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## Sh\*tty Barn sessions open for season



Photo by Cari Stebbins

The Shitty Barn sessions (506 East Madison Street, Spring Green) opened May 4 with musicians Logan Ledger and Sway Wild. More information can be found at: [shittybarnsessions.com](http://shittybarnsessions.com)

## Deputy Tourism Secretary visits Taliesin to kick off National Tourism Week



Photo by Elizabeth Maske

"We were thrilled to have Maria Van Hoorn, the Deputy Secretary of Tourism for Wisconsin, visit Taliesin Preservation to celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week. Perhaps this year's celebration is more important than ever before. As we emerge from the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of travel and tourism destinations in rural and urban communities, and all the employees who make these destinations and experiences possible, need our support. This week we celebrate all of those in the travel and tourism industries and encourage individuals to start making their summer travel plans to show your support!" —Carrie Rodamaker, Executive Director. Pictured: Deputy Secretary Van Hoorn, above at left, is expressing her delight in learning about the living room with Rodamaker.

## No-Mow May adopted by Spring Green village board, experts weigh in on the benefits and any risks

Taylor Scott, *Managing Editor*

On April 27, the Spring Green Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting via Zoom, with one of the topics discussing the merits of a "no-mow May" to help pollinators after a long cold season. With the board in favor of village landowners taking part, we had experts weigh in on the benefits and any risks of the initiative.

### So what is No-Mow May?

It's all in the name, involving residents keeping their lawn unmowed for the duration of the month of May as well as municipalities waiving enforcement of lawn tidiness ordinances — and even perhaps joining in on the mowing break themselves. This is all in an effort to give a head start to recently-awakened pollinating insects that have seen their populations decimated for multitudes of reasons currently under study.

Interest has spiked in the initiative statewide after Wisconsin Public Radio

published an article — "What you need to know about No-Mow May, the bee-boosting trend sweeping Wisconsin" — outline the success the city of Appleton has had since it implemented the policy in 2020, with WPR citing the observation of No-Mow May in at least seven other Wisconsin communities this year.

The action item was brought to the board by Village President Robin Reid after she said community members and other board members had asked her

about it.

Village Trustee Michael Broh said he felt like enforcement of the grass six inch height rule tends to be lax in general regardless.

"So I don't feel like putting the enforcement on hold for the month of May is a burden on our village, and it might well yield some fruit," said Broh. "I would certainly be in favor."

Spring Green Police Chief Mike

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## ON THE COVER

**Untitled, Spray Paint (Montana 94) and Exterior Latex Paint (Glidden Premium) on Corrugated Metal (April 2022) by CERA and Katie Batten**



*From the artists:*

It's difficult to begin explaining this artwork just because of how we began creating it. About a year ago, Katie and I were searching for a wedding venue for our own wedding, and because we had a couple friends get married in Spring Green a few years ago, we were very interested in getting married in the area. Something about the way Spring Green is made up of rolling hills really makes you feel removed from everything else, almost like a vacation or a camp, and this was a feeling we couldn't stop thinking about. We found Octagon Barn in our research and made a trip out to visit, and for several reasons we fell in love with the spot and decided this was it. Fast forward a few days and we get an email from Cari and Owen, the owners of Octagon Barn, who had seen our social media accounts and realized that Katie and I are both artists, and planning for the mural snowballed from there.

For a bit of background on the space, it's important to note that while this is a venue, it is also their home, a place for their creative projects and what we saw to be a hub for building and generating ideas. Whether they are doing a prairie burn or a letterpress printing session, bringing home a classic car or building a bike from scratch, they always seem to be creating something beautiful. We talked a lot about what they wanted to see painted on the pole barn, we also talked about what we didn't want the mural to do. It seemed really important that this mural, while on the site of a wedding venue, was also intended for Cari and Owen personally, that it should highlight their interests, their curiosities and their goals. They talked to us about what it's like to live and be in this landscape, about foraging and adventure, and so we imagined the artwork as a glimpse into their lives, like a brief moment painted at a massive scale.

Everything we heard about Cari and Owen's story made us think of adventure, a quest, it reminded us of seeking light and stoking flame, so this was a massive priority for us in image generating. We chose to have the lantern as one of the main focal points, as it acts both literally in casting light, but metaphorically and symbolically in "stoking a flame". It was also important to have an element in the work that helps you, as the viewer, relate to the work. This figure was not meant to be anyone in specific, but more of a liaison in helping the viewer relate to the piece and feel welcome upon viewing. She's accompanied by her surroundings, an endless Midwest sky, a starry night, an excellent barn-find Alfa Romeo, and a few mushrooms scattered across the façade. We thought that this would be an energetic and eclectic scene, made up of things we know of Cari and Owen, but not so literal a representation of their interests that this couldn't age with them over the years. We wanted this to be more about their journey than their arrival.

For this particular piece we do plan to keep it untitled, at least for now. I have never been much a fan of titles personally, I always worry that it gives too much away and can have the effect of directing the viewer, almost like a leading question. Oddly enough this was a sentiment shared with Owen so we kind of ran with it and wanted to keep it pretty vague.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Partner content, kind words, bidding farewell to my tonsils (finally) and a comical oops

Nicole Aimone, *Editor-in-Chief*

I often shy away from writing individual editor's columns, because I often feel like I need something profound and thought-provoking to say, and because you're all here to read the articles, the news and the latest in arts & culture and our greater community, not about my life. But occasionally we have some news to share about how things work, or a project we're working on and that's when I dust off my column-writing skills and pretend like my sarcasm transfers well in print and give you 600 words about our lives. (Also, who are we kidding, it's never just 600 words.)

The first part of this 600 words is actually pretty exciting, because it's all about partner content, and our first soiree into it! This week, you'll notice a story with some awesome graphical and photography elements, intertwined with an article containing information about Irish Fest in the Barn at Sugarland in Arena. You might notice that it's labeled partner content. We wanted to take a moment to explain how we view partner content and how it will be presented going forward, when it does pop up.

Partner content is essentially a unique advertising opportunity for businesses and organizations, where the advertiser provides the content for a special section, page, or part of a page, to present their information in a less traditional advertisement. Sponsored content often looks like a typical article, with text and incorporated graphical and photography elements.

Just as we are sure to label the pages containing opinion or commentary as such, we believe it important to label ads as partner content where — like in this instance — large amounts of text or certain contributed articles necessitate that we make the distinction clear. Fundamentally and functionally, partner content is the same as an ad, they are paying for the space. Often this isn't content that is created or curated by Valley Sentinel and we want to be sure that our readers can easily tell the difference.

Sponsorships aren't something that are new to Valley Sentinel, we have had sponsors of special sections and in the future we may team up with community organizations and have them present certain sections, themed issues or initiatives — or we may co-present with them. So we want to help make the distinction between those sponsorships and partner/sponsored content clear.

**Sponsorship:** a business sponsors a section, page or article but doesn't dictate or usually create the content for the page. Like Prem Meats sponsoring our Blaze Orange Board or the Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce

sponsoring our Local Holiday Shopping Guide. They had no say in what was on the page but paid to have their logo featured because it was an opportunity relevant to their business. If there is any partner content within the sponsored section it will be labeled as such. Otherwise the sponsorship is simply a top-of-mind awareness campaign or community service with content within the section created or curated by Valley Sentinel.

**Partner content:** Partner content is sponsored content, meaning an organization is paying for a page or space on a page that will feature the content they want. They dictate the content, and usually write it with their information, marketing or expertise to achieve their advertising goals. Fundamentally and functionally, partner content is the same as an ad, they are paying for the space and dictating the content that fills it. We've always strived to offer editorial content anywhere our readers want it, and the same is true for offering advertising methods that work for all of our businesses and organizations, and sometimes the traditional display or classified ads just don't work for what you're trying to accomplish. This is just another option we offer.

All partner content will conspicuously feature a variation of this graphic at its header and/or footer or within the content:



Our process of offering partner/sponsored content is on-going and will adapt with the needs of our advertisers — and most importantly, to the clarity and benefit of our readers. All advertising information can be found on our website and that's where we'll keep things updated.

On another exciting note, we wanted to take some time (and space) to give a very deep and grateful thank you for all the kind words, letters, greeting cards, and notes we've been receiving lately. The amount of you who fill our email and mailbox with encouraging notes, handmade cards (some feature your own art, some include a smattering of gold stars and some are cut out in a literal heart shape), is truly astounding to us. Thank you simply does not cover how special, supported and appreciated we feel when we receive your notes. We proudly display these kind notes in our home office and some days it's truly what keeps us going, they serve as reminders for why we do this and keep us grounded to our goals on the hardest days.

On a more personal note, I'd like to ask that you give us grace and patience as we move towards our next publication date (or two) as May 11 I'll be undergoing a tonsillectomy that's been a long time

coming. I'm looking at at least a week of active recovery. I'll be taking that time away from my media relations day job and will likely be doing my best to take some time away from most everything to focus as much as possible on my recovery. The hard thing about doing something like owning and operating a newspaper is that it never stops, but your life doesn't either. We'll do our best to give you a fantastic publication, while one of us is surviving on broth, mashed potatoes and ice cream for the next two weeks.

Everyone who hears I'm having my tonsils removed immediately tell me my quality of life will forever be changed, and I truly hope that's true. The way my tonsils currently are daily, I feel a bit like my family's dogs — Olive, a Boston Terrier, and Martini, a Boston Terrier and Pug mix — who, owing to their adorable smushed faces, have truly never breathed correctly a day in their lives.

I'm nervously and excitedly awaiting the breath of fresh air I'll have and the security knowing I'll never have tonsillitis or strep throat again. And to that, I say thank you in advance for your grace and patience with us in the coming weeks.

Well, we're nearing the end of the list of things I wanted to share with our readers about what to expect from us moving forward. I just have one last thing to address and it's a bit of a comical oops on our end. We wanted to clarify that the editors' column from the April 21 edition should have read "we *can't* do this alone" — among a few glaring grammatical errors that arise from writing an column as the last thing you do in a string of being awake for 48 hours straight, sometimes you accidentally tell an entire community you *can* do this on your own—and clearly we can't. This publication is what the community makes it and if you have talent and energy to offer in our pursuit of building community please let us know.

I've certainly rambled enough, and I think we're all up-to-date. And, of course, we clocked in at well over 1,000 words, but let's just pretend it only took me 600.



Nicole Aimone

## DHS reversal puts seniors at risk

Bill Lueders, *Wisconsin Examiner*

On April 21, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) rescinded the citations it had issued to a senior health care facility for having violated state law when it evicted my mother, Elaine Benz, last fall.

No reason was given for the state's reversal. My sister, Diane, and I, who have power of attorney for our mom's health care, were never consulted about DHS's decision to dismiss the citations. Nor were we able to challenge what we believe to be false representations made by the facility, ProHealth Care Regency Senior Communities New Berlin, regarding Elaine's level of requisite care.

My family, as I have described in The Progressive and the Examiner, was deeply affected by this eviction. Elaine, who was 97 then and is 98 now, was forced to spend 19 days in punishing isolation at a physical rehabilitation center, then in full COVID-19 lockdown, after being prevented from returning home to the Regency, where she had lived for ten years. We had to scramble to find her a new place to live. She was traumatized by the experience.

On Nov. 8, in response to my complaint, the Division of Quality Assurance, part of DHS, conducted an investigation. It found that the Regency had committed two violations of state administrative

code regarding our mother's eviction. The facility was fined a total of \$1,500, far less than the actual costs incurred by our family due to these events.

The Regency appealed, asking for a hearing before an administrative law judge. Instead of defending the findings of its frontline staff, the DHS agreed to dismiss the citations — without even a hearing. The Stipulated Settlement Agreement states: "Based on additional information provided with the appeal, before the case conference, during the case conference, and after the case conference, the Department [of Health

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## Our Social Dilemma — Part 5: Game Theory

Beverly Pestel, *Columnist*

*“Our Social Dilemma” is a series of thought-provoking columns by retired local professor Beverly Pestel exploring a description and explanation of our current social, cultural and political tensions — looking at solutions and means of learning to accept one another.*

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Part 4 explored the issue that some rural folks harbor a resentment toward city folks because of a belief that their values and lifestyles are misunderstood and disrespected. In her book, “The Politics of Resentment”, Dr. Cramer makes the point that although this resentment is politically connected it is actually a culture issue. Politics is only superimposed on the caste hierarchies that are believed to exist between rural and city dwellers. The suggestion in Part 4 was that we may be able to get beyond this aspect of our social dilemma. By engaging in one-on-one discussions with those outside our social identity group, we may be able to expose and resolve the divisive issues that underlie the political divide.

Dr. Cramer also found that another component to this resentment is the belief that “rural areas do not get their fair share of resources.” Gillian Tett in her book, “Anthro-Vision” provides a way of looking at this belief that may be instructive and useful. “Anthropology,” she says, “is an intellectual framework that enables you to see around corners, spot what is hidden in plain sight, gain empathy for others, and fresh insight on problems.” So, what might be “hidden in plain sight” that causes a belief that one group is not getting their fair share in comparison to another?

An answer may be found in a component of Game Theory. Isabel Wilkerson in her book “Caste: The Origins of our Discontents” addresses the issue this way, “The caste system thrives on dissension and inequality, envy and false rivalries, that build up in a world of perceived scarcity.” Enter the concept of zero-sum games which focus on the perception of scarcity or of limited resources. In a zero-sum situation one person’s gain is equivalent to another’s loss, so the net change must be zero. If we see the world as zero-sum, when we see some other caste or culture receiving a benefit, we automatically believe it is at our expense. The inevitable result is envy, rivalry, and social discontent focused on a “them”. But not all situations are zero-sum and scarcity does not always rule the game.

There is also such a thing as non-zero-sum situations. One group’s gain does not necessarily mean another group must lose. In non-zero-sum situations multiple parties can all gain, win-win is possible.

A common example of a non-zero-sum situation is “Volunteer’s Dilemma” as discussed in Steven Pinker’s book, “Rationality.” Fundamentally, this is a situation in which a player can make a sacrifice that benefits everybody. If all players stick with the choice that would be their best outcome, all players are all worse off. The societal lesson is that if all the parties can agree to cooperate and make a small sacrifice, an optimum reward for all is possible. The dilemma here is that self-interest must give way to mutual interest.

If you choose to refer to the Christian faith, the words from Luke 6:38 come to mind: “Give, and it shall be given

unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it



Beverly Pestel

shall be measured to you again. (KJV) One could also refer to the Golden Rule which is found in most religions. For instance: “Love for the people what you love for yourself and you will be a believer; behave well with your neighbors and you will be a Muslim.” [Sunan Ibn Maja,, Book of Asceticism, Number 4217, Sahih] (“the people” is understood to include believers and non-believers.) The Jewish term for the Golden Rule is Lev Ha Torah. Rabbi Lance J. Sussman puts it this way: “Classical Reform Judaism... viewed the Jews as having a universal, ethical mission, that is, to bring about the day when everyone would love their neighbors equally, when cultural, national, and even religious differences ultimately would melt away.” The ethics associated with non-zero-sum games is a fundamental of social equality and a principle of our major religions.

The simplest expression of this principle may come from a quote from the late

Minnesota Senator, Paul Wellstone, who said, “We all do better when we all do better.” If we cannot see the world as anything but a “them” versus “us”, if they win we lose conflict, resentment and social discord is the only result. These two very difference versions on how the world works exist at all levels. German Chancellor Angela Merkel in expressing the difference between herself and former Pres. Donald Trump said, “I believe in win-win situations. He believes only one person can win, while the other loses.”

In addition to the “Volunteer’s Dilemma” situation, the issue of scarcity of resources is not always the case. The truth is that many of the resources we need are not really limited but move cyclically through the world. For instance, a dollar spent in one place does not disappear, it can cycle through the economy going through multiple hands benefiting each as it passes. So, if that dollar keeps moving instead of being socked away by someone who doesn’t need to spend it, it can eventually benefit everyone in their turn.

So, worrying about “not getting our fair share”, is a misunderstanding of how the world can and should work. Failing to acknowledge that “We all do better when we all do better” causes caste conflict and unnecessarily destroys our social fabric.

*Beverly had a 37 year career as a chemistry professor specializing in chemistry education and learning theory. In 2012 she was able to retire and move home to Wisconsin to focus on remodeling an old farmhouse and tending 40 acres of woodland in Richland County. When not in the woods she spends her time reading, writing and enjoying the beauty of the Driftless Area.*

## “The state rescinded citations for my mother’s wrongful eviction”

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Services] agrees to rescind” both citations.

What additional information? Who knows?

The DHS, at my request, released what it said was its entire file on the matter, including a stack of medical records stamped as exhibits. But, as the department confirmed to me, it had no documents that stated a defense of the Regency’s actions or that attempted to explain the significance of the provided records.

No reason at all was reason enough for DHS.

In an April 27 letter to DHS Secretary-Designee Karen Timberlake, I protested



Elaine Benz

the state’s decision, writing:

“What has happened here is an egregious failure on the part of DHS to enforce state administrative code against an especially flagrant violator. You are making it clear that providers of care to the elderly can violate the state’s rules with impunity. As such, the decision of the Department of Health Services to dismiss this case puts all of the state’s most vulnerable residents at unnecessary risk.”

I have not yet gotten a response.

The DHS’s capitulation to the Regency and its lawyers is also a slap in the face to the Department’s own investigative staff, who flagged the violations and imposed

the fine, only to be overruled.

This was something we feared would happen. In a Dec. 17 email, typed out on my cell phone during a visit with my mom (she had fallen asleep), I raised this concern with officials in the Division of Quality Assurance. I noted that the Regency’s owner, ProHealth Care, a “nonprofit” that raked in \$103 million in “revenue less expenses” in fiscal year 2020, “has a lot of money and presumably a lot of clout.” The folks there, I wrote, “probably wouldn’t have done what they did in the first place if they didn’t think

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On certain topics in areas of great community interest, the editors of the Valley Sentinel may take positions they believe best represent and serve the interests of the community. Any opinions or positions taken by the editorial board are separate and distinct in labeling and substance from the community journalism that appears in the rest of the publication and does not affect the integrity and impartiality of our reporting.

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**Chris Hardie's 'Back Home' column**

**Early planting always a challenge**

Chris Hardie, *Columnist*

Our topsy-turvy spring weather so far this year has not inspired ambitions of gardening, but the show must go on.

At least that's what my wife Sherry told me recently when she decided it was time to start planting some of the vegetable garden. Despite the fact that our local robins will need chiropractic care for the many snows that have fallen on their backs and we still have plenty of frosty mornings, it's perfect weather for planting cool-season crops.

What are cool-season crops? To quote from gardeningknowhow.com, "Cool-season crops germinate in cold soil and mature with cool weather and short periods of daylight, meaning they are perfect for planting in early spring. Pea, onion, and lettuce seeds will germinate as low as 35 degrees F), meaning they can go in the ground as soon as it is unfrozen and workable."

Other vegetables will germinate in soil as cold as 40 degrees, which includes root vegetables and leafy greens like beets, carrots, turnips, cabbage, spinach, broccoli and of course, potatoes. It is gardening folklore to



Chris Hardie

plant potatoes on Good Friday, a tradition that started in the 1600s when potatoes were just arriving in Europe.

Apparently, there was some concern there might be something evil and terrible about those tubers with eyes, so planting them on Good Friday was believed to be some sort of protection – with the added benefit of a little Holy Water sprinkled on.

Our taters were actually planted on Holy Wednesday, so hopefully, we can still cash in on some of that Holy Week blessing.

But I'm jumping ahead of myself because the chances of planting any garden in between the snow, rain and a spring hail storm looked rather remote when we had one day to clear the garden of last year's debris and prepare the ground.

First, it was plenty of raking and pulling out stalks of root vegetables left from last year. These were arranged in piles – and with a water hose standing by – were carefully burned.

That turned out to be the easy part compared to working up the soil. Normally that's easily done with the assistance of our 24-year-old rototiller that had been put away in a shed for the winter. I pulled it out, added fresh gas and it started on the second pull.

If only it would have stayed running. It ran for 10 seconds and died. I had problems with the beast last summer and had to pull the gas tank nearly every time to get fuel flowing. I tried that trick four times – and I even installed a new gas cap – but it wouldn't go.

I had a choice to make. Swear and grumble for a few hours trying to get the tiller running or take a different approach. I was not going to repeat

my performance from a few years ago by trying to break ground with the hand cultivator that dates back to Mesopotamian days, so I opted for plan B.

I bought a new tiller.

Of course, that was not without its challenges either. Nothing comes assembled these days, so I had to round up a few wrenches, decipher some directions and hold my breath. But an hour later the shiny new toy started on the second pull. And aside from shutting down temporarily until I removed the rock that became wedged in the auger, it performed well.

So the cold season crops are in the soil. Next will come the rest of the veggies when the threat of frost is passed, which for us is late May.

And apparently – so I am told – I have already purchased my Father's Day gift. Oh joy.

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**Senior wrongful eviction saga continues**

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they could get away with it."

Now, thanks to the spineless bureaucrats at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, it looks like that is exactly what will happen.

As tragic as this is, there is nothing especially surprising about it. In my 40 years as a journalist, I have seen countless

examples of how regulatory agencies come to serve the interests they regulate over the people they are supposed to protect. It would be better to avoid the farce and just admit that, when push comes to shove, protecting the public is the regulators' last priority.

"They betrayed us." That was the first thing Diane said when I told her the

citations against the Regency were dismissed. She is exactly right: The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has betrayed our mother, our family and the people of our state.

*Bill Lueders is editor of The Progressive magazine. He also serves as the elected president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, a statewide group*

that works to protect public access to government meetings and records.

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Lueders' original piece can be read at [progressive.org/evicting](http://progressive.org/evicting)

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**JENNIFER ANGUS: A IS FOR ANT, B IS FOR BUG, C IS FOR CICADA**



The natural world brings out many different emotions in people: sometimes awe, sometimes spirituality, and sometimes fear. Being a part of this natural world, insects often bring out fear in many of us, but they also can demonstrate the remarkable ability that nature has in making all things beautiful. Creating some of the most provocative work in an art museum setting, Angus' medium is insects. Jennifer has exhibited her work internationally including Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Spain, as well as prestigious American institutions including the Renwick Gallery, part of the Smithsonian in Washington DC.

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## Fiscal Facts: State of the Arts in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Policy Forum

Employment in Wisconsin arts and cultural sectors has rebounded substantially from the COVID-19 pandemic, due in part to an unprecedented federal and state relief effort.

Employment in these sectors -- including jobs in performing arts, spectator sports, museums, historical sites, and video and sound recording and production -- had not fully recovered by the fall 2021. Yet preliminary data from early 2022 suggest employment increased further in recent months.

Other indicators are even more encouraging: sales tax revenues from these sectors have largely rebounded to pre-pandemic levels. And few arts and cultural organizations were lost due to the pandemic, as their total numbers actually increased.

In 2020, a Forum report found Wisconsin arts and cultural organizations facing an "existential threat" amid the pandemic. Artists and arts and cultural organizations were among the hardest hit by COVID-19, which threatened damage to the economy and quality of life in Wisconsin communities.

But now, as the pandemic recedes from prominence, new data analyzed by the Forum find these sectors were buoyed by federal pandemic relief to Wisconsin arts and cultural establishments totaling at least \$440 million.

The single largest source of relief came from the federal Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program, which provided operational support to arts and cultural organizations -- \$14.2 billion nationally in 2021, including \$221 million to 235 Wisconsin venue

operators.

Other leading sources included the federal Paycheck Protection Program and the state's Live Event Small Business Assistance Grant Program. Notably, the Wisconsin state government appears to have placed greater emphasis than other states on using its aid allotment from the most recent federal aid package, the American Rescue Plan Act, to support arts and culture. This finding contrasts with state policy that places Wisconsin at or near the bottom of all 50 states in ongoing public funding for arts and culture.

These positive signs should not be mistaken to mean that all is back to pre-pandemic normalcy for our state's arts and cultural scene. Continued challenges include the state's motion picture and sound recording subsector, which includes movie theaters, the

recovery of which has lagged. Other concerns include workforce needs, potential constraints with charitable contributions and the fact that federal aid on which these organizations have relied will run out, likely this year or next.

Arts and cultural organizations and activities contribute greatly to Wisconsin's vitality and economy, and the pandemic posed a major threat to their sustainability. Our analysis shows there are reasons for optimism, though challenges remain.

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FULL EDITORIAL CALENDAR COMING SOON

Upcoming special sections/editorial notes:

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- Company Profiles** – Have something that makes your company special? Have a great work environment that you want to share to entice job seekers?
- Best of the River Valley GOTV** – This is your time to get out the vote.

- June 2:**  
**Summer in the Valley Season Guide (special section)** - Similar to our Winter Wonderland special section, we'll publish a guide to summer in the Valley. Relax, eat, play, recreation and more! Have ideas or want to be included? Reach out.
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- June 16:**  
**2022 Best of the River Valley (special section or themed edition)** - The results of our online reader poll will be revealed in print in this edition. This edition will be on stands during the Spring Green Arts & Craft Fair.

- June 30:**  
TBD - Shortly we'll be establishing an editorial calendar for special sections and edition themes to give business partners more time to work with us in engaging the community. We wanted to give the area business community an opportunity to weigh in first. Let us know what themed sections, special sections and more you think we should feature in Valley Sentinel to engage with our community and help them better engage with you: [editor@valleysentinelnews.com](mailto:editor@valleysentinelnews.com)

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FREE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY IN OUR  
SUMMER JOB BOARD  
SPECIAL SECTION  
OUT MAY 19 & JUNE 2

YOUR JOB HERE

First post-it style job listing FREE  
Additional listings \$15 each

**Employers:** Send job title, ≤35 word position description/duties, business name, URL, hiring email and phone number **by the Monday of**

SPONSORSHIPS, COMPANY PROFILES AND DISPLAY ADS ALSO AVAILABLE

After the amazing feedback and engagement we got from the previous job board in March, we've been asked to bring back the job board in the same format, except this time we're featuring the job board over May and June to fill those summer jobs.

### OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS SPECIAL SECTION RUNNING MAY 19 & JUNE 2

- Presenting Sponsor of the section** — \$400 (1 available each edition)  
A presenting sponsorship grants your logo and business name on the section itself. A sponsorship also includes a banner ad to be run within the section. Sponsor will also receive half off any sponsored article content within the special section. Supporting sponsorships of special sections may be available at \$300 for all benefits above, excluding banner (limited availability).
- Featured Business/Sponsored Articles** — \$200 for 1/2 page promotional article with 1-2 pictures (\$100 if sponsor for the section). Editorial freedom to decide what is featured - Limited availability. Runs online as well.
- \*NEW\* Company Profiles** — \$50 for 1/4 page promotional profile questionnaire with 1 picture to showcase your business and why it's a great place to work.
- Advertising Spots** — \$400 full page, \$200 half page, \$100 quarter page, \$50 eighth page, \$25 sixteenth page /per edition - Limited availability. Inquire about online ad opportunities.

50% off the June 2 display ad when running the same ad May 19



# VS. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Events for May 10 - May 19

### Tuesday, May 10

**Community Potluck** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM . Spring Green Community Center, 117 S. Washington Street . For more information please call 608-588-7800

**National Weather Service: Storm Spotter Training** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM . Kraemer Public Library, 910 Main St, Plain . kraemerlibrary.org . Free training open to the public. No registration required. Sponsored by Sauk County Emergency Management.

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### Thursday, May 12

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**41st Muscoda Morel Mushroom Festival** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM . muscoda.com . Village wide, Muscoda . Open (no judging or preselection) Arts, Crafts, Car cruise, taste of the Area, fireworks, inflatables, steak feed, chili contest, parade, village wide garge sales, and much more! A family event. Full event schedule online!

### Saturday, May 14

**Birding the Lowery Creek Valley** 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM . Taliesin Estate, 5481 County Road C, Spring Green . www.driftlessconservancy.org/events . No Cost . Explore hotspots in the Lowery Creek Valley near Spring Green, from Taliesin to Pleasant Ridge, with seasoned birders during peak spring migration. Leaders: Rebecca Schroeder and Barb Barzen. Specific location details will be sent to registrants.

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**Spring Green Farmers Market** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM . S230 E. Monroe St., Spring Green . The Spring Green Farmers Market is a year-round outdoor market offering seasonal produce, local meats, baked goods and many other wonderful items. Held outside the Spring Green Community Public Library every Saturday morning. Pre-orders are recommended. Visit our Facebook or Instagram page or email SGFarmersMarket@gmail.com for a list of participating vendors and their contact info.

**River Valley Area Community Gardens Plant Sale** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM . River Valley Community Gardens, 900 N. Westmor St., Spring Green . www.rvacg.org . River Valley Area Community Gardens will hold a HUGE plant sale to benefit the gardens. Many perennials for sale including native plants and tomato plants. Cash or check only.

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**Spring Party at Botham Vineyards** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM . Botham Vineyards, 8180 Langberry Rd, Barneveld . www.bothamvineyards.com . Spring has taken its time in arriving this year, so it seems only fitting that we welcome its grand entrance with a proper celebration. Or, Let's Just Call It a Spring Party. Join us May 14 and 15 for an unabashed welcome to warmer weather, longer days, green grass, blue skies, healthy buds on the vines and good company with whom to share it all.

**An Afternoon with Shelby Van Pelt, author of "Remarkably Bright Creatures"** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM . Arcadia Books, 102 E Jefferson St, Spring Green . Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible. Tova Sullivan becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

### Saturday, May 14

**Wild Hills Winery Spring Open House** 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM . Wild Hills Winery, 30940 Oakridge Dr., Muscoda . wildhillswinery.com . We invite you to our Spring Open House. We will have free samples, giveaways, and a free vineyard tour at 3 pm! We hope to see you there!

**LIVE MUSIC: Bluegrass Jam** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM . Spring Green General Store, 137 S. Albany St., Spring Green . 608-5880-707, karin@springgreengeneralstore.com, Spring-GreenGeneralStore.com . Free event. All ages welcome! Bluegrass Jams will be held on the second Saturday of each month. While the weather permits they'll be held on our back deck. Bring your instrument and play along or come to listen; all are welcome.

**WORKSHOP: Creative Metal Work with Ali Kauss** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM . Ali Kauss Adornments 101 E. Jefferson St, Spring Green . Registration is open online at ruralremedy.com . Must be 16 or older . Join holistic metalsmith Ali Kauss to explore cutting and shaping metal in creative ways to craft personal adornments like rings, earrings, charms, talismans and more. Participants will be invited into Ali's workshop and studio space and taught basic techniques to support exploration and play and will leave with one-of-a-kind stackable rings to wear or share. \$55 per person

**Corks and Hops Beer and Wine Walk** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM . 208 N Winsted St, Spring Green . springgreen.com . \$30 registration includes one wine / beer tasting glass. Grab some friends and join us for a beautiful spring day in Spring Green! Start times are staggered, every 15 minutes, starting at 3! You will start at the Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce. Grab your glass, wristband and your list of participating businesses and head out for an afternoon of fun and shopping! You will sip and sample a variety of local wines and beers and paired appetizers while you shop your favorite local businesses.

**LIVE MUSIC: Eric Tessmer** 7:30 PM . Slowpoke Lounge, 137 W Jefferson St., Spring Green . slowpokelounge.com . \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door . An American blues guitarist residing in Austin, Texas. The Austin Chronicle named Eric Tessmer the best guitarist in the city for 2017-2018, based on their annual poll. A Richland Center, Wisconsin native, Tessmer developed his love affair with music through a kind of familial osmosis. Both his grandmother and father played guitar, and Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, and Cream were all staples around the house growing up. Tessmer moved to Texas straight out of high school, and he quickly garnered a formidable reputation there for his fierce fretwork and explosive live performances.

### Monday, May 16

**POETRY: A Night of Words** 7:30 PM . Slowpoke Lounge, 137 W Jefferson St., Spring Green . slowpokelounge.com . An open mic. Friends sharing words. Watch. Listen. Speak. Share. Maybe you have a favorite poem, or passage from a book you'd like to share. Or maybe you write your own and are ready to share it with the rest of us. Maybe you just want to tell a story. Or maybe you just want to listen. It's all good. Let's hang out and share words together. Poetry. Stories. Original work and old favorites. This and that. A Night of Words.

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**Arcadia Book Club discusses "The Blue Flower" by Penelope Fitzgerald** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM . Virtual Event . readinutopia.com/events . The Blue Flower is set in the age of Goethe among the small towns and great universities of 18th-century Germany. It tells the true story of Friedrich von Hardenberg, a passionate, impetuous student of philosophy who will later gain fame as the romantic poet Novalis.

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**WORKSHOP: Controlling Invasive Plants** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM . Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, 5607 County Rd C, Spring Green . driftlessconservancy.org . Learn how to identify and control common invasive plants in our area, from people who have battled them for many years. See plant samples, tools that work well, and both print and online resources that help in the field. Lead by Gigi La Budde and Mike Degen.

**LIVE MUSIC: Rocky Road Guitar Summit** 7:30 PM . Slowpoke Lounge, 137 W Jefferson St., Spring Green . slowpokelounge.com . First ever Rocky Road Guitar Summit. Sponsored by The Rocky Road Guitar Owners Guild International. Guitar players and other artists and musicians are cordially invited to attend. Hear some music! Check out some spectacular guitars! Rocky Road Luthier David Riedmiller (www.rockyroadguitar.com) will be in attendance and may answer questions.

## HOW TO SUBMIT EVENTS

Events in print cover the next two weeks after publication date. Online community calendar coming soon!  
The community calendar covers Arena, Lone Rock, Plain, Spring Green, + 15 miles. Events of great artistic or community value in Sauk, Iowa or Richland Counties may be considered.  
Full event submission details online.

To submit your event, **scan the QR code** or **visit [valleysentinelnews.com/community-calendar](http://valleysentinelnews.com/community-calendar)**.



# COVID-19 DASHBOARD

## WISCONSIN SUMMARY

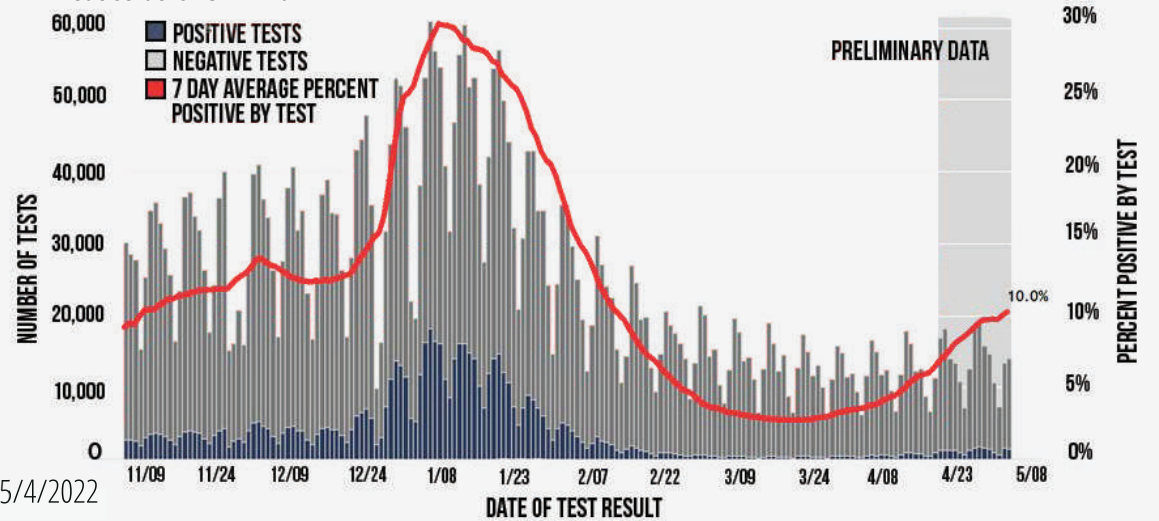
Cases as of 5/4/2022

**1,422,311 POSITIVE CASES**

**+17,354** from 4/20

**12,902 DEATHS**

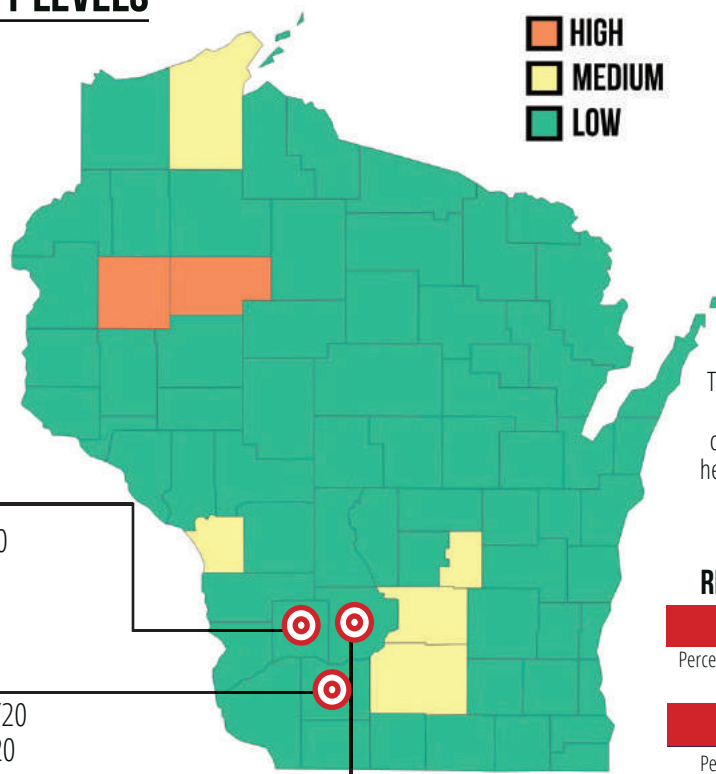
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## CDC COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS

Updated: 5/4/2022

This map shows the current CDC COVID-19 Community Level for each county in Wisconsin. Community levels measure the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and health care systems in communities. COVID-19 community levels can help communities and individuals make decisions based on their local context and their unique needs. Community vaccination coverage and other local information can also inform decision-making for health officials and individuals.



### RICHLAND COUNTY

3,949 Positive Cases **+77** from 4/20  
48 Deaths **+0** from 4/20

### IOWA COUNTY

5,339 Positive Cases **+72** from 4/20  
28 Deaths **+0** from 4/20

### SAUK COUNTY

16,188 Positive Cases **+232** from 4/20  
133 Deaths **+1** from 4/20

CDC looks at the combination of three metrics:

1.) Total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. 2.) New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. 3.) Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Using these data, the COVID-19 community level is classified as low, medium, or high. county level weekly statistics

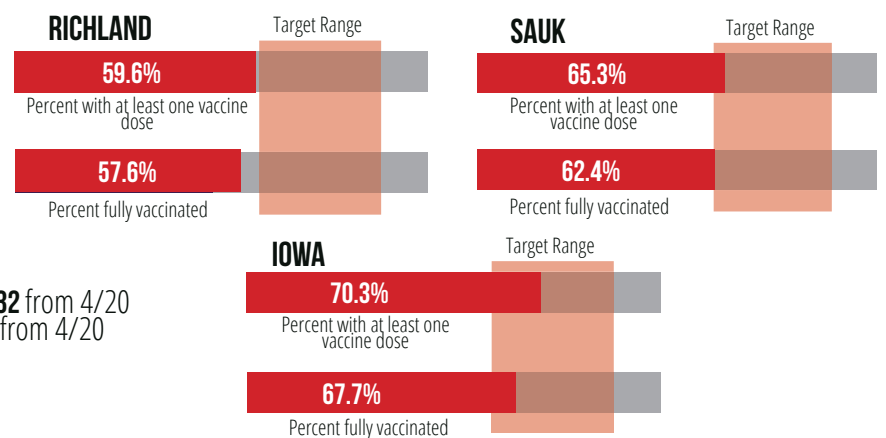
## VACCINE SUMMARY STATISTICS

Updated: 5/4/2022

<b>9,472,756</b> Total doses administered	<b>5,554,388</b> Pfizer doses administered	<b>3,572,642</b> Moderna doses administered	<b>345,726</b> Johnson & Johnson doses administered
<b>2,012,935</b> Total boosters administered	<b>1,159,146</b> Pfizer doses administered	<b>828,322</b> Moderna doses administered	<b>25,467</b> Johnson & Johnson doses administered

### VACCINE DATA

These two core measures are measures of herd immunity in Richland, Sauk and Iowa County. We do not yet know what level of vaccination leads to herd immunity for COVID-19, or how current or future variants might affect herd immunity. We know based on other diseases that herd immunity is likely at least 60%, and if more transmissible variants become more common, that threshold may become higher, so the current target range is 60-90%. -Adapted from Madison Public Health and Dane County



## PERCENT OF WISCONSIN RESIDENTS AGES 5-11 WHO HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE BY COUNTY

Updated: 5/4/2022

Lower % Higher %

### RICHLAND COUNTY

Ages 5-11 **18.6%**

### IOWA COUNTY

Ages 5-11 **32.3%**

### SAUK COUNTY

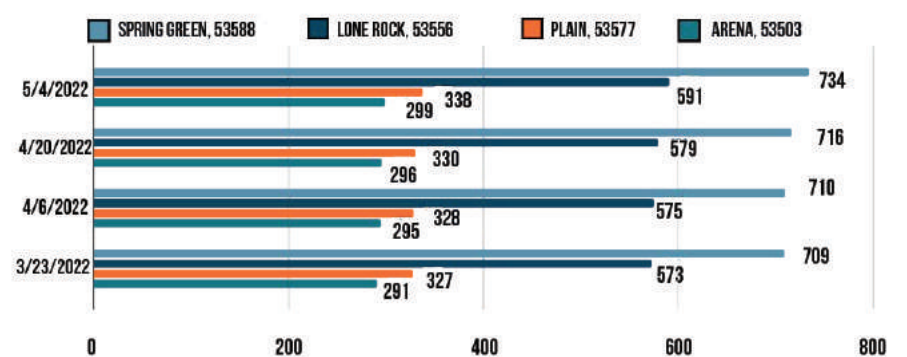
Ages 5-11 **25.6%**

### DANE COUNTY

Ages 5-11 **58.3%**

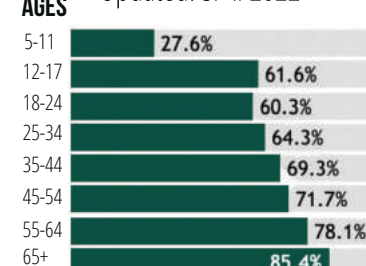
## CASES PER ZIP CODE

Cases as of 5/4/2022



## PERCENT OF WISCONSIN RESIDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE

Updated: 5/4/2022





Will No-Mow May mean more ticks? Experts say not to worry, ticks are probably already in your lawn

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Stoddard said that forgoing enforcement wouldn't be a problem.

"I'm not going around, enforcing somebody's yard, if it's over six inches in the middle of May," said Stoddard.

"I'd like to see somebody get over six inches in the middle of May," Broh quipped. "That would be amazing."

New Trustee Damien Barta said the initiative sounded like a good idea.

"It's probably going to be useful for our farmers. You know... there might be some discussion among neighbors about dandelions," said Barta. "But I think it's a good idea."

Trustee Jeannie McCarville made the motion that was ultimately approved unanimously to forgo a penalty to anyone that allows their lawn to grow over six inches in May for No-Mow May.

The board declined to take action on the village participating in No-Mow May on its properties. Public Works Director Adam Reno advised that ballparks would have to be mowed but offered that other village-owned areas could be left to grow such as the water treatment plant. Reno also proposed mowing every other week in May as an alternative. Without taking formal action the consensus of the board was to allow Reno to use his discretion

**What's all the fuss about?**

Entomologist and director of UW-Madison's Insect Science Lab, PJ Liesch says the data is clear — insects are declining globally and it's an issue, with many of our foods and produce pollinated by insects.

"It's a very complex issue with many interacting factors," says Liesch. "However, there's growing evidence that factors such as land-use changes (deforestation, etc.), climate change, intensive agriculture, pesticide use, light pollution, and other factors are negatively impacting insect populations."

Christelle Guédot, an expert on fruit crop entomology, including pest management and pollinators and associate professor at UW-Madison says initiatives like No-Mow May are important.

"Resources provided by no-mow include dandelion, clover, violet, etc. — flowers that are the first flowers to bloom in early/mid spring before other flowers such as tree fruit flowers begin to bloom," says Guédot. "They provide valuable resources (pollen and nectar) for early bees that are emerging from winter diapause (hibernation for insects). These include overwintering bumble bee queens and many spring solitary native bees."

Susan Carpenter, Wisconsin native plant garden curator at the UW-Madison Arboretum and an expert on native plant gardening, sustainable gardening practices and bumble bee conservation, agrees.

"Early spring is a crucial time for pollinators that emerge early in the season. Bees need flowers: pollen (mainly to feed their young or provision eggs) and nectar (mainly as an energy source for the adult bees). Other pollinators like flies, butterflies, etc. may also visit flowers growing in lawns," says Carpenter. "Not mowing may keep more flowers available for these pollinators."

Carpenter says No-Mow May is just one part of a larger picture and that stressors on pollinators include habitat loss and fragmentation, pesticide use, climate change, disease and pathogens, and their interactions.

"The most important things an individual can do are: a) plant many and many kinds of native plants from

your region, b) eliminate pesticide use (especially insecticides, especially systemic insecticides) and c) document the pollinators you see and share what you learn with projects like Wisconsin Bumble Bee Brigade, and/or locally with school, community gardens, neighbors, faith groups, etc. Help others help pollinators," says Carpenter. "Governments can make pollinator protection a priority: funding and installing plantings, offering incentives for homeowners, landowners, and communities to create and manage pollinator habitat, funding research that would answer questions to help protect pollinators, providing visibility and resources for the public (plant lists, pollinator ID, events, etc.)"

**But what about ticks?**

No-Mow May is also National Lyme Disease Awareness Month. With all this unmowed grass, some may have concerns that their lawns become a magnet for ticks carrying Lyme disease.

Liesch says mowing doesn't seem to help reduce tick numbers and that nearby wooded area habitat is a bigger impact.


Xia Lee, vector biologist for the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease and public health entomologist at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services concurs.

"We do not have direct evidence to support mowing as a method for controlling ticks on lawns. Our own research at recreational parks showed that mowing did not reduce the abundance of ticks on hiking trails," says Lee. "In a separate study, we looked for ticks in homeowner's backyards at two communities in Wisconsin and found blacklegged ticks on well-manicured lawns near forested edges. Based on those two studies, mowing may not be an effective strategy for controlling ticks on lawns."


**So should you join No-Mow May?**

"While not mowing may help, it's not a perfect "cure-all" for bees and other pollinators and it's important to keep in mind that there are many other things that can benefit these insects such as minimizing or eliminating pesticide use in your yard and planting a diversity of flowering plants," concludes Liesch. "Helping pollinators in May is one thing, but we can have pollinators active from early spring into the fall, so you really need to look at the bigger picture if you're serious about helping them out."


# Plant these to save the Bees



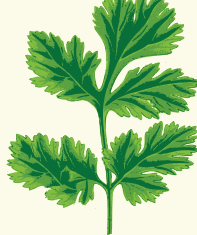
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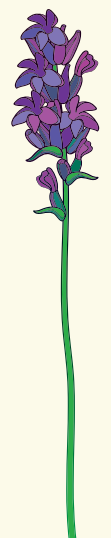
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CLASSIFIEDS

### Healthcare Employment Opportunities

\***Vice President of Finance/CFO** – full-time financial management position.  
 \***Director of Marketing & Community Relations** – full-time managerial position.  
 \***Director of Home Medical Services** – full-time management position in our Platteville office.  
 \***CRNA** – full-time position with excellent compensation/benefits and incentive package!  
 \***APP Hospitalist** – seeking an APNP or PA to work in our hospitalist role.  
 \***RN Float Nurse** – .6 FTE Premium Pay Weekender and a .75 FTE evening/night shift position. \$3,750 Employment Bonus Eligible! Additional Float RN differential!  
 \***RN OB unit** - .75 FTE evening/night shift position. \$3,750 Employment Bonus Eligible!  
 \***Certified Nursing Assistants** – part-time positions available in our Nursing & Rehab Center on day, evening and night shifts, **\$3,000 Employment Bonus included** along with a competitive wage and benefits package for part or full time work!  
 \***Imaging Technician** – premium pay Weekender Program with 2-12 hour day/evening shifts! As well there is a 1.0 FTE p.m. shift position. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**  
 \***MRI Imaging** - 5 to a 1.0 FTE day shift position. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**  
 \***Home Medical Equipment Billing Lead** – full-time position in our Platteville office.  
 \***Patient Access Specialist** – .8 FTE night shift position.  
 \***Culinary Aide** - .6 FTE day shift position.  
 \***Environmental Services Supervisor** – full-time exempt supervisory position.  
 \***Environmental Services Staff** – full and part time p.m. and night shift positions.  
 \***Clinic Triage RN** – Full-time position, Monday through Friday.

To find out more detailed information about all open positions and to apply, go to our website at [www.uplandhillshealth.org](http://www.uplandhillshealth.org).

**Upland Hills Health**  
 800 Compassion Way  
 Dodgeville, WI 53533



## RVHS SPRING SPORTS

### Girls Soccer

Todd Deibert, RVHS Girls Soccer Coach

On April 19 we faced Wisconsin Heights at home. We were down 1-0 with just a couple of minutes to go when Kylie Morrey tied it with a goal off a direct free kick. I was really proud of how the girls just kept fighting even after we went down a goal. It was a total team effort. This was Kylie's second free kick goal of the season. She just has a knack of finding the back of the net on free kicks. It was a really fun game to watch. Vivian Jensen had 11 saves in goal. JV lost 0-1. Delaney Johnson had 8 saves. JV played really well also.

On April 21 we went to Dodgeville. We went up 1-0 on a sweet goal by Isabelle Roske. Isabelle headed in a perfect cross from Claire Eveland who beat her defender in the corner. Dodgeville came back and scored twice in the second half to win. We fought hard and it just didn't go our way tonight. JV lost 0-2. Delaney Johnson had 11 saves. The girls have been playing some really good soccer this season. We are competing in every game.

The RV Girls Soccer team went 3-0 the week of April 25. We started the week off up in Mauston with a 5-0 varsity win. Claire Eveland and Karina Osborn each scored a goal, and Kylie

Morrey had her second hat trick of the season. Grace Morrey and Isabelle Roske each had two assists and Osborn had an assist as well. Once again this game came down to us controlling the midfield and dominating in our defensive third. We allowed just two shots on goal. Delaney Johnson got her first varsity start in goal and shut out the Golden Eagles.

Elizabeth Baumberger scored in the JV game which ended in a 1-1 draw.

April 26 we played at Richand Center and came away with. 3-1 victory. Isabelle Roske opened the scoring by netting a goal off a corner kick by Kylie Morrey, who also scored twice. The JV game featured goals by Denisse Carillo and Elizabeth Jewell.

Thursday was a home game against Driftless United. We won 2-0. This was a big win for us. Last year they beat us pretty soundly. They have a really good team. We played extremely well as a unit in the back. Our defense kept their attackers off balance all game, frequently catching them offsides. We held Driftless to only 3 shots on goal.

Kylie Morrey and Karina Osborn tallied goals for the Blackhawks who improved to 6-3-1 on the season.



Photo contributed by Kellie Roske

Svea Youngquist #4 playing against Dodgeville April 21.

## RVSD celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week

Jennifer Kraemer, RVSDEF Board Member

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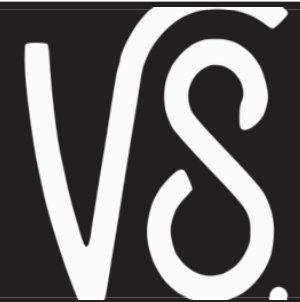
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## It's prime time for birding! Peak migration is underway in May

Ryan Brady, DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Program Biologist

Are you ready, birders? Peak migration is near as favorites like orioles, hummingbirds, grosbeaks, buntings, tanagers and warblers return to Wisconsin. May promises to be the most exciting birding month of the year!

Not to be outdone, April finished spectacularly as a strong surge of south winds brought an early wave of migrants around April 21-22. Baltimore and orchard orioles, ruby-throated hummingbirds and rose-breasted grosbeaks reached the state's southern half. Southern and eastern counties saw massive warbler action, including rarities like Kentucky, prairie and yellow-throated warblers. Statewide, yellow-rumped warblers and a few pine warblers flocked to suet feeders in the cool temperatures. Other neotropical migrants arriving in southern areas included gray catbird, blue-gray gnatcatcher, great crested flycatcher, eastern kingbird, wood thrush, chimney swift and Eastern whip-poor-will.

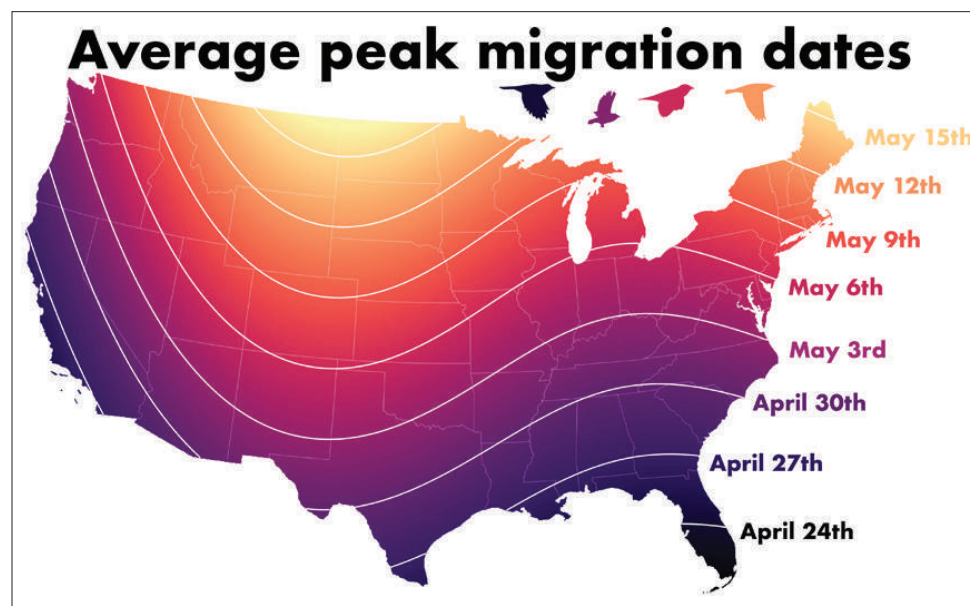
Nearer water, several flocks of American avocets and willets were seen, and the first least, pectoral, solitary and spotted sandpipers were seen among larger numbers of greater and lesser yellowlegs. Large flocks of Bonaparte's gulls frequented lakeshore sites and flooded fields, the former also hosting

common, caspian and Forster's terns American bittern, sora and Virginia rail can now be heard in emergent wetlands.

Waterfowl migration is at or just past peak in the north, where late ice-out on lakes has delayed loon arrival and pushed loons, grebes and many waterfowl into smaller areas of open water. Scaup, redhead, ring-necked duck, bufflehead, blue-winged and green-winged teal, shoveler and pied-billed grebe were all spotted this week. The first goslings were also reported in southern Wisconsin.

Persistent cool northerly winds have also resulted in late departure dates for some decidedly "winter" species, including snowy owl, rough-legged hawk, northern shrike, snow bunting, Bohemian waxwing, white-winged crossbill and hoary redpoll. Good numbers of common redpolls continue in the north, with a few stragglers in the south. Dark-eyed juncos remain abundant, though they are slowly getting replaced by incoming white-throated sparrows. Other sparrows like swamp, savannah, chipping, white-crowned and Lincoln's are also moving in.

The flush of migrants also brought in an incredible wave of rarities. Most notable among them were long-billed curlew (Ashland Co.), ash-throated and scissor-tailed flycatcher (Racine),



Graphic via WI DNR

### Peak Migration via CSU Aero Eco Lab

ruff (Rusk), sharp-tailed sandpiper (Sauk) and garganey (Jefferson). Others included cinnamon teal, Say's phoebe, summer and western tanagers, western kingbird, eared grebe, loggerhead shrike, white-faced ibis, N. mockingbird and Eurasian tree sparrow. A pair of black-billed magpies in Bayfield County was found nest building, marking the first documented evidence of nesting behavior for this species in state history!

Warmer, drier weather and more

south winds should usher in many new birds during the week ahead, especially Sunday into early next week if the forecast holds. Look for orioles, grosbeaks and a few hummingbirds to reach the north, many more warblers statewide, and soaring groups ("kettles") of broad-winged hawks overhead. Then help us track the migration by reporting your finds to [www.ebird.org/wi](http://www.ebird.org/wi)

Good birding!

## THE SAUK COUNTY GARDENER

### The fundamentals of fertilizing

Jeannie Manis, Wisconsin Certified Master Gardener

*"I find that a real gardener is not a man who cultivates flowers; he is a man who cultivates the soil."*  
— Karel Capek

I was finally able to get out and truly start cleaning out my garden beds this past weekend. I only had one afternoon but it was glorious! I needed to cut down and remove my old flower stalks and extra thick layer of unchopped leaves that always seem to get stuck in the prickliest of bushes. I don't cut down my garden much in the fall as I enjoy the winter interest, wildlife protection, and bird food that many of my perennials provide. In the spring, I try to not to clean my beds too early as many insects and various other critters are still wintering in the leaf litter. In fact, I woke up two fat toads and I'm hoping it'll be warm enough for them

for the next few weeks.

As you review your gardens when prepping them for upcoming season, you may be considering whether you need to fertilize them. I know, not a riveting topic, but it's an important to know when and how to apply fertilizers. Plants all need nutrients to grow and sometimes we may need to replenish, replace, or help release them into the soil. When you look at mixed fertilizer, there are three key elements:

N = Nitrogen promotes healthy leaf growth  
P = Phosphorus needed for vigorous root, flowers, and fruit development

K = Potassium helps with stalk and stem building and plant manufacturing of food

On a fertilizer bag these three elements will be listed in a manner such as this 10-10-10. Nitrogen is the first number, phosphorus is the second, and potassium the third. If you're look

a fertilizer that is said to be for lawns, you'll most likely see that the first number is higher than the other two. If you're looking at one that promotes improved flower production, the middle number will be higher. You'll also notice some fertilizers are formulated specifically for certain plants such as roses or tomatoes.

There are typically two kinds of fertilizers: granular/slow-release or water-soluble/fast-acting and each has their pros and cons. Slow-release fertilizer will feed throughout the season and water-soluble ones can give a quick boost when needed.

Knowing when to fertilize is just as important as know what fertilizer to use. It needs to be applied when the plant can use it – for most plants, early spring is best. Keep in mind many perennial flowers and grasses don't need a lot of fertilizer. In fact, too much is a bad thing. However, if you have sandy soil without a lot of

organic material or noticed your plants haven't been thriving as they did in the past, a light fertilization may be in order. Better yet, have a soil test done. In many cases, applying an inch of compost or leaf mold to your garden every year will eliminate the need for fertilizing altogether. If you're not using compost, use no more than 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.

Heavy perennial feeders such as daylilies, peonies, mums, and tall phlox may benefit from a spring and summer application of fertilizer. The summer application or sidedressing of fertilizer offers quick access to the needed nutrients. You can also sidedress perennials (Delphiniums, daisies, and lungworts) that you cut back during the season to get a second bloom. Annuals like to be feed three to four times during the growing season with a fast-acting, high phosphorus fertilizer. Roses are heavy feeders and can be fed weekly with a weak, water-soluble fertilizer.

## Signs to look for when gardening in May

Jeannie Manis, Wisconsin Certified Master Gardener

*"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."*  
— Margaret Atwood.

I spent this past weekend cleaning out several of my large perennial beds – I'm a little behind. I don't have much in vegetable garden yet, but I was finally able to get in a first planting of peas. Although it is a lot of work to clean out my perennial beds, I greatly enjoy "discovering" what is coming up. Many of my perennials are still sleeping in. According to the Aldo Leopold 2022 Wisconsin Phenology Calendar, we should already have begun to have blooming columbine, wild geranium, jack-in-pulpits, and lilacs. Mine are all up and budding out but I won't see flowers on mine for several more weeks. We also should have been able to start looking for morel mushrooms. Wild lupine and choke cherry should also start blooming. I'm hoping the wild lupine will be grown enough for

the when Karner Blue butterfly eggs hatch as the caterpillars can only survive on lupine plants. The orioles have already or should be soon arrive so put out grape jelly and orange halves for them. My niece in the Madison area took several photos of them at her home earlier this week.

While we continue to wait for warmer weather, start hardening off your annual flowers grown inside or place them in cold frames before putting them in the garden. I'm going to move all of my dahlias, begonias, elephant ears, and geraniums out to our unheated green house. They are now taller than the highest setting on my grow lights. Inspect your iris leaves for iris borer larvae; crush the larvae if you find any. As your perennials continue to emerge, inspect your mid-summer and fall-blooming ones to see if they need dividing. If you have Shasta daisies, divide them before they are three inches tall. This is also the time to fertilize your perennials if you see the need to do so. It's too early for me but

if you already have peony buds, you can disbud some of them to encourage large blooms on the rest of the plant. Also put in place any support system now as it's hard to do it when they are two to three feet tall.

Begin hardening off your vegetable seedlings so they will be ready to transplant into the garden in a couple weeks. The easiest way is to place your seedlings outside in a shaded, protected spot on warm days and then bring them in at night. Then each day, increase the amount of sunlight your seedlings receive. Hold off on windy days or when temperatures are below 45 degrees F. Also start reducing the frequency of water to slow their growth, but don't allow the seedling to wilt. If the air temperature stays above 40 degrees, you can plant broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage. If your soil temp is above 50 degrees F, you can plant snap beans, pole beans, sweet corn, and onion sets. Sweet corn planted earlier in the season tends to have fewer pest problems.

Consider "No Mow May" if allowed

where you live. "No Mow May" help provide pollinators access to scarce, early-season pollen and nectar. I'm not a fan of mowing the lawn, so I fully embrace this. If you do find that you have to mow, don't mow it until it's at least 2 inches tall – optimal height is 2½ to 3½ inches. Watch for fire blight on apples and pears. If found, cut the brand 8 to 12 inches below the infection. Sterilize your cutting tool after each cut to prevent spreading the infection. You can still plant fruit trees and finally, fertilize your raspberries if needed. At the end of those tasks, you should smell beautiful – like dirt.

*This week's article is written by Jeannie Manis, a Wisconsin Certified Sauk County Master Gardener Volunteer. If you have any gardening questions, please contact the Extension Sauk County by emailing to [trripp@wisc.edu](mailto:trripp@wisc.edu) or calling the University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension Sauk County office at 608-355-3250.*



# Fishing Easements 101

As an angler, you might be familiar with the term “fishing easement.” However, you may not know exactly what that involves. A fishing easement is privately owned land (usually along a streambank) where members of the public are granted access to the land so they can hike, fish or just enjoy the natural scenic beauty. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchases these easements directly from landowners. In return for payment, the landowner allows public fishing and DNR management activities along the stream on their property. The easement area is generally 66 feet of land from the stream bank on either side of the stream. Once the easement is created, it remains even if the land is sold or deeded to another.

Anglers can use the easement to get to certain streams and rivers. They just need to make sure to stay within the easement itself.

Easements also allow the DNR to conduct management activities such as streambank restoration projects.

## PROPER ETIQUETTE WHEN FISHING AN EASEMENT

There are some unwritten rules to follow when fishing an easement:

- Know where the easement starts and ends.
- Make sure to stay on the easement (not on the landowner’s property).
- TIP: Stay on the shoreline or wade into the stream to fish.
- Pack in, pack out. Take home whatever you bring with you.

Now that you know a little more about easements, get out and find an adventure fishing an easement near you: [dnrmaps.wi.gov](http://dnrmaps.wi.gov)

Information provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

# Fly Fishing Lures



**Hale Bopp leech:** A grouping of feather-like material that imitates a swimming leech by moving like ribbon in the water or slow in currents. Opt for a size 10 with a brass bead head in natural, gray or black.

**Hippie stomper:** Takes the form of terrestrial insects such as a beetle or hopper in grassy banks. This is a foam body top-water “attractor” fly that also can work as the top fly with a nymph in a two-fly rig. Features materials such as clipped and spun deer hair that give the appearance of centipede legs and white wings. Select a size 12 hook.

**Ice cream cone:** Imitates a midge (an immature underwater tiny fly) and features a threaded body with ribbing and a white bead that leads trout straight to it. Select a size 16 hook

**Pink squirrel:** Acts as a nymph (underwater immature stage of a mayfly or stonefly) and features a body with a mix of brown fur, light reflective and natural or synthetic material with a tungsten bead. Select a size 16 jig hook.

**Elk Hair Caddis:** Imitates the caddis fly with a body made of tapered thread, fine natural dubbing and cow elk hair tied for a hackle-like effect to attract trout. Select a size 16 tan hook.

**Black foam beetle:** A black foam body, moose hair legs and a dash of orange foam give this fly all the trout food appeal. Select a size 16 hook.

**Klinkhammer:** Imitates young mayflies with a body that hangs just below the water’s surface. Its design features a poly wing material and light tungsten head. Select a size 16 hook.

**Scud:** Has the appearance of one of the Driftless Area trout’s main food sources – small freshwater crustaceans. Select a size 14 hook in tan or gray for productive results.

**San Juan worm:** Red chenille fastened to a hook to dance in the water like a worm. Select a size 12 hook.

**Sculpzilla:** Resembles a small sculpin fish and features a cross-eyed cone and red eyes for the head. Choose a size 8 hook in olive.

## HOW DO I FIND A FISHING EASEMENT?

Once the easements are purchased, their specific locations can be found in the DNR’s Public Access Lands Mapping Application or the Trout Viewer: [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov)

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# —IT'S BACK— IRISH FEST IN THE BARN

May 29, 2022 • Sugarland Barn • Arena



Ballyheigue is a six piece Irish band specializing in traditional instrumental and vocal Irish songs.



Irish Fest in the Barn is returning to Arena, Wisconsin! After a two-year hiatus caused by pandemic restrictions, the event returns May 29 to Sugarland Barn, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. The event again features a multitude of bands on two stages, Irish dancing, food and a full bar. This year there are important additions. There will be a ceili dance, the equivalent of an Irish square dance with a Caller, a Session, where those who bring instruments can join in and both a storyteller and a Gaelic poet coming from Ireland.

There is a lot of green space to lay a blanket or a camp chair but luckily, due to the size of the barn, according to the organizers, there is no risk of a rainout.

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There are bands coming from Wisconsin as well the East Coast and Michigan and musicians are coming from Nashville, Seattle, St Louis, Dubuque and Chicago. Some of the excitement that has been generated has come from bands who invite audience participation such 3 Pints Gone and the chance to sing Sea Shanties with Boxing the Compass.

One of the bands that has been a cause of early ticket sales is Rising Gael with Wisconsin natives originally from Oregon, Verona and Evansville, Wisconsin. The band has 5 albums with international sales, a string of awards and past performances around the US and Europe.

For those who love Irish dance, there are opportunities to see the darling young dancers of the local Trinity Academy and the older dancers from the Chicago based touring Trinity Ensemble, who will perform at Irish Fest before leaving for festivals in Belgium and North Carolina this summer.



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# An Outdoorsman's Journal

Mark Walters, *Columnist*

## A Cold Spring on the Mississippi

Hello friends,

If you are a farmer, work outside construction, or an outdoor writer, this spring has been a tough one to get the job done. Rain, snow, always a solid wind and an air temp consistently 10-25 degrees below normal has been making it very difficult if not impossible to get the job done.

This week my plan was to paddle troll with my canoe on Lake Michigan near Milwaukee for salmon and brown trout. A never-ending wind killed that plan three times. With three days left before my deadline, I had a brainstorm. How about I explore the backwaters of the Mississippi River near Trempealeau! I have duck hunted and winter camped this area but have not open water fished it, that is until this week.

**Tuesday, April 26th**  
**High 36°, Low 25°**

As I drove into Trempealeau today it was snowing. I launched my canoe and began paddling downstream in a 100% uninhabited area, at least as far as humans are concerned, then a northwest wind and current pushed my 17-foot canoe so that all I had to do was control it.

My plan was to put out a left and a right fishing pole with a planer board on each and a crankbait 5-20 feet behind each one. Due to the winter type conditions I figured the fish bite would not exist.

I had traveled maybe a mile when the

board with a blaze orange/yellow husky jerk behind it vanished and my pole started bending. Fish number one was never seen but fought well and got away. Fish number two came soon after and hit the same rig. Shortly into the fight I was flying from a hard current and tail wind and I did a soft crash in a bed of last year's wild rice, I then hand landed a 27-inch northern pike. Nothing mattered anymore, I had caught a fish!

For the next three hours I explored in an area where I have spent at least 60-nights of my life winter camping and had a nonstop show of waterfowl, hard wind, and raw natural beauty. My second and last fish of the day hit the always reliable blue/chrome HJ12 and it was a 19-inch smallmouth bass.

I built camp on a narrow island with the main channel ten feet from my bedroll and a waterfowl loaded backwaters 15 feet on the other side. I put out two poles with minnows on each and both tonight and the following morning neither was hit by a fish.

I had caught a chill so, naturally, I opened a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon, lit a fire, and watched the world around me. Towards dark I decided I needed to man up so I skipped the tent and slept in the open on the ground, that was a wise decision.

**Wednesday, April 27th**  
**High 44°, Low 24°**

Here is a reality check as to how



Photo by Mark Walters, *Columnist*

A fine smallmouth bass caught by Mark Walters on the Mississippi River near Trempealeau.



Photo by Mark Walters, *Columnist*

This was Mark Walters camp on the Mississippi River near Trempealeau.



Photo by Mark Walters, *Columnist*

Extreme damage like this is being caused by an exploding beaver population.

much worse things could be. The island I slept on was eroding; ever since beaver trapping as a sport has become less popular, the beaver populations have exploded, and in this example the beavers were eating at every tree that holds this island together. Now in part because of the loss of root base, this island is eroding away.

Another example, I am a swallow that flew up from Texas to live here for the summer, raise a family and then head back to Texas. I eat flying insects and the only thing flying in the air is snow, I am extremely hungry, it is the only time of the year I get any action from Mrs. Swallow, and I have zero energy! Today I watched a muskrat hanging out in this patch of rotting wild rice stalks, he was above water. About 5 feet above the water was a bald eagle and it was using a solid east wind to perfectly hover above Mr. Muskrat. I am totally amazed at how long the eagle could stay in one place.

With perfect precision the bird of prey flawlessly dropped onto its prey, was up in the air and flew to its nest without missing a beat.

This adventure was inexpensive, and I honestly think it was meant to be. If you can't make up your mind if your best friend is the fridge, your recliner or a screen, throw them all away and you will be better off than the island, the swallow or the muskrat!

—Sunset

Follow along each week on the adventures of Mark Walters, a syndicated outdoor adventure columnist who lives in Necedah, Wisconsin. He began writing his column, *An Outdoorsman's Journal*, in 1989. It includes hunting, fishing, lots of canoeing and backpacking. He currently writes for around 60 newspapers on a weekly basis. He hopes you enjoy reading about his adventures!

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