

Volume One

by Nick Meyer
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Nick Meyer has been owner, editor, and publisher of Eau Claire's *Volume One* magazine since its introduction in 2002 as a simple "zine" noting what was happening in the area, for a time sharing the responsibility with a co-founder. "We started it for fun," Meyer says, "and it just kind of got out of control," till today it has expanded into cultural commentary and opinion, an emphasis he hopes to continue to develop. Its 15,000 copies per printing are distributed for free to area businesses.

In addition to the magazine, *Volume One (V1)* produces a summer Back Door Movie series in an alley off Graham Street, a Thursday night concert series in Phoenix Park, and, in conjunction with Downtown Eau Claire, Inc., Idea Lounge, a discussion series to address topics important to community members, including redevelopment, work force, and most recently cultural climate. The next Idea Lounge, March 6, will examine freelance careers and the business community. In the summer to come *V1* looks forward to its fourth movie series and a new event: Chalk Fest, August 9, in Wilson Park, featuring chalk drawings that Meyer says will be "large and amazing."

In response to a question about *V1's* relationship to the *Leader-Telegram*, Meyer noted that the magazine had never been intended to be an "alternative" publication but rather a specialized one and assured the group that the relationship remains a good one.

In closing Meyer noted samples of other *V1* publications, including restaurant guides, summer guides, and *The Best of Volume One*, vol. 1, and invited listeners to visit the official website, www.volumeone.org.



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