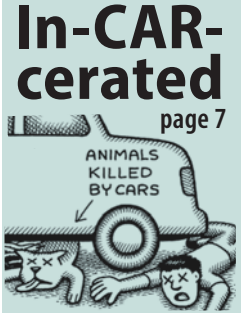


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Riverwest Jazz Fest 2026



by Vince Bushell

After a short hiatus, the Riverwest Jazz Fest is back, with talented musicians playing at several locations along East Center Street on Friday September 25th, from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. An after party and tribute to the Godfather of Milwaukee Jazz, Manty Ellis, will be at Diaspora.

This event is organized by Milwaukee Jazz Vision—the group that founded the Bayview Jazz Fest, with the support of the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, the Milwaukee Jazz Institute and the Great Jazz Summit. Locations include Bar Centro, Diaspora and the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts. (Go to the Milwaukee Jazz Vision or MKE Jazz Live websites for



<https://jazzgallerycenterforarts.org/>

additional information on other locations and the line up of jazz performers).

Jazz is one of our country's gifts to the world, an ever-changing

art form that grows out of its rich history but is constantly evolving to express the ethos of its time and place. Milwaukee's Riverwest neighborhood once hosted several

historic jazz clubs. It continues to be the location of many of our city's venues that present this truly American genre. ■



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Go, Crowley! A note from the Publisher, Vince Bushell

You survived the primary and I hope you voted. The Democratic primary was messy, but that can be a good thing. Crowley won, and Hong immediately threw her support to him. Three thousand votes separated the two – a mere half of a percentage point, with over 625,000 votes cast for the leaders. Kelda Roys came in third with 59,000 votes. The other four candidates lagged (three of whom had withdrawn from the race before election day.)

That is past, and now we focus on the general election on Tuesday, November 3, with David Crowley running against Tom Tiffany.

It is hard for me to think of anything admirable about Tiffany. His ads are full of misrepresentation of his opponent's position. Tiffany wanted to run against Hong, but Crowley is a very different candidate. Tiffany wants to use the same old gambit, and that won't work.

Tiffany is Trump's puppet and Trump is highly unpopular.

Trump lies. Tiffany lies.

Vote Crowley.

Our state future depends on Crowley's election and changes in the State Legislature, whose Senate and Assembly boundaries were gerrymandered



<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/County-Executive/About-David>

to heavily favor Republican rule. That has begun to change, thanks to Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Thank you to Governor Evers for his service and political wisdom to head state government in the right direction.

Hang in there, Francesca Hong and the Democratic Socialists. Milwaukee and Wisconsin have a strong history of Socialist policies. Change can be slower than some desire ... but wiser. ■

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Whitnall Knoll Gathering Circle

by Susan Hunnicutt

Where the sidewalk ends...there used to be a patch of overgrown space that nobody knew quite what to do with. This underutilized, often confusing strip of land abutting the Pumping Station Playfield, has been transformed by a group of Riverwest residents. With the help of a Community Connections Small Grant, this cul du sac turnaround spot is now *Whitnall Knoll Gathering Circle*. A circular bench built around an old Elm tree, two raised pollinator beds, and a hand-painted oak sign mark the spot.

The name is a nod to Charles B. Whitnall, the founder of Milwaukee's park system and a florist whose own garden once filled this area with plants, trees, and birdsong. Project lead Susan Hunnicutt noted that our neighborhood is named for Whitnall, and it felt right to bring some of that spirit back. I do a lot of global conservation work as a citizen scientist, and this project came from a simple realization...

healing the world can start in your own backyard. We planted everything native (milkweed, coneflowers, asters, bee balm, grasses), using the *hügelkultur* method, and honestly, the bees and monarchs found the garden before most of the neighbors.

But that's kind of the point. All summer, while project co-lead, Ebby Szczerbinski and I were out there designing, digging, and planting

Park visitors would pause and take a longer look. Neighbors walking dogs would ask what we were up to. Kids couldn't resist sitting on the new bench.

The garden was never meant to be only about the plants. We also wanted to create a social touchpoint in a time when so many people feel disconnected and lonely.

At our August 3rd ribbon-cutting, about 30 neighbors, friends, and community members gathered to celebrate. Kids painted rocks to decorate the garden, we talked about

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the history of Whitnall Knoll, thanked the businesses: Bliffert Lumber & Hardware, Root Down, WI, Trader Joe's, The Urban Craftsman, Colectivo, Kellner Greenhouses, and neighbors who helped make the project possible, and shared our hope that this is only the beginning. We want

people to come back, watch the garden change through the seasons, help care for it, and imagine what else we can create.

"People protect what they love, and people love what they know." When we learn about a species, a habitat, or a place, we begin to feel a connection to it...and that connection can inspire us to protect it. We hope Whitnall Knoll Gathering Circle can do a bit of both; create more connection among neighbors, while helping people discover the wondrous natural world growing right outside their doors. ■



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Community Happenings

by Ruth Weill - Community Development Manager at Riverworks Development Corporation

The RIVERWEST FARMERS MARKET.

The Riverwest Farmers Market runs **Sundays, 10am-2pm, through October 25, 2026.** It is located on the 2700 North block of Pierce Street, between Center and Hadley. The market has an average of 40 vendors each week. Shoppers can find locally grown produce, flowers, cheese, honey, eggs, various meats, sweet and savory bakery, teas, pickled items, jams, sauces, oils, prepared foods, plants, health and wellness products, home goods, art, jewelry, community resources and more.

EBT Market Match and WIC are accepted at the market. Please visit the Riverwest Farmers Market on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date information.

Beerline Trail: Events & Activities

If you are interested in getting involved in community clean-ups or The Friends of the Beerline Trail, please reach out to ruthw@riverworksmke.org or call 414-906-9650.

For more information, please visit the Riverworks MKE Facebook page or beerlinetrailmke.org

Love Peace & Soul

Friday, Oct. 16 is the rescheduled date for Love Peace & Soul to play at Beerline Plaza.

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Music on the Beerline

The 53212 Marketplace Mini

Music on the Beerline and the 53212 Marketplace Mini are taking place at Beerline Plaza, 3350 N. Holton St., on **Friday, September 18, 6-9pm.** Come dance with us to the music of De La Buena! There will also be special guests from Running Rebels; local vendors; food trucks (Don Pastor and Yadeem's on the Go); and Amorphic Beer.

The Beerline Shuffle

The Beerline Shuffle takes place on **Saturday, October 3**, starting at 10am. Join in and discover the cool things like Kuumba Art Park, showcasing the art, culture and future of the decommissioned railway-turned-linear park.

To register for the Beerline Shuffle, please visit riverworksmke.org and click on the Events tab.

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Summer Summary

By Vince Bushell



Saturday, July 4th 2026

4th of July

Things change, but there is always the 4th of July in Riverwest.



Always. Began in 1911 and continues to this day. Meet at the church, decorate your bike, led by the band, march to the park. Thanks to Ruth Weill and Riverworks and the City of Milwaukee for this great event.

At some point Lake Front Brewery added root beer to the traditional ice cream treat, add flags and it is the 4th: Riverwest style. Picnics, splash pad, Fun. Its summertime.



Sunday, July 12th 2026

Secret Garden Tour

One of the favorite summer events in Riverwest.

And there are lots of fun summer events in Riverwest. It was a warm summer Sunday and a perfect day to take a walk and admire the myriad gardens in the neighborhood. This is one.

Kristin, the host of Site #1, welcomed friends, family, and neighbors to visit her garden. This garden shows what can be done with some planning, structure, and flowers in even the smallest yards. I saw Kristin's mother present while the work was in process. Kristin credits her for her knowledge of plants and landscaping.

The garden is on the corner of Hadley and Bremen Streets. It is hard to miss. So, enjoy it when passing by this summer.

And no, the baby is not a twin. But mom, I assume, found the perfect way to keep the toddler happy. Swinging, swinging, in and back toward the garden. I could not resist the expression of the child as the world swayed to their content.

I cheated and floated them out into the garden. Photoshop. I could not resist.



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Fri & Sat, July 24–25th 2026

Riverwest 24

It's a bike ride, but much of the 24 hours is spent not on wheels but in tents or resting on the grass of places like Pumping Station Park. Besides a friendly lemonade vendor, you could have a tintype made on site for a keepsake for posterity sake. As this checkered woman did. A holiday for letting your freck flag fly.



It's different things for different people in a neighborhood with many different people. On wheels, streams of bikes, all sizes, families and friends finding their own path to a successful ride. Next year I hear it will be 20 years of RW24.



Saturday, August 15th 2026

Center Street Daze

It all starts with a cart race. Well, race is an exaggeration. It is more public-theater where speed sometimes creeps in. But the look on the young boys face with the orange helmet is precious. The Daze continues with a plethora of music, food and vendors. Fun from Humboldt to Holton.

Thanks again to Ruth Weill and Riverworks keeping Riverwest hopping in the summertime!



Restaurant Review: La Finca

by Cari Taylor Carlson

La Finca, located barely south of Bay View in St. Francis, offers a plethora of coffee drinks to satisfy aficionados of the bean. In 2017, this Mexican-inspired café opened in the building many may remember as FIXX, the café with the cozy couches, and began a tradition of coffee excellence as they source their beans from the family plantation in Oaxaca.

The list of coffee specialties is long and includes several house creations such as the coquito latte made with coconut cream, the tres leches latte with sweet cream, caramel, and vanilla, and my favorite, Mexican mocha with milk, chocolate, cinnamon, and cayenne. It was sweet, but not too sweet, with cayenne adding extra bling to the finish. You can't go wrong with any of the house creations, and you will want to return as I have, again and again, to linger with any one of the eight specialties.

Also worth mentioning—horchata, a drink seasoned with cinnamon and vanilla that you can order in a latte, in brewed coffee, or as my companion did, over ice. It was deliciously sweet, but again, not too sweet.

You may find it hard to choose an entree from the Mexican-inspired menu plus all the specials listed on the board. On my first visit, my companion's chicken quesadilla popped with flavors that included grilled chicken, cheese, bacon, and chipotle

mayo.

The sesame-ginger burrito with spinach, chopped red onions, and sesame seeds, was a fascinating combination of flavors but it needed more pizzazz, maybe more ginger, to make it sing.

When you get

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good food in a happy place, you will want to return for more, and that's what I did. My breakfast quesadilla was one of my all-time favorite quesadillas and I'm not sure why. It started with flour tortillas that were filled with the usual scrambled eggs, lots of melty cheese, and refried pinto beans. Then the chef grilled it. That's all it was, just a simple, basic, memorable breakfast that I look forward to ordering on my next visit.

For fun, and for kids of all ages, there's a little bright red box with a door labeled "Trinket Trade." You can take a trinket, leave a trinket,

and then, please follow the rule on the box that reads, "Be Respectful."

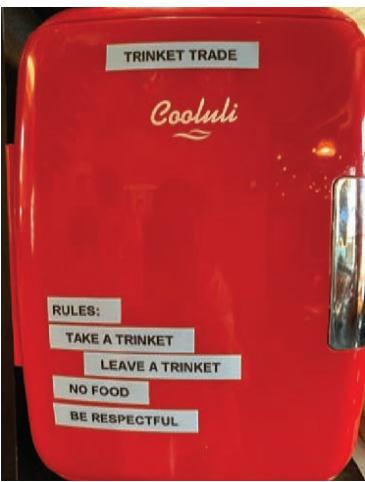
La Finca has a fast-food vibe because you order at the counter, take a number, and wait for your food to be delivered to your table. You can rest assured however, this is not McDonald's. Every dish is made to order. You will also sense that this is a café where the employees are happy to be there.

The name, La Finca, refers to an estate or a farm, or in this case, the family coffee plantation in Oaxaca. Because the restaurant is south of Bay View and away from the bustle of KK, you need to know where it is to find it. Seek it out, because La Finca is special! ■



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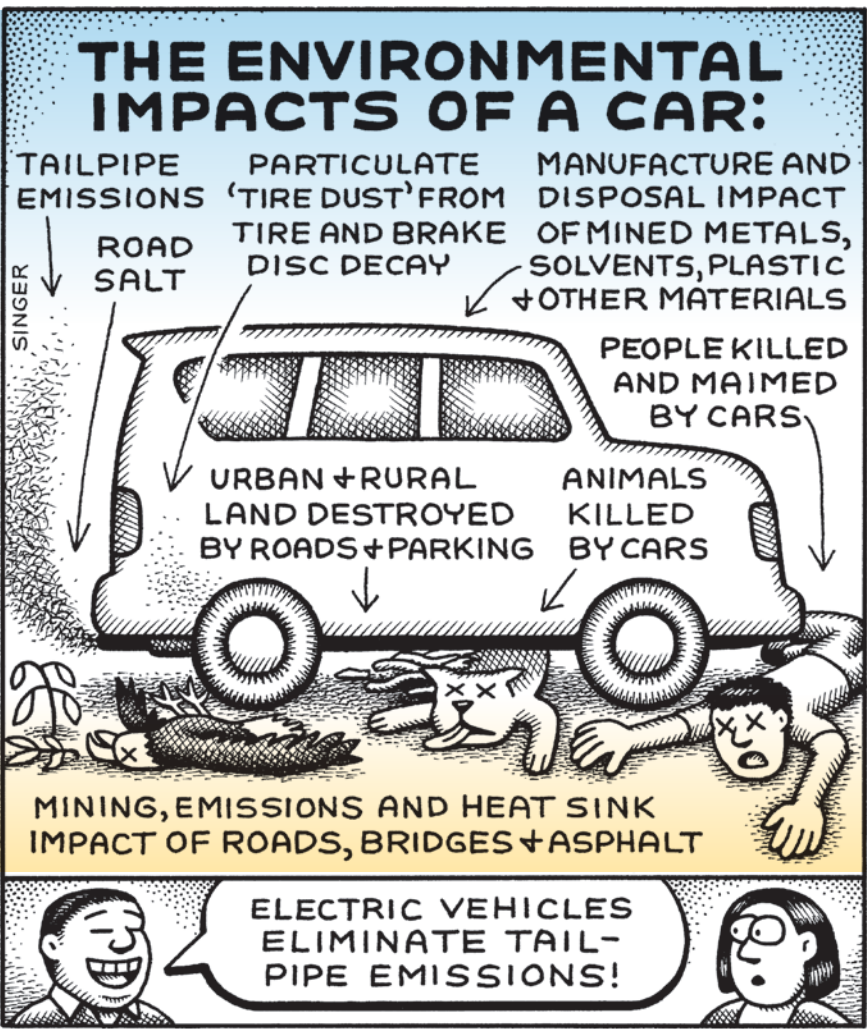
by Ian Klepetar,
founding director of Bicycle Benefits

Once while I was in Boston, a family invited me over for dinner after finding me in front of their favorite grocery store on several instances while promoting the Bicycle Benefits program. I welcomed the kind invitation from the fellow lifestyle cyclist and rolled on over to their apartment that evening. Upon arriving, the father introduced me to their four-year-old child as "someone who had the same dream" as their own child.

The young boy peered into my eyes, and with a sweetly inquisitive voice asked me, "What's your dream?" Without thinking, and with the rest of the family looking on, I instinctually responded by saying, "I dream of bicycles being everywhere." It wasn't my dream at all but rather what I had been "programmed" to say. The child then retorted by expressing, "I dream of no more cars!"

You can't say, "I hate cars!" (Whew, I just said it ... and in print!) But it's not socially acceptable to say it. No matter how many millions of lives have been lost and ruined by those metal machines, it's not safe to say such things. But it should be.

We are fed cars on a stick. Cars with sprinkles on top. Cars as symbols of success, style and self-reliance are rammed down our throats in every way possible from a very young age. Most of us find ourselves wishing we had



one—that is, until we become in-car-cerated.

In-CAR-cerated:

1. A lifestyle that attaches one to motorized vehicular travel to function and carry out their daily tasks of living.
2. Stuck in a car, attached to a car seat most often utilizing a safety belt to hold them in and prevent death.

Perhaps the only car that most of us truly love is the one that's transporting us to where we want

to go? Go to the corner of Center and Holton, watch and listen to the stream of cars, and reflect on how you really feel about them.

The young boy's dream is my dream, and I believe it's many of our dreams. Cars destroy our personal freedom and peace from

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a young age. You can't play in the streets because the people driving cars may accidentally kill you. But parents dare not say that cars are violent and destructive, because they are often themselves the operators.

Granted, I absolutely love it when I witness streets filled with people on bikes, but it's not what I dream of. I dream of no more cars because driving continuously ruins just about everything. Time / space relationship—ruined. Safe streets—ruined. Self-reliance—ruined. Peaceful, quiet neighborhoods – ruined. Community connections—ruined. Healthy soil and waterways—ruined.

Now I've said it: I hate cars! Do you, too ? ■

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~~~~~ Ripples in Time ~~~~~

Cordelia Harvey Following her heart from battlefield hospitals to the White House

by Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski

Early Years on the Wisconsin Frontier

Cordelia Perrine Harvey was born in New York in 1824. Not much is known about her childhood, except that she was a descendant of French royalty and helped raise her five younger sisters. In 1840 her family established a farm near Southport (now Kenosha). At the tender age of 16 she took a teaching job teaching primary level students at Southport Academy. A student reminisced that she could take off her shoes at recess with the older students and “run like a deer;” but then put those shoes back on and take firm control of the classroom.

It happened that the teacher of the upper levels (and editor of the local newspaper) was Louis Powell Harvey. Born in Connecticut in 1820, he arrived in Southport in 1841. The two star-crossed teachers found love; they married in 1847. Their only child, Mary, was born the next year, only to succumb to scarlet fever when she was four years old.

Louis opened a general store in Clinton Junction. He and Cordelia moved to Shopiere (formerly Waterloo), where Louis built a grist mill on Turtle Creek. Louis’s interest in politics and his outgoing personality led him to public service. He helped write the Wisconsin Constitution and in 1852 became a state senator; then the secretary of state; and finally, the governor.

Jubilation and Heartbreak Intertwine

Madison celebrated Louis Harvey’s swearing in as Governor of Wisconsin on January 6, 1862. There were speeches and cheers from assembled crowds. But the celebration was short-lived, as the nation was in the throes of the Civil War.

In April of 1861, President Lincoln sent a formal request to then-governor Alexander Randall requesting 75,000 troops from Wisconsin. Over the months, this number had grown until one in every nine residents was in the army. Deaths were mounting, more from disease than action.

At the beginning, Wisconsin responded wholeheartedly to the President’s call with large recruiting rallies. Women formed groups, sewed flags and prepared lavish feasts. Women gave intensely patriotic speeches urging the men to enlist. As reported in *Wisconsin Women in the Civil War*, “Before commencing

the feast, each company in turn gave three rousing cheers for the ladies, and then the order for three cheers by the two regiments together was given and such cheers and tigers as were raised, are seldom heard.” (I wasn’t

familiar with “cheers and tigers” so had to delve into this: it was common for crowds to raise a loud whoop and growl sound, like a humongous exclamation point, at the end of three cheers.)

Often the event was followed by a dance on the parade grounds. William Love documented a Camp Randall rally: “... the sturdy soldiers and the fair damsels participated in high glee...The weather was delightful, the ladies were agreeable, the soldiers were gallant, and the outsiders in general were pleased with everything....and to the ladies of the country and the city be awarded all the credit.”

The role of women cannot be minimized. They formed support groups and formed

“Perhaps it is not well to open too frequently the deep wells of past sorrows that we may drink the bitter draughts which memory offers. Still, we would not forget the past; our glorious past! with all its terrible trials, its untold sufferings, its unwritten history... Shadows always make the light more beautiful.” ~ Cordelia Harvey

crucial teams in furnishing supplies, canning and drying food, scraping linen to a floss to make bandages, stitching quilts, writing letters. Sanitary supplies were a constant, critical need.

Governor Harvey had taken over leadership when the reality of war replaced recruitment fervor. He took it upon himself to travel to the troops, to observe conditions firsthand and to encourage them to fight on.

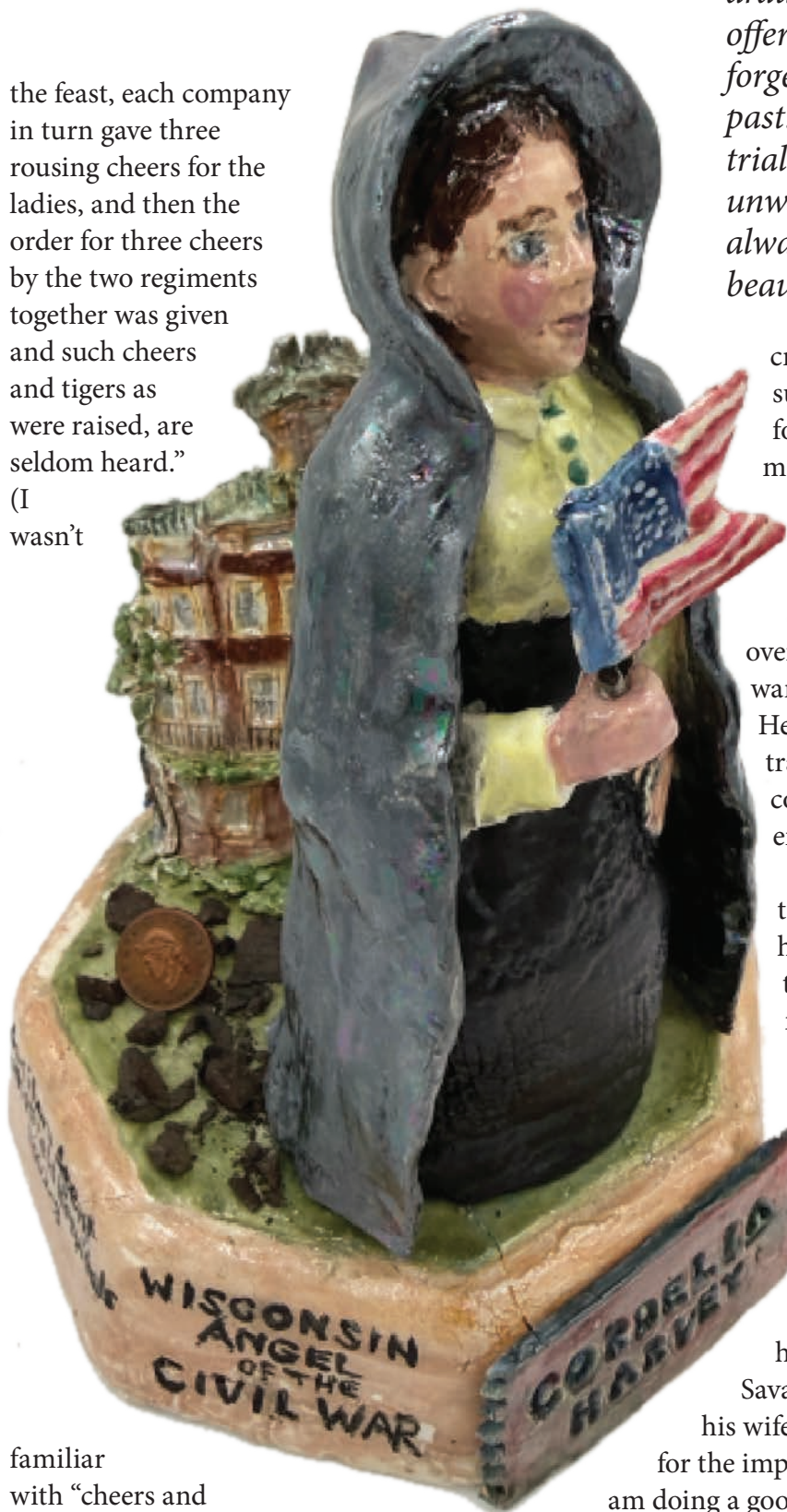
Sharing his enthusiasm for the cause, Cordelia continued her work in Madison. Since they were boarders, she did not have strenuous household duties most women endured, so could devote herself to her work with the Ladies Aid Society.

Louis stopped at Cairo, Illinois and Paducah, Kentucky and rallied the troops. He received a heartwarming welcome in

Savannah, Tennessee. He wrote his wife a hurried letter: “Thank God for the impulse which brought me here. I am doing a good work.”

Two days later, on April 19, he slipped on a boat ramp and drowned in the Tennessee River. His body was not found for 19 days. First, there was a funeral without a corpse; then when his body was recovered and brought home, he had a second funeral and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison. He had been governor for a mere 94 days.

Cordelia, enduring sudden widowhood and having conducted herself nobly through two funerals, was devastated. She chose to deal with personal grief by carrying on his “good work.” The new governor Edward Salomon gave her a job as “allotment commissioner.” In this position she determined the soldier’s wages — their pay and how much would be



sent home. This was a steppingstone to her greatest life challenge.

Cordelia, the Wisconsin Soldiers’ Best Friend

In September 1862, she was appointed a Sanitary Agent. She was required to travel into war regions and check out the hospitals, making sure the wounded were getting proper care and bringing needed supplies. Still in mourning, she could always be recognized by her black cloak. She was called the “Angel in Black” whenever she visited a hospital. She wrote that she wasn’t particularly fond of that title, but that was how the sick and dying soldiers perceived her.

There is a manuscript written by Cordelia in later years — her distinctive slanted handwriting in brown ink tells the tale of her war experiences and eventual confrontation with President Lincoln. It begins:

In the fall of 1862, I found myself in Cape Girardeau, where hospitals were being improvised for the immediate use of the sick and dying, then being brought in from the swamps by the returning Regiments; and up the [3] rivers in closely crowded hospital boats. These hospitals were mere sheds filled with the cots as thick as they could stand with scarcely room enough for one person to pass between them. Pneumonia Typhoid and Camp fevers; and that fearful scourge of the Southern swamps and rivers, chronic diarrhea, occupied every bed.

After visiting hospitals, seeing so many dead and dying, her commonsense approach led her into conflict with the generals. Practical wisdom gained through observation led Cordelia to conclude that the soldiers needed to be brought back to Wisconsin to heal.

By 1863 there had been a problem with desertion, and the commanders feared that if the men were allowed to go home, they never would return. They stubbornly insisted that the wounded remain nearby. Cordelia had an answer: “Dead men can’t fight.”

Confrontation with President Lincoln

“It is always best if you wish to secure an object, if you have a certain purpose to accomplish to go at once to the highest power. Be your own petitioner in temporal, as in spiritual matters. Officiate at your own altar, be your own Priest.”

~ Cordelia Harvey

Her concerns led her to petition Governor Salomon that military hospitals should be built in home states. They drew up a petition addressed to Lincoln; over 8,000 Wisconsin residents signed it.

In September 1863 Cordelia traveled to Washington and presented the document to President Lincoln. But the immediate answer was, “No.”

Cordelia persisted and it took five visits for her to win him over. Victorious, she returned home and the hospitals were established. President Lincoln had suggested that the hospital in Madison should be named after her, but she insisted it be named in honor of her husband. It was opened in October 1863. Other military hospitals were opened in Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien.

By the end of the war in 1865, Cordelia carried on. The hospital became an orphanage for war-devastated families, accepting children ages 3 to 13. She oversaw the operations and the finest care was given.

Cordelia’s story continued. Later in life she returned to Shopiere and married a Presbyterian minister. When he died in 1892, she moved to Fort Atkinson where she taught Sunday school. She passed in 1895 at the age of 70 and was interred beside her beloved Louis in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Madson. Unlike him, she had only one funeral!

Everything has a story. ■

Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski, AKA Lolly, enjoys writing this monthly column for the Currents. With this September edition, she celebrates two years of her column. All articles are available on the Riverwest Currents website. Two of her books, Memorable Milwaukee: Legendary Tales Depicted in Clay and Tannenbaum Arms, can be purchased at Boswell’s and Woodland Pattern. This sculpture is part of her series-in-progress, Iconic Wisconsin. Your personal responses are welcome at Dwrz@aol.com.

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I Plant The Alphabet

I dug a little hole in the Garden. and planted the alphabet...
I put some paper in the hole, too, no, I didn’t forget—
then I covered it all up, just before Heaven sent rain...
and now the Sun is shining, on my splendid green domain.

I’ve done this before, in fact, done it many times...
actually, I do it every day, with the Rain, and Sunshine—
I know it might sound strange, but it never makes me frown:
songs and poems come growing right up out of the ground.

Now you know my secret: I never write a word...
oh, and by the way, I learn my songs from Birds—
it’s all natural, and natural suits me:
I’ve always been a Nature Boy, and always will be...

So, you can thank the Garden, if you like this song...
and don’t blame me, if you think it’s wrong—
lucky me, I’m just the one who plants, and harvests:
far as I’m concerned, it’s all for the best.

I dig a little hole in the Garden. and plant the alphabet...
I put some paper in the hole, too, no, I don’t forget—
then I cover it all up, just before Heaven sends rain...
and now the Sun is shining, on my splendid green domain...
I plant the alphabet



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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>

SEPTEMBER 2026



Wed. Sep. 2 (RADIO) Karen Beaumont presents: Poetry of Danusha Laméris (with music)

Thur. Sep. 3 (IN-PERSON) Vince Bushell of *Riverwest Currents*: Sept 2026

Fri. Sep. 4 (IN-PERSON) Music-Photography Day! Pose as one of your favorite musicians, on our JGCA stage (costumes encouraged, some provided)

Wed. Sep. 9 (RADIO) Local Entrepreneurial Spotlight: Nobel Arts

Thur. Sep. 10 (IN-PERSON) DIY Creative Day (bring your own project or use our materials)

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Thur. Sep. 17 (IN-PERSON) Decades Review (writing & sharing): Focus on Family Peers: Siblings & Close Cousins

Fri. Sep. 18 (IN-PERSON) Katherine Yets: Poetry + Visual Art Workshop

Wed. Sep. 23 (RADIO) Karen Beaumont presents: Poetry of Arielle Herbert (with music)

Thur. Sep. 24 (IN-PERSON) Cranio-Sacral Therapist, Emily Klik

Fri. Sep. 25 (IN-PERSON) Wellness Day! Breathing, Stretching, Chair Exercises

Wed. Sep. 30 (IN-PERSON) Local Musician Spotlight: Elijah Smith

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

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Our September schedule of events is below.
If interested, please stop by on the day scheduled.
Let us know if you'd like to be "connected."

Hey! Have you heard about this?

414 Art Revival An Art Supply Thrift Store!

Julianna Jackson, a Riverwest Artist, has opened an Art Supply boutique thrift store, 414 Art Revival. The beauty of it is that "pre-loved art supplies" can be donated here, then offered to artists who will find "just what" they needed, at an attractive price! Those who bring their extra supplies to donate, earn a coupon for purchase of supplies for the next project! A Win-Win for all. 8001 W National Av • (414) 253-3711• <https://414artrevival.com>

September Events

Look for our Welcome Sign.

Wisdom Tuesday Pot Luck Lunch

Tuesday, September 8th, Noon to 2:00pm

"Catching Up and What's Next" East Library, 2320 N Cramer Street @ North Ave. BYO Lunch and a snack to share if that works for you. We'll share ideas and plan for the coming year.

Birthday Lunch Celebration

Thursday, September 24th, Noon to 2:00pm

Canela Cafe, 2621 N. Downer Ave.

Outdoor or private dining room, menu highlight:s omelets & french toasts also wraps, burritos and more

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1 TUESDAY

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

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Jonny T-Bird, 5-8pm

FALCON HALL Third Coast Swing with live music by 3rd Ward Jazz Band, free swing dance lessons. 8-10pm, no cover.

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!

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

2 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

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

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Polka Steve, 5-8pm

FALCON BOWL Free Narcan training, 5pm. Later, in the Falcon Nest -- Trash Palace: a comedy show ft. Duncan Carson w/Evan Pack & Laura Struve, 8pm

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

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Sam (The Upside)

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Swing Jazz Wednesdays: Sweet Sheiks, 7pm, no cover

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3 THURSDAY

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

bar centro Jazz Jam. No cover. Garrett Waite Trio, 8:30pm. Open jam starts 9pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Ben & Jen, Tail Light Rebellion, The Goddamn Band

CATHEDRAL SQUARE, 520 E Wells Jazz in the Park. 3-9pm. Music at 6pm: Smooth Sailing -- Whole Yachta Love

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Inherited Threads: In Transit. Opening reception, 5:30-8pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Matthew Adam Pejovic, 5-8pm

FALCON NEST Christa Lee with Julia Grace, 6pm doors, 7pm show

FONDY FARMERS MARKET 9am-1pm, 2200 W Fond du Lac. Thru Oct. 31.

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

NASHVILLE NORTH Brain Density, 7-10pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring The Artful Sips -- a guided paint & sip (21+)

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Pink Talking Fish: A Fusion of Pink Floyd, Talking Heads and Phish, 8pm.

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

VEGGAS PUB Riverwest's Hottest Karaoke Show! 9pm

4 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Keep Flying; Local Legends; Minnesota Fatts; Jawline. 6:30 doors, 7:30 show. \$20 adv - \$25 door

bar centro Smoke 'n' Mirrors -- MKE's Jazz Organ Trio For The Masses, 8-10pm, \$10

BREMEN CAFÉ First Friday DJs 9pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Andrew David Weber, 5-8pm

FALCON HALL Live Fest featuring performers from Milwaukee's underground rap scene. Doors 3pm, show 4pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Music-Photography Day! Pose as one of your favorite musicians, on our JGCA stage (costumes encouraged, some provided), 1-4pm

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

LINNEMAN'S Van Tripper Single Release wsg Byrdbrain, 8-11pm, \$15

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

MIRAMAR THEATRE OnWhat?! [Usher Night], 21+, 10pm-2am

NASHVILLE NORTH Blind Hill, 7-10

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Second Hand News: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac (Partially Seated). 8pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring STEEL BEANS PRESENTS: Steel Beans is. . . a Psyop Tour, 8pm

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5 SATURDAY

bar centro Claudia Johnson Trio - alternative rock originals. 8-10pm, \$15

BREMEN CAFÉ Cool Breeze 9pm; Hot Science 10:30pm; Zoetrope 11pm; DJ Max Volume 11:30pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Tony & Bill, Noon-3pm

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LINNEMAN'S The Milwaukee Polka Riot! 2-10pm. Free

MAD PLANET Beyonce vs. Rihanna w/ DJ Frank Straka

NASHVILLE NORTH E-zFlo, 7-10pm

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

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Jon Mroz & His Central Avenue Senders, 8pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Holy Pinto with special guests Moonglow and Waterspouts

6 SUNDAY

BLACK HUSKY BREWING 2nd Annual BBQ, Bourbon & Blues, 12-7pm. Featuring barbeque from Juniors Smoked BBQ, popcorn from Lush Popcorn, cigars from Her Stixx and specialty bourbon cocktails made with Black Husky's private label bourbon. Live music (no cover charge): 1pm - Stacks Edward Band; 3pm - Indigo Dog; 5pm - Tosha Freeman Band

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - The Biermen, 3-6pm

FALCON NEST The Paper Flames, Wyvern, Exitstatements, the Dead Huddhas, 7pm

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

LINNEMAN'S Moth Hands w/ Brief Candles

RIVERWEST FARMERS MARKET 10am-2pm, 2700 N block of Pierce St, between Center & Hadley. Thru October 25.

SHOREWOOD FARMERS MARKET 9:30am-1pm, 4100 Estabrook Pkwy. Thru Oct. 25.

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

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Setting with special guest Keith Fullerton Whitman

7 MONDAY • LABOR DAY

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

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

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

8 TUESDAY

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BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Pat Davidson, 5-8pm

FALCON HALL Third Coast Swing with live music by Old Sam & The Teardrops, free swing dance lessons. 8-10pm, no cover.

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LAKEFRONT BREWERY Drag Queen Bingo: Pink Pony Club, 7-9pm

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

RIVERWEST ELDERS WISDOM PICNIC East Library, 2320 N Cramer. 12-2pm. Bring a dish to share and coffee or other beverages.

9 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

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

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

INDABA NIGHTS, 2450 W North Av Shuga Blu, 6:30-8:30pm

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

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ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Shane Guerrette, \$12 adv / \$17 door

bar centro The GIL Jazz Combo -- jazz trumpeter, 8-10pm, \$15

CATHEDRAL SQUARE, 520 E Wells Jazz in the Park. 3-9pm. Music at 6: Goth Barge

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Michael Tinker Tierney, 5-8pm

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NASHVILLE NORTH Gina Marie and the Golden Bucks, 7-10pm

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VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Dan Rodriguez

11 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Punk Rock Saves Lives Presents: Swabfest! \$10 adv / \$15 door

bar centro Jerry Grillo – Milwaukee Musical Icon. 8-10pm, \$10

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Matt Mueller, 5-8pm

FALCON HALL Shoobie, Carbon Decoy, Glass Chimera, Zang! 8pm

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

LINNEMAN'S BAMM w/ Dandelion Delivery Service + Gabriel Harris Band. Doors 7pm, show 8pm, \$15

MAD PLANET Mall Goth: Retro Video Dance Party w/ Goth Barge DJs: XDominionX & Dance Commandr

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr The Squeezettes, 7-10pm

SHANK HALL U2Zoo, 8pm, \$15

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VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Romance Rave, Presented by From Milwaukee With Love

12 SATURDAY ROSH HASHANAH

ART*BAR The Great Riverwest Fall Rummage Sale, 9am-5pm

bar centro Troubadours of Rhythm – jazz on the cusp of swing. 8-10pm, \$10

BLACK HUSKY BREWING 3rd Annual Argren Faire! A Milwaukee Renaissance Festival in Garden Park, 12-8pm

BREMEN CAFÉ River-Weird Variety 9pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Katsura Sunshine's Rakugo (Japanese Comedic Storytelling). 7-8pm

CLUB GARIBALDI, 1599 E Russell Strummerfest 2026! Eight bands will have 15 minutes each to perform their own interpretation of some Joe Strummer's songs. 7pm. To benefit MPS music programs

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Tour de Taps 2026. Ride party, 4pm.

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Jazz in Vivo! 3-6pm

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FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Living Fully: Beyond Fear & Uncertainty with Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje, 10am-1pm, \$25 fee includes light refreshments. Register - meditationinmadison.org

GARFIELDS 502 R&B FESTIVAL Garfield Avenue, from King to 7th Street. 11am-2pm. A celebration of good music, good food, and great vibes! Come enjoy an afternoon filled with your favorite R&B

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LINNEMAN'S Jon Burks and The Donkey King w/ Mostly, 8pm, \$10

MAD PLANET Global Heat w/ Elechronic DJs: Andrew Optimist & The Milkman

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VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Margaret Glaspy – The I Am Both Tour, with special guest Anna Tivel

13 SUNDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo at 6pm. Music later: Casual Sex 8pm, Half Ivory 9pm, M. Shays 10pm, Ddddangit 11am

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Father Sky with Kati Katchever, 6-7:30pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live Music – Mississippi Leg Hounds, 3-6pm

FALCON HALL Mini Trees, Frown Line. 8pm

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14 MONDAY

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BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Max (Diet Lite)

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meditation for Everyone: Without Inner Peace, Outer Peace is Impossible, 6:30-8pm. All are welcome. \$15

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm,

performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Jon Cardew

MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Monday Night Jazz with Mil Town Flamingos. 5:30-8pm

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FALCON NEST Jim E Brown, with Holy Pinto & Andy, 8pm

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VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Improvement Movement with special guest The Point.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF Wisconsin, 813 E Kilbourn Av Composed for the WCW: 150th Anniversary Concert. Present Music pre-season event. 5:30-9pm. \$43+

18 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Moth: Nine to Five. (StorySLAM - an open-mic storytelling competition.) Doors 7pm, show 8pm

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Eric Blowtorch, John Ricco & MiNei Monique, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Charlotte Court; Oh Well, OK; The Precipators; White Paper Walls

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live Music – Bigger Boat! 5-8pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Katherine Yets: Poetry + Visual Art Workshop. 1-4pm.

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

LINNEMAN'S The Fatty Acids (Set 1) w/ Josh Evert (solo record release) + special guests. 8pm, \$tba



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20 SUNDAY

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FALCON HALL Your Arms Are My Cocoon, Stella, Snag, Frantic Repair

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

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THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring THE BOUNCING SOULS - 'Born To Be Tour' w/ The Suicide Machines, 7pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring THE BLACK QUEEN: Fever Daydream 10th Anniversary w/ clubdrugs, 8pm

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

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21 MONDAY • YOM KIPPUR

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

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

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meditation for Everyone: Without Inner Peace, Outer Peace is Impossible, 6:30-8pm. All are welcome. \$15

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22 TUESDAY

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

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

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23 WEDNESDAY

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24 THURSDAY

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

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Zumba GOLD (Seniors), 10-11am

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live music - Ian Gould, 5-8pm

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LINNEMAN'S Unfathomable Showscapes, 8-11pm, \$tba

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

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MAD PLANET Retro Dance Party w/ Nikki Spudnikk

NASHVILLE NORTH Chained up Alice w/ Whiplash (A Metallica Tribute), 7-10pm

RIVERWEST, Center Street Riverwest Jazz Fest, 6-10pm.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Russian Circles w/ Pelican, 8pm

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26 SATURDAY

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ART*BAR Live Music w/ Matt Froelich, 9pm

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UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

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VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Bahamas: Industrial Sport & Sound Tour

28 MONDAY

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

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29 TUESDAY

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BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

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THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Open House! 5:30-8pm

30 WEDNESDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Laisser Voir Productions Presents: Sespresso - The Steamiest Burlesque & Drag Show. Doors 6pm, show 7pm

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm. Then music with: Calvatia 9:30pm, The Challenged 10:15pm, Mural Hall 11pm

ESTABROOK BEER GARDEN, 4600 Estabrook Dr Live Music – Dave Gonzalez, 5-8pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Local Musician Spotlight: Elijah Smith. 1-4pm

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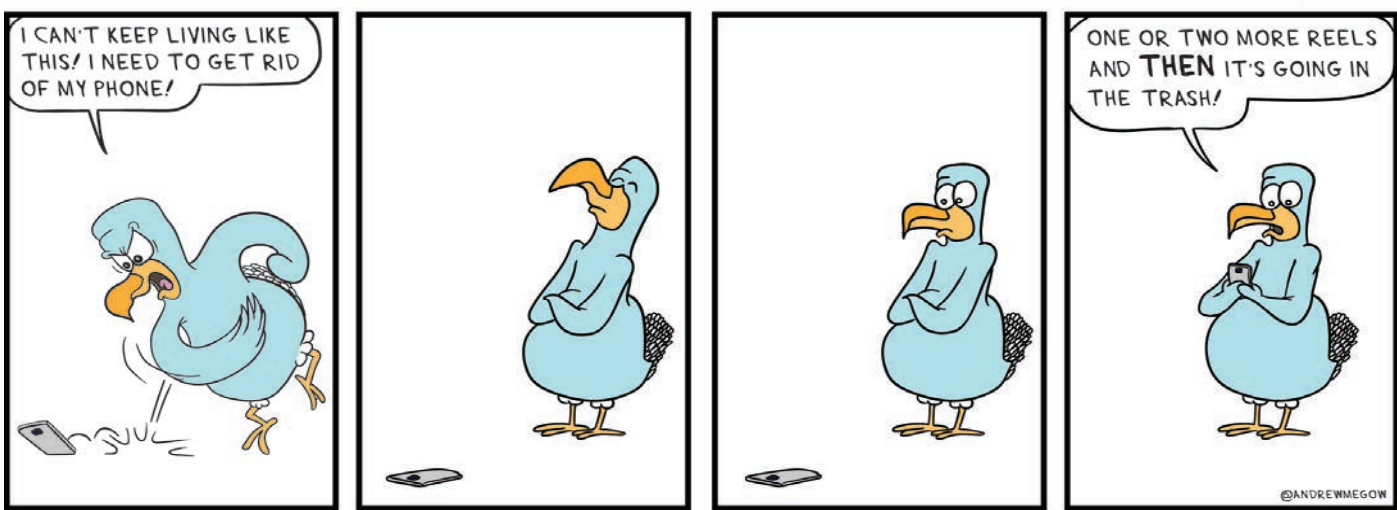
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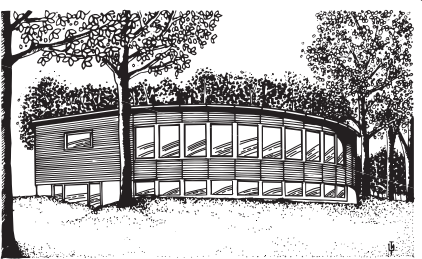
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Full of Hot Air

by Anna Ellie

Am I full of hot air? Do I say things that lack the truth? Or is it the truth that you don't want to hear? How do I measure my value, sincerity and substance if you are the one setting the standards? Maybe I boast, maybe I make big promises and act important, but in the end that means nothing. Because in the long run, life is definite. And you need that hot air to push you forward, or else your balloon is gonna deflate.

Here I am, sitting on a swing thinking, what skills do I have? Well, first off, I can draw. However, that doesn't seem to be of any value any more due to the fact so many people are relying on AI to create those sloppy-ass AI flyers that keep on popping up on social media. I guess more people value the millions of gallons of freshwater that AI data centers use to cool their servers off than the blood, sweat and tears one puts into their craft, only to receive a few social media views. So much for showing off your achievements.

But another skill I have is that I don't make commitments. You may ask, how is that a skill? To quote Fiona Apple, "I move with the trees and the breeze. I know

that time is elastic."

Just close your eyes for a moment. Did you ever think that you would be where you are now? Ten years ago, I was 17 years old, nervously awaiting my senior year of high school, not knowing what lay beyond life after high school. All I knew was that I wanted to be an artist. Nothing else was an option.

Listen to what's around you. The buzzing air conditioner that is much too cold for a day like today. The conversations of strangers that melt into one sound. The music playing, of some artist that you don't know. The cars on the street that drive by and don't even bother to stop for pedestrians. That is just one little, tiny fraction of the world that I am living in that is much different than the world that others are living in.

I don't know how to feel anymore and what emotions I am experiencing. All I know is that I am floating along in a hot air balloon, watching the world pass before me. I am learning to let go. That is why I don't commit to anything. The passing of time depends on me, and me alone.

But it doesn't mean that I'm unfulfilled. I am fulfilled with the fact that as I type this while



sipping on an iced lavender oat latte, I get to share my own words of how I have been floating along so far. I am fulfilled that there's strangers around me getting their own lives together while working on their laptops. I am satisfied that there are strangers outside, living their best lives, and doing what they need to do to succeed.

None of what I'm saying is impressive or groundbreaking in any way. You may even think that

there's nothing useful reading this story. But I do know for a fact that sometimes to be emotionally resilient, you need to be full of hot air sometimes.

We have all endured difficult and chaotic situations in our life. But sometimes if you just take a moment. Close your eyes. Listen. Breathe. You will begin to regain trust and realize that everything will turn out to be okay. ■

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