

Bay Creek Bulletin

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Remembering Bob Lockhart

A Celebration of Life for Robert (Bob) William Lockhart Saturday, April 6, 2024, 11AM – 1PM, Landmark Auditorium, First Unitarian Society, 800 University Bay Drive, Madison, WI. For more information, call 608-770-5684 To read more about Bob's life see "For Life" in Our Lives".

By Laurel Kinosian

My first encounter with Bob Lockhart happened in 1982, when my housemate and I were looking for a new place to live. It was a beautiful May Saturday afternoon as I found myself standing in the kitchen of the little house that

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was to become my home. The southwest exposure flooded the room with sunshine as I looked out onto the deck off the back door and the canopy of trees overhanging it. "I could

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see myself living here for a long time," I thought. When I moved into the house on Cedar Street later that summer, I met the person responsible for creating that first impression. Bob, my new next-door neighbor, had done the design for the remodel of this 1930's vintage house, and now I, like so many others during Bob's long career, was the beneficiary of his work.

In the nearly 42 years that followed that first meeting, it was always "Bob and

Bulletin Editor to Resign in Protest

Bulletin sources report that Stanley Jackson will resign to "protest lack of accountability" within Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA). He promises to continue his "neighborhood engagement in other ways."

He lamented, "I have become convinced that structural change (for example, to our Bylaws) will not produce organizational openness and transparency – instead we need a commitment to common decency and fair play." He continued, "BCNA cannot simply blame its problems on a few disruptive individuals: the organization must take responsibility for allowing partisan dishonesty and bullying to create an unwelcoming environment."

But he leaves happy that the "Bulletin has helped bring the community together" and "has been open to all voices." His legacy includes printing neighborhood and city issues while also seeking regular columns of poetry, book reviews, neighborhood history and personal essays; he has featured local businesses and artists; introduced the first bilingual articles, crossword puzzles, and what he is happiest about – "silly jokes and games for kids!"

By resigning as editor, he says he "follows in the footsteps of other good people who have left more quietly for similar reasons, wishing the best and good luck to those who remain." Stanley is "excited and completely supportive" of the new editor, Natalie Eisner.

Clarence." Clarence supported Bob in his career, befriending Bob's many clients and keeping in touch with them through the years. And, boy, did Bob support Clarence in his career! Bob was Clarence's partner in life, as well as in packing owls into boxes, loading up the van, driving to art fairs all over the country, unloading the van, and **(Continued on page 2)**

Report from Park Cedar Apartments

By Kathleen O'Dea

I am happy to have come back to the South Side, where I was born at St. Mary's and raised on Lakeside St. Both sides of the family have been in this area for four generations. I have been a resident at Park Cedar Apartments since July of 2023 and am pleased with my decision to live here.

Contrary to recent rumors, the Park Cedar Apartment Building (where the grocery store is scheduled to be built) is 82% occupied. All units are affordable, ranging from 30% to 80% of area medium income, or \$581 to \$1,865 for a two bedroom.

My apartment has stainless steel appliances, dishwasher, ceiling fans in the living room and bedroom, as well as a stackable washer and dryer and free internet. I needed grab bars in my bathroom which management installed after the required letter from my doctor. Some of the other amenities of the building are a parking garage, a fitness room, a community room with kitchen and access to the rooftop terrace. I look forward to making use of that terrace this summer!

When I first became a resident, we did have some issues. We needed a garage door to make the building secure and there were not enough handicap parking spaces. Packages were being stolen from our mail room, and the mail room thieves required many calls and visits from the police. Since the issue with the mail room has been resolved, police calls have decreased significantly.

We have two resident activities this month, including a game night, which the police department is sponsoring. The game night was very well attended by many children and plans are to make it a weekly activity. Other residents I have met have been friendly and helpful to this gray-haired lady with a cane! \checkmark

March BCNA Summary

Chris Lukas Recording Secretary

The city approved the **beer license** for the Amoco gas station at Olin and Park. The establishment will ensure there is no loitering or public drinking at the property. Contact <u>district13@cityofmaditon.com</u> with questions. Erinn from MGE joined to tell us about their initiative to promote more electric vehicles. They are considering putting an **EV charging station** near Lakeside Coffee. Have thoughts? Contact Erinn at <u>erinn.monroenye@mge.com</u>.

Jim Hensen of **Woodland Montessori** School at Colby and Van Deusen and Mike of the contracted architecture firm discussed school renovations. Woodland hopes to add more classrooms and service more families. Contact Jim at Jim Hansen 608-256-8076 or Jim@woodland-montessori.org.

Bay Creek **Neighborhood voted** for area reps and council positions. Elected representatives include: Area 1 - Manuel Ramminger, Area 2 - Kirstin Bloy, Area 3 - J.Jurado, Area

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doing it all in reverse for the trip home. Bob continued to do this well into his 70's and always, always smiled his big smile for the many customers who came to the fairs, often just to see Bob and Clarence.

Through all this, Bob still took the time to be a good and thoughtful member of our Madison community, supporting the UW School of Music, the Madison Symphony Orchestra, and our Bay Creek Neighborhood Association as a representative of the Tree Streets. No potluck gathering was complete without Bob's famous combread, always baked in the same baking dish and served alongside the same butter dish and knife.

I can't look out my window at the gray house with the cedar siding next door without thinking of Bob. There he is in the spring, planting the same plants in the flower box that he, of course, designed and built. There he is in the summer in his undershirt and blue jeans, cutting the grass. There he is in the fall, raking up the leaves and piling them into the flower beds. And there he is in the winter, bundled up in the cold, methodically removing the snow, shovelful by shovelful. Just as Bob took pride in his work as an architect, he took pride in performing the daily tasks of life, and once he found a method that worked, he stuck with it. Bob found comfort in these rituals, and I found comfort in just knowing that he was next door.

Our stretch of Cedar Street is sadder now, without Bob, but we are grateful to him for his example of how to be a good and kind neighbor and friend, and how to lead an active, meaningful, and principled life. \diamondsuit

4 - Alex Elias, Area 5 - Jenny Hayes, Area 6 - Romnes Dawn, Welcome Committee - Doug Noot, Newsletter Committee - Stanley Jackson, Web Committee - Jim Winkle, Planning and Economic Development Committee - Lisie Kitchel, Transportation Committee - Carrie Rothburd, Contact Person - Cindy McCallum, Treasurer - Judy Robinson, Recording Secretary - Chris Lukas

Neighborhood **Outreach** Proposal: Barb is organizing an outreach to help introduce more neighbors to the neighborhood group and to increase participation in meetings and events. An initial planning meeting will take place 3/21. Cindy is organizing a group of volunteers to help maintain the Bay Creek **Van Deusen orchard** located near the intersection of Lake Ct and Olin. Meetups occur Saturday 3/17, 3/23, and 3/30 at 10am.

Following disagreements over the openness of the ad hoc Bylaw Committee, the Neighborhood voted it should have two open to the public meetings between now and May and to extend the ad hoc committee till May 1. \clubsuit



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ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers

There has been a firestorm of controversy regarding the <u>Draft West Area Plan</u>. Perhaps you've seen the <u>video</u> of the meeting held at Memorial High School, at which residents repeatedly yelled at staff.

I get it. Zoning issues are complicated. That's why the city invests so much staff time in

public engagement. To date they have conducted 17 focus groups and public meetings on proposed changes to a map that touches less than 10% of the area included in the plan.

The context for this planning is our rapidly rising housing costs due to a severe housing shortage. Our population is growing at a rapid rate, with 100,000 new residents expected here by 2050. We can't build a moat around the city and tell newcomers not to come. They are coming. If we don't add a lot more housing, the excess demand will continue to drive up housing costs.

It's already happening. A year ago, we learned Madison's rents had increased by <u>14.1% over the previous twelve months</u>, the highest of any major city in the country, punctuating, in alarming fashion, our housing crisis. In fact, what we're facing is more than a crisis — it's a dire emergency.

Our rental vacancy rate is 3.6%, the third lowest in the country, behind New York and Providence. Hence, the argument for building more rental housing at all price levels — a shortage of market-rate units relative to demand, for example, drives up the



prices of those in the next tier. Last year's <u>Housing Snapshot Report</u> states that 11,000 low-income households in Madison currently are "renting up" and over 13,000 high-income households are "renting down." In other words, our housing market is squeezed at both ends due to a shortage of market-rate and income-restricted units.

Nearly half of all Madison renters are rent-burdened, paying over 30% of their income in rent, and a quarter are severely rent-burdened, paying over 50%. The Madison Metropolitan School District reports that housing insecurity is trending upwards, with increasing numbers of families "doubling up," and the children in these families are struggling in school. If we don't address our housing crisis as a five-alarm emergency, we cannot begin to get a handle on the other challenges our city is facing.

For example, our city <u>is no longer affordable for the average Black</u> <u>family</u> and too many are moving out.

Maintaining the status quo and not adding appropriate density and infill means our two-city racial divide will persist. Madison will continue to be segregated to an extreme degree as the racial wealth gap ensures the burden of high housing costs falls disproportionately on the shoulders of people of color. The reflexive opposition to density and infill on the part of older and wealthier residents in our city runs counter to the reality of our severe housing shortage and its dire impacts on those of more modest means. This is a challenge that the people of Madison can solve only if we work together. Voices from all sides must be heard, as voice is definitive of participatory democracy.

But voice does not mean veto.

Perhaps those yelling the loudest should remember that. 🛠

BCNA Needs New Blood! Help BCNA by Joining the Outreach Campaign

By Barb Bailly

Without neighbors who came together to represent community interests, we might not have a full-service supermarket on South Park Street. Neighbors also spoke out in favor of keeping a local bus route in South Madison during the Metro redesign, and, as a result, the city added Route O along Olin Avenue. These are great examples of BCNA's mission to "improve the neighborhood through promoting democratic participation and involvement in activities which affect our everyday lives." They show what can happen when we have active neighborhood participation!

Lately, some of us have been talking about the need to be more welcoming as well as to bring new blood into BCNA so we can build a more diverse, representative, and active association, improve neighborhood spirit, and raise awareness of the many changes and issues facing South Madison. Much new blood has moved into our neighborhood in the past few years as some older residents have moved out and new multi-story apartment buildings have added density in our midst. How many of our new neighbors know that BCNA exists or how to get involved? How many of us know our new neighbors? BCNA's bylaws say we are open and welcoming to all neighbors, but many new residents probably feel uncomfortable joining an association and coming to meetings where they don't know anyone. I have a strong sense of my democratic responsibility instilled in me by my immigrant German parents, and so, in February, I announced the formation of an Outreach Working Group. The Outreach Group welcomes all neighbors, including people of all races and backgrounds throughout Bay Creek. We also want to include members of the business community, churches, and other organizations.

The Outreach Group met for the first time on March 21st and brainstormed a plan for connecting with new members. This includes a survey of all Bay Creek households to learn more about neighbors' needs, community-wide meetings where neighbors can contribute ideas and socialize, and mailings to encourage people to share information about Bay Creek and BCNA.

If you have an interest in getting to know more of your neighbors, a desire to build community, and a vision for enhancing grassroots democratic participation, please join the Outreach Working Group in whatever way you can. This could be talking to neighbors on your block, taking part in designing a community survey, or planning a community meeting. It could also mean donating money to cover printing and meeting costs. Please write to me at: BCNAoutreach@gmail.com to get involved. I'll be posting Outreach Group dates on the listserv, website, and Facebook page. I look forward to meeting you. �

Making Park St. Safer

By Ben Varick

As the city finalizes their Park Street redesign to accommodate the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), our neighborhood has a generational opportunity to improve Park St. and our quality of life. Outdated road design is causing crashes into pedestrians in and near Bay Creek: over the last seven years, the majority – 21 – have happened on Park St. Below is a neighborhood map showing where. Let's change that!

Park Street is a typical, dangerous stroad. No, that's not a typo: a stroad is a relatively new term (coined by the non-profit, citizen-advocacy group <u>Strong Towns</u>) that describes the ugly hybrid between a road, a high speed thoroughfare between two places, and a street – a destination with shops, schools, homes, etc. <u>Not Just</u> <u>Bikes</u> on YouTube does <u>a great job describing a stroad</u>.

Stroads are super dangerous. Park St. is both a multilane high speed road for traffic traveling downtown from the beltline through Bay Creek and a street for people trying to use its amenities – Park Street's homes, schools, and businesses. These different uses conflict with each other, making it impossible to optimize road design for both. Decades ago, road designers prioritized faster through-traffic over people going to the places along it. This design fails both groups: drivers traveling through Bay Creek are often slowed by people stopping at businesses and turning down side streets, while those of us who live here and others trying to visit Bay Creek must navigate an environment hostile to anyone not in a car.

The solution to this conflict is to convert Park Street from a stroad into a street: reduce the number of car lanes, expand bike and pedestrian infrastructure, slow traffic with other traffic calming measures, plant copious street trees, encourage outdoor dining

Local Storyteller

By Victoria Wattiaux

Editor's note: Victoria is a long-time resident of the Wingra Wedge in the Bay Creek neighborhood. She has taught and cared for patients in the Madison area, Guatemala, and Mexico for over 35 years. After retiring, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of wintering in the mountains of Michoacán, Mexico, to where the monarchs also return each fall.

I consider myself a storyteller, rather than an author, and have been sharing my novel, *Terralena*, with family, friends and neighbors over the past two years. *Terralena* is sometimes considered a fantasy because I have created a world, yet the story falls naturally into the genre of magical realism. Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Isabel Allende, and other great Latin American authors have influenced my writing, however, my guiding stars have been the North American magical realists, Toni Morrison and Louise Erdrich.

Parallel themes are shared in Toni Morrison's *Beloved* and *Terralena*. In *Beloved*, Sethe chooses to protect Barely Walking from slavery by putting her in a "safe place," but Baby Ghost returns to seek vengeance for the crimes committed against her. In *Terralena*, the ghosts of Lea's past also appear to her,

(weather permitting), making it amenable to pedestrians and neighborhood businesses. And for commuters just trying to get downtown quickly? Keep the BRT lane bus-only so that commuters get a fast, efficient trip that isn't slowed by car traffic.

Let's seize this opportunity! I hope you will join me in supporting a change that will boost Bay Creek business, reduce traffic congestion, increase tree-cover, and keep pedestrians from being killed.

The city is holding public hearings about the North-South BRT plans in late April:

- April 22 5:30-7 on Zoom

- April 23rd 5:30-7:30 at the Urban League on Park St

You can find out more info on the City's <u>Metro "Public Meetings</u> <u>Scheduled" page</u>. ◆



demanding revenge, though justice is served by many paths, and some wounds will never heal.

I believe that in all cultures, a system of beliefs develops to understand and cope with the harsh realities of life on earth. When people are threatened by domination and abuse from another culture, the separate reality is used as a means of survival.

Terralena is now available in both English and Spanish, and I've been giving readings in my communities of Madison and Morelia in English, Spanish, and Spanglish. During the presentations, passages are read by myself or a guest, and using an enlarged map of Terralena. I describe a scene's background and discuss the nature of characters', especially the mystic protagonists, Lea and Elmond and how the mystics' faith in the Ria causes confusion and conflict in the dominant culture.

Most of *Terralena* was written during my winter vacations in Guatemala and Mexico, while taking (Continued on page 7)

Growing Up In South Madison

[Editor's note: Neighborhood historian Colleen Potter sent this 1980s or 90s letter from her father's papers along with the 1924 map. She believes the author may have worked at Bancroft Dairy, site of the Peloton Building.]

Reunions in South Madison abound, testifying that the quality of life must have been and continues to be unique - each area having a flavor and distinction of its own. The Greenbush and South Madison Neighborhood

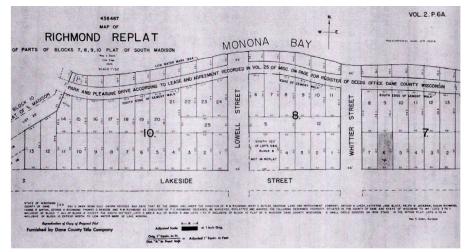
celebrations are well known and documented. However, a group of former southsiders have been quietly holding periodic reunions for a number of years and deserve some recognition.

Before the closing of Central High School, Franklin School eighth graders elected to attend either Central or West High Schools. This resultant division of classmates was noted by a group attending a high school class reunion. Vada Booth Jones, Jerry Hill , Nona Griffin Shedleski, Jim Wilson , Phyllis Korfmacher Berg and Ray Jones formed a committee to hold a reunion of all their former grade school classmates and the Greater Southside Reunion was born. Classmates expanded to include brothers and sisters , parents and anyone who wanted to meet together to relive a common past.

Our "good old days" were lived during the depression years. Franklin School, hub of the area was built by the WPA and was an impressive edifice at the time. Neighborhood pride was evidenced by the number of businesses that included the designation, "South Side" in their names such as McCranner's South Side Pharmacy and the South Side Bank. The lively southsiders held South Side picnics at Olin Park and a series of South Side Frolics sponsored by the South Side Men's Club, were held on the Eckstein property on South Park Street now the sites of several businesses.

Lack of money didn't prevent southsiders from enjoying the good life. Seasonal recreational activities available included swimming at the South Side Beach (at least once each summer a hardy daredevil would swim across the Bay escorted by a boat to Brittingham Beach); ice skating on Monona Bay or the South Side Skating Rink whose shelter was formerly a gun club; biking to Vilas Park and picnics at Olin Park.

Some outstanding members of the Community during the 30's and early 40's who come to mind include:



Walter L. Plaenert, a grocer and long time 14th Ward Alderman who served with distinction.

Harley Waterman who ran a coal yard and was the father of Willard Waterman, remembered as the Great Guildersleeve of radio, TV and movies. He was also a standard fixture at the voting polls at Franklin School on election days.

Ivan McCranner, the urbane and debonair proprietor of the South Side Pharmacy who served up political savvy with his malteds and cherry cokes over his marble counter. Mrs. McCranner patiently and sweetly assisted blossoming adolescents in making their first lipstick purchases.

Dr. William T. Lindsay delivered babies and tended the ills of area residents and made his home in the neighborhood.

Some of the teachers at Franklin School taught for many years, but two will stand out because they also lived in the neighborhood close to-the school - Alice Hildreth and Irma Duncan.

Where you have schools and teachers, there was always the PTA. One memorable PTA president was Mrs. Tony Matranga. Many others served well, also.

For a period of time, there was a South Side Band which was directed by southsider Everett Loder whose wife was the 5th grade teacher at Franklin School.

The picnics and frolics required a lot of manpower and some of those who responded were:

Shorty Harris (Shorty's Meat Market), Charlie and Russell Burmeister, Eugene Cunningham, Earl B. Frusher, Stanley Hill, Sr., Dewey W. Johnson, Jack Kneebone, Asa Odegaard and P.A. (Chick) Lewis and many others.

Thomas Wolfe to the contrary - these groups of people go home again not once but many times. and love it.



February Potluck

Around 50 people attended the February Friendly Potluck organized by Kirstin and Stanley.

Fantastic Food, Friendly Introductions, Catching up, and Conversations abounded.

Don't miss the next Potluck Tuesday May 14 at the Baha'i Center 324 W. Lakeside St.

Many Thanks to the Baha'i Center for donating their beautiful space for the February Friendly Potluck.



"It's All About Community!"

by Lisa Nelson

Pastor of St Mark's Church on the corner of Spruce and Hickory, where you're always welcome.

It's all about community for Rob and Laura, who moved into the neighborhood in 2003 with their son Sean, who now lives on his own. In 2008, daughter Lilah joined the family, and about a year later their beloved Australian Shepherd, Ziggy. The 4 chickens came way later; that is a covid story.

You can see the truth in their feelings about community all over their yard. Over the years, they've turned their yard into a place for kids to stop and play. In fact, their daughter, Lilah, runs a camp for neighborhood kids called Bay Creek Kids Camp that has been very well received by kids and adults alike. Their yard is always open and has become a favorite place for kids to play even when camp is not in session.

If you stop at their house on the corner of Pine and Hickory, you'll find a swing set, a slack line for walking, and gym rings hanging from a tree branch. There's also a pebble pit where kids can dig for buried treasure, as well as a garden, berries bushes, fruit trees, and chickens!



Meet, greet, and socialize with your Bay Creek neighbors

6–8 pm at Baha'i Center 324 W Lakeside St. Celebrate Spring, Neighborhood, Community.

Come and see one another! All are welcome. Bring a dish to pass and serving utensils. Diningware and light refreshments provided. Please label your dish for relevant ingredients (veggie, vegan, gluten, nuts).

RSVP with dish and number of people: Stanley <u>Stanleybcb.editor@gmail.com;</u>

Questions? Contact Stanley or Kirstin (kirstin@bloy.org) Stanleybcb.editor@gmail.com; Questions? Contact Stanley or Kirstin (kirstin@bloy.org)



Both Laura and Rob appreciate how people in this neighborhood care about each other. For example, other families have started putting fun things to do in their yards, so the neighborhood kids can run from yard to yard to play. At St Mark's, we often see kids playing in our playground and are thrilled to be a fun and safe place for them.

Laura, a real estate agent, also mentioned how much she enjoys the old white oak tree across the street. Recently, she heard a semi truck coming down the street (not allowed) and ran out to stop it. Two other **(Continued on page 8)**

Friday May 3: Save the date!

By Rebecca Rettenmund

Gilson Street Workshop Open House is happening again Friday May 3 between 5pm and 9pm. It coincides with Gallery night, so get your peepers dilated for local art all around the Mad City and mosey on over to 1516 Gilson Street for some quality metal works.



Blade smiths will be firing up their forge and pounding billets into shapes right before your very eyes. Watch while their hammers sculpt the metal as if it were clay. Every one of the

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Spanish immersion courses and volunteering as a physician assistant. The mysticism of the local communities nurtured the story, and during the solitude of the pandemic, it was completed Morelia, in the mountains of Michoacán.

Victoria Wattiaux <u>vewattiaux@hotmail.com</u> Terralena.com, Watch for community readings from Terralena over the next few months in the Bay Creek neighborhood. For more information, visit <u>https://terralena.com</u>.





smiths are well versed in their craft, so go ahead, ask them those burning questions you always wanted to know: How do you temper steel? What's the best way to sharpen my knives? What is a Damascus blade? Can I take a class with you? (Spoiler alert, that last one is a <u>yes</u>.)

When you've exhausted all your bladesmith questions, devote your full attention to the metal engraving display in the shop. The sign says: Get an engraving done WHILE YOU WATCH. You can request a picture or a word, and the artist will engrave it while you witness it live on a monitor (for a reasonable cost). The engraver works through a microscope, but the camera will enlarge it for your viewing pleasure. You will be astounded by the amount of detail that can go onto a one and a half inch tag.

But that's not all! Explore the adjoining shop and visit a furniture maker and a jeweler. Stop by <u>Black Rose Blending</u> <u>Company</u>, buy beer and cider on tap. If you're hungry, don't miss the <u>Cinn City Smash food truck</u> and buy yourself a tasty burger. Vegetarian options are available as well.

The Gilson Street shop was featured in the March issue of <u>Madison Magazine</u>. Read up about bladesmith Isaiah Schroeder, owner of Schroeder <u>Knifeworks</u>, who dreamed up the Open House from the beginning. ❖

St Mark's Free Cookouts start again in June





Franz Haas: Local Sheriff

By Colleen Potter

According to Dave Zweiful, Editor Emeritus of the Capital Times, Franz Haas was "one of Dane County's most colorful politicians." Franz was four years old when his parents, Phillip and Anna Haas, moved with their three sons from Germany to the United States in 1913. They lived at 703 South Park Street.

The adult Franz operated a Standard Service Station on Park Street and lived on Mound Street with his wife Mary and son John. He began his political career by serving on City Council from 1939 to 1942 and after a stint in the Army during World War II was an Alderman in 1947, winning reelection to City Council two years later.

Franz ran for Sheriff of Dane County at a time when a candidate could not serve consecutive terms. He won the office in 1953-1956, 1959-1962, and 1967-1968, becoming Undersheriff in the years between, usually alternating with Jack Leslie. In the days before the Internet, slick television ads, and fancy brochures, Franz invented his own unique method of campaigning. He would meet and greet voters at the Pork Hock and Sauerkraut feeds he held at local taverns and clubs. The results speak for themselves.



Report from Bay Creek's Orchard

Cindy McCallum reports a good turnout in March for edging and weeding around the Van Deusen St. neighborhood fruit trees. One participant noted, "9 friends of the orchard had a lot of fun edging the cherry bed on Sun and it's ready to be mulched! We celebrated our accomplishment with homemade chocolate chip cookies, brownies and hot chocolate (thanks Mike and Lisie!)."

Snow cancelled plans for a mulching party; watch email or Facebook for future planned activities. Please plan to bring extra tools if you have them in case people want to help but don't have tools. See old friends and make new ones. \clubsuit The sauerkraut he served was entirely homemade – he grew the cabbages on a cattle farm he operated in Richland Center. After harvest, Franz and his friends would shred the cabbage, pack it in crocks with alternating layers of salt, let it ferment for several months, and serve it at his Pork Hock and Sauerkraut feeds.

Franz was very active in his parish, St. James Catholic Church, serving on Parish Council and as a Trustee, and at one time was president of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and "instrumental in establishing Port St. Vincent, a residence for homeless men," according to his obituary in 1989.

And what happened to his Pork Hock and Sauerkraut feeds after he no longer was running for Sheriff? They were turned into fund raisers for the Church and continue to this day! His son John now harvests the cabbages, shreds them with fellow parishioners and friends, makes the sauerkraut and ensures that the hocks are properly cooked and seasoned. Many volunteers work to cook and serve at the yearly fund raiser that is nearly as unique as the campaign events. �





Bay Creek! Meet Your Neighbors & Build Community

Every Friday, Noon-1:00pm Free Hot Meals at St. Mark's

Meals are Open to Everyone Inside Dining & Carry-Out Available Southwest Entrance by St. Mark's Playground Handicap Entrance/Elevator on Spruce Street

St. Mark's Food Pantry Hours Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Thursdays from 5:15 to 7:30 PM Main Entrance on Spruce Street Take elevator to lower level

Worship at St. Mark's Sundays at 10:00 am



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Madison's Skyline from middle of Lake Monona

Crossing Monona on Skates

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

April's warm weather makes it hard to remember that for a week in February, small groups of friends and neighbors skated the three miles across Lake Monona. After a disappointingly warm winter, a cold snap brought thick, smooth ice from Olin Park almost all the way to Olbrich on the opposite side. Wet cracks ran across the lake where the ice was expanding, subducting, and shifting; a nice wide crack we could stick our hands in revealed the ice to measure 5+ inches.

On the way across, the west wind pushed us from behind, making us feel like great skaters only to hold us back on the return, adding to the three miles, making us tack back and forth to fight the wind in our face. One day, we met another long time skater who tracked the local condition of ice: he said this was the best ice Lake Monona had seen in 30 years. \clubsuit

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neighbors heard it and also ran into the street. If the semi had continued, it could have hit one of the large branches of this beautiful tree—the oldest white oak in Wisconsin. But these three stopped the semi before it could do any damage.

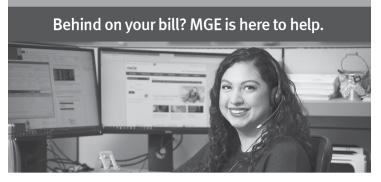
Rob is an acrobat, juggler, and stilt walker, among other things. Together, Rob and Laura created the Jolly Giants, a group of stilt walkers, whom Rob trained. They would dress up and walk at parades, festivals and fairs. They sold the company five years ago. On Fridays, you'll find Rob hanging out with his retired circus buddies, whom he calls "a koffee Klatch with a juggling problem."

Rob is also a carpenter. If you walk into their house, the first thing you'll see are their beautiful kitchen cabinets. Must be nice to have a carpenter in the family; Rob has repaired and remodeled the house from top to bottom.

Personally, I appreciated hearing about the ways Laura and Rob have created community in the tree streets. St Mark's is also committed to building community in Bay Creek, and we love seeing so many neighbors gathered on the church lawn at our cookouts. Look for a list of cookout dates starting in June in the Bay Creek Bulletin! �



Sunrise on the Ice



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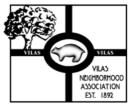
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HOMELESS

By Robert Koehler

Tonight, homeless, the wind wants to be warm, too. Our screen door. locked, resists the push of its shouldering weight. Windows frost as it explores for an armor's chink. Constantly, the furnace shivers awake to ward aside its insistent investigations. Guiltily, we listen to the desolate vagrant in the cold. This blanket of smoke is the only consolation we have to share. Cast off from glowing embers, a chimney's gift.

- Robert Koehler is a Bay Creek neighbor and poet. See his work at: robertupatdawn.wordpress.com



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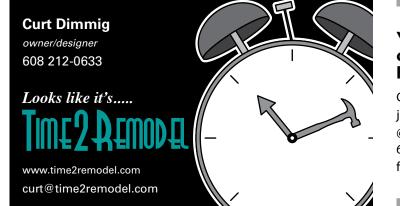
By Robert Koehler

Lessons / Ian McEwan

Published in 2022, Lessons is Ian McEwan's seventeenth novel. The story is an account of the life of British-born Roland Baines, as seen mostly through his own eyes, from childhood into his seventies. Two events in the book's early chapters play a major role in shaping his future. The first takes place in 1962 when at age fourteen he is seduced by his piano teacher. The next occurs in 1986 when his German wife abandons him and their baby to pursue her ambition to become a writer in her home country. What follows is an account of his adult self, adrift in an unchosen life, trying to raise his son as best he can.

Baines is presented as passively coping with his lot, but as someone who is humane and capable of great kindnesses. Over the years he dates a number of different women, but the ghosts from his past keep him from committing to anyone. Even so, most of them remain close friends, and one in particular will return into his life, presenting him with a loving relationship. In the background, as Baines' life's events unfold, the author keeps a running commentary on the news of the day. These include the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of Russian Communism, the terrorist attacks in New York and London in the first decade of the twenty-first century, and the COVID epidemic.

Roland's ex-wife goes on to become a world renowned German author, and her success is compared with his lack of it. His dreams of becoming a gifted pianist and later a poet, are never followed up on. Yet, by the end of the story, the whole of his life, in contrast to that of his ex-wife, finds him to be the one who has led a fuller life. Even though his later days are shadowed with grief, he is surrounded by adoring grandchildren and gifted with lasting friendships. Epic in scope, Lessons is a tale of one man's simple life and a detailed chronicle of our times. It's an engaging story from first page to last.



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Thanks For Embracing the Dane County Way

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Editor's note: This column is Joe Parisi's final article.

This spring marks 13 years since I was first sworn in as Dane County Executive. Within that time, our community has

experienced tremendous change. And while today's headlines often tout nationwide dysfunction and division, Dane County government has remained steadfast in championing our people and shared future.

Our staff and partners worked tirelessly to provide timely resources and financial support during COVID-19. From millions in small business grants and food pantry funding, to emergency rental assistance and mass testing/vaccination efforts, we used an all-hands-on-deck approach to help our community rebound from the pandemic's worst impacts.

Improving access to behavioral health support through "Building Bridges" school-based mental health teams and the Behavioral Health Resource Center has benefitted thousands of residents. My final budget pushes for even greater accessibility by adding crisis counselors to the 911 center and expanding Madison's CARES program to more communities.

Since Day #1, we've prioritized protecting our lakes, caring for farmland, providing outdoor recreation, and combating climate change. Our programs within the Departments of Land & Water, Waste & Renewables, and the Office of Energy & Climate Change have made us a national leader and will pay dividends for generations to come.

We've also fortified Dane County's social safety net. Through my additions of the Office of Immigration Affairs, the Division of Housing Access & Affordability, and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity & Inclusion, Dane County government stands at the ready to serve our most vulnerable and improve outcomes for everyone.

It has been the honor of a lifetime serving the people of Dane County, and I want to thank you for joining me in this endeavor. Your support for county-led initiatives, resilience during unprecedented times, and hope for a better tomorrow have allowed Dane County government to achieve remarkable things.

While my time as Dane County Executive is ending, I have no doubt that if our community sticks together, we will continue to overcome. We will continue to chart our own path. We will continue to build a better, brighter future for all who call this place home. It's the Dane County Way. \clubsuit

MORE SOLAR SERVING MGE CUSTOMERS

MGE's energy supply mix is transitioning toward greater use of renewable resources as we target carbon emissions reductions of at least 80% by 2030 and net-zero carbon electricity by 2050.

Badger Hollow Solar Farm

In late 2023, the second 150-megawatt (MW) phase of Wisconsin's largest solar project began serving MGE electric customers. MGE owns a total 100 MW of the 300-MW Badger Hollow Solar Farm in Iowa County. The first phase came online in late 2021. MGE's share of the entire facility is expected to generate enough electricity to power about 30,000 households.

The completion of Badger Hollow is another step in MGE's ongoing transition toward greater use of cost-effective, carbon-free energy. By 2030, we expect every MGE electric customer will have 80% fewer carbon emissions from their electricity use simply by being an MGE customer as we work toward our goal of net-zero carbon electricity.

Tyto Solar in Fitchburg

Tyto Solar is MGE's latest solar project, expected online in early 2024. The 6-MW array in Fitchburg is a distributed

energy resource, like our other Madison-area solar projects. This means it is connected directly to MGE's distribution system. Tyto Solar will serve all MGE electric customers.

Upcoming Solar Projects

These projects are part of a number of renewable energy projects to help MGE achieve our industry-leading carbon reduction goals. MGE will own a share of these three largescale solar energy projects under construction:

- Paris Solar-Battery Park MGE will own 20 MW of solar capacity and 11 MW of battery storage at this project in the town of Paris in Kenosha County. It is expected online in 2024.
- Darien Solar Energy Center MGE will own 25 MW of solar capacity at this project in the town of Bradford in Rock County and the town of Darien in Walworth County. It is expected online this year.
- Koshkonong Solar Energy Center MGE will own 30 MW of solar energy from this facility to be located in the towns of Christiana and Deerfield in Dane County. The Koshkonong facility is expected online in 2026.

Learn more about our renewable projects, energy efficiency and new technologies at mge2050.com.



Neighborhood Events

MUSIC IN THE PARK IN MAY

Wednesday,

Ladies Must Swing

May 8:

Free Olin Park Pavilion concert series. Olin Park Pavilion, 6-8 pm. Doors open 5:45pm. Rain or shine. Bring a picnic – chairs and tables provided. Sponsored by <u>FOOT (Friends of</u> <u>Olin-Turville</u>) and Madison Parks Division



Wednesday, May 15: Grouvin' Bros

Wednesday, May 22: <u>Mark Croft Duo</u>



Wednesday, May 29: Cris Plata and Extra Hot

LAKESIDE COFFEEHOUSE MUSIC (Doors open 5:30pm)

April 5 Madison Classical Guitar Society @ 7pm

- April 12 The Honey Pies @ 7pm
- April 19 Avian Aura @ 7pm
- April 20 Irish Jam Session @ 7pm
- April 26 Tumbledown Shack @ 7pm
- April 27 Richard Wiegel @ 6:30pm
- May 3 Trio Soleil @ 7pm
- May 10 The Honey Pies @ 7pm
- May 31 Tumbledown Shack
- June 7 Gaines and Wagoner @ 7pm
- June 8 Richard Wiegel @ 6:30pm
- June 21 Trio Soleil @ 7pm
- June 22 Irish Jam Session @ 7pm
- June 28 Madison Classical Guitar Society @ 7pm

ART/ARTISTS

Nastia (Anastasiya) Craig exhibits at Overture Center, June 16. Watch for coming details here.

Daina Zemliauskas displays Gallery Night May 3, at "<u>100 State</u>" (17 S Fairchild St)

Gilson Street Workshop: Open House 1516 Gilson Street, Friday May 3, 5–9pm (See Bulletin story).







<u>The Bounty</u> 1040 S. Park St. to host live podcast fundraiser for <u>Madison Reading Project</u>: "Home is Where the Murder Is" Saturday, May 4, 7 - 9:30pm!Go to <u>eventbrite</u> for podcast tickets: <u>https://</u> www.eventbrite.com/e/live-podcast-home-is-where-themurder-is-tickets-865856338617

CITY PARKS

Madison Parks wants your input to update Park and Open Space Plan (POSP). Open house "drop-in Thursday May 9, 5:30-7:30pm; Madison Parks (330 E Lakeside St; Conference Room)

Burgers on the Bay at Brittingham Boats 5-8 pm Fridays

starting June 14-Aug 2nd 701 W Brittingham Place

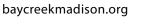


SPORT

46th Annual Lake Monona 20K and 5K. 9am Saturday, May 4. Start/finish: Winnequah Park. Route uses Lake Loop. Course Closed 12:00pm

Contact: Brad Rogstad, 312.446.0220; <u>brad.rogstad@</u>, <u>racedayevents.com</u> 5K Map 20K Map

3rd Annual Wisconsin Milkman Triathlon: 7:00am June 9, Olin Park. No roads fully closed; (dedicated cone lanes); counterclockwise around Monona. Come see runners 9:30am – 4:00 pm when the event **ends. Check Swim, Bike, Run** Maps



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Make Words Answers

6 Letter Words: DOODAD 5 Letter Words: HODAD 4 Letter Words: DADA, DODO, HOOD 3 Letter Words: ADD, AID, DAD, DID, DOO, HAD, HID, ODD 2 Letter Words: AD, AH, DO, HA, HI, HO, ID, OH

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Senior Notes

NewBridge Madison provides services for older adults, 60+. For up-to-date services, classes, and activities information, check newbridgemadison. org, and Facebook: @NewBridgeMadison, call (608) 512-0000; or email <u>info@</u> <u>newbridgemadison.org</u>. The newsletter available

free via email, regular mail for a small fee. Masks for in-person activities will be determined on a program-by-program basis.

NewBridge: matches older adults to volunteers who do safety-check calls and/or friendly social calls; **provides** Case Managers to connect older adults to resources; **delivers** food pantry groceries to older adults' door on an ongoing basis; **does** home chores – only case management clients may receive home chore assistance; **gives** Zoom and In-Person Classes & Activities; **runs** Zoom Diversity & Inclusion Activities, for Dane

County Black and Hispanic older adults; **feeds** older adults.



NewBridge congregate free meals sites: **Make meal and transportation reservations one week prior** by Thursday10:00 am with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006. (NewBridge accepts donations for meals mailed to 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704.)

- South Madison: *Madison Senior Center*, 330 W. Mifflin St. Monday-Friday, 11:30 am.
- East Madison/Monona: *Messiah Lutheran Church*, 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 pm; *Monona Senior Center*, 1011 Nichols Rd. Friday, Noon
- West Madison: *Meadowridge Commons*, 5734 Raymond Rd. Tuesday, Thursday, Noon; *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*, 5701 Raymond Rd. Friday, Noon.
- North Madison: Warner Park Community Recreation Center,1625 Northport Dr. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:30 am; Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St. Monday-Friday, 11:45 am. Kavanaugh's Esquire Club, 1025 N. Sherman Ave. Wednesdays, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

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Scott Pauli: Madison painter, illustrator, and <u>Art&Sons studio</u> founder is the current Artist in Residence at 1041 Park St.

Art available for viewing and purchase.

Huge crowd – upwards of two hundred! -- packed The Bounty "Artist in Residence" opening night. Current featured artist is Scott Pauli. The Bounty will host various artists this summer. Their next Artist in Residence will be Sept.—Nov. 2024



February Joke Word Find Puzzle

by Stanley Rubio Jackson

Find the words in this joke: Up, Down, Diagonally, Forwards, and Backwards. (Find repeat words once)

An orchestra is playing outside when a thunderstorm suddenly begins and lightning strikes. Who does it hit?

The conductor.

(Answers on Page 13)



By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Rules: Make as many words as you can with these letters.

Use the same letter no more than three times in a word.

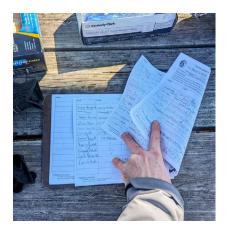
Two letter minimum.

There are at least 21 words; 16 use the letter D

(Answers on Page 13)



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The Friends of Monona Bay

SHORELINE MONTHLY CLEANUP SUMMARY

12 volunteers who collected 10 bags of trash and a large piece of electrical conduit. Thank you UW Madison Alpha Phi Omega for volunteering and all our regular volunteers!

March Clean up: 31 volunteers picked up 18 bags of trash, a bike frame, pieces of lumber, and a 50 lb chunk of steel that looks like a differential!! Thanks to site coordinators Tom Wilson and Peter Taglia. Thank you, volunteers!!

Next Shoreline Cleanup: 10am April 13, May11: Brittingham Beach House, 701 W. Brittingham Place.

Nina, 608-698-9708

The Travel Bug Crossword

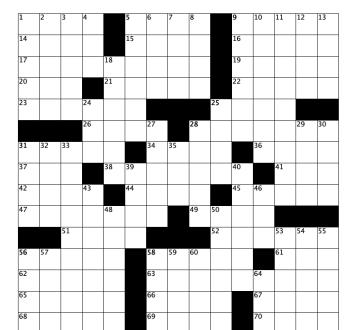
By Jennifer Vernon

ACROSS

- 1. Bit of baby talk
- 5. On the briny
- 9. Elite group
- 14. Golden calf, e.g. 15. Fissure
- 16. Leg bone
- 17. Requirement for entry in 2021
- 19. Fiber plant
- 20. Verb that sounds like a letter
- 21. Squeals
- 22. Get up
- 23. Type of trea or medicine
- 25. signal online
- 26. Sistine Chapel figure
- 28. not State
- 31. island or pants
- 34. Without purpose
- 36. Valley
- 37. Past
- 38. Travel experience
- **41.** Negative prefix
- 42. Essential
- 44. Relax
- 45. fruits or companions
- 47. Philanthropists
- 49. Heroic tale
- 51. Crows' exclamations
- 52. Breathing problem
- 56. Canary Islands country
- 58. Stringed instrument
- 61. Paddle
- 62. Jazzy Lena
- 63. Exploit
- 65. More mature
- **66.** Dance
- 67. Minor or Major
- 68. Asanas
- 69. Listening devices
- 70. Legumes

DOWN

1. Biblical prophet



- 2. Cherish
- 3. Nomad
- 4. Ring master
- 5. Barbarian nicknamed "The Scourge of God"
- 6. Exude
- **7.** Smooth **8.** Part of A.B.
- **9.** Terrified
- 10. Studied
- 11. Newcomer of a kind
- 12. Takes action
- 13. Bring to bay
- 18. Paired
- 24. Kind of fly
- 25. Equal
- 27. Marathon measures
- 28. Champagne holder
- **29.** Soothing substance
- 30. See-through item
- 31. Wilderness home

- **32.** H2O, south of the border
- 33. Gift shop items on a rotating stand
- **35.** Rehab symptoms, for short (3)
- **39.** Coffee containers
- **40.** "The Wizard of Menlo Park"
- 43. Apprentice
- 46. Perform
- 48. Title holders
- 50. Comic strip frames
- 53. Residence
- **54.** "West Side Story" girl **55.** Lengths x widths
- 55. Lengths
 - 56. Market 57. Preppy shirt
 - 57. Freppy snift 58. Cut down
 - **59.** Notion
 - **60.** State
 - **64.** Kind of dance.

BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

- **Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings.** First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link.
- **Guided Nature Walks: Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT).** Second Sundays of the Month: 1:30 pm. Meet at Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr.
- Food Pantry: Tuesdays 10:00–12:00 pm; Thursdays 5:15–7:30 pm Mark's Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St.
- Free Meal: Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm St. Mark's Lutheran Church 605 Spruce St. Volunteer Contact: Elaine, 608-256-8463; StMarks@ StMarksMadison.org
- Monona Bay Shoreline Cleanup Friends of Monona Bay. Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am–12:00 pm. Information Contact: Nina: ninajoemerson@gmail.com, (608) 698-9708.

