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'Platform to perform'



Susan Sox performs during a drag show at The ReMixx on June 3 in Neenah. DAN POWERS/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

A Neenah LGBTQ club is creating a growing love for drag shows

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NEENAH - Susan Sox emerges from behind the curtain.

Wearing a tight black, glittery gown that shimmers under the spotlights, she strides across the stage at The ReMixx.

Dark, glittery makeup streams down her face like oily tears, matching her glistening outfit, straight black wig, killer stiletto heels and silver chains dangling from her waist.

Her entrance is nothing short of fabulous.

Susan Sox's impassioned lip-synced performance is met with an uproar of cheers from the crowd and a line of audience members behind a red velvet rope waiting to hand her tips and get a chance for some brief one-on-one with the woman of the stage.

"We're one of the largest queer establishments in the area and people like seeing drag enough around here to bring in a packed crowd."

Show director Tyler Weber, who performs in drag as Ivy Viola

ReMixx events

The ReMixx has an impressive lineup of drag shows on its radar, including a Drag Bingo benefit June 25. Beyond that, drag enthusiasts can expect a show at 10:30 p.m. almost every Saturday.

Just an hour before her arrival on stage, Susan Sox sat in a cramped dressing room behind the curtains with the other drag queens, contouring her makeup with a dollar bill and sharing drama happening in the drag community.

The glamorous wigs, dramatic makeup and overly sequenced outfits perfectly put together for the stage were in piles of organized chaos in the small dressing room only minutes before the show.

'The destination spot for drag shows in the Fox Cities'

Susan Sox was one of six drag performers to own the stage at The ReMixx's kickoff to Pride Month drag show on June 3.

Hollywood Kardashian, who also performed that night and is a show director for The ReMixx, said the club is the "destination spot for drag shows in the Fox Cities."

While other bars and venues like Missfits Tavern and Calavera's Fine Fusions in Appleton host the occasional drag show or brunch, The ReMixx is the only place in the Fox Cities consistently putting on shows.

The club, located off State 76 in Neenah, is discreetly wedged between

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CARBON MONOXIDE

Schools to add new detectors following a mom's plea

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APPLETON - Ashley Wilson couldn't shake the worry of her son getting carbon monoxide poisoning at school.

It may not be the first concern that comes to mind when a parent thinks about their child at school, but for Wilson, the worry was warranted.

In February 2020, her family suffered carbon monoxide poisoning after the boiler in their former apartment was leaking. There was no detector installed to indicate the presence of the colorless, odorless, potentially deadly, gas.

She would try to reassure herself that the schools were safe but decided she needed to reach out after she heard news about 17 people being sent to the hospital after carbon monoxide levels reached dangerously high levels in a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee dorm.

To Wilson's surprise, the Appleton Area School District told her there aren't detectors in any of the school buildings.

State law doesn't require them in schools, but it does require them on every level of Wisconsin homes. According to the state Department of Health Services, carbon monoxide poisoning sends about 500 Wisconsinites to the emergency room each year.

Wilson, knowing the affects of carbon monoxide poisoning firsthand, was disappointed in the response she received and decided to advocate for detectors in schools. She continued communicating with district administrators explaining why she was concerned and why she thought they should be added.

Because of those conversations, the district has said it will add carbon monoxide detectors to its buildings before school starts again in the fall.

There are existing maintenance procedures in place to check that no harmful gasses are leaking, said Mark Hansel, director of facilities and operations for the district, so the detectors will add just another safety net.

"It'll provide another layer of protection," Hansel said.

Carbon monoxide can come from common heating sources such as furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves

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Johnsonville broadens launch of new snacks

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SHEBOYGAN FALLS - This month, Johnsonville is expanding the rollout of its new Summer Sausage Sticks to Festival Foods, Woodman's and Pick 'N Save locations across Wisconsin, ac-

ording to a June 15 news release.

The Summer Sausage Sticks part of the test-market lineup are available in original pork, garlic pork and beef, and can be bought as individual sticks or in pouches of eight sticks. The individual sticks cost \$1.49 to \$1.79 and the pouches cost \$7.99 to \$8.99.

"Making delicious sausage has giv-

en us a way to deliver against consumers' growing demand for portable, protein-forward snacks that taste good," Johnsonville brand manager Jackie Hendricks said in the news release.

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