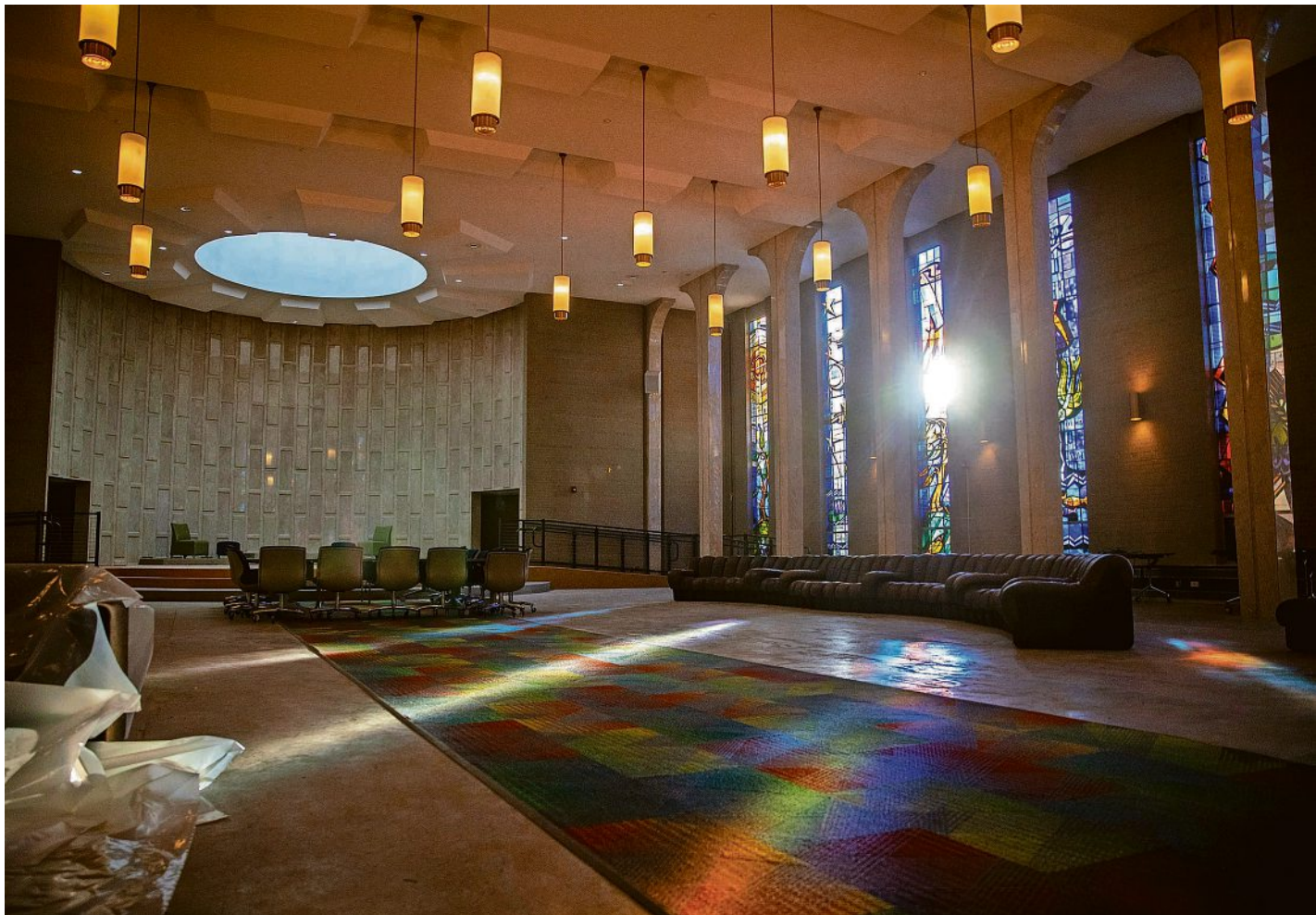


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CREATE Portage County will host its Indoor Winter Wonderland this weekend. GABI BROEKEMA/USA TODAY NETWORK- WISCONSIN

# 3 events you don’t want to miss

## Indoor Winter Wonderland among activities going on this weekend

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STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point Journal is highlighting local events happening in the Stevens Point area. Every week, you’ll find three local events ranging from children’s activities to festivals, learning events, performances and more. Do you have an event you want to highlight? Email event descriptions, posters, event links, photos and more details to [news@stevenspointjournal.com](mailto:news@stevenspointjournal.com).

### CREATE’s Indoor Winter Wonderland

CREATE Portage County will host its Indoor Winter Wonderland from noon to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at 1300 Maria Drive Suite B in Stevens Point. The event will kick off with the Holiday Makers’ Market from noon to 4 p.m., offering a collection of unique winter and holiday-focused items throughout the organization’s Great Hall. Guests can find festive home décor and gift items while supporting local makers in central Wisconsin. A variety of drinks and snacks will

be served from the CREATE Bar and more activities will be held, as well. The event will continue with a showing of “The Muppet Christmas Carol” in the Great Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the movie, which starts at 6 p.m. Tickets to see the movie will be \$10 per person, and children 6 years and younger can watch for free. The movie portion of the event will include free hot cocoa, games and pizza. Event organizers ask guests to wear their ugliest sweatshirt or coziest winter pajamas. Tickets can be found at [givebutter.com/9N81QI](https://givebutter.com/9N81QI). For more information, visit [createportage-county.org](https://createportage-county.org) or find CREATE Portage County on Facebook.

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# Want to showcase your art?

## Apply for Stevens Point Festival of the Arts

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STEVENS POINT – Applications are open for artists to exhibit at the 52nd annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts.

The festival will be held April 12, 2026, at Artist & Fare in Plover, according to a community announcement. Fifty-four visual artists will be selected to showcase and sell their work.

The free event will also feature a kids’ art zone and a fine art raffle that raises money for community art grants supporting local arts education.

“We are so fortunate to have a part in amplifying the arts in Central Wisconsin by welcoming over 50 fine artists for a full day of creative community connections,” festival director Jessie Fritsch said in the announcement. “It’s amazing to see thousands of attendees experience art in various ways and discover how the world looks through someone else’s eyes.”

### How to apply

Artists can apply through ZAPP at [zapplication.org](https://zapplication.org). The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2026.

The festival is also seeking community support in the form of financial sponsorships, in-kind donations and volunteers. For more information, email [art-festival@stevenspointfoa.com](mailto:art-festival@stevenspointfoa.com).

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# Stevens Point Brewery adds NA versions of two fan-favorite brews

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STEVENS POINT – Stevens Point Brewery is introducing non-alcoholic versions of two popular brews, Point Amber NA and Point Snow Pilot Pistachio Nut Brown NA.

Both brews will be available in December in six-packs of 12-ounce cans, wherever Point Beers are sold.

The timing is intentional as it coincides with New Year’s celebrations and Dry January, a movement where individuals abstain from alcohol for the first month of the year, according to a community announcement.

“This is more than just a trend,” Ju-

## While many breweries shy away from creating non-alcoholic versions of their bestselling beers, Stevens Point Brewery has embraced the challenge.

lie Birrenkott, Stevens Point Brewery marketing director, said in the announcement. “It’s about meeting drinkers where they are – whether for Dry January, health or personal preference – with options that don’t compromise on taste. Now everyone can raise a glass to that.”

### New method used

Point Amber NA reimagines the brewery’s iconic Amber Lager, offering sweet caramel malts and a delicate hop balance in a smooth, medium-bodied profile, according to the announcement. Point Snow Pilot Pistachio Nut Brown NA blends Mount Hood hops, nutty Maris Otter malt and pistachio.

While many breweries shy away from creating non-alcoholic versions of their bestselling beers, Stevens Point Brewery has embraced the challenge. Replicating the depth, balance and character of beloved recipes without alcohol’s body is no small feat, the brewery said in the announcement.

Using the patented BrewVo system,

a dealcoholization technology, the brewery has produced non-alcoholic beers and ciders that are true to the originals.

“We didn’t just want to make NA beer,” brewmaster Mike Schraufnagel said. “We wanted to make NA beer that stands on its own. This process lets us honor the integrity of Point Amber and Snow Pilot, preserving what makes them special.”

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