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When I saw this photo from the April 4 Riverwest Follies. I knew it captured the feeling of the room and the event. The single performer, Beth Ann Pennel, a first time Follies appearance for Beth Ann, showed her and the crowd in perfect form. She had them laughing to her spicy standup gig. Her close fans are upfront on the left. Thank you Ms. Pennel and thank you Melvin Verhein for capturing this moment for us to share. And ooh by the way, she had the crown standing and hugging just prior to this photo. It was a giant hut fest. The couple on the far left are still enthralled.



Happy Shotski Combo...Follies 2026 It ain't Milwaukee without a Polka band.



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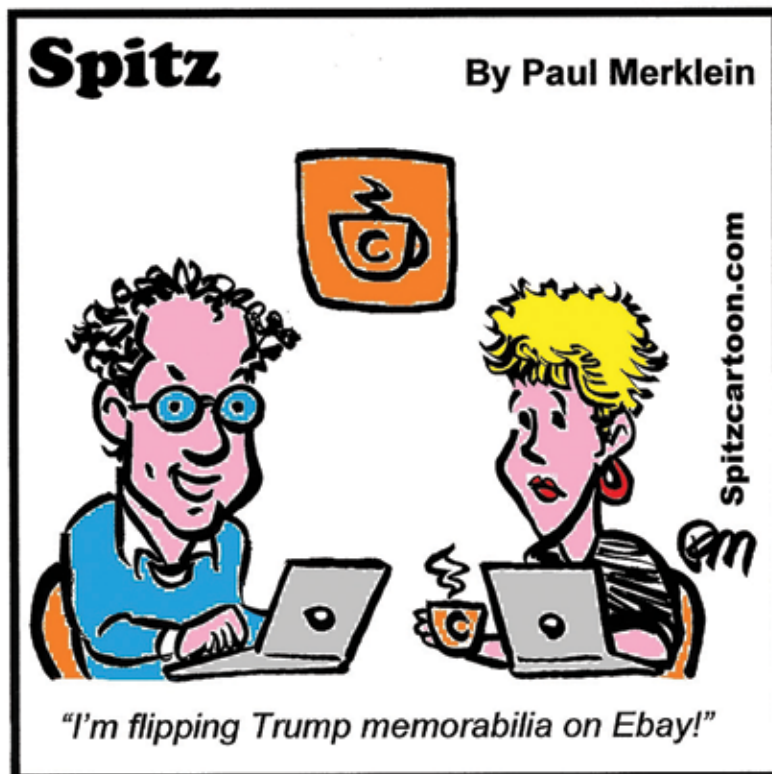
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Get the Lead Out!

Wisconsin Conservation Voters are premiering a new documentary directed by Nels Lindquist, The Fight for Progress: *Wisconsin's Push for Lead Pipe Replacement*, which looks at the ongoing lead contamination crisis in Milwaukee and the people working to address it. The film includes an exclusive interview with Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson.

Event details: Tuesday, May 5 6:00 PM Avalon Theater (Bayview)..Free and open to the public.

Nels Lindquist, Visual Storytelling Manager
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May Day march-May 1st -

Hello Justice Seekers, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee and its Immigrant Solidarity & Action committee will be marching in the May Day march in solidarity with Voces de la Frontera. We will be wearing our yellow "Side with Love" shirts and carrying giant butterflies created at a FUSM art build.

Attend Voces de la Frontera's art build, March with a giant butterfly, 05/01 march in Voces de la Frontera May Day March 733 w Historic Mitchell Street 10:00 am Meet at the North west corner of 7th and Historic Mitchell. 11:00 March to Federal building 517 E Wisconsin .

Join the march if you can. Support social justice and it sounds like fun to march with a butterfly. Even if you are not a member of this church as long as you support the social justice work being done by Voces de la Frontera.



"Ching Suru" musical improv....Follies 2026

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Who Said the Spirit of the 60s & Early 70s Is Dead?

By Carl Hedman

Given the historical importance of the civil rights movement and the anti-war movement, it's easy to forget the less spectacular aspects of the 1960s and early 1970s. I refer to the building of alternative institutions: food co-ops, housing co-ops, free schools, communes, etc. Yet, even as some of the larger projects of this era have faded from view there are signs of renewed interest in building alternative institutions. At least, that is what I have learned from the people who started a new food co-op in the Riverwest neighborhood.

Until recently, I had come to believe that the first decade of the 21st century would be a period when good people continued to retreat into their private lives; licking their wounds, so to speak. God knows many old activists paid a high price for their political involvement. Sometimes their commitment to larger social causes put undue pressures on their family life. Sometimes such "career choices" as dropping out of graduate school to start a food co-op or free school meant that later on they had to settle for being an ad hoc instructor rather than a tenured professor.

But – and this is what motivated me to write this story – the group of young people who organized the Riverwest Co-op have taught me an old lesson: that no matter how victorious regressive social and economic forces might seem, progressive impulses by the young can prevail. More specifically, they have taught me that the idea of a small neighborhood-based, democratically-run food co-op has not been totally co-opted by such natural food chains as Whole Foods, etc.

Perhaps, then, the following account of Riverwest Co-op will encourage others to recapture the spirit of the 1960s and early 1970s by banding together with friends and neighbors and creating other alternative institutions.

Riverwest Co-op was incorporated in February 2001. A group of young people – "bicycle anarchists" I called them – had been working on the idea of a food store that would be owned and operated by the workers. They held a number of benefits ranging from spaghetti dinners to rock shows, generating a list of

people who were interested in helping start a consumer co-op, a store owned by those who shopped there.

I joined the group just as it was time to write By-Laws. We decided on a membership structure wherein members pay \$20 a year into a Fair Share Account for five years or until they have paid in \$100. (Here we benefited from the experience of Outpost Natural Foods, a co-op that had an early storefront in the very block where we are located.) This would represent their ownership stake in the co-op and qualify them for a 5% discount on purchases. Officially incorporated, we went looking for suitable space for a store.

After looking at some places that just didn't seem right, a long-time neighborhood activist declared that he and his wife were going to buy an old Schlitz tavern so we could have a suitable building for the coop. In return, co-op members agreed to provide the massive amounts of "sweat equity" needed to rehab the building. Here is where I began to see the depth of commitment on the part of the young people, many of whom had replaced hippie beads and long hair with tattoos and all sorts of body rings. They did everything from scraping three or four layers of paint from the floor to completely rebuilding the rotted out bathroom floor. (At pain of admitting that the youngsters didn't do everything, I should note that the lead carpenter on the bathroom project was an old hippie and our treasurer and I are no longer youngsters.)

For a while, it looked like we wouldn't be able to raise the money need to build an inventory and purchase decent refrigerators and a freezer. But following the practice of earlier food co-ops, we asked our members for long-term, low-interest loans. Members responded to the tune of \$4,500. (One member gave us a \$2,000 loan and has recently given us a gift of \$2,000.)

The group continued to hold benefits, and on November 3 we celebrated the grand opening of our store. Now our sales are approaching \$4,000 a month, and we expect steady growth as we increase our inventory and store hours. So far, we are oper-

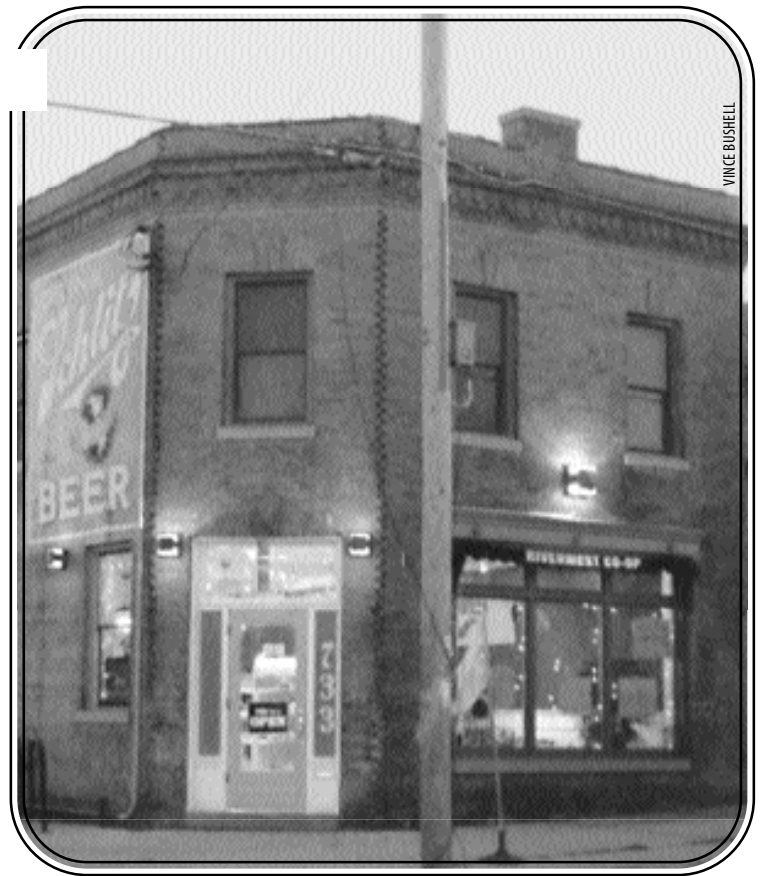
ating in the black. This is due almost entirely to two factors: an incredibly low rent from the building owner and the all-volunteer staffing of the store. (A member who works at the store gets an additional 1% off purchases for each hour worked a month.) Work normally done by a paid manager is done by a series of committees.

The co-op's membership is now over 150, but we hope to continue to expand. To this end, we are constantly seeking people who want to work on PR and membership recruitment. (Come to our regular Tuesday evening meetings if you have any ideas!)

So, to repeat my opening remarks: things are not as dark as they might seem. Rather, it seems that old ideas are being revived by young people even as some of us "old farts" retreat into late middle-age existences. The point, of course, is not to beat up on the old warriors – rather, it is to celebrate the continued vitality of their ideas, especially those where we talked of small, bottom-up initiatives that challenged both doctrinaire Marxists and proponents of cowboy capitalism.

A concluding note: Just as other co-ops and neighborhood activists have supported us in the struggle to create our business, so we would be happy to share what we have learned with other groups who want to start a co-op of some kind. Just let us know if we can help!

Carl Hedman is the secretary for the Riverwest Co-op and is a professor emeritus in Philosophy at UW-Milwaukee.



The Riverwest Co-op is located on the corner of Clarke and Fratney.

"Until recently, I had come to believe that the first decade of the 21st century would be a period when good people continued to retreat into their private lives; licking their wounds..."
 — Carl Hedman

Who Said the Spirit of 2001 doesn't live on in 2026. I don't think Carl would. Riverwest will always be leading the way for people to work together.

To Cooperate. vjb

The Riverwest Cafe opened a few years after the grocery store. Carl and Nancy were regulars in the Cafe. Here Carl is with Eileen Nyholt encouraging people to register and vote.



Remembering Carl Hedman.

The Philosopher, The Community Builder, The Cooperative Champion, The Educator.



A large crowd came to the Falcon Bowl on Saturday April 18th. To tell stories about Carl Hedman and his wife Nancy. It was delightful. Two things reminded me of the essential Carl. His love of working with children and his affection for passenger trains and trains in general.

One story was how Carl helped youngsters learn to ride a bike. A grassy hill in Gordon Park filled the bill. Here the child could roll down the hill and learn balance. The key to riding a bike. Pedaling came later. And if one fell, it was on the softer grassy turf.

Carl worked in the galley kitchen of the cross country trains for a number of years. He loved it. I love train travel and a number of years ago a steam locomotive was coming through Milwaukee on the way to a movie making gig in Chicago. To watch hear and see these smoking steam belching noise making machines of the past was worth going down to meet the train. And there I found Carl Hedman enjoying the show. VJB



Xav & Marc tintype by Amber Ascher

ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE FALCON BOWL, IN THE FORMER COOP SPACE, AMBER ASCHER PROVIDED MEMORIES WITH THE 19TH CENTURY ART OF THE TINTYPE PHOTOGRAPH. AS THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATED THE FOLLIES.



Padre Klisch officiated at the Blessing of the Bock, an important tradition in this beer loving community on Sunday April 12th at the Falcon.

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Spring Peeping-Pedal Seeking

As the daffodils and crocuses start to bloom, more and more bicycles are spotted zipping through the streets and bikeways in the Milwaukee area. Bikes that were all but forgotten during the cold winter months are being taken down from the rafters, lubed up, pumped up and taken to the streets and bike paths throughout the region.

Looking for area rides or want to hear what's new? Pick up a copy of the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation's "Ride Guide" at Vulture Space, Truly Spoken, Dream Bikes or other places around town. An online version is also available at www.wisconsinbikefed.org. The website is also a wonderful resource for rides and events. The Milwaukee Tuesday Night Ride continues in all weather and meets up at 625 South 6th Street at 6 pm (every Tuesday) with a 6:30 rollout. The Milwaukee Rec. Rides are also great for those just getting going. Additionally, www.milwaukeebikerides.com is a new resource for rides and clubs spreading the bike love in the area.

If you or a friend needs a Bicycle Benefits sticker to enjoy the 100+ area business locations that offer a www.bicyclebenefits.org discount with the \$5 sticker on your helmet, the first 40 people who ride over to Kuumba to purchase one can enjoy a free prepared drink in May. Ready, set, go!

If you feel "interested but concerned" about biking in the city, you aren't alone. A study conducted in Portland, Oregon found that 60% of the population defines themselves as interested in riding their bicycle more often to more locations yet concerned with automobile speed and volume as the biggest risk factors. That being said, approximately half of crashes come from solo falls which can be mitigated by a well working bicycle and solid bike handling skills. These skills can be practiced in an empty parking lot or with a friend. Consider posting to Nextdoor or Facebook that you are looking for an experienced "bike buddy" to ride around with and show you the ropes. You'll be surprised by the community of cyclists looking to help you on your quest to enjoy more comfortable bike riding journeys throughout the city.

All residents are invited to attend the Vision Zero Summit - a movement to unite Milwaukee for safe streets - on Wednesday June 10th from 8:30-5 pm at Centennial Hall. Milwaukee Rec.

Plug yourself into the happenings and pedal on!



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"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIVERWEST REFLECTIONS RIVERWEST REFLECTIONS

I Never Saw An Angel Before

I'm out in the garden, when I turn around,
and see an Angel kneeling on the ground...
of course, I'm surprised, never saw one before—
but I'm glad to see this one, that's for sure.

Maybe there are no Flowers.
where the Angel came from...
so the Angel came here,

though it's a long way to come—
whatever the explanation, I never saw one before—
but I'm very glad to see this one, that's for sure.

Crocus Flowers blooming, early in Spring...

I'd travel far, myself, to witness such a thing—
well, it's mysterious, I never saw an Angel before—
but I'm so glad to see this one, that's for sure.

Heaven, on Earth, it might be said...

if I argued with that, I might as well be dead—
I didn't know I was waiting, but it's worth waiting for—
I'm very glad to see this Angel, that's for sure...
yes, I'm very-very glad to see this Angel, that's for sure

Harvey Taylor

Community Happenings

by Ruth Weill - Community Development Manager at Riverworks Development Corporation

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**The 53212Marketplace
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This year, in three
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Fratney Street

Home Again, 3728 N
Fratney Street

**Gathering Place Brewing
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Sundays (except July
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Sunday, June 7 and runs
through Sunday, October
25. With an average of 40**

vendors at each market,
it offers shoppers plenty
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community resources and
so much more. EBT and
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Please visit the
Riverwest Farmers
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Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 30, 9am-
12pm, it's the Bloom &
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Music on the Beerline:
Fridays, 5-8pm -- July 17,
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Beerline Plaza, 3350 N.
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If you are interested
in getting involved in
community clean-ups or



Maybe there are no Flowers.,
where the Angel came from...
so the Angel came here,

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Ripples in Time: Garden Of Eden

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By Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski
What lies beneath the surface? How does the past shape our lives today? In this Current Series, I invite you spend a few moments with Wisconsin tales anchored in location, person, and time. Everything has a story!

**BREAKING NEWS:
THE TRUE GARDEN OF EDEN
IS IN WISCONSIN
EXACT LOCATION
DISCOVERED BY THE
REVEREND D.O. VAN SLYKE**

There's a mythic place—the Garden of Eden—that resides deep in our collective memory. It's a place of beauty where humans and nature exist in harmony. Might this primordial place once have had an actual physical location?

Eden has been a topic under consideration for centuries. While many theories identify locations in Mesopotamia, in 1881 British General Charles Gordon discerned that Africa and India had been one continent and an island in the Seychelles group was the true location. To prove his point, he asserted that a unique *coco-de-mer* tree was the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. In 1863 Mormon leader Joseph Smith learned through revelation that Adam and Eve had dwelt on American soil and the Garden of Eden actually was in Jackson County, Missouri.

For the itinerant preacher David O. van Slyke (1818-1890), the answer to the reality of a Garden of Eden was a resounding, "Yes! The garden existed!" Not a metaphor! Real! He claimed that he had found the true Garden of Eden in Wisconsin, specifically near Galesville in Trempeleau County.

Reverend van Slyke was a New Yorker who first moved west to Kenosha, then on to Galesville in 1854. Here the family established roots, his wife Ann Eliza bearing at least 6 sons and 3 daughters. (To this day, some descendants remain in the area.) Besides farming, he preached the Gospel as a circuit rider, going wherever the Spirit called and two or three would gather. When the Civil War broke out, van Slyke was deeply moved by injustices inflicted upon people in slavery. He was 44 years old at the time; his twenty-year-old son Augustus enlisted in the Wisconsin Company C, so the Good Reverend decided he would enlist, too, and would give spiritual guidance to the soldiers of his regiment. (For those readers who recall my March article on H.H. Bennett, this was the same company van Slyke had mustered into.) They saw fierce action and many suffered from diseases and injuries, which often worsened in unsanitary, underequipped military hospitals.

After returning home to Galesville, Reverend van Slyke felt called to resume preaching. People said he had read the Bible cover-to-cover more than twenty times. He was willing to sermonize wherever people would listen. Although some respected him, he acknowledged that "some have mocked." He pinpointed The Garden north of La Crosse in the Driftless Region. He believed that this area perfectly fit the description of Eden in the Book of Genesis: a beautiful area surrounded by bluffs (which he called "hanging gardens") where three rivers flowed into a great river. After all, he argued, "Euphrates" translated as "Great River," a perfect description of the Mississippi River. Then a reference to three rivers flowing into it bolstered his theory. A map of the area shows the La Crosse, Black,

and Trempeleau Rivers. This was further proof! After preaching this message for many years, in 1886 he published his treatise *Found at Last: The Veritable Garden of Eden*.

In his preface, he states: "On the principle of 'first know you are right, then go ahead,' I have been very slow in making public the results of my discovery. But having become thoroughly satisfied that I have a reasonable thing of it, have ventured to publish it."

Near the end of the preface, he shows the optimism of a pioneer hoping for a better world:

From inherited wealth and luxury comes danger to the inheritors. Our garden is again right. But it should be a place susceptible of, and adapted to moral and intellectual growth, and lead to the admiration, adoration and worship of the great builder of the universe, the Infinite and Perfect. Is there a better place for that, in all this beautiful earth, than is our garden and its surroundings? If there is, we would like to see it.

Van Slyke even accounted for the serpent. The area around Galesville was known for rattlesnakes. He recalls an early settler who killed more than 90 on a path in front of his house. (On a sad note, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee in 2016 reported that the Eastern massasauga rattlesnake is endangered due to habitat loss and a history of bounty hunting.)

As for Noah's Ark, it was constructed of "good Wisconsin timber."

Some critics have said that the last part of his book reads more like an advertising brochure for this part of Wisconsin. He spends several pages extolling the beauty of the region.

Of the scenery we have never tired. It is always fresh and enchanting. And such an inspiring feeling, of "this is my home! O what a delightful home!"

There is more to the story. First editions are rare, but a virtual reprint of his book is available free-of-charge through Gutenberg.org. Read it on-line or download it to a Kindle. However, it might be best to take a little trip to Galesville where you will find reprints for sale. As you enter the town, pause to admire an almost-life-size bronze sculpture created by area artist Elmer Petersen. Van Slyke is looking outward, eyes fixed upon the Garden, an apple in one hand and a Bible in the other.

The preacher picked out his own headstone and burial location, the top of High Cliff Bluff, with the serene vista of The Garden of Eden below.

The world is troubled now, just as it was then—as it always has been. After a life filled with a frontiersman's survival struggles, Civil War strife, and internal religious trials, the Reverend van Slyke found his Eden and reveled in it. For all faithful *Currents* readers, maybe you can be inspired by van Slyke's example and discover a refuge where troubles do not exist, a place of retreat, even if only a clearing on the river trail or a fenced-in back yard no bigger than a playpen.

**Create your Eden,
then invite your
neighbors in.**



"When all these things shall be properly understood by the public, who will not wish to come and see? Yes come and see!! 'Be not faithless but believing,' come and see!!" Reverend D.O. Van Slyke

In creating this ceramic sculpture, I included many Wisconsin animals that share the garden. The serpent hovers at the foot of the tree. Birds nest in the branches. Behind them I depicted the cover of the first edition. An original exists in the Wisconsin State Historical Society. The Reverend van Slyke personally donated it!

Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski, AKA Lolly, enjoys writing this monthly column for the *Currents*. Two of her books, *Memorable Milwaukee: Legendary Tales Depicted in Clay* and *Tannenbaum Arms*, are available at *Boswell's* and *Woodland Pattern*. This sculpture is in her ongoing series, *Iconic Wisconsin*. Your personal responses are welcome at Dwrz@aol.com.

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Neighbor Spotlight: Ralph Larsen Reprint of Sept. 2020 story

**HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON US... AGAIN.
WHAT CAN THE PAST TEACH US ABOUT THE PRESENT MOMENT.**

by Brenna Gonderman

Long time Lower Eastside and now Riverwest resident Ralph Larsen, 79, recalls memories of activism in Milwaukee during the late 60's.

It has been a long hot summer. Thousands of protesters across the country take to the street, outraged by racism, economic inequality and police brutality. The national guard has been called. Curfews put in place. The bulk of the protests take place between State street and Burleigh, from 1st to 5th street. Nearly 2,000 people are arrested. 4 killed.

But, this isn't 2020. It's Milwaukee 53 years ago. A quick google search will reveal that 1967 saw 157 'race riots' take place across the country, which is in itself telling (were they riots or were they protests?).

And that is just the tip of the iceberg. A lot was happening in 1967.

I sat down with Ralph Larsen, an activist who saw it happen. He was a young man when he participated in one of the historic marches across the 16th Street viaduct with Father Groppi and the NAACP on August 28th during that fateful summer.

Larsen was humble from the start. Born in Milwaukee, he grew up in Bayview. He was quick to note that as a young man growing up in an all-white neighborhood, he inevitably held the same opinions of those around him. It wasn't until he reached college, as a young student at UWM in the 60's, that he awoke into social and political consciousness.

At this time, Larsen began to plug into a widening network of revolutionary thinkers. One night, he recalled, stumbling into a bar where the leading leftist thinkers of the day were all gathered and giving speeches. "There was every kind of revolutionary you can imagine," he reminisced, "the socialists were there, the socialist workers party, the socialist labor party, the Trotskyites, even the communists were there. And, the democrats." The press was there, too. It was this same day that Larsen connected with a reporter who would later be called upon by the soon to be infamous Milwaukee 14 and given a time and location to witness thousands of draft documents set a flame in broad daylight circa 1968. The Milwaukee 14 became heroes to some a traitors to others.

Something that struck me, as I listened to Larsen speak, was just how much was going on simultaneously. There were groups of people protesting against Vietnam. There were groups of people protesting against police brutality. And there were others, such as Father Groppi and the NAACP, who were protesting against redlining that prevented blacks from living in certain parts of the city. Fair housing legislation passed by Milwaukee's Common Council was the goal. It was fascinating to discover that those protesting against police brutality and those rallying in favor of fair housing were not the same groups of people. Larsen participated in them all.

Working as a social worker, he volunteered with others one Saturday to process an overflow of cases. There was one particular case that no one would touch. The

young man had been one of the Milwaukee Commandos, and all black-male group organized by Father Groppi. The group dressed in uniform and were tasked with protecting the protesters and maintaining non-violence during the freedom marches. According to Larsen, the whole group was poisoned with racist sentiments. He was criticized for taking on the case even though the entire organization might have come under scrutiny if he hadn't.

When I asked how the movement of the 60s compared to today, Larsen was quick to answer, "There was a lot more hatred going on, unlike today where there isn't. I mean they truly hated us." One image seared into the memory after all these years, is recognizing one of his family members face from within the drunken mob, hurling metal cans and slurs, during the historic march

"There was a lot more hatred going on, unlike today where there isn't. I mean they truly hated us."

across the 16th Street Bridge.

And then a surprising parallel. Larsen spoke of J. Edgar Hoover who had been delusional in his commitment that all those who were sympathetic to these movements must be communists taking money from Moscow. The same way leaders today look at the Black Lives Matter movement, and draw the conclusion they are terrorists and supporters of the Antifa protest actions. Larsen appeared genuinely perplexed by these black and white characterizations stating, "there is no connection, that these ...ordinary people who think something awful has happened to black people. They have to be terrorists."

One of the more memorable marches included a group of roughly 30 people picketing outside Judge Christ T. Seraphim's home and later Judge Robert Cannon's house. A few hundred-people participated in the crossing of the bridge. When I asked Larsen why the onlookers threw the bottles, he thought it was quite obvious, "they didn't want black people to move in."

And so here we stand once again. History is doing what it does and repeating. Progress is not linear.

Larsen's generation witnessed legislation put in place which criminalized discrimination in housing. Racism still exists in the police department, but it is not as bad as it was in 60's. The draft is gone. Change is possible. But even with these small steps, Milwaukee is one of the most segregated cities in the country. The income inequality is worse than it was in 1967. And you can witness a cop slowly murdering a man on social media. Sometimes it feels change will never be fast enough.

If I have taken anything away from Larsen's wisdom, it is that moments such as this, do not happen often. It requires a bit of chance. The energy dissipates. Many of the men and women he marched with have since given up on their ideals.

In 1967, the attitude for social justice was magnified by the Vietnam war. Today, the catalyst has been the murder of George Floyd, unparalleled levels of income inequality, and, of course, the global pandemic. This is energy that cannot be wasted. We don't want to have to wait



another half century for an opportunity to be heard. Our collective power comes from a shared vision. What other goals can we come together in this moment to fight for?

Before leaving, I asked Larsen one more question. "After all that you've witnessed, do you think the arc of history bends towards justice? With a deep belly laugh he replied after a pause. "Yeah. I guess I do."



Father Groppi's annotation, "Father Groppi arrested in front of his parish at a demonstration. It was the second straight night that he was arrested." UWM Libraries Wisconsin Historical Society 1966



Just Seeds Poster: Created by Nicolas Lampert & Paul Kjelland, Milwaukee/Riverwest Artists

The 16th Street Viaduct, now renamed Caesar Chavez Drive, was seen as a line of division between white and black neighborhoods and was nicknamed the 'longest bridge in the world', a joke that has not aged well and leave little room for nuance. It was said to separate Poland from Africa.

Father Groppi had been recorded calling it the "Mason-Dixon Line" in recordings from the times.

Things have changed. The street has been renamed in honor of a famous Latino activist, Caesar Chavez. The neighborhood has many Hispanic families and businesses now. It is true the south side neighborhoods were predominantly Polish at the time, but not just Polish, but white, and racist attitudes toward integration of housing was rampant. It was supported by judges like Chris Seraphim, and the then "tough cop", Police Chief Harold Breier.

Mayor Maier and the Common Council opposed local fair housing legislation, and only conceded after the U.S. passed the Fair Housing Law in 1968. Much praise goes to Alderwoman Vel Philips, who led the charge on the Common Council and never gave up.

Father James Groppi supported Black Power, Fair Housing, elimination of racist charters in social institutions like the Eagles Club.

Ralph Larsen said he felt Groppi had done his best to fight racism and passed the torch to Black leaders in Milwaukee. Groppi left the Catholic priesthood and married. He became a bus driver and organizer in the bus workers union.

He was dedicated to non-violence til the end. He fell prey to brain cancer and from his hospital bed he disavowed violence. He is quoted speaking to a supporter visiting him who was frustrated and was considering violence for the cause. Groppi said, 'Woman's name' "don't ever talk that way, and don't talk that way in front of your kids. The only way were gonna make change is through nonviolence."

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"Lefty" Larsen wins the Newt Gingrich Social Worker of the Year Award.

"You Got a Problem with that PUNK?"



Yes, He was a social worker, and a good one.

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And he had a great sense of humor, and held annual parties.

Ralph Larson and his RCA TV *oops it's an e* at Radiofest 2005

Ralph P. Larsen passed away in the early morning of April 14, 2026. He had been suffering with a blood disease and his health was compromised most recently by an infected foot. He was born in 1940 and grew up in Bay View.

In 1965 as a young man he counseled students at UWM on how to apply for a CO, Conscientious Objector, during the Viet Nam War.

In 1982 when he was 40 years old he published a East Side paper called the Milwaukee Review. The publication was cited and his role in the community was noticed by Milwaukee Magazine and Larsen was one of the 100 influential Milwaukeeans at that time. It is said the Larsen did not accept advertising in the Milwaukee Review because it would bias the papers message. At least in the music reviews.

The article on page 8 gives a closer look into the man and what was important to him. He was politically active against racism and segregation in the city.

He worked as a Social Worker with Milwaukee county and helped many youth during his employment and after.

He was a radio enthusiast and fixed radios and TVs as a side job, but mostly for enjoyment. And of course a sense of humor. Cranky Uncle Trotsky's Vintage Stereo Repair is evidence of that as was his yearly parties at his home on Franklin Place, off Brady, in Milwaukee.

He was a good man. vjb



RALPH'S PARTY
NOV. 26TH - 9 PM
MUSIC BY: THE GREATEST HITS

Ralph Larsen
1604 N. Franklin Pl
Milwaukee WI 53202



10 MAY 2026

RIVERWEST ELDERS

Sharing Wisdom with Community

Riverwest Elders May Event

Calendar

Wisdom Tuesday Potluck, May 12 noon-2pm

East Library 2320 N Cramer St
Welcome to Wisdom Gathering!

Through the years of our coming together, we began to notice that our life experiences have strengthened individual life learning. Each of us has established strategies, contacts, knowledge and experiences for living helpful and clever Senior lives. Then it occurred to us! "Why don't we share what we've learned?"

While we enjoy our lunch, we will establish methods of storing and sharing our strategies for easing living older! Each individual's story can be saved and stored for future reference. Hmm? *Bring a dish to share or your own sandwich. Coffee will be provided.*

Birthday Lunch, May 28, 12 Noon-2pm-North Shore Boulangerie-Shorewood
4401 N Oakland Ave. 963-2153
Authentic French boulangerie
European pastries, croissants, sandwiches and salads.

Our Guiding Vision:
Riverwest, neighbors and friends,
50 Years and over.
We are active people who support one another.
We welcome visitors.
Stop in and join us for an activity and lunch.
News from our Artist Members

We are proud to recognize and support our active Senior Artist members. Recently, they were invited to participate in an upcoming exhibit, titled "No End In Sight" at Inspiration Studios,

May 2-24. Three senior groups are involved: In addition to the Riverwest Elders, the West Allis Senior Center, and the Older. Wiser.Local "OWL" program from Riverwest Jazz Gallery. The Opening Reception is May 2 from 2-5pm during West Allis Art Crawl. Hope you can visit the Inspiration Studios, 1500 S 73 Street, West Allis, 53214, 414-587-3474



Riverwest Elders Art: Susan Leopold



O.W.L. (Older.Wiser.Local) is a program created to serve, enlighten & educate area seniors (50 & up). OWL is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, and Bader Philanthropies.

PLACE: Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, 926 E. Center Street, MKE 53212 All people, ages 50 & up, are welcome. **Gatherings are free of**

charge with free refreshments.

IN-PERSON: Thurs & Fri 1- 4PM

RADIO SHOWS: Wednesdays at 3:30pm, on Riverwest Radio, WXRW, 104.1 FM. Stream live on riverwestradio.com, if you can't get radio reception. Or listen to the archive anytime: <https://www.riverwestradio.com/show/owl-older-wiser-local>

MAY 2026

Fri. May 1 (IN-PERSON) Music Day: Karaoke

Wed. May 6 (RADIO) Karen Beaumont presents: Poetry of A.L. Nielsen (with music)

Thur. May 7 (IN-PERSON) Vince Bushell of *Riverwest Currents*: May 2026

Fri. May 8 (IN-PERSON) Documentary Day: "This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism" (and Qigong follow-up)

Wed. May 13 (RADIO) Karen Beaumont presents: Poetry of Shara Lessley (with music)

Thur. May 14 (IN-PERSON) Artist, Kristin Krienbring: Demo & Workshop

Fri. May 15 (IN-PERSON) Katherine Yets Returns with Hands-On Honing Poetry

Wed. May 20 (RADIO) A.M. Book Report: *Media Literacy for Navigating Disinformation*

Thur. May 21 (IN-PERSON) Cranio-Sacral therapist Emily Klik: Central Nervous System

Fri. May 22 (IN-PERSON): Artist Talk, JGCA: "Where the Wild Things Are", Thomas Schlenker, and "Eleven + Three", Mike Brylski (Small Wall exhibition)

Wed. May 27 (RADIO) Artist Anna Rodriguez, Local Creative Wonder!

Thur. May 28 (IN-PERSON) DIY Creative Day (*bring your own project or use our materials*)

Fri. May 29 (IN-PERSON) Artist Anna Rodriguez, Showcase & Workshop

MORE INFO: Amy Schmutte, O.W.L. Program Manager, owlprogrammanager@gmail.com

O.W.L. is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, along with Bader Philanthropies.

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For current information on our art, music, and other programming, see our calendar on the JGCA website.

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MILWAUKEE RIVERWEST O.W.L. GROUP

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2-5PM

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Open Gallery Hours
Sundays & Saturdays
May 3—May 24
10am-12Noon

COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Forces for Positive Change – Spring Workshop in Riverwest - Saturday, May 16

Even in these unprecedented times, we can develop and strengthen five positive-mindsets to navigate the challenges we face and so maintain a peaceful mind.

Known as Buddhism's Five Forces, these tools will be presented at a SpringWorkshop on Saturday, May 16, from 10 am – 1 pm. Riverwest neighbors and surrounding communities are invited to the Friends Meeting-house, 3224 E. GordonPlace.

The workshop is a program of the Milwaukee Branch of the Kadampa Meditation Center in Madison.

Our teacher for this day, Lowanna Moble, is a long-time practitioner and the Education Program Coordinator of the Kadampa Meditation Center.

She is known for her enthusiasm and warmth, bringing humor and genuine insight to her teaching.

Often asked whether Buddhism is a religion, Lowanna emphasizes that it depends upon the person and their needs. It can represent a guiding philosophy or an approach to daily living. Some view it as a science of the mind; others see it as a religion.



Lowanna emphasizes that Buddha's teachings empower each of us to find real solutions to our difficulties and to find meaning in our lives.

Join us for an empowering experience. The \$25 workshop fee includes light refreshments. **Register at meditationinmadison.org**

1 FRIDAY -- May Day and Full Flower Moon

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Claudettes Album Release with special guest Walt Hamburger. 6:30 doors, 7:30 show, \$15 advance / \$20 door

ART*BAR Live Music w/Severio Mancieri, 9pm

bar centro Paul Silbergleit Trio - CD release show. 8-10pm. \$15

BREMEN CAFÉ Drumbalaya

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave May Day Parade, 3-6pm

FALCON NEST A Modest Proposal + Eyewash, 8pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, free. See <https://www.milwaukeeundergroundfilm.org/> for more information.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Music Day: Karaoke. 1-4pm.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Dead Angel Disco w/ Sick Lilly, & 10 Year Setback, 8pm, \$10

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/ DJ Paul H, doors 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE 2000's Rave! Party like it's 2003. 9pm. \$20-30

NASHVILLE NORTH Mas Verde w/ Torcado, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Fitness-Dance, 6-7pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.

SHANK HALL Electric Six, Tragedy: All Metal Tribute to the Bee Gees & Beyond, 8pm, \$25

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Daft Disko (18+), 8-11pm, \$15+

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Faith Hatch & Company. 2 shows, 7 and 9:30pm. \$12-15

THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Spittin Barz Open Mic, 9pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Crash the Cottage: A Bratty Rivalry Dance Party

2 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Jesse Garwood + John Stanford + Ann-Marie and the Fever Dreams, 6:30 doors, 7:30 show. \$12 adv / \$17 door

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Sam Rodewald, 9pm

bar centro Anne Davis, 8-10pm, \$15

BLACK HUSKY BREWING We Make Better Possible Rally, 3pm. Join Democratic gubernatorial frontrunner Francesca Hong for a rally in the heart of Riverwest, hosted by Black Husky Brewing. Live music, local speakers. Bands: Floor Model, Wylie Jacobs. Also, Full Frontal Puppetry!

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Cool Breeze 9pm, Hot Science 10:30pm, Dj Max Volume 11:30pm

ESTABROOK PARK Grand Opening Weekend, 11:30a-2:30p

FALCON HALL Battle of the Bands 2: Smoke Free Home vs. Courtesy vs In Shining Armour, 8pm, \$5, all ages.

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Opening Reception: NO END IN SIGHT. A collaborative exhibit by Riverwest Elders, West Allis Senior Center Artists, and Riverwest O.W.L. Artists. 2-5pm

JAZZGALLERYCENTERFORTHE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon // Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, free. See <https://www.milwaukeeundergroundfilm.org/> for more information.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Become a Friend of WI State Parks, 11am-9pm.

LINNEMAN'S The Bronswik Affair Album Release w/ Obscure Birds, & The Daisy Pushers, 8pm, \$10

MAD PLANET The New NPost Modern Sleaze: An Indie Video Dance Party w/ Dance Commandr. Doors 9pm.

MIRAMAR THEATRE The Widdler's Midnight Mass Tour, 9pm. With Die By the Sword, Midnight Prophet and more.

NASHVILLE NORTH Midnight Train, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO A Place for Grief, 12-7pm. What if your grief didn't need to be fixed — only given a place to be held? This is not a workshop to learn about grief; it is a space to tend

it. You are welcome to come exactly as you are. You will not be asked to share anything you are not ready to share. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/miujN4A5EUZ5VQqZ7>

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga 12 week course, 12:15pm.

SHANK HALL Seaside Zoo (Grateful Dead Tribute). 8pm, \$12 advance / \$15 door

STAND FOR PEACE at Howell & Layton Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Brett Newski & the Bad Inventions w/ Max & The Fellow Travelers, 7:30-10pm, \$28+

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray "A Chair in the Sky" The Jazz side of Joni Mitchell. 7pm and 9:30pm. \$15-20

UPTOWNER Passion Park Experience 12:30 Barz Fest 4 9pm

3 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney 53212Marketplace - Mother's Day Edition, 12-5pm. Over 25 local vendors, featuring art, jewelry, home goods, apparel, plants, body products, specialty foods and more! 3 locations this year: Amorphic, Home Again (3728 N Fratney) and Gathering Place (811 E Vienna)

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Flake / Mizzy / Crash House / Steal Salvage, 6pm doors, 7pm show

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm // JR Wesley 9pm, Limber Brain (solo) 10pm, Jacob Augustine 11pm

FALCON HALL Big Richard + Bitch Creek, 8pm, \$20

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

GATHERING PLACE BREWING CO, 811 E Vienna 53212Marketplace - Mother's Day Edition, 12-5pm. Over 25 local vendors, featuring art, jewelry, home goods, apparel, plants, body products, specialty foods and more! 3 locations this year: Amorphic Brewery, Home Again, and Gathering Place Brewing Company

HOME AGAIN, 3728 N Fratney St 53212Marketplace - Mother's Day Edition, 12-5pm. Over 25 local vendors, featuring art, jewelry, home goods, apparel, plants, body products, specialty foods and more! 3 locations this year: Amorphic Brewery, Home Again, and Gathering Place Brewing Company

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Open Gallery: NO END IN SIGHT Exhibit. 10am-12pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Period Supply Drive with Milwaukee Diaper Mission, 11am-5pm.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30.

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am.

SHANK HALL Caitlynne Curtis, 8pm, \$20

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Concert: Alternating Currents Live presents Mai Sugimoto Trio, 7-9pm. \$13-15

4 MONDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Wisconsin's Hardest Trivia, 7pm

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Pigeon Pit / Walter Mitty & His Makeshift Orchestra / Antler Locked, 6pm doors, 7pm show

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Thalok

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Place Meditation for Everyone: Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World. Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8pm. Drop-in or sign-up in advance

at meditationinmadison.org/MKE. All welcome. \$15 donation.

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Desmond Bone

MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview MKE Hot Club, 5:30-8pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga with Sarah, Kat or Montana (6-7:15pm)

THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

5 TUESDAY -- Cinco de Mayo

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce WMSE Local/Live: The Demix! 5pm doors, 6pm show

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

FALCON BOWL 3rd Coast Swing! Sweet Sheiks, 8-10pm. (Swing dance lesson, 7-8pm)

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Auditions: MORNING WOODS MERENGUE, 6:30pm

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 2:30 or 3:30 - 6:30pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Party DJ'd by Mr. New York. Doors 9pm. Free cover for ladies, 9-10pm.

NASHVILLE NORTH Lucas Wayne and the CottonMouths, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Community Class: Meditation with Isabel, 5pm

UPTOWNER Vegaz Live and in Living Color

6 WEDNESDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Detroit Style Pizza Night: Cheese, Classic Pep, and a special pie, often with ingredients from the urban farm right next door (i.e. spinach ricotta with no nut pesto). 4-9pm

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm; Passion Park, 9pm

FALCON HALL Rickshaw Billie's Burger Patrol + American Sharks + Pink Fuzz. 8pm, all ages

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Auditions: MORNING WOODS MERENGUE, 6:30pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Danise Esswein

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon); Clown Practice (6-7:45pm); Vocal Jam - Improv and play (8-9:30pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginning Yoga Course w/ Sara (10-11:15) // 6 Week Series: Yoga for Hips & Low Back (6:30-8pm)

SHANK HALL Tommy Castro & The Painkillers, 8pm, \$30

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Sazerac 5 Jazz Band, 7-9pm (swing dance lesson 6-7pm)

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring The Greyboy Allstars, 8-10pm, \$35+

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THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight

12 MAY 2026

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Jackie Venson

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Workshop Series: Over the Prairie//Under the Prairie with Lily Laliou. 6-8pm

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Karen Beaumont presents: Poetry of A.L. Nielsen (with music). 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

7 THURSDAY AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Nerd Trivia, 7pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Toast 8pm, Musical Zenith 9:30pm

FALCON HALL Sluice + Hiding Places, 8pm, \$25+

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Vince Bushell of Riverwest Currents: May 2026. 1-4pm.

LINNEMAN'S Drive-A-Tron w/ Creature Weather, & Vanity Plates, 7:30pm, \$10

NASHVILLE NORTH Rachel Drew Band, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 10am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30 - 2:45pm

SHANK HALL John PayCheck, God's Outlaw. 8pm, \$20

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Live in the Lounge w/ Gabriel Harris & Tori Yocum (Free), 6:30-8:30pm

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Devin Drobka's Resorts Piano Trio. 7pm, \$15

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Trivia, 7-9pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Greg Marshall Pops Out Of The Trees

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Poetry Reading: Alan Felsenthal and Dr. Kendra Sullivan. 7-8:30p. \$Give what you can.

8 FRIDAY ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce S.S. WEB + The Blind Staggers + Gentleman Deluxe + WT Newton. 6:30pm doors, 7:30 show. \$10-15

ART*BAR GEEKART - ART SHOW OPENING. Live music w/Barefoot Mike, 9pm. Live Music w/ Barefoot Mike 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Nalani 10:30pm, Wynter 11pm, Don and Friends Band 11:30pm, Jon Henry 12am, Dj Crumble Gutz 12:30pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Jesus Bolt + SeaBunni + ZombAe. 7-10pm, Experimental/punk/rap, \$10 cover.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Documentary Day: "This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism" (and Qigong follow-up). 1-4pm

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Rock for Hong Fundraiser for WI's next Governor, Francesca Hong! 8-11pm, \$10

MAD PLANET MALL GOTH: Retro Video Dance Party w/ Goth Barge and special guest DJ Halfway Jones from Freak on a Leash Fellowship. Doors 9pm.

MIRAMAR THEATRE Tee's One Night Stand Takeover: FREAK'NIK. 10pm

NASHVILLE NORTH PullString w/ 5PM to Nowhere, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Fitness-Dance, 6-7pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am. Community Class: Soulful Coloring, 4-6pm.

SHANK HALL Pat McCurdy, 8pm, \$10

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Led Zeppelin 2, 8-11pm, \$36++

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Lunar Vacation w/ Runner and Bobby,

8pm, \$26+

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Jerry Grillo - "My Hometown Milwaukee" concert. 8pm. \$15-20

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9 SATURDAY ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Tigernite + Blue Jets + Red Quean. 6:30pm doors, 7:30 show. \$12-17

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Michigan Jazz, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. River-Weird Variety 9pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Julie Thompson and String Theory Concert, 5:30-7:30pm

FALCON HALL Annie & the Hedonists: A Benefit Concert for MATC Students, 7pm, \$50 includes raffle

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Open Gallery: NO END IN SIGHT. 10am-Noon

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon // Dave Schoepke/Tim Russell, 7-10pm, Experimental/free improvisation, \$10 cover.

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KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Bluejae w/ Rob Sende, 8pm, \$5

MAD PLANET LIVE: Chapped Lips, Wonderful Bluffer, and Fake My Death. Theme: Glow Stick Pirate Rave / Costumes Encouraged. Doors 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE YOOKIE - Dark Side of the Trash tour, 9pm

NASHVILLE NORTH Whiskey Nickel, 7-10pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm

SHANK HALL Red Rum Club, The Silkies. 8pm, \$20

STAND FOR PEACE at 16th & Greenfield Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Armchair Boogie, 8-11pm, \$28+

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Joe DeLucia with opener The John King Project, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Marquee & the Moonlighters, 7 and 9:30pm, \$10 + tax

UPTOWNER DJ Grumblegutz

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Tropicadelic with special guests The Quasi Kings and The Palmer Squares

WOODLAND PATTERN at MKE Pulic Library Central Branch Special Event: Milwaukee Youth Poet Laureate Finals, 2-3:30pm

10 SUNDAY -- Mother's Day

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Open Gallery: NO END IN SIGHT. 10am-Noon

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30 // Milwaukee Psychedelic Society, 4-5:30pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Lowertown w/ Micah Preite, \$26+, 8pm start

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12 TUESDAY BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

EAST BRANCH MKE PUBLIC LIBRARY Wisdom Tuesday Potluck, Noon-2pm. We will share our wisdom, strategies, contacts, knowledge and experiences on ways to live better older. Bring a dish to share or your own sandwich. Coffee will be provided.

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13 WEDNESDAY AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Detroit Style Pizza Night: Cheese, Classic Pep, and a special pie, often with ingredients from the urban farm right next door (i.e. spinach ricotta with no nut pesto). 4-9pm

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Traditional Irish Music Jam Session, 6:30-9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

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LINNEMAN'S Sushi Cowboy w/ TBA. 8pm. \$5

NASHVILLE NORTH Country Night: Wire and Nail w/ Cory Waller & The Wicked Things, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 10am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30 - 2:45pm

SHANK HALL Indigenous, 8pm, \$20

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Natural Satellite, 7pm. \$12 + tax

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Trivia, 7-9pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell High Fade with special guest Scorched Waves

15 FRIDAY ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Moth: I Got It From My Mama. Stories about "what runs in the family". themoth.org. 8pm.

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Micah Olsan, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Jake Reynolds 9pm, Merengo 10pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Inequivalent Exchange: 250 Years of American Museum Practice Exhibition Opening, 5-7pm

FALCON HALL Ex Fabula: Season 17 All Stars "Ancestors" Stories of Who Came Before You, Legacies and Cherished Traditions, 7pm, \$15, all ages.

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Kith & Kin Theatre presents OF THREAD AND THORN, 7:30pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Jokes and Jazz, 7-10pm, Comedy, Jazz, Featured Comedians

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Katherine Yets Returns with Hands-On Honing Poetry. 1-4pm.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Luke Callen Album Release w/ Dandy Freling, 7pm, \$10

MAD PLANET 7 PM: REVEL + RELEASE: Interwovxn's Ladies Dance Party (ticketed), 7pm. Retro Dance Party w/ SpudNikk (open to public), 10pm

NASHVILLE NORTH Field Trip, 7-10pm

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PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Dance- Traditional (6-7pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.

SHANK HALL Paul Cebal Tomorrow Sound, 8pm, \$20

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UPTOWNER Space Crime Beats **VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell** Bluebird Improv with Matt Walsh, Brad Morris, Joe Canale & Marc Evan Jackson

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Screening: aCinema Screening Series. Screenings 5 and 7pm. \$Give What You Can.

16 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Hyperbolic + Bowvee, 6:30pm doors, 7:30 show. \$12-17

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Sam Sturdevant, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm

FALCON HALL Shake the Baby Festival, 2pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Place Spring Workshop: Buddhism's Five Forces for Positive Change. Teacher and practitioner Lowanna Mobley. 10am-1pm. \$25 fee includes light refreshments. Register at meditationinmadison.org

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INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Kith & Kin Theatre presents OF THREAD AND THORN, 7:30pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon // Slow Slow Lois (Berlin, DE) + Twilight Furniture (Chicago, IL) + Cathedral Becomes Tomb, 7-10pm, Experimental/noise/ambient, \$10-15 sliding scale.

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KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Afterbirth Cartoons w/ Bloom the Arctic, & Glitzy. 8pm, \$10

MAD PLANET BOWIE vs TALKING HEADS vs DEVO w/ DJ Frank Straka. Doors 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE 30+ Rave - ft. sounds from legendary artists like Calvin Harris, David Guetta, Daft Punk, Avichii, more. 6pm-midnight

NASHVILLE NORTH Abby Kay Band, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Spontaneous-Self Foundations, 10am-12:30pm. Second in a series instructed by Danial Burkholder. Energy Exchange: \$75

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm

SHANK HALL Uncle Lucius, 8pm, \$20 advance / \$25 door

STAND FOR PEACE at St. Paul & Water Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring The Casualties: Detonate Tour w/ The Drowns & Lash Out, 8-10pm, \$30+

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire The Portage Road Songwriters Guild, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Anthony Deutsch - Deutrsch Does Dylan. 7 and 9:30pm. \$15 + tax

UPTOWNER Davonte Lee Sounds of Thee

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Alex Lambert

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17 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Joe Richter Band + Gabriel Harris. 5pm doors, 6pm show. \$15-20

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm.

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Sound Bath, 11:30-12:30pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Open Gallery: NO END IN SIGHT. 10am-Noon

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Kith & Kin Theatre presents OF THREAD AND THORN, 2pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Maifest 2026, 10am-3pm. Live music from Long Line Riders (10:30am); Social Cig (11:40pm); Known Moons (12:50pm); Wisconsin Space Program (2pm)

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30.

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Chef's Table: A Pop-Up Dinner, 4:30pm and 7pm seatings. An elegant 8-course prix fixe menu, inspired by Korean flavors and traditions. See Argo website for details.

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

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18 MONDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Wisconsin's Hardest Trivia, 7pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Parker (Social Cig)

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MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Sazerac 4 Jazz Band, 5:30-8pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga with Sarah, Kat or Montana (6-7:15pm)

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19 TUESDAY

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

FALCON BOWL 3rd Coast Swing! Sazerac 5 Jazz Band, 8-10pm. (Swing dance lesson, 7-8pm)

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Visual Art Critique Group - 6-9pm, free, pre-registration required, space limited

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RIVERWEST YOGASHALA

Community Class: Meditation with Isabel, 5pm

SHANK HALL An Evening with Roxy Music's Phil Manzanera: In Conversation with Steve Palec. 8pm, \$35 8:00pm

UPTOWNER Last Black Rockstart Showcase

20 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm; Passion Park, 9pm

FALCON NEST Clementine + Hang Your Hate + Overhand + I'll Remember April. 8pm, \$15

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: J.R. Wesley

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon); Clown Practice (6-7:45pm); Vocal Jam - Improv and play (8-9:30pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginning Yoga Course w/ Sara (10-11:15) // 6 Week Series: Yoga for Hips & Low Back (6:30-8pm)

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring The Flood, 7-9pm (swing dance lesson 6-7pm)

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UPTOWNER Swamp Rats, Lily Slay, and Tail Light Rebellion

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) A.M. Book Report: Media Literacy for Navigating Disinformation. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

21 THURSDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Nerd Trivia, 7pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Lectures and Libations: The Evolution of Political Polarization on College Campuses, 5:30-6:30PM

FALCON HALL Totally Cashed + Adorner + Fake My Death. \$20, 8pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Chuck LaPaglia Jazz Film Series "Let's Get Lost" (1988), Joel Lehman Quartet, 6:30-9pm, \$15 suggested donation (\$10 Students)

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Cranio-Sacral therapist Emily Klik: Central Nervous System. 1-4pm

NASHVILLE NORTH 2 Weeks Notice, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 10am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30 - 2:45pm

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Trivia, 7-9pm

UPTOWNER Trapped out Takeover

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Concert: Formations Series for New & Improvised Music presents an Improvising Orchestra, 7-9pm, \$10

22 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Hanna Simone EP Release with A.C. the Ruler + *aya + Emmitt James. 6:30pm doors, 7:30 show. \$12-17

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Joe McAlpine, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Faded Places, Memory Spector, Offtide, Wyvern

FALCON HALL Jimmy the Arm, \$20, 8pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Samuel Caiola Trio, 7:00-10:00pm, Jazz, \$10 cover.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Artist Talk: "Where the Wild Things Are" by Thomas Schlenker, and "Eleven + Three" by Mike Brylski (Small Wall exhibition). 1-4pm.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Courtesy Call w/ The Rest, & The Night Painters. Doors 7, music 8pm. \$10

MAD PLANET Retro Dance Party w/ DJ Don Black. Doors 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE United Frequencies ft. Canvas, 9pm

NASHVILLE NORTH Lost Pyramids -- Phish and Grateful Dead night! 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Dance- Traditional (6-7pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.

SHANK HALL Toronzo Cannon, 8pm, \$25

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Joe Policastro Trio, "Screen Sounds". 2 shows, 7pm & 9:30pm. \$15-20

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WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Artist Anna Rodriguez, Local Creative Wonder! 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

23 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Don and Friends Band + Rap Money Mission + They Want Blood. 6:30pm doors, 7:30 show. \$12-17

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Eugene Gruber, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Cocoa Burlesque 9pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Boujee Cup of Joe Coffee Cart open 12-3pm. Also, The Ukuladies Concert, 1-2pm

FALCON HALL DY2KE: Queer Y2K Dance Party ft. R3algirl, Mowiah, Mya, Silver October, Jayxz. 8pm, \$10, 18 and over

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KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Waterspouts Album Release w/ Heavy Bend, & Teenage Ice Age. 8pm, \$10

MAD PLANET Emo Ever After w/ DJ Milkman of Electronic. Doors 9pm.

NASHVILLE NORTH GUNDO!!! Nashville North's Next Model! Content Video/Photo Shoot! 7-10pm

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr The Squeezettes, 8:30-11:30pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm.

SHANK HALL Mike and Friends, Wagon Roots, Chip Cruz, 8pm, \$20

STAND FOR PEACE: Lincoln Memorial & Lafayette Hill Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

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14 MAY 2026

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring
The Brokes: The Strokes Experience, 8-10pm, \$26

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring
Throwback Prom Night w/ Night Fever & 5 Card Studs, 8-11pm, \$28+

UPTOWNER Blood cookie and others tba

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell
Crimewave: A Goth, Post-Punk & Darkwave Party

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid*
Reading: A Homecoming Farewell Weekend, 7-8:30pm, \$Give What You Can

24 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce
Old Timer + The Paper Flames + The Yes And. 5pm doors, 6pm show. \$12-17

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LINNEMAN'S "Peace thru Music" - A John Lennon Tribute w/ many acts! Doors @ 2pm, show @ 3pm. \$15 donation goes to WAVE & The Brady Campaign!

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SHANK HALL Graham Parker, 8pm, \$35

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UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

UPTOWNER Super ego, Parlyze, Temporal Autonomy

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Kurt Rosenwinkel Trio

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid*
Exhibition: A Homecoming Farewell Weekend—Sunday, 2-5pm. \$Give What You Can

25 MONDAY -- Memorial Day observed

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LINNEMAN'S NO POET'S MONDAY - Memorial Day

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26 TUESDAY

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27 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

NASHVILLE NORTH Open Pick w/ Dusty Pockets! 7-9pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon); Clown Practice (6-7:45pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginning Yoga Course w/ Sara (10-11:15) // 6 Week Series: Yoga for Hips & Low Back (6:30-8pm)

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Microbrew Swing Band, 7-9pm (swing dance lesson 6-7pm)

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28 THURSDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Nerd Trivia, 7pm

FALCON HALL Damien Liriano, Melotuned, Nate, Lil La Marz. 7pm, \$15

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local)DIY Creative Day (bring your own project or use our materials). 1-4pm.

NASHVILLE NORTH Ila Rose Band, 7-10pm

NORTH SHORE BOULANGERIE, 4401 N Oakland Riverwest Elders monthly Birthday Lunch. Noon-2pm. European pastries, croissants, sandwiches and salads.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 10am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30 - 2:45pm

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Trivia, 7-9pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Poetry Reading: Janet Jennerjohn and Michele Kotler, 7-8:30p, \$Give What You Can

29 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Peter Mulvey & Jenna Nicholls present Floyd Mercantile. 6:30pm doors, 7:30 show. \$15-20

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Bruce Humphries, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Chromacolor II 7pm, Jackson Wheeler 7:50pm, Homegoing 8:45pm, Mural Hall 9:35pm, Speedy Muffler 10:25pm, DJ Chad 11:15pm, Mochi Voodoo 12:15am

FALCON HALL Kyle Feerick + Lost Orange Cat -- double album release show. 8pm

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Opening Reception: The Rogues ART-INI WITH A TWIST, 6-9pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Living with Tollways, 7-10pm, Jazz/Americana, \$10 cover.

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Crow Eater w/ Chet Garrett, & Keshena Armon. 7:30pm, \$2-15

MAD PLANET LIVE: Substance 101 and The Quilz. Doors at 8 PM / Music at 9 PM

NASHVILLE NORTH Indigo Canyon, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Dance- Traditional (6-7pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.

SHANK HALL Make It Real (Scorpions Tribute), Hair Nation. 8pm, \$20

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Dan Tyminski Band, 8-10pm, \$44+

THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Open Mic: resound return, 7-8:30p

30 SATURDAY

ART*BAR The Great Riverwest Spring Rummage Sale and Flea Market, 9am-5pm

BEERLINE PLAZA, 3350 N Holton Bloom & Groom Plant Sale, 9am-12pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Cool Breeze 9pm, Hot Science 10:30pm, Dj Max Volume 11:30pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Artist in Residence Studio Tours, 4-5:30pm

GORDON PARK PAVILION Soulful Summer Music: DJ Gideon, 3-6pm

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Sapsucker w/ Breakup Tour, 8pm. \$TBA

MAD PLANET K-Pop! w/ DJ Seoul K. Doors 9pm

MILWAUKEE ZEN CENTER, 2825 N Stowell Avenue Watercolor for Meditation and Flow with Tai Kojro-Badziak. 1-3pm. \$60. An intro to basics of watercolor materials and techniques, and a guide to creating artwork tapping into meditative flow. Zero experience necessary! All painting materials provided. Details for registration and payment at info@mkzen.org

NASHVILLE NORTH Los Mitoteros --- Latin Night! 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Awareness Through Movement, 10a-12:30p

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm.

SHANK HALL Spiders From Milwaukee -- Music of David Bowie. 8pm, \$15-20

STAND FOR PEACE: Locust & Humboldt Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Troy Doherty, 8-10pm, \$30+

UPTOWNER Naked Eye and others tba

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ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Fox and Branch's Will Branch. 11am
BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm.
ESTABROOK PARK The Squeezettes, 3-6pm
FALCON HALL Pete & Bas Save America, 8pm
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am.
THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Live Inside at the Argo (Free) -- starts at 1pm, lasts all day! Non-stop music, 3 stages
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Steam Powered Giraffe - The Singing Musical Automotons
WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Special Event: Locust Street Festival, Noon-7pm



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