

Bay Creek Bulletin

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Local Union Reaches Agreement

By Sarah Larsen

We did it. On December 18th, 2023, after 657 days without a contract, the workers of OPEIU Local 39 and TruStage (formerly CUNA Mutual Group) reached a tentative agreement on an updated four year Collective Bargaining Agreement.

We started our campaign for a fair contract in February 2022 amid the company’s record profits. Like other employers, they initially demanded concessions despite their growing wealth: they proposed phasing out our pension system, reducing our health insurance benefits, and paying no retroactive raises, to name a few.

In December 2022, negotiations broke down when TruStage refused to meet with our bargaining committee.

Face with this rebuff, we built a member-and-community-centered campaign. We held pickets, marches, and press conferences; met with area politicians and passed resolutions at Madison Common Council and Dane County Board; coordinated workplace actions, ultimately striking in May 2023. We had the distinction of being the largest regional labor action since 2011. Thanks to all Bay Creek neighbors who supported us – you helped!



Sarah Larsen, Baycreek neighbor, Steward OPEIU 39, with daughter on the picket line.

With this new contract, we made progress on all our core issues with very few concessions. We won wage increases of 15.5% backdated to April 2022 and 13.25% over the next four years; we enshrined remote “work from home” rights for employees; we protected our **(Continued on page 2)**

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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.

Pruning Day

By Robin Greenler

Take stock. Trim growth that topples balance and form.

Create breath between the overcrowded, and guidance for the wrongly directed.

Protect the core from bearing too heavy a burden. Halt that which is outrunning its guide,

streaking upwards, forgetting where it goes. Give well-placed buds room to flourish.

Create space to allow in light, prevent decline, and invite visitors.

Same goes for me.

Editor’s note: The Bulletin publishes neighborhood poet Robin Greenler for the first time.

Modern Slavery

By Manuel Ramminger

I witnessed Modern Slavery firsthand in 2001 on a trip to Indonesia. I was standing by a river, looking at a grey, dusty building. Something about it looked hopeless and sad, so I asked my local friend what type of building this was. He said: “Oh, that’s a rubber factory. Many people working there barely get paid and cannot go home. They come from villages with a hope for a better life and then get forced to produce rubber for tires and other items exported to America and Europe.”

I could not believe that, in this day and age, factory owners would force workers to labor in slave-like conditions. This moment became a catalyst for me to learn about slavery and exploitation in the supply chain. At first, I was shocked to find how widespread exploitation in our supply chain is and how it only keeps getting worse. From chocolate to coffee, tires to electronics, flowers to clothes, there was hardly any area of everyday items that did not cause harm to a person who was part of making them.

According to the [International Labour Organization](#), over 50,000,000 people are living in [Modern Slavery](#) today

- 28,000,000 in forced labor and 22,000,000 in forced marriages. Both refer to exploitation that a person cannot refuse and cannot leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, or abuse of power.

Confronted with these realities, I tried to figure out what to do. I became more mindful of my purchases and sought to empower rather than exploit, something that was much harder than one would expect. Transparency in the supply chain is still rare.

In 2015, a friend approached me to help him start an initiative to empower people vulnerable to exploitation. He had met groups in Nepal and India that trained women to make items that would provide a livable income for them and their families, significantly diminishing the risk of exploitation and modern slavery. They needed a place to sell these items, and in response to their need, we founded Ethical Trade Co - a donor-funded nonprofit that empowers through trade (www.ethicaltradeco.com).

I know that there is so much more that needs to be done to end the evil of human exploitation and modern slavery. I invite you to think about one thing you can do to empower others. ❖

UNION From page 1

health insurance and pension plan; we gained robust language over diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I); as well as winning numerous other working condition improvements and premiums. With that extra income, our family’s regular household expenses aren’t such a stretch and we are able to support local businesses like Lakeside Coffee, The Bounty and our taquerias.

Did we get everything? No.

The raise was well deserved and long overdue (we negotiated our last contract in 2016, twice extending it), but represented employees gave up a yearly bonus tied to corporate success that amounted to about 3% of our annual salary. We sacrificed this compensation to secure a historic *guaranteed* pay increase – the company always set the metric that determined what constituted “success.”

Further, we will have to fight again to save our pension when we negotiate the next contract. But more workers joined the Union, and we are stronger now, having fought for what we deserved. Members ratified the agreement overwhelmingly with more than 98% approval

– the greatest voting participation our Union has had in decades. I am hopeful we will not have to engage in such a protracted struggle next time, but if we do, I am confident that we will mobilize and prevail.

Unions put power back where it belongs - in the hands of the workers who make companies like TruStage so successful. If you’re interested in forming a union where you work, please contact [OPEIU-39](#)’s president, Kathryn Bartlett-Mulvihill at president@opeiu39.org or [608-443-7304](tel:608-443-7304) Do not hesitate to call on us as allies and organizers of working people.

Solidarity now and forever, Sarah. ❖

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Wondering if you have a good idea – you probably do! Tell me your idea and we’ll talk. (Almost everything submitted gets printed: work can’t have been published elsewhere and sometimes you have to wait an issue for your piece to appear.) I subscribe to the “less is more” print-journalism philosophy. Maximum word target: 500. To bring out your best, I edit everything for length, organization, tone, style, voice, and content – you ok final edits; I ok publishing. So go for it and write for the Bulletin!





Lake Monona Waterfront Master Plan Completed for City Review

The [Lake Monona Waterfront Master Plan](#) has been completed and presented to Madison’s Common Council for consideration. The Master Plan, which envisions a seventeen acre Park spanning 1.7 miles of shoreline from Olin Park to Blair Street, now enters the city review process, aiming for a spring 2024 approval.

The national design firm Sasaki prepared the plan under the Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc committee’s guidance. Since 2022, the committee (established by Mayor Rhodes Conway and Madison’s Common Council) has held nearly 40 public meetings, presented and sought community feedback at six major public events, and with Sasaki considered over 8,000 public comments to craft the plan’s four sections.

- First, the Olin Overlook (the park’s southernmost portion) includes the natural beauty of the Olin Park woods above Lakeside Street, integrating a marina and bicycle and pedestrian paths separated from each other and (to the extent possible) John Nolen Drive.
- Next, the Community Causeway from Olin Park to North Shore Drive features enhanced shoreline access, separated paths, boardwalks, design elements to improve water quality and aquatic habitat, and a community lookout of the capital building.

- Then comes the Lake Lounge, featuring a bicycle and pedestrian passageway under John Nolen Drive that allows unimpeded lakeshore access to a signature park entrance and large community shoreline gathering space at the end of Hamilton Street.
- The new park’s final portion, the Law Park Ledge, lies between Monona Terrace and Blair street; it creates downtown lake access over the railroad tracks and causeway to a boathouse and an amphitheater for observing lakefront programs, such as Madison’s [Mad-City Ski Team](#), and performing arts events. Find more information on the plan’s specific features at www.lakemononawaterfront.org

Once approved, park construction begins in 2025 – the goal is to complete the Community Causeway and underpass near Broom Street by 2027 in coordination with John Nolen Drive’s upcoming reconstruction. After that, successive phases of construction depend on further design, permitting, and funding. The City of Madison has budgeted over \$5 million for park improvements, in addition to money for road and path construction, but substantial private funds must still be raised to cover costs. The Friends of Nolen Waterfront, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to this park’s success, leads this effort. Persons interested in supporting the park can reach out by emailing info@lakemononawaterfront.org. ❖

The Joys of Controlled Burns and Recycling Aluminum Cans

By Pastor Lisa Nelson (St Mark's Lutheran Church, Spruce and Hickory, where you're always welcome.)

Gary and Pam Gates live on the corner of Spruce and Hickory with the yard that's covered with flowers during the summer. I asked what the yard looked like when they bought the house, and Gary said it was covered with brush thicket.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. For the first 40 years of his life, Gary likes to say he didn't talk to no one about nothing, but after that, he talked to everyone about everything. He met Pam shortly after that transformation in 1982—at a performing dance group. She had previously left this group, but came back the day Gary first showed up.



Pam and Gary's Yard Flowers

As they walked back to their cars that evening, they discovered she had parked right behind him. And in 1984, they were married halfway up a cliff at Devil's Lake. Gary had three teenagers, and Pam had a preteen and a teen. At first, they lived further down Spruce Street, but when their current home came onto the market, they bought it. Gary moved them down the street in a wheelbarrow. Yes, he actually did.

For years, he worked at the Department of Employee Trust Funds, managing benefits for state employees. After he retired, he spent his time clearing brush and doing controlled burns. Gary says he loves to light and fight fires. Pam has had many interesting jobs. She was the first director of the Madison Literacy Council (now [Literacy Network](#)) and a copy editor and writer for [The Madison Times](#) Weekly Newspaper. Now she writes articles and edits newsletters and yearbooks for [MOSES](#), an organization working for criminal-legal system reform. She also volunteers at [The Beacon](#) and was on the Friends of the [UW Odyssey Project](#) board for a number of years.

I asked Gary about his passion for recycling aluminum cans. He says he's been doing it since he was a kid. He was a bit of a loner and when he went to the lake, he collected cans while other kids swam. He really got hooked on recycling when he married Pam, and now he gathers cans at high volume places like parks and UW football games.

Gary says he's a fairly optimistic person, but he is concerned about climate change and the increasing violence in this

world. But he concentrates on what he can do, rather than things he can't do much about.

Pam used to belong to St Mark's across the street. While Gary didn't join, he did a lot of things for the church, including shoveling lots of snow. Then after about five years, he found a church that fits his beliefs better. Now, they both belong to Prairie Unitarian.

The people of St Mark's think they're good neighbors to have. ❖



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ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers

Grocery Store Update

Several of you have contacted me with questions about the delay in the opening of the grocery store at S. Park and Cedar St. Here's the most recent update from Dan Rolfs, Real Estate Specialist – Economic Development Division, City of Madison:



“The City continues to work toward the successful opening of a full service grocery store at the Truman Olson project at 815 Cedar Street. The City has completed negotiations with Kristie Maurer of Maurer’s Markets for the lease of the grocery condo. At the same time, Maurer has finalized the financing for the build out of the grocery store. Maurer continues to work with her store design team to complete the technical and mechanical design of the store. The technical and mechanical design of the store are complicated by the fact that the building design was finalized during the period of time when the project was in search of a new grocer. This required the development team to make assumptions regarding the grocery store to ensure that the project could secure financing so construction could commence on the 150 units of affordable housing and grocery store condo shell. However, the City, the development team, and the grocer will work through each of these challenges, just as they have through the entire process, to ensure that residents of South Madison continue to have access to a full service grocery store.”

It's been a frustrating process, filled with ups and downs. Despite the delays, be assured it is still happening. Moreover, Pick 'N Save remains cooperative and is not planning on closing before the new store opens. It's also worth noting that Kristie Maurer's grocery store appears to be worth the wait. As reported in January by Channel 3, the family-owned Maurer's Market in the Wisconsin Dells recently won a major award as the IGA Retailer of the Year:

https://www.channel3000.com/news/family-owned-maurers-market-wins-iga-retailer-of-year-look-at-what-could-come-to/article_d559781e-bc01-11ee-905f-bb89f4d94921.html

Recent Snow Controversy

Council members received many complaints about street conditions following the big snowstorm followed by nearly 10 days of sub-zero temperatures. I understand and sympathize with these concerns. Council members will be getting a report from the Streets Division, a post-mortem so to speak, to learn what could have been done differently.

In the meantime, it's important in my opinion to put things in perspective. This was an unusual event, with heavy accumulation followed quickly by plummeting temperatures. And while it's true we are using less road salt to mitigate damage to our lakes and drinking water, salt would not have helped once the bitter cold set in. We have over 1800 miles of city streets to be plowed, a distance from Madison to the Mojave Desert in California. It's a huge undertaking.

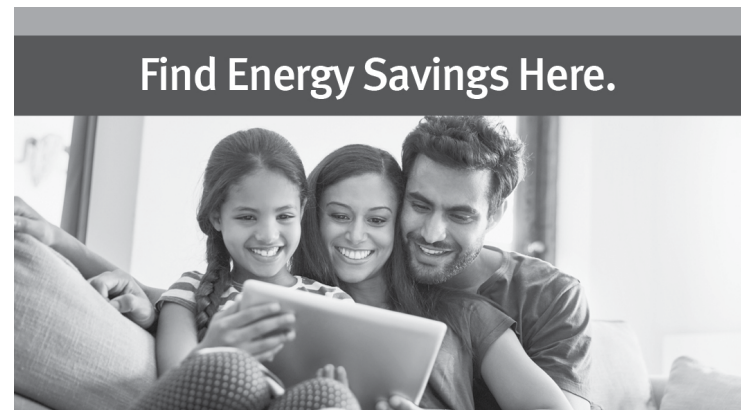
Hopefully, we won't see another storm like this in a long time, but when we do, it's certain the critics will come out. For that reason, I appreciate Dave Zweifel's January 19th editorial in the Cap Times: https://captimes.com/opinion/dave-zweifel/opinion-sick-of-icy-streets-dont-blame-city-workers/article_2eae5eae-b61a-11ee-a43f-5f5da8785a6e.html

At any rate, continue to watch out for each other, take care, and stay safe. ❖

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By Robert Koehler

In joy's abundance,
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answered proposal

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from right, higher still the pile
in disputation

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of likes, in every selfie,
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to a drunk's regrets

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— Robert Koehler is a Bay
Creek neighbor and poet.

See his work at:

robertupatdawn.wordpress.com

BOOK REVIEW

By Robert Koehler

Forbidden Notebook / Alba de Céspedes

Valeria Cossati, an Italian living in Rome, is a middle aged housewife with a husband and two adult children. The year is 1950, and an impulse compels her to purchase a notebook to use as a diary. In her first entry dated November 26, she writes: "I was wrong to buy this notebook, very wrong. But it's too late now for regrets, the damage is done. I don't even know what impelled me to buy it—pure chance. I've never thought of keeping a diary, partly because a diary has to be secret, and so it would have to be hidden from Michele and the children." In her earliest entries, she can't imagine what she will write about, other than to describe the tranquil life of her family. Even so, from the very first, she is terrified that her diary will be discovered, and she constantly changes its hiding place.

Her husband's job is poorly paid and the resulting financial strain means that Valeria must work outside the home. Over time, the keeping of a diary brings out unexpected expressions of discontent regarding her husband and the directions of her children's lives. In writing down her thoughts, she discovers how little time she has for herself, since she carries the full burden of household chores as well. Worse still, she has no private space to herself, and to be able to write, she starts staying up late after everyone else has gone to bed.

Published in 1952, *Forbidden Notebook* was a daring book for its time. It addressed a rarely visited topic in popular fiction: a wife desiring more from life other than simply caring for her husband and children. The diary comes to an abrupt end six months later when Valeria realizes that if she continues, it could well destroy her marriage. She writes, "All my feelings, thus dissected, rot, become poison, and I'm aware of becoming the criminal the more I try to be the judge. I have to destroy the notebook, destroy the devil that hides in its pages." Alba de Céspedes was a well-known Cuban-Italian feminist writer who was involved in anti-fascist activities in Italy, and after the war spent the rest of her life living in Paris. This novel, while popular when first published in Italy, never won an American audience. Republished this past year, it is likely to be of wider interest now.

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Friends of the Goodman South Madison Library 2023 Fundraising, Acquisitions, and Programs



Friends of the Goodman had a busy year seeking new funding sources to replace our in-library book sales, targeting raised funds to new technology and collection needs. So here's what we've been up to:

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

June 10th Urban League StorySLAM: In April, Delta Beer Lab honored the Goodman Friends, selecting us as their monthly Non-Profit Partner. By generously donating all tips collected that month, Delta allowed Friends to conduct a very successful StorySLAM June 10th at Madison's Urban League. 70+ participants joined us, telling personal 'origin' stories, prompted by American slavery histories recounted in 2023's Go Big Read selection, *How the Word is Passed*. The event netted over \$2,000 for the Friends.

Joint Friends Summer Sale: For the third year in a row, Friends of the Goodman joined six other Madison Library Friends groups to conduct a large book & media sale at the W. Badger Road Library Support Center. This year's June 3rd sale raised \$850 to date for each Friends group, including Friends of the Goodman: Sale of remainders through ThriftBooks added another \$357 to that total for Goodman.

In-Library Sale Shelf: Don't forget to inspect the Friends' Sales Shelf right as you enter the Goodman. It always has interesting books at low, low prices, providing a steady donation stream that helps Friends' support the Goodman library.

Building a Website: We're finally joining the digital age! To help increase our visibility and make memberships and donations easier, The Goodman Friends – with a young volunteer's much-appreciated help – have undertaken development of a website. Try it at: <https://goodmanlibraryfriends.com/>

WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH THOSE FUNDS

3-D Printer! 3-D Printer! Goodman may soon become the first Madison library to provide 3-D printing. At its November 2023, the Friends' board approved purchasing the printer and related supplies, pending outreach to community organization like the Black Business Hub, Centro Hispano & MATC. A skilled Goodman staff member is available to provide instruction and support for this printer and extend learning opportunities to library clients and relevant local institutions.

PlayStation 5: In late 2022, the Friends board approved purchasing a new PlayStation 5 for the library's teen area; the recently remodeled space incorporated a large flat-screen TV suitable for gaming and other STEM and learning software, supporting the library's plans to enhance the PlayStation's educational value.

Expansion of Our Stories in Black & Brown: The Friends provided \$1,000 to refresh and expand Goodman's fiction and non-fiction collection by and for Black, Latino, and other minority cultures reflected in south Madison's diverse community.

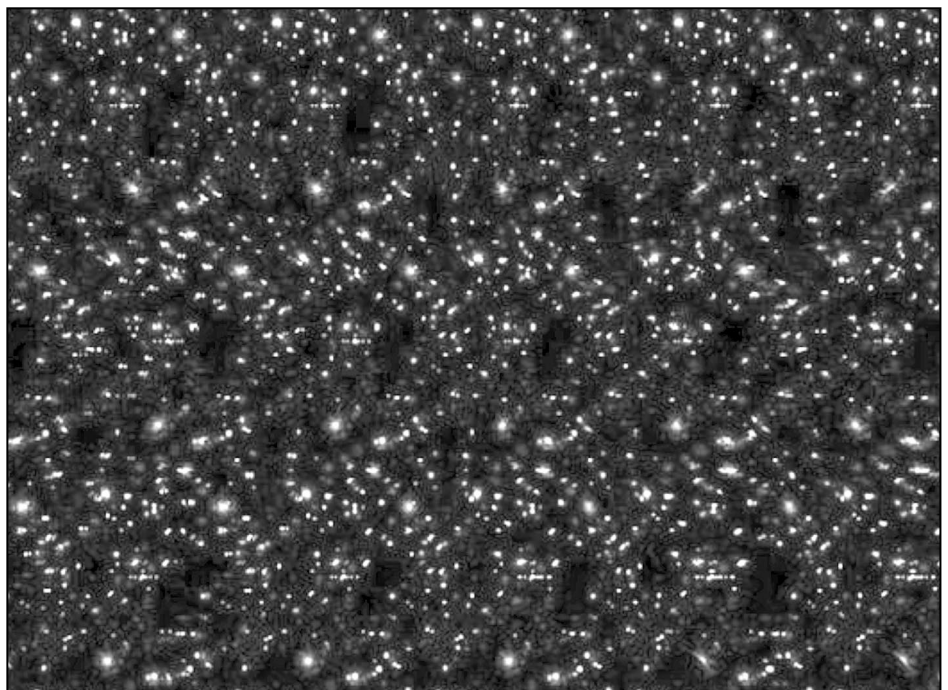
DON'T MISS THESE LIBRARY SERVICES & PROGRAMS:

Art Club: Each Wednesday afternoon, bring the whole family to explore dynamic new art forms in a judgement-free environment. Materials provided.

Mini-Food Pantry: Goodman is currently the only Madison Library location offering a free food pantry service on a first-come, first-served basis

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You can help with Book Sales, Special Events, Fund Raising, Book Sorting, or volunteer at the library. ❖



Stare through the page/screen to see the seven pointed star!

Notes on a 1920s Bay Creek Childhood

Editor's note: Neighborhood historian Colleen Potter shared her mother's 1999 autobiographical notes with the Bulletin. She also sent the accompanying 1889 plat map, showing early Bay Creek streets and properties predating these recollections.

DOROTHY HUGHES O'DEA

PARENTS: Raymond and Frances.
BORN: 1922; on Brooks St.

I lived in South Madison, on Richmond Hill, before it (the Hill), was taken down. Two large homes were located on top of the Hill. I lived on Olin Ave., until my marriage. I have lived at 634 W. Lakeside St., for 51, (fifty-one), years. My education was received at Franklin Grade, and West High Schools.

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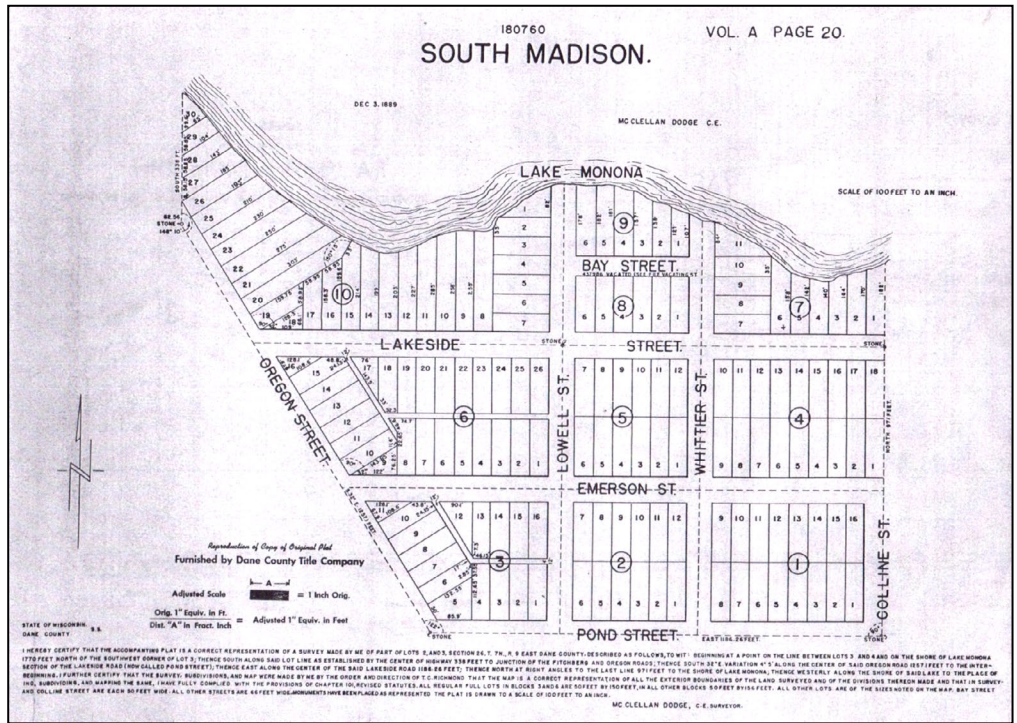
Three older brothers, three older sisters, (plus myself), two younger brothers, and one sister, (who was killed, by a car sliding down Richmond Hill, on Lakeside St. Age twelve years).

PLACES AND MEMORIES:

"Ice skating at Franklin Rink, a log cabin building with a log burning stove, was the warming house".

"South Side Beach, had a high-dive for the older swimmers, and a nice pier, with life guards. The beach was moved down to the park area, in later years. Olin Park also had a beach and picnic area".

"We could walk out to the Fair Grounds, (where the Coliseum is now). They had a race-track also.



We would always go to the carnivals, (freak shows, rides, and goodies)".

"We used to stop after school and go to Franklin Field, (on Olin Ave.), to pick Cow Slips, Shooting Stars, and Violets, all wild flowers".

"The South Side Picnic, at Franklin Field, also the South Side Frolic, on Park Street, (I danced with my dancing school tap class, one year). They always had a stage and some entertainment. These events were all sponsored by the South Side Men's Club, which later became the South Side Mens and Women's Club, of which I am a member today. The Mens Club also had a Mother and Daughter Banquet, at Franklin School. I took my two girls to it. Their Dad was one of the workers".

"Also in the winter the City would block off Emerson St. hill, and Whittier St., and we neighbor kids would slide down the road in safety. In the summer we would roller skate down the same hill. We played "Kick The Can", under the street lights in the evenings, at the same place (at the bottom of the Emerson Hill, and Whittier Sts.)."

THE STREET CAR:

The Street Car came down Lakeside St. It would go to Colby St., stop and come back down Lakeside. The seats were made of cane (woven type of material), if one rode to Colby Street, the conductor would let you help flip the seat backs, for the return trip.

THE SOUTH SIDE DRUG STORE; was the meeting place for the South Side kids. Mac's Drug Store, we called it. We could have a chocolate soda for ten (10) cents. ❖



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Neighborhood Events



Lakeside St Coffee House Events Bar Opens at 5:30 p.m.

- Feb 9: Les Cordes en Blue (Jazz Trio) @ 7pm
- Feb 10: Richard Weigel @ 6:30pm
- Feb 16: Tumbledown Shack @ 7pm
- Feb 17: Irish Jam Session @ 7pm
- Feb 23: Trio Soliel @ 7pm
- Feb 24: Star Moss @ 7pm
- Mar 1: Tumbledown Shack @ 7pm
- March 8: The Honey Pies @ 7pm
- Mar 15: Gaines and Wagoner @ 7pm
- Mar 16: Richard Weigel @ 6:30pm
- Mar 23: Irish Jam Session @ 7pm
- Mar 29: Trio Soliel @ 7pm
- Mar 30: Les Cordes en Blue (Jazz Trio) @ 7pm



**Meet, greet, and socialize with
your Bay Creek neighbors**

Wednesday February 21!

6–8 pm, Baha'i Center 324 W Lakeside St.
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Improving Housing Access & Affordability

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi



As the cost of housing increases, more families find themselves working extra jobs just trying to provide for their loved ones. Dane County recognizes that the cost of housing is a struggle for many and has invested in efforts to help address this issue in our community:

- In 2015, Dane County established the Affordable Housing Development Fund to encourage the development of affordable housing projects and leverage resources from project partners. So far, we have committed \$42.5 million to support projects with over 2,500 affordable living units. Another \$15 million is allocated in 2024.
- My 2020 budget created the Division of Housing Access and Affordability within Dane County Human Services. The team administers federal and county-funded partnerships with community agencies to prevent and end homelessness, increase

access to and development of affordable housing, and support economic and workforce development efforts.

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dane County infused tens of millions of dollars in federal funding into the community to help residents cover the cost of rent and/or stay in a hotel if they were experiencing homelessness and considered at higher-risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The programs provided stability for thousands during a truly unprecedented time.
- Joining Forces for Families (JFF) involves social workers who manage offices in neighborhoods throughout Dane County and provide direct access to services. Housing is the number one issue JFF encounters. The work staff do is time intensive and tailored to each individual. I recently added another housing specialist within JFF at a cost of \$91,700 to improve access to this vital service.

To learn more about our efforts, check out The Dane County Podcast episode “Housing Access & Affordability” on YouTube of wherever you listen to your podcasts.

If you know someone who needs help finding housing or is struggling to keep up with housing costs, have them contact 211 Wisconsin. Our partners at Urban Triage, Community Action Coalition, Tenant Resource Center, and Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County provide vital services to Dane County residents and are all committed to increasing housing access and affordability. ❖

The Gilson Street Workshops

by Rebecca A Rettenmund

A new event debuted here in Bay Creek December 2 called the “Gilson Street Workshops Open House.” Local bladesmith Isaiah Schroeder came up with the idea. So many makers are affiliated with his 1516 Gilson Street [Knifeworks](#) shop that he decided to open up his doors and let the world see what they did. The event was so successful that they are planning a second Open House for Gallery Night Friday, May 3.

Here is what happened. When the Gilson Street Workshops opened its doors, the makers put on a show for Madison and the neighborhood. Five bladesmiths demonstrated their metal sculpting skills, pulling hot metal out of the forge and hammering it into a knife before the people’s eyes. An engraver (me) set up a monitor so people could watch her engrave up close. A furniture maker displayed a boat in the making, and a jewelry maker presented and sold her work. Local illustrator, Haley Schultz, joined and sold her prints there that night as well. Finally, Black Rose Blending Company, attached to the shop, sold wine, beer, and hard cider for all the thirsty guests.

Here are some of the friendly people who on any given day the Bay Creek neighborhood might meet working there. Isaiah’s shop is a mini school. He teaches advanced knifemaking classes where the clients learn how to fold metal in a process called Damascus. The beginners’ class is taught by a promising young maker named Colson Rupert who quickly picked up the art

of knifemaking from Isaiah at only 14 years old. What’s more essential than getting teenagers on a career path?

Isaiah has one employee, Angela Caldera, who lives in the neighborhood as well. She was the jeweler that night and has a jeweler’s eye for detail; she works two days a week sanding, assembling, and polishing the knives.

Knifeworks has had three apprentices. Current apprentice, Rubin Alejandro, hones his knifemaking skills, studying the craft. James Beaver learned to make knives and presently does lake rescue on Lake Mendota. The first apprentice, Kaleb Dettweiler showed samples of his work to [Albion](#) and landed a job with the world famous sword makers.

Brandon Norsted’s boat making is an offshoot of his furniture making skills. He has partnered with Isaiah the longest from when they worked together at Zazen furniture shop in Paoli. Isaiah got an early client when one day a customer entered the front door and asked Isaiah if he could make knife handles for him. Isaiah branched off to do knife making, while Brandon continued to make furniture.

I have worked 20 years as a professional artist and – after watching Isaiah build his knife business from scratch – wondered how I could collaborate. The [Blade Show](#), the world’s largest knife convention gave me the answer: engraving. Now I have my own side hustle, [Caventire Creatives](#), engraving custom pet portraits.

Hope to see you at our second Gilson Steet Workshops Open House on Gallery Night Friday May 3. Come meet your friendly neighborhood makers in person! ❖



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Make Words Answers

6 Letter Words: arrear, barber, bazaar, bearer, breeze

5 Letter Words: barer, barre, braze, rarer, rebar, zebra

4 Letter Words: area, babe, barb, bare, bear, beer, rare, raze, razz, rear

3 Letter Words: are, baa, bar, bee, bra, ear, ebb, era, ere, err

2 Letter Words: be, re

Crossword Answer

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NewBridge congregate free meals sites: Make meal and transportation reservations one week prior by Thursday 10:00 am with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006. (NewBridge accepts donations for meals mailed to 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704.)

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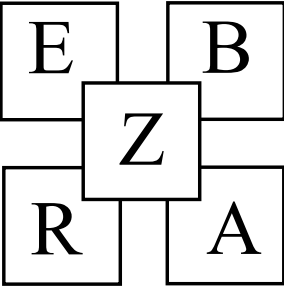
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Make Words

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 33 words; 6 use the letter Z.

(Answers on Page 11)

**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)

Why are pterodactyls quiet in the bathroom?

Because their P is silent.

(Answers on Page 11)

L K U A S E J K Q U I E T O F
 H W S D O I R A M S V Y R P S
 P L L T J T L A F B Z T Y T M
 O M D O W S A E Z L H N T E S
 R V O G U R B D N E P F A R I
 B U B O E Y H W E T F L Q O O
 I E N C R F R G C K X U N D T
 M L M G C H X Y C X T Y E A I
 W W A Z T X T Q U B H A P C C
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 K R B I T N J N C S M U T B U
 G F Q B G W W D C E F V D T Z

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SHORELINE MONTHLY CLEANUP SUMMARY



December: 18 volunteers collected 13 bags of trash, 1 bicycle wheel, and a large piece of an industrial AC unit!

January: Two volunteers (Nina and husband Brendan) picked up a small bag of trash, which they had to really work for since everything was covered in snow!

Next cleanup: Saturday, February 10, 10:00 to noon. Brittingham Beach House, 701 W. Brittingham Place.



Cabin Fever Crossword Puzzle (Solution on page 11)

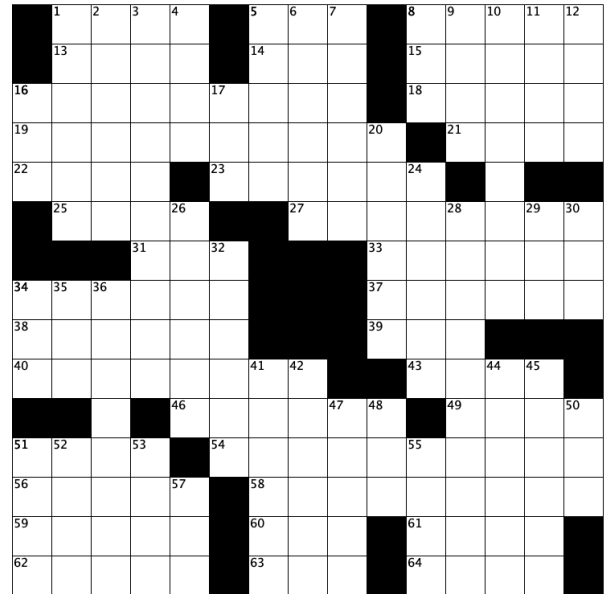
By Jennifer Vernon

ACROSS

1. Kind of pepper
5. Motor oil letters
8. Throw out
13. Earth goddess
14. Architect I. M.
15. Evil one
16. Failing
18. Home entertainment option
19. Mystical phenomenon on a Caribbean sunset
21. Antagonize
22. Garden pest
23. Center (Norwegian)
25. Told, as a yarn
27. Amino acid found in ripe cheese
31. Thumbs up
33. Fools
34. Go without
37. Hardly the modest type
38. No-goodnik
39. German article
40. Common swift (scientific)
43. Take some off the top
46. White mark at the base of a fingernail
49. Author Bagnold
51. Plays a part
54. Drink with coconut cream
56. Shout of approval
58. Adornments
59. Too soon
60. Facial feature
61. Green Gables resident
62. Fashion
63. "Bad" prefix
64. Governmental agency that relies on satellites (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Female breakdancers, slangily
2. Relax
3. main jobs on Baywatch
4. Put down
5. Nozzle
6. Lease signer
7. Total mess
8. Public health agcy.
9. Listen to
10. Belly buttons
11. Reserved
12. Place for a patch
16. Dosage amts.
17. Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth, for example (abbr.)
20. Congregated
24. Cheek colorers
26. A deliberately created language
28. Beach activity with a mask and flippers
29. "Super" game console
30. Timetable abbreviation.
32. "___ the good work!"
34. Entrepreneur's support org.
35. Soft touch
36. Focus of "The Scarlet Letter"
41. Joined
42. Beam of light
44. Actress Sarkis
45. Pesky swarming insects
47. Hideaways
48. World's largest scientific computing society (abbr.)
50. German article
51. Whizzes
52. Small talk
53. Market
55. Source of Muscat
57. White alternative



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