ARTRAGEOUS WEEKEND

FESTIVAL OF ARTS
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
Where: The 400 Block of downtown Wausau
ART IN THE PARK
When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
Where: East Gate Hall and Exhibition Building, Marathon Park, 1201 Stewart Ave., Wausau
"BIRDS IN ART"
When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Exhibit runs through Nov. 13.
Where: Woodson Art Museum, 700 N. 12th St., Wausau.

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Today: Mostly sunny and pleasantly warm.
High: 82 Low: 54
Sunday: Mostly sunny, nice and warm.
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Owners: Obama plan falls short

Jobs proposal not enough to spur hiring, business leaders say

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Local business owners are skeptical that President Barack Obama's proposed employer tax cuts will spur job creation, and said the breaks alone would not drive them to hire.

As part of Obama's $447 billion proposal unveiled Thursday night, most employers would receive several breaks, including temporary reductions in payroll taxes for current and new workers.

But leaders at Wausau metro-area businesses both small and large said temporary cuts in taxes aren't enough to drive employment. Instead, hiring decisions remain based on customer demand.

"I wouldn't look at this and say, 'Hey, there's a reason (to hire),'" said JP Sartori, owner of the Wausau-based advertising agency Sartori Creative.

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The package, which still needs congressional approval, includes a handful of breaks for businesses. They include:

» Reductions in employer payroll taxes from 6.2 percent to 3.1 percent.

» A full payroll tax holiday for companies that hire new workers or give raises to current workers.

» Tax credits for employers who hire people unemployed for more than six months.

» The continuation of a break that allows businesses to deduct the costs of new equipment.

» Deeper cuts to payroll tax breaks for employees. The move would cut a worker's contribution from 4.2 percent to 3.1 percent in 2012. In December, the rate was cut from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent.

Sartori Creative, which has six

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9/11: TEN YEARS LATER

Teachers drive home significance of 9/11

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ATHENS — Social studies teacher Rhonda Stange remembers Sept. 11, 2001, like it was yesterday.

Most of the teenagers in her classes at Athens High School, though, have only vague memories at best of that day. So Stange has made it her mission to help her history students understand not only what happened a decade ago, but how it changed our country and the course of the world.

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COMING SUNDAY
A look back at how we've changed since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"I was about 5 years old," said Abigail Schreiner, 15, a sophomore at Athens High School, and one of Stange's students. "About all I remember is watching the faces of people being shown on television."

The faces were photos of the victims of the terrorist attacks, and the memory of that spurs Schreiner to learn more about the events.

Many of Stange's teaching colleagues across north central Wisconsin and the country are doing the same. Stange, who is a delegate on the Wisconsin Council for Social Studies, said there is no formal curriculum outlining how teachers should teach about 9/11. That means lessons are individualized according to students' ages and the classes

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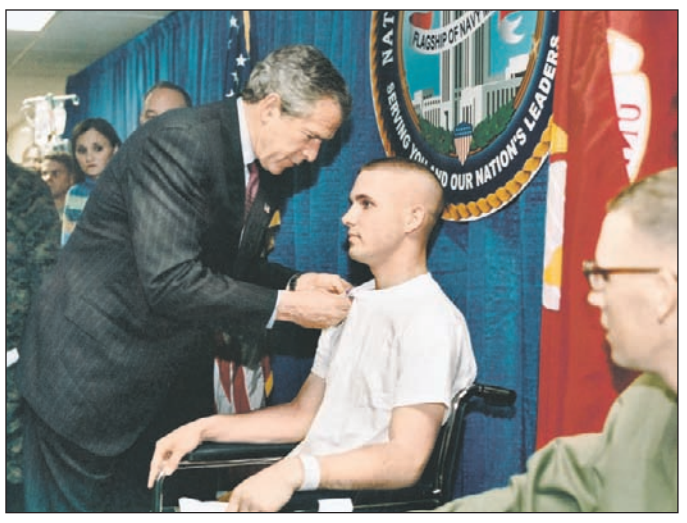
U.S. history teacher Rhonda Stange talks about a poster Friday during a class she teaches about the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at Athens High School. (XAI KHA/WAUSAU DAILY HERALD)

Facing an ongoing battle

Veterans of 9/11 generation deal with stress, flashbacks, more

Senior Master Sgt. Jessica Maple of Kronenwetter pauses at the 9/11 Memorial in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Right: Marine Pfc. Ross Nevienski of Eland receives his Purple Heart from then President George W. Bush at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Both Maple and Nevienski are dealing with the aftermath of their service in Afghanistan and Iraq, even after they've returned home from war. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)



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The Iraq War ended somewhere south of Nasiriyah for Marine Pfc. Ross Nevienski, when a bullet slammed into his right hip.

That was more than eight years ago, but Nevienski, 28, of Eland continues the fight every day. He deals with physical pain. The bullet ravaged his hip area, tearing at nerves and muscle. While most of the searing pain — it felt like needles sticking into his leg, he said — has diminished, he'll still feel a twang of hurt when he sits in the wrong position. He has only partial use of his right calf. He walks with a slight limp, but you wouldn't notice it unless you were looking for it.

It's the post-traumatic stress disorder that has given Nevienski the most difficulty. He goes to individual and group counseling sessions to help him deal with emotional and psychological pain, and takes medication to help him deal with the depression that goes along with PTSD.

Nevienski is part of the 9/11 military generation that has fought the long, difficult war on terrorism that continues today. And he's not alone in dealing with the long-term repercussions of waging that fight. According to the U.S. Department of Military Affairs, 11 percent to 20 percent of veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars end up dealing with PTSD.

But even those who aren't found to have the disorder still find that the war plagues them.

Memories stick

"I don't think it ever leaves you," said Yauo Yang, 30, of Weston, who served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard from November 2002 to November 2008, when he left the service as a sergeant. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry Regiment, and served in Iraq from November 2004 to the end of 2005. He said he has had nightmares and flashback dreams, but was never diagnosed with PTSD.

He's a sixth-grade social studies teacher at D.C. Everest Middle School now, and he said he thinks about

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