Harris Jr. in the knife drawer, going through the knives. The 81-year-old woman was standing near the refrigerator in the kitchen. The man said Harris Jr. took one knife in each hand and then stabbed the woman twice, once in the stomach and once in the chest.

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## Case continues for man charged with trying to kill 3 in fire

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – A Wood County judge ordered a case against a

30-year-old man charged with trying to kill three people by setting a fire to proceed following a hearing Feb. 3.

Michael J. Vandenberg, of La Farge, a village in Vernon County in southwestern Wisconsin, is charged with

three counts of attempted first-degree intentional homicide and one count of arson of a building.

Wood County Circuit Judge Gregory Jerabek found there was enough evidence to show a crime was probably

committed and the defendant probably committed it. Jerabek scheduled Vandenberg’s next appearance for Feb. 9.

During the Feb. 3 hearing, Wisconsin

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