



## Building Community Through Maple Syruping

By Coral Conant Gilles

In early March, the sun shone and the temperature soared to 40°F. My kids and I (Kieran: age 10 and Sage: age 7) packed our 5-gallon buckets, spiles, drill, and rubber mallet. It was maple tapping season!

Maple syruping is a gift that reminds us of the bounty of the Earth, inviting us to connect with songs of spring and muddy snow puddles. This year, as fear and confusion swirled around us, we found ourselves exactly where we needed to be - deepening our community and showing up for each other – because of maple syruping.



Kieran and Sage anticipate sweet drips of sap

We've had the privilege of maple syruping with Wild Harvest Nature Connection (currently in transition to Wild Harmony Nature Connection whnc.org) for 5 years. This year WHNC doesn't have a central location for tapping so I emailed our neighbors to see if we could tap their maple trees.

Three neighbors responded: Dan, Jane, and Erik. The gifts that came from tapping with our neighbors were so much greater than I expected. What started as a search for sap became a connection with our neighbors and the land we inhabit (and multiple proud-mom moments!).

At Dan's house, I walked the kids through the process. We made our first hole (with some difficulty, thankfully Dan joined us with a sharper bit). Sap poured down the trunk as we tapped in the spile. With the spile in place, the dripping stopped. We waited. The suspense was high. Red Maple sap burst forth and gushed down the spile! We all cheered!

At Jane's house, Jane and Kirk eagerly joined us. We stood next to the Red Maple

while my kids taught the four necessary steps before tapping, just as I had taught them:

1. Make sure ki's\* a maple.
2. Make sure ki's healthy.
3. Make sure ki's big enough.
4. Give gratitude and ask permission in whatever way works for you.

We took pinches of lavender. Sage and I put our hands and faces on the tree trunk. Kieran put his hand on a bulging root saying, "Trees communicate through their roots, through the fungi." After a moment, we stepped back to share the messages we heard. I felt vulnerable and proud. Jane shared that she didn't

feel any messages about permission, but sensed a strong and healthy tree. Not feeling as clear a message this time either, I asked the tree if we could go with the kids' understanding and felt a resounding yes!

We tapped the Red Maple. Again the sap flowed immediately - plink, plink, plinking into our bucket - but not until we all squatted down to catch a drip!

When Kieran tapped Jane and Kirk's Silver Maple we all agreed that it was notably sweeter than the Red Maples. At Erik's house Sage tapped an enormous Silver Maple. My sincerest thanks to the families who shared the land they tend. It's hard to describe the depth of beauty and goodness I felt standing in our neighbors' backyards learning from and about each other. At this moment in time, connecting deeply with each other and the land is paramount. I feel so much angst and uncertainty, and yet, here we were living exactly what I think we need.

Next year, I hope WHNC will have a location to tap, but I still want to tap with you - a Bay Creek boil! Learning, growing, and connecting together was sweeter than all the sap!

About the author: Aside from working with WHNC, I have my own business as a storyteller and naturalist. You can learn more about my work, including summer programming, at coralconantgilles.com

\*We use "ki" for non-human beings, a pronoun suggested by Potawatomi ethnobotanist Robin Wall Kimmerer. ❖

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# BCNA Meeting Notes

## FEBRUARY

Tag gave the Alder report. We have put out a request for a proposal for developers who could co-develop the Madison Labor Temple Association site. Labor Temple is interested in selling the land or staying if there could be developments including: demolishing the current labor temple and building more housing and offices. This could also be an opportunity for a park.

We are also recommending that Wright School introduce more summer and afterschool programs.

Next, folks gave committee report updates. Chris explained that the by-laws committee has met a few times and finished a draft of clarification changes to the by-laws. The committee has a meeting 2/18 to begin working on redrafting the by-laws.

## MARCH

The meeting opened with Tag giving the alder report. Tag discussed how Madison is in the process of completing an ambitious project to add 15k new housing units over the next several years, with roughly 4k of those units meeting criteria for affordable housing. Tag also is advocating for the city to increase usability and access of basketball court and other facilities at Wright Middle School.

Bay Creek has grant applications in progress. One requests enhancements to help emphasize the historic sites and add directional guides for the 6 mile loop of Lake Wingra. Another from park cedar apartments requests funding for community engagement.

Next Monday night March 10th at 6:30pm at the arboretum cohousing there is a forum where citizens can attend and ask questions of Tag regarding his aldership and his bid for re-election.

Next, the group completes yearly elections for Bay Creek officers. New board members are as follows:

**Area 4** – Central Area, Ryan Moreno, [moreno.ryanr@gmail.com](mailto:moreno.ryanr@gmail.com), 541-740-9121

**Area 6** – Romnes Apartments, Barb Bailly, [sewjung14@gmail.com](mailto:sewjung14@gmail.com), 608-421-2380

**Transportation Committee** – John Rider, [jrider@tds.com](mailto:jrider@tds.com), 608-225-5520

Rita Adair is interested in developing the vacant building at 1602 Gilson St, formerly Black Rose Brewing, and transforming it to a women's sports bar. Rita will attend a future meeting to present her vision and respond to questions and feedback.

PaleoMama grand opening will be March 21st - 23rd! They will not have in house seating but grab and go options.

The outreach working group will soon be sending a contact to everyone in the Bay Creek neighborhood.

There was a misunderstanding over whether the grant would cover the concrete walkway as part of the amenities. The committee is working with the city to finalize how this will be resolved. One of the amenities among the bike repair stand, the library, or the concrete game board may need to be reduced or cut. ❖

### Join the Bay Creek Outreach Team!

Help build a more diverse, representative, & active neighborhood association

### Take the community outreach survey

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<https://tinyurl.com/BCOutreachSurvey>

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### BCNA relies on **YOU** to make **US** work

Join now! Contact [bcnaoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaoutreach@gmail.com)

(See the article on the Outreach Working Group's Action Plan by Barb Bailly in this [Bulletin](#).)

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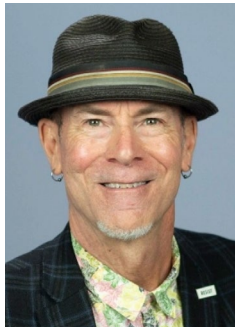
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# ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers



**From Mule-Drawn Buses to BRT –** Madison Transportation Director Tom Lynch recently presented the history & future of Madison transportation to the Common Council. I met Tom in the fall of 2018 when I first heard his presentation on BRT. What was just a dream back then is now a reality. We still need to secure the N-S route, which may be challenging with the current administration. Check out the presentation here: [youtube.com/watch?v=f0z1JEi-YVw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0z1JEi-YVw)

**Pick Up Free Seeds from Eight Madison Public Library Locations –** Madison Public Library’s popular Garden Seed Giveaway began in early March at eight library locations. All libraries with the exception of Central Library will offer a variety of flower, herb, and produce seeds for visitors, free of charge.

In 2025, approximately 50 different species of seeds will be available and each year librarians modify their ordering based on both public feedback and observation. For instance, flowers and herbs have been consistently popular across locations, and so there will be more of each offered this year at each location.

## Streets Division Updates

- **Brush Collection** – Some neighborhoods will see collection start the week of March 30. Will it be yours? Only one way to find out. Go to [www.cityofmadison.com/BrushCollection](http://www.cityofmadison.com/BrushCollection) and enter your address into the form. The form will tell you the exact date on when you should put out brush for pickup.
- **Yard Waste Collection** – Yard waste collection, which is different from brush pickup, starts later in April. Get that pickup schedule at [www.cityofmadison.com/YardWaste](http://www.cityofmadison.com/YardWaste). Enter your address into the form and get the dates to set out your leaves, weeds, and other plant material you have raked or pulled from your lawns and gardens.
- **Recycle Better Class Returns on April 17** – We’re doing the recycle better class again with Sustain Dane on April 17. The class provides you loads of recycling information and

then asks you to teach others what you learned to help share this information. More details can be found on the Sustain Dane website.

- **Use the New Online Recyclopedia** – As we’re cleaning up in the spring, please use the new online Recyclopedia to lookup how to handle your disposal questions. We have a lot of stuff in there, and we keep adding more answers. The more people use it, the better and more useful the tool can be for everyone. If you’re searching and an answer doesn’t pop up, be sure to suggest we add that answer to the tool. You can find the online Recyclopedia in a lot of spots on the new Streets Division page: [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets).
- **Food Scraps Recycling Drop-off Returns Soon:** At the end of April, the farmer’s market drop-off program will return to the east side market. Later in the year, the West Community and South Madison market sites will return, too. But there’s more good food scraps news! Dane County Waste and Renewables has food scraps composting news to share. If you’re curious, check out their website for food scrap composting opportunities coming your way: [landfill.danecounty.gov/compost](http://landfill.danecounty.gov/compost) ❖

## Music in the Park in May!

Free, Family-friendly concert in the historic Olin Park Pavilion in one of Madison’s most beautiful parks overlooking Lake Monona. Since the pavilion is sheltered, concerts will proceed rain or shine.



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Olin Park Pavilion, 6-8 p, doors open at 5:45p. Rain or shine. Bring a picnic - chairs and tables provided.

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# Neighborhood Events

## April 9 – Sixth Seasonal Bay Creek Neighborhood

**Potluck!** Come celebrate the day being longer than the nights at The Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St., at 6pm. John Greenler will play guitar.

## FOOT CONCERT SERIES

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## LAKESIDE EVENTS

**The Honey Pies** – April 4th @ 7pm

**Avian Aura** – April 11th @ 7pm

**Irish Jam Session** – April 12th @ 7pm

**Steve Davis Speaks on Public Lands** – April 14 @ 7pm  
Special Monday night opening  
Light Refreshments, Cash Bar

**Tumbledown Shack** – April 18th @ 7pm

**Richard Wiegel** – April 19th @ 7pm

**Gaines and Wagoner** – April 25th @ 7pm

**Madison Classical Guitar Society** – May 2 @ 7pm

**Tumbledown Shack** – May 9 @ 7pm

**Irish Jam Session** – May 10 @ 7pm

**The Honey Pies** – May 16 @ 7pm

**Trio Soliel** – May 23 @ 7pm

**Monday April 14, 7pm** – Neighbor and Edgewood Professor Steve Davis speaks on his new book at Lakeside St. Coffeehouse. Come hear his talk: Valuing the Invaluable: State Public Lands in the Age of Austerity. Light Refreshments Served; Cash Bar.

## June 8th – LATE: a Love Story

Hosted by the Madison Area Baha'i Community as part of Race Unity Day. 324 W Lakeside St, Madison, WI 53715  
Experience 1-4pm • Luncheon 11:30am-12:30pm  
Live Monologue performed by Rachele Zola shortly

after her 825-mile Pilgrimage from Chicago to Montgomery. LATE: A Love Story is not just a performance – it's a raw and honest exploration of truths discovered late in life, weaving together narratives of love, loss and healing. Rachele's powerful performance will leave you captivated, while her journey towards understanding and reconciliation will prompt you to reconsider the world around you. Join us in creating a world where 'equity for all' is honored, lived by and celebrated.

**Register for the event at [late.love](#).**

## ONGOING EVENTS

### 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.

### Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up – Friends of Monona Bay.

Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am–12:00 pm. Information Contact: Nina: [ninajoemerson@gmail.com](mailto:ninajoemerson@gmail.com), (608) 698-9708.

### Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA)

**Meetings** – First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org) has agenda and Zoom link.

### Lake Wingra Loop Story Map Announced!

Thanks to Dungeon Monroe neighbors and City staff for creating a "story map" showing 6.5 miles of biking, hiking, and interesting points around Lake Wingra. Enjoy!

**Madison Bikes** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (comprised of volunteers) with the mission to create a community where anyone can ride a bicycle conveniently and comfortably to any place year-round. They engage with community partners to advocate for bike-friendly city planning and transit options. Madison Bikes sponsors community events to promote biking as a fun and healthy mode of transport and recreation in all weather. Check out the online community calendar for upcoming events: <https://www.madisonbikes.org/madison-bikes-calendar/>

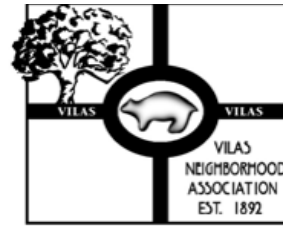
### St. Mark's Food Pantry & Free Meal

**Free Meal** – Every Friday, Noon-1:00 pm, Inside Seating or Carry-Out. All are welcome! Hot meals are served in-person or as carry out. Guests enter at the southwest entrance by St. Mark's playground. Sometimes people come to the Friday meal for economic reasons. At other times people come to see friends, for companionship and to be a part of a community.

**Food Pantry Hours** – Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Fridays from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
People may participate once every twenty eight to thirty days.

## Like reading your neighborhood newsletter?

See what other neighborhood's are up to in their newsletters:  
Read the [Vilas Ink](#) and Dungeon Monroe's [Hornblower!](#)



## Lisie Kitchel and how she fell in love with freshwater mussels

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

Lisie Kitchel is all about mussels, and the rivers of Wisconsin are full of them. I had no idea there even were freshwater mussels. (I've learned a lot from people in this neighborhood.)

Lisie is one of six people on her street who work for the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR has offices in the Government Employment Facility just off the Capitol. (Pretty convenient commute.)

So how did she get here? Lisie grew up in Indiana and chose to go to college at UW Green Bay in Ecosystems Analysis and Aquatic Studies. After graduating, she went to work for the DNR, tracking the health of mussels in the Mississippi.

And that's how she fell in love with mussels. So much so that she went to Virginia Tech for a masters in fisheries, which meant she could continue studying mussels. Since then, she has spent the last 25 years as an aquatic ecologist in Madison at the DNR.

Native mussels filter 10 to 15 gallon of water per day, removing contaminants. These little natural filters remove the



Lisie Kitchel works to protect mussels

contaminants through their own internal systems, leaving us with cleaner water.

But what happens when the water gets too contaminated? This over-taxes their systems, and they stop reproducing. With no baby mussels, these colonies can die off. Lisie's job is to protect the health of Wisconsin's mussels.

In addition to Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and streams, Lisie loves to garden and cook, visit with friends and read. Though the 300 yr old black walnut trees in her backyard-make gardening a bit of a challenge.

Lisie has two grown children: A son who lives here and a daughter who lives in Seattle. Growing up, they lived so close to Franklin Elementary School that the kids could wait until they heard the five minute bell before walking to school. And their friends often stopped by on the way to or from school to play soccer or swing on the tire swing.

Lisie has enjoyed watching kids in the neighborhood grow up. She likes that neighbors help each other out and is proud to live on Potter Street, where they close off the street twice a year for block parties. (It sounds like Lisie found the perfect place to live.) ❖

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Energy Plus assistance.

Find other community resources at [mge.com/help](http://mge.com/help).

# Ready... HIKE!

By Rebecca Rettenmund

Hillary woke as the dawn blushed over the frosted birch trees. There's no mercy from the naked Minnesota winter, but a sled dog minds not the cold. Hillary sniffs the air. She is familiar with this place. It's basecamp, only two miles south west of the Wintergreen dog sledding kennel where she lives with the rest of her team. But today she's working, and its her job to lead her team through 40 acres of Wintergreen's snow trails. Hunger gnawing at her belly, she howls to wake up the guides. Her team harmonize with her, sounding like wolves gathering for a hunt. That wouldn't be too far off from the truth. She's an Inuit dog, a breed that closely resembles a wolf. In fact, they're so similar that Inuit dogs were featured as young direwolves in the TV series Game of Thrones.



Hillary at Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge

In the pale light, the guides ration out food in metal bowls. One scoop of kibble goes first, then a ladle full of lake water, and top it off with a chunk of frozen meat. It looks like red granite, but Hillary wolfs it in three bites. She's going to need the energy for the ten mile hike today.

Hillary can tell her two mushers are armatures. One of them keeps putting her harness on wrong. How hard is it to fold it in half and pull her front legs through the sides? Yet she is a patient dog. She's used to being handled this way. Bear, on the other hand is not so patient. He's an uncut male, and around twenty pounds heavier than her. The mushers let the guides get him into his harness.

Now the dogs go for a little dance. Sled dogs are too powerful to walk towards the sled on four legs. Once they dig their quadruped muscles into it, they can't be stopped with an ordinary leash. They'll drag a person right off their feet. To prevent this, their front legs are lifted off the ground by the harness. While dancing over to the sled, Hillary looks around as if to say: "Hey! What's going on? When did I get this tall?"

Hillary is attached to the gangline last. She and her partner Hendrix are lead dogs. They work together side by side to direct the team. Behind them is Bear. He's the swing dog.

Often uncut males are put in the middle because they have no competition next to them to fight with. Pingo and Bonnie are the wheel dogs. They run closest to the sled.

When the whole team is hooked up, the dogs go wild. They jerk against the gangline, barking and snapping at each other. All night they've been charging their batteries in anticipation for this moment. They get so worked up that one of the mushers has to hold Hillary so she won't bolt when the guides ski ahead. Once they're sure the dogs won't tangle each other up, the musher goes back to the sled to untie the rope. It had been secured to a tree with a special sled knot that unwinds when they pull the end.

The musher says: "Ready..."

The dogs growl at each other like they're revving their engines. Once it looks like they're ready, the musher pulls the rope. "...HIKE!"

Five dogs tear out of basecamp like racing snowmobiles. Nothing matches the thrill of being released. There's an adrenaline rush as the sled bucks over fallen logs and snowbanks. The mushers call out "Gee!" to go right and "Haw!" to go left, but the sled seems to have a mind of its own. They step back on the break between the skids. Metal spikes chew into the ground sending an ark of snow behind them. Finally, the sled slows down to a manageable pace. Leaving the woods, the trail levels off and the mushers breathe easier. As Hillary trucks along steadily, she looks back at the musher as if to say: "What's the hold up? I was enjoying that." ❖



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# Join the Bay Creek Team!

## Help Build a Diverse, Representative, Active Bay Creek Neighborhood Association

by Barb Bailly

By now, you've received the outreach postcard from the Bay Creek Working Group. Our community owes a debt of gratitude to the many neighbors who donated to make this postcard possible.

**The Working Group continues to implement its Outreach Campaign Plan of Action to bring new blood into BCNA and ensure fair representation of our entire community. In 2025, we will work in coordination with BCNA's Welcome Committee.**

Please join us as we:

**Action 1:** Recruit volunteers from each of the six Bay Creek areas to join the Outreach Campaign.

**Action 2:** Review the findings of the outreach survey with the general membership. This survey includes information on neighbors' priorities for education and representation by BCNA and preferences for engagement.

**Action 3:** Contact residents, churches, nonprofits, businesses in each area to encourage active participation in BCNA and its committees.

**Action 4:** Convene a community-wide special meeting/open house jointly with BCNA's Welcome Committee to introduce BCNA to neighborhood residents and solicit their participation.

BCNA is the focal point of broad community interaction among the diverse groups and individuals, who call the Bay Creek neighborhood home. Outreach is central to maintaining an active neighborhood association and indispensable to performing BCNA's mission of generating a spirit of community; informing residents of emerging neighborhood issues; providing a venue for exploration and discussion of concerns; and serving as advocate for and working cooperatively with the city to improve and further the neighborhood's interest.

**BCNA relies on YOU to make US work.**

**Please give as generously as you can to support outreach in Bay Creek.** To make a donation, send a check (Subject: "Outreach") payable to Barb Bailly, 540 W. Olin, Unit 253, Madison, 53715 or transfer funds via Zelle to [sewjung14@gmail.com](mailto:sewjung14@gmail.com).

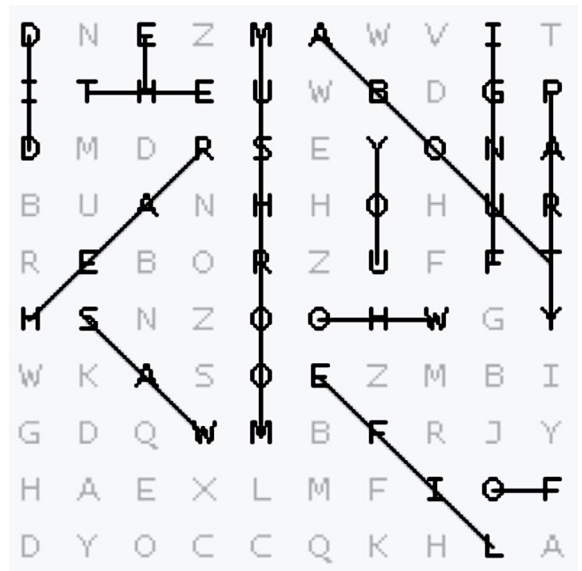
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— Helen Keller



### Boxed Words Answer

One Boxed Words Answer: BIRTHDAY YELPS

### Make Words Answers

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Four Letter Words: aqua, luau, lull, lulu

Three Letter Words: Ail, all, ill

Two Letter Words: la





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**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 Thursday 10:00 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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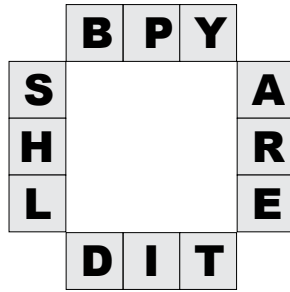
# Boxed Words

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

## Boxed Words Rules:

12 letters form a box.

Create words that use all the box's letters by drawing a line connecting the letters: BUT you cannot connect letters from the same side of the box! Your next letter must come from the box's other three sides. For example, you cannot connect the letters to make the word ART because A and R are on one side, but you can connect letters to make the word AIR.



- You must start a new word with the last letter of your last word. (If your word ends with R, then your next word must start with R.)
- You can reuse letters in the same word or a new word as many times as you want, but you cannot use a letter twice in a row: DODO is ok; DOODLE is not.
- Make your words as long as you like, but not less than three letters.
- Make as many words as you like to use all the letters at least once. The fewer words needed the better -- the puzzle can be solved in two words.

Hint: use a pencil and press lightly so you may erase.  
(One possible Answer on page 7)

# Make Words

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

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

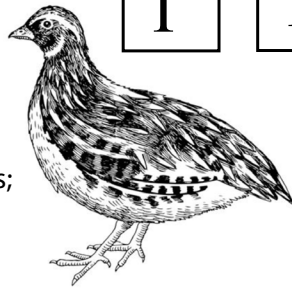
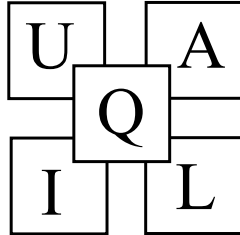
Use the same letter no more than three times in a word.

Two letter minimum.

There are at least 10 words;

3 use the letter Q

(Answers on Page 7)



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# Joke Word Find Puzzle

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

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

(Answer on page 7)

**Did you hear about the mushroom who was the life of the party? He was a fungi.**



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# FLIGHT PATH

By Robert Koehler

Framed above the isthmus,  
 a rising orange moon, one day from full,  
 has finally brushed aside  
 the remnants of an afternoon storm.  
 As if lured by its siren song,  
 ascending, a Chicago destined plane  
 seems collision bound.  
 Lone witness to this game of chicken,  
 on the causeway below,  
 spellbound, I brace myself for impact.  
 But flight path unimpeded,  
 and only momentarily embedded on  
 that moon's lit surface,  
 the plane's shadow safely escapes—  
 leaving in its flashing wake  
 the cobwebs of broken cloud cover,  
 and a night bright as day

# Dark and Dreary Crossword

(Solution on page 7)

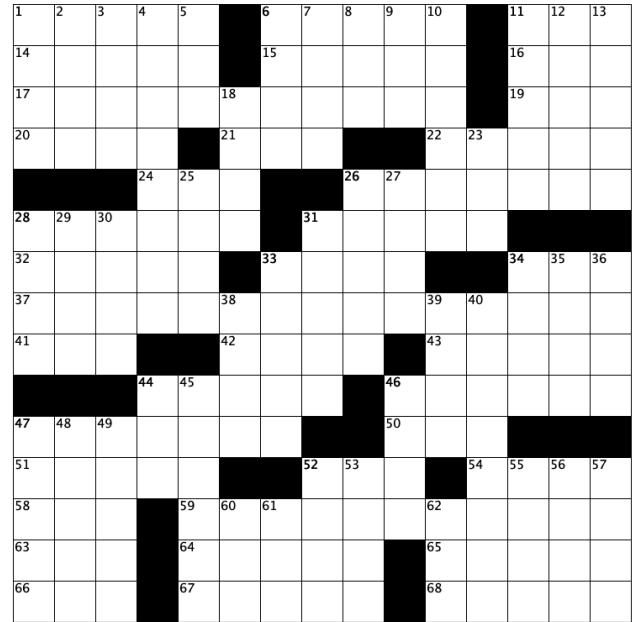
By Jennifer Vernon

### ACROSS

1. Low poker pair
6. Assert
11. TV setting
14. Jerks
15. Southern constellation
16. Calendar abbr.
17. Elements of a black and white game
19. Line on a bill
20. Lessen
21. Shipping choice
22. Thesis
24. Behind
26. Rid of dirt
28. Women's calf-length pants
31. Matches
32. "All My Children" role
33. Intangible quality
34. Dance club VIPs
37. Process by which things go dark
41. Scale notes
42. Former German leader Helmut
43. Kind of wave
44. Outhouse
46. Fit well
47. Lascivious
50. Rebus pronoun
51. Invigorating
52. Nocturnal flier
54. Neck section
58. Omega-3 source
59. Good time for sitting in front of a fire
63. Hawaiian instrument
64. Bank deposit
65. Cessation of hostilities
66. Hi-\_\_\_
67. Musical composition
68. Increased

### DOWN

1. Look at



2. Safety org.
3. Functions
4. Investigate
5. Snake sound
6. Curtail
7. Dupes
8. Alphabetic trio
9. Pique
10. Guru
11. A lot
12. Outline
13. Arranged
18. Places
23. Laugh sounds
25. Decree
26. Song of praise
27. Cheat
28. Barred room
29. Solo at the Met
30. Sty occupants
31. Overbearing
33. Up there
34. One-named British pop singer
35. Put together
36. Make out
38. Similar to
39. They're game
40. Masterly
44. Some laptops
45. Relax
46. Greek letter
47. Arise
48. Lacking funds
49. Positions
52. Created
53. Dermatologist's concern
55. Technically, everyone has a mom and \_\_\_
56. Speed
57. Spotted
60. Old soldier
61. Ostrich relative
62. Pampering place

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