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Newsletter of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
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	PRAIRIE CALENDAR
SAT MAY 3 8 PM	4th ANNUAL PRAIRIE AUCTION, PARTY AND SALE. At the home of Elinor and Orie Loucks, 21 Frederick Circle. Bring items to sell at white elephant sale and to be auctioned.
SUN MAY 4 LO AM	Program - TWO GATES. We shall hear from representatives of A.R.T. (Association of Rational Thinkers) and E.S.T. (Erhard Seminars Training"It Is") who will present, in sequence, two complementary approaches for responsibility in living.
THURS MAY 8 8 PM	Board Meeting. Old and new Board members will meet at the Portal Foster Center, 1806 West Lawn Ave.
FRI-SUN MAY 9-11	WEEKEND AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, an outing led by Orie Loucks. See details on page two.
SUN MAYIL LOAM	Program - The 7th, 8th and 9th graders who have partici- pated since last fall in the "About Your Sexuality" curri- culum (led by Ann and Fred Seidl) will lead the program. If weather looks clement, bring kites and lunch, as these activities will take place on the Prairie site, not at Portal Foster. To reach Prairie site, go south on Gammon
	Road (starting at West Towne) to intersection with Raymond Road, then continue south (uphill) on dirt road about one more block (or park at bottom of hill and walk up).
SUN MAY 11	DEADLINE for the May 15th newsletter. NOTE: A newsletter editor to succeed Pat Watkins will be selected in the near future (see details on page two). Meanwhile, material for the May 15th issue may be submitted to Rosemary Dorney, interim editor, 238-4382, 2127 Regent St., 53705.
FRI M 23	PLAYREADING will be held at the home of Ron and Linda Pluim, Keewatin Trail, Rt. 1, Verona, at 8:00 p.mSome of the playreaders will meet at 6:00 at the Pluim's to go out for a fish fry supper. If you plan to join them, please call the Pluims not later than Thurs., May 22 (836-5547), so that they may make reservations.
SUN JULY 6	OUTING. Save this Sunday afternoon for our annual picnic- swim at the home of Hermine and Charlie Davidson. After careful consideration, the May 26th date set earlier was cancelled. Looks like it would be a bit too chilly for water sports. More information later.

NOTE: Our recently retired Newsletter Editor, Pat Watkins, is recovering from surgery at her mother's home and would like to hear from Prairie people. Phone: 256-8992. We're so glad that all went smoothly, Pat!	

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WANTED: One or more people to edit and "facilitate" (i.e., type, have duplicated, collate, fold, address, package and convey to post office) the Prairie Newsletter. Nominations are now being received by the Prairie Board for persons to handle these jobs. The editor's position has traditionally been a non-paid one; that of the facilitator (publisher) has been compensated at the rate of \$3.00/hour. The average newsletter takes from 5-7 hours of facilitating, depending on its size. It has been determined by recent Board resolution that the Newsletter is to appear regularly every two weeks, observing a Sunday deadline for news submitted and being mailed no later than the following Thursday. Those who feel they might be interested in any part of this activity are asked to call new Board president David Carson, 221-1244.

WANTED: A responsible, interested person to babysit with Anna Nettleton, age l_2 , for about six weeks, mid-June through mid-July, in your home or the Nettletons'. If you know of anyone in your circle whom you'd recommend, please do. Phone Al or Aileen Nettleton at 238-6053.

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held Saturday, May 3 at Holiday Inn #2. Herbert Hill, National Labor Director and Visiting Professor at the University, will be the featured speaker. To purchase tickets (\$10.00, or \$7.00 for students), please call 231-1816 or 836-7582. Charles Harris would like to thank all the people who responded with such interest and support to his recent program, VIETNAM: A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE. He feels the feedback has been most valuable and appreciates the sharing of responses. -- On the contrary, Charles; it's we who are in your debt for what you've shared with us . . .

WEEKEND AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Between seven and ten families may take advantage of at least part of the Prairie trip to the Kickapoo and Wildcat Mountain State Park on May 9, 10 and 11. What we do and when ought to be left in part to the weather. If favorable, the Louckses will leave Madison between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 and will be glad to travel with others. Arrival at the Park should be 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Best route to camping spot of Loucks' choice is to Wis. Dells via I-90, then west on Hwy 33 to Park (2 mi. east of town of Ontario). Alternate route would be Hwy 14 through Richland Center, then north on 131 to Ontario.

We should go canosing to scout fiddlehead locations Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon could include hiking to local "mountain tops" and prairie knobs, or fiddleheading, depending on people's schedules. Sunday morning should be for more hiking or fiddlehead picking, in view of rearranging of schedules that may be necessary to take advantage of good weather. Louckses plan to come back sometime Sunday. If present wintry weather continues into May, the weekend will have to be postponed. That is, however, not likely. For further information, call 233-7955.

-- Orie and Elinor Loucks.

Check your Prairie bulletin board (Portal Foster Center) for more complete information regarding AMUUSE #2 (Adult Midwest, Unitarian-Universalist Singles Enrichment). These are four 4-week sessions to be held during July for singles who want to relax, vacation and have good discussions with good people.

An extension of AMUUSE #1 (which outgrew its facilities), AMUUSE #2 takes place at Centreville, Michigan and has as its overseers professionals Gerald Plum and Thomas Plum. More details, registration form at Prairie.

Look for your summer Prairie Newsletter once monthly.