

# Prairie Fire

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## CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m. --Board meeting, home of Warren Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd.

Sunday, July 29, 4:00 p.m. --Prairie picnic & swim, home of Theron Caldwell, 1228 Sherman Ave. Bring own picnic, swimwear, boats. This will also be a farewell party for Annis and Henry Pratt.

1/89 Saturday, August 4, 11:00 a.m. --Wedding of Mike Lyman and Alexi Schauer, home of John and Shirley Grindrod, 5235 Harbor Court.

Wednesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m. --Board meeting, place to be announced.

1/89 Saturday, August 18--Wedding of Barbara Willard and Joe Laurence at their farm near Brooklyn. Details next issue.

Tuesday, August 21, 7:30 p.m. --R.E. committee at the home of Alice Bullen, 5313 Main St., McFarland.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8--R.E. retreat. More details later.

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## R. E. CORNER with Holly Loring, Director

High school age people and their parents are invited to a cookout at Vilas Park on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 4:30 p.m. We'll gather under the trees by the baseball diamond, Drake St. side. Bring meat of your choice to grill and a dish to share. We'll supply lemonade, watermelon, and the grills. If you'd like to swim, bring a bathing suit (we'll hope the bacteria count is o.k.). Frisbees, badminton sets, etc., are encouraged to come along also. Hope to see you there. Call Sydney Mannering for more information.

The LRY (Liberal Religious Youth) Continental Conference will be happening at Point Bonita Outdoor Center, San Francisco, Aug 16-23. \$80 for the week (\$90 after July 31). Programs on simple living, nutrition, sexuality, communities, energy alternatives, and more! Call Shirley Lake (238-1647) for more information.

Also receiving flaming chalises this year by way of recognizing their passage into the 9th grade were Faith Pratt and Preston Miracle. As I mentioned at the June 3 picnic, I have found that Unitarian-Universalism is a place I am not bound to, but rather a place and time where I am welcome to find companionship in the search for my own personal beliefs. I hope that those young people leaving the R.E. program will continue to keep in touch with Prairie and with U-Uism as a whole. Welcome.

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The need for teachers next fall is still urgent, particularly for middle schoolers. Ideally, two more teachers are needed to assist Lola Gregg. We try to have teachers responsible for two Sundays per month, one Sunday as primary planner, the other as assistant; one Sunday off, and family Sundays usually complete the month. Please consider contributing your time and talents. We need you. As I will be away until August 3, please call Shirley Lake to volunteer (238-1647). We would also be happy to have a third teacher for the 3-5 group, though here you may most likely be working one-on-one and with a Judeo-Christian Heritage curriculum. Pat Cautley and Mary Sarko will be your co-workers.

For anyone who missed the announcement first time around: I've relocated to 108 N. Breese Terrace #3, Madison 53705. Telephone 231-1977.

#### COMMITTEES BEING FORMED FOR 79-80

Prairie members are urged to volunteer for service on committees in which they are interested. The existence of the fellowship is dependent upon the work of these committees. A list of committees follows:

Finance, Religious Education, Program, Social Action, Housing and Property, Publicity, Hospitality, Membership, Denominational Affairs, and Long Range Planning.

#### NAKOMA TRADING POST HAS BEEN SOLD

The Nakoma Road property which had been considered as a permanent home for Prairie has been sold to the insurance agency which was the other bidder. It was necessary for the agency to get a zoning variance for the residentially zoned property which Prairie could have occupied as a church without a change. Neighborhood hearings apparently had indicated that residents preferred the business use, and the offer of the insurance agency was larger than Prairie's. The board will continue to look for other locations.

#### ALEXI SCHAUER/MIKE LYMAN WEDDING

John and Shirley Grindrod will be hosts for the lawn wedding August 4 of Mike Lyman and Alexi Schauer. Prairie board member Norma Briggs will officiate at the ceremony which is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The wedding will be followed by a pot-luck picnic. All Prairie members and friends are invited to attend.

Mel Micke and Nina Matarella will be coordinators for this year's Upham Woods retreat which is being planned for October.

Prairie member Betsy Roberts, who for several years has lived in her home town, Hazard, Ky., found an enthusiastic welcome when she attended the July 4th picnic at the Grindrods while visiting Madison. She works as a librarian at the Lost Creek Elementary school in Dice, Ky.

Alice and Leland Bullen will print Shakespeare sonnets on their "Renaissance" press at the Renaissance Faire at the University Library Mall Sunday, July 15, p.m.