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New Plans for a Congested Intersection: W. Lakeside and S. Park

By Carrie Rothburd

At the February 4, 2026 meeting of the Urban Design Commission, the city approved Threshold’s design for in a four story apartment building with 50-plus units of workforce housing and about 33 parking stalls. A group of near neighbors met with Alder Evers, Traffic Engineering, and the developer prior to Wednesday’s meeting to oppose the placement of the building’s garage entrance and exit on W. Lakeside St. close to its intersection with S. Park St. This intersection has in recent years become the site of increased gridlock and potentially unsafe situations during rush hours and at unpredictable times throughout the day.

Neighbors insist that the addition of the building’s garage driveway will replicate the dangerous intersection geometry that exists two blocks further south where W. Olin and S. Park intersect, and where cars turning into the gas station heading east on W. Olin Ave. sometimes brake suddenly to turn into the gas station. When the entrance to the station is blocked and drivers have to wait any length of time for it to clear, cars will backup into the intersection.

Similarly, cars turning left from southbound S. Park St. onto eastbound W. Lakeside St., then needing to turn left into the driveway of the new building, will enter the intersection and almost immediately brake to turn left. Westbound traffic on W. Lakeside St., waiting to turn left or right onto S. Park St., may at the same time block the left turn into the garage, causing traffic to back up into S. Park St.

More than 3,000 cars travel along Lakeside, a collector street, each weekday. That number is likely to increase somewhat as part of the BRT implementation which will eliminate left turns from southbound

S. Park St. in Bay Creek onto all but W. Lakeside St. and W. Olin Ave.. In addition, a two-hour parking limit is planned for W. Lakeside to accommodate the shops on S. Park St. that will lose their on-street parking. This could contribute to more turnover of parked cars and a correspondingly greater use of the intersection at W. Lakeside and S. Park St. A BRT stop is planned for S. Park St at W. Lakeside within feet
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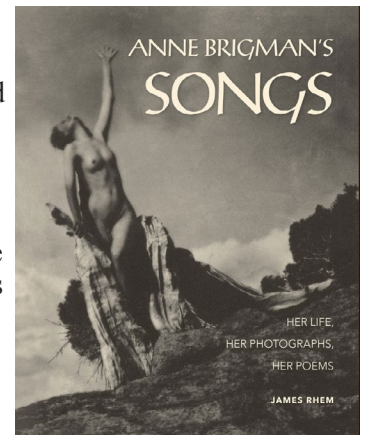


Anne Brigman’s Songs: Her Life, Photographs, Poems

By James Rhem

When my neighbor --editor of the Bay Creek Bulletin-- learned that I just published another book she asked if I’d like to write about it for the newsletter. As a long time Arts Writer in Madison I was intrigued. On the one hand publishing this book is a big accomplishment that took a long time and I’m glad to get word out about it. On the other hand authors aren’t uncommon in the Bay Creek neighborhood.

There are other authors who live right here on Potter Street. But I suppose my book is a little different. My book– Anne Brigman’s Songs: Her Life, Her Photographs, Her Poems – is a critical biography of an important woman artist and early feminist also a poet and sometime actress. Indeed she was a vibrant energetic member of the Arts community in California in the early 20th century. I didn’t know anything about
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Maverick Mailman Adieu

By Rob Summerbell

To many Bay Creek Residents, Mailman Mike is a fixture of the neighborhood. There every day, day-in, day-out, rain or shine, Hot or cold, slippery or dry, consistency being his middle name.

My family and I became Bay Creekers 23 years ago. That is when we first bumped up against the phenomenon known as Mailman Mike. It turns out that Mike Dzikowich had already been the regular mail carrier to the neighborhood for 10 years at this point. I asked him why he delivered to us for so many years, and he flat out said, I never would have been here for so long if it wasn't for the nice people. His career spanned 33 years in our neighborhood, and 42 years, 2 months and two days total working for the post office. (but whose counting?!) Straight out of High School he did a short stint at Fuzzy Thurston's Left Guard on East Washington (anyone remember?).

And then a handful of years working for Rocky Rococco's, before landing what would turn out to be his lifetime work for the U.S. post office.

In this world of constant change and uncertainty, it was always such a nice reassurance to see Mike tooling around in the neighborhood with his right side drive mail truck, or ambling up the lane with today's mail. It's almost as if he was part of the rhythm of the neighborhood. In fact, he set the rhythm of the neighborhood. He was nearly always in a good mood, getting right down to the business of delivering the mail, but also taking time for a little chit chat, and or a couple of ball tosses for our dog Ziggy.

We already miss you Mike, and thanks for all the years of solid work you put in. Our neighborhood was and still is a better place for having had you in it. So enjoy your well deserved retirement, and hey, if you ever get lonely for us, you know right where to find us! ❖

ANNE BRIGMAN From page 1

her until her name was brought up at a luncheon in New York where I've been asked to lecture on the figure central to my first book on the photographer Ralph Eugene Meatyard. The head of the photography Department of the School of Visual Arts was going on and on about a lot of figures and photography who he felt would benefit from the kind of biographical approach I'd taken to Meatyard and he mentioned the name Anne Brigman. When I came back to Madison I looked for all I could find about Brigman and felt there were opaque places in her life story that I thought my research skills could open up. At that time I naively thought that I could create this book in about 5 years, but it ended up taking 15. I think in many ways I'm a frustrated detective as much as a biographer. So I spent a lot of time tracking down her living relatives and used frequent flyer miles to get around to various museums and research facilities. I even made two trips into the Sierra Nevada mountains, one of them packing in on mules, to experience the environment where she made some of her most famous photographs. These photographs set the East Coast photography establishment on its heels with interest since they featured attractive women in the nude against this dramatic Western landscape. Brigman was always breaking barriers. Writing about her was very interesting and in many ways a lot of fun. It certainly took me to places I'd never been before. For example a friend who'd invited me to give a lecture in Pocatello Idaho loaned me his car so that I could drive across the state to Caldwell where Caxton Printers is located, the publisher of her famous book of photographs and poems Songs of a Pagan. That was certainly a worthwhile trip because there is an extensive archive of correspondence there that no one else had looked at. A long research project can be like that, leading you to new places, new people and fresh discoveries. For me that's the fun of biographical research and the fun of writing about it. My book includes a reprint of Songs of a Pagan the book she published in 1949 the year before she died. She wrote another book called Wild Flute Songs that's published for the first time as part of book. So it's been a fruitful endeavor creating this book... although it has taken a very long time. ❖

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5 Letter Words: aphid; pappi. 4 Letter Words: papa; paid; dada. 3 Letter Words: hah; hap; hip; phi; app; had; hid; pap; pip; aha; ahi; dip; pad; add; dad; did; aid. 2 Letter Words: ah; ha; hi; pa; pi; ad; id

INTERSECTION

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of this intersection, which would add pedestrian traffic to the mix.

Some Lakeside residents have expressed the hope that the city will move the new apartment building's driveway onto S. Park St., just as The Sofia's driveway is located on S. Park St. next to Pick 'N Save. This might mean moving the BRT stop slightly north or south, but neighbors reason that this would better serve the city's overall goal of traffic corridor safety. If you are interested in getting involved in planning for traffic safety along Lakeside and Olin, contact lisie.kitchel@gmail.com. ❖

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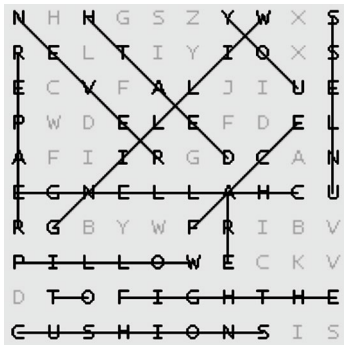
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The wait is over! MGE's latest community solar program, Shared Solar – Strix, is open for enrollment. Shared Solar is an optional program for MGE electric customers who wish to power their home or small business with local, affordable solar energy.

What's community solar from MGE?

MGE's community solar program offers eligible electric customers the opportunity to purchase shares of locally generated solar energy. Participants share the output of the local solar installation.

How can I participate?

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- Option 1: Higher one-time fee, lower monthly charge
- Option 2: Lower one-time fee, higher monthly charge

Community solar customers don't receive the solar energy directly—the electricity generated at MGE's Strix Solar facility is fed into MGE's distribution grid serving customers. Participation in Shared Solar

supports the growth of renewable energy, helping to create a more sustainable energy supply for all MGE electric customers.

Visit mge.com/sharesolar to learn more about the program and to enroll.

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MGE is targeting net-zero carbon electricity by 2050. Growing our use of carbon-free energy generation, like solar energy, is a key strategy in achieving this goal—and our customers can help. MGE offers optional programs like Shared Solar – Strix that make it easy and affordable to power your home or business with up to 100% green energy hassle-free. Visit mge.com to learn more.

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BCNA Meeting Notes

JANUARY

Tag was unable to join for the alder update as he is sick. John gave an update from the transportation committee. The plans for the Fish Hatchery bike path are being developed. There is a study to put a crosswalk over the beltline around badger and prairie road.

The group spent the remainder of the meeting time voting on updates on the by-laws. Most were approved and a few were returned to the committee for updates. The remainder will be discussed next month

FEBRUARY

Meeting Summary, Attendance, Logistics

– Meeting was facilitated by John R. Chris L couldn't do usual secretary duties due to concussion. Ryan M volunteered to handle meeting notes. 12 people present, so met quorum. Jim W volunteered to facilitate next meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Web Committee – Continued increase in requests to join the email list and Facebook page, along with increased spam activity. Website updated to reflect newly adopted bylaws, including time constraints for submitting agenda items.

SMPC (South Madison Planning Council)

– First meeting in several months. Major presentation on Alliant Energy Center Redevelopment.

Crime update from Captain Zanders:

- Overall crime down in the area.
- Residential burglaries in December 2025 were the lowest citywide.
- Traffic concerns noted near Fish Hatchery Road and Carver Street; traffic engineering to review.

Transportation Committee – No major new updates. Cannonball Trail route largely finalized. Construction tentatively expected to begin next spring. Discussion reiterated concerns about visibility and safety at Fish Hatchery intersections.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION & VOTES

Overview – Two phases: Vote to publish additional proposed bylaw changes (simple majority required). Continue voting on previously published bylaw changes (requires two-thirds majority at a future meeting).

Emphasis placed on making changes before publication, as edits are not allowed afterward.

Votes on Proposed (Unpublished) Bylaw changes – Two-Thirds Majority Requirement Vote: 9 in favor, 1 opposed. Approved for publication. Discussion included concern

that a two-thirds threshold may make change harder; rationale was consistency with common governance standards.

Sharing Records and Communications –

Reworded based on prior feedback. Approved for publication unanimously

Committees' Authority to Represent the

Association – Clarifies that committees may only represent the association when explicitly instructed. Intended to reflect the association's collective decision-making structure.

Approved for publication unanimously

Process for Ending the Association –

Proposes two votes necessary to end the association, with publication in the Bulletin in between. Approved for publication unanimously

Votes to adopt previously published Bylaw changes

1. **Web Committee Responsibilities** – Change: Expanded the committee's role from maintaining the website to managing all electronic communications used by the association. Added clarification: The website lists contact information for area representatives, officers, and committee chairs. Rationale: Reflects the committee's broader role (email list, Facebook page, etc.) and aligns with the level of specificity used for other committees. Vote: Passed unanimously (9–0).

2. **Planning & Economic Development Committee Scope** – Change: Narrowed the committee's responsibilities to focus on neighborhood land use, resident education, and soliciting input. Removed: Explicit responsibility for business development and retention. Rationale: Avoids concentrating too many responsibilities in one committee; business attraction can be handled by a separate committee if interest arises. Vote: Passed unanimously (10–0).

3. **Ad Hoc Committees Clarification** – Change: Clarified that ad hoc committee chairs are elected by committee members and do not serve on the Neighborhood Council. Rationale: Makes explicit who elects ad hoc chairs and reflects existing practice and current bylaws. Discussion: Neighborhood Council members may still serve as ad hoc committee chairs, but ad hoc chairs are not automatically members of the Neighborhood Council. Vote: Passed unanimously (9–0).

4. **Officers and Duties** – Contact Person Change: Updated language from "mail" to "communications" and specified that communications be shared with both the Neighborhood Council and the Bay Creek listserv. Rationale: Reflects current email-

based practices and codifies transparency Vote: Passed unanimously (11–0).

5. **Area Representatives** – Change: Updated language to allow neighbors to volunteer or be nominated to represent any area with a single vote and removed the "household team" provision. Rationale: Better reflects current practice and ensures individuals retain right to vote. Vote: Passed unanimously (10–0).

6. **Bylaws Amendment Process** – Change: Formalized a two-step amendment process: Simple majority advisory vote at a general meeting Publication in the Bay Creek Bulletin, followed by a two-thirds majority vote at a later general meeting (minimum three weeks after publication). Rationale: Ensures proposals are viable before publication and allows for refinement before final approval. Vote: Passed unanimously (11–0).

ALDER UPDATE (TAG)

999 South Park Development (UDC Update): Second Urban Design Commission hearing resulted in approval with conditions. Conditions relate to design/material details to be addressed administratively by the developer. Commissioners agreed issues could be resolved via written responses; follow-up meeting only if necessary.

Opposition cited concerns about neighborhood fit; UDC concluded Park Street has a mixed architectural context and viewed the project as potentially iconic and a positive addition.

Traffic safety and stormwater concerns raised by neighbors fall outside UDC scope; meetings with city staff have been scheduled.

Stormwater regulations are now significantly stricter post-2018 flood; new developments improve stormwater management overall.

Neighborhood Communication:

Acknowledged limited neighborhood awareness of the UDC meeting. Future efforts will aim to better notify residents so both supportive and opposing voices can be heard.

Grocery Store Update: Construction at the grocery store site began recently. No confirmed opening date; anticipated opening sometime this summer. Expressed appreciation for neighborhood patience and optimism for long-term success.

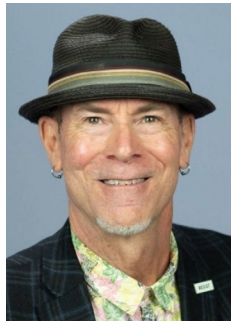
Traffic & Speeding Concerns: Speeding is the top concern raised by residents across District 13. Traffic cameras are prohibited by state law.

Residents encouraged to use the City of Madison Speeders Hotline to report speeding **(Continued on page 6)**

ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers

Like many of you, I have been deeply moved by the death of Alexander “Sasha” Rosen (link is external) who was struck and killed by a driver on the morning of February 6 while in the crosswalk on his way to catch a bus to school.



This is a devastating loss, and my heart goes out to his family, friends, and classmates at West High.

State Hwy 151 runs along S. Park and the city has limited jurisdiction on S. Park as the controlling agency is the WI Dept. of Transportation. While the city is seeking to assume that authority from the state, in the meantime we are working within WI DOT’s parameters in pursuing our goals for improved traffic safety.

In 2020, Mayor Satya and Common Council embraced the Vision Zero concept for Madison. Since then, we have designed and implemented a new Safe Streets Madison program and funded 237 safety projects so far; we reduced speed limits on over 60 miles of our major streets; we implemented a citywide 20 is Plenty program after piloting it in two neighborhoods; we conducted many public engagement and education events to promote a positive safety culture; and we collaborated with MPD and carried out numerous safety focused traffic enforcement campaigns targeting the City’s High Injury Network. We have also been working with a large number of schools across MMSD, including West High, in developing school traffic safety plans and safe route to school plans.

Since we started Vision Zero in 2020, we’ve reduced traffic fatalities on City controlled roadways by 50%. However, Thursday’s loss was a sobering reminder that our work is far from being done. And, yes, stepped up enforcement is part of the solution.

But there’s another part to this, and this speaks to our own individual responses to this heartbreaking tragedy. Sasha’s mom, Nadya Rosen, shared her grief on Facebook the day her son was killed. After discussing the challenges and responsibility of parenthood, Sasha’s mother made this plea:

The drivers on South Park Street need to pay more attention. We need to watch the crosswalks. We need to stop for pedestrians. We need to stop when the lights flash at the crosswalk. We need to stop if the car in the other lane stops. We need to not drive in the bus/bike lane. And we need to drive the speed limit. The speed limit on South Park Street is 25 mph. That can feel slow. And it is appropriate.

People who stop at a crosswalk lit up with flashing lights don’t kill teenagers who are trying to catch the bus to high school. If all drivers on South Park Street followed those rules, my son would still be here with me, making fun of me being old, and then giving me a massive hug.

Slow down. Put down the cell phone. Pay careful attention to the important task of safe driving. Nothing, absolutely nothing, is more important. ❖

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(time and location sufficient; license plate helpful). Madison Speeders Hotline: 608-266-4822

Reports are logged by MPD and used to prioritize enforcement and traffic calming. Also can result in a warning sent to owner of vehicle if license plate is reported

Example noted: Spruce Street is already under evaluation; past complaints led to improvements like speed humps and traffic circles elsewhere.

Immigration / ICE Concerns: City has been advised by immigrant advocacy groups not to pass resolutions that could draw attention to Madison. Emphasis placed on training, preparedness, and knowing rights rather than symbolic actions. Residents encouraged to connect with organizations such as Centro Hispano and La Frontera for training.

ICE activity concerns may have limited local law enforcement response; guidance remains evolving. Community hotline shared for reporting suspected ICE activity. Voces de la Frontera hotline: 1-800-427-0213

Neighborhood Contact Process: Bay Creek does not have a president; inquiries should go to the Contact Person. Current contact person is Cindy McCallum, who distributes issues to the Neighborhood Council as appropriate. Transportation-related concerns may also involve the Transportation Committee.

Additional District Updates: Regent Street reconstruction design work underway. Proposed six-story apartment building at South Mills & Regent. Coyote sightings noted; residents with small pets advised to exercise caution. ❖

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Neighborhood Events

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ONGOING EVENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 – Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meeting

First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link.

February 14 – Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up, Friends of Monona Bay.

Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am–12:00 pm.
Information Contact: Nina: ninajemerson@yahoo.com, (608) 698-9708.

February 15 – 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.

Live Music at Lakeside Street Coffee 402 W Lakeside St.

- 2/6 Tumbledown Shack, 7pm
- 2/7 Trevor Northsoul, 7pm
- 2/13 Strings to Roam (Bluegrass), 7pm
- 2/14 Connor Lyle and the Mother Guys (Alt-Country Valentine's Day Special), 7pm
- 2/20 Noah Gilfillan, 7pm
- 2/21 Irish Jam Session, 7pm
- 2/27 Bomber & Red, 7pm
- 2/28 Mike McDougal, 7pm
- 3/6 Tumbledown Shack, 7pm
- 3/7 Valley Fox, 7pm
- 3/13 Vox String Quartet, 7pm
- 3/14 Northern Comfort, 7pm
- 3/21 Irish Jam Session, 7pm
- 3/27 Bear in the Forest, 7pm

February 26 – Thursday, 6:30 pm. Singing for Justice

St. Mark's at 605 Spruce St., on the corner of Hickory and Spruce. Madison is hosting a time to come together as a community for solace and solidarity. (No agenda, no program, just candles to light and company to keep.) We will gather on the first floor.

Then at 7 p.m., we'll join in singing songs of justice. No need to bring anything but yourself and a desire to be community together during these difficult times.

March 4 – Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meeting

First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link. BCNA Neighborhood Elections will be during the March 4th Meeting.

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Kelvin, My Hero

By Rebecca A Rettenmund

What is a hero? A vigilante in a mask that beats up criminals? Or a knight who saves the princess from a fire breathing dragon? Or is it something less obvious, like a man simply playing it cool in a time of crisis?

Kelvin Schroeder has a shop in the Bay Creek neighborhood doing custom upholstery. Son of an upholsterer, Kelvin has been doing this all his life. On his spare time, he plays the mandolin, acoustic and bass guitar. When Lakeside Coffee house features its Irish music session, Kelvin joins his familiar Irish playing crowd. In the summer he plays old timey music at the west side Farmer's market called the Market Ramblers. And he can't resist playing with his friends at the Awildan Distillery.



December 5, 2025, Kelvin was working as usual. He was trying to fix a dolly, so it could help him move furniture better. He took a board of wood to his son's workshop, intending to cut it on the table saw. While feeding the wood into the spinning blade, it hit a patch of wood grain that refused to cut and the board backfired against his hand. It all happened in an instant. His son heard a loud noise from the other room and ran towards his father's screams. There was blood everywhere. On the table saw and the floor. Kelvin ran to the bathroom, leaving a red trail behind him, but the injuries were too severe to fix in the shop. His son noticed half a finger on the floor, and picked it up.

They rushed to St. Mary's emergency room, but after an examination, the doctor said the finger couldn't be reattached. The force of the board was so strong, it crushed his hand into hamburger. After the bandage was removed, Kelvin found out he had lost half his index finger, half his ring finger, and the entire pinky on his dominant right hand. At that moment, he realized he might not be able to do upholstery anymore, or play a stringed instrument, or even be able to drive. Another person might have plummeted into a deep depression after such a diagnosis, but not Kelvin. He merely shrugged and said: I guess I'll just play the harmonica then.

And he did. He studied the harmonica at least an hour every day at home. His fellow musicians at the Awildan Distillery sent him a video telling him they missed him. Kelvin was

moved. He brought his harmonica to the next session and played along with the music the best he could.

Despite his handicap, he never gave up. Because his left hand was intact, he could still finger the chords on the neck of the instrument. Strumming the strings with his right hand however, was more of a problem. He managed to solve that by using a thumb pick. This way the pick would stay on without the use of his other fingers. What a relief it was that he could still tickle the strings.

When asked, how he manages to stay so motivated, he told them: "Do the best you can with what you have. That's my mantra." He never looked at what he lost, but what he still got. That way he could see what needed to be done.

Today, Kelvin can do nearly everything that he could do before the accident. He can drive, play all his instruments and do upholstery. When asked if he knows he inspires others, he says people say that sometimes to me. There's an energy that comes from doing what needs to be done. Absorb it and give it to others. ❖

Make Words

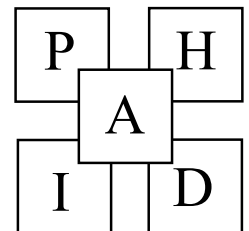
By Stanley Rubio Jackson



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 29 words;
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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 meals sites: Meals are not free. We ask for a suggested donation of \$5 per meal. Please pay what you can afford.

Reservations are due two days in advance at all sites EXCEPT Goodman Community Center and Kavanaugh's Esquire Club (No reservations are required at these two locations)

Specific phone extensions have been added to contact each site to make a meal reservation for a much easier/better experience.

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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SYMMETRY

By Robert Koehler

From the drawer, a spoon.
 From the cupboard, a mug.
 From the opened container,
 the puffed aromatic breath
 of beans or leaves released.
 From the faucet, water.
 From the open carton, milk.
 From the bowl, sweetness
 measured and sprinkled
 into the dark hot beverage.
 From kitchen to table.
 From hand to waiting lips.
 From practiced routine,
 a scripted performance
 memorized to perfection.
 From habit, a daily need.
 From sleep, an awakening.
 From this ceremonial act,
 a day's symmetry achieved
 in its customary rendering.

— Robert Koehler is a Bay Creek neighbor and poet.
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BOOK REVIEW

By Robert Koehler

North Woods / Daniel Mason

Published in 2023, North Woods presents the fictional history of one specific house, located in a heavily forested region of western Massachusetts, and its occupants. The author describes the parade of generations who make this stone house their home, beginning with two young lovers who built it after escaping a Puritan colony in the late 1600s, and continuing with those who followed, up to the present time and eventually into the future. Mason creatively brings to life the stories of each succeeding occupant, with the house and surrounding landscape as the connecting thread between each. The novel depicts the relentless march of time and the changes accompanying it, not only on the people, but to the house and landscape itself. Every storyline features surprising twists, with each of the twelve chapters focusing on a specific individual or family, and all set in different months of the year. Interspersed between them are photographs, poems, or snippets of historical documents relating to the events taking place. Mason's detailed prose brings to life the impact that civilization, with its attendant destruction of native plants and species, has made on a once lush forested expanse. A truly unique work of fiction, North Woods is a sweeping saga that fascinatingly encapsulates this country's history. With characters vividly brought to life on the page, and with a majestic landscape as a backdrop, it is a book that will remain long embedded in memory after one finishes it.

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 3)

Never challenge Death to a pillow fight unless you are willing to face the reaper cushions.

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