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New York City freezes over in "The Day After Tomorrow." PROVIDED BY TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

## Warm up with cold weather thrillers

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As winter continues in Wisconsin, it's important to stay safe and keep warm.

One way to do that is to hibernate at home, if possible, for some winter-themed binge-watching.

You can curl up with cozy options like "Frozen," "Groundhog Day" and dozens of rom-coms ... or any number of snow-covered Hallmark movies.

Or, if you already miss Halloween and are looking for some thrills with your chills, try a marathon of action flicks, crime dramas and supernatural mysteries set amidst a deep freeze.

Did you know? There is plenty of frigid-weather adventure and suspense to see from the security of your TV screen,



Kurt Russell, left, in "The Thing." PROVIDED BY UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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FOND DU LAC



A procession featuring flags from around the world opened up CELEBRATE CommUNITY on Feb. 17, 2018. DOUG RAFLIK/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

## Community cultures celebrated

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FOND DU LAC – United for Diversity will host the annual CELEBRATE commUNITY event Feb. 21 at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 520 Fond du Lac Ave.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. before a flag ceremony kicks off the event at 11 a.m., drummed in by Native American elders.

After a welcome from city and county officials, more than 50 booths will open and live entertainment will begin from noon to 3 p.m.

Admission is \$5, cash only, but children age 12 and younger can enter for free.

Attendees interacting with the booths will find food samples and wares representing different countries, religions and community organizations.

Family-friendly activities throughout the day include barrier-breaking games and crafts, and children's activities feature Native American storytelling with Shelli Dekker and face painting with Renee Waters.

Heading into its 17th year, the goal of the event is to celebrate the heritage, cultures and traditions of others, educating all generations about their heritage.

"Being shoulder-to-shoulder and

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## Report: Fond du Lac among state's best places to live

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What makes a good place to live?

Maybe it's affordable housing and a strong local economy, or access to quality schools and health care, or even healthy air quality and a low chance of extreme weather.

These were all among the metrics U.S. News & World Report measured in its latest ranking of the best places to live in the United States. Of the 250 cities named in the list, 14 in Wisconsin made the cut.

U.S. News & World Report named Eau Claire the top Wisconsin city to live in and the 49th-best city overall. Appleton wasn't far behind, ranking as the 53rd-best place nationwide. Milwaukee,

meanwhile, placed at the bottom of the list of Wisconsin cities.

Here's what else to know about the rankings:

### What makes Eau Claire one of the best places to live?

Eau Claire's low cost of living and its strong job market earned it the top spot

among Wisconsin cities.

The median home value in Eau Claire is \$260,971, compared to the national average of \$370,489, according to the study. Most data in the report was from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

As of 2023, the city's unemployment

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