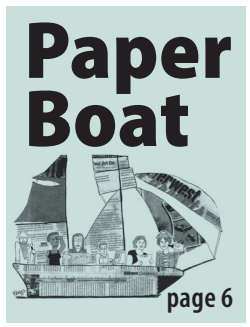


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The Politics of Destruction, or Losing Democracy

By Vince Bushell

Vote, if you have, bless you. I will vote on election day.

Metaphor: Original sin: Trump won the 2020 election. The lie that corrupted politics.

Guilt by association and cowardice. All those in his present administration that bowed down to this measure of loyalty, knowing full well it is not true.

Murder: Another mortal sin. Remember the outrage of gun violence against protesters in Minneapolis and other cities. Innocent people were killed beyond the scope of law enforcement. ICE persecutes people on our streets without allowing those attacked access to judicial judgement and a review of their case.

Abuse: Allowing ICE agents who are masked and armed, to stop, abuse, imprison, and even kill innocent citizens, some of whom were protesting the illegal activities of ICE.

Add to this, inhumane treatment of immigrants, not criminals, who have lived in the

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Gordon Park Friends

Building community all year long

by Noël Ash, secretary, Gordon Park Friends

While we brace for the drop in temperatures and hope for a rise in the political atmosphere, Gordon Park is experiencing a transition in its community-led activities, and one group of neighbors is responsible for it: Gordon Park Friends The group has only been in operation since 2023, but in that time they have planted 31 trees; presented an annual summer music series; expanded the pavilion stage; brought back the Traveling Beer Garden, and added seven community-built benches.

The benches have been seen in all corners of the park this summer, which RoseMary Oliviera will tell you, "is the point. We didn't want them set in concrete or chained to a tree. We wanted our neighbors to be able to carry them to where they want it. Sometimes you want shade, and sometimes you want sun. It's helpful to be able to put the seating where you want it.

The Soulful Summer Music Series has concluded for the year, and soon the new benches will retire for the winter. But as the leaves start falling, the Friends group is already transitioning to an exciting new activity: This year they will bring the beloved People's Ice Rink to Gordon Park.

People's Ice Rink to Gordon Park

The Ice Rink Committee is Gordon Park Friends' newest initiative, and Jordan Baumhardt, one of the members of the original Ice Rink Collective, heads the team. "We need a robust group of volunteers for this initiative," says Baumhardt, "people who will stop by on a rotating schedule to maintain the ice, clear snow, and keep the barrier closed when the ice is thin. We're still looking for volunteers, so folks can still get involved."

On a warm Saturday in October, a group of GPF volunteers showed up to do a dry run and learn how the equipment works. "One of the things I

"Adopting the polling site has become our most reliable source of revenue, and the camaraderie among our volunteer election workers on Election Day is a wonderful example of how Gordon Park Friends brings people together."



Craig Ruhland shows volunteers how to build the rink wall in a dry run to practice setting up the community ice rink on the soccer field of Gordon Park.



Noël Ash helps a community member get started at the painting project in May, when hundreds of community members showed up to paint the first seven benches with lumber and hardware donated by Bliffert.

love about Riverwest is the sense of community," says Craig Ruhland, a member of the Ice Rink Committee. "When we put out a call for volunteers, the neighborhood answers. It's what makes this sort of thing possible. It's also what makes Riverwest so special."

The rink will be sited on the edge of the soccer field closest to the pavilion, and will be open to all, once temperatures drop below freezing. "We just need the weather to cooperate," says Kim Kosmitis, the Outdoor Recreation expert on the team. "Last year was a huge disappointment, with most of our freezing temperatures coming in an Arctic storm."

According to the National Weather Service, Wisconsin has had snowfall in the Well Below Normal range for several years, so we'll have to cross our fingers that we get some great, outdoor winter sports weather this year. We'll certainly need a deep freeze if Kosmitis' dream project is to be realized. "I'd like to build an ice climbing wall. I'm still working on it."

The group is all hoping for that good cold snap, as they are planning ice hockey pickup games, a winter festival, and broom ball, a game that doesn't even require skates, so literally anyone can play.

Everything Gordon Park Friends brings to the park is free to the community and none of the board members receives any pay, while

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RoseMary Oliviera attaches the legs on one of Gordon Park's new benches.

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all musicians are compensated. "It's truly the kind of community initiative that you want to see in your neighborhood. I'm very proud to be a part of the team," says Sarah Long, who brings her expertise in urban forests to the GPF team.

Election Day at the Pavilion

On Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 3), 44 volunteers will run the polling site in the park pavilion, raising more than $5,000 for the park in one day. "Adopting the polling site has become our most reliable source of revenue, and the camaraderie among our volunteer election workers on Election Day is a wonderful example of how Gordon Park Friends brings people together," says Patty Neubauer, who joined the group as its reluctant treasurer when they were in need of admin support in 2023. "In many ways, the polling site is our financial lifeline." In the past 3 years it has raised $24,000 for the park, as volunteers donate their time to the group.

So, stop in on Tuesday, Nov. 3 and show your appreciation for our community volunteers who raise money for the park while safeguarding our democracy. And make a plan to vote. ■



In June, Tlalok Rodriguez and Los Mitoteros performed on the Gordon Park Friends Summer Stage, which has now been expanded to include a dance floor.



(Front row) Rachel McGraw, Patty Neubauer, Susie Welsh, (then, behind front row) Susan Klumb, Amy Craig-Salmon, Ken Wald, Michael Goodness, John Reiss, Mara Mamerow, and Mike Trokan celebrate a generous food donation from Portillos on Election Day in November 2024.

Neighbor Spotlight:

Melvin Verhein

"I might be an old white guy, but I'm not your parents' old white guy." – Melvin Verhein

From long-time friend Peter Crysdale: "Our good friend Melvin Verhein passed on 10/10/26. You might know him from his hyper-local volunteer radio show on 104.1 FM Riverwest Radio, 'Mel's Musical Memories' featuring music from Milwaukee and around Wisconsin. Maybe you heard him DJ at the Uptowner. You probably have seen him riding around on his vintage 1957 Schwinn Black Phantom.

In the dark days of the pandemic in 2020, Melvin began posting videos of himself performing songs he loved (and some he wrote) to entertain Riverwest. If you have walked down the 2900 block of Pierce, you have probably heard him in his back yard, listening to the Brewers radio blaring on his transistor radio and intermittently playing his guitar, singing at the top of his lungs"

A GoFundMe has been established to help Melvin's son, Alex, with final expenses. You can find it online as Melvin Verhein's "Musical Memories".

We featured him in the **January 2022 issue as a Neighbor Spotlight**. Here's an abridged version of that article by Lee Gutowski.

"I was born in Bay View, at home, under the Polish Moon," Melvin Verhein said to begin our interview. "My dad said he didn't eat off the kitchen table for a month after that, he laughed. "Now you see where I get my bad sense of humor." Mel laughs a lot, and heartily. Big, loud guffaws that match his gusto for doing stuff. A man with many interests and stories to go with, he's grabbed life by the horns and stayed on for the ride.



Mel had "kind of a rough childhood. My mom died when I was ten and my dad handled it for about two years with three kids, until we got taken away from him." Mel went to live with his grandmother (both of his grandmothers lived in the Marquette area of Milwaukee) and his uncle; his brother and sister went to two separate foster homes. "I can't imagine that happening today, with the kids all being split up like that, but that's how it was back then."

From the East Side to West Allis and east again

"I've lived on the East Side for most of my adult life, but I did live in West Allis for 15 years, because I ended up marrying a woman from West Allis." His wife, Melissa Kegel, from the family who owns Wheel & Sprocket, and Melvin went to work there for 10 years.

Mel's wife, Melissa, died at only 39 years old, of cancer. Their son, Alex, was only six years old. "I lost my mom when I was ten, but my son was even younger. I wasn't going to let him have the same crap happen to him as happened to me." Mel stayed in West Allis bringing up his son, eventually following him to Riverwest when Alex … moved into the neighborhood to live with his girlfriend.

"I'm not a hoarder, I'm a collector!"

Mel's enjoyment of bicycles was fueled by working at Wheel & Sprocket; cars and motorcycles are also a passion. Currently he doesn't own a car, but he still has a motorcycle. He was even driving racecars for a while there. A poster of a fancy European sportscar, like one he used to race, adorns a living room wall in his apartment, among plenty of other treasures from his past. "See that six-string?" he asked while pointing at a guitar mounted on the wall. "That's the first one I bought, from Gimbels downtown, when I got out of 'charm school' in 1972."

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Community Happenings

by Ruth Weill - Community Development Manager at Riverworks Development Corporation

The Riverwest Farmers Market Indoor Season

The outdoor market season has ended and the indoor season is beginning in **November**. It will be held on S**undays from 11am-3p**m at **Amorphic Beer**, (3700 N. Fratney Street).

Shoppers will find locally produce, bakery, fair trade coffee, cheese, maple syrup, honey, prepared foods, fresh frozen Mexican staples, soups and so much more. EBT and Market Match accepted.

Please visit the Riverwest Farmers Market on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date information.



Save the date!

The 53212 Marketplace Holiday Edition

Sunday, December 6, 11am-4pm.

Unique local gifts for everyone you know: art, jewelry, apparel, home goods, specialty foods and so much more. As in past years, the market will take place across three locations, all on **Fratney between Vienna and Nash): Gathering Place Brewing Company (811 E Vienna), Home Again (3728 N Fratney) and Amorphic Beer**. ***Come out and shop local for the holidays!***

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US for years, and holding them without a trial.

Lying that they are arresting violent criminals when the vast majority of arrests are of non-violent residents that are looking for and many who have found a better future in the US,

We used to stand for America the free, with Lady Liberty welcoming immigrants in New York harbor. We certainly are not a country with a chosen few as valid Americans. Trump welcomes whites from South Africa to become citizens but not Blacks.

The Trump administration revels in disobeying court orders. Trump says. "I can do anything I want", and his Republican allies look the other way.

This disregard for law and order coming from the White House is threatening our Democracy. Add to that a level of corruption never seen before in our country. Bribes are the manner of process for the Billionaires and Foreign Nations willing to kneel or nod to the President to gain his favor.

Our President has the foulest mouth by far when speaking to the people of America.

Where is the decorum due from the President to his citizens and country.

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Remember the slogan:

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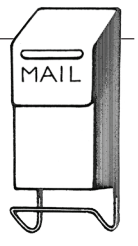
The Midterms are just the beginning. Fight for democracy. ■

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Mel had weekend garage sales regularly, selling some of his collection of stuff he's accumulated from working in the broadcast industry as well as a bunch of vintage items, including clothin

"You know, I feel like I'm with my people now. I mean, I had a nice little house in West Allis and I liked my neighbors and stuff, but it's nothing like Riverwest. There's so much camaraderie here among neighbors. And there's always something interesting to do. Within every block or two there's a bar, a restaurant …And I've met tons of friends since moving … And I mean, like, friends-that-will-lend-me-money friends!" ■

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Restaurant Review:

Blue's Egg & Bakery

by Cari Taylor Carlson

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If you haven't been to Blue's Egg for brunch or lunch, you will want to pay a visit to this restaurant located in a strip mall just off Bluemound on 76th Street. An extensive menu covers all the bases when you crave a meal that exceeds ordinary and ventures into entrees that will satisfy the most demanding aficionado.



If you want a memorable brunch, look no further than Blue's Egg. You will be delighted!



Benedict choice

For starters, you have three benedict choices, the Florentine with spinach and tomatoes; the Dubliner with corned beef, leeks and paprika aioli; and the Classic, with pulled ham. My companion's classic had two perfectly poached eggs with runny yolks and a pile of shredded smoky baked ham. It was served on a house made English muffin, yeasty, dense, and utterly delicious. There was enough creamy hollandaise to savor with each bite and the "browns" as the hash browns are called, were crisp and buttery.

If you are lucky and come on a day when the special crab benedict is on the menu, you will be delighted by this entrée that included two crab cakes perched on house made muffins, topped with poached eggs, and a container of miso aioli on the side. This scrumptious entrée also included those additive hash browns making this a memorable brunch feast.

Brunch entrees

You will see many brunch entrees on the menu that sound too good to pass on. The Hoppel Poppel, for example, was nothing like the traditional you may have enjoyed at other restaurants. This one overflowed with sausage, crisp bacon, caramelized onion, shredded potatoes, and spinach. It was topped with a single poached egg and some zesty hollandaise. Instead of toast, you can request an English muffin which will be served with whipped butter and house made strawberry jam.

Dessert

If you want dessert for breakfast, do as a companion did recently and order the lemon cheesecake French toast. Two people could easily call this a meal. It was a feast of white chocolate cream cheese-stuffed brioche, raspberries, almond crumble, and whipped cream. Then, as if all that creamy deliciousness needed more, the chef topped it with a rich creamy lemon curd sauce. Sausage or bacon was included to remind my companion that this was brunch, not dessert.

Guacamole on toast

You may have ordered guacamole on toast somewhere in Milwaukee, but if you want to upgrade that dish, order the guacamole on English. It started with those yeasty English muffins. They were topped with mashed guac, sliced hard boiled eggs, sliced radish, roasted tomatoes, chopped red onion, black beans, goat cheese, and salsa. It included, of course, those tasty "browns."



... the bacon and tomato grilled cheese that raised the bar on the basic sammie that most of us will remember from our childhood.

"Browns"

Because Blue's Egg is known for its "browns," it is good to know you can have them many ways. We had the basics, but there are choices and each is enough for a meal: pulled ham with cheddar; provolone with pesto and tomato sauce; goat cheese with olives and paprika aioli; chicken chorizo with spinach and paprika aioli; and roasted mushrooms and leeks with herb creme fraiche.

Flip the menu and you will find a few sandwiches including the bacon and tomato grilled cheese that raised the bar on the basic sammie that most of us will remember from our childhood. This one used cheddar and fontina and pulled everything together with very fresh basil pesto.

If you want a memorable brunch, look no further than Blue's Egg. You will be delighted! ■





Process General Store opens in Riverwest on November 6

A Wisconsin story of friendship, food, and sustainability continues in the former Riverwest Co-op space

by Rubina Martini and Chamomile Nusz

Process General Store began in June 2020 with a belief that everyday shopping could help people care for one another and the places they call home. On November 6, 2026, that story continues at 733 E. Clarke Street in Riverwest, where PROCESS will open its second location with a refillery, neighborhood groceries, and sustainable goods that shape our daily lives—and an invitation for neighbors to help shape what comes next.

The former Riverwest Co-op space carries memories and relationships that matter to the people who have gathered there. For owner Rubina Martini and Riverwest store manager Chamomile Nusz, becoming part of that place begins with listening: What do neighbors miss? What would make daily life easier? What belongs on the shelves, and what would bring people together?

"Every day we are open is a chance to learn what the community wants," said Nusz. "We want people to tell us what they need, what they miss, and what they hope to find here. Those conversations will help shape this store."

PROCESS began on Martini's front porch of the Tomorrow River Homestead in Nelsonville, WI. Its inception was a response to community members hoping for a store that would reduce waste by offering bulk goods where people fill their own containers with products. Within months PROCESS moved to Amherst and by the end of their first year they had a location in downtown Stevens Point. PROCESS shared this location with Bound to Happen Books, a relationship founded when Martini and bookstore owner Lyn Ciurro worked together at the Stevens Point Area Co-op. Both saw a vision for running businesses sustainably and rooted in cooperative practices. PROCESS eventually moved down the street to their own location at 836 Main St where they have thrived for over 3 years. Bound to Happen will be curating the book selection for the Riverwest location.

Collaboration continues with Riverwest. Martini and Nusz are longtime close friends whose shared commitment to community has connected their lives and work. Nusz grew up in central Wisconsin in a family involved in the beginnings of the Stevens Point Area Co-op and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. Her own work in renewable energy and community-centered education has been guided by listening to what people need. Now living in the Milwaukee area, she brings that same approach to PROCESS.

Food brings another connection to the neighborhood. Nusz's partner, Mark Schmidt, lived in Riverwest for many years and began his restaurant career at Beans & Barley. He will help create the PROCESS menu, drawing on his Milwaukee restaurant experience and conversations with neighbors. For Martini and her partner, Isaiah Miller, who met in a North Portland deli more than a decade ago, adding a kitchen is also a return to a meaningful part of their own story. In time, Martini will incorporate Native foods into the menu and invites other chefs to collaborate in the kitchen.





About Process General Store: Process is a Native-owned Wisconsin general store focused on low-waste living, useful everyday goods, and community connection. Its Stevens Point store and online shop offer refillery products, home and personal-care essentials, food, and thoughtful gifts. *Learn more at* **lowwaste.shop.**

The Riverwest store plans to offer sandwiches and other grab-and-go foods, with vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, coffee and tea, and groceries such as bread, milk, eggs, and pantry staples. Its refillery will offer household cleaning and personal-care products, with staff available to help customers learn the process. Home goods, plants, gifts, and diversely sourced products will round out a selection that can evolve with neighborhood requests. People are welcome wherever they are in their efforts to reduce waste; the goal is to make useful changes feel approachable, with attention to different budgets and everyday needs.

As a Native-owned business, PROCESS makes supporting Native makers and food producers part of its everyday work. Martini, a tribal citizen of the Ioway of Kansas and Nebraska, brings their commitment to inclusive spaces and investment in Native communities to the store.

"Every product has a reason *continued on page 16*

Wild Child

I met two girls
One almost 4, Tiggy (Iren)
Other allmost 7, Wild
So they told me

The older had more words
Bigger words
Her name was Wild
A girl named Wild

Mom (Rue) was busy
So we talked a bit
They drew hearts
On paper, red hearts

Wild told me
She had a friend
Named Emmet
Emmet

Wild said
"I met Emmet
When he was in
His mommy's tummy?"

Wild said Emmet
Knew her
When she was in
Her mommy's tummy

I wrote those lines down

I shared them with
Chamomile (Cam)
Friend of Wild's mommy
She tilted her head
And said, "That's true."

Wild is nature
And nature is Wild
And if we be honest
There is only wild

And any division
Between wild
And human nature
It not real

You see
Wild is native
To this place
Called Wisconsin

Our place is Indian name
Calling to mind
The waters
The rivers

It is an interesting name
Wild
For it is unity
With nature

And the natives
See wild as all things
No division between
Us and all things

No word for Wild
Wild just is

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Paper Boat A Retrospective Begins

by Vince Bushell

In February 2002 Maureen M. Kane designed the first issue of the Riverwest Currents in tabloid form. In 2026, Maureen is the current designer of the Riverwest Currents. ***As we approach the 25th anniversary of the Currents, let us look back to the first year anniversary, 2003 of the Paper Boat.***
~ Vince Bushell

Eudemon came up the river valley of what is, but his eyes could only see the valley of what could be. He climbed out of the valley and settled down. He visited the people who lived there. He went to the churches and schools and businesses, and the bars and restaurants too. He made friends and a few enemies as well.

And after a while, and then a while longer, he met some folks who wanted to talk to the people and to tell the people's stories. They started to build a paper boat. They set it in the river of what is and the river of what could be. And the river did rise and carry them away. They had to struggle to keep it on course. Eudemon had the tiller but he could not see. Their captain was Sonya at the bow directing their course as best she could with so small a boat and little power. She led them all to remarkable destinations. She had mates that were willing to help on land and below deck. The boat became larger and the crew stronger. There was Helene who designed the charts and made the log look wonderful so it could be shared with all in the valley. There was Dan who cast his net onto the web so the stories in the log were sent far and wide in our great city and beyond. There was Tess who talked to the merchants who sponsored our log. She led her own crew that worked to keep the boat supplied. There was Tanya who provided a different view of here and there. And there were volunteers and workers who wanted to be on board and gave so much to keep the paper boat afloat.

And now. After another while. There is a change in course. With so great a captain it is no wonder that other larger ships would seek her counsel. A new ship MKE is on the horizon and it has taken the Captain away. Sad as the leaving be, all the crew wishes her clear sailing.

This breeze, though expected, has caused some rolling on the paper boat.

As it moves further down stream, there is a new crew for the paper boat. Paddling up and requesting permission to come aboard is a new Captain. Jan will take the position in the bow with First Mate Carrie making sure all the lines are in order. Judith stays on checking for an artistic breeze. Kevin will provide requested relief for Helene in designing the charts.

Eudemon wonders where the winds and currents will take the boat. But he thinks to himself, "We have just begun to write!" ■

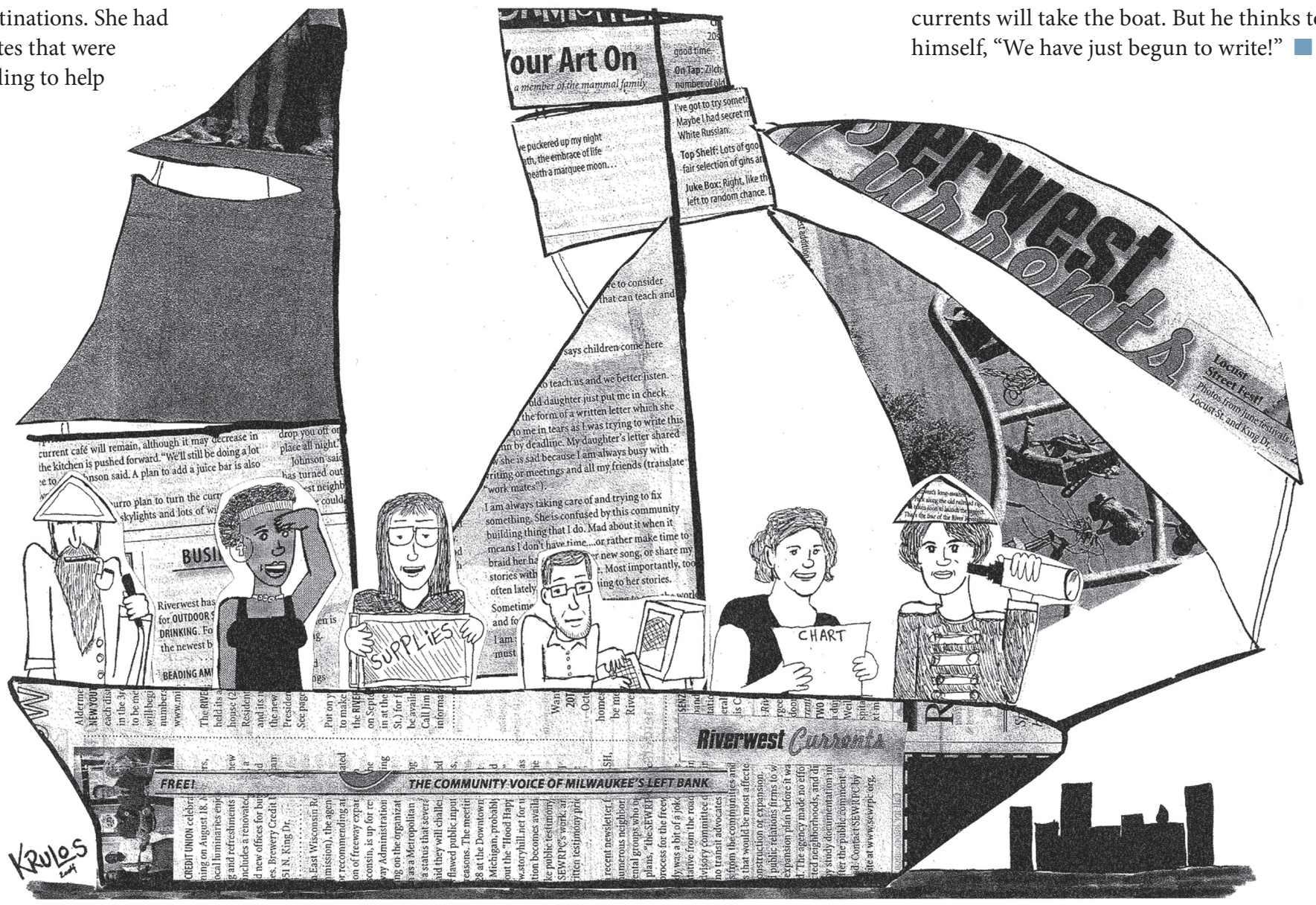


Illustration Tea Krulos
Paper Boat left to right: At the stern, Eudemon (Vince Bushell), Tanya Cromartie Twaddle, Tess Reiss, Dan Knauss, Helene Feider, Sonja Jongsma Knauss

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For 45 years, Milwaukee has quietly cultivated one of the country's leading ensembles devoted to living composers, helping establish the city as an unlikely national center for contemporary music. While most orchestras primarily perform the established classical canon, Present Music has commissioned more than 100 new works.

Friday, October 30, 2026: Forty Something! at UWM Zelazo Center

The official 45th anniversary season kickoff features a world premiere by Alex Temple, a new piano concerto by Donnacha Dennehy featuring pianist Michael Mizrahi, a work by Nico Muhly and Aviya Kopelman's reimagining of Mozart's Symphony No. 41. Conducted by Deanna Tham, the evening concludes with a celebratory reception featuring the Extra Crispy Brass Band.

Thursday, November 22, 2026: A Hundred Ways: Thanksgiving at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

One of Milwaukee's favorite holiday traditions returns with world premieres by Angélica Negrón and Mikhail Johnson, the Milwaukee debut of Samuel Carl Adams, performances by vocalists Eliza Bagg and Kathryn Shuman, and the annual appearance of the Little Priest Singers, a southern Ho Chunk family drum and singing group based in Wisconsin Dells. David Bloom conducts.

February 11-12, 2027: Wanderlust featuring Sam Amidon at Jan Serr Studio

Alt-folk artist Sam Amidon joins Present Music for two evenings exploring the intersections of folk, jazz, classical,bluegrass, and electronic music. Conducted by Georgia Mills, the program features works by Nico Muhly, Pascal Le Boeuf, Anna Webber and The Punch Brothers.

March 24-25, 2027: Bird is the Werd at Jan Serr Studio

Centered around Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' landmark Eight Songs for a Mad King, featuring acclaimed Berlin baritone Thomas Florio, this imaginative program also includes works by Hannah Kendall, John Luther Adams, George Frideric Handel and The Trashmen.

May 12, 2027: Modern Myths at Milwaukee Art Museum

The season concludes with Steve Reich and Beryl Korot's groundbreaking video opera Three Tales, excerpts from Nicole Lizée's R.U.R.: A Torrent of Light, and Pisachi by Indigenous composer Jarod Impichchaachaaha'Tate, presented in conjunction with the Milwaukee Art Museum exhibition Water's Edge: The Art of Truman Lowe.

Information on programming, subscriptions and single tickets is available now at **presentmusic.org.**

HARVEY TAYLOR'S RIVERWEST REFLECTIONS



Another World Is Possible

So much hatred ....so much violence…
so much suffering that doesn't make sense—
I realize it might not seem plausible,
but I know another world is possible.

I search my mind, heart, and soul
every day, trying to discover something bold—
I realize it might not seem plausible,
but I know another world is possible.

There are multiple crises converging…
political-&-environmental catastrophes merging—
I realize it might not seem plausible,
but I know another world is possible.

There are examples in history
of horrible warfare transforming into Peace—
so, I realize it might not seem plausible,
but I know another world is possible…
I know it's possible…
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Ripples in Time

Juliette Magill Kinzie
Early Wisconsin Storyteller

by Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski

Juliette Magill Kinzie (1806-1870) came to Wisconsin in 1830 as the 24-year-old wife of Indian Sub-agent John Kinzie. They lived at Fort Winnebago, near the present-day City of Portage. She kept a journal and made sketches that became the basis of her book, *Wau-Bun,* or *"Early Day"* in the North-West (1856). Unusual for its time, Juliette described sympathetically and in detail the customs of Ho-Chunk, who were being brutally displaced by government policies favoring white settlers.

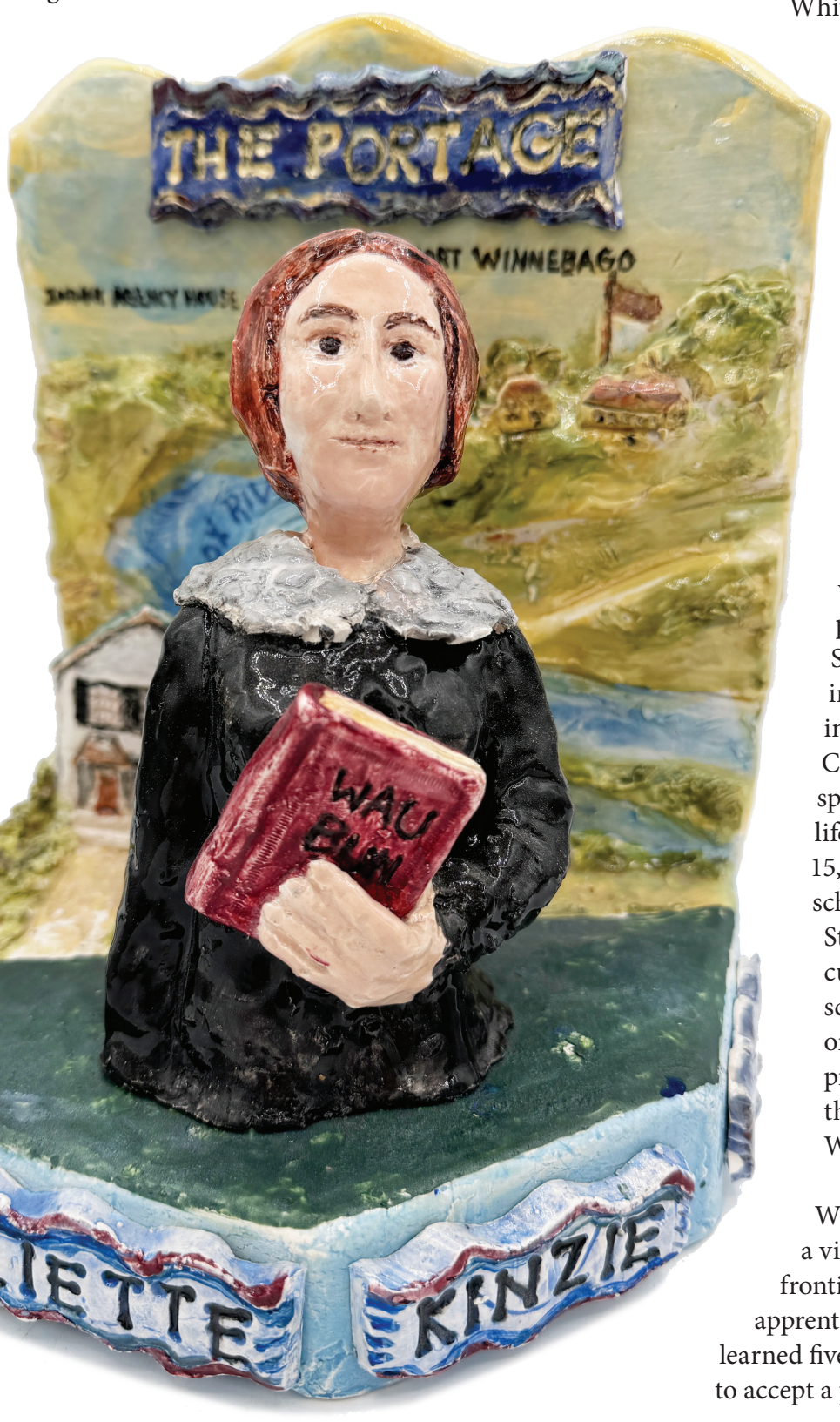
The Portage on the Frontier

In 1830 the US as a nation stopped at the Ohio River. Beyond was a vast area known as the Michigan Territory that was alluring to adventuresome souls seeking a better life—maybe a fortune in the fur trade or the lead mines of Southwestern Wisconsin, maybe establishing a homestead to make a fresh start. This lifestyle was not for the weak of heart. It was most unusual that an educated Connecticut woman would feel the pull to leave a life of conformity and comfort to come West, but such was Juliette Magill Kinzie.

Fort Winnebago was built at a critical juncture, known as The Portage. Here the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers were only a few miles apart. A traveler could journey on the St. Lawrence and cross Lakes Huron and Michigan by steamer. Landing at Fort Howard in Green Bay, it was possible to travel upstream on the Fox River in large, flat-bottomed canoes rowed by teams of Voyageurs, arriving after several days at Fort Winnebago. If further travel was desired, after a brief portage, it would be possible to travel down the Wisconsin River to the Mississippi, then on to the Gulf of Mexico. The Portage had been used by Indians and early explorers. It even was mentioned in the journals of Marquette and Joliet in 1673. Eventually the advent of the railroad would diminish its importance, but in the 1830's, it was invaluable for defense and transportation.

When Juliette arrived in 1830, Fort Winnebago was a territorial outpost on the frontier. She stayed at the fort for only three years before the Blackhawk War disrupted her life. Her stories of life at Fort Winnebago are an enduring gift to the people of our state. She preserved a down-to-earth woman's perspective among dry records of trade and government documents. Later her detailed journals, sketches, and letters became the basis for publishing her landmark book, Wau-Bun, or "Early Day" in the North-West. Many scholarly publications have documented the deceitful governmental treaties and broken promises, the bloody wars and the brutalization of and by both Indians and Whites. But what about the everyday folks caught up in this? Juliette's story brings in the human side, under these disruptions, and the consequences that had to be dealt with.

If Juliette had arrived thinking to impose her Episcopalian beliefs on the Indians, she had a change of heart when she became acquainted with their beliefs.



Early Life of Juliette Magill Kinzie

Born in 1806 in Middletown, Connecticut, the world of Juliette's childhood was circumscribed by strict rules of etiquette for upper class young women. Her merchant-father's Wheel of Fortune was always in rough spin; there were times of wealth and times swinging into poverty and financial disgrace. Substantial support for Juliette came in letters from her mother's brother in Fort Dearborn, now known as Chicago. Dr. Alexander Wolcott sparked Juliette's imagination about life on the frontier. When she was 15, she began studies at an innovative school, the Troy Female Seminary. Started by Emma Willard, the bold curriculum taught mathematics and science to women, with an emphasis on geography and history. This proved to be the ideal training for the life she would encounter at Fort Winnebago.

When Juliette turned 17, Dr. Wolcott decided to return East for a visit. He brought with him a young frontiersman, John Kinzie. During his apprenticeship at Fort Mackinaw, John learned five Indian languages. He was eager to accept a position at Fort Winnebago as

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sub-agent. In the paternal structure imposed upon the Indians, he was referred to as "Silver Man" or the "White Father." It was his duty to determine amounts of each family's yearly silver allotment, and to take care of conflicts. He was a cog in the wheel of governmental deception, but sought to act in fairness with their allocations, while maintaining stable, congenial relationships. With his empathetic view on Indian culture and his linguistic capabilities, he was well-suited to his position.

Embarking on her Journey

Juliette looked upon her travels as a great adventure. She was going West! She packed boxes of fine linens and home furnishings, to be transported with her. Even her piano could not be left behind! Arriving in Detroit, they took the steamship Henry Clay to Green Bay. Traveling upstream on the Fox River from Green Bay to Fort Winnebago was no small matter. A second craft was needed to transport Juliette's boxed possessions. Juliette faithfully recorded every step of the journey, as well as sketching scenes along the way. She was fascinated with women gathering reeds and weaving them into mats. She describes the process in detail. As a woman already familiar with the concept of weaving, she was able to document this handicraft:

"Seated on the ground, with the rushes laid side to side, and fastened at each extremity, they pass their shuttle, a long flat needle made of bone, to which is attached a piece of cordage formed of the bark of a tree, through each rush, thus confining it very closely, and making a fine substantial mat."

Camping in the wilderness, taking in the natural wonders, meeting the hardy Voyageurs that rowed the large, flat-bottomed canoes, sketching places like Lake Butte des Mortes and Fond du Lac, her journals were filled with accurate descriptions and personal responses.

Hard Times at Fort Winnebago

Their welcome was less than wonderful. Their promised home had not yet been built, and they had to live in the blacksmith's rough-hewn cabin with water leaking between the logs. Juliette's journals now became filled with descriptions military routines and encounters with people in this new place. One was Madame Four Legs, wife of the Ho-Chunk chief Four Legs. Gifted in languages, she also spoke Ojibwe. Juliette noted: "She was often called upon to act as interpreter, and had, in fact, been in the habit of accompanying her husband, and assisting him by her counsels upon all occasions. She was a person of great shrewdness and judgment, and, as I afterwards experienced, of strong and tenacious affections."

The promised Indian Agency House was delayed, but Juliette furnished her rustic home with her fine possessions. Even the piano had safely arrived. She welcomed her Ho-Chunk neighbors and took note of their interactions. This description of the mother of a tribal elder, Day-kau-ray, is an example:

"No one could tell her age, but all agreed that she must have seen upwards of a hundred winters. Her eyes dimmed, and almost white with age—her face dark and withered, like a baked apple—her voice tremulous and feeble, except when raised in fury to reprove her graceless grandsons, who were fond of playing her all sorts of mischievous tricks, indicated the very great age she must have attained…."

One morning Day-kau-ray crept into the Kinzie parlor and announced, "Silverman, I have no looking glass." After a friendly conversation with John Kinzie, she persuaded him to give her a mirror, and a comb and calico shawl as well.

On another occasion, Juliette learned about the deep value Ho-Chunk women placed upon loyalty to friends and reciprocity for gifts. She had helped her Ho-Chunk friend Elizabeth with pain medication, and in response Elizabeth visited her with an amazing gift! A fawn! Juliette was delighted. She named it Fan and kept it as a house pet until it tried to perch among the dishes in the cupboard.

If Juliette had arrived thinking to impose her Episcopalian beliefs on the Indians, she had a change of heart when she became acquainted with their beliefs. She wrote:

"They have a strong appreciation of the great fundamental virtues of natural religion—the worship of the Great Spirit, brotherly love, parental affection, honesty, temperance and chastity…. These are their principles. That their practice evinces more and more a departure from them, under the debasing influences of a proximity to the whites is a melancholy truth……"

1832, the year of the Blackhawk War, brought suffering. The US Governmental policies always loomed in the background as tribal councils resisted edicts of forced removal based on false treaties. War was swift and brutal. The Kinzie family escaped to Green Bay under fear of death but returned to the Fort as soon as the treaty was signed. Finally, in November of 1832, Juliette was able to move into the completed Indian Agency House.

The lifestyle of the Ho-Chunk had been disrupted and food was scarce for everyone that winter. John ordered boatloads of corn from the East, but the Ohio River was frozen and the boats couldn't travel. Juliette details this dreadful time, emphasizing the desperation among the people. They were at the mercy of nature. There was great celebration at the fort when the river thawed and the corn finally arrived.

Although not mentioned in her book, during this time Juliette had given birth to a son, named Wolcott after Juliette's uncle. Family business in Chicago increasingly demanded more of John's attention. On July 1, 1833, they said their difficult goodbyes and began the next phase of their life journey. They had lived only nine months in the long-awaited Indian Agency House.

After Fort Winnebago

There is more to Juliette's life story. John served as a paymaster in the Civil War and died of a heart condition in 1865 shortly after Lincoln's assassination. They had seven children. One son perished in the Civil War fighting for the Union Army. Two other sons were imprisoned by the Confederate Army but survived. There were family members on both sides, leaving the family torn apart, but eventually reconciling.

Juliette was active in public affairs and helped found St. James Church, the first Episcopal church in Chicago, still surviving. In 1856 her mother-in-law persuaded her to publish a book based on her copious letters and journals. The book, Wau-Bun, or "Early Day" in the North-West, has been through several printings and is still available. Juliette was given the wrong medicine when on vacation in New York in 1870 when a druggist accidentally gave her a large dose of morphine instead of quinine.

Following her grandmother's tradition of community service, Granddaughter Juliet Gordon Low, nicknamed Daisy, founded the Girl Scouts of America in 1912, starting with 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia.

Although she did not remain long in Wisconsin, Juliette Kinzie was here at exactly the right time to share insights into a crucial era. Our understanding of this time is enriched through her stories.

The Indian Agency House survives intact, restored by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America in 1932. It contains many of the original furnishings, although the piano is not the original. This is regularly open for tourists. A visit there will give a real sense of the history of place.

Everyone has a story.

What is yours? ■

Author's Note: *I acknowledge that we, the people of Wisconsin, live on the traditional lands of the sovereign Anishinaabe, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Oneida, and Mohican nations. I acknowledge the iniquities endured through colonialism and honor those who have suffered and perished, and those who continue to persevere. I likewise acknowledge my pioneer ancestors who came to Wisconsin in 1848 on a quest for a better life. May we all embrace a deeper appreciation of our Wisconsin heritage through facing our history and moving forth together to create a just society.*

Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski, AKA Lolly, enjoys writing this monthly column for ***Rlverwest 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 part of her series-in-progress, Iconic Wisconsin.*



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Our November schedule of events is below. If interested, please stop by on the day scheduled.

Sharing Wisdom Lorraine Jacobs, Eileen Ciezki

The Thanksgiving Turkey has a long history!

November 21, 2023 "Science News Explores" reports that our Thanksgiving "feathered" main course is "descended from a group of dinosaurs called theropods." Through time the theropods adjusted to their surroundings until about 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Period, they began to evolve to the birds we know today. But that's not all....

The Turkey was never proposed or considered as a candidate for U.S. National Bird. This myth originated from a 1784 private letter from Benjamin Franklin to his daughter, Sarah Bache. He meant to criticize the intended "Great Seal's eagle", mocking the eagle's "bad moral Character" because it steals fish from other birds." He suggested that the Turkey, a "True Native of America" was a "much more respectable Bird". However, Franklin never did "officially" propose the Turkey as one of America's official symbols. There's more....

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar's web site confirms that she led bi-partisan legislation which officially codified the bald eagle as the national bird of the United States.

On December 24, 2024, Pres. Joe Biden signed the bill formalizing the Bald Eagle as the U.S. National Bird.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

October Events Watch for our Welcome Sign.

Wisdom Tuesday Pot Luck Lunch

November 10, noon – 2:00pm

East Library, 2320 N Cramer St. @ North Ave

BYO Lunch and a snack to share if that works for you.

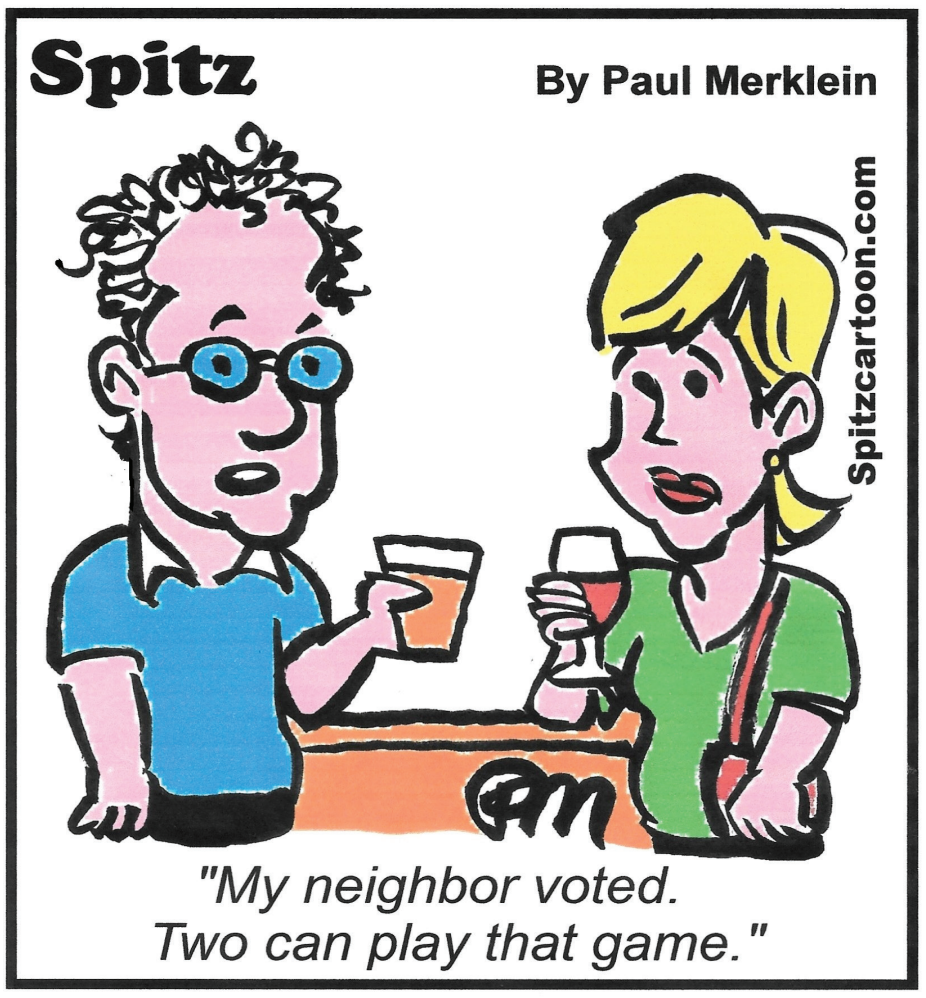
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Let's take a trip together through our life experiences. Bring a photo from your past. Perhaps something with a story, a memory, a meaningful moment. We'll display them each on a table, together. A chance for all to view. Then each of us can take a moment to hold their photo and share the meaning of this life moment. We'll explore life together and realize we have much to share with the world today.

Birthday Lunch Celebration

November 26, noon – 2:00pm

"Birthday Lunch" happens to land on Thanksgiving, Nov. 26! Consider calling Ma Fischer's Restaurant (414-271-7424) a few days before the holiday to find out if they will be offering their "No Reservation – Thanksgiving Dinner" get together. If you attend, you may find some "old or new" friends to celebrate with. Enjoy!



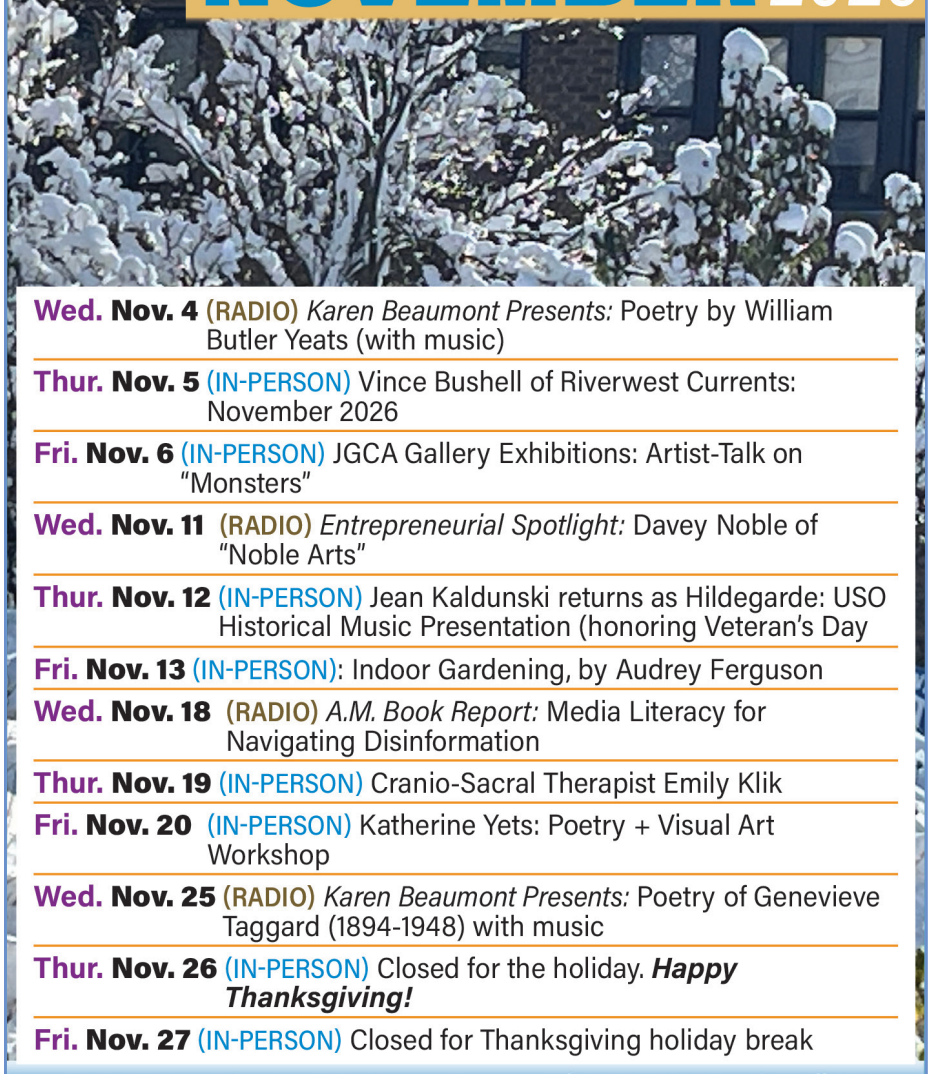
O.W.L. (Older.Wiser.Local) is a program created to serve, enlighten & educate area seniors (50 & up). *OWL is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, and Bader Philanthropies.*

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**

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Wed. Nov. 4 (RADIO) *Karen Beaumont Presents:* Poetry by William Butler Yeats (with music)

Thur. Nov. 5 (IN-PERSON) Vince Bushell of Riverwest Currents: November 2026

Fri. Nov. 6 (IN-PERSON) JGCA Gallery Exhibitions: Artist-Talk on "Monsters"

Wed. Nov. 11 (RADIO) *Entrepreneurial Spotlight:* Davey Noble of "Noble Arts"

Thur. Nov. 12 (IN-PERSON) Jean Kaldunski returns as Hildegarde: USO Historical Music Presentation (honoring Veteran's Day

Fri. Nov. 13 (IN-PERSON): Indoor Gardening, by Audrey Ferguson

Wed. Nov. 18 (RADIO) *A.M. Book Report:* Media Literacy for Navigating Disinformation

Thur. Nov. 19 (IN-PERSON) Cranio-Sacral Therapist Emily Klik

Fri. Nov. 20 (IN-PERSON) Katherine Yets: Poetry + Visual Art Workshop

Wed. Nov. 25 (RADIO) *Karen Beaumont Presents:* Poetry of Genevieve Taggard (1894-1948) with music

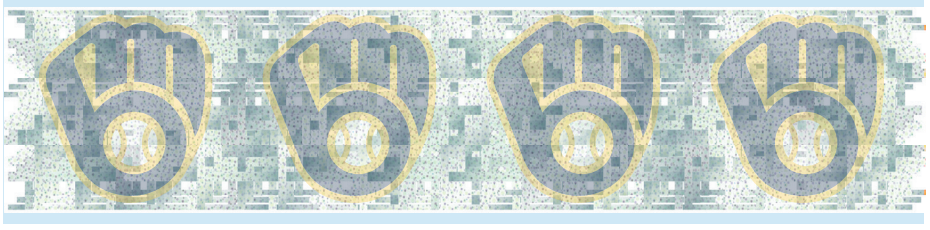
Thur. Nov. 26 (IN-PERSON) Closed for the holiday. ***Happy Thanksgiving!***

Fri. Nov. 27 (IN-PERSON) Closed for Thanksgiving holiday break

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

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NOVEMBER

1 SUNDAY
All Saints' Day

ALL PEOPLES' CHURCH, 2600 N 2nd St Celebrate All People's Gathering's 25th anniversary AND All Saints Day with us! Come to church at 10am, then stick around for the soup and sandwich potluck. Sign up with Anna or at the sign-up sheet on Sundays.

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm

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

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

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm // Karaoke with White Rabbit, 9pm

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Sophie Hunter - Stereoscope the Tour

2 MONDAY

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

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

MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Monday Night Jazz w/ MKE Hot Club, 5:30-8pm

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

3 TUESDAY
Election Day

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce WMSE Presents Local/Live: Tigernite. Doors 5:30, show 6pm.

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Matthew Buckley, 6-8pm. Then, Election Night watch party, 8pm until ?

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

BREMEN CAFÉ Karoake 9pm

FALCON HALL Third Coast Swing Night! Free swing dance lessons 7-8pm. Live music by Sweet Sheiks, 8-10pm. No cover charge; tip the band!

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.

SHANK HALL Adam Ezra Group, Sirsy. 8pm. $20

4 WEDNESDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Detroit Style Pizza Night in the taproom with Crops in the Kitchen from 4 to 8ish (until sold out).

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

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

FALCON BOWL Outreach Community Health Centers (in collaboration with Milwaukee Turners) -- Free Naloxone (Narcan) Training. 5-6pm. Learn how to recognize and respond to an overdose. Materials will be provided to all participants.

FALCON NEST The Trash Palace: A Monthly Comedy Show! Headliner: Michael Meyers. Featuring Max Shanker, Alecia Altstaetter. Doors 7:30, show 8pm. $15

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: Ethan Munson

SHANK HALL Steve Forbert, Jim Hoehn. 8pm, $25

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Shallowater w/ Snag, 8pm, $23+

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

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Charlie Parr: Rooming House Fall Tour 2026. With special guest Ross Thorn

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Karen Beaumont Presents: Poetry by William Butler Yeats (with music). 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

5 THURSDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Chris Rawlins + John Stano, doors 6, show 7pm. $12 adv / $17 at door

bar centro JAZZ JAM – first Thursday – no cover + drink specials, 8:30-11:30pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Pecking Order 9pm, The Ugly Cowboys 10pm, Gnatiform 11pm

FALCON HALL Saint Jawn Cinema presents: a screening of Mouse, a film by Kenny Riches. Doors 6:30, show 7:30pm. $20, all ages

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

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Heroes + Interlopers + TBD, 7-9pm. Free improvisation, $10-15 cover.

NASHVILLE NORTH Lindsay Shanks Band, 7-10pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Levi Bloom, 8pm, tix $20+

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

VEGGAS PUB Riverwest's Hottest Karaoke Show! 9pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Brigitte Calls Me Baby – Irreversible Tour with special guest Common People

6 FRIDAY

ART*BAR THE "mini" SHOW OPENING NIGHT -- Tiny Art at Tiny Prices! Starts 7pm. // Live Music w/ Sainted Patrons, 9pm

bar centro Bull Fiddle Four – post-war electric blues, 8-10pm. $15

BREMEN CAFÉ First Friday DJs 9pm

FALCON HALL Agriculture + Uniform + Pure Hex. 8pm, $30

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) JGCA Gallery Exhibitions: Artist-Talk on "Monsters". 1-4pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Rosalie Robison + Angie Mack, 7-10pm, Indie/folk/experimental, $10-20 sliding scale.

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

LINNEMAN'S The Present Age w/ Farewell Moonlight, Wyvern, and Nettle Kiss. 7:30-10:30pm. $10

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

NASHVILLE NORTH Superopus, 7-10pm

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr Live Musik – Mike Schneider Duo, 5:30-8:30pm

SHANK HALL Davy Knowles, Colin Bracewell. 8pm. $25

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring The Wldlfe w/ Landon Conrath & Secret Menu, 8pm, tix $30+

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Brother Ali: Midwest Trek '26 w/ DJ Abilities, 8pm, $25+

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UWM PLANETARIUM, 1900 E Kenwood Blvd Northern Lights -- Enjoy the radiance of the night sky and colorful displays of dancing lights with a behind-the-scenes tour of the science behind one of nature's most remarkable light shows. 7-8pm. $5-7

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7 SATURDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Kern Park Kross cyclocross race event at Kern Park. Amorphic tent pouring beer and selling a special beer for the event from 10am-4pm

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Emily Zimmer, 9pm

bar centro Tim Whalen Trio– live album warm-up show, 8-10pm. $15

BLACK HUSKY, 909 E Locust Top Dog Deadlift Exhibition. 1pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Cool Breeze 9pm, Hot Science 10:30pm, Dj Max Volume 11:30pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Discover the Allis docent tours. 12:30-2pm.

FONDY WINTER FARMERS MARKET At the Sherman Phoenix, 3536 W Fond du Lac. 10am-3pm.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free improvisation sessions, 10am-noon. Later, live music with Alex Koi/ Kirin McElwain + Lorna Dune, 7-10pm, Experimental/ambient, $10 cover.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Opening Reception, 4-6pm. Solo small wall: Heather Charlie. Main gallery: Monsters. (Both exhibits through Jan. 9, 2027.)

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LINNEMAN'S JT & the Congregants w/ Kitty Soft Paw, Lost Brave. 7:30-11pm. $10

MAD PLANET Emo Ever After w/ Elechronic DJs, 9pm doors

MIRAMAR THEATRE Elevate: featuring Incision. With Mystic Fish, Type-O, Clooless . . . plus DJ's upstairs all night.

NASHVILLE NORTH Pearlsnap, 7pm

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr Live Musik – Michael "Tinker" Tierney, 6:30-9:30pm.

SHANK HALL Teddy Thompson, Jenna Nicholls. 8pm. $25

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

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Smart Mouth, 8pm, tix $9+

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E. Hampshire St. Poetry and Pie. 7:30-9:30pm. Suggested donation, $5-15

UPTOWNER, Sign of Scorpio Party, 5-7pm. Music, food and all around good vibes.

8 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Riverwest winter indoor farmers market in the brewery and backroom from 11am-3pm. 20 vendors with breads, cheese, eggs, meat, shrooms, sauces, fruit, veg, greens. Taproom open early at 11am!

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Larry Penn Tribute -- featuring Will Branch, Jim Ohlschmidt, Ed Ellis (IL), Bob and Diana Suckiel (MO), John Stano, Lil Rev, Joe Kudalada. 6-9pm, $10

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm. Music later: Mystical Zenith (t); Theirs (t); Tonsure (t)

FALCON HALL Ethan Marc Band + Lunde + Jesse Garwood + Adam Blackwood. 7:30pm, $20

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Emergent, 7-10pm. Improvisation, donations encouraged.

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Handcrafted: Lakefront Makers Market, 11am-3pm Handcrafted: Lakefront Makers Market. 11am-3pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Bill Callahan w/ Rick Maguire (of Pile), 8pm, tix $30+

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Certainly So w/ Bowvee, 8pm, tix $20+

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman)

Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm // Karaoke with White Rabbit, 9pm

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RIVERWEST ELDERS WISDOM POT LUCK LUNCH East Library, 2320 N Cramer. 12-2pm. BYO Lunch and a snack to share if that works for you. Also, let's visit our past lives, together! Bring a photo of a memory from your past. Be sure you are in the photo, alone or with others. We'll display them on a table for all to view for awhile. Then each of us can offer the story that goes with the picture.

SHANK HALL Amythyst Kiah, Buffalo Nichols. 8pm. $20

11 WEDNESDAY
Veterans Day

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Viewfinder + Laura and The Storm + Jesse Garwood Club + Jenna Novelle. Doors 6, show 7pm. $12 adv / $17 door

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BLACK HUSKY, 909 E Locust Traditional Irish Music Jam Session, 6:30-9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

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: Tlalok

MILWAUKEE CITY HALL, 200 E Wells Reclaim Armistice Day: Celebrating Peace, not militarism. Music by Holly Haebig & Harvey Taylor with special guests "The Raging Grannies" begins at 6:30pm. Program starts 7pm w/ speakers Christy Breihan (activist with the Wisconsin Coalition to Normalize Relations with Cuba) and John Nichols - executive editor of The Nation and associate editor of Madison's The Cap Times.

SHANK HALL Alison Brown. 8pm. $35

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

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Tyler Ballgame - For The First Time Again, On Tour with special guest Evan Blix

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Entrepreneurial Spotlight: Davey Noble of "Noble Arts". 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

12 THURSDAY

bar centro Sunset Sessions – early evening dance party, 6-11pm. $5

BREMEN CAFÉ Lockstar Fest, Passion Park, Zipplock Zayy

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Opening reception: A Room Remembers Every Echo. 5:30-8pm. A house-wide exhibition by Fall Artist-in-Residence Siri Stensberg. Stensberg uses found object assemblage, ambient lighting, and video projections to explore how spaces can retain conversation and memory over time.

FALCON NEST Dubbowl 360 featuring Casey Purp, Carsen, Rytsu, Teryx, Machima and Overblur. 7pm, all ages. $15

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Jean Kaldunski returns as Hildegarde: USO Historical Music Presentation (honoring Veteran's Day. 1-4pm.

LINNEMAN'S Speak Presents: Speak Up for Epilepsy. 7-10pm. Donation.

NASHVILLE NORTH The Grimm Brothers featuring Lynda Lee, 7pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Tell Me Lies: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, 8pm, tix $24+

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

VEGGAS PUB Riverwest's Hottest Karaoke Show! 9pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

13 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Alley Eyes + Scorched Waves w/ Bowvee and Fakeout, doors 6:30, show 7:30pm. $12 adv / $17 doors

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Noah Hittner, 9pm

bar centro Ben Dameron Quartet – modern jazz, 8-10pm, $15

BREMEN CAFÉ Offtide (t)

FALCON HALL Emo Night! Karaoke with a live band. Doors 8pm, show 9pm.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Indoor Gardening, by Audrey Ferguson, 1-4pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Kiernan (Minneapolis, MN) + Maximiano + The Spine Stealers, 7-10pm. Folk, $10 cover.

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

LINNEMAN'S The Midnight Purchase w/ Peter Thomas, & Joe Jenneman. 8-10:30pm. $15

MAD PLANET Friday the Thirteenth: Retro Video Dance Party w/ Goth Barge DJs, doors 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE PHRVA, 9pm

SHANK HALL Welshly Arms, The Astronomers. 8pm. $20

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring The Spooklights w/ Bodhicitta, 8pm, tix $20

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UWM PLANETARIUM, 1900 E Kenwood Blvd Northern Lights -- Enjoy the radiance of the night sky and colorful displays of dancing lights with a behind-the-scenes tour of the science behind one of nature's most remarkable light shows. 7-8pm. $5-7

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Hovvdy, with special guest Christian Lee Hutson

14 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce CGCA Presents Coffeeshop Astrophysics -- Spacetime: Black Holes and White Holes. Doors 12:30, show 1pm

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Ian Leith, 9pm

bar centro Alyssa Allgood, vocalist.

bar centro Alyssa Allgood – jazz vocalists. 8-10pm, $15

BAVARIAN BIERHAUS, 700 W Lexington Blvd Polka Steve, 5:30-8:30pm

BREMEN CAFÉ River-Weird Variety 9pm

CAMP KARMA, 7033 W Becher Texas Dave Trio, 7-10pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Discover the Allis docent tours. 12:30-2pm.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free improvisation sessions, 10am-noon. Later, live music with Kati Katchever + Tzvi Mayer + Anna Cwalina + Rakeem Shah, 7-10pm. Folk. $10.

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 Long May You Run – A Neil Young Tribute & Fundraiser for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin – with many acts! 8-11pm. $10

MAD PLANET "Swag Era": A throwback to bottle-poppin' VIP, Hip-Hop, Pop, and R&B hits of the 2010s w/ Elechronic DJs, 9pm doors

MIRAMAR THEATRE 30+ Rave MKE, featuring sounds from legendary artists like Skrillex, Dead Mouse, Steve Aoki, Alesso, and many more. 6pm show

NASHVILLE NORTH Hillside Rebellion, 7-10pm

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr Live Musik – The David Austin Band, 6:30-9:30pm

SHANK HALL Damaged Justice, Hellbilly Deluxe. 8pm. $12 adv / $15 door

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 Boy Band Party w/ BOY MOB!, 8pm, tix $19

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring LowDown Brass Band w/ Something To Do, 8pm, tix $26+

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E. Hampshire St. Hope: A Fall Benefit Concert (for NourishMKE). 7:30-9:30pm. Suggested donation, $5-15

UWM MUSIC BLDG Recital Hall, 2400 E Kenwood UWM String Academy Fall Group Concert, 10-11:30am, free event. Students ages 4 through 18 perform an engaging program of music from around the world

UWM PLANETARIUM, 1900 E Kenwood Blvd Stars & Stories. Dr. Jean shares favorite highlights from over 20 years of directing the Planetarium in commemoration of its 60th anniversary. Enjoy a free 1-hour show starting at either 2pm or 3pm. Stick around for treats and space-themed activities!

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell An Evening of RADIOHEAD performed by Android Paranoid

15 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Oh Geeez Not Again + Be The Young + Say What You Mean. Doors 5, show 6pm. $12 adv / $17 at door

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm

FALCON HALL Sunday, Smutty Sunday! Featuring Mother Fortune, Casual Sex, Video Sex Priest. Doors 7:30, show 8pm. $20

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

MIRAMAR THEATRE OMB Peezy. Doors 7pm, show 8pm. Ages 18 and over. Under 18 must be accompanied by adult. Curfew for minors, 11pm.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring 88NINE Presents: Post Animal - Maybe You Have To Tour, 8pm, tix $28+

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

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm // Karaoke with White Rabbit, 9pm

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Luke Kidgell - Live in the USA

16 MONDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce David Wimbish (The Collection) with Jesse James DeConto (The Pinkerton Raid). Doors 6, show 7pm. $18 adv / $25 at door

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

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Music Performance Workshop

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. $3 cover. Featured poet: Songs of Life

MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Monday Night Jazz w/ Pendulum Hearts (Austin TX), 5:30-8pm

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

17 TUESDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Strawberry Girls / ANDRES. Doors 7pm, show 8pm. $18 adv / $22 doors.

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

BREMEN CAFÉ Karoake 9pm

FALCON HALL Third Coast Swing Night! Free swing dance lessons 7-8pm. Live music by Pendulum Hearts (Austin TX), 8-10pm. No cover charge; tip the band!

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.

18 WEDNESDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Detroit Style Pizza Night in the taproom with Crops in the Kitchen from 4 to 8ish (until sold out).

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

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

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: Bobby Moore

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

UWM PLANETARIUM, 1900 E Kenwood Blvd Rooftop Stargazing. Gaze at the night sky through our telescopes! View the Moon, planets, star clusters, and other astronomical objects. 7-8pm, free.

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Nicole Atkins with special guest John Gallagher Jr.

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.

19 THURSDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Nothing of Consequence + Sex, Fear + A Picture of Silence + Seabunni. Doors 6, show 7pm. $12 adv / $17 at the door

bar centro Ann Marie Metz & Friends – an evening of singer songwriters. 8-10pm. $10

BREMEN CAFÉ 9eyes (t); Ill Lyk (t)

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave The House Remembers -- an extension of the installation Inherited Threads: In Transit. It explores memory, family, migration, care, and the stories we inherit and carry forward. A guided panel conversation. 6-7:30pm.

FALCON NEST Lily Detaeye + Morally Gray. Doors 7pm, show 8pm. All ages.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Cranio-Sacral Therapist Emily Klik. 1-4pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Spelling Bee Showdown, 6:30-8:30pm Handcrafted: Lakefront Makers Market

NASHVILLE NORTH Gold Standard, bluegrass & Americana. 7-10pm.

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

VEGGAS PUB Riverwest's Hottest Karaoke Show! 9pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Craig Finn & The Band of Forgiveness

20 FRIDAY

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Texas Dave Trio, 9-11:30pm

bar centro Yanni Chudnow Quintet – music of drummer Art Taylor, 8-10pm, $15

BREMEN CAFÉ Passion Park Entertainment Holiday Party

FALCON HALL Saint Jawn Cinema presents: A screening of The Foreground by Ty Jacobs. Doors 6:30, show 7pm. $10

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

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Jeff Goulet (Chicago, IL) + Tampertamper, 7-9pm. Jazz, $15.

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

LINNEMAN'S The Canvasmen w/ Jim Demski. 7:30-10pm. $10

MAD PLANET Retro Dance Party w/ DJ Nikki SpudNikk, 9pm doors

NASHVILLE NORTH Bend and Break, 7-10pm

SHANK HALL Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, 8pm, $20

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VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Houses In Motion – perform the music of Talking Heads

21 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Zach Pietrini + CREWNECK -- The Careless and Wild Fall Tour 2026. Doors 6:30, show 7:30. $12 adv / $15

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Joseph Krechel, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Saturday Matinee 6pm. Los Mitoteros 9pm.

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Discover the Allis docent tours. 12:30-2pm.

FONDY WINTER FARMERS MARKET At the Sherman Phoenix, 3536 W Fond du Lac. 10am-3pm.

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meditation Workshop: Karma - The Shape of Things to Come, with Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje, 10am–1pm, $25 fee includes light refreshments. Register - meditationinmadison.org

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free improvisation sessions, 10am-noon.

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

LINNEMAN'S Sequestered Puppiez. 7-9pm. $10

MAD PLANET The Cure vs. The Smiths w/ DJ Frank Straka, 9pm doors

NASHVILLE NORTH Shoeless Revolution, 7-10pm

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOFBRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr Live Musik -- The Squeezettes, 6:30-9:30pm

SHANK HALL Rave Jesus. 8pm. $20 advance / $25 door

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

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring #LM35 - The LoveMonkeys 35th Anniversary Show, 8pm, tix $22+

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E. Hampshire St. Lil Rev. 7:30-9:30pm. Suggested donation, $5-15

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell The Dead Bolts

22 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Riverwest winter indoor farmers market in the brewery and backroom from 11am-3pm. 20 vendors with breads, cheese, eggs, meat, shrooms, sauces, fruit, veg, greens. Taproom open early at 11am!

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm. Music later: FRXQ, My Call to Arms, Outkxst Clique, Seal Team Bryx

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, 812 N Jackson A Hundred Ways: Thanksgiving at Saint John's Cathedral. Featuring Angélica Negrón and Mikhail Johnson; the Milwaukee debut of Samuel Carl Adams; vocalists Eliza Bagg and Kathryn Shuman, and the annual appearance of the Little Priest Singers, a southern Ho Chunk family drum and singing group based in Wisconsin Dells. 5pm. Tix @ presentmusic.org or call 414.229.4308

FALCON HALL Casserol Call: A Hot Dish Bake-Off. 12-3pm. $8 adv / $15 door

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

SHANK HALL Deadelijk. 3pm. $15 adv / $20 door

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Hot Freaks: Soft Body Tour w/ Thesaurus Rex, 8pm, tix $24+

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

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm // Karaoke with White Rabbit, 9pm

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Michigander with special guest Wildermiss

23 MONDAY

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

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. $3 cover. Featured poet: Featured Reader: Darlene Lolly Rzezotarski

MAXIE'S, 6732 W Fairview Monday Night Jazz w/ Sazerac 4, 5:30-8pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Whitefish Bay Public Library: Community Reads, 5:30pm. Patrick Ryan will talk about his New York Times best selling book Buckeye. Free event.

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24 TUESDAY

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

BREMEN CAFÉ Karoake 9pm

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

SHANK HALL The Ike Reilly Assassination, 8pm. $25

25 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

LINNEMAN'S 28th Annual Nod To Bob -- a tribute to Bob Dylan. Featuring many performers! $15 donation goes to benefit Hunger Task Force

NASHVILLE NORTH Midnight Train -- Black out Wednesday! 9:30p-12midnight

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Chrissy Chlapecka, 8pm, tix $27+

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THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Dead Night! Grateful Dead cover band. 9pm-midnight

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Karen Beaumont Presents: Poetry of Genevieve Taggard (1894-1948) with music. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

26 THURSDAY

Happy Thanksgiving!

bar centro closed for the holiday

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Closed for the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

RIVERWEST ELDERS BIRTHDAY LUNCH Ma Fischers, 2214 N Farwell Av, 12-2pm. Consider calling ahead (414) 271-7424 to see if they will be offering their "No Reservation-Thanksgiving Dinner" get together. If you attend, you may find some "old or new" friends to celebrate with.

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

VEGGAS PUB Riverwest's Hottest Karaoke Show! 9pm

27 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Advance Base + Ellie Jackson. Doors 6:30, show 7:30pm. $12 adv / $17 at the door

bar centro Tlalok Rodriguez Quartet – latin, r&b, jazz, 8-10pm, $10

BREMEN CAFÉ Julia Tuzilkov 10pm, Bella Martin 10:40pm, Aimee Zarder 11:20pm, Ila Rose 12:15am

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Closed for Thanksgiving holiday break

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Tara Tara + Junipour + Hazel Cat, 7-10pm. Experimental/indie rock, $10 cover.

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

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Black Friday 2026, 8am-9pm

MAD PLANET Retro Mixtape w/ DJs Sage "Champagne" Schwarm & Mosh Wah, 9pm doors

MIRAMAR THEATRE Seth David's R & Bass Tour. 9pm

NASHVILLE NORTH Undercover Organism -- Album Release Party! 8-11pm

SHANK HALL The R&B Cadets. 8pm. $25

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28 SATURDAY

ART*BAR Live Music w/ TBD, 9pm

bar centro Isabella Isherwood -- vocals, piano

bar centro Isabella Isherwood - jazz vocalist. 8-10pm. $15

BREMEN CAFÉ Cocoa Burlesque 9pm

CHARLES ALLIS MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Ave Discover the Allis docent tours. 12:30-2pm.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free improvisation sessions, 10am-noon. Later, live music with Nuit Du Surréalisme, 7-10pm. Experimental, $10 cover.

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

LINNEMAN'S MIMAMU Friendsgiving. 7:30-11pm. $10

MAD PLANET Nineties By Nature w/ Elechronic DJs, 9pm doors

SHANK HALL The R&B Cadets. 12 noon. $25 // The Last Waltz: 50th Anniversary Tribute. 8pm. $20 adv / $30 door

STAND FOR PEACE at 76th & Oklahoma Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Beatallica, 8pm, tix $24+. Beatallica fuses Beatles melodies with Metallica mayhem.

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Sixteen Candles - The Nation's Premier 80's Pop Experience

29 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Fox and Branch's Will Branch, 11am sharp! Free

BREMEN CAFÉ Bingo 6pm. Music later: Nuke Plant Chickens (t), Mystical Zenith (t)

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

LINNEMAN'S All Messed Up Potluck Drawing! 7-10pm

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

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm // Karaoke with White Rabbit, 9pm

VIVARIUM , 1818 N Farwell Gauri B: Years In The Breaking

30 MONDAY

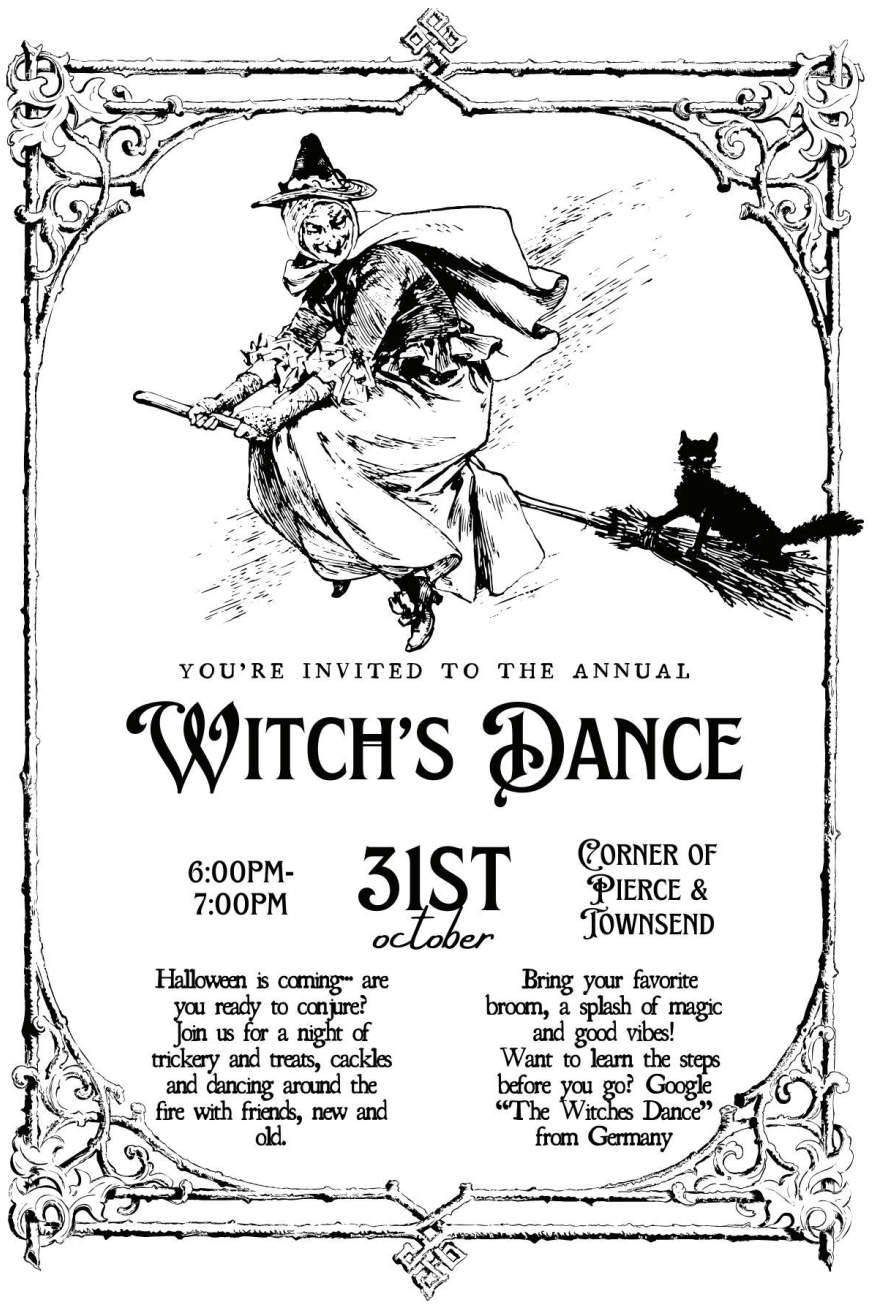
ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Thrift to Gift, 5pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. $3 cover. Featured poet: Featured Reader: M K Zariel

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm



COA YOUTH & FAMILY CENTERS
1906 - 2026 CELEBRATING 120 YEARS!

Ethan Marc Band Partners with COA Youth & Family Centers for Milwaukee Benefit Concert

Detroit indie rock group Ethan Marc Band will perform at Falcon Hall in Riverwest on Sunday, November 8, alongside Lunde, Jesse Garwood and Adam Blackwood. *A portion of the band's performance proceeds will benefit COA Youth & Family Centers, a Milwaukee nonprofit celebrating 120 years of service.* The show continues Ethan Marc Band's community-focused concert model. Earlier this year, the band completed a 16-show independent tour surrounding SXSW, partnering with local nonprofits and donating a portion of performance proceeds to organizations in the communities it visited.

COA Youth & Family Centers supports children and families in Milwaukee's Riverwest and Amani neighborhoods through early education, youth development and community programming. Its nearby Riverwest Center offers early learning, after-school enrichment and family resources.

More information or tickets: **tickets.venuepilot.com**

Peace Action of Wisconsin

Office manager position available.
Approx. 10 hours per week.
Duties include finances, mailings, filing non-profit reports.
For full description, please visit **www.PeaceActionWI.org**



Sign of Scorpio Party at UPTOWNER on Saturday Nov. 7th. 5pm–9pm. Music, food and all around good vibes.

Celebrate the Hits & More of Disco Queen Donna Summer

Living Your Dreams Events is hosting its inaugural disco party celebrating the hits, music, and legacy of the legendary Queen of Disco, Donna Summer.

The celebration will be held on **Friday, December 11** at **The Deco** (7140 W Greenfield), which will be transformed for the evening into the spirit of New York's legendary nightclub Studio 54, famous for its glamorous parties, celebrity guests, late nights, and unforgettable decadence.

70s attire is encouraged, but optional.

The pre-party: 6pm. Main disco party: 8pm - midnight.

The evening will feature a cash bar, photo booth, Video DJ, and gift card raffles for Early Bird ticket purchasers.

Tickets: $35 for 8pm admission. *On sale beginning October 1.*

Visit the Living Your Dreams Events website at **livingyourdreamsevents.com** for complete details.

7 SATURDAY, UPTOWNER, Sign of Scorpio Party, 5-7pm. Music, food and all around good vibes.

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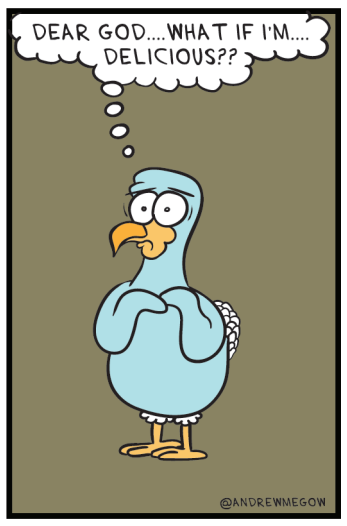
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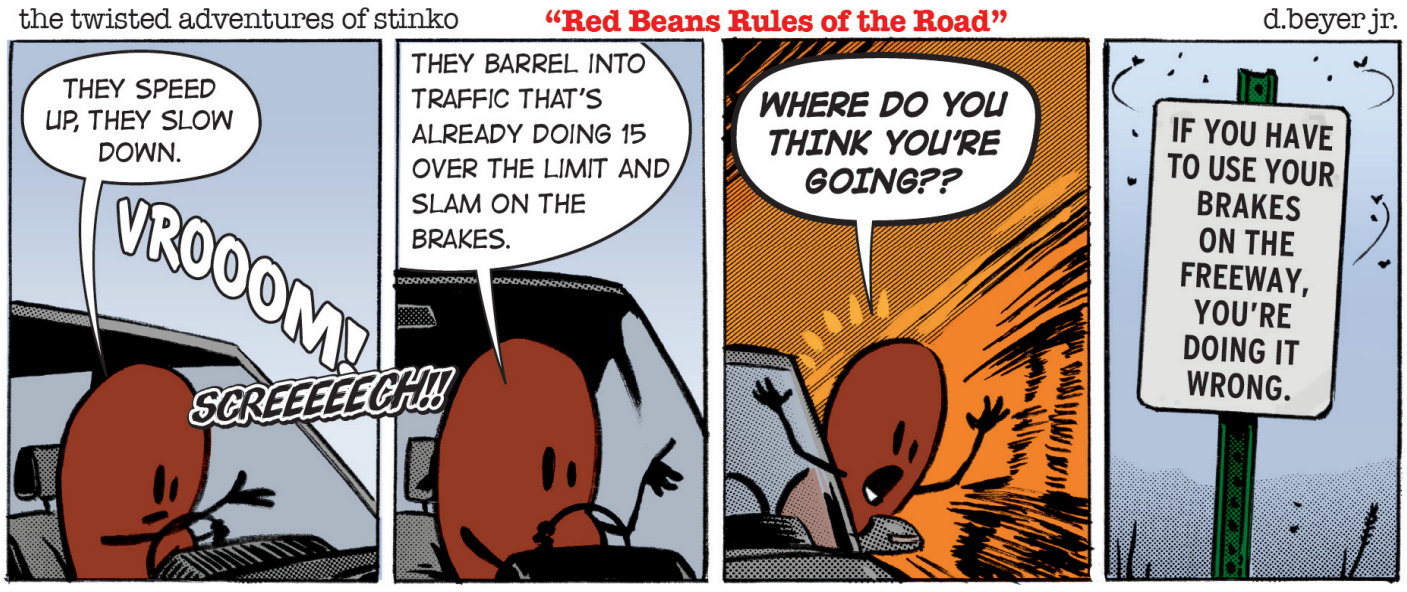
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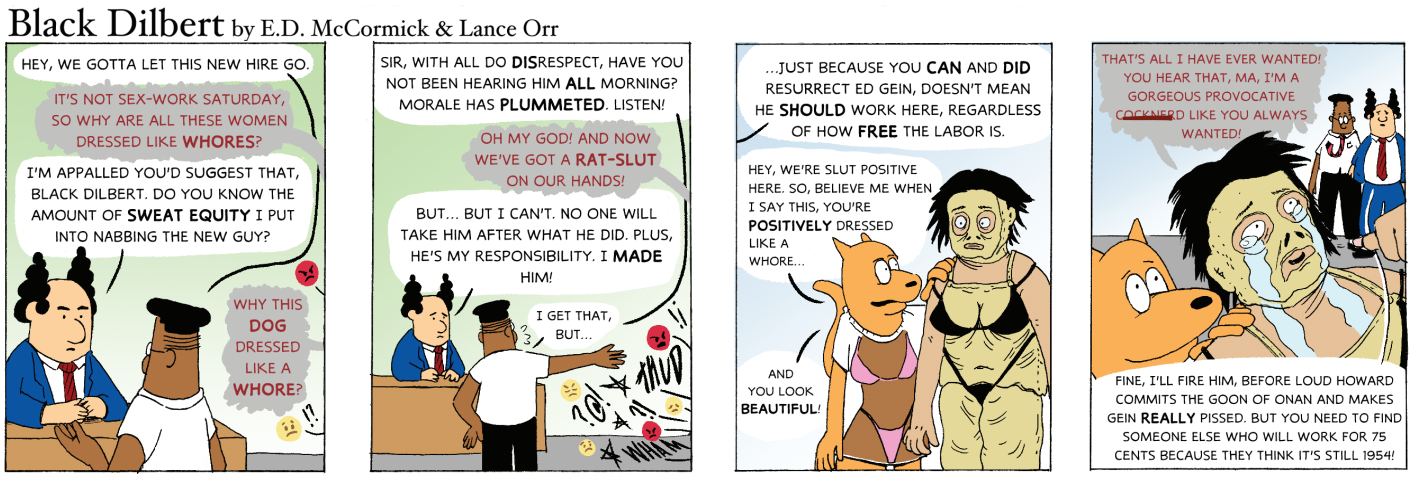
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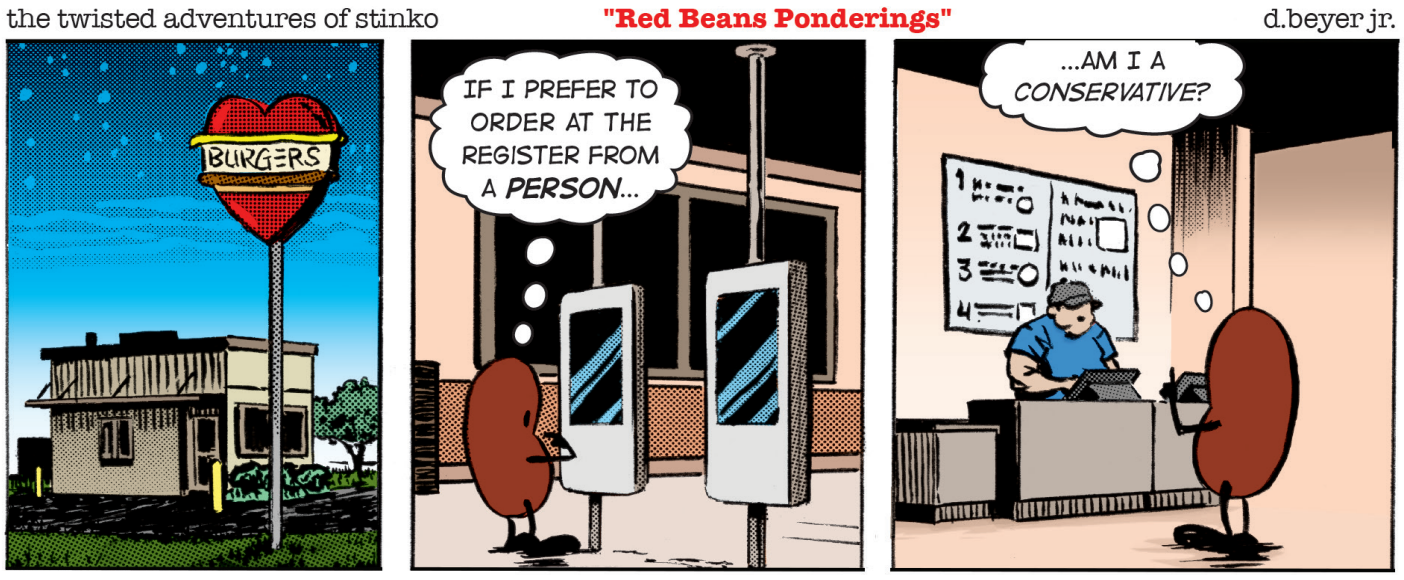
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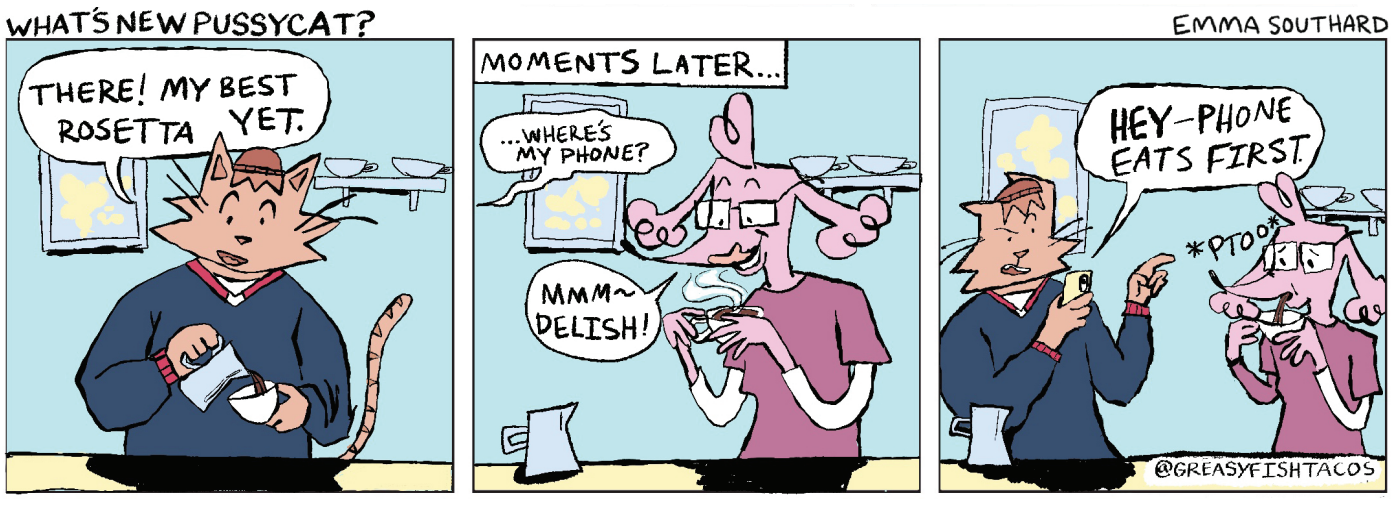
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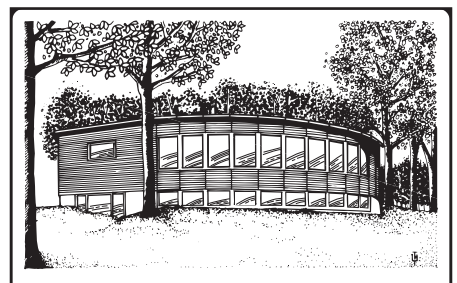


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for being in the store. Whether they highlight our values, direct our dollars to people that matter, or give us the drive to move through another day, our store is intentionally curated. The more customers engage with us, the more PROCESS will become a reflection of the Riverwest community and the values it holds."

The Riverwest chapter is personal. PROCESS hopes to build relationships with neighborhood businesses, growers, makers, and organizations already doing this work. Customer conversations and requests will help guide product selection, prepared foods, hours, and future gatherings. When something is missing from the shelves, the team wants to hear about it and explore whether it can be sourced or specially ordered. Future customers can get to know their vast inventory through their very active online store, www.lowwaste.shop

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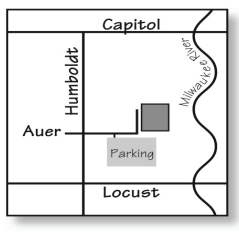
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