

## AGENDA

### JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

Jefferson County Courthouse  
311 South Center Avenue, Rm 202  
Jefferson WI 53549

April 7, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Ed Morse, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of the March 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes
7. Communications
  - a. Diamond in the Rough – Opinion Page Daily Union
  - b. Not an inside Job – Daily Union
  - c. A Felled Oak Continues to Thrive – Wisconsin State Journal
  - d. Giant Oak to Become ‘Giving Tree’ – Watertown Daily Times
  - e. Thank you note from Catherine Desmond
  - f. Emails in Support of Bicycle Trails
    1. Paul Zdroik
    2. Shane Brown
    3. Dr. R. Steven LeGrow
    4. Steve Board, Director Maranatha Baptist University
  - g. Thank you note to Glenn Borland from J. Hamann
  - h. From Little Acorns – Daily Jefferson County Union
8. Discussion and Possible Decision on Biomass Planting in County Parks
9. Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Andrew Nicholson
10. Discussion and Possible Decision on Watertown Outboarders Property
11. Discussion and Possible Decision on Stewardship Grant Applications
  - a. Crawfish River Park
  - b. Dorothy Carnes Park
  - c. Rock River Park
12. Discussion and Possible Decision on Dog Park Rules
13. Update on 2014 Parks Department Budget
14. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project
15. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: May 5, 2014 at 1:00 pm
16. Adjourn

**The Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101, 24 hours prior to the meeting, so appropriate arrangements can be made.**

# DAILY UNION OPINION PAGE



W.D. Hoard  
Founder, 1870

## *Diamond in the rough*

Whenever something needs to be done, Jefferson County residents step forward and do it.

We witnessed that once again in the successful campaign to raise money to create a new Crawfish River Park on Jefferson's west side.

Readers might recall that it all started with a call last fall from Paul "Andy" Didion, who reported that the state Department of Natural Resources was selling a small slice of land left over from construction of the State Highway 26 bypass of Jefferson. It could be had for \$56,000, but the purchase deadline was Dec. 31, 2013.

That timeline was met, thanks to a myriad of individual, business and organization donors. A big thankyou goes to all contributors, from the Platinum donors who gave \$5,000 or more to the Copper supporters who wrote checks up to \$100. Monies continue to be accepted because there is a lot to do at the park site. Just visit [crawfishriverpark.com](http://crawfishriverpark.com) or send a tax-deductible donations to: Jefferson Community Foundation, Friends of Jefferson County Parks, c/o Crawfish River Park, P.O. Box 81, Jefferson, WI, 53549.

Now, Crawfish River Park isn't going to be the kind of greenspace that has baseball fields and playgrounds. Rather, it is a rustic county park that will be used for hiking, birdwatching, canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, picknickers and other nature-lover activities. It is adjacent to the Glacial River Trail, so it is expected to be a

pitstop for bicyclists and other nonmotorized users.

The Friends of Crawfish River Park will be working with the Jefferson County Parks Department for developing and maintaining trails, enhancing areas to sustain wildlife, eradicating invasive plant species, encouraging native plantings, saving old-growth trees, repairing the fishing platform and creating a rustic canoe and kayak landing, as well as a picnic and overlook area. In addition, the organization will be involved in helping design the park.

Already, organizations such as the Jefferson Lions and Rotary clubs, Jefferson Area Master Gardeners, Ducks Unlimited, Glacial Heritage Trail Paddlers and Rock River Trail Initiative have stepped forward to lend a hand, as have Jefferson middle and high school classes and businesses such as 2 Rivers Bicycle & Outdoor and New Creation Photography. Margaret Burlingham, who has facilitated parkland-planning throughout the county for years, also is among the individual benefactors.

That's a wonderful start; however, there can never be enough "Friends" members to provide their support.

We offer a tip of our editorial hat to the Friends of Crawfish River Park for adding yet another jewel to Jefferson County's recreational crown. It might be a diamond in the rough, but this four-season park — with its high riverbanks, ponds, marsh and woodland areas — will be sparkling soon.





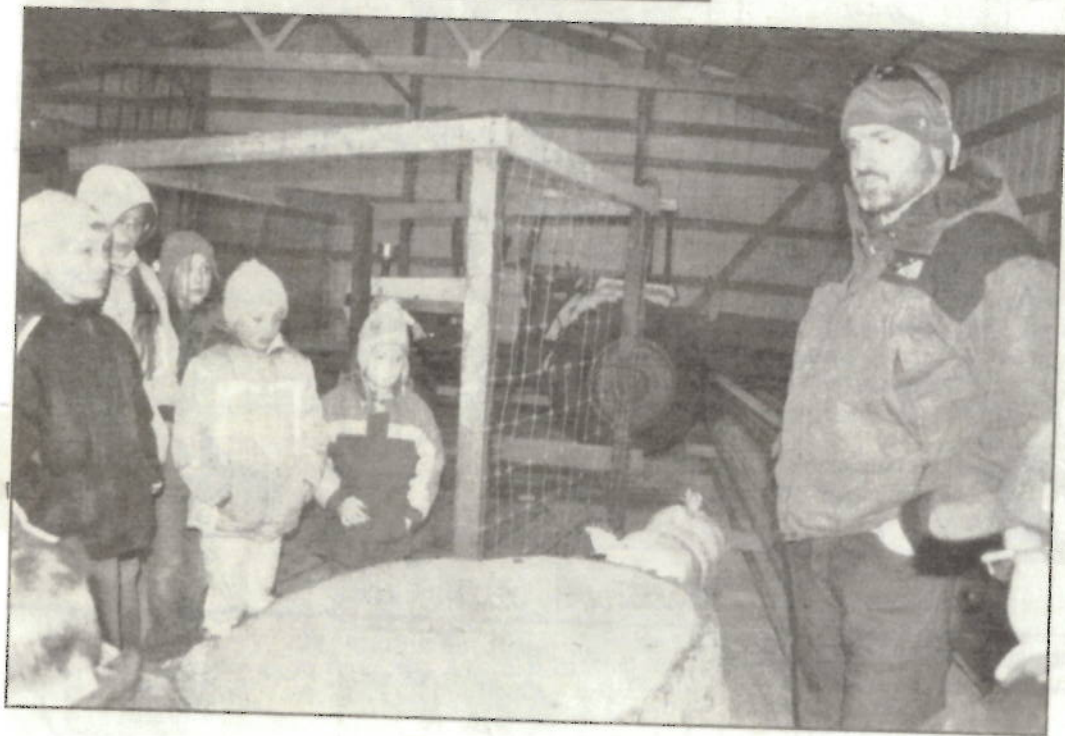
**NOT AN 'INSIDE JOB'** — Members of the Jefferson County 4-H Natural Sciences project met with Jefferson County Parks operations supervisor Kevin Wiesmann Saturday at the parks facility on Jefferson's South Industrial Drive to find out about what the department does and about career opportunities in that field. The event was held in conjunction with the 4-H theme for the year, "Dive Into Your Career with 4-H." Pictured above, Wiesmann shows 4-Hers antlers of whitetail deer, mule deer and elk. At left top, Nicole van Zanten, Jefferson, looks at skulls of a bear, coyote and fox and other bones found in the area.



At left bottom, Sam Steies, 7, of the Rock Lake Troopers, Lake Mills, looks at a log cabin that once was hidden inside a farmhouse on the property that is now Carnes Park. The 160-year-old Mason log home is being painstakingly reconstructed and repaired using vintage technologies, with the goal of being returned to the park and surrounded by an interpretive trail and information that would help people understand how pioneers lived in the early days of settlement in the county. Below, Wiesmann shows students



a cross-section of the trunk of a landmark bur oak tree that was cut down recently to accommodate a new bypass along Highway 26 between Fort Atkinson and Milton. Many local residents fought to save the tree, at least a century and a half old, but the Wisconsin Department of Transportation was unable to change its plans and the tree was chopped down in May 2013. Now the parks department has obtained a section of the trunk and plans to sell cross-section "cookies" to fund the planting of new trees along the Glacial River Trail. — Daily Union photo by Pam Chickering Wilson.



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J.R. Klement views a slab cut from the bur oak tree that is being chemically treated for permanent display at the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson. By immersing the

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## On Wisconsin: A felled oak continues to thrive



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**JEFFERSON** — The grand bur oak along Highway 26 south of Fort Atkinson provided summer shade, vibrant fall colors and a point of reference for decades.

The tree was removed for highway expansion last May, but its death is bringing new life, and will help make a few dozen wood ducks comfortable, too.

In the coming months, an 8-foot-long, 6,000-pound section of the 155- to 160-year-old tree will be turned into tabletops, candle sconces, lamps, pens and spinning tops. Proceeds from their sale, along with money raised from a poster that shows the tree in all four seasons, will be used to plant trees along the 39-mile Glacial River Trail that runs from Janesville to Watertown.

The sawdust collected last week, when nine 6-inch thick, 200-pound slices were cut from the oak chunk, will be used to fill wood duck houses at Dorothy Carnes Park in the Rose Lake State Natural Area, northwest of Fort Atkinson.

One slice will go to the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson, where visitors can get a close-up view and count the rings that began forming in the 1850s, just a few years after Wisconsin went from a territory to a state.

"It was solid from top to bottom, which we didn't expect," said Kevin Wiesmann, Jefferson County parks supervisor, who ran the chain saw last week. "This wood is so hard, you'll see sparks (during the cutting process) coming off it."

Despite using a Stihl chainsaw with a 36-inch cutting bar, the tree's girth forced Wiesmann to make cuts from both sides to complete a slice. The cookies, as they're called, are going to nine area residents who each paid \$100. About 75 people had inquired about buying a slice.

"We were just overwhelmed with calls," said Jane Stanger, administrative secretary at the parks department. "It reached a lot of people and touched them."

The oak, located just north of the Rock-Jefferson county line, survived droughts, lightning strikes and becoming fuel for a fireplace or wood stove back in the day. The tree was around when Wisconsin troops shipped off to the Civil War and the war in Iraq. It stood along a roadway used by horses and buggies, Model As and Ts, the gas guzzlers of the 1960s and 1970s and, in recent years, gas-electric hybrids.

But the needs of the roadway proved too much, even for the landmark oak. Moving the highway to go around the tree was not an option, said Mark Vesperman, a state Department of Transportation project manager.

"We looked into the possibility," Vesperman told the Janesville Gazette in April. "But if we moved the road, it impacted more trees, wetlands and more agricultural land."

Tracy Hegg, a Milton graphic designer, began taking photos of the tree in 2009 on the way to and from work. She had intended to do some sort of art project with her photos. When she learned the tree would come down, she created a poster. So far, the parks department has sold 90 of the \$10 posters.

Hegg had been driving by the tree for more than 12 years.

"I made note of the tree because of its beauty and symmetry," Hegg said on her website. "As an artist, it was an inspiration to drive by it twice a day."

Robert Schweitzer, 75, is an artist in a different medium. The Jefferson man who taught the hearing-impaired in Detroit and then spent 25 years on the chaplaincy staff at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, uses a lathe to create projects in a process called wood turning.

Last year, he helped raise more than \$600 for the parks department by turning wood from a log cabin that had been on county-purchased land. The two-story cabin has been taken apart and is being restored back to its original state in Wiesmann's shop. This summer, the cabin will be reassembled back on the county-owned Mason Farm land from which it came.

Some pieces of the white oak timbers weren't needed, so Schweitzer and other members of the Badger Wood Turners, literally turned them into bowls, round lidded boxes and lamps.

The historic tree that had been along Highway 26 is another intriguing project for Schweitzer, who has been turning since 2000. He'll be getting a 30-inch-long, 53-inch-wide piece of wood to work with. A silent auction will eventually be held to raise money for the tree planting. Besides bowls and candle sconces, he hopes to make several pens.

"You don't need much wood to make a pen," Schweitzer said. "Even though its hard oak, it will turn easily. But you have to have sharp tools, of course."

Wiesmann's shop, located in an industrial park on Jefferson's southwest side, has a lot going on. This is where mowers for parks and county grounds are stored along with groomers for cross country ski trails. In the balcony of the shop hang bags of prairie seeds like purple coneflowers, rosin weed and prairie clove. The seeds, collected last fall, will be redistributed this spring.

And because the cabin was built in the 1850s out of trees that were 50 to 80 years old, that means the Highway 26 oak isn't even the oldest wood in Wiesmann's shop. However, the large oak tree likely has more sentimental meaning to most.

"It's not every day you see a 150-, 160- or 170-year-old tree," Wiesmann said. "Hopefully, people will be able to appreciate it for a long time."

## On Wisconsin



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### Poster remembers oak

To purchase one of Tracy Hegg's posters of the oak tree, go to: [www.ourfavoritetree.com](http://www.ourfavoritetree.com)

## Web extra

Take a look in a video at how Kevin Wiesmann and J.R. Klement of the Jefferson County Parks Department cut slices from the trunk of the massive bur oak. Go to the video features section at [www.madison.com](http://www.madison.com).



# WATERTOWN DAILY

March 5, 2014

WEDNESDAY

## JEFFERSON COUNTY



STEVE SHARP/Daily Times

Jefferson County Parks Department Operations Supervisor Kevin Wiesmann is shown this morning as he prepares to cut pieces of a 160-year-old oak tree for sale to the public. The county will also retain a piece of the beloved old tree for historical purposes.

## Giant oak to become 'giving tree'

By STEVE SHARP  
steves@wddtimes.com

JEFFERSON — To some, trees are more than sources of clean air, shade, and wood for paper, furniture and fire. To certain spiritual types, trees are symbols of strength, stoicism, dignity, and even have personality.

One tree for which these claims were surely true was the giant, 160-year-old oak that once stood between Milton and Fort Atkinson.

The anthropomorphic traits ascribed to the tree by some is why it was so hard for them to see it felled to make way for an expanded state Highway 26.

To partially remedy community sadness caused by the summer, 2013 loss and to perpetuate the growth of bur oak trees in Jefferson County, county officials made the successful effort to acquire a portion of the tree.

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# Old oak trees —

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This morning, that 8-foot section of 52-inch diameter trunk was cut into sections, called "cookies," for sale. The proceeds will offset the cost of planting bur oak trees that will eventually become giants themselves along the Glacial River Bike Trail.

According to Kim Buchholz, program assistant for the Jefferson County Parks Department, many people fondly remember the great oak tree that once stood along Highway 26 between Fort Atkinson and Milton.

"The tree stood as a shining example of southern Wisconsin's bur oak community," she said.

In addition to selling a number of the cookies, or 6- to 8-inch thick, 250-pound sections of the tree, the county plans to retain a portion of the trunk to plot county historical events using the tree's many rings. The county's historical tree cookie will eventually be on display at an area museum, or near the parking area on the Glacial River Trail at County Line Road.

Jefferson County Parks Department Operations Supervisor Kevin Wiesmann has been in charge of treating the tree with Anchorseal green wood sealer, storing and today cutting up the tree for the upcoming projects. He did so at the county parks facility on Industrial Drive in Jefferson. It took approximately 20 minutes this morning for Wiesmann and an assistant to cut each cookie.

Wiesmann said the tree arrived at the county facility on a flat-bed truck and was off-loaded by a small crane.

According to Wiesmann, he and others were inspired to acquire and sell portions of the tree to gain money for further plantings after recalling a quote from Wisconsin naturalist Aldo Leopold from his writing "Good Oak," that being, "We mourned the loss of the old tree, but we knew that a dozen of its progeny standing straight and stalwart on the sand had already taken over its job of woodmaking."

"This tree is 150-160 years old and encompasses a lot of Jefferson County's history," Wiesmann said. "A lot of people were going back and forth with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation about the diversion of the highway to save the tree and (Jefferson County Parks Director) Joe Nehmer was working with the project lead. We asked if we could get a piece of the tree and have it somewhere where people could see it and it could be recognized. Joe and I had the idea to acquire the tree in response to the sheer number of people who wanted to pay for a piece of it so they could have it. I didn't expect so many people to want it."

Wiesmann said the county should be able to get about six to eight cookies from the tree trunk. Other, smaller items may also be manufactured.

"It's a giving tree," he said.

A suggested donation of \$100 for each cookie will be accepted by the county and all proceeds will go toward planting of new trees.

For more information, contact Jane Stanger at the parks department, at 920-674-7260 or email [janes@jeffersoncounty-wi.gov](mailto:janes@jeffersoncounty-wi.gov).



March 8, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

It's a beautiful day when loving news hits the front page of our local paper. ...right here in the Midwest, right here in Wisconsin. A small group of sensitive caring people saw a way to honor an "ancient one" and acted on it. Then the request was heeded and the result collaborated on.

In Watertown Daily Times, Wed. 3-5-14, the "Giant Oak" article tells the story of appreciation to the gifts of the earth, which we frequently take for granted. And, a plan to continue the care and enrich her with more baby oaks.

Kudos to Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Joe Nehmer, WDT, and the little squeaky wheels that got this OLD OAK project started. Bless you. You made my day, week, year, Catherine Desmond

*Catherine Desmond*



# Jane Stanger

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**From:** Joe Nehmer  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:26 AM  
**To:** Jane Stanger  
**Cc:** Kevin Wiesmann; Kim Buchholz - UW  
**Subject:** FW: Cycling Testimony

April Parks Comm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Augie Tietz  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 11:39 AM  
**To:** Paul Zdroik  
**Cc:** Joe Nehmer  
**Subject:** RE: Cycling Testimony

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**From:** Paul Zdroik [pzdroid@watertownareaymca.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 11:19 AM  
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Good Afternoon Mr. Tietz,

Shane Brown of UW Health Works asked me to give a quick testimony on behalf of a bike trail development. Please find it below.

I would like to continue to support and encourage the planned proposals of a trail system connecting the City of Watertown to surrounding communities. As a runner, cyclist, skier, and community advocate I am on the front line of our city's needs when it comes to providing for the recreational endurance athlete. On a daily basis I traverse the city's and surrounding countryside's roads, trails, and sidewalks and cannot express the need we have for a safe and enjoyable means of practicing our respective sports/hobbies/recreational outputs.

As a community advocate I help with the development of our road races and can only fathom what a trail system connecting to our surrounding communities might produce in terms of events for cycling, running, and other such activities. I am constantly on the lookout for the next big "event" in our community may be and I believe a half-marathon or marathon is on the horizon. What better means than a trail system between our city and the next!

I have competed in the Boston Marathon, Lakefront Marathon, I am a 5-Time All-American from the University of Wisconsin La-Crosse, and am currently chasing a qualifying mark for the Olympic Trials Marathon for 2016 in Rio De Janeiro. I have seen and been involved in countless communities in their tourist activities related to said events and can state with absolute certainty that the development of these trail systems is a major "boon" to the community's economy, residential retention, and overall health. I would encourage all involved in the decision of this trail system's production to not base your output solely on the bottom dollar, but base it on the hope of where we can be in 10 years.

Thank you for your time,

-Paul Zdroik

"March 2 November" Series President

YMCA Youth and Sports Director

# Jane Stanger

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**From:** Joe Nehmer  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 1:10 PM  
**To:** Jane Stanger  
**Cc:** Kevin Wiesmann; Kim Buchholz - Parks; Steve Grabow (steve.grabow@ces.uwex.edu); Brian Udovich  
**Subject:** FW: Cycling Testimony

Jane - Correspondence for April Parks Committee.

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YMCA Youth and Sports Director  
Dream Chaser

# Jane Stanger

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**From:** Joe Nehmer  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:27 AM  
**To:** Jane Stanger  
**Cc:** Kevin Wiesmann; Kim Buchholz - UW  
**Subject:** FW: Jefferson County Bicycle Trails SWSEP1 and SWBP20

April Parks Comm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Augie Tietz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:51 AM  
**To:** Joe Nehmer  
**Subject:** FW: Jefferson County Bicycle Trails SWSEP1 and SWBP20

Joe:  
How does this look?  
Augie

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**From:** Shane Brown [sbrown@uwHPWatertown.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** [tressie.kamp@dot.wi.gov](mailto:tressie.kamp@dot.wi.gov); [marilyn.daniels@dot.wi.gov](mailto:marilyn.daniels@dot.wi.gov)  
**Subject:** Jefferson County Bicycle Trails SWSEP1 and SWBP20

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Good Morning,

In regards to two bicycle trail projects; the Watertown to Oconomowoc [ SWSEP1 ] and Watertown to Waterloo [ SWBP20 ] trails.

I would like to commend the planning committees working on these recently proposed bike trails connecting Watertown to other communities. As a Watertown resident, Watertown Regional Medical Center Wellness Department Lead and as an avid cyclist and triathlete, I feel that the opportunities that such trails will provide to our area are tremendous.

As a cyclist, I log thousands of miles every year. Having safe, well maintained trails, that are easily accessible is vital to encouraging cycling throughout our area. Many people gravitate towards these trails as a safe alternative to road riding. While many experienced cyclists are comfortable riding on roads with traffic, new cyclists and families with children often are not. Providing these resources to our area will undoubtedly encourage the next generation of cyclists. Surely, experienced riders will utilize these trails extensively as well, not only for the added safety, but for their reliable and well maintained conditions. When riding sections of other Wisconsin trails, I've noticed no shortage of utilization.

Having great resources like this will also be beneficial to the health of our region. Jefferson county, statistically is as unhealthy if not more, than many other areas of our state and our country. Providing safe and reliable access to trails of this type can help reverse those trends.

I look forward to seeing the continued progress of these projects and the potential benefits that will be realized by our communities, our citizens and cyclists of all types.



Sincerely,  
Shane Brown, CSCS  
Wellness Lead  
UWHP-WRMC

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# Jane Stanger

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**Cc:** Kevin Wiesmann; Kim Buchholz - UW  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle trails in Watertown, WI

April Parks Comm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Augie Tietz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 9:23 AM  
**To:** Joe Nehmer  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle trails in Watertown, WI

Joe:  
Another letter of support.

Augie \_\_\_\_\_  
**From:** Shane Brown [sbrown@uwHPWatertown.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:03 AM  
**To:** Augie Tietz  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle trails in Watertown, WI

Morning Augie,

This is another letter that was written by Dr. LeGrow of Watertown Family Practice. Looks like it got addressed to the right folks. Hopefully the letters that have gone through this week have given this project the boost it needs.

Thanks much,  
Shane

-----Original Message-----

**From:** LeGrow, Steven MD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7:57 PM  
**To:** [marilyn.daniels@dot.wi.gov](mailto:marilyn.daniels@dot.wi.gov); [tressie.kamp@dot.wi.gov](mailto:tressie.kamp@dot.wi.gov)  
**Subject:** Bicycle trails in Watertown, WI

Greetings!

I'm writing today on behalf of myself and the many active participants in the Watertown Area I represent. I am race director for our Thanksgiving Day 5K run, a local running group leader, and an avid bicycle commuter to my real job as a family physician. When I heard there was discussion of bicycle trails coming through Watertown from the East and heading to the West I became quite excited. I am an advocate of outdoor exercise for my patients and want them to bicycle safely on the roads. However every summer I read tragic news of cyclists and runners colliding with motor vehicles. The pedestrians and cyclists never win. However with this trail project coming to Watertown, area exercise enthusiasts and recreational explorers will be provided with a safe alternative to state highways for their exercise and commutes. In this case everybody wins!

Thank you for your effort in advocating for progress in the Watertown area.



R. Steven LeGrow M.D.  
Family Physician  
Bicycle commuter  
Father  
Concerned Citizen.

"You haven't failed until you've tried and failed," my father.

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# Jane Stanger

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**From:** Joe Nehmer  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 8:35 AM  
**To:** Jane Stanger  
**Cc:** Kevin Wiesmann; Kim Buchholz - UW  
**Subject:** FW: Recreational Trail from Watertown

April Parks Comm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Augie Tietz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:42 PM  
**To:** Joe Nehmer  
**Subject:** FW: Recreational Trail from Watertown

What do you think.

Augie \_\_\_\_\_  
**From:** Paul Zdroik [pzdroid@watertownareaymca.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:39 PM  
**To:** Augie Tietz  
**Subject:** FW: Recreational Trail from Watertown

Steve Board of MBU has sent the following message onwards. Thought you might be interested in reading it.

Paul Zdroik  
Sports & Youth Program Director  
Watertown Area YMCA  
415 S. Eighth Street  
Watertown, WI 53094  
920-262-8555

**From:** Steven Board [<mailto:Steven.Board@mbbc.edu>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:14 PM  
**To:** 'marilyn.daniels@dot.wi.gov'; 'tressie.kamp@dot.wi.gov'  
**Subject:** Recreational Trail from Watertown

Good Afternoon;

I am Steve Board, Director of Development at Maranatha Baptist University. I was asked by Paul Zdroik of the Watertown YMCA to comment on the potential "Recreational Use Trail" between Watertown and Oconomowoc.

As a graduate architect, a former Planning Commissioner, and someone who has spent a career in the built environment, I do believe that a path connecting Oconomowoc and Watertown would be a great asset for both towns and Jefferson County. These types of paths enhance the quality of life, encourage recreation and create a safe environment for families and individuals. Combining this connector path with the bike path system being developed throughout the region would be a great asset for residents and businesses, providing means for consumers to gain access to the local villages and cities.



Watertown and Oconomowoc both have the potential to extend their position as “destination cities”. This path would allow both to have even greater involvement in the Wisconsin recreation industry. Our University is currently looking at additional recreational activities and locations to benefit our students and staff. We believe that this is a trail that our faculty, staff and students would utilize frequently.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Steve Board | Director

Maranatha Baptist University | Development Office

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March 18, 2014

Hi Supervisor Borland,

I really enjoyed the political conversation recently in Jefferson.

I am a member of Friends of Rose Lake and have the greatest respect of your Parks Committee.

As a member, I have witnessed the amazing work ethic and dedication of Kevin Wiesmann. In my opinion, whatever his salary is -- it is not enough!

Good Luck in the election,

Respectfully,

Jeff Hamann DVM

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# DAILY UNION OPINION PAGE



W.D. Hoard  
Founder, 1870

## From little acorns ...

It was 11 months ago that a huge bur oak was cut down to make way for a new stretch of roadway. Readers likely recall that the tree, which stood on the east side of State Highway 26 about one-half mile north of County Line Road for at least two centuries, was felled to make way for two additional traffic lanes between Milton and Fort Atkinson.

More than 600 people signed a petition asking Jefferson County government officials to save the tree, but the location of the highway between protected woodlands to the west and agricultural land to the east made moving the highway impossible.

However, the tree's memory is living on, thanks to the Jefferson County Parks Department, which saved an 8-foot-long, 6,000-pound section that is being used in a variety of ways. First, a large slice, or "cookie," will be placed at the Glacial River Trail's parking area at County Line Road in Fort Atkinson. It is being sanded and preserved for display with historical facts and the tree's age.

Another slice is going to the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson so visitors will get a feel for the oak savannas that welcomed the early settlers circa 1840.

At the same time, parks officials have sold, for \$100 each, nine other "cookies" from the trunk. Averaging 50 inches

across and six to 10 inches thick, each weighs more than 200 pounds. And Robert Schweitzer of the Badger Wood Turners is getting a 30-inch-long, 53-inch-wide piece of wood to make bowls and candle sconces, as well as several pens, spinning tops and lamps to be sold in a silent auction.

Nothing from the bur oak is going to waste, either. The leftover sawdust from slicing it up is being used to fill wood duck houses at Dorothy Carnes County Park in the Rose Lake State Natural Area, northwest of Fort Atkinson.

The money from the silent auction and cookies sale will join proceeds from 90 posters showing the tree in all four seasons that Milton's Tracy Hegg created. It will be used to plant trees along the Glacial River Trail, replacing and adding greenery.

This all is very exciting, and we offer a tip of our editorial hat to our very creative Parks Department staff and everyone else who has stepped forward to make the best of a sad situation and raise funds toward planting more trees along this wonderful recreational trail.

You know, it has been said that "mighty oaks from little acorns grow." In a similar way, our landmark bur oak has planted the seeds for a variety of projects that will ensure its legacy for centuries to come.



# Jane Stanger

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**From:** Joe Nehmer  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:21 PM  
**To:** Jane Stanger  
**Cc:** Kevin Wiesmann  
**Subject:** FW: Watertown Outboarders Property

April Parks Committee.

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**From:** Phelan, Pamela K - DNR [<mailto:Pamela.Phelan@wisconsin.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 3:26 PM  
**To:** Joe Nehmer  
**Cc:** Aquino, Mark D - DNR; Osterndorf, Laurie J - DNR; Morrissey, James P - DNR; Miller, Steven W - DNR; Pohlman, John D - DNR; Hefty, Brian - DNR; Borsechnik, David A - DNR  
**Subject:** Watertown Outboarders Property

Joe, I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I've had several meetings with various Department staff to discuss the future use of the Watertown Outboarders (WTO) property.

The property was acquired under the GHA-River Based Conservation Area (RBCA). The Department's obligations under the RBCA in the Master Plan was to acquire 2 large sites totaling 400 acres combined with Jefferson County responsible for their operation and maintenance per the MOU. However, since this is a smaller parcel we feel there is flexibility as to how it is managed.

If Jefferson County wants to operate and maintain, it can do so as long as the site is operated as a boat landing and recreational site. Since the property was acquired for outdoor recreation, any use would need to be recreational in nature. A recreational facility could not sacrifice the public's rights or compromise access to the river. Adequate parking would need to be available for public use. A short implementation plan will need to be written to address what uses will be allowed. The clubhouse and any other buildings in the floodplain will need to be moved out of the floodplain to higher ground if Jefferson County is interested in utilizing them. The Department cannot promote continued use of the building(s) in the floodplain nor will we pay to relocate the buildings.

According to the MOU, revenue generated from the property would need to be deposited into a SEG account through the Department. Typically this money is to be used on the property where generated but the Department would allow Jefferson County to use the revenue on all GHA properties under Jefferson County's management, Holzheuter Park for example. Revenues could not go into Jefferson County's general fund. Admission fees would also be used for maintenance and upkeep per the MOU.

Jefferson County could subcontract the WTO property to a recreational vendor, however their revenue being property generated, would still be required to be used on the WTO property or other GHA properties under Jefferson County's management. A recreational vendor could not monopolize the lower access area with equipment, etc., it would need to remain accessible to the public.

Should the Department or Jefferson County acquire adjacent lands to create the larger GHA-River Based Conservation Area, operation, maintenance, and revenues can be readdressed as defined in the MOU.

If the Department operates the site, it will be a public access site with limited amenities. An accessible boat launching pier will be constructed from the WTO donation. Existing structures will be removed with available reclamation money from the acquisition program.

I'm happy to arrange a follow up meeting if you would like to discuss further.

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Item 13.

Jefferson County  
Parks Totals

Date Ran 3/5/2014  
Period 1  
Year 2014

Business Unit	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
1801 Parks	Revenue	(83,554.45)	(5,331.67)	(83,554.45)	(5,331.67)	(28,222.78)	(63,980.00)	(30,425.55)	52.45%
	Expenditures	51,078.38	81,332.11	51,078.38	81,332.11	(30,253.73)	975,965.26	924,906.88	5.23%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,523.93</b>	<b>76,000.44</b>	<b>17,523.93</b>	<b>76,000.44</b>	<b>(58,476.51)</b>	<b>912,005.26</b>	<b>894,481.33</b>	<b>1.92%</b>
1806 Carol Liddle	Revenue	(5.65)	(12.50)	(5.65)	(12.50)	6.85	(150.00)	(144.35)	3.77%
	Expenditures	-	6,787.13	-	6,787.13	(6,787.13)	81,445.55	81,445.55	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	12.50	-	12.50	(12.50)	150.00	150.00	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(5.65)</b>	<b>6,787.13</b>	<b>(5.65)</b>	<b>6,787.13</b>	<b>(6,792.78)</b>	<b>81,445.55</b>	<b>81,451.20</b>	<b>-0.01%</b>
1809 Carlin Weid	Revenue	-	(4.17)	-	(4.17)	4.17	(50.00)	(50.00)	0.00%
	Expenditures	-	842.42	-	842.42	(842.42)	10,109.00	10,109.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>838.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>838.25</b>	<b>(838.25)</b>	<b>10,059.00</b>	<b>10,059.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
1811 Korth Park	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>
1812 Carnes Park	Revenue	(1,600.00)	(2,354.67)	(1,600.00)	(2,354.67)	754.67	(28,256.00)	(26,656.00)	5.66%
	Expenditures	145.96	13,802.50	145.96	13,802.50	(13,656.54)	165,636.00	165,484.04	0.09%
	Other Finances	-	4,943.33	-	4,943.33	(4,943.33)	59,320.00	59,320.00	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,454.04)</b>	<b>16,391.17</b>	<b>(1,454.04)</b>	<b>16,391.17</b>	<b>(17,845.21)</b>	<b>196,694.00</b>	<b>198,148.04</b>	<b>-0.74%</b>
1813 Park Buildings	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	1,628.41	1,329.25	1,628.41	1,329.25	299.16	15,951.00	14,322.59	10.21%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,628.41</b>	<b>1,329.25</b>	<b>1,628.41</b>	<b>1,329.25</b>	<b>299.16</b>	<b>15,951.00</b>	<b>14,322.59</b>	<b>10.21%</b>
1814 Garman Nature	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	1,083.33	-	1,083.33	(1,083.33)	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	41.67	-	41.67	(41.67)	500.00	500.00	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>	<b>(1,125.00)</b>	<b>13,500.00</b>	<b>13,500.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
1816 Glacial Heritage	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	1,504.42	-	1,504.42	(1,504.42)	18,053.00	18,053.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	541.67	-	541.67	(541.67)	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,046.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,046.08</b>	<b>(2,046.08)</b>	<b>24,553.00</b>	<b>24,553.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
1821 Snowmobile Trails	Revenue	(22,837.50)	(3,806.25)	(22,837.50)	(3,806.25)	(19,031.25)	(45,675.00)	(22,837.50)	50.00%
	Expenditures	-	3,806.25	-	3,806.25	(3,806.25)	45,675.00	45,675.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(22,837.50)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(22,837.50)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(22,837.50)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,837.50</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>
1824 Bike Trail	Revenue	(2,735.49)	(58.33)	(2,735.49)	(58.33)	(2,677.16)	(700.00)	2,035.49	390.78%
	Expenditures	-	58.33	-	58.33	(58.33)	700.00	700.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	82.67	-	82.67	(82.67)	992.00	992.00	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(2,735.49)</b>	<b>82.67</b>	<b>(2,735.49)</b>	<b>82.67</b>	<b>(2,818.16)</b>	<b>992.00</b>	<b>3,727.49</b>	<b>-275.76%</b>
1826 Dog Park	Revenue	(6,508.03)	(3,266.67)	(6,508.03)	(3,266.67)	(3,241.36)	(39,200.00)	(32,691.92)	16.60%
	Expenditures	175.36	4,603.83	175.36	4,603.83	(4,428.47)	55,246.00	55,070.64	0.32%
	Other Finances	-	(13.58)	-	(13.58)	13.58	(163.00)	(163.00)	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(6,332.67)</b>	<b>1,323.58</b>	<b>(6,332.67)</b>	<b>1,323.58</b>	<b>(7,656.25)</b>	<b>15,883.00</b>	<b>27,215.67</b>	<b>-39.87%</b>
1840 Groundskeeping	Revenue	(1,397.28)	(4,616.17)	(1,397.28)	(4,616.17)	3,218.89	(55,394.00)	(53,996.72)	2.52%
	Expenditures	1,397.29	6,866.17	1,397.29	6,866.17	(5,468.88)	82,394.00	80,996.71	1.70%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>(2,249.99)</b>	<b>27,000.00</b>	<b>26,999.99</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Total All Business Units	Revenue	(68,638.40)	(19,450.42)	(68,638.40)	(19,450.42)	(49,187.98)	(233,406.00)	(164,766.60)	29.41%
	Expenditures	54,425.40	122,015.73	54,425.40	122,015.73	(67,590.33)	1,464,188.81	1,409,763.41	3.72%
	Other Finances	-	5,608.25	-	5,608.25	(5,608.25)	67,299.00	67,299.00	0.00%
<b>Grand Total Parks</b>	<b>(14,213.00)</b>	<b>108,173.57</b>	<b>(14,213.00)</b>	<b>108,173.57</b>	<b>(122,386.57)</b>	<b>1,298,082.81</b>	<b>1,312,295.81</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>	