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EAU CLAIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

• *Theatre for All Ages* •

2014-2015

SEASON

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The Eau Claire Children's Theatre

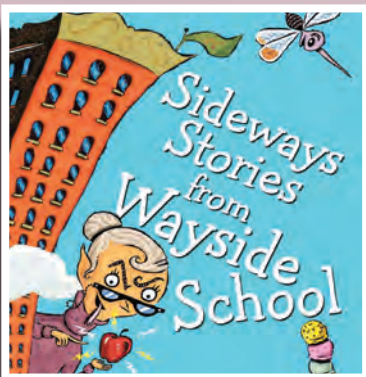
is starting its 26th season this fall, and we're putting the spotlight on a season that brings outstanding variety to the Chippewa Valley. The spotlight will shine on a great mix of Broadway classics and new releases, family favorites and children's shows never seen in Eau Claire. The spotlight will focus on musicals new to ECCT, like JEKYLL & HYDE, MARY POPPINS, CABARET and a concert version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's CAROUSEL and old favorites like Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST and WEST SIDE STORY, last presented by ECCT in 1999. Throughout the season we'll turn up the spotlight on family favorites and award-winning book titles like ARTHUR'S HALLOWEEN, WALK TWO MOONS, TALES OF A 4th GRADE NOTHING, GOOD NIGHT MOON and DR. SEUSS'S THE CAT IN THE HAT. ECCT's mission is to provide quality theatrical experiences for western Wisconsin residents of all ages, and you'll certainly find that this season with many opportunities for both young people and adults to be on stage and in the audience.

And we'll shine a little light on your wallet as ECCT continues to make the most of your entertainment dollars. You can create your own 4-Show or 6-Show package, so you can choose the shows YOU want to see and not get stuck with shows you don't want. Can't decide which shows to pick? See them all and save the most money with a Full Season Pass.

Come join us in the spotlight- we've got a great season lined up for you and we look forward to seeing you at the theatre!

October

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Fri Sat Sun

7:30pm

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Adapted by John Olive from the books by Louis Sachar

The Wayside School was supposed to be one story high, with thirty classrooms side by side. Instead, it was built sideways, with thirty one-classroom stories. (The builder said he was sorry!) Maybe that's why all kinds of unusual things happen at Wayside during this hilarious play based Louis Sachar's popular book.

Jekyll & Hyde

THE MUSICAL

October

STATE THEATRE

Thr Fri Sat Sun

7:30pm

16

7:30pm

17

7:30pm

18

1:30pm

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Conceived for the stage by Steve Cuden and Frank Wildhorn

Book and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

Music by Frank Wildhorn

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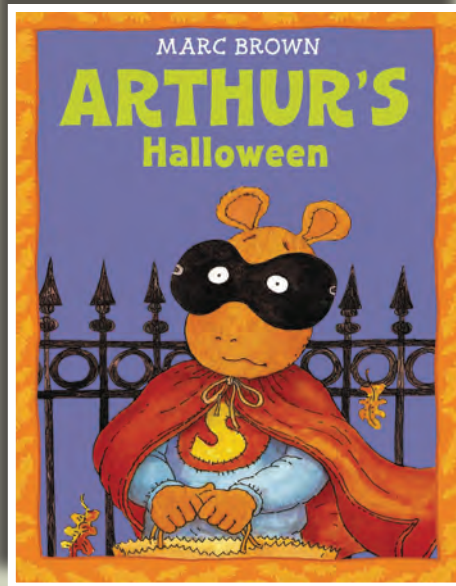
Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story, this evocative Broadway musical tells the tale of the brilliant doctor whose experiments with human personality create a murderous counterpart. When Jekyll unwittingly unleashes his own dark side, he wreaks havoc in the streets of London as the savage, maniacal Edward Hyde.

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Based on the book by Marc Brown

Arthur thinks everything about Halloween is scary – D.W.'s costume, even his morning snack! - but he's most afraid of the big spooky house on the corner where no one wants to go trick-or-treating. Arthur's fears are eventually soothed once he realizes things aren't always the way you imagine.



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Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 24	11am 1:30pm 25	1:30pm 26
7:30pm 31	11am 1:30pm 1	

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It's Your Birthday!

ECCT offers two great birthday packages to help you celebrate your child's special day!

"Birthday and Show" Packages include show tickets to your choice of five children's plays, use of the Party Room, birthday paper products, and an autographed playbill for the birthday child.

"Party and Games" Packages include use of the Party Room, 75 minutes of theatre game instruction and birthday paper products.

Give us a call at 715-839-8877 and we'll send you a Birthday Party brochure with complete details!



November

STATE THEATRE

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

"Be Our Guest" at one of ECCT's most popular shows! Belle longs for adventure in the great wide somewhere, but she gets more than she bargained for when she discovers the enchanted castle in the woods. It's a "tale as old as time" with all the enchanted characters and popular Disney songs you know and love.

HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION

A different set of auction items will be on display in the lobby during each show. Bidding closes at the end of the intermission, and the winning bidders pick up and pay for their items as they leave the theatre.

Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 20	7:30pm 21	1:30pm 7:30pm 22	1:30pm 23

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Fri	Sat	Sun
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7:30pm 12	11am 1:30pm 13	

By Laurie Brooks

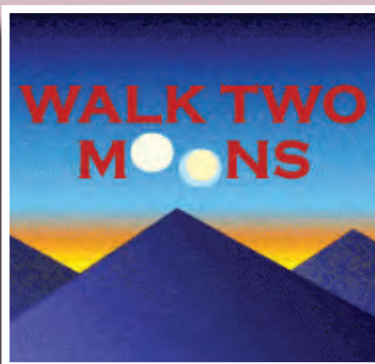
This original play presents the poignant story of the "missing" two years in the life of the Ingalls family—the only substantial period that Laura chose not to write about in her Little House books. Told with period songs and humor, *A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas* celebrates the importance of family bonds.

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January

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Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 9	1:30pm 10	1:30pm 11
7:30pm 16	1:30pm 17	

By Tom Arvetis
Based on Sharon Creech's
Newbery Medal-winning novel

Based on Sharon Creech's award-winning novel, 13-year-old Sal tells the story of the disappearance of her best friend Phoebe's mother. The girls are determined to find her, but it is only through telling Phoebe's story that Sal truly understands why her own mother left and whether or not they'll ever be together again.

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February

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Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 5	7:30pm 6	10:00am 1:30pm 7	1:30pm 8

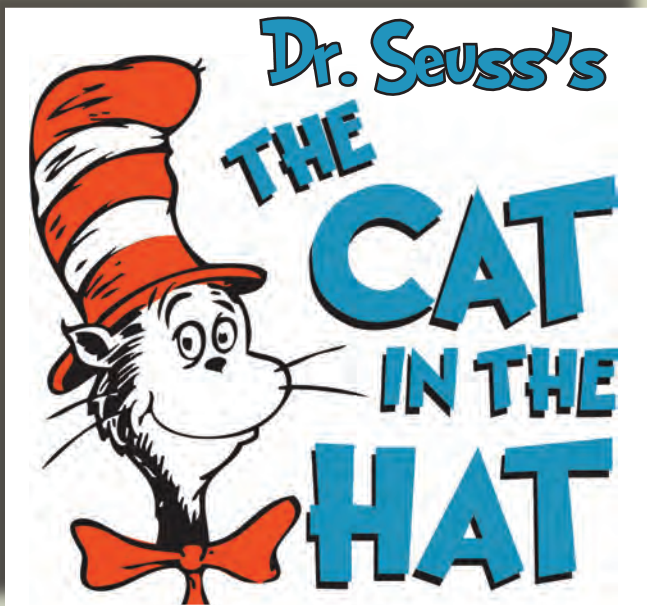
From the stories of Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm
Book adapted by Vera Morris

When the king and queen of Never Nod have a new baby, Princess Briar-Rose, the witch Evilina sets a terrible curse on the poor young princess. Sixteen years later, it's up to Prince Alexander to come to Briar-Rose's rescue and the court's too...the entire Kingdom is asleep!

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February

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Play originally produced by the National Theatre of Great Britain
Adapted and originally directed by Katie Mitchell

From the moment his tall, red-and-white-striped hat appears at the door, Sally and her brother know that The Cat in the Hat is the most mischievous cat they have ever met. With the trickiest of tricks and craziest of ideas, he turns a rainy afternoon into an amazing adventure. But what will mom find when she gets home?

Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 20	11am 1:30pm 21	1:30pm 22
7:30pm 27	11am 1:30pm 28	

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March

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*Pending Availability

Original music and lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Book by Julian Fellowes
New songs and additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe
Co-created by Cameron Mackintosh

In the troubled Banks family, young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must help the family learn how to value each other again. Filled with timeless classics such as the Academy Award®-winning "Chim-Chim Cher-ee," *Mary Poppins* can only be described as "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!"

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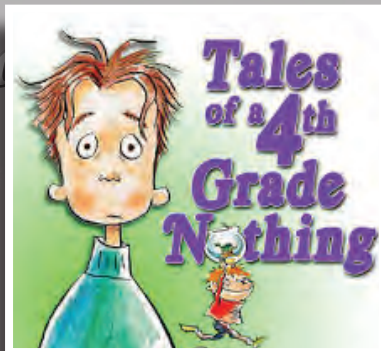
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Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 13	1:30pm 14	1:30pm 15
7:30pm 20	1:30pm 21	

Judy Blume, author
Bruce Mason, playwright

Oh, brother! Peter Hatcher has many problems, but his biggest is his impossible little brother, Fudge. Based on the popular title by Judy Blume, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* is a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a younger sibling.

April

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Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm 17	11am 1:30pm 18	1:30pm 19
7:30pm 24	11am 1:30pm 25	

Book, music, and lyrics by Clement Hurd

In this musical adaptation of Margaret Wise Brown's beloved children's story, Bunny's room magically comes alive. He sings and dances his way to sweet dreams through nursery rhyme scenes with dancing bears, the Cat and the Fiddle, the Cow Jumping Over the Moon, and even a trip through the night sky with dancing constellations.



June

STATE THEATRE

Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics and book by Oscar Hammerstein II
Based on Ferenc Molnar's play "Liliom" as adapted by Benjamin F. Glazer

It's been over 30 years since *Carousel* has been presented in the Chippewa Valley. Experience some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatest hits as this award-winning musical is brought to the stage in a unique concert setting with costumes, staging, and best of all, the orchestra right on stage!

Sat	Sun
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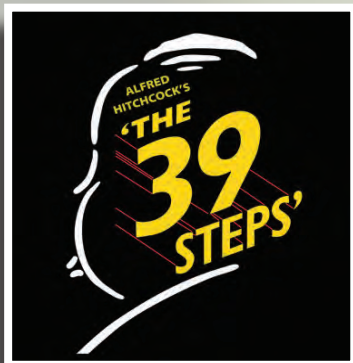
Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm
18	19	20	21

Book by N. Richard Nash, Music by Harvey Schmidt, Lyrics by Tom Jones
Based on the play "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash, Original direction by Joseph Anthony, Dances and musical numbers originally staged by Agnes de Mille, Produced for the Broadway stage by David Merrick

In the hot and drought-stricken American southwest, spinster Lizzie Curry's advances are rebuffed by Fife, the divorced sheriff. Charismatic travelling con man Bill Starbuck restores Lizzie's self-confidence, all while promising the local farmers he can provide some much-needed rain in this beautiful musical by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones.

July

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Thr	Fri	Sat
6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm
9	10	11

Adapted by Patrick Barlow
Based upon an original concept by Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python, and you have a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters played by a ridiculously talented cast of four, an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance!

A Summer Dinner Theatre Experience

July

STATE THEATRE

Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm
22	23	24	25	26

Book by Arthur Laurents
Music by Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Based on the concept by Jerome Robbins

In New York City, two young idealistic lovers find themselves caught between two warring street gangs, the "American" Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks. Their struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence, and prejudice makes *West Side Story* one of the most heart-wrenching and relevant musical dramas of our time.

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Season Extras

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Fri	Sat
6:30pm 23	6:30pm 24
6:30pm 30	6:30pm 31

It's been years since the Montgomery Family has had a reunion – there may be a good reason for that! – but they're just dying to get together. This audience participation show serves up a delicious dinner with a little murder for dessert. See if your family is as dysfunctional as they are!

May

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Thr	Fri	Sat
7:30pm 7	7:30pm 8	7:30pm 9

Book by Joe Masteroff, Based on the play by John Van Druten and Stories by Christopher Isherwood, Music by John Kander, Lyrics by Fred Ebb, Broadway production directed by Harold Prince, Produced for the Broadway Stage by Harold Prince

Cabaret tells the story of a seedy nightclub in 1930s Berlin where a young English performer strikes up a relationship with an American writer, all while a zealous Master of Ceremonies commands the action at the Kit Kat Klub. *Cabaret* has received numerous awards including Tony® Awards for Best Musical (1966-67) and Best Revival (1997-98).

Theatre Info

The Eau Claire Children's Theatre and The Oxford are located in downtown Eau Claire at

1814 N Oxford Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
 PHONE: 715-839-8877
 E-MAIL: info@ecct.org
 WEBSITE: www.ecct.org

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-3pm
 Box Office opens one hour before all performances.

TICKET CATEGORIES

ECCT offers 4 ticket pricing categories:

- Youth - ages 12 and under
- Students - ages 13 to college age with a valid ID
- Adults - ages 18-59
- Seniors - ages 60+

LAP SEATS

Fire codes require that all patrons in the theatre have a ticket. Lap seat tickets for all shows are \$4 per child for children 2 and under.

TICKET PURCHASES

Tickets can be purchased by mail, phone, online, or in person. We accept cash, check, Mastercard, and Visa. There is a \$2 handling fee for all credit card transactions by phone and online. All sales are final, and there are no refunds.

TICKET EXCHANGES

Season ticket holders can make unlimited ticket exchanges. Exchanges will be made for other patrons only in extenuating circumstances and only for another performance of the show for which they hold tickets.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Oxford and The State Theatre are fully handicapped accessible, and both have hearing assistance devices available.

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre this season!



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Rent the Oxford

The Oxford and ECCT can provide the flexibility you need for your next event. Full day and half day rentals are available for:

- Business Meetings and Training Sessions
- Concerts
- Birthday and Anniversary Parties
- Fundraisers
- Wedding Ceremonies and Receptions

There are a number of creative ways to use the spaces at ECCT! For rates and availability, please contact us at 715-839-8877 or info@ecct.org.



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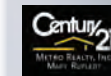
SEPTEMBER	12 28	Dancing with the Eau Claire Stars The Color Dash 5K
OCTOBER	3-5, 10-11 16-19 19 24 24-26, 31-Nov. 1	Sideways Stories from Wayside School Jekyll and Hyde The Biggest Loser Run/Walk Big Band Monster Bash Arthur's Halloween
NOVEMBER	20-23	Disney's Beauty and the Beast/ Silent Auction
DECEMBER	5-7, 12-13 6	A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas Starquest
JANUARY	9-11, 16-17 23-24, 30-31	Walk Two Moons Murder at the Family Reunion
FEBRUARY	5-8 13 20-22, 27-28	Sleeping Beauty Kidz Kabaret Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat
MARCH	5-8 13-15, 20-21	Mary Poppins Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing
APRIL	9 17-19, 24-25	Purses With Purpose Goodnight Moon
MAY	2 7-9 15-16	Geek Prom Cabaret Our Little Miss Pageant
JUNE	6-7 18-21 19	Carousel: In Concert 110 in the Shade UV Splash 5K
JULY	9-11 22-26	The 39 Steps West Side Story
AUGUST	7-8	Miscast 2015

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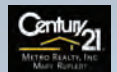
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Step One - Full Season Pass

Can't decide which shows to see? Try the Full Season Pass! Each pass is good for one admission to each of the 14 shows listed below. Save 35% off regular do or prices when you choose this option!

____ Youth X \$72 # ____ Students X \$92 # ____ Seniors X \$127
____ Adults X \$146

Step Two - 4-Show or 6-Show Season Packages

Pick the FOUR shows you want to see this season and save 20%! Or, pick the SIX shows you want to see this season and save 30%!

____ I'll pick my dates and times later.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Date/Time _____ (A)
Jekyll and Hyde	Date/Time _____ (B)
Arthur's Halloween	Date/Time _____ (A)
Disney's Beauty and the Beast	Date/Time _____ (B)
A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas	Date/Time _____ (A)
Walk Two Moons	Date/Time _____ (A)
Sleeping Beauty	Date/Time _____ (B)
Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat	Date/Time _____ (A)
Mary Poppins	Date/Time _____ (B)
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Date/Time _____ (A)
Goodnight Moon	Date/Time _____ (A)
Carousel in Concert	Date/Time _____ (B)
110 in the Shade	Date/Time _____ (B)
West Side Story	Date/Time _____ (B)

4-Show Packages:

____ Youth X \$25 # ____ Students X \$38 # ____ Seniors X \$52
____ Adults X \$64

6-Show Packages:

____ Youth X \$34 # ____ Students X \$45 # ____ Seniors X \$62
____ Adults X \$78

Step Three - Individual Tickets

Need some additional tickets?

All "A" shows listed above - \$8 youth/students; \$12 adults/seniors

All "B" shows listed above - \$8 youth; \$12 students; \$16 seniors; \$20 adults

SHOW	Date/Time	#Youth	#Student	#Seniors	#Adults	TOTAL \$
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Step Four - Season Extras

You can order tickets to these season extras before they go on sale to the general public!

Murder at the Family Reunion Date _____

____ Guests X \$28

Cabaret Date _____

____ Students X \$12 # ____ Seniors X \$16 # ____ Adults X \$20

The 39 Steps Date _____

____ Guests X \$28

Step Five - Donations

Ticket sales account for less than 60% of our budget. Patrons making a tax deductible donation are listed in playbills and receive the following.

CHORUS	\$10-49	Thank You!
ACTOR	\$50-99	2 FREE show tickets
CO-STAR	\$100-299	4 FREE show tickets
LEADING PLAYER	\$300-499	8 FREE show tickets
SUPERSTAR	\$500-999	16 FREE show tickets
LEGEND	\$1000-4999	24 FREE show tickets
DIRECTOR	\$5000 +	32 FREE show tickets

Step Six - Your Totals

Total cost for Full Season Passes	\$ _____
Total cost for Season Packages	\$ _____
Total cost for Individual Tickets	\$ _____
Total cost for Season Extras	\$ _____
Tax-Deductible Donation	\$ _____
Postage and Handling	\$2.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

Payment Options

____ Check payable to ECCT enclosed

____ Bill my: ____ Mastercard ____ Visa

Acct. # _____

Exp. Date ____/____/____ CVV (Three digit code on back) _____

Signature _____

Patron Information

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Send your payment and order form to:

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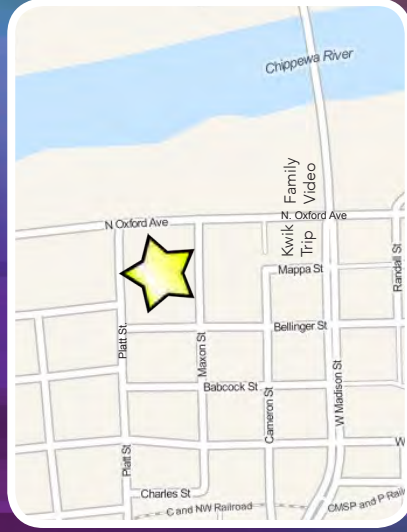
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