

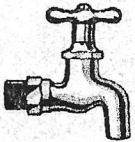
HOY NATURE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1999

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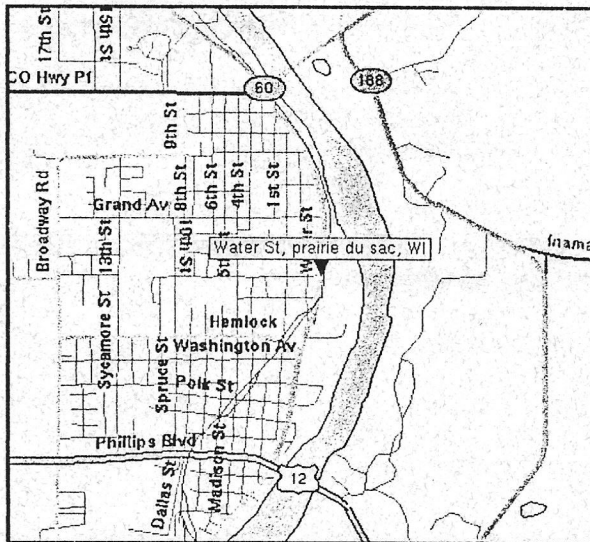


HOY COMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



JANUARY 7, THURSDAY. 7 P.M. : RACINE WATER DEPT., 100 HUBBARD ST.
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?

NO, it's not a question about your New Years Eve beverages. It's a tour of our drinking water facility, including the beautiful historic architecture, the intake and filtration areas, testing labs and the water department's new state-of-the-art computerized operations. Two retired employees will lead the tour and answer questions. There is a moderate amount of walking, but elevators are available. At 8:15, after the tour, we'll have a short business meeting and refreshments (provided by Barbara Tigges and Lillian Newman) in the Conference Room. Please carpool, as parking is only available along Hubbard St.

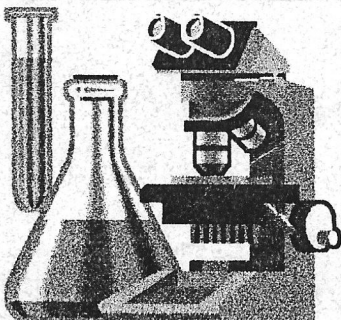


SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, EAGLE WATCHING DAYS group field trip. All interested members should plan to meet at 8 AM at Hardee's at Hwy's 20 & 31. The drive to Sauk City-Prairie du Sac is approximately 2.5-3 hours. We will meet at the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council overlook in Prairie du Sac at the information kiosk on Water St. Hopefully, we will all be there by 11-11:30. Spotting scopes are available for use here. It's recommended to bring binoculars and dress warmly for the best viewing experience. Check out the internet (www.saukprairie.com).

FEBRUARY 4, THURSDAY, 7 P.M. PROGRAM AT RACINE'S Gateway Technical College, in the Superior Room.

ROOT RIVER 2000 RESEARCH PROJECT

Water quality testing of the Root River and North Beach will be demonstrated by Joan Bennett and her industrious Park High School students. Hoy Club donated start-up funds in 1997 for this project. Now let's see what data the students have collected while learning scientific principles. Later, we will view slides to improve our winter bird identification. Refreshments will be provided by Eric and Arlene Howe.



DUES NOTICE: I KNOW YOU'RE ANXIOUS TO PART WITH YOUR CASH, BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO WAIT PATIENTLY. WE ARE SQUARING AWAY SOME FINANCIAL AND PROCEDURAL DETAILS WITH AUDUBON. WE WILL SENT A SPECIAL MAILING WHEN WE ARE READY TO COLLECT DUES. THANKS.

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED--
THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THE PEREGRINE FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST HAS BEEN EXTENDED. THE NEW DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS IS JAN 23, 99. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN MADISON, WI. SEND COMMENTS TO: DIANE NODA, FIELD SUPERVISOR, US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, VENTURA FISH & WILDLIFE OFFICE, 2493 PORTOLA RD, SUITE B, VENTURA, CA. 93003.

WISCONSIN BLUEBIRDS

WISCONSIN HAS A STATE BLUEBIRD ASSOCIATION (BLUEBIRD RESTORATION ASSOCIATION OF WISC). IT PUBLISHES A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, AT A COST OF \$8/YEAR. ADDRESS IS: BRAW, INC. MEMBERSHIP C/O DON BRAGG, 4303 TIMBER LANE, RHINELANDER, WI. 54501.

BIRDS OF WISCONSIN

THE NEW OWEN GROMME BOOK, *BIRDS OF WISCONSIN*, WITH FORWARD BY SAM ROBBINS, IS NOW AVAILABLE. AUTOGRAPHED COPIES BY SAM ROBBINS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WSO BOOKSTORE IN WAUKESHA. COPIES OF SAM ROBBINS' *WISCONSIN BIRDLIFE* ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. CALL THE BOOKSTORE AT 414-547-6128 OR E-MAIL: don.reel@btrinc.com.

WHOOPING CRANES IN WISCONSIN?

NOTICE FROM BILL VOLKERT -
NATURALIST - MIDLIFE EDUCATOR,
HORICON MARSH, NWR, WISCONSIN

THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE IS CONSIDERING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES IN WISCONSIN AS POSSIBLE RELEASE SITES FOR FEDERALLY ENDANGERED WHOOPING CRANES. BIOLOGISTS WILL EVALUATE HABITAT QUALITY AT NECEDAH AND HORICON WILDLIFE REFUGES FOR FUTURE BREEDING SITES, THOUGH ONLY ONE SITE WILL BE SELECTED. THE CRANES WILL BE HATCHED FROM EGGS, REARED IN CAPTIVITY AND THEN RELEASED ONTO THE PROPERTY. THIS COULD BE A 10-15 YEAR EFFORT AND FACILITIES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THIS PROJECT. THE FIRST CRANES RELEASED WILL BE TAUGHT TO MIGRATE TO THE CHASSAHOWITZKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IN FLORIDA AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL TEACH FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH A FLOCK OF 125 BIRDS BY 2020, WITH 25 NESTING PAIRS. PUBLIC SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT: TO COMMENT OR VOICE PERSONAL INTEREST, CONCERNS OR/ AND SUPPORT, WRITE:

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NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY,
JANUARY 14, 10:00 AM.

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