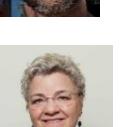


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Jan 14		Global Connections through Local Hosts both Domestic and International: The Power of Friendship Force Jan Barbone, Outreach Coordinator, explains how Friendship Force promotes cultural education through reciprocally hosted homestays with other countries.
Feb 11		Fitchburg Public Library Update Join Wendy Rawson, Fitchburg Public Library Director, to hear about services the library offers, upcoming projects, and a few book recommendations as well!
Mar 11		Fitchburg Economic Development Update Discover the local governmental and private sector economic development activities from Mike Zimmerman, Fitchburg Economic Development Director.
Apr 8		Springing from Grief Move through the grief process with inspiration and humor from Peggy Weber, RN, MSN, Certified Grief Educator.
May 13		Generative AI: What is it and How Can it Help Me? With 33 years in enterprise IT, Phil Scarr lifts the veil on artificial intelligence, and introduces you to the pros and cons of generative AI.
Jun 10		Final Five Voting - an innovative electoral change that incentivizes our politicians to work for We, the People. Rich Eng and Tracy Hunter of Voters First Wisconsin explain Final Five Voting and how it reduces dysfunction and polarization in our politics.
Jul 8		Finding your Own Identity Join Tina Hanson for a story-filled talk about rediscovering your joy, reconnecting to your true self, and living from the inside out.
Aug 12		Communicating With Providers: How to Get the Information You Need Patty Witte, MD, Patient Advocate, discusses scripts, phrases, and ways to clear up bias, confusion, or medical jargon.
Sep 9		Fighting Hunger in Turbulent Times September is Hunger Action Month, an effort to reduce hunger. Marcia Kasieta, Business Director, Badger Prairie Needs Network, brings it to the local level.
Oct 14		Natural Burials and the Farley Center Engage in a conversation led by Natural Path Sanctuary Cemetery Director Dustin Duve to explore an alternative to conventional methods of final disposition.
Nov 11		Hope and a Future: Where Generations Find Purpose Together Karin Krause, RN and founder, shares her journey building Hope & A Future, an intergenerational community that brings generations together under one roof.