



# Prairie Fire

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10:00a m --KEEPING THE WORLD SAFE FOR PREDATORS AND BRINGING THE CRANES BACK, Jan Petrie of the Eagle Valley Environmentalists. See story.  
10:00a.m.--Child care available

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 10, 11, 12  
Canoe trip. See story for times and details.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

NO SERVICE BECAUSE OF CANOE TRIP

### TUESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 p.m.--Meeting of old and new Executive Boards

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 a.m.--"IM CELEBRATION OF NATURE"  
A program of music and readings.  
Mary Mullen. See story next page.  
Child care available.

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I'd like to express my thanks to everybody for making my term as president so enjoyable. I think that it's been a good year, one in which we've seen a growth in our membership and no major crises (or even too many minor ones).

Special thanks to the members of the Board, who not only worked hard all year long, but also did a creditable job of providing your president with nourishment at our Board meetings. Let's all have a nice summer.

--Marty Drapkin

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## KEEPING THE WORLD SAFE FOR PREDATORS

Jan petrie of the Eagle Valley Environmentalists will show the movie "Eagle Country" and be available to answer questions about the goals and programs of EVE, and Conrad Liegel of the International Crane Foundation will show slides and talk about the relevance of crane survival to human welfare.

## PRAIRIE SPRING CANOE TRIP: JUNE 10, 11, 12

The spring canoe trip will run from the boat landing at Lone Rock to the boat landing at the city of Boscobel, with an overnight stop at the village campground in Muscoda. The two trip segments are approximately fifteen river miles each so there should be no difficulty in completing the trip for even novice canoeists. Some canoes are available for rent from a business in Muscoda for those who do not want to haul one out from Madison.

The trip will begin unofficially on Friday evening, June 10, at the public campground located in the village of Muscoda. The trip organizer, Dick Bonser, and any others who want to get an early start will set up the base camp, have a potluck dinner, and spend the evening talking around the campfire, singing, and telling stories about incredible past adventures. On Saturday, June 11, the trip will officially begin at the Lone Rock boat landing at 9:30 in the morning. Most cars will be driven to the campground at Muscoda after unloading, and the drivers will return to Lone Rock in a group for the trip. The trip to Muscoda will take from five to eight hours, depending on how high the water is and how energetic the canoeists are. A local community group in Muscoda will be holding a chicken barbecue in the park by the camp-

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## CANOE TRIP, CONTINUED.

ground on Saturday, which can provide dinner for canoeists too tired to cook after a day on the river. After breakfast on Sunday, most cars can be taken to the takeout point at Boscobel and the drivers returned to the campground for the final leg of the trip. The run from Muscoda to Boscobel is shorter than the one from Lone Rock to Muscoda, which will leave time to break camp and pack for the trip home.

Things to bring: A dish to pass for Friday night. Food for your group for five meals. Musical instruments you can play. Favorite stories to tell at the campfire. Swimsuit. Mosquito repellent. Suntan lotion. Raincoat (You never can tell in Wisconsin). Tent and sleeping bags (for the comfort lovers there is a hotel in town and a motel is expected to be open across the river by the time we are there). Fishing tackle. A canoe (if you have one). A picnic cooler (to keep your lunch fresh and your beverage cool).

Facilities: The campground is located right on the river in a grove of pine trees next to a city park. It has piped water and electricity, and there are shelters for cooking and eating if there is rain. There are also good bathrooms and showers for those who want to "freshen up." Stores are within walking distance if you forgot something, and one of the local restaurants, the Blackhawk Inn, is justly famous for its excellent food.

Costs: Approximately \$1.00 per person per night for camping fees. Canoe rental fee of \$ per day plus hauling charges if the rental agency transports you to or from the river.

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE. THE FEW WHO CAME LAST YEAR HAD A BALL!**

## "CELEBRATION OF NATURE" NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you have a favorite song, poem, prose passage, or recording that celebrates nature? Or have you had an experience with nature that has made you especially appreciative of the natural world? In either case, or if you just want to help plan the final program in the environmental series--you are invited to join Mary Mullen on Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. at 4337 Milford Rd. to plan "In Celebration of Nature." (4337 Milford is a half block south of Prairie) Call 271-5192 if you have questions or suggestions.

--Mary Mullen

## CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

We will need volunteers for child care for the Sunday morning meetings during the summer.

## JUDY SPRING IS "WOMAN OF YEAR"

Prairie's Judy Spring is being honored by the Wisconsin state chapter of the National Organization of Women as the 1983 Woman of the Year. The award will be presented at a banquet to be held in Appleton June 2. Judy is currently a full-time staff member of the national organization on the Chapter Development and Services team.

## SANCTUARY

At our business meeting Sunday, May 22, the resolution calling for Prairie to endorse the St. Francis Episcopal church's program of public sanctuary for Salvadoran refugees was adopted unanimously. Prairie's letter of endorsement, which President Marty Drapkin read during the lengthy and emotional inaugural service for the sanctuary program at St. Francis church the following evening, said in part:

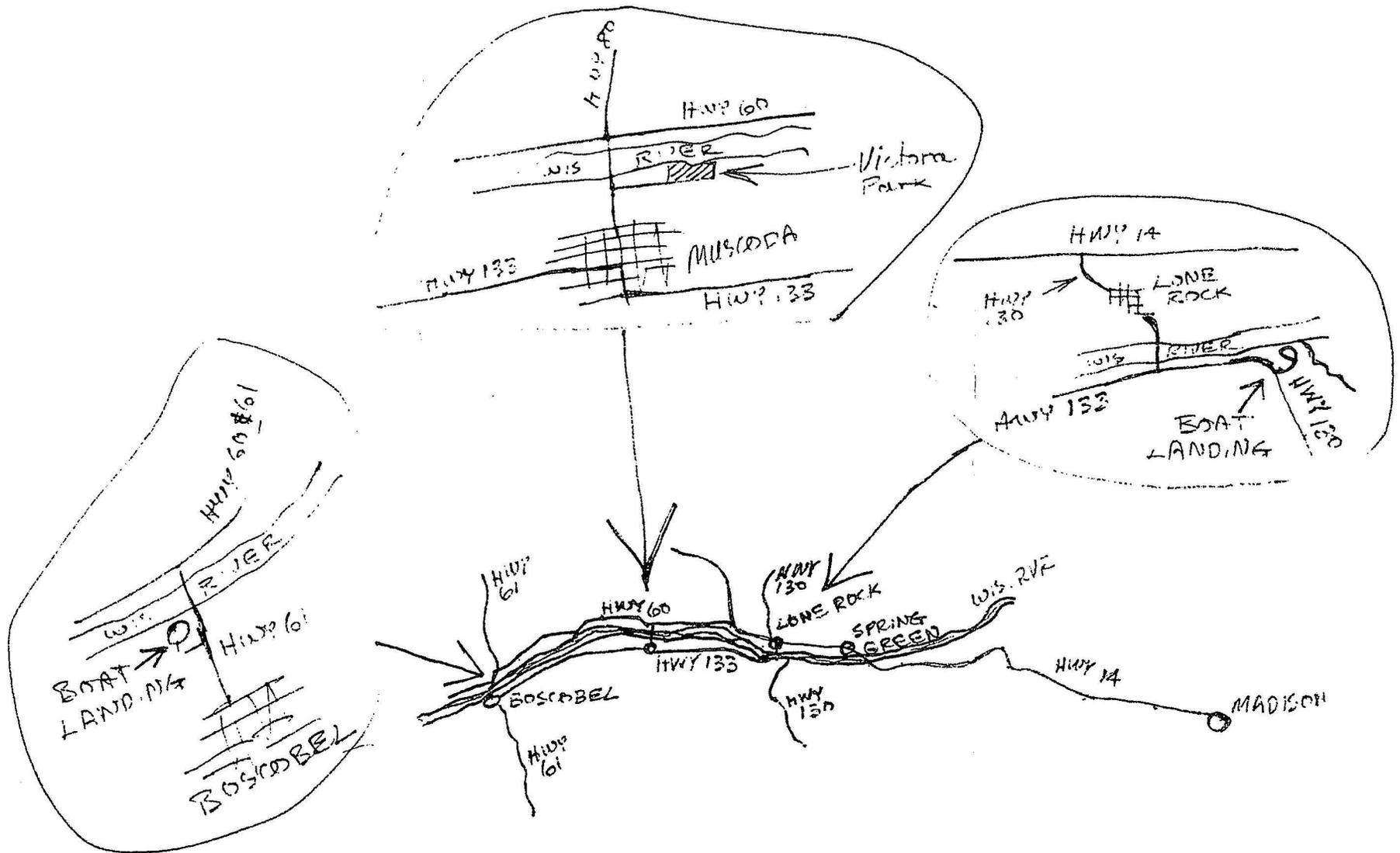
"Our endorsement is an expression of our outrage at the murder, tortures, and oppression that have been visited on civilians of those countries, primarily by their own governments with the backing of the United States, as well as our conviction that the United States has the moral and legal obligation to give political asylum to people whose lives would be in danger if they returned home.

We hope your courageous decision and the forthcoming sanctuary program will call public attention to the injustice and illegality of present immigration policy, and hasten the day when people in Central America will be able to live their lives in peace and freedom without persecution or foreign domination!"

The May 22 meeting also authorized the appointment of a task force to organize Prairie's assistance to the sanctuary program. That will likely happen at the joint meeting of the old and new boards on June 14. Please let it be known if you would like to participate. The task force will canvass Prairie members, including you, for assistance of various kinds--time, clothing, money, etc.--and will try to dream up other ways to help. A yard sale, and a fund-raising meal, with the refugees as guests of honor, have already been suggested.

Two forms appear in this Prairie Fire for individuals to register support: (a) a monitor information sheet to record when you will be able to take a 2- or 3-hour shift at St. Francis Center (ability to speak Spanish is not required), and (b) a sanctuary support sheet to record your help in terms of money, medical services, hospitality, transportation, teaching, organizing, etc. Please return the completed forms to me so we can keep track of who has pledged what. --Les Lyons

MAP OF CANOE TRIP ROUTE AND LANDING SITES





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

### SANCTURY SUPPORT SHEET

St. Francis House is the sanctuary site. However sanctuary itself is for the whole community to provide. The needs are spiritual, financial, material, and service-related. Please sign up to help in any way you can.

I/we will provide:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of endorsement from individuals or institutions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Money \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (health care, food, clothing, transportation, education outreach)  
    Make checks payable to St. Francis House-Support.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A Bail/Bond pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in case refugees are arrested by INS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Services: namely, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Services: namely, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish language (indicate level of expertise) \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality
  - a) refugee in home for meals.
  - b) refugee on outings, recreation.
  - c) refugee to visit my church/community.
  - d) shopping trips for refugee.
  - e) monitor -- be a companion to refugee at SFH.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation
  - a) "on call" for emergencies.
  - b) car available with advance notice.

I wish to work in an organizational capacity (committee):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Media and Educational Outreach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ecumenical support -- help build interfaith support base.
- \_\_\_\_\_ English As A Second Language Lessons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bookkeeping and/or Budget Services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be happy to serve wherever needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specialization).

Further comments or suggestions regarding my level of commitment:

Please return to      Les Lyons  
                            827 Dane St.  
                            Madison, Wis. 53713  
                            or give to him at Prairie

SANCTUARY AT ST. FRANCIS HOUSE---MONITOR INFORMATION

If you wish to volunteer as a monitor, please fill in the following form, and return it to Les Lyons at the address on the reverse side. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I will have a car available--Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

I will always be available (except in event of a personal emergency) at the following times:

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

While I would prefer not to serve as a monitor at the times listed below, I can probably respond if the need is substantial:

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

If you expect to be out of Madison (vacation, business, or other) between now and approximately September 1, please indicate the dates below: