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Fringe Salon Spa Returns to Bay Creek: “It feels like we’ve come home”

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Bay Creek is lucky to have the Fringe Hair Salon reopen its doors at 1423 S. Park St. The owner, Tamara Brown, who goes by “T,” is excited to be back in the neighborhood. The Fringe originally opened in 2010 two blocks north of its newly renovated and redesigned location. Now, after 12 years on Gammon Rd., her black and woman owned business has moved into its new bright, open, and modern building.

T recalls that she has always loved working with hair, but her choice to become a business woman was out of the ordinary: the decision was “not something easy and not something everyone thinks to do.” T credits her grandmother, who operated an East St. Louis convenience store called Rupert’s, with nurturing her entrepreneurial spirit and teaching her about “serving the community and keeping an eye open for what was needed.”

At the Fringe, this family tradition continues. Among the Fringe’s 9 employees, T counts her son and daughter, Curtis and Hayle (a UW Platteville student), and another child, Helene, who no longer works for the Fringe, but still consults. Hayle relates that she started to work with her mother when she was 11, “cleaning and sweeping up after school.”

T is proud of what her team has accomplished. Her estheticians and cosmetologists provide a full range of salon services. They offer all gender haircuts, coloring, styling, braiding, and extensions, as well as spa services: facials, body waxes, manicures, and pedicures.

tion” back and forth across the front room while they work. When people are “enjoying themselves on top of providing beautiful service,” that is when she feels they are “achieving their goal.”

Looking forward, T says, “the future is continued growth!” T plans for more work on the building’s exterior while renting the five fully furnished suites available inside the building. The Fringe is looking for independent stylists ready to move in. Anyone interested in finding out about the suites or their services can contact the Fringe at tbrown@fringesalonofmadison.com or by calling, (608) 257-HAIR (4247). They will be glad to hear from you. ❖

LakeWay (Waterfront) Project and the “Preservation of Shoreline Parks” Ordinance

by Lisie Kitchel and Carrie Rothburd

On July 15, 2025, Madison’s Common Council voted on whether to exempt the Madison LakeWay Project from a public referendum vote as required by the “Preservation of Shoreline Parks” ordinance. Formerly the John Nolen Waterfront Plan, this multiphase project calls for the eventual development of 1.7 miles of public shoreline and 17 acres from Olin Park northwest of Wingra Creek to Law Park, including the John Nolen causeway and Brittingham Park over the next three decades. The project’s Master Plan estimates it will cost \$320 million (in today’s dollars) for construction with no mention of maintenance costs. Overall funding sources are undetermined at this time. Many people in Madison see this project as an opportunity to create a holistic plan for Lake Monona’s downtown shoreline parks.

The “Preservation of Shoreline Parks” is an ordinance enacted by citizens through a referendum and ultimately approved by 60 percent of the Madison population as a charter ordinance



back in 1992. It was designed to ensure that developments of a certain size and scope proposed for Madison’s shoreline parks would go to a referendum so that the Madison taxpayers would have a say in these projects. In 2014, the Common Council changed the status of the (Continued on page 4)

T is happy to serve the neighborhood, Madison, and beyond. She reports her diverse clientele, “come from all over Wisconsin.” She sees the Fringe’s mission as “enriching the community and the world” with a healthy focus on “beauty and self-wellness.”

What T likes best about her business is the friendly support that they offer each other, “when all the staff are sharing one conversa-

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Summary of Findings From Bay Creek Community Survey

By the Outreach Working Group

Why We Undertook This Survey: Neighborhood associations stand to play an important role in building community and in representing the voice of residents in city planning and decision making. In 2024, a group of Bay Creek residents began an effort to build greater vitality, responsiveness, relevance, and visibility for BCNA to better connect its active members with its base. Barb Bailly, Linda Baumann, Lisie Kitchel, Maureen Quinlan, Carrie Rothburd, and Chris Wagner put together an outreach campaign with a plan for circulating an outreach survey, raising money for printing and postage, and, ultimately, working with BCNA's Welcome Committee to ensure ongoing outreach.

Survey Design, Implementation, and Significance of Findings: The Working Group publicized the online survey via the listserv, the newsletter, Facebook, and via a postcard mailed to every household in Bay Creek. The 101 responses from Bay Creek residents were fairly well distributed across Bay Creek's 6 areas and almost 2,000 households and among people who had lived in the neighborhood from 1 year to more than 15 years.

Survey Responses: Most of the 101 responses came from Area 2 (25), followed by Areas 1 (22) and 3 (21), and then 5 (15). There were 13 responses from Area 4 and 5 from Area 6. Forty-four responses came from neighborhood residents who are not currently engaged in BCNA, offering a perspective on BCNA that has not otherwise been available. Fifty-two responses were anonymous.

Findings from the Bay Creek Outreach Survey

Attendance at Meetings – Sixty-five of the 101 respondents reported that they had not attended any of BCNA's monthly or special meetings. Only 6 reported they attend all meetings with another 6 reporting they attend most meetings. Twelve reported they have infrequently attended meetings. Of those who attended meetings, 22 found the meetings informative, with 18 valuing neighbors sharing their perspectives, and 17 liking the discussions.

For those 65 who reported they do not attend meetings, the main reasons cited were "I was unaware of the meeting" (26 responses), "I don't have the time or interest" (26 responses), "The meeting time is inconvenient" (18), and "I don't know anyone at the meeting" (14). Few people knew any of the members of the Neighborhood Council. Ten respondents commented that they did not feel welcome at meetings.

For those who used to attend meetings and had stopped, 5 commented that there was little meaningful/impactful discussion, 3 commented on the tension and hostility present during meetings, 2 commented that BCNA did not feel open to divergent views, and 5 commented that meetings are dominated by an "in-crowd."

Format of Meetings – Since COVID, BCNA has held virtual meetings. Thirty-six respondents indicated that they are indifferent to meeting format, 16 indicated that they would be more likely to attend if the meetings were in-person, and 22 would be less likely to attend in-person meetings.

Participation in Activities – The majority of respondents also indicated that they had not taken part in any BCNA activity. Of those activities listed, the best attended from most to least were: Potlucks (34), Olin-Turville events (32) ice cream socials (29), informational meetings (20), Fourth of July picnics (16), candidates' forums (16), community yard sales (15), and Monona Bay clean-ups (10).

Role of the Association – Survey respondents ranked the following roles NAs play in their community by importance and rated BCNA's performance as follows:

Roles of Neighborhood Associations	Role is Very Important	BCNA Does Satisfactory Job	BCNA Does Neutral Job	BCNA Does Poor Job
Inform residents about issues and plans that affect the community	~ 68%	~ 56%	~ 19%	~9%
Work cooperatively with the city to promote and/or protect quality of life in the community	~ 60%	~ 38%	~27%	~12%
Promote a welcoming spirit among residents	~ 48%	~ 35%	~36%	~9%
Promote the voices of neighbors on issues that affect the community	~ 44%	~ 41%	~26%	~14%
Promote social interaction in the neighborhood	~ 36%	~ 49%	~26%	~4%
Provide a place for neighbors to get to know one another	~ 36%	~ 43%	~30%	~5%

Outreach Efforts – A majority of respondents indicated that they believe it is BCNA's job to perform outreach to its community. Of these, 23 felt that current outreach efforts were sufficient, and 28 were unaware of consistent outreach efforts. Thirty-one respondents felt BCNA should engage in more outreach. Comments focused on the need for outreach to seniors and people with disabilities and people living in apartments.

In performing outreach or informing people of upcoming activities, the newsletter followed by the listserv and flyers were selected as most likely to capture their attention by respondents. The newsletter received high praise in comments.

Some respondents also suggested employing special community meetings for outreach and recruitment in comments. Respondents indicated the following topics of interest to them, which might form the basis of outreach efforts. From most to least chosen, topics of interest were: environmental protection (74%); local non-BRT bus lines (68%), new/affordable housing (68%); historical/cultural preservation of buildings (68%); density/zoning law changes (57%); green spaces/tree canopy (53%); South Area Plan (53%); traffic calming/safety (53%); BRT (47%); gentrification/dislocation (47%); Alliant Energy Center development (47%); John Nolen Waterfront project (42%); candidates' forums (42%); bike lanes (32%); healthy food access (32%). Some respondents indicated more than one topic.

A complete summary report with data presented in tables along with all respondents' written comments will be available shortly. The Outreach Working Group also plans to organize a community meeting where Bay Creek residents can discuss how this survey can inform efforts at improving ongoing outreach and organizational culture. Look for the time and date of this upcoming event in the next Bulletin. Thanks to all who responded to the outreach survey. ❖

FROM MG & E



Beware of Phone Scammers Claiming to be From MGE

Utility scams are reported nationwide—including here in Wisconsin. MGE customers have reported fraudulent activity that is constantly evolving in the form of phone calls, text messages or in-person contact from impostors claiming to work for MGE. They

attempt to collect money for supposed past-due accounts and/or updates or repairs to utility meters. This is not MGE.

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Food scrap recycling program

The Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables recently introduced a new food scrap collection program which has achieved great success— enrolling more than 1,200 households and diverting more than 106,000 lbs of waste since its launch earlier this year. By recycling organic resources through composting, significant greenhouse gas emissions can be avoided and valuable landfill space can be conserved for more difficult to dispose of materials. In addition, finished compost is a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used to support local agriculture and environmental health. To process the collected materials, Dane County has partnered with Purple Cow Organics, a local composting company that turns the scraps into high-quality compost for sale and use in the region.

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard emphasized the program’s broader impact:

“This program is about climate action that starts at home,” she said. “By keeping food scraps out of the landfill, we’re reducing methane emissions, extending the life of our landfill, and creating valuable compost for our community.”

Participation is free and open to Dane County residents. Residents can now drop off approved food scraps at several 24/7 drop-off sites, including Warner Park, Henry Vilas Zoo, Middleton Quarry Skate Park, McFarland Public Works Facility, the Dane County landfill site (see facility open hours), and Verona Badger Prairie County Park/Health Care Center (opens 8/1/25). To access the secured collection carts, participants must register online to receive a combination code.

What food scrap materials does the program accept?

- Fruit and vegetable scraps (including cobs, rinds, pits, etc.)
- Coffee grounds and loose tea (no filters or bags)
- Eggshells
- Beans, nuts and shells, seeds, etc.

Register, view accepted materials, and get started at: <https://landfill.danecounty.gov/compost>. ❖

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MADISON good neighbor GATHERING

Join us for the Madison Good Neighbor Gathering, a free annual festival for kids and families held at Brittingham Park on Madison’s southwest side. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7th, 2025, noon to 4 pm.

The Good Neighbor Gathering brings the community together through healthy activities, celebrates cultural diversity with music and art, and provides opportunities for neighbors to connect and engage in Madison life.

Come explore local community vendors and organizations, enjoy delicious food from the food trucks and endless activities for kids of all ages to enjoy. Live music and local performers, inflatable slide, climbing wall, and more. Kids who pre-register on our website ahead of time will have a chance to get a FREE GNG bag and prize-while supplies last. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy a one of a kind festival!

Learn more about volunteer opportunities, how to donate & get involved at madisongoodneighborgathering.org.

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Preservation ordinance from a charter ordinance to an ordinary ordinance, which doesn’t requires changes involving the shoreline to go to referendum.

There have been a number of referenda over the years as a result of this ordinance, such as the one seeking public approval of the convention center, another for Goodman pool, the Warner community center, the skywalk from the Hilton, and finally the Garver Feed Mill.

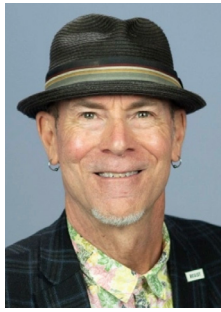
Council received upward of 50 letters from Madison residents regarding its vote on Tuesday, all but 5 of them urging Council to honor the ordinance as intended and not to go ahead with the LakeWay project without public approval via referendum. The letters submitted by residents to Council cited the importance of honoring our democratic process and voters’ right to be a direct part of public decision-making. They also expressed Madisonian’s keen sense of public ownership and protection of our shoreline parks.

Council did not vote to exempt the LakeWay Project as a whole from a public referendum, but instead chose to settle on a compromise and only approved phase one, which will install bike and pedestrian paths along the shoreline during the reconstruction of the John Nolen causeway.

It is unclear what will become of either the LakeWay Project or public referenda concerning our shoreline parks in the future, but one thing is clear: Many Madison voters will have their eyes both on their beloved shoreline parks and on our democratic process. ❖

ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers



Bella and I were on Washington Island, one of our favorite places, for a few days at the end of July. It's such a beautiful place, but this time our enjoyment was dampened by the smoky haze wafting down from the Canadian wildfires. This is, of course, another sign of climate change. Yet, the EPA, in another discouraging move, just reversed its 2009 landmark decision connecting climate change to greenhouse gases.

As a member of the Finance Committee, we continue to monitor the impact of federal cuts. As I reported in the last Bulletin, funding for the North-South BRT route so far remains intact. I also sit on the Community Development Authority Board and was relieved to learn that the budget bill passed by Congress did not make cuts to HUD that would have reduced the number of Section 8 housing vouchers.

At our July 15 Common Council meeting, we passed three ordinance changes to make it easier to create more housing in Madison. The first ordinance change will allow duplexes as a permitted use in all neighborhoods in the city. This extends the provision that was passed in January 2023 that allowed for duplexes by right in the Transit Oriented Development Overlay District, which ran a quarter mile in from high frequency transit routes like South Park Street.

The second change would allow property owners with deep lots to split them into "backyard" or "flag" lots. It's worth noting that

neither this change nor the previous one would be forced on anyone. In other words, these are completely voluntary. Moreover, the changes make it easier and less costly to add more housing units in a manner that doesn't significantly alter the character of local neighborhoods.

The third change makes it easier for small and medium housing projects to be built in the city's downtown district by raising the conditional use threshold and thereby allow more projects to be approved by administrative review.

I was a sponsor of all three of these ordinance changes, believing as I do that adding gentle density to all our neighborhoods must be part of an "all of the above" strategy to building more housing in Madison.

At our July 15 meeting, Council also voted to exempt the first phase of the Madison LakeWay project from having to hold a citywide referendum. That requirement, passed in 1992, came about to preserve our public shorelines from commercial development. However, the Madison LakeWay project is about expanding public access to parkland and enhancing our shoreline, not diminishing it. I sponsored the exemption proposal as this first phase, which moves forward in tandem with the reconstruction of John Nolen Drive, has been thoroughly vetted in a very robust and transparent process.

Lastly, I have good news to report on the grocery store. The remaining financing issues have apparently been resolved. The building permit has been applied for, and construction is anticipated to begin in October or November, with an expected grand opening in the spring of next year. ❖

Thoughts on the State Budget

By State Senator, Kelda Roys

Over the past few months, I have been advocating for our public schools, higher education, healthcare, and child care, which are all initiatives I have built my career on. My Democratic colleagues and I listened to thousands of constituents all over the state who showed up at the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) public hearings and contacted our offices. The message across the state was clear: Wisconsinites want the state budget to invest in public services, lower costs, and ensure everyone can thrive.

Unfortunately, JFC Republicans gutted the executive budget proposal and voted against motions by Democratic legislators to restore adequate funding for services Wisconsinites need and rely on. Republicans even proposed a catastrophic cut to the Universities of Wisconsin.

Ultimately, the dysfunction among Republicans made it impossible for them to pass a budget without Democratic intervention, which led to a negotiated deal with the executive branch and Senate Democratic leadership. While woefully inadequate, this deal did secure some funding for child care, a minimal increase for special education, and no cut to UW, as well as ensuring capital building projects statewide would move forward.

Overall, the final budget will allow our state to limp along for the next biennium, without solving the structural problems Republicans have created. To truly address the cost of living challenges Wisconsin families are facing, we need sustained public investment in these fundamental services. That is why I voted no on the budget in JFC and in the Senate. As a legislator, I cannot, in good conscience, vote for a budget that continues to shortchange the future of our kids and families.

When Senate Democrats are in the majority, Wisconsinites will be able to trust that state government will work for them and fight to ensure everyone has the freedom to build a better life. ❖



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Contemplations on Backyard Wildlife Management

By Joe Koss

I didn't set out to contemplate the eradication of the House Sparrow. My journey started innocently enough. We bought a house in Bay Creek in the winter of 2019. The property happened to have two generic bird houses installed on the garage. Come that first spring, we noticed the innocent sounds of baby chirps—an endearing occurrence for us and our first child, then just over 1 year old. Sparrows, as I had known them called, came in and out of the bird houses, raising babies, all spring, and summer, and even into the early fall.

During our second spring, the same pattern continued. Sparrows and babies, all spring and summer. I had also begun to take a regenerative approach to landscaping our front and side yard, emphasizing native plant and habitat creation. Year 3 brought more of the same from the sparrow front, and also a new curiosity into their proliferate breeding and profligate eating nature. It was this year that I added a bird feeder and some suet feeders, hoping my regenerative landscape approach would result in some song bird watching. My main attraction: sparrows. By Year 4 their backdrop of baby chirps started to seem less cute. Their incessant feeding seemed less needy and more greedy. I began, for the first time, to contemplate the sparrow, or as I now knew it: the invasive House Sparrow.

The invasive house sparrow was introduced in different parts of the United States over a period of a few decades, starting in the 1850s. Before the turn of the 1900s they had colonized urban landscapes across the continental US. By 1950, their population had increased from a few dozen introduced breeding pairs to over 150 million, some calling them “weeds of the

air” (cf: [link](#)). While current populations have steadied or are in slight decline, a recent study found they account for 43% of all competitor bird species ([link](#)).

If they are already here, what's so bad about the house sparrow? For some, nothing much—they occupy a previously unnoticed space in the urban landscape. For others, they represent a hard lesson on human interference in fragile ecosystems—and an identifiable factor in the decline of native song birds. For me, they sent me down a path of contemplating what my role is in urban wildlife management. If I notice that their presence is part of a larger problem of the human costs on urban ecosystems, am I obligated to act in any way? If I have generic bird houses, should I get rid of them to take away unnecessary breeding habitats for an invasive species? If I have bird feeders, should I not put in cheap food that is a favorite of invasive species? If I seem to have an established invasive flock in my vicinity, should I trap them to try to help eradicate their immediate presence?

Ultimately, the House Sparrow, and my contemplations, served as a reminder that with my intentions and interactions within the world around me, there are always ways to be more conscious and deliberate with my actions. Perhaps this little vignette will spur backyard wildlife contemplations in others.

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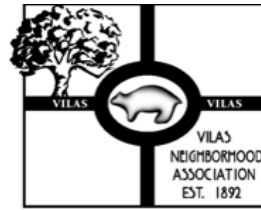
www.sialis.org (House Sparrow History)
www.cornell.birds.edu (Impact of the House Sparrow)
www.sparrowtraps.net (Sparrow Trap)
www.allaboutbirds.org (Bird friendly homes)
www.bluebirdnut.com (Bluebird basics)



29th Annual Bay Creek Neighborhood July 4th Potluck featured homemade dishes, good weather, and friendly conversation.

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!](#)



Neighborhood Events

Dane Dances! Monona Terrace Rooftop

Fridays in August – August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

A family-friendly event under the stars. Free and open to the public—no tickets required.

Gates open at 4:30 pm (closed 3:00–4:30 pm)

- Family Dance Music: 5:30–6:00 pm & 7:30–8:00 pm
- First Band: 6:00–7:30 pm
- Second Band: 8:00–9:30 pm

Ride the Drive

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Stroll, roll, pedal, or glide your way through Madison during this free community event. Enjoy miles of select

city streets closed to motor vehicles, connecting various park activity hubs.

Arboretum Cohousing Blood Drive – 1137 Erin St.

Wednesday, August 13, 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sign up now to donate and help save lives.

Flamenco Live! With Danica Sena, Tania Tandas and Juan Tomás Martínez Paris

Aug 2nd, 7 pm

6:00 - 7:00 Preshow mini bulerías dance class

Advance-purchase: \$25 (\$35 at the door)

Preshow mini class: \$20

Fundraiser Event

Bay Creek Neighborhood Ice Cream Social

Sat, August 16, 1 – 3 pm in the Orchard at Van Deusen and Lake Ct. Rain date Sun, August 17, same time and place. There will be dairy and non-dairy options. Hope to see you there!

Good Neighbor Gathering

September 7, 2025, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Good Neighbor Gathering brings the community together through healthy activities, celebrates cultural diversity with music and art, and provides opportunities

for neighbors to connect and engage in Madison life.

Franklin Playground Kindergarten Playdates

305 W Lakeside St, Madison, WI 53715

August 11, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

August 21, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

August 24, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, -

August 27, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

September 2, all day, First Day for 4K & 5K

Check out the Franklin Playground, make some new friends and connect with other caregivers at the Franklin Kindergarten Playdates! Brief school tours will be given.

Live Music at Lakeside Street Coffee House

402 W. Lakeside Street

Aug 8, 7 pm: Tumbledown Shack

Aug 9, 6:30 pm: Richard Wiegel

Aug 16, 7 pm: Irish Jam Session

Aug 22, 7 pm: Doors of Perception

Aug 28, 7 pm: Noah Gilfillan, Bear in the Forest, and M Shays

Sept 12, 7 pm: Madison Classical Guitar Society

Sept 18, 7pm: Valley Fox Band

Sept 19, 7pm: The Honey Pies

Free Workshops at Lakeside Street Coffee House

402 W. Lakeside Street

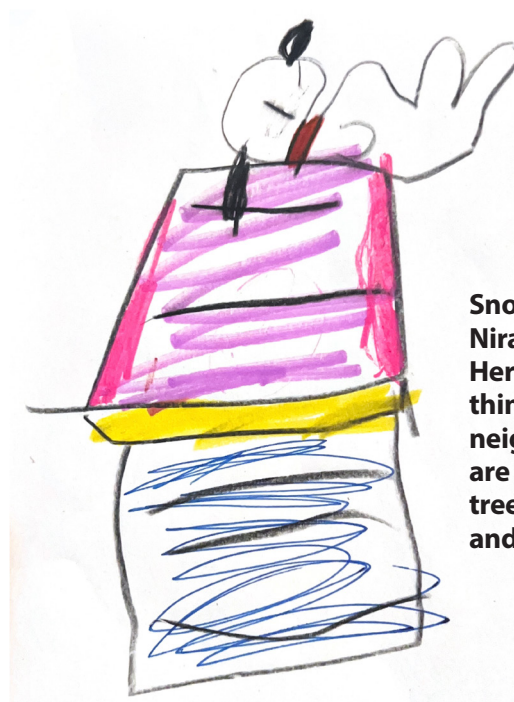
Monday, August 18: St. Mark's Rev. Lisa Nelson, "Putting a Human Face on Neighbors in Need"

Monday, September 15: Rob Summerbell, "You Can Do It Yourself: DIY and Empowering Yourself as a Homeowner"

Tuesday October 7, Julie Derwinski, "AI & Our Community: Demystifying the Tech, Shaping the Future Together"

Lake Loop Art Tour

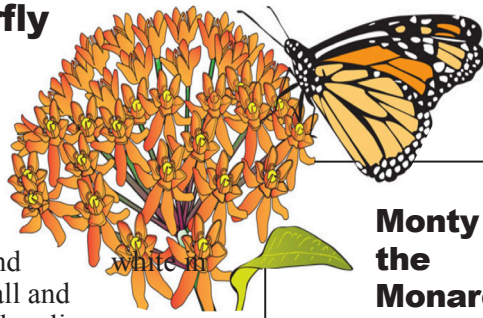
September 27 – Bike the Lake Monona Lake Loop and visit art studios: In Bay Creek, visit Knifeworks, 1516 Gilson St. 9 am - 4 pm.



Snoopy by Nira, age 6. Her favorite things about the neighborhood are the shady trees, the lake, and the pool.

Monarch Butterfly Introduction

By Ruby Grilley, age 10



Monty the Monarch

Monarch butterflies are insects that have legs, wings and antennae. They are orange, black, and white in color. They are 4 inches tall and weigh 0.5 g on average. They live mostly in North, Central, and South America in areas with milkweed such as fields, marshes, meadows and roadsides.

The monarch butterfly uses two main defense mechanisms to protect itself from predators. Monarchs use toxins in their bodies to make birds vomit. They also use their bright colors to warn off predators.

The monarch butterfly uses its toxins in its body to make predators vomit! The next time the predator sees a monarch butterfly, it may not try to eat it. The monarch caterpillar eats milkweed, which is toxic to some species. The toxins stay in the body when it becomes a butterfly. Another defense mechanism the monarch uses is its bright colors which warn predators that it is toxic. The predators will not try to eat the monarch.

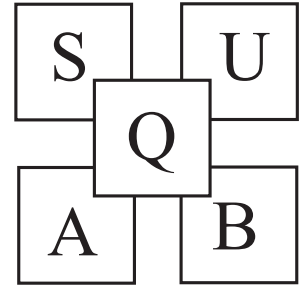
Monarch butterflies are special insects. They have unusual defense mechanisms that allow them to avoid predators.

Monty the monarch is an orange, black and white monarch butterfly. He lives in Ruby's backyard. One day a bird flying over Ruby's backyard spotted Monty and thought he looked tasty. He swooped down towards Monty. Monty started flying in crazy zigzag patterns to try and escape the bird, but the bird caught Monty and bit him in the leg. Since Monty is poisonous, the bird vomited, then flew away never to try and eat another monarch. And that is the story of Monty, the half-legged monarch.

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 12 words (not counting plurals). 3 use the letter Q.

(Answers on Page 9)



Word Search Solution

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

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Blue Jays, Party of Seven

By Rebecca A Rettenmund

On her drive back from work, Angela hears a familiar sound. The squawking is so loud, it permeates through her windows. When she gets out of her car, she sees them. Seven blue jays are waiting in her apple tree. This might sound like a scene from the Hitchcock movie "The Birds", but Angela isn't afraid. These blue jays are her friends. They have learned what her car looks like and followed her home to Olin Avenue.

There's a lot of folklore about blue jays, and not all of it is nice. A jay's voice can be very shrill. In the woods, they're known to give off a warning cry when predators are around. Perhaps that's why, throughout history, people have associated them with trickery and manipulation.

However, in the two years Angela has been observing the blue jays, she has never found them to be scary at all. Even though they compete with the squirrels at her feeder, the jays don't fight them. They'd rather use their flight skills to swoop in and grab a peanut before the squirrel can get it. This part of Bay Creek is a hot spot for hungry wildlife. Three houses on Angela's block regularly fill feeders. It's got to the point that when Angela gets up in the morning, the jays are already in her apple tree. She'll step out of her door, and the jays will call to her; one note then three after. When she whistles back, they'll change up the song. They're trying to teach her how to speak like a blue jay.

Some of the jays Angela knows individually. There's one that's grayer than the others. Another is a baby. Though it looks just like the adults, it flutters its wings, begging the parents for food. Its voice is also much more raspy than the adults. Angela can tell there's seven different jays by their sound.

Though they have been known to take millet and other seeds, peanuts in the shell are, by far, their favorite. In the railing of her steps, there's a chip in the wood. Angela found the jays like taking peanuts from there the best. They seem to like working harder to get it. When there are a lot of squirrels around, Angela will launch peanuts into the gutter on her garage. That way, the jays can get them first. Blue jays can be picky about what nuts they choose. Angela has seen them pick one up, put it down, then pick another up, like it's trying to test its weight.

Jays are very intelligent. They are members of the Corvidae family, which includes crows, magpies, and ravens. A group of blue jays is called a party, which makes sense since they love to talk. Originally, Angela wanted to interact with the crows, but they're more timid than blue jays. Now she looks forward to having breakfast with her blue friends every morning. Table for blue jays! Party of seven! ❖

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Food Pantry Hours:

Thursday evenings 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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The St. Mark's Food Pantry works with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide staples to anyone residing in Dane County in need of food. Participants are allowed to choose their own food based on food preferences and dietary needs.

Make Words Answers

(Plus plurals)

7 Letter Word: subbass

5 Letter Word: squab

4 Letter Words: aqua, bass, sass;

3 Letter Words: qua, bub, baa, bus, sub

2 Letter Words: as, us

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 info@newbridgemadison.org. 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.*

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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 8)

Dad started telling everyone about the benefits of dried grapes. He says it is all about raisin awareness.

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D D G E H T A K A B O U T S P
N I S I A R B N M N S S Z S X
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By Jennifer Vernon

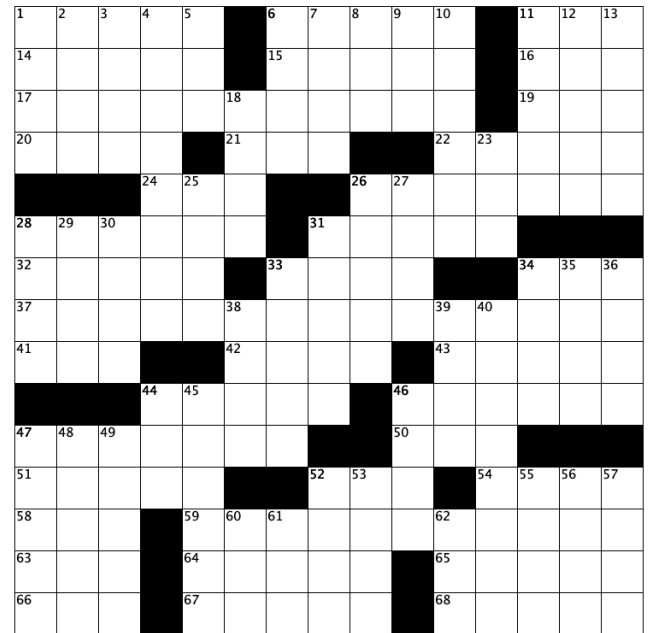
ACROSS

- 1. Introduction
- 6. Catch some Z's
- 11. Author Lewis et al.
- 14. French novelist Zola
- 15. Assent
- 16. Headgear
- 17. Like some memories
- 19. Small digit
- 20. Forest growth
- 21. Jerk
- 22. Exclusive group
- 24. Competed in a race
- 26. Four Weddings and a

- 28. Intrepid
- 31. Advertises
- 32. Hunter of myth
- 33. "Charlotte's Web" setting
- 34. Hebrew measure
- 37. Adapting to new circumstances
- 41. Draft org.
- 42. Besides
- 43. Defer
- 44. Religious residence
- 46. Benders
- 47. Male member, or representation thereof
- 50. Sushi staple
- 51. Part of a broadcast
- 52. ___ of iniquity
- 54. Revered object
- 58. "As I see it," in textspeak
- 59. Chance
- 63. Doze
- 64. "West Side Story" girl
- 65. Carpentry joint
- 66. Explosive initials
- 67. Narrow openings
- 68. English county

DOWN

- 1. Obligation



- 2. Eastern V.I.P.
- 3. Dentist's request
- 4. Beneath the surface
- 5. Half a giggle
- 6. Snake sound
- 7. What some bills become
- 8. Mr. Potato Head part
- 9. Compass dir.
- 10. Strong
- 11. Musical ensemble
- 12. Annual visitor
- 13. Building material
- 18. Tolled
- 23. French pronoun.
- 25. "Frozen" character
- 26. Smith's workplace
- 27. Mil. branch
- 28. Forest denizens
- 29. Equips
- 30. Chest protectors
- 31. Garden bloom
- 33. Records
- 34. Baby bouncer?
- 35. Eye amorously
- 36. National League team
- 38. Philippine island
- 39. Talk up
- 40. Alaska and American
- 44. King of the ring
- 45. Flowers
- 46. Put in the mail
- 47. Pigment
- 48. Kind of race
- 49. Take as one's own
- 52. "Get cracking!"
- 53. Periods
- 55. Hubbubs
- 56. Plains tribe
- 57. Wildcat
- 60. Bud
- 61. Ace
- 62. Oklahoma Indian

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