

Hay River

REVIEW

May 2026



HOMESTEAD HACKS

By Sam Dodge

I've been waiting to hear the Spring Peepers in the neighbor's pond. Wood frogs have been gunk-gunking passionately, but no peeper lovesong has graced my woods walks as yet. They've usually started by now.

The bloodroot, the hepatica, and the spring beauties are all bright and showy on the forest floor. The fiddleheads are doing their spring stretch, slowly uncurling up into the light. Maple buds are bigger than squirrel ears now, and the mist of small tree leaves is a pastel-spray reflection of Autumn in the distance as they reach for Summer green.

I'm a mostly self-educated putterer/maker/doer who has a hard time stopping his brain from thinking, his body from moving, and his hands from twisting and fixing bits of this and that into semi-useable gewgaws. Sometimes I get actual ideas, and sometimes I even make actual, useful things.

Hey, I think it might be Spring!

The garlic, chives, and walking onions are all vibrant in their beds. The nettles have given us several rounds of good green sustenance already. There's mint ready to give its sweet kick to summeryades and teas.

Seed trays are popping under the grow lights. The potatoes, tucked into dark boxes on the mudroom floor, are sending out tendrils and an earthy aroma... reaching for cool dirt. Very soon, I'll grant them their wish to be immersed in damp soil. The sweet potatoes are sending up red and green shoots in their trays, too.

They'll have to wait a bit longer

than the russets and Yukon golds. They like warm dirt.

It might be just a couple of short weeks until we're planting in earnest. I'm cobbling together more rain collection infrastructure, as the last several summers have taught us how sporadic the new weather patterns are becoming. Drought and drenching, not much in between... we feel like we have to be prepared for anything. We're doing more raised beds to protect the plants from torrents and erosion, but then we have to be even more vigilant with watering when it's



Wood frogs have been gunk-gunking passionately, but no peeper lovesong has graced my woods walks as yet. *Photo by Sam Dodge*

dry. The calculus of a changing biosystem is a constant study for those interested in subsistence on this tender orb.

We're thinking about what it means to be "native" anywhere anymore, in a climatological sense. We're wondering which of the "invasives" will be better

suited to the transformation. I'll tell you one thing for sure—I'm not smart enough to say what "belongs" anywhere anymore. Our zone 3 and 4 fruit trees have been seriously confused by the rollercoaster temps that have prevailed in many recent Springs.

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Fun in the park is coming back, and we are excited to enjoy evenings with the community at the Ridgeland Farmers Market. *Photo submitted by Betty Glaser*

Ridgeland Community Improvement Committee is Ready for Spring!

By Betty Glaser

The Ridgeland Community Improvement Committee is ready to welcome spring and kick off a season full of activity. After a long winter, it's time to bring energy and excitement back to the Village of Ridgeland.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the start of the Farmers Market on May 26th from 4 to 7 p.m. This weekly event promises great food, local vendors, and a chance for the community to come together.

Kristin has been busy organizing groups to serve under the pavilion, and we're pleased to share this summer's schedule:

May 26 - Prairie Farm Trap Club

June 2 - Ridgeland Community Improvement Committee, with music by Hap & Hawk (John Lynch and Mike Schlenker)

June 9 - Prairie Farm/Ridgeland Ridgerunners Snowmobile and ATV Club

June 16 - Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary Parents' Club

June 23 - Ridgeland St. Paul's Lutheran Church

June 30 - Ridgeland Area Library, Wall Dog Mural Dedication, and Barn Quilt Art Show in the Park (music to be announced)

July 7 - Riverglen Shared Ministries (formerly the Methodist Church)

July 14 - Ridgeland Lutheran Church

July 21 - Pine Creek Lutheran Church

July 28 - Ridgeland Campground

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Community Support Brings Learning to Life for Ridgeland-Dallas Students

Ridgeland Dallas Elementary

By Mackenzie Anderson

This April, Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary welcomed a special guest whose visit blended storytelling, inspiration, and hands-on learning. Valeri Scheps, a semi-retired pediatric speech-language pathologist and mother of three grown children, visited to share her debut children's book, *She Didn't Pout About It Much*. Scheps, who lives near Almena with her husband, Dan, a dairy farmer, brought both professional insight and personal warmth to her time with students. The event was organized by the Ridgeland-Dallas Parent Group.

Scheps read aloud from her book, engaging students with its message and themes while also sharing the inspiration behind the story. Her experience working with children was evident as she led thoughtful discussions, fun comprehension activities, and answered many students' questions. The interactive nature of the visit kept students engaged and excited throughout.

The experience went beyond reading. Scheps provided a snack, a coloring activity, and even brought a marble run for students to explore and enjoy. These hands-on elements added an extra layer of fun and helped students connect creatively with the day.

This opportunity was made possible in part through the generosity of Butch and Rozell Baldwin. Last year, the school received



From stories and snacks to snakes, we did it all last month! Photos submitted by Mackenzie Anderson

funds in memory of Rozell following her passing. Both she and Butch spent years volunteering to read with students, leaving a lasting impact on the school community. Their legacy continues through these funds, which have been used to support student learning in meaningful ways.

The Baldwin memorial funds helped provide book club materials, summer reading books, and contributed to the purchase of a personal copy of *She Didn't Pout About It Much* for each student. Additional support from the Ridgeland-Dallas Parent Group helped cover the remaining cost, ensuring every child could take home their own book.

Students also had the opportunity to travel to the Barron Area Montessori School for a special learning experience funded in part by the Montessori school and the Ridgeland-Dallas Parent Group. During the visit, Snake Discovery presented an engaging, hands-on program where students learned about



a variety of reptiles and even had the chance to hold some snakes. The experience sparked curiosity and excitement, making learning both memorable and fun. We are so grateful that the Barron Area Montessori School included us in this event.

Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary is grateful for the continued support of its community members, parent group, and other schools within the district. These partnerships help create meaningful opportunities that inspire learning and bring experiences to life for students.

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Village of Ridgeland

Hosts Walldogs Mural Project and Community Celebration

By Betty Glaser

The Village of Ridgeland is proud to announce an exciting public art initiative coming this summer: a large-scale mural project in collaboration with the internationally recognized Walldogs artists!

A 10-foot by 30-foot life-size mural will be created

for the wall of the former Jorstad's Grocery Store. The artist's concept has been submitted and approved, and preparations are now underway.

From June 24 through June 28, approximately 200 artists will gather in nearby Menomonie to paint 15 large historic murals, each

representing a unique story from the region's past. Ridgeland's mural will be painted in Wilson Park, where residents and visitors are invited to observe the creative process and engage with the artists.

The completed mural is scheduled to be installed on June 30, followed by a dedication ceremony during the Ridgeland Farmers Market that evening. In addition to the mural unveiling, the celebration will feature a display of more than 60 barn quilts, created by local community members between January and June. This showcase highlights the artistic spirit and collaborative efforts of the Ridgeland community.

Volunteers and donations needed- community support is essential to the success of this project.

Volunteers are currently needed to assist with:

- Donation of lumber and screws for backing of the mural.
• Construction of a large easel for mural painting in Wilson Park
• Scaffolding for the mounting of the display on the wall.
• General event support
• Servers needed to work at the food in the Pavilion at the Farmers Market on June 30th.

Food service volunteers are asked to commit to one-hour shifts between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Donations for mural supplies are also being accepted at Security Bank. Those interested in volunteering can sign up in person at Security Bank or contact Betty Glaser via email at bls5524@yahoo.com.

This project offers a unique opportunity to celebrate Ridgeland's history, foster community pride, and take part in a vibrant public art experience. Let's have an outpouring of community support!

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The Hay River Review could use readers' help to keep the paper coming to our community. Print journalism throughout the country is facing serious financial headwinds—declining advertising revenue and subscriptions because of online options for both. Many daily and weekly newspapers have reduced the size of their publications or simply gone out of business. The Review is facing the same challenges.

The board of the Hay River Publishing Cooperative created the Hay River Review Foundation, to offer our community a way to make a tax-deductible gift to support the continued publication of the Review. We are seeking corporate and foundation grants as well, but readers can also join in support of this important community resource, now in its 39th year of publication.

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August 4 - Ridgeland Civic Club - Family Fun Night/ National Night Out, with music by Hap & Hawk

August 11 - Prairie Farm Parents' Club

August 18 - Ridgeland-Wilson Fire Department

August 25 - Dallas Area Ambulance

There is no charge to be a vendor, and everyone is welcome to participate. The committee encourages community members to come out, enjoy the events, and support local vendors throughout the season. Let's make this a summer to remember in Ridgeland!

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Christopherson Family Reunion

By Lon Christopherson

Otto Christopherson was born May 31, 1863, in Elverum, Ostredal, Norway, where he attended school and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. When Otto was seventeen years old, he immigrated to America. He found work in the lumbering camps of Canada and northern Wisconsin. Hannah Hanson was born on November 26, 1869, in Gulbrandsdalen, Norway. When Hannah was eleven years old, she immigrated to America, along with her mother, half-brother, and stepfather. Here she met Otto, the man she would marry on March 12, 1888, in Duluth, Minnesota.

They resided in nearby Superior, Wisconsin, for a few months and then moved to the town of Sand Creek, Wisconsin, where they lived for two years before moving to a farm in Wilson Township of Dunn County, Wisconsin. Here they would spend the remainder of their lives. The farm, which was recognized as a Century farm in 1999, has now remained in the hands of Otto and Hannah's descendants for 127 years. A large crowd began to flow through the doors of the Ridgeland Community Center at 10 AM on the morning of Saturday, April 18, 2026, as the descendants of Otto and Hannah (Hanson) Christopherson gathered to celebrate with family and enjoy some food and fun. The morning began with a meet and greet, with many relatives coming face-to-face for the first time. A bag raffle was held to raise money for future reunion expenses, with around forty items donated! Many old family photos and documents of family history were on display for people to check out. Noon arrived, and a long line formed for the potluck dinner, and no one went away hungry! After dinner, the bag raffle winners' names were drawn, with Fay Reinikainen, Bennet, and Jake Reinikainen, and Lee and Beau Christopherson helping to draw and distribute the prizes to the winners.

A small program followed, with Al Hagen acting as emcee. Family history was shared by speakers Gail Pond, Russell Knutson, and Mike Christopherson. Randy

Skjerly followed the speakers with two original songs he had written just for the reunion! After Randy, Andrea Christopherson played a few numbers on her fiddle. The program ended with a visit from Ole and Lena (AKA Alan and Mary Peterson), who provided some laughs with some Norske humor. We are lucky to have such talented relatives. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this event happen! Well over 100 people were in attendance, from as far away as Colorado and Arizona, and as close as just a few blocks from the community center. A good time was had by all, and there are plans to do it again in two years.



(Top) Back row: Marie (Lundeen), Olga (Skjerly), Minnie (Moe), Henry, Peter, and Christ. Front row: Oscar, Helmer, Otto, Ida, Hannah (holding Clarence), and Conrad.
(Middle) The Farm of Otto and Hannah Christopherson in the early 1900s.
(Bottom) Andrea Christopherson is entertaining at the gathering.
Photos submitted by Lon Christopherson.



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A Disadvantaged Neighborhood?

By David K. Williams

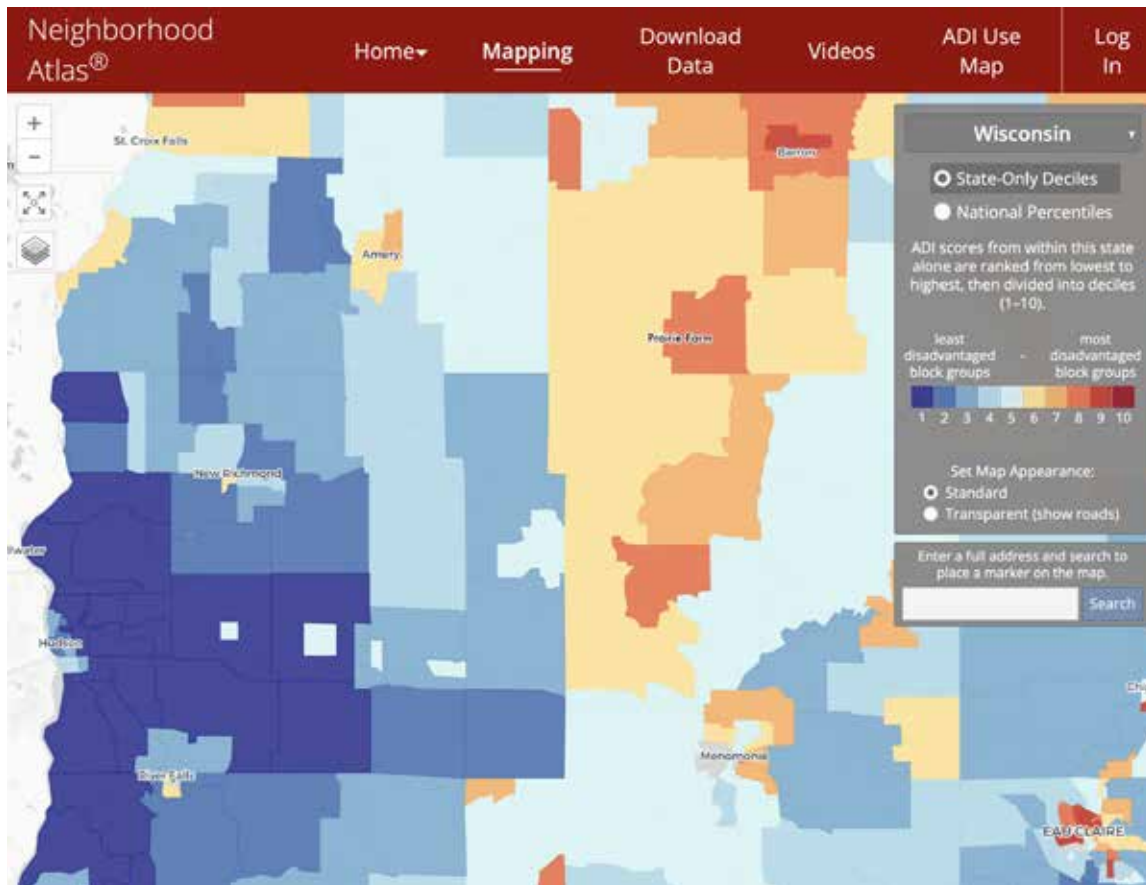
The spring 2026 issue of On Wisconsin, the magazine for University of Wisconsin-Madison alumni and friends, carried a striking article about research into the effects of the environment on health. Conducted through UW-Madison's Center for Health Disparities Research (CHDR), that research has produced a nationwide mapping of neighborhoods and whether those neighborhoods are advantaged or disadvantaged in health outcomes.

Research at CHDR begins with the belief that health is the summation of genes and environment. The website posits that environmental factors must be considered in combination with traditional biological considerations. Researchers have coined

the term "exposome", which includes the physical, chemical, and social influences that impact human biology.

The website for CHDR states, "Research links living in an adverse social exposome (i.e., disadvantaged neighborhood), as measured by high ADI, to poorer health. Living in a high Area Deprivation Index (ADI) area has been linked to a number of health disparities, including higher rates of cardiovascular disease, increased utilization of health services, premature aging, and earlier death. Living in a high ADI neighborhood has also been linked to poorer brain health, including higher rates of dementia diagnoses and Alzheimer's Disease changes within the brain."

Researchers have created a practical tool called the



Neighborhood atlas of our local area. Photo submitted by David Williams

Area Deprivation Index (ADI), which they describe as "a scientifically validated measure of the adverse social exposome (i.e., neighborhood disadvantage) that can be used to evaluate and improve factors that impact health

across populations."

With my curiosity about our Hay River Valley awakened, I went to the CHDR website and took a look at the Ridgeland and Prairie Farm areas. Neighborhoods are rated on a scale of one to

ten, with ten being the most disadvantaged neighborhood for health outcomes. With concern, I noted that Ridgeland's score is "7", and Prairie Farm's is "8", both fairly high.

The On Wisconsin article noted that scores can be affected by a number of factors, such as toxins in well water, exposure to pesticides, or more social factors like transportation access, pollution exposure, or food security. People who live in areas of high disadvantage contend with more risks and more serious risks.

To find your own neighborhood score, go to www.chdr.wisc.edu. At that site, click on "The Neighborhood Atlas". On that page, click on "Mapping", which will bring up a "Select A State" option. Choose "Wisconsin" and a map of the entire state will appear. You can enlarge the map and move to our Hay River area to see the color-coded areas of advantage/disadvantage. Or put your address in the search box for your specific neighborhood score.

So what's the value of all this as we move through our lives in the Hay River Valley, an area we all appreciate and treasure? Knowing of relative disadvantages can help us advocate with government officials, whether at the town, county, or state level, to improve safeguards for such things as pesticide application, water quality, nonpoint pollution, or greater medical care access, for example. Knowledge can be a powerful tool to improve health outcomes for our area.

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Menomonie Sunrise Rotary Club Youth of the Month

By John Wilkerson

Sara Palmer

The Menomonie Sunrise Rotary Club is pleased to recognize Sara Palmer, a distinguished member of Menomonie High School's Class of 2026, as its February Youth of the Month.

Sara Palmer has earned this recognition through her consistent kindness, inclusivity, and positive presence within the school community. Known for treating others with respect regardless of background, she stands out among her peers for her maturity and the high standard she sets in her daily interactions. Her upbeat attitude and steady leadership make her a role model to fellow students.

Palmer has demonstrated strong leadership through her roles as captain of both the cross country and track teams, as well as her involvement in Student Council. In these positions, she has helped guide her peers while contributing to a supportive and encouraging team environment.

Her commitment to school and community is further reflected in her involvement in the school musical and the National Honor Society, where she contributes time and effort to service and school initiatives.

...**"Spring"** cont'd. from front

For the moment, it looks like the weather has been courteous enough to allow the blossoms to survive. I had a fair to partly cloudy maple season (literally; the spate of 70-degree days that bopped in through the flow activated bacteria in the sap lines like never before, clouding the sap and making cheesy gunk in the lines), got about 2/3 of a historically "standard" syrup crop.

But the wood frogs are still makin' whoopie in the ponds and puddles that remain. And the trillium leaves are cresting the rusty leaves in the woods. I'm missing a few of the migrating birds, but there is still birdsong.

I have high hopes that we subsistence-minded folks will manage to eke out a place here for a while yet. But as go the frogs, I'm thinkin', so go I.

Palmer takes particular pride in her dedication to cross country, a demanding sport that requires both physical and mental endurance. She credits the experience with pushing her beyond what she once thought possible and helping her grow through perseverance. Outside of school, she enjoys running, singing, creating art, and spending time outdoors.

Academically, Palmer found inspiration in her AP U.S. History course with Mr. Davis, which sparked her passion for understanding historical events and their impact on the modern world. She plans to continue that pursuit after graduation.

Following high school, Palmer will attend Gustavus Adolphus College, where she intends to study history and compete on the cross country and track teams. She hopes to build a future centered on education, helping others connect with the past while remaining actively involved in her community.

Carson Roemhild

The Sunrise Rotary Club is pleased to recognize Carson Roemhild, a distinguished member of Boyceville High School's Class of 2026, as the April Youth of the Month.

Carson will graduate as one of the Class of 2026 valedictorians and is recognized for his strong character, leadership, and consistent commitment to others. A quiet leader, he supports peers without seeking attention and is widely respected for his humility and work ethic.

A multi-sport captain and National Honor Society member, Carson has demonstrated excellence both academically and athletically. He maintains a 4.0 GPA and ranks at the top of his class while earning multiple athletic honors in football, basketball, and baseball. His leadership style is defined by action, preparation, and reliability. He is known for setting the tone through discipline, whether in the weight room, practice sessions, or competition.

Carson is deeply involved in school and community activities. He participates in student council, quiz bowl, Captains Club, prom committee, and has been recognized as Homecoming King. He also attended the Dunn-St. Croix Sportsmanship and Leadership Summit. His volunteer efforts include Feed My Starving Children, United Way, Humane Society clean-up, community holiday displays, youth sports officiating, and local fundraising events. He is also a Dunn-St. Croix Scholar Athlete recipient.

Through the National Honor Society and other service initiatives, Carson has contributed to projects such as Wolske Bay holiday decorating, food packing efforts, and school-led events. He is consistently willing to assist teachers and classmates, reflecting a strong sense of responsibility and service.

Carson values teamwork and community connection. He takes pride in the success of his football team and the way it brought people together. Outside of school, he enjoys



Sara Palmer was named February Youth of the Month in Menomonie.



Carson Roemhild, a distinguished member of Boyceville High School's Class of 2026, is the April Youth of the Month.

Photos submitted by John Wilkerson

golfing, fishing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. A recent trip to Costa Rica provided a meaningful opportunity to experience a new culture alongside classmates.

Following graduation, Carson plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to study exercise and sport science while continuing his

football career. He aims to build a fulfilling career while remaining connected to a small community rooted in strong values and service.

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Getting Outdoors is Looking Good!

WOODS & WATER

By DMM MICK

The arrival of spring has brought a fast-paced start to the season, offering abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation across the region. As temperatures rise and daylight stretches longer into the evening, activity has picked up in both the woods and on the water. For many in the Hay River area, this time

of year marks the return of one of the most anticipated traditions: spring turkey hunting.

The season is now in full swing, and early reports suggest a strong start for hunters. Across the Hay River region, turkeys can be seen in full strut, fanning their tails and displaying in open areas as they search for hens. Despite limited foliage and less natural cover than later in the year, many hunters

have found success in the woods. The lack of greenery has made visibility easier in some cases, though it has also required hunters to be more strategic in their approach.

Conversations with local hunters this spring have revealed a common theme following a successful harvest. Many are asking the same question- What should I do with the meat? While traditional recipes remain popular, there is a growing interest in trying something new and finding different ways to prepare wild turkey.



Spring love is in the air. Photo submitted by DM MICK

For those looking to switch things up in the kitchen, a simple and reliable recipe can make all the difference. One go-to option offers a flavorful way to enjoy your harvest while keeping preparation straightforward. For anyone interested in trying it out, the full directions are provided below.

As the season continues, hunters are reminded to

stay safe, be mindful of their surroundings, and enjoy the time spent outdoors. With favorable conditions and strong early success, the spring turkey season is shaping up to be a memorable one.

BBQ Cream Cheese-Stuffed Turkey Poppers

- 1 side of a wild turkey breast, cut into 2"x2" pieces
- 1 8-ounce block of cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon Seasoning (your favorite blend, ours is Bearded Butcher Butter Blend)
- 8 ounces thin bacon, each slice halved
- Kripple Kreek Maple Rub or your favorite chicken rub
- Your favorite BBQ Sauce

Directions:

Cut breast into 2"x2" pieces, pound flat to 1/2" thick.

In a bowl, soften cream cheese with 1 tablespoon of your favorite blended seasoning.

Smear cream cheese over a piece of meat, and roll the meat over itself.

Season the turkey meat with Kripple Kreek Maple Rub, or your favorite chicken rub.

Wrap a half piece of bacon around the meat, using a toothpick to hold in place.

Season lightly again with Kripple Kreek Maple Rub.

Place poppers on the grill heated to 350 degrees, brushing them lightly with your favorite bbq sauce.

Grill for 10 minutes, flip, and repeat glazing.

Grill 10 more minutes, flip, and repeat glazing.

Grill for another 10 minutes, or roughly 30 minutes of grill time.

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The Book Report Dallas Public Library

By Barbara Petersen

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A good brain workout is the Wits Works class. This will be starting up soon in Dallas. Please watch our Facebook page for the exact dates.

The sessions are free. To sign up, call Trisha Witham at 715-537-6225 and ask to join the group at the Dallas Village Hall.

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children’s books. A husband, father, and grandfather, Close enjoys hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, and exploring local trails.

Illustrated in colorful watercolor, “Once Upon a Riverside” weaves in simple, engaging details about animals and their seasonal habits, including how they survive winter. The book is suggested for children ages 4 to 9 and is designed to be enjoyed by families, classrooms, and shared reading.

Rooted in the local landscape and connected by waterways familiar to the region, “Once Upon a Riverside” offers a cozy, educational story for young readers who love animals, nature, and stories inspired by real places close to home. The book is available in hardcover, paperback, and eBook formats on Amazon.com. More information about the author and the book can be found at jamesaclose.my.canva.site.

Plant Sale

Plans are in progress for May’s Memorial Day Plant Sale. We hold this event every other year to raise funds for library projects, books, and supplies.

We ask that, as you go through your flowerbeds and find plants you no longer want, you put them in some sort of container to deliver to the Library on Thursday, May 21.

All of the plants should be in containers and labeled with the plant’s name and color, if possible.

You may also leave seeds in envelopes with the plant’s name, color, and price on the envelope.

Garden art may also be made available for sale, but should come priced. The Board does not want to be responsible for pricing seed or garden art.

We will not price any plants, but you, the donor, should put on a suggested price. If a plant has no price, please make a generous donation for it.

The sale will run from Thursday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. until Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m.

Much of the sale is on the honor system. Money for

purchases when the library is not open may be deposited in the drop box by the south door. Envelopes for payment will be in a zip-lock bag attached to the window.

The drop box will be checked several times a day for any money.

All sales will be held on the south side of the Village Hall/Library.

We are discussing also having an area for house plants; however, since they are more delicate, they may only be available during library hours since they would need to be housed inside the building.

Children’s Activities

Craft activities now carry over for the entire month instead of only lasting for a week. We hope this will encourage attendance.

All of the month’s craft activities will be available, and visitors can choose what crafts they want to do. They may participate in any of the options. When they visit again (within that month), they may repeat the theme or pick a different one.

The activities for May will include crafts, paper puzzles, coloring pages, bookmarks,

seed art, gardening help, reading suggestions, etc.

May’s themes are: Mother’s Day; Decorating Clay Pots (please bring a pot or two); Felt Stitchery; Ready, Set, Grow!; Memorial Day.

Children can get off the bus and work on a craft before heading home. Those parents who homeschool are also welcome to bring their children.

Survey

We had a short survey available at the Spring Primary. Those who signed the form were entered into a drawing for a monetary prize. The winner was Rochelle Borgen! We thank all who helped us by filling out the survey.

New to Us

There are several items under New to Us. First, the flower beds need some clean-up work. If you like weeding, stop by and pull out some of those pesky plants. If you come to pick up your children from the bus in the afternoon, maybe you can help weed the beds while waiting.

Our copy prices are going up. We are seeing a greater demand for our printer, which does not match the cost of printer ink. We like to provide this service to our

community, but it is getting expensive. The price will go to 40 cents for colored copies and 25 cents for black and white.

We are looking forward to getting some picnic tables. One will be located near our doors. The other will be over by the playground, so parents have a place to sit while watching their children at play. We are very happy to get these nice additions to our grounds.

Closed Saturday, May 23

We will be closed on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 23, so our librarians may have time with their families.

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Barron Class of 2026

Students from Prairie Farm, Ridgeland, and Dallas

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.,
Barron High School New Gymnasium.

Congratulations Graduates!



Natelee Dahlberg



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Lillian Harmon



Brianna Kiggins



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Hailey Fick, Lillian Harmon

Class Flower

Tulip

Class Quote

“What? Like it’s hard?” –
Elle Woods
(Legally Blonde)

Class Slogan

“If it doesn’t challenge
you, it won’t change
you.” – Fred DeVito

Class Song

“Landslide”
by Fleetwood Mac

Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 13,
2026, 6 p.m., Barron
Area Community Center
Auditorium, sponsored
by the Barron Area
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This is not a school-
sponsored event, but
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Celebration. All are
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be part of this service.

Senior Awards Day

Friday, May 22, 2026,
8:30 a.m., Barron High
School New Gymnasium.

Laude Honor Students

Summa Cum Laude: Mary Anna Charron, Natelee Dahlberg, Zachary Edwards,
Lillian Harmon, Shawn Holten, Owen Johnson, Jayas Joshi, Logan Keene, Ella
Mathews, Ariella McDonald

Magna Cum Laude: Isabell Donica, Reese Duncan, Abbygale Elliott, Hailey Fick,
Emma Goin, Glendon Thompson

Cum Laude: Linsey Balts, Peter Berg, Reanna Cook, Lucas Hagen, Meah Hunt,
Brooklynn Kolm, Samantha Lien, Ana Lindner, Ruwayda Salad, Chase Whiting

National Honor Society Members

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Prairie Farm Class of 2026

Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 22, 2026
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Congratulations Graduates!



Tristan Balsler



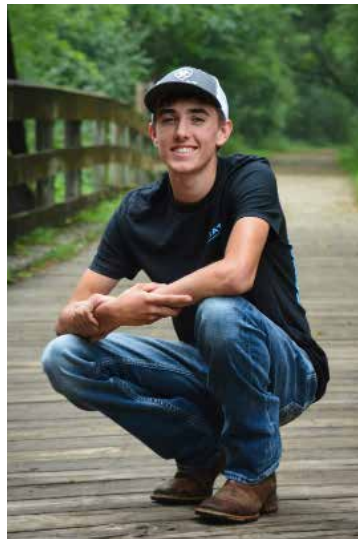
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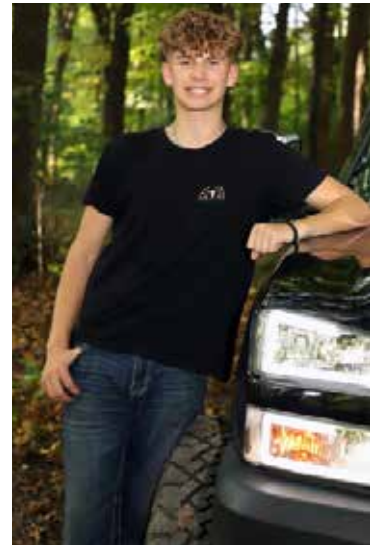
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- Spencer Roemhild

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Prairie Farm Area Veterans Memorial Day

By Ron Crosby

If you have passed through Prairie Farm recently, you may have noticed that the “colors have been raised” over our Memorial. Lights have been installed, and our flags now fly around the clock. A formal flag raising and Memorial dedication will take place at a future date. Hopefully, late summer, early fall. No date has been set.

Memorial marker, “paver,” sales have caused us to pause construction momentarily, as we have nearly outgrown the spaces originally estimated to meet our needs. Of the 168

spaces we initially planned for, 158 have been “sold” and another four are pending. Rather than try to expand later, after landscaping and additional lighting have been added, we have decided to act now, before construction is too far along. Expansion will take place over the next several months.

We continue to take orders for Memorial markers, and gladly and gratefully accept donations to our project. Donations and orders may be sent to American Legion Post 259, PO Box 151, Prairie Farm, WI 54762.

We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our community, the Prairie Farm school district, the families of veterans no longer with us, and those area businesses that have donated time, labor, and materials to our cause. They will be recognized by name during our dedication.

Memorial Day services will be held on Monday, May 25th, at 10:00 a.m., at Pioneer Park in Prairie Farm. Please join us as we honor our Nation’s many veterans. A chicken dinner fundraiser will immediately follow services. Volunteers to assist with serving dinner are gladly welcomed!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Ron at 715-296-6843 or PFAmericanLegion@gmail.com



The colors have been raised at the new memorial. *Photo submitted by Ron Crosby*

Willard L. Hinzman American Legion Auxiliary Unit 511

A Busy May Ahead

By Betty Glaser

The Willard L. Hinzman American Legion Auxiliary Unit 511 is preparing for a flurry of meaningful activities this May—efforts that have been months in the making. From honoring students to supporting veterans and active-duty service members, the unit remains deeply committed to serving both community and country.

New this year, the Auxiliary will present Honor Cords to graduating seniors from Barron High School and Prairie Farm High School who are entering the military. These cords recognize the students’ dedication and willingness to serve our nation. Recipients include: RJ Hoffman, Prairie Farm, has joined the Navy.

The unit is also proud to sponsor Elise Lovelady, a senior at Prairie Farm High School, as their representative to Badger State Girls, held June 21–26 at the University of Oshkosh. This program provides hands-on experience in government and civic engagement, promoting Americanism and good citizenship. It

is a nonpartisan initiative designed to instill in young people a love of God and country.

Members will once again create handmade cards for the We’ve Got Your Back campaign. Last year, a variety of cards were assembled and included in care packages sent overseas. This year, member Sheri Clark is designing the cards that members will soon begin crafting. The exact date of making the cards is to be determined, and members of the community are encouraged to participate in this activity. This project is sponsored by Radio Station WWIB, which coordinates the packing and shipping of care. These efforts provide comfort, boost morale, and show appreciation to service members stationed far from home. Community members who wish to contribute may drop off letters at the Ridgeland Area Library by June 23rd.

Auxiliary Vice President Diane Snyder will also be distributing more than 500 red poppies to local businesses. These

handmade poppies, crafted by veterans, serve as symbols of remembrance and hope. Donations collected will support veteran programs—20% will go to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters for Veteran Rehabilitation and Children & Youth Programs, while the remaining funds will benefit the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home and other local veteran needs.

In preparation for Memorial Day, the unit has ordered more than 250 flags to be placed at local cemeteries. President Becky Steffe and Vice President Diane Snyder will place flags at eight cemeteries, including Louisville Cemetery—Pleasant Valley and Highland Cemetery in Menomonie, Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Wheeler, Oak Grove Cemetery, Vanceburg Cemetery, St. Paul’s Cemetery, Greenwood Cemetery, and Pine Creek Cemetery. These flags will remain in place til fall and later will be presented to students at Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary School during the Veterans Program.

On Monday, May 25th, the Barron VFW/American Legion will hold a Memorial Day service at Greenwood Cemetery at approximately 12:15 p.m., marking their final stop of the day. A light lunch will be provided by Auxiliary members following the ceremony. Community members are encouraged to bring a chair and join in this time of remembrance.

As we gather this Memorial Day, we pause to honor and remember the brave men

and women who served and sacrificed—protecting the freedoms we cherish every day.

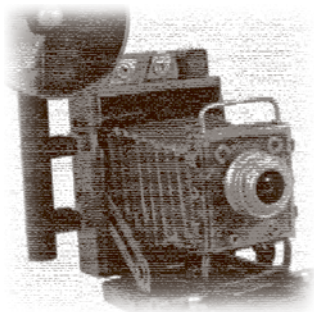
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PHOTOS FROM OUR PAST

By Lon Christopherson

The younger generation of today may find it hard to believe, but at one time, you could only buy a TV with a black-and-white picture. Not only that, but you had to get up and walk over to the set and turn a knob numbered 2-13 to change the channel. At the time, you had a choice of only three networks: NBC, CBS, and ABC. In 1946, there were only a few thousand television sets in all of the United States, but by 1955, half of all American homes had one. They were large, heavy furniture pieces (consoles) with tiny screens. Homes away from the broadcast area needed an antenna with a lead-in wire that had a clothespin-type device at the end, which you would clip onto two screws at the back of the TV to get the broadcast signal.

The TVs operated with a number of vacuum tubes, which ran hot, causing them to frequently burn out and require replacement. This was the job of the TV repairman. In the Ridgeland area, there were two: Clarence Amundson and Lane Jacobs. Amundson

started his business in 1955, running it from a shop along Center Street as well as in his home. In 1968, he bought the old Gambles Store and operated his business there until 1978. Lane Jacobs, also known as "TV Jake," came to Ridgeland in 1958 and began working for Link Electric as their radio and TV repairman. In 1968 he bought out that part of the business from Link and set up shop next to the Gambles Store. He later moved the business next to his home on Fuller Street and continued to operate until 1979.

As TVs at the time were very heavy, the "TV man" would travel to homes with a variety of tubes to replace any that had burned out. He would also install antennas and replace parts on them as repairs were needed. Of course, they also sold TVs from their shops, with popular brands being Admiral, Zenith, and Sylvania. Color televisions became common in the late 1960s and early 1970s, creating more sales for TVs. In 1970, a 21-inch console TV cost around \$500; for that price today, you could get a 75-inch LED TV at Walmart. The disappearance of the traditional TV repairman was primarily caused by the shift from expensive, repairable vacuum-tube technology to inexpensive, disposable, and highly complex transistorized electronics. This shift, combined with plummeting manufacturing costs, made it cheaper to buy a new television than to fix an old one.

If you have an interesting photo from our community's past that you'd you like to share, email it to me at lonchristopherson1@gmail.com or stop by the Ridgeland Library Thursdays, 3-5.

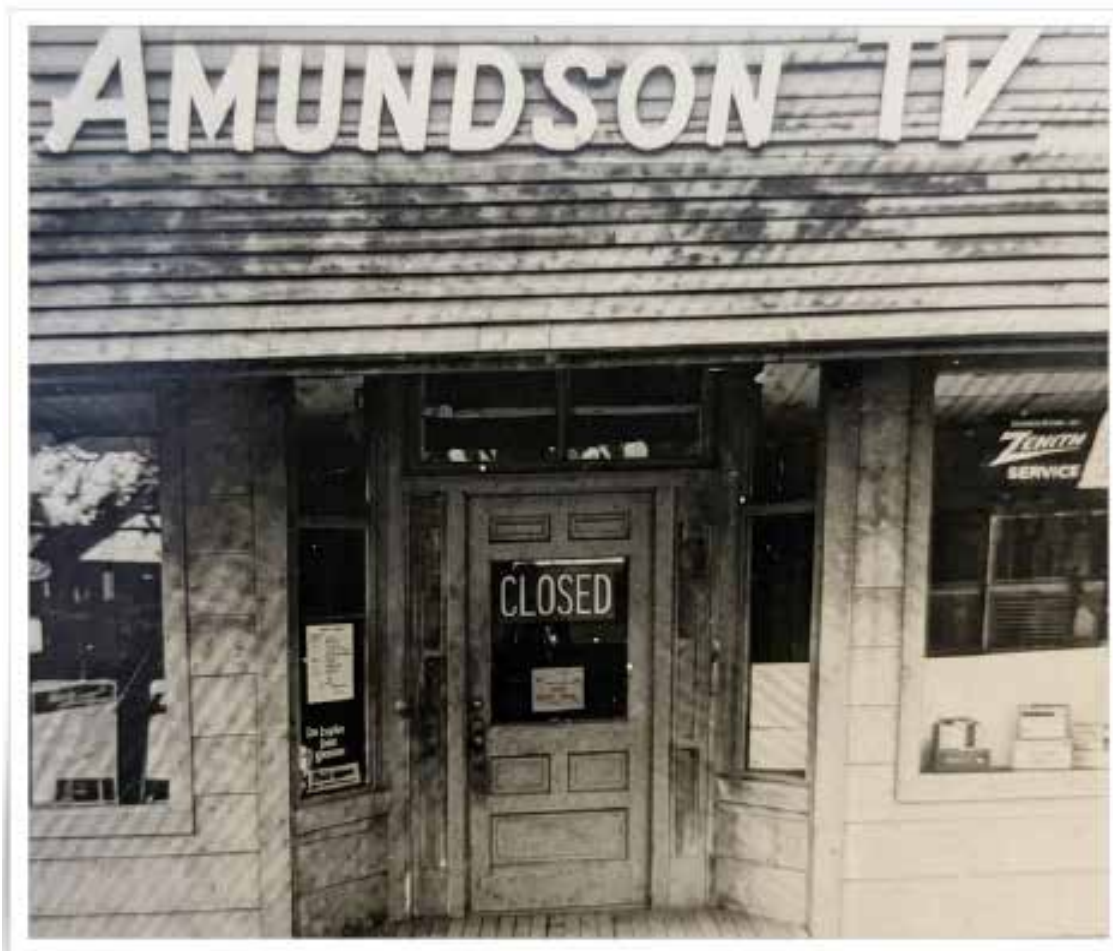
The Rise and Fall of The TV Repair Man



Link Electric's TV repair truck on the streets of Ridgeland. Photo courtesy of June Marie



Advertising item from Amundson TV. Photo submitted by Lon Christopherson



Amundson's TV shop on Center Street. Photo submitted by Lon Chirstopherson

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Principal's Report

While we continue to wait for the warmer temperatures, we are well into Spring events here in the Prairie Farm District. May is one of the most exciting times of the year as we look forward to concerts, awards, athletics, and Graduation.

Each month teachers at each level select students who have shown improvement or gone above and beyond in some area of academics or extra-curricular activity. This month the high school has selected McKenna Ellsworth and Allison Segebrecht as their Panthers of the Month. Staff recognized these two by writing, "At a point in the school year where many upperclassmen are dealing with spring fever, multiple field trips, and sporting events, McKenna Ellsworth has continued to be the same student she has been all year. She is very thorough with labs and observations in labs, continues to excel on daily work, and more importantly on assessments. She is a very good critical thinker and is finishing her junior year on a strong note." "Allison Segebrecht consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and genuine passion for her work. She goes above and beyond expectations, taking initiative and contributing in meaningful ways both in and out of the classroom. Her enthusiasm, reliability, and dedication make her a valuable part of the school community."

The middle school selected Sophia Bever and Dawson Thompson as their students of the month. Staff wrote, "Sophia Bever earned Panther of the Month not only for her academic abilities but also for her outstanding character. She's a kind and thoughtful friend to her classmates, patiently helping others after she's finished her work. She will sacrifice her own free time to make sure others get caught up and understand their work. Sophia is focused and thoughtful in her own work and during class discussions. Thanks for being an exemplary student, Sophia!" "Dawson Thompson has had an excellent start to Middle School. Sixth grade can be a difficult transition year for some, but Dawson is doing it with ease. The factors that are contributing to his success include listening intently during instruction, asking for clarification when needed, and always giving 100 percent effort. Dawson is a great example to others in class and leads with a quiet enthusiasm for learning. He always shows respect for both his teachers and his peers. Outside of school, Dawson is a member of the middle school cross country and track teams. His work ethic and great attitude make him a valuable member and excellent teammate."

The elementary school nominates one student from each class for our Elementary Panther of the Month celebration. This month the following students were recognized at our monthly Panther Paws Celebration. Congratulations to Iyla Schillinger, Tucker Wickman, Sadie Klefstad, Noah Whitman, Elliot Evitch, Jesse Gesler, Hailey Curtis, Whitney Norberg, and Averly Boutwellon being selected for this award.

This year's session of required State Spring testing has concluded. I want to thank parents for making sure that students were present and prepared for the exams. I also want to take a moment to thank staff for their diligence in reworking schedules and putting forth extra effort to assure our students are provided with the best testing atmosphere possible.

The Prairie Farm FCCLA program had an outstanding showing at the state convention in Wisconsin Dells this past month. Twenty-29 members competed in a variety of different events and had some of the best scores in the state. Sixteen students qualified for the National competition held in Washington D.C. in Early July. Congratulations to all students and advisors on this great accomplishment!

Summer School is set and ready to roll, this year's session will start on June 8th and run through June 25th. Sign-ups for summer school have been completed, if you missed the sign-up or have questions, please contact the elementary office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the district office, or contact me at fossum@prairiefarm.k12.wi.us or 715-455-1861.

Sincerely,
Casey Fossum
PreK-12 Principal
School District of Prairie Farm
715-455-1861 ext. 258

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From the Superintendent

As we approach the last few months of the 2025-26 school year, I wanted to take a minute to mention a couple of our staff members. First off, congratulations to Lori Hamernik on her retirement. Lori has been a dedicated educator for 39 years in the Prairie Farm Elementary School. She started in the fall of 1987 where she taught kindergarten her entire career. After 39 years of making positive impacts on students and families, Lori will be leaving her room for the last time at the conclusion of summer school this June. Thank you Lori!

Next, I would like to congratulate Pete DeSanctis on his retirement from his paraprofessional position here at Prairie Farm. Pete started in the fall of 2020 and has been a dedicated member of our team for the past 5 years. We are thankful for the time and efforts you have made to help inspire and grow our students. Thank you Pete!

I would also like to thank Mr. Bryce Hansen for his years of service as a member of the Prairie Farm School Board. Bryce has served as a member of the school board since 2017. We appreciate all of your time, efforts, and your commitment to the Prairie Farm School District. Thank you Bryce, your leadership will be missed. I would like to congratulate Bonnie Roemhild and Justin Nelson on being re-elected to their positions and to Cory Nedland on being elected to the Prairie Farm School Board.

Finally, I cannot believe we are already starting to plan for graduation. It has been an awesome experience to see the class of 2026 grow in all aspects of their lives. I am going to be sad to see this amazing group of students leave our building, but I am very excited to see what the future brings for each of them. Thank you to the class of 2026, for all of the great memories and for being great examples for our younger students.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Corey Berghammer
cberghammer@prairiefarm.k12.wi.us
Superintendent
715-455-4219

Summer School

June 8-25, 2026

Students entering PreK-8th grade
are welcome to attend.

Breakfast: 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Class: 8:30-12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 11:45-12:30 p.m.

Free meals will be served to anyone 18 and under in the
commons.

Questions can be directed to Michelle Buckley in the
elementary office. 715-455-1861

What's Happening

May 4	Teacher Inservice-NO SCHOOL
May 13	Academic Breakfast @ 7:15 a.m. Senior Scholarship and Awards Night @ 7:00 p.m.
May 22	Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL
June 3	Last Day of School-Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m.



We would like to congratulate Kira Dunn on signing with UW-Stevens Point for track and cross country. Kira Dunn has been a dedicated two-sport athlete all four years at Prairie Farm High school and she is going to make a great addition to the Track and Cross-Country teams at UW-Stevens Point. Congratulations Kira on this great accomplishment and we are so excited for you to start this next journey!



We would like to congratulate Madalyn Larson on signing with UW-Eau Claire for softball. Madalyn Larson has been an outstanding two-sport athlete all four years at Prairie Farm High School and she is going to be a great addition to the Bluegold's Softball Team. Congratulations to Madalyn on this amazing accomplishment and good luck as you move forward on your next journey!

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRAIRIE FARM
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2026—6:00 p.m.—IMC
MINUTES UNAPPROVED

Members present: Nelson, Hansen, Cadman, Miller, Richards, Roemhild
Members absent: Bates

A) Call to order (subject to Section 19.83 Wisconsin Statutes) by President Roemhild at 6:01 p.m.

Mission Statement: The Prairie Farm School District in partnership with family and community provides educational experiences which foster academic excellence, lifelong learning and citizenship.

B) Pledge of Allegiance

C) Adopt Agenda

Motion by Richards to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Cadman. Motion carried.

D) Minutes of March 16th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Nelson to approve the minutes of the March 16th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

E) Reports

1) FCCLA Update-Tammie Law

Ms. Law will present at a later date.

2) Principal's good news report-Mr. Fossum

3) Student board members

Spencer Roemhild and Sophie Bergmann

4) Athletic director's report-Alethea Seeger

F) Business

1) Public comment residents/parents

2) Policies-second reading

a) 2131.01-Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment

b) 8431-Preparedness for Toxic Hazards

Motion by Cadman to approve the policies of the second reading, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Policies-first reading

c) 0100-Definitions

d) 0142.7-Orientation

e) 1210-Board-District Administrator Relationship

f) 1230.01-Development of Administrative Guidelines

g) 2261.01-Parent and Family Participation in Title I Programs

h) 2431-Interscholastic Athletics

i) 5112-Entrance Age

Policies-Technical Corrections

j) 4120-Employment of Support Staff

k) 5610-Suspension and Expulsion

l) 6152-Student Fees, Fines and Charges

m) 7440.01-Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring

n) 8420-School Safety and Reporting of Crime Statistics

o) 8660-Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips

p) 9151-Use of Cameras and Other Recording Devices in Locker Rooms

q) 9800-High School Diplomas to Veterans

3) Election results from April 7, 2026 school board election

Mr. Berghammer shared the election results, welcoming Cory Nedland to the board.

4) 2025-26 (FY 2026) revised budget

Motion by Hansen to approved the 2025-26 revised budget, seconded by Richards. Motion carried.

5) Capital improvement update

Motion by Miller to approve the capital improvement update, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

6) Contract and options for door security and access system

Motion by Richards to approve the Mosaic contract, including the three options, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

7) Student Assurance Services-student and catastrophic insurance for 2026-27

Motion by Nelson to approve the Student Assurance Services insurance for 2026-27, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

8) Mira Valley Therapy Services contract for 2026-27

Motion by Cadman to approve Mira Valley Therapy Services contract for 2026-27, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

9) Curriculum for 2026-27 school year

Motion by Richards to approve the curriculum for 2026-27 school year, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

10) High school hockey co-op; girls (Hayward co-op), boys (Northwest Icemen)

Tabled for a later date.

11) Payroll check deposit in the amount of \$206,399.77

Motion by Nelson to approve the payroll check deposit as presented, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried. Roemhild abstained.

12) Financial report: AP in the amount of \$186,614.74, direct withdrawals in the amount of \$130,910.02 and PCard withdrawals in the amount of \$19,671.79

Motion by Cadman to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

13) Committee and other reports, information or comments

a) Business operations committee update from April 8, 2026

b) Technology update

c) Superintendent's report

d) CESA 11 delegate for the Annual Convention on June 1, 2026

Carla Miller will be the delegate for the Annual Convention, Bonnie Roemhild will be the alternate.

e) Other

14) Future meetings, Monday, May 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

15) Motion and roll call to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)

(c)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of support staff, supervisors and teaching staff employees under which the Board has jurisdiction.

Motion to go into closed session by Cadman at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Roll call: Nelson yes, Hansen yes, Miller yes, Richards yes, Cadman yes, Roemhild yes

16) Roll call and return to open session

Motion to return to open session at 9:13 p.m, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Roll call: Cadman yes, Richards yes, Miller yes, Hansen yes, Nelson yes, Roemhild yes

17) Resignations

a) Kevin Fall, PFC Girls Basketball Coach, effective March 16, 2026

b) Hailey Prince, HS ELA Teacher, effective June 4, 2026

c) Tim Buck, Assistant Softball Coach, effective December 29, 2025

Motion by Cadman to approve the resignations as presented, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

18) Retirements

a) Lori Hamernik, Elementary Teacher, effective June 25, 2026

b) Pete DeSanctis, Paraprofessional, effective June 3, 2026

Motion by Richards to approve the retirements as presented, seconded by Cadman. Motion carried.

19) Contracts

a) Teaching, support staff and CubCare salary schedule for 2026-2027

b) Teaching and support staff for 2026-2027 school year

c) Advisors for 2026-2027 school year

d) Fall and winter coaches for 2026-2027

e) Summer school staff for June 2026

f) Paul Jakupciak, FFA Advisor for summer 2026

g) Tammie Law, FCCLA Advisor for summer 2026

h) Brittany Rassbach-Selkow, FFA Assistant Advisor for summer 2026

i) John Gyllen, School Psychologist for 2026-2027 school year

j) Jen Stewart, School Nurse for 2026-2027 school year

k) Maynard Hoff, Head Bus Driver for 2026-2027 school year

l) Megan Rassbach, CubCare Director for 2026-2027

m) Don Larsen, Building and Grounds Supervisor for 2026-2027

n) Tanya Larsen, District Accountant for 2026-2027

o) Tyler Miller, Technology Director for 2026-2027

p) Sandy O'Brien, Food Service Director for 2026-2027

q) Linda Stehling, Executive Assistant for 2026-2027

r) Brittany Effertz, PFC Community Education Director for 2026-2027

s) Savannah Sahnnow, Media Center Supervisor for 2026-2027 school year

t) Jeni Fossum, Director of Pupil Services for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

u) Casey Fossum, PK-12 Principal for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

v) Corey Berghammer, Superintendent for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

w) Leah Miller, High School Softball Assistant Coach for 2025-2026

x) Bryan Carlson, High School Baseball Assistant Coach for 2025-2026

y) Brenda Kruger, Paraprofessional, effective March 18, 2026

z) Tom Schaffer, PFC Middle School Football Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year

aa) Wendy Dallman, PFC Head Track Coach for 2026-2027 school year

bb) Michael Mumm, PFC Head Baseball Coach for 2026-2027 school year

cc) Scott Mateski, PFC Head Softball Coach for 2026-2027 school year

dd) Kaitlyn Feather, Middle School Track Coach for 2025-2026 school year

ee) CubCare summer employees; Karen Wilber, full-time, Josie Capra, part-time and Lily Kunkel, part-time effective May 26th, 2026-August 24th, 2026 (approximate)

Motion by Nelson to approve the contracts as presented, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried. Miller abstaining from w).

20) Possible action from items in closed session

No action taken.

G) Adjournment

Motion by Richards to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Boyceville HS Science Olympiad Team Defends State Team Title, MS State Runner-Up

By Andrew Hamm

MEDFORD - The Boyceville Science Olympiad teams competed at the Wisconsin Science Olympiad state tournament at Medford Area Senior High School this past weekend, with the HS team successfully winning the state championship over The Prairie School of Racine, while the team from BMS was the runner-up in a competitive tournament to the EAGLE School of Madison.

The High School team finished as the sixth-place team overall and was the only team from Division Two to finish among the top ten overall teams. The Middle School team finished in fourth place among teams in both divisions.

Boyceville **High School** State Championship medal winners were as follows:

Gold

Senior Zoey Hellendrung and junior Devon Lee in Boomilever

Senior William Engel and Hellendrung in the Bungee Drop

Senior Karen Schaff and juniors Kade Phillips and Brady Rasmussen in Codebusters

Senior Jon Madison and Engel in Electric Vehicle

Senior Chelsi Holden, Hellendrung, and K. Schaff in Experimental Design

Engel and Madison in Helicopters

Engel and Holden in Hovercraft

Holden and Engel in Ping Pong Parachute

Freshman Sara Hafermann and K. Schaff in Protein Modeling

Rasmussen and Phillips in Robot Tour

Silver

Juniors Ava Dormanen and Emily Jackson in Forensics

E. Jackson and Dormanen in Horticulture

Junior Brooke Fenton and sophomore Isabelle Konsti in Boomilever (JV)

Sophomores Tim Jackson and Arnold Sudbrink in Hovercraft (JV)

Fenton and sophomore Walter Schaff in Ping Pong Parachute (JV)

Bronze

Junior Eleanor Farrell and Rasmussen in Astronomy

Dormanen and Farrell in Disease Detectives

Phillips and Rasmussen in Engineering CAD

Seniors Anna Hafermann and Johanna Antinuucci in Rocks & Minerals

T. Jackson and Sudbrink in Helicopters (JV)

Juniors Isabelle Konsti, Sawyer Garbe, and Fenton in Experimental Design (JV)

Fourth-place medals were earned by the following:

Rasmussen and Phillips in Circuit Lab

Phillips and Rasmussen in Code Analysis

Senior Loralie Swenby and E. Jackson in Forestry

Boyceville **Middle School** State Championship medal winners were as follows:

Gold

Ninth graders Clayton Score and Easton Lange in Boomilever

Seventh grader Clyde Score, sixth grader Davey Score, and Clayton Score in Codebusters

Clyde Score and Davey Score in Entomology

Ninth graders Aubrie Humpal and Jillian Boesl in Helicopters

Clayton Score and Clyde Score in Metric Mastery

Eighth grader Logan Monfort and Lange in Ping Pong Parachute

Seventh grader Caleb Mrdutt and L. Montfort in Robo Cross

Lange and Clayton Score in Scrambler

Ninth grader Robert Swenby and eighth grader Samantha Bauer in Hovercraft (JV)

Silver

Clayton Score and L. Montfort in Code Craze

Boesl, Lange, and Clayton Score in Experimental Design

Mrdutt and Boesl in Forestry

Lange and Boesl in Heredity

Eighth graders Owen Lunderville and Noah Monfort in Machines



The Boyceville Middle School Science Olympiad team finished as the state runner-up team in Division 2 and fourth place overall team at the state tournament at Medford on Saturday, April 18, 2026.



The Boyceville High School Science Olympiad team finished as the state champion team in Division 2 and the sixth-place overall team at the state tournament at Medford on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Boyceville was the only Division 2 team in the top 10.

Photos submitted by Andrew Hamm

Eighth graders Liam Naughton and Sawyer Wirth in Solar Systems

R. Swenby and Bauer in Boomilever (JV)

Seventh graders Brysen Krueger and Westyn Talmage in Hovercraft (JV)

Bronze

A. Humpal and Boesl in Horticulture

Ninth grader Aren Halama and Mrdutt in Meteorology

Naughton and Wirth in Remote Sensing

Mrdutt and Clyde Score in Rocks & Minerals

Mrdutt and L. Montfort in Water Quality

Sixth grader Sawyer Swenby and R. Swenby in Ping Pong Parachute (JV)

R. Swenby and S. Swenby in Scrambler (JV)

Fourth-place medals were earned by the following:

Halama and A. Humpal in Potions & Poisons

Ninth Grader Arienny Steies in Heredity (JV)

Seventh graders Harper Humpal and Stella Heifner in Horticulture (JV)

S. Swenby and R. Swenby in Helicopters (JV)

"I am so proud of all of our students as we had a great day in Medford," said head coach Andy Hamm. "Our students have worked so hard over such a long season to improve throughout the year, and to not only win the high school

state tournament (division two) but to also win by such a large margin was impressive. Our middle school students have also worked hard and had an outstanding day at state. I can't overstate how proud I am of all of our students...they really had a great season and a great day!"

Boyceville Science Olympiad is coached by Andy Hamm, Russ Riehbrandt, and Tony Pelikan.

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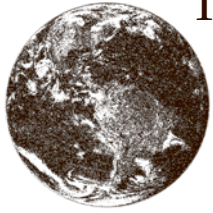
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By DKO Pike

A variety of signs of spring are exploding in front of us, grabbing for attention. Tom turkeys are strutting their radiant feather displays. Spring peepers, chorus frogs, bull frogs, and several other frog species are calling from wetlands. Buds are popping on red maple. Aspen and willow have already flowered. Forsythia appear like hot buttered popcorn. Crocus has pushed up through the forest duff. Goldfinch keep getting more golden. Weather shifts remind us summer is not far off. Some heavy humidity, thunderstorms, and tornado watches rolled through yesterday.

We had to delay our prairie burn. A few days ago, when it started raining, out popped the European cool-season grasses we had hoped to thwart. Due to our new warm air, they grew so fast that their green leaves covered the dead foliage from last fall, making it impossible to carry a fire across the meadow. Now we have to wait another year. Next spring, we will plan to be ready to burn within a couple of days of the snow cover disappearing. Hopefully, before it turns too green.

I continue clearing our doomed green ash (due to invasive Emerald Ash Borer). Making room for 200 white pine and 100 balsam fir seedlings that arrive later this week. In my mind, I can see what those surviving trees

In this time of transition, we face multiple challenges from viruses, climate crisis, and political turmoil. Douglas has decades of experience helping homeowners and land managers move toward practices that help us survive with the least impact on future generations. He is a resident of Otter Creek Township in NW Dunn County.

Spring Emerging and Traditional Event a Success

will grow into. As the decades unfurl ahead of us, imagine a few hundred years from today, we see a few of those persisting, with trunks several feet in diameter, above a deciduous canopy below.

Our neighbors, who run a Community Supported Agriculture business selling vegetables, and my partner have been busy clearing raised bed plots, sowing seed, and imagining the goodness they will harvest in a few short weeks. Spring has arrived, in this northwest corner of Wisconsin, at last.

Already a month ago, we concluded our 15th annual Traditional and Green Skills Event at Prairie Farm High School. All who attended agreed it was a bountiful success. We narrowly missed the blizzard that began in earnest later that evening. Those who feared the forecast, and were reluctant to travel reduced our attendance, but we still counted nearly 200 present.

Almost 40 attendees took the time to respond to our feedback request form. Comments ranged from: excellent, amazing, fantastic, 100%, great time (15), very well, enjoyed, very good, fun, interesting, and thanks! They went on to offer suggestions for nearly 50 topics they would like more information about next year!

Comments on individual sessions all praised the

presenters' knowledge, understanding, ease of sharing their wisdom, and the power of group discussion, learning from one another. Packed with information and enthusiasm, each class generated a willingness to go out and try new ideas that have worked for our neighbors.

We now have an opportunity to add a few new members to our planning team as others step back. This is an ideal way to meet neighbors and create lasting friendships. Imagine being a part of a new group that will formulate our 2027 scholarship program. We are not all work and no play. A direct reward is our annual post-event dinner party. If you want to join the fun, please get in touch. We will find a role that fits your skills



Les Macare and Els Dobrick led a well-attended children's workshop making willow wands during TGSE 2026.

Photo by Shelley Lee

and time available. Reach out to me, Doug, at 612-220-1911 or dowerspike@gmail.com

Here are the primary roles on our 2027 planning committee, along with who will lead each role. If the role is followed by TBD, imagine yourself taking that on!

Publicity Jess Fischer and Assistant (TBD)

Sponsors Nancy Frank

Registration Tommie Kelley

Workshops Doug Owens-Pike and Shawn Kelley

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| Vendors | Anna Vang |
| Childcare | TBD |
| Lunch | Tommie Kelley |
| Volunteers | TBD |
| Chair | Joan Feldman Plumb |
| Co-chair | Tommie Kelley |
| Secretary | TBD |
| Treasurer | Shawn Kelley |
| Scholarship | Joan Feldman Plumb and Suzanne Gerlach |

Roxanne Alice White

March 26th 1964 – March 8th, 2026

Roxanne Alice White, age 61, of rural Prairie Farm, WI, entered her eternal rest on Sunday, March 8th, 2026, at home with hospice and surrounded by her loving family. God needed another angel, and she was welcomed. She was born on March 26th, 1964, to Otto & Barbara (Kurschner) Bender at Rice Lake, WI. With Robin as her older sister, Roxanne would be the tag-along with Robin's friends. The girls had the most wonderful babysitter, Ada Wiseman, during their developmental years. Ada's brother, Roy, also did rocking & walking them one block to school. Roxanne attended Prairie Farm Schools, graduating in 1982. She was active in all sports. Grandpa Elmer bought her a black Oldsmobile. After graduation, she attended WITC, where she took computer classes. During the summer, she went to work with her dad, cropping on the eviscerating line at Jerome's Turkey Store. It was there she met Russell White as he was doing the same work. She then got a job with Impact Seven, where she worked for seven years. Then came an opening at Cardinal FG in Menomonie, where she would spend her remaining years. She wore many hats, doing many jobs. She loved her work, her Cardinal family & never minded the drive. She was a lifelong member of Faith United Methodist Church, rural Prairie Farm, serving in all areas: Lay Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, youth leader, song director, etc. Remember the "Long Black Train". On September 12th, 1987, she was united in marriage

to Russell White at United Lutheran Church in Prairie Farm. They lived in the village until building at 640 County Road P. After 12 years, she was so happy to be pregnant with Jeremy, and the two had a close bond. She and Russ shared 39½ years of love, laughter & happiness.

Roxanne was an inspirational, creative & crafty girl. She learned to knit & crochet in 4-H. One year, she earned "Grand Champion" of all exhibits at the Prairie Farm Fair with her counted cross-stitch work. Things had to be perfect! She had her "green thumb" from her great-grandma Tena. In 2014, she started a memorial garden on the Faith United Methodist Church property & continued to maintain it each year. She spent many hours working in the soil with plants & flowers. She was Minnie Pearl at our "Hee Haw Show" & performed in many skits. She was a member of the Hay River Quilters, volunteered & served on the board of Mission Restoring Hope & also volunteered at Country Playhouse Preschool. Her positive attitude & congenial personality is an example for all.

Roxanne was preceded in death by her father, Otto & her grandparents, Elmer & Alice Hartung & Harry & Edna (Marschall) Kurschner. She is survived by her husband: Russ, son: Jeremy & future daughter-in-law Jordyn, granddaughter: Paisley, step-sons: Justin (Summer) & Jacob (Haily) White, mother: Barbara Bender, sister: Robin (Chris) Burke, mother-in-law: Dorothy Varsho, sisters-in-law: Cheryl White & Cindy Lindloff, brothers-in-law: Doug (Sheila) & Tom (Rita) White, God child: Kayla Puritun, special "sister friend": Jackie Tudahl, as well as many other relatives & friends.



A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at United Lutheran Church in Prairie Farm with Pastor. Vicky Strupp officiating. Visitation was held for an hour prior to services at the church & interment will take place at a later date in the Evergreen Cemetery in Prairie Farm.

Thank you

The family of Roxanne White would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all who supported us with your love and concern through cards, phone calls, food, thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness during our "grief period." It was progressively difficult, but God knew what was best.

Special thanks to St. Croix Hospice, Neighbors, Dave and Peggy Rassbach, Keith and Tammy Rassbach, Leslie Frisle, Sister Cheryl White, Sister Robin Burke, Pastor Vicky Strupp, Rausch-Lundeen Funeral Home, and United Lutheran Church. Thank you to the church ladies for a delicious lunch, Brenda Scheil, organist, and to her Cardinal FG family over the past 30 years. It is all greatly appreciated. Russ White, Jeremy White & Jordyn, Barbara Bender, Chris, and Robin Burke.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

- April 30 - May 2 2026 Prairie Farm Thrift Sales
- May 4 Prairie Farm Civic Club Meeting at Community Center, 6 p.m.
- May 5, 7, 12, 14, 18, 21, 26, and 28 Dallas Library Crafts and Activities, 2 - 6 p.m.
- May 7 Ridgeland Area Library Board Meeting at Library, 6 p.m.
- May 9, 16, 23, and 30th Dallas Library Crafts and Activities, 9 - 12 p.m.
- May 12 Dallas Library Activity Boost Your Brain at Dallas Library, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- May 14 Dallas Library Board Meeting at Dallas Library, 6 p.m.
- May 18 Willard L. Hinzman American Legion Post 511 and Auxiliary Unit 511 Meeting Ridgeland Community Center, 6 p.m.
- May 19 Dallas Library Activity Boost Your Brain at Dallas Library, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- May 20 Sheridan - Zion Lutheran Church Cleaning Activity, 5 p.m.
- May 20 Sheridan - Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery Association Annual Meeting at Church, 6:30 p.m.
- May 21 - May 26 Dallas Library Plant Sale begins May 21 at 2 p.m. through May 26 at 6 p.m.
- May 21 Ridgeland Civic Club Meeting at Ridgeland Area Library, 6 p.m.
- May 26 Dallas Library Activity Boost Your Brain at Dallas Library, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- May 26 Ridgeland Farmers Market Kick Off Every Tuesday Night, 4 - 6 p.m.
- May 26 Ridgeland Prairie Farm Trap Club Serving Food Under the Pavilion, 4- 6 p.m.
- May 28 Ridgeland Historical Meeting at Ridgeland Area Library, 5:30 p.m.
- June 2 Ridgeland Farmers Market Ridgeland Community Improvement Committee serving food under the Pavilion, 4 - 6 p.m.
- June 2 Ridgeland Farmers Market Music by Hapy & Hawk (John Lynch and Mike Schlenker 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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Martha Wright lives in the Hay River area where she spends as much time in the woods as possible. She enjoys long nature walks, looking for new plants to identify, and foraging for wild edibles. Her favorite wild edible is red clover blossoms made into fritters.

Spring in Five Senses

FIELD & WOODLAND WANDERINGS

By Martha Wright

There is a flash of light as I pull out my phone to take a picture of the first trillium I have seen this year. I wonder whether I hit the flashlight button instead of the camera, but the low rumble and then the crash of thunder give away the real source—lightning. I am not opposed to walking in the rain, although I usually take measures to stay dry. But today I am carrying a coffee mug, not an umbrella.

Last month, I made this same trek on snowshoes. Now the snowshoes have been exchanged for mud boots, and all my senses are tuned to the freshness of spring. Even if I am caught in a deluge, it will be worth it, but so far, the rain is holding off. There were at least five seconds between the flash and the crash, so I

know the storm is still about a mile away, according to the guideline I learned years ago.

The short duration of this microseason, when the wildflowers begin to bloom, before the trees leaf out, is one of my favorite times in nature. All the days are like a treasure hunt as new flowers peek out of the ground and open their petals. Every year, I think I am going to take a day off just to wander in the woods, but trying to plan ahead for a specific day with the best weather is uncertain, and, as a responsible employee in a small department, I am unwilling to just call in on a whim.

The book *Life in Five Senses*, written by the happiness researcher, Gretchen Rubin, gives me an alternate plan. Rubin explores how paying attention to our surroundings with all five of our basic external senses increases mindfulness and sharpens our enjoyment of life. Prepared with a “5-4-3-2-1 Mindfulness Practice” I

found online, I am hoping to maximize my delight in this brief season and make it more memorable.

Five things that I see are the first step in the practice. This one is easy, or difficult to narrow down, depending on one’s perspective. I see the wildflower hepatica in white, pink, and lavender. This is my most photographed flower, because as the earliest one I find each year, it is a welcome indicator of the transition in seasons. I see bare tree branches against the gray sky, green grass on the trail, gooseberry bushes with tiny leaves, and little pink-striped spring beauty flowers.

Four things I can hear are also easy: the ground under my feet squishes audibly, the leaves still crunch a bit, although the noise is soggy as they begin to rot into the wet ground. I hear thunder, and there is a bird chirping somewhere off to my right. I put the Merlin bird app on my phone last year and was pleased to learn the names of some of the common birds I hear, but I do not need the app to tell me that this one is a robin.

Three things I feel include two that are weather-related: the warm air and the raindrops that are beginning to fall. The third is the fuzziness of the interrupted fern fiddleheads that I stop to photograph and touch lightly. All ferns emerge from the ground as fiddleheads, and you may have heard that fiddleheads are edible, but not the fuzzy



A cluster of hepatica blossoms



The fuzzy fiddleheads of the interrupted fern



A cutleaf toothwort just beginning to blossom. Photos by Martha Wright

ones. Wait a little longer to consume the smooth green fiddleheads of the ostrich fern.

Two things I smell are next on the list. This one is more difficult as I am not noticing any scents in particular. I close my eyes to concentrate on the air I am breathing, and realize I can smell the earthiness of the ground, coming from the mud under the leaves. There are also wild leeks, or ramps, growing nearby, and as I walk through a patch, crushing some of them underfoot, I cannot miss the strong onion smell.

One thing I taste is the last item in the practice. What to choose? Several of the plants around me are edible.

I have tasted the tangy flavor of spring beauties, often topping off a tossed salad with some of the little blossoms. But today, for something different, I pick a cutleaf toothwort that has just emerged from the ground, and brace myself for the peppery bite it delivers.

As I leave the woods, I observe the green of clover in the pasture. In spite of the raindrops, I pause to see if I can spot a leaf with four lobes. I do not need a four-leaf clover, though, to feel lucky that I get to experience this fresh season in nature with all five of my senses, and...I make it back to the house without getting drenched in the rain.

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4-H GROWS HERE

My name is Ann Lee, and I have served as Dunn County's 4-H Assistant for nearly two years. With a long-standing passion for supporting youth through positive learning experiences, I've worked in community programs including the Dallas Children's Community Garden, local after-school and library programs, and church education.

Project Updates

By Ann Lee

Dunn County 4-H is indeed growing. We now have over 300 members! I talked with Zachary Rozmiarek, the Dunn County 4-H Educator, and he said how great it was to see so many youths take advantage of what 4-H has to offer and that he was especially proud of our volunteers who work hard at creating a welcoming environment that gives our youth a sense of belonging.

Last month, we had the pleasure of holding two Spring Break Around the World in 80 Minutes Sessions, one in Menomonie and one in Colfax, at which

16 children and two 4-H older youth helpers were in attendance. During the sessions, the children made dragons, spin drums, maracas, digeridoos, crowns, pasta art, and more while they "visited" 7 countries from around the world. Dunn County 4-H is grateful to the Colfax Library for allowing them to use the auditorium space for the session in Colfax.

Dunn County 4-H is already gearing up for fair season. In preparation for the fair, the Small Animal Project met on April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dunn County Government Building. New this year at the Dunn County Fair will be a Rabbit Hopping Competition, which is an organized event where pet rabbits, guided by handlers, navigate obstacle courses of miniature hurdles. Practice Rabbit Hopping will be on every other Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Dunn County Fairgrounds. The next one will be on May 5th. To learn more, call Zachary Rozmiarek at 715-232-1636.

The Youth Equine Project met on Sunday, April 12, at the horse arena on the Dunn County Fairgrounds. At it, its leaders explained the requirements to show at the Dunn County Fair and set their schedule for ride nights on Sundays at 5-7 p.m. and Thursdays at 6-8 p.m. For more information, reach out to Paul Swenson at 715-556-3067.

The Dunn County Fair Shoot will be held on the Dunn County Fairgrounds, the

(Top) Group photo from the 4-H Spring Break Around the World in 80 Minutes Session at the Colfax Library on March 31. *Photo by Ann Lee*

(Bottom) Sandy Miller, the Dog Project Leader, demonstrates dog showmanship during a recent Project Day Event. Also pictured is Cora Nigon, the 4-H youth assistant. *Photo by Zachary Rozmiarek*

Sunday before the Dunn County Fair. To prepare for this, the Shooting Sports Project will meet at noon on Sundays through May 3 at the Northwest Rod and Gun Club in Boyceville. To learn more, call Tim Holmstadt at 715-556-7202.

We would like to remind all our 4-H members that if they would like to make any entries into the Dunn County Fair, they must first select their project area on 4honline by May 5th at <https://4honline.com>. This must be done prior to selecting their specific entries on FairEntry as they register their entry for the fair after the May 5th deadline at <https://faireentry.com>.

The UW-Stout Robotic Program and the Dunn County 4-H Youth Activities Council (YAC) are inviting all 4-H Youth in Dunn County who are in grades 6 and up to join them on Tuesday, April 28 in the Vocational Rehabilitation Building at UW-Stout as they learn about Robotics. The UW-Stout Robotics team will teach the 4-H'ers about their program and give them a chance to try out the robots. 4-H'ers are



invited to check out the YAC business meeting at 6:00 p.m. or come to the event at 6:30. Register to attend at <https://tinyurl.com/4j5sxck3>.

Featured Dunn County 4-H Group – The Dog Project

The Dunn County 4-H Dog Project is a group of 4-H'ers with a common interest in dog performance sports. While they teach dog training, the Dog Project leaders focus on positive reinforcement methods to make sure that it is fun for both the dog and their trainer. The Dog Project covers training in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Showmanship, Nose Work, and Tricks. The

Dog Project meets weekly on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Dunn County Recreation park until the Dunn County Fair. If you have any questions about the Dog Project, please contact Sandy Miller at 715-233-3074.

If you live in Dunn County and don't want to miss out on future 4-H activities, join Dunn County 4-H today by calling Zachary Rozmiarek at 715-232-1636. To see more of our activities, visit our Facebook page.

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