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Spring opportunities abound, alone.

Many outdoors activities involve teams, small groups and cooperation.

Not now, though. Spread out; don't crowd one another; it's no time for group sessions.

But it's okay to be near flocks and rafts (bluebirds and turkeys), herds (deer and cranes) and skeins and convocations (geese and eagles).

Without nest boxes, it's anyone's guess where bluebird populations would be because we see very few of these cavity nesters in natural cavities, trees and other wood structures.

Pasture barbed wire fences used to be held up with wood posts, many made from split oak rails five or six feet long. Bluebirds used the old posts.

The Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW) is an affiliate of a national organization, North American Bluebird Society (NABS) and continues to monitor bluebirds fledged (leaving boxes) throughout Wisconsin.

According to Gene Kroupa, one of nine elected officers of BRAW, pointed to a 25 percent drop in birds fledged in 2019 compared to 2018, due in part to cold spring weather, which delayed nesting, destroyed some eggs laid and starved some birds.

In addition, tree swallows, chickadees, and house wren fledglings also decreased and so did the number of bird boxes members monitored. In 2018 BRAW's 3,899 boxes were monitored statewide, while 3,210 were watched in 2019, an 18 percent drop.

"Our trail people (birders who monitor a series of boxes) are aging out," Director Kroupa said. "About 50 percent of the boxes are occupied by bluebirds, but some were taken by sparrows, swallows, chickadees and

wrens."

Of those boxes monitored, an average of 2.4 birds fledged per box, according to Kroupa.

BRAW continues to recruit new members, board members, and trail people. Sometimes those are all the same people.

"Some have as few as one or two boxes, others have hundreds," he said. "Sometimes there are existing trails with boxes that need a new monitor, too."

BRAW had five monitors in Columbia County, 36 in Dane, 11 in La Crosse, four in Lafayette, two in Green, 18 in Portage, and six in Sauk. Fifty-three of Wisconsin's 72 counties have monitored nest box trails.

Individuals interested in bluebirds, boxes, trails, monitoring, and box maintenance can contact BRAW at webmaster@braw.org.

Wisconsin's youth turkey hunt is April 11-12, followed by Period A of the regular season beginning April 15. Period F closes May 26. Each period runs Wednesday through Tuesday.

Sale of spring turkey bonus authorizations continues until the season closes, cost is \$10 and \$15 for residents and nonresidents.

Applications (residents only) for the 2020 Wisconsin elk hunting season closes May 31; the fee is \$10.

Most public lands, parks and forests continue to be open to users during the COVID-19 drawdown. DNR Secretary Preston Cole emphasized that, "The DNR is committed to providing a safe environment for our visitors (public lands) to enjoy, while protecting the health of our staff."

Expectations are high that many residents will take advantage of gathering from

Wisconsin's long list of opportunities, be it a hike on a trail, photo session, eagle nest observation, trout breakfast, morels for a Mother's Day gift, or bike ride on a wilderness route.

The pandemic is bringing folks outdoors for safe recreation.

Now is the deadline to crack and pick last fall's shagbark hickory nuts, or locate trees for gathering this October. Did you know syrup can be made from shagbark hickory bark flavoring?

All recreational licenses expire March 31. Renewals are now on sale.

Spring is showing with the return of many bird species and easy observations in deciduous forests of those who remained during winter.

Deer and turkeys, squirrels, too, continue to visit harvested crop fields and those that were left standing during. Most wildlife made it through the winter season in good condition, but a few diseased and weathered animals didn't.

A few green sprouts are showing, including skunk cabbage, holdover garlic mustard, yard grasses, leafing out watercress, and evergreen mosses and ferns. Pussy willow catkins, some shrubs showing only pollen flowers, others seed-producing structures, are now blooming. No water needed to keep them fresh-looking indoors.

The influx of outdoors users has started with double the usual number of fly-fishers on streams during the continuing catch and release season, ending May 1. The regular season opens the next day.

Contact Jerry Davis, a freelance writer, at sivadjam@mhtc.net or 608.924.1112

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NATURALLY SPEAKING

By Jerry Davis

There is an early bloomer in the marsh, which was formerly used as a pot vegetable and said to be superior to spinach. For that purpose, pick marsh marigold before the yellow flowers open.

Generally petals give flowers their color, but not here. The sepals are yellow, petals lacking, and the stamens and pistils help to make up for missing petals.

That's about all one might expect of a flower, enhancing and edible, and an early bloomer to decorate an otherwise drab marsh.

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THE RECIPE BOX

Low-Carb Salisbury Steak

Prep 10 m mCook 39 m Ready In 49 m

Ingredients
Salisbury Steaks:
2 pounds ground beef
1 onion, diced
2 eggs
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder (optional)
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Gravy:
7 tablespoons butter
2 cups sliced button mushrooms, or more to taste
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 cup beef broth
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup sour cream
salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions
Mix ground beef, onion, eggs, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, parsley, 2 teaspoons salt, garlic powder, onion powder, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper together in a bowl. Split steak mixture into 6 portions and form into patties.
Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook patties, 3 at a time, until slightly browned on one side, about 5 minutes. Flip and cook until other side is browned, about 5 minutes more. Repeat with remaining patties, pouring off any excess liquid. Place Salisbury steaks on a plate and cover with aluminum foil to maintain heat.
Melt butter in the same skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms and cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer mushrooms to a bowl, reserving butter in the skillet.
Stir flour into the butter until dissolved. Pour in beef broth slowly, stirring until thickened, about 7 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; cook, stirring frequently, until gravy starts to thicken slightly, about 5 minutes. Add sour cream and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring until all sour cream is melted and gravy is light brown, about 2 minutes. Stir mushrooms back into the gravy. Remove from heat and let cool until thickened, about 2 minutes. Ladle gravy and mushrooms over steak patties.

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March 19th, 2020



Editor: Grace Gordon

Ms. McGowan
By Skye Murphy

Ms. McGowan is one of the 1st grade teachers at Barneveld. Before starting her teaching career here in 2003, she got her education at UW Platteville. In her 17 years of teaching here, she has seen that there is always something new and exciting to learn and teach. She works hard to make her classroom feel like a community; therefore, every student is included and feels like they belong. Ms. McGowan enjoys getting to know the kids and letting them get to know her. As the school updates, she has noticed the challenges of new technology, though she is grateful for it. One way technology has improved her class is how she now communicates with parents through Seesaw, an app that is a good way for teachers to engage their class and communicate with parents. Her favorite memory from this year was when she first walked into the new building. She is excited to continue her teaching for many years.



Ms. Fingerson
By: Lizzy Beicher

Ms. Fingerson taught Kindergarten in Beloit before coming to Barneveld for two years. Ms. Fingerson has been teaching with the Barneveld School District for 31 years. She said this year was even more special in her career with moving into our beautiful new school! She loves being able to continue learning something new in education. Ms. Fingerson believes teaching is more exciting when she sees the kids willing and eager to learn. She found it was rewarding when she was able to attend the Teacher College in New York City for a week to enhance her literacy foundation. Meeting and working with other first grade teachers from all over the United States was so beneficial to her. She also likes the challenges that each new group of kids offer each school year. Working with the many wonderful students and families has been rewarding for her throughout the years for her. She continues to look forward to teaching at Barneveld each year.



Barneveld Athletics

Results

Gymnastics

3/7/2020 State

Lorisa Shatrawka

Vault: 9.300

Floor: 9.467

Uneven Bars: 8.733

Balance Beams: 8.433

3/3/2020 Sectionals

Lorisa Shatrawka

Vault: 9.400

Floor: 9.500

Uneven Bars: 9.325

Balance Beam: 9.525

3/2/2020

Lorisa Shatrawka

4th Place Vault: 9.550

2nd Place Floor: 9.625

4th Place Uneven Bars: 8.800

Balance Beam: 9.400

Overall: 5th Place

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is one of the many scholarship programs the American Legion offers. The contest was developed primarily to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the United States in High Schools.

Our local American Legion Post hopes that parents and students will read this and be interested enough to contact us and follow up with more details with this program.

It's a lot like being in forensics; only here you will be preparing a speech that will be on the Constitution of the United States. The prepared oration must be of original effort of each contestant, and must be at least 8 minutes long and take up no more than 10 minutes.

Competitors must be in grades 9 through 12 and the first level would be at Barneveld with only the winner moving on to the County Level. The winner at the County level moves up to the District competition which involves seven Counties. The winner at District moves up to the State competition at Ripon College competing against the twelve Districts in the State. The winner at State would move on to the National Competition at Indianapolis, Indiana. At every level all who compete will be issued scholarship funds determined at each level. At Nationals, 1st place will receive \$ 18,000, 2nd place \$ 16,000 and 3rd place will go home with \$14,000.

There is a lot more information we would love to share with anyone that is interested, plus we have videos of past National contestants that are extremely helpful.

High school competition starts in early December and ends at Nationals in late February.

One of the main reasons students hesitate to participate in this great program besides never being informed about it, is the lack of time with which they can spare to work preparing a speech. One of the best ways to prepare and practice is to start during your summer vacation and taking it into the school year. Middle School students that think that this could be of interest for them once they are in High School could start preparing. For beginning, is never too early. Please consider this as a great opportunity to broaden your education and confidence in preparing for your future.

For more information you can contact Mrs. Schulting at school or Lee Pollock at 608.576.4022.

Badger Girls and Boys State Representatives 2020



Girls: Morgan Larson, Brooklyn Summers, and Tamara Ihm



Boys: Chase Neumeier, and Dylan Oimoen

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VOTE

Town of Brigham School Board Positions

Spring Election: April 7th



The following questions were posed to the following board candidates:

1. Why do you want to be a school board member?
2. To date, how have you been involved with the school district?
3. In what ways (church, clubs, service organizations) have you been involved in service to the community?
4. Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve as a board member?
5. Aside from the one monthly meeting, how will you be able to balance your work life and day to day responsibilities with additional Special Meetings, Board Committee Meetings, and School Events?
6. Why are you the best person to be elected to the board?

Tami Bowser (incumbent)

1. The school is the heart of our community in Barneveld, and as such, has an enormous impact on the students and our entire community. I am proud to have had three children who benefitted greatly from their experiences and education at Barneveld. I want to continue the work done by previous boards to and ensure our school continues to hold that provide that experience, and better, for future students.
2. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Barneveld School Board for 18 years. During this time, I have held the position of Clerk, Vice President, and now President. I have also served as a member of the Barneveld Education Foundation during that time as the board representative. In addition to those roles I have been involved in various activities including volunteering in the classrooms, Parent Teacher Organization, transporting drama props and coordinating practice meals, and scholarship committee to name a few.
3. In addition to the involvement in the school, I have also been a 4-H project leader, a 4-H superintendent at the Iowa County Fair, and Town of Brigham Planning Commission member.
4. There is not one particular issue that motivates me to serve; as a school board member, I've learned having an agenda does not further the interests of the students or the community. The motivation comes from the passion for learning and the desire to help our students learn and become lifelong learners. As a school, we need to do what we can to help all students succeed. There is always room for improvement and the motivation is to continue to find ways to do so.
5. As a board president, I attend the regular monthly board meetings, all of the committee meetings, special meetings, and SW Tech District Board appointment committee meetings. During the school's building process, I was also on the Building Committee and attended the Community Facility Focus meetings before the referendum. When you make the commitment to serve on the board, it is true that it is much more than once a month. When you are doing something that you are passionate about and enjoy, it makes it easy to spend the time doing it.
6. I feel that I bring experience to the board that a new member could not. The current board members are a beneficial mix of experience and perspectives. It is important to have not only members with children that attend the school, but also representation for others in our community as well. Not currently having students in the school, but having had that experience in the past, affords me the opportunity to view decisions through a different lens. One important task the school board will soon face is hiring a new District Administrator. With a big change like this, it is beneficial to have consistency on the board through the transition. Having been through administrative change in the past, I understand how to maneuver through the hiring process and transition. I am proud to be a part of the Barneveld School District and all we have accomplished, and I am excited to take on the challenges and growth in our future.

Mitch Danz

1. I want to be a school board member because I have young childing within the district and thought this would be a way I could become more involved.
2. I attended Barneveld School from 1981 to 1993 when I graduated. After that I have been willing to help as needed. Brian Walker and I installed the speaker system in the old gym. I helped with the electricity in the softball field concession stand. This is to name a few but I do what I can from working concession stands, preparing ball fields for games, and volunteering when I can as it can be challenging to get enough help.
3. I am a member of Barneveld Lutheran Church. I have attended several Advancement Association Meetings. I have also coached youth softball. Beyond that, I support my children and my wife in their community service including Barneveld Fair Day and 4-H.
4. School districts have trouble keeping teachers with resignations on the rise. I believe if you have great staff they should be rewarded.
5. My employers are very understanding people, if there is a pressing issue during my regular work hours, they will not mind. As far as school events my children are involved so I would be at those for them.

Nicklaus Meyer

1. I have felt the need to serve my community for a few years now. I feel that everyone should donate their time to the community in some aspect, and for me I felt like the school board would be the best fit. I am very proud to be from Barneveld and want this to be a great place to live and for children attend school for generations to come. I have kids in the elementary and middle school, and want the for them and their peers for years to come.
2. Thus far my only significant involvement with the school district has been coaching youth football for 4 years and high school football for 3 years. I really enjoyed coaching, especially for the same school/team that I played for. Unfortunately, time commitments due to work forced me to stop coaching in 2010, but was still able to help out in a limited role for a couple years after that.
3. Over the last 5 years my kids have really become involved with 4-H and the Iowa County Fair. I was also a member of Mounds View 4-H and loved taking projects to the county fair. Since my children have been involved I have also given my time as a project leader to help in any way I can. It's important to me to keep kids involved, informed, and engaged in agriculture. We lose more and more farms every day and many in our very community. I want my children and their peers to be the ambassadors for the next generation to help educate and inform the public about where their food comes from and much about the people who raise it.
4. The most important issue to me is fairly compensating our teaches, who have been on a pay freeze since Act 10 in 2011. The most important part of any child's education are the teachers that inspire them to learn and be their absolute best. New facilities are nice, but children do not learn more because they have a new classroom. I am a small business owner and know full well that any business is only as good as it's employees, and when you have great employees you need to make sure they stay. I want to retain the great educators that Barneveld is known for having and attract the best applicants as new openings come up. No one should have to leave to get a pay raise.
5. As I mentioned before I am a small business owner and that comes with its own set of challengers. The one thing a business will teach you though is how to properly manage time and maintain schedules. Fortunately for me I also have very active children who are involved in many sports and extracurricular activities, which may pose scheduling conflicts at times. Good thing my family fully supports me in my bid for school board and know that at times sacrifices will have to be made. I will always hold this position with the utmost respect and highest regard. This district can trust that I will work tirelessly to ensure that the best interests of this community will always be represented by my seat on the school board. If a person really cares about something then they will find the time for it. I am excited to serve on this school board and look forward to the challenges of guiding this district into the future.
6. I believe I am the best candidate because I bring 10 years of small business ownership in this community. I know how to be a leader, manage time and budgets, and ask questions to ensure the money and interests of this community are being managed wisely. I grew up in Barneveld, and so did my parents. This is my home and always will be. And as a school board member I will ensure that Barneveld school is a great place to grow and learn for decades to come.

Rhonda Mullin (incumbent)

1. I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin; I moved to Barneveld in 2007, after attending college and working in Madison for ten years. Being on the board has enabled me to get to know people, and give back to the community in a way that is different than my career in health care. Each month I look forward to working with the members of our board, who all have very different life and professional experiences.
2. I am serving my first term as a board member, and currently the Treasurer. During this term, I was on the OAC (Owner-Architect-Contractor) Committee during the recent construction project. On average, we met for a couple hours every other week, for a period of about 21 months (with additional upcoming meetings scheduled for one and two-year warranty "walks"). Other than the school board, I have intermittently been involved with small volunteering projects as my two daughters have progressed through elementary school.
3. I currently have no formal obligations to any organizations or clubs. In the distant past, I volunteered with the Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville, and more recently served on the board at the Children's Community School in Mount Horeb.
4. There isn't one issue that I'm particularly concerned about or motivated by. When I think about it, we do deal with a variety of issues, from the very mundane to extremely challenging and/or exciting - that keeps me motivated to "stay on my toes."
5. As a working parent, I've learned over the years how to be intentional and strategic about my use of time. I'm definitely a planner, which usually helps me decide whether I can or cannot fulfill an obligation.
6. I think a good school board candidate is someone with an open mind, readiness to learn, and ability to act with other school board members to advance the best interests of the school district. I believe that I can offer those qualities to the board.

BARNEVELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 12, 2020
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board members present: Tami Bowser, Brad Zander, Tadd Owens, Peter Shatrawka, Rhonda Mullin, Amy Hugill, and Jeremy Oyen.

Administrator present: Brett Stousland and Erin Eslinger.

Motion by Jeremy Oyen, second by Peter Shatrawka to approve the January 8, 2020 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes; Receipts & Expenditures dated January 2 – February 7, 2020; and Motion Carried 7-0.

Natalie Owen, District Interventionist/Instructional Coach, gave information on her role in the District.

Erin Eslinger, 4K-12 Principal, reported on Progress being made in creating a reading culture. Heidi Bosch, High School English Teacher has been working to promote reading good habits with programs like: Volunteer Readers; World Read Aloud Day; Book (March) Madness; and plans for a Family Literacy Night.

Brett Stousland, District Administrator, reported on A Cesa/Demco Event held in our library; the Tech Buy Back and completion of Device Deployment, and the operation of the fans in the shop.

Mr. Stousland gave a Budget Update/Comparison.

Motion by Peter Shatrawka, second by Jeremy Oyen to approve the 2020-2021 District Calendar. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Tadd Owens, second by Peter Shatrawka to continue with the exploration of specifications of the Soft Ball Fields and Future Performance Center. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Peter Shatrawka, second by Amy Hugill to change the dates of the March and June Board Meetings to March 18, 2020 and June 3, 2020. Meetings are normally the 2nd Wednesday of the Month.

The Board reviewed Policies: 420.1, 423, and 861.

After a discussion, the Baseball and Softball Coaches were directed to submit a proposal

for an indoor Batting Net as soon as possible.

Motion by Brad Zander, second by Rhonda Mullin to accept the Resignation of Brett Stousland, District Administrator effect June 30, 2020. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Rhonda Mullin, second by Amy Hugill to employ Martina Reuter, as the Head Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 Season. Motion Passed 7 -0.

Public Participation: Scott Leahy shared information from the Village Board Meeting.

Motion by Tadd Owens, second by Brad Zander to convene into closed session at 8:29 p.m. regarding compensation and consider specified public business matters, which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as noted on the Agenda posted and dated January 8, 2020. Roll Call Vote: All Yes.

The board did not return to Open Session and Adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Amy Hugill
Board Clerk

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UHH Ramps Up COVID-19 Preparation

[Dodgeville] Local healthcare experts and hospital officials are responding rapidly to provide protections for the community as COVID-19 outbreaks continue in Wisconsin. Upland Hills Health (UHH) is consulting with state and federal health officials, the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, UW-Health, SSM Health and partnering with the Iowa County public health, emergency management and public safety agencies to provide important public information and to prepare for a potential surge in the need for hospital and emergent care.

Officials at UHH are making significant changes in services provided in order to conserve supplies and reduce the potential for exposing patients, visitors and staff to the COVID-19 virus. Individuals who have appointments or use services at UHH are encouraged to call their provider to see if the time or location for their appointment has changed.

To reduce community exposure to COVID-19, UHH is taking steps to significantly reduce foot traffic at the hospital campus. The following changes are currently in effect.

- To protect residents in the Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (NRC), a no visitor policy has been implemented.
- Patients in the hospital are limited to one visitor per day. Visitors must be 16 years of age or older.
- Entrance doors on UHH Campus are limited. The public must enter through the Emergency entrance, Main entrance or the East-SSM Health Dean Clinic entrance.
- If a person is ill or in need of urgent care they must call in advance to let medical staff know they are coming in.
- High risk patients are encouraged to postpone non-essential appointments for their own safety.
- Elective surgeries and some elective imaging services have been suspended and will be rescheduled.
- Physical therapy appointments for persons over 65 years old may be moved to an outlying clinic (to be determined) for their safety.
- Consultations will be conducted by phone whenever possible.
- Cardiac Rehabilitation (all phases) has been suspended for their safety.
- Well visits and physicals will be cancelled. The date for rescheduling is unknown at this time.
- Volunteer programs have been suspended.
- The Wellness Center in Dodgeville is closed to non-therapy patients.
- Fitness Walkers are no longer allowed to walk the corridor for exercise.
- Community meetings scheduled to be held at UHH are cancelled.
- Questionnaire screenings are taking place within all UHH facilities and with patients receiving in-home services to identify and protect both patients and staff.

Healthcare service updates, recommendations for protecting yourself from getting sick and protecting others if you are sick are posted on the Upland Hills Health website. Updates are made frequently. The public is encouraged to check the site often. www.uplandhillshealth.org

Upland Hills Health President and CEO, Lisa Schnedler encourages everyone to “be mindful and protect yourself and others. Avoid close contact with people (stay about 6 feet away). Avoid large crowds. Don’t travel to areas with reported cases. Don’t use public transportation. Practice good hand hygiene. Don’t itch or touch your face and be sure to cover your cough or sneeze to keep others safe. If we all work together we can reduce the impact of this virus on our community. As always, stay calm, stay informed and stay positive. Together we will work through this.

The bottom line today is, stay home and isolated as much as you possibly can.”

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Getting outdoors

A non-living particle, by biological characteristics, is doing what conservation organizations, birding groups, learn-to-hunt sessions, and fly-tying sit downs have struggled to do.

Try hiking, biking, birding, hooking fish, caging furbearers, processing venison, training bird dogs, gathering greens and mushrooms, picking nuts and berries, and just taking advantage of daylight saving time to shine a light on late-feeding deer, we’re suggesting.

With no professionals to watch, races (Boston Marathon) to run, markets to shop, deer expos to attend (Madison), or schools to teach, welcome to gathering Wisconsin—in the broadest of possible ways. Consumptive or passive; licensed or unnecessary; far or near; these all are ways to follow suggestions to put distance between us and others.

Choose among looking via hiking, photographing at dawn, sketching over lunchtime, observing through a vehicle window, hooking via lures, clipping with a vegetable scissors, hunting with a turkey gun, pruning with a clippers, and blocking firewood with a chainsaw.

Humans are advised to stay six

feet away, sneeze into the inner side of our elbow, wash our thumbs, too, and conserve toilet paper. Some are already watching anxiously for mullein, nature’s toilet paper, with its soft velvety leaves, to branch out and be available.

Even before COVID-19 got a good lead in this game, a neighbor returned from Christmas in Europe and wondered silently how long he could go without a trip to a market. He checked his freezer, basement shelves, and covered garden carrots and was excited to take the test.

Another neighbor was happy to read about, albeit a month late, just having fun with making maple syrup for Sunday pancakes, friends, and family in her kitchen. She placed five taps and began eating breakfast.

Instead of going inside early for a meeting and kibitzing with Wisconsin Towns Association officials about how to play with local tax levies, I sat outside instead, stayed germ-free, and watched a dozen robins gorge on last summer’s crabapple fruits. I thereby passed on the free donuts, coffee and other virus-laden goodies.

True, there may not be much, if any, savings in gathering Wisconsin by being as simple as watching a robin, uncovering a garden carrot or drilling a 5/8-inch hole into a boxelder’s secondary xylem, but these are all things to do to avoid picking up a hitchhiker.

By the way, just thinking and learning about this disease-laden, free-loading particle is onto itself a way to spend some time.

It’s not easy to talk about a disease causing thing that doesn’t have a formal, scientific name like Escherichia coli, E. coli and now Ecoli for short.

But here’s a try. This coronavirus is in a family with many others, but they have been given names so scientists around the world are all talking the same language.

This particular coronavirus causes a highly infectious respiratory disease, now called covid-19, or COVID-19. The co for corona, vi for virus, d for disease, and 19 for December 2019, when it was noticed to be problematic.

Like all viruses, we need an electron microscope to see them. We have seen it colored and enhanced newspaper

sketches.

A facsimile of this virus particle’s shape can be seen by peering into an early spring flowering skunk cabbage spathe (hood). Inside is a globose grouping called a spadix, which resembles, but only in shape, a coronavirus.

Wild turkeys seek and eat skunk cabbage, probably because it is one of the first greens to emerge. Turkeys return in autumn to feast on the fruits, too, which to us would be no more appealing than a spray in the face.

There, without raising a finger, individuals, groups, clubs, and state organizations can almost sit back and watch society move outdoors during this pandemic, enjoy what they may have avoided, or been unwilling to try.

In the process, this move may save a life or two and give us something to do to help make Wisconsin Wisconsin again.

Contact Jerry Davis, a freelance writer, at sivadjam@mhtc.net or 608.924.1112