Adult Literacy Program Proves It Is Never too Late to Learn

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A local program here in the Stevens Point community is helping members of the community. Or in this case, helping adults that are looking for help in basic math or English literacy.

The Portage County Literacy Council is a non-profit organization located on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. The mission of the Portage County Literacy Council is to help Portage County adults develop the basic math and English literacy skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency and community integration.

The council has been around since 1986 and is located in Nelson Hall in room 209. It is run with the help of Executive Director Kristy SeBlonka.

Many of the adults in the program are immigrants and refugees who are learning English for service to accommodate students better.

"They will have a cook kitchen, production kitchen, ware washing unit, storage, as well as seating and serving for 300 students," said Holly Bleser, Financial Specialist Senior and Summer Conferences Coordinator.

"They will be installed over the summer of 2018 and operational by August and removed by May 2019," said Conley. The Allen center was an idea brought up continued on page 3.
to be renovated as a temporary dining hall but the cost and time it would take to renovate and make it a dining hall was a major issue so the decision was made to go with the modular units.

Conley said she does not anticipate any changes in student employment as Dining Services will still need all their student staff.

"The new Debont remodeling will include a more open concept with three major skylights to help provide natural lighting," said Conley.

Debot will still have all of its current lines but also include new ones like an allergy-friendly station, international station, homestyle cooking station, and desserts and ice cream will be combined into one area.

"Each line will have new things to bring to the dining experience, for example, the international line will feature a four foot Mongolian grill," said Conley.

"On the lower level, updates will increase space and efficiency for the convenience store and bakery as well as provide additional seating areas and meeting room space, enhanced accessibility and restroom improvements," said the press release.

Lower Debont will have better combined storage, which will allow modifications to the large meeting rooms and sitting area for dining.

"The project is set for $16,848,000," said Conley. This will help replace the air handlers in the facility as they are original to the 50-year-old building. This will also provide funds to put fire sprinklers throughout the entire building, renovate entrances and optimize space as well as possible.

"Yes, it's going to be an inconvenience, but we need to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We need to see the long term effects of what the final product will be," said Conley.

Conley added that the Noel Fine Arts Center and DUC both were shut down to be remodeled once upon a time, and it was inconvenient. "But look how beautiful they turned out."

"It's unsure whether prices will go up or down during and after the project is finished as dining is supported solely from revenue," said Bleser.

With the new building comes new menus, new recipes and new meal plans that will all be a part of the new and improved Debont.
K-12 Program Progress or Decline?

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Lawmakers of Wisconsin recently took a large step in the field of K-12 education, but was it a step backward or forward?

A service for the Wisconsin Educational Communications Boards, Gov. Scott Walker insisted on a $648 million spending increase for funding in K-12 schooling. An estimated $10 million was then eliminated from this budget as a result of aid to the rural districts eliminating performance-based funding of Milwaukee K-12 institutions.

The main benefit of this bump goes to those in lower-income areas. This increase allows lower-spending residents to have a higher tax value going towards the community school programs. In addition, transportation was also a thought in the funding process. Many rural areas are often widespread throughout the community, making it very difficult for children to get back and forth from their institution. This funding puts money towards student transportation, in hopes of allowing extended routes to and from the school. The benefits spread statewide with a $200 per student increase in schools occurring over the next two years.

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While the increase has evident advantages, the spending is also set to fund the expanding vouchers process and the possibility of expanding private charter schools. These processes often result in taking money away from the public-school systems. With money being taken away from public schools, many opportunities for students can become limited.

"Children should get a good education regardless of where they are born or live. I do not think this necessarily achieves that goal," said Buchanan.

The final details of the funding have yet to be fully revised however, Walker hopes to have the budget signed by the end of summer.

the first time. The program also invites fluent or native English speakers who simply want to improve their reading, writing or math skills. They provide one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction for free to around 50 adults per year, with tutoring sessions happening up to two to four hours each week based on the individual's wants and needs.

Because this is a public service offered with no profit gained, many of the tutors are volunteers. Students at UWSP who are looking for experience in working with adults as well as becoming involved as a part of a practicum or internship also offer their time to the program.

Ashley Watzig, intern with the ELL Department and PCLC this fall, said, "As a UWSP student, it is enriching to be in an internship that allows me to engage with the community, and learn the ways through which local nonprofits and volunteers work together to provide opportunities for English language learning to those in the area who need it. Through developing their English language skills, we empower our learners and strengthen the community as a whole."

Many of the learners have taken the program to improve literacy skills for work, families or other reasons and offer a lot to the local community. Tutoring sessions are the most flexible depending on the learners schedule. Bri Grosskopf is a tutor and has been helping with a learner since last winter.

Grosskopf said, "While the primary benefit is for the student, as a tutor I enjoy the aspect of building friendships and learning about new cultures and perspectives."
Is Yoga Appropriation? It’s an Ongoing Conversation

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Yoga studios with names like, "Holy Cow Yoga Center," located in Charleston, South Carolina, make light of Hinduism’s religious beliefs and traditions, while advertising as, "a unique studio dedicated to recovering what we believe to be the essence of yoga."

Those from Western cultures who practice yoga may be looking for a strict definition of appropriateness, but a non-subjective definition cannot exist. To approach yoga respectfully, it is important to understand the different perspectives surrounding this conversation.

In the podcast, "How Yoga Migrated from India to Your Local Gym," Andrew Nicholson, Associate Professor of Asian and Asian American Studies at Stony Brook University, outlines the history and origins of yoga.

Nicholson explained that yogic practices developed simultaneously among many different religious groups of the time, one of these groups was Hinduism. "I would say, yoga is something developed by Hindu traditions, Buddhist traditions in India going back quite some time, but to say it's just Hindu I think is not quite right," Nicholson said.

It wasn’t until the 1960’s that yoga gained popularity in the United States. Yogis of the time, "understood these texts like the Upanishads and the Vedas to have universal truths that everyone could benefit from," Nicholson said.

Many Hindus today feel as though Western practitioners of yoga are not only benefiting from these practices, but are moving away from the original texts and understandings of these universal truths. A campaign called "Take Back Yoga" started by the Hindu American Foundation seeks to combat misuse and misrepresentations of yoga by bringing light to Yoga’s Hindu roots.

Charles Green, Geographic Information Systems and Political Science major, yoga instructor at the Allen Center and President of the Yoga and Meditation Club, agrees that Western Yoga has moved from Hindu roots.

"I think the first door any person has to get through is just that that's not it, that that is one of eight limbs of yoga, so is that yoga?" Green said. "That's a small portion of it, that's pretty much the definition of cultural appropriation, where you take a small bit of something that is a part of a culture and then claim it as something else, or as your own."

Green is working towards changing the name of yoga classes offered at the Allen Center to from "Yoga" to "Yoga and Lifestyle Fitness," in an effort to acknowledge that yoga practice is only one of eight limbs of traditional yoga.

Triveni Shukla, active member of the Hindu Temple of Wisconsin, does not believe that yoga is cultural appropriation. However, Shukla believes that the Hindu roots of yoga need to be acknowledged.

"India's property, Hindu's culture being represented here in the United States as if it is theirs, that's wrong," Shukla said. "Saying yoga is a lifestyle, is kind of stretching the thing. Teach what it is, it is a particular mind and body training program of very old Indian religion."

Shukla said, "A dress code does not define yoga, a particular title does not define, it is what you are teaching in that course, that defines you."

Luke Whitmore, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies said, "This is a very important discussion that needs to be engaged by all serious practitioners of yoga today."

"It is also of the utmost importance that this discussion include the voices of people who belong to the communities that have been, in specifically South Asian contexts, historically connected to yoga in its various forms: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Muslims. Part of what yoga is about is learning to look deeply at yourself. Understanding your own location as a practitioner of yoga and the effects of your yoga practice on others should be a part of that process," said Whitmore.

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How a La Crosse Company is Helping Clean the Panama Canal

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INOV8, a company based in La Crosse has custom built two evaporators for the Panama Canal to get rid of bilge water from cargo ships traveling through the canal.

The La Crosse company INOV8 International Inc. founded in Jan. of 1990 started with technology in a high efficiency burner. From that one product, the company has expanded to a whole line of waste oil-burning furnaces, waste oil-burning boilers for garages and restaurants, a new line of fryer-fueled water heaters and waste water.

According to the company’s website, "INOV8 products incorporate technology that prevent typical industry problems and eliminate safety concerns. INOV8’s strength since its inception has been technological superiority in combustion of waste oil and creative solutions to unusual applications."

INOV8’s latest project has been with the Panama Canal. The two stainless steel evaporators separate the oil that creates bilge water, using the unique burners that run off of a mix of diesel fuel, the water is then passed through coils in the evaporator and turn into steam leaving behind excess salt and oil. But these evaporators can use the collected oils leftover for the machine itself creating an endlessly green fuel alternative.

The evaporators will have some work ahead of them, on a single transit the Panama Canal uses about 52 million gallons of freshwater. But a plan which was designed back in 2007 aims to expand that canal that cost more than $5 billion and almost 10 years of construction.

The idea was to add an additional navigation lane to the canal with a new lock system. The lock system helps lift ships 85 feet to the right elevation of the canal and down again. The new locks are expected to save 7 percent less water needed for each ships transit.

Other cleaning attempts in the canal are currently Underwater Hull Cleaning by Aquadiver expert, but cleaning the hull of ships that can decrease water resistance and increase fuel consumption, as well as quality of underwater inspection by Classification Society requirements.

Even though ‘International’ in the title of their company, INOV8 manufactures products for international use as well as many states in the U.S.; ranging from manufacturing heaters for a Flora Ridge Farm in Mount Airy, North Carolina, a Waste Oil Burner for the La Crosse City Brewery, to custom built evaporators in the Panama Canal.

In the future INOV8 hopes that this new technology will not only help the canal, but “other industries from the food industry to car wash companies.”

Stepp Appointed to Deputy Administrator of EPA

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary, Cathy Stepp has accepted the position of deputy administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Cathy Stepp, a former Republican state senator, served as the DNR secretary since 2011 being the first woman to hold the position. Prior to that, she represented the state's 21st Senate District as a Republican from 2003-2007.

Stepp will be based in the EPA’s Region 7 office which oversees Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and nine tribal nations.

Brad Mapes-Martins, associate professor said "There will be a lot of parallel issues at Region 7 as she dealt with in Wisconsin, such as agriculture. She was appointed to this position precisely because of her expertise in this field. She has a background in environmental protection, which is consistent with the record she has in Wisconsin."

Governor Scott Walker released the following statement.

"Cathy is a strong, trusted reformer who will serve the country well at the EPA. As DNR secretary since 2011, she has led an outstanding workforce committed to preserving and promoting our natural resources while placing a strong focus on customer service and common sense."

She has a customer-friendly approach but the problem is, who is the customer? The business that is asking for a permit or the citizens of the state who needs protection from the potential effects," said Mapes-Martins.

The DNR referred fewer cases for prosecution to the attorney general’s office in 2016, DNR records show. The decline mirrors a larger drop in financial penalties paid in settlements with the Department of Justice last year. 20 environmental cases prosecuted by the Justice Department in 2016 resulted in judgments of $449,253 — the lowest in 22 years, agency records show.

Mapes-Martins said, since Stepp was already decreasing environmental enforcement which in part makes her an attractive administrator as she is consistent with the approach the current administration is taking.

One measure — the number of notices of violations — has dropped from an average of 488 in the final four years of Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle's term to an average of 281 under Stepp during Walker's first term, according to DNR records.

Kurt Thiede was appointed by Governor Scott Walker to be the Interim Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources as of Aug. 31, 2017 according to Wisconsin DNR website.

Her departure also comes as the DNR is taking on the oversight of a proposed $10 billion flat screen plant proposed for southeastern Wisconsin by Foxconn Technology Group, a Taiwanese company that has already won exemptions from environmental rules from the Walker administration.
Football Team Looking to Build on Momentum Heading into Conference Play

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point holds an undefeated record, 3-0, this season and is led by the dynamic duo of seniors Jerry Williams and Ryan Swigart as the team looks to steamroll the competition with conference play ahead.

As of Sept. 25, the Pointers have scored 108 points, while holding opponents to 80.

Swigart, UWSP's starting quarterback, has tossed nine touchdowns, accompanied by only three interceptions this season. The quarterback's overall completion percentage has been 72.1 percent, as he has completed 49 of 68 passes for 750 yards.

When asked about how he feels he has performed this season, Swigart said that he was, "Not too happy with those three interceptions."

Swigart believes that the offense can improve on their performance this season, but appreciates the team's resiliency in tough situations.

"I think we need to come out faster, but it's really shown that this team doesn't get down when we're not actually leading right away," said Swigart.

"We have a lot of belief and faith that we can win the game no matter what the scoreboard says."

The Pointers' wide receivers have been benefitting from the efficient season that Swigart has produced thus far.

Williams, UWSP's starting wide receiver, leads the team in receiving yards (437), catches (21) and touchdowns (6).

Williams noted that he is pleased with his success this season.

"I put in the work, so it's finally paying off," said Williams.

UWSP head coach, Tom Journell, echoed the lead wide receiver's statement.

"It's a team that comes out and works every day, we pride ourselves on being blue collar," said Journell.

"We bring our lunch pail and dedication that the team needs to do and that's lead by example and make big innings or out here on the practice field."

Journell praised the performance of senior defensive tackle Tanner Beaman in leading the team in both solo (12) and total (14) tackles this season.

"He's just a dominate d-tackle and a lot of NFL guys are looking at him and taking notice because he's leading our team in tackles and that's rare that a d-tackle leads the team in tackles," said Journell.

Beaman has shown his effectiveness on special teams as well. He blocked an extra point in the team's season opener versus St. Norbert that set up the game winning extra point for UWSP in the second overtime.

"He's all over the field and he's making an unbelievable difference in everything that he does," said Journell.

"He's doing what seniors need to do and that's lead by example and make big plays."

The strong performance by this year's senior class, coupled with the hard work and dedication that the team has put in, sets the Pointers on a path to make some noise and keep their sights set on the playoffs, though, they will keep their sights set on the rest of the regular season.

"I'm not really looking too far ahead like that, just trying to win this Saturday," said Swigart.

Pink Game to Highlight Start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Breast cancer is a devastating disease that has impacted the lives of many across the nation. UWSP is offering it's support to victims of the disease through fundraisers and awareness during their October campaign.

Many students, athletes, coaches and staff members around campus have been impacted by cancer in some form. According to Cancer.gov, breast cancer is the most diagnosed form of cancer among citizens of the United States.

Fourth Ave. has been renamed to "Pink St. for the final week of September in observance of breast cancer, while many other activities will take part during the week.

Brats and various games will be on hand for students to enjoy and participate in on Wednesday, September 27, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The week culminates on Saturday with the annual Pink Game kicking off at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Community Stadium at Goerke Park in Stevens Point as the Pointers host UW-La Crosse.

Pink Game t-shirts and signs will be available for purchase during the week and at the game as well as silent auctions held during the game.

The proceeds from the various fundrasing events, including the Pink Game, will benefit the Joanne A. Suomi Memorial Fund and the Breast Cancer Family Foundation.

The UWSP assistant athletic director for media relations, Tim Bohn, said, "The Pink Game is one of many great cause-related events that UWSP athletics is involved with again this year. Team Schierl, MADA and The Store have been great partners in promoting this event and the corresponding cause."

"Nearly everyone is directly affected or knows someone who is afflicted with some form of cancer. The Pink Game is not only an important game on the field, but the cause off the field is a constant reminder that we can all make a difference in people's lives."

For additional information or any questions about how to donate to the cause, visit athletics.uwsp.edu.
Look Into Sports

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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL DROPS THREE OF FOUR ON THE ROAD

Stevens Point volleyball fell in three of their four matches and finished week three of their season with an overall record of 14-5.

The Pointers began the week with a conference opener on the road versus UW-Whitewater and dropped the contest, 3-2.

Match leaders for Stevens Point included: Gehl (21 kills), Carter and Kundinger (21 digs). UWSP extended their win streak to four games with the victory.

The Pointers and the Bulldogs traded touchdowns throughout the first half as UWSP headed into the intermission with a 7-point lead, 28-21.

After throwing an early first quarter touchdown pass, quarterback Ryan Swigart left the game with an injury and did not return.

Stevens Point broke the game open in the fourth quarter with touchdown passes from Urmanski to Williams and wide receiver Dylon Iverson to help claim the win.

Freshmen running back Zach Bosek led the rushing attack for the Pointers with 132 yards on 22 attempts.

Sophomore quarterback Matt Urmanek replaced Swigart and with an injury and did not return.

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September 30, vs. UW-La Crosse

6 p.m.

Pointers Football

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WOMEN’S TENNIS SWEEPS WEEKEND

UWSP returned to the court on Wednesday, Sept. 27, to host UW-Whitewater. The matches start at 3:30 p.m.

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Point’s Freshman Francesca Hamilton sparked the offense with two goals in less than a three-minute span, early in the first half.

Fellow forward Maddy Hardman assisted Hamilton on the first goal, while Hamilton took care of the second goal by herself.

Hamilton has now scored eight goals on the season, leading the team.

Hardyman leads the team in assists with four.

With less than 15 minutes until halftime, freshman defender Meaghan Ambelang scored what proved to be the deciding goal in the match.

Going into halftime, the Pointers led, 3-0, but gave up two goals later in the match.

A strong defensive effort from UWSP helped preserve the narrow victory over North Central.

UWSP soccer returns to the field on Wednesday, Sept. 27, as they travel to take on Carthage College in Kenosha. The match is set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point ended their non-conference slate with a victory over Adrian College, 41-29, on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Senior Wide Receiver Jerry Williams hauled in 4 passes for 123 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior wide receiver Steve Hernandez added two more scores for 73 yards and passed for another score as he found Williams for a 75-yard touchdown.

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Women’s Golf

Sept. 30- Oct. 1,
UWSP Mad Dawg Invitational
TBA

Women’s Soccer

Sept. 27,
at Carthage College
4:30 p.m.

Sept. 30,
at UW-La Crosse
1 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 30,
Dan Huston Invitation
TBD

Sports Events
Illinois regulators ended a four-year feud as they signed the first fracking permit to Woolsey Operating Company on Aug. 31, 2017.

The argument between environmentalists and the oil drilling industry has been a long one and the decision came as a shock because the regulations put in to practice years before. Located in White County, the company plans to move quickly, hoping to have the well finished within a year.

Fracking consists of drilling a mile down in tight rock types and then turning the drill horizontally where they continue to drill for multiple miles. This drilling spot is known as the well. A mixture of water, sand and other products are then pressurized in the well to create very small cracking in the stone. Once set up correctly, the well is then used to extract natural gases. Methane is the most common because it is used as fuel.

The company submitted a permit in spring, however, it was quickly rejected due to inconsistency issues. With a revised permit, the company then refiled during the summer which was later accepted.

Many are opposed to the decision due to not only the environmental effects but the proposal itself having many problems. Many believe the proposal was incomplete and unsettling.

When students of The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, specifically residents of Illinois, were asked about the topic many were unsure and even unaware of the situation.

Many of the concerns of fracking revolve around the emissions of fumes, and the potential contamination of the groundwater and soil near the wells.

Judy Stone, a contributor to Forbes, writer of the article "Fracking Is Dangerous To Your Health -- Here's Why" stated in the article, "A cough, shortness of breath and wheezing are the most common complaints of residents living near fracking wells. Toxic gases like benzene are released from the rock by fracking.

However, many argue that it is only when safety and waste precautions are not met that fracking can become harmful.

While environmentalists and residents of Illinois continue to fight, the well is expected to start running in 2018.
Door County May Soon Host a National Park

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Door County could see a national park in their neighborhood, as the Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands have their way. The Grand Traverse Islands are a series of islands which make up the "thumb" of Wisconsin, starting at Washington Island and going north towards Michigan.

The proposal calls for 7,047 acres of the islands, and some parts of the mainland, to be made into a National Park.

John Bacon, a founding member of Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands and an experienced outdoorsman, recalls a moment which instigated his decision to create the proposal.

Bacon said, "I remember leading a boy scout troop up to Rock Island, which is close to the center of the Grand Traverse Islands. I remember being up there and thinking, 'This is a really beautiful place. How was this never created? How was this never established as a national park?' And I figured it must be because it's all private property or something.

In fact, most of the land which is now in the proposal is already owned by state, county or federal government.

One benefit, Bacon said, of transitioning this land into a national park is that the park would all be under the environmental protection of the federal government. This however, would not be a change for most parts of the proposed park since much of it is already overseen by the US Fish and Wildlife Services, or State Park Services.

Bacon explained that the key benefit would be giving more public access to the waters and islands than what is currently allowed. This in turn, he hopes, will promote a sort of inherent protection of it.

"If you can't go experience the place, if you can't go connect with it, you're not going to care about it, and that's how the people of our organization have always felt," Bacon said.

Additionally, the creation of a national park would allow for more public safety.

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There are also several historic sites within the proposed national park lands which are currently being left to decay. This includes the first lighthouse built in Wisconsin, which would be protected by the creation of a national park.

Bacon also thinks the surrounding communities would benefit financially from a national park, since national parks tend to draw more attention and traffic than state or county parks.

"The tourism industry would benefit," Bacon said.

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Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Ignites Controversy

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Proposed replacement of the line 3 pipeline has instigated concerns from environmental and Native American groups and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Line 3 currently transports crude oil from Alberta Canada through North Dakota and Minnesota before arriving at Superior, Wisconsin. The pipeline was built in the 1960s and is currently beingoutube for maintenance.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday
September 27,

Despicable Me 3
showings

DUC Theater
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Thursday
September 28,

Centertainment:
Mungion
with special guests
Butter (Jam concert)

DUC Encore
8 p.m.

Friday
September 29,

Despicable Me 3
showings

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Centertainment:
Freddie Justice
(Hypnotist)

DUC Encore
8 p.m.

Saturday
September 30,

PLSF Lane Tech
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What is your favorite food?

Tater tot casserole. My mom makes it homemade with onions, a few peas, tater tots, cream of mushroom soup and then she just kind of layers it together and puts the tater tots on top with some shredded cheese and bakes it for an hour. It's pretty good.

Where is the best place to eat in Stevens Point? What do you order there?

Grazies. The cheese curds, definitely the cheese curds. And they have a really good seafood noodle dish. I don't know what it's called though.

If you could have a life-time supply of only one food or beverage, what would you choose and why?

Culver's soft serve. It's the best dessert, in my opinion, and I never get sick of it.
Go Headless Over Sleepy Hollow - Review: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

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You can thank Washington Irving for the most iconic of all the characters you'll see traipsing through the woods on All Hollow's Eve.

While "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" does not take place on Halloween, The Headless Horseman has become a hallmark of the holiday, all thanks to the American author, Washington Irving. Though the 12,000-word short story was originally published in 1820, its legacy still permeates American culture.

The story follows a small town in New York which is adjacent to the haunted valley of Sleepy Hollow. Legend has it that a Hessian trooper lost his head via cannonball during the Revolutionary War.

The legend of the Headless Horseman is described in the story. "Indeed, certain of the most authentic historians of those parts, who have been careful in collecting and collating the floating facts concerning this specter, allege that the body of the trooper having been buried in the churchyard, the ghost rides forth to the scene of battle in nightly quest of his head, and that the rushing speed with which he sometimes passes along the Hollow, like a midnight blast, is owing to his being belated, and in a hurry to get back to the churchyard before daybreak."

Almost as famous, or infamous, as the Horseman is Ichabod Crane, the gangly, almost ghostly himself schoolteacher of Sleepy Hollow. When Crane endeavors to court the town coquette, Katrina Van Tassel, he also attains an adversary, rogue Brom Bones.

The autumnal setting of the small, New England town and the haunts of specters make "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" the perfect fall read to get in the mood for Halloween.

Described as having an "appetite for the marvelous," Ichabod Crane himself is a lover of spooky stories.

The best part of the story is that everything is left up to the readers' imagination. Is the Headless Horseman real? What did Brom know? Does Irving tell us what happened to Ichabod?

Though perhaps it can't be quantified, there exists something about "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" that has caused it to permeate American culture and secure it a place in our nation's literary canon.

Tim Burton's 1999 film, "Sleepy Hollow," draws on Irving's original characters and setting but devises a wholly new plot. Johnny Depp stars as Ichabod Crane, a young New York City detective who comes to Sleepy Hollow to "detect" what has transpired with a string of ghastly decapitations.

While the movie is not a true encapsulation of the original story, it shows how deeply "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" has entrenched itself into the stories we continue to tell today, almost two hundred years hence.

Even if people don't know the story, or at least an idea of it, they can recognize the Headless Horseman.

The New Yorker posted its daily cartoon on its Facebook page on Sept. 13. Created by Jeremy Nguyen, it featured a stern-looking man in eighteenth-century garb, presumably Ichabod Crane, speaking to a headless rider atop a horse, holding in one hand a flaming jack-o-lantern. The caption read, "Put that down. It's still September."

With October almost here, spooky stories and Headless Horsemens are in full justification, and there's no better place to start than with the original, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."
PHO, Fay Ray and Why More People Should See Centertainment Concerts

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Centertainment Productions regularly hosts concerts at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. These concerts usually have moderate attendance, but the talent of the artists that are hand-picked to play at UWSP is worthy of massive crowds filling up the Dreyfus University Center.

On Friday, Sept. 22 Centertainment hosted the two bands PHO and Fay Ray.

PHO, a 7-piece instrumental funk group, and Fay Ray, an 8-piece jazz/funk/rock group, played in the Encore Room of the DUC.

The group PHO, pronounced “foe,” is from Minneapolis and considers themselves a progressive funk group. They use a mix of modern and classic music to make a supremely different and incredibly fun sound.

Fay Ray is from Chicago. They blend many different genres including jazz, funk, rock and pop. The group, who recently changed their name from “Church Booty,” uses a genre mixing style that makes it so listeners never really know what they will be getting from each new song.

Fay Ray opened the show at 8 p.m.

Liz Summers, fifth-year student and Centertainment’s Concert Coordinator was excited to see Fay Ray’s dynamic to be brought to the Encore’s stage.

“I think it’s gonna be cool to meet them because they’ll be relatable,” said Summers.

The crowd at the show’s beginning was smaller than what the group deserved. There were around a dozen people at the show’s opening, much too few for a band that drove a long time for the show.

“We drove here from Chicago today,” said Mariel Fechik, Fay Ray’s vocalist.

The long trip and the small audience did not bring the band down though as they continued to play as if they were playing to a stadium.

Their music made the audience begin moving around and dancing with songs like the James Bond feeling “Undercover.” By the end of their set, people were filing in and the dance floor was filling up.

After Fay Ray left the stage with a lot of applause, there was a brief intermission. Then, PHO got set up and took the stage.

Summers, not having seen PHO before, was eager to see them take the stage after learning about the band.

“They’re just known around the area. I’ve had a couple people post on Facebook that they’ve seen them in Madison, Chicago, a couple different places so local word of mouth pretty much,” said Summers.

PHO took the stage and jumped right into a fast-paced and funky first song.

Every member of the group started moving to the beat and got the crowd to start moving with them.

PHO made the concert into a party, and everyone there was having an incredible time dancing with them.

PHO and Fay Ray gave the people that went to their concert a great Friday night.

They both have music on YouTube. PHO has music available on SoundCloud, and Fay Ray has music available on Spotify under their old name “Church Booty.”

The show that was put on by PHO and Fay Ray was an exciting and fun way to spend a Friday night. If more concerts that are put on by Centertainment are like theirs, then more people should absolutely be in attendance.