

## WHAT'S IN A NAME



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### Stewart Avenue

## Teacher, former POW publish survival story

**F**ormer Wausau resident **Julie (Oldenburg) Phend** recently published with co-author **Stanley Edwards Jr.** "D-Day & Beyond: A True Story of Escape and POW Survival." It is a true account of Edwards' World War II experiences and his struggles to survive in enemy territory and in prison camps.

We're told Phend, who teaches English at Lincoln Junior High in Naperville, Ill., first came to know Edwards, a C47 pilot with the 82nd Airborne Division, when Edwards spoke to Phend's students about his World War II experiences.

Phend, who is a Wausau East High School grad, is the daughter of **Ralph and Mary Oldenburg** of Wausau. She and her husband, **Jack**, have two grown children.

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You'll find former Wausau resident **Allison Zopel** featured in the January issue of *Glamour*



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magazine. Zopel's story, "Trapped inside my body," is about Zopel's December 1999 car crash in Portage and her struggle to overcome the brain injury she received in the crash.

"I was trembling but appeared uninjured ... a police officer asked if I wanted to get checked out at the hospital, but I told him I was fine," Zopel told *Glamour* magazine. "... But as time went on, I started to feel anything but



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healthy. ... When I woke up the next day, I couldn't move. I remember opening my eyes. I was lying on the living room couch, and my mother was standing over me, begging me to tell

her what was wrong. I wanted to scream for help, but I couldn't. I wanted to cry, but I couldn't remember how to. I wanted to point to my head, which felt like it might burst, but I couldn't move my arms. I'd never been so scared in all my life."

Allison's mother **Sherry Zopel** tells us that five years after the crash, Allison, 25, of Portland, Ore., continues on her road to recovery. But she's now able to drive short distances and has returned to work part time.

And she's singing again. Local residents might recall that Allison comes from the musically-inclined **Paul and Sherry Zopel** family. She cut her first CD, "Music From Within," recently.

If you're interested in picking up Allison's CD, you'll find it at the Inner Well in Rib Mountain or on Allison's Web site, [musicfromwithin.com](http://musicfromwithin.com).

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**The United Way of Marathon**

**County** will offer classes called "Parent Talk" this winter and spring that will help parents and caregivers learn to make smart decisions with their children.

Six sessions will be held that touch on setting limits, creating expectations, designing choices, building character and promoting independence. The sessions are held at a variety of times and at several locations in the Wausau area.

For more information, call **Lynn Gabriel** at 843-1940. Gabriel also can schedule an additional session if an organization would like to host one. The sessions are free, and childcare is provided.

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