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Teens, Parents Move "Forward On Climate"

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Thousands, including 160 Wisconsinites, 100 alone from greater Madison, traveled across the country to the Forward on Climate rally in Washington, DC. Each had a story. Intriguing among them were those of three high school age teens and their parents from the Madison-area who bussed, marched and protested together on that bright, partly-cloudy, freezing Sunday, February 17, 2013.



350Madison volunteers Kevin and Susan Corrado carry signs in protest against Keystone XL with thousands.

They gathered with crowds to rally in the shadow of the Washington Monument to call on the country and the government to take urgent action against climate change. Bill McKibben, 350.org founder and event co-organizer, and Michael Brune,

Executive Director of the Sierra Club, another event co-organizer, shared the event stage with politicians, celebrities, activists and Canadian first-nation representatives.

Each speaker reminded them that business as usual can not continue in
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John Muir Chapter Fund Raiser with Michael Brune

April 20, 4 – 7 PM; UW Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery

We are honored to welcome the Sierra Club's Executive Director, Michael Brune, on April 20 from 4 – 7 pm at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery (WID) to celebrate 50 years of conservation success by the John Muir Chapter – and to look ahead to the next 50. This is especially appropriate since John Muir, who founded the Sierra Club, spent much of his boy-

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Chair's Corner

Dave Blouin

The Four Lakes Group is busy making plans for more education on important issues via regular tabling at the Farmers Market and other events. We expect that the Recycling Away From Home (RAH) program will continue to expand recycling at area outdoor festivals and concerts to continue to divert wastes from our landfills. We're also planning a Water Sentinels program locally to focus more attention to cleaning and maintaining our local lakes and streams. Watch for more information on this new program with educational and outings opportunities. As always, contact our tireless Conservation Chair, Don Ferber to get more involved in any of these opportunities (see **page 5**).

I'm pleased and excited that the John Muir Chapter, our state "parent" organization is celebrating the 50th Anniversary this year. To mark this important milestone, Chapter staff and volunteers have been gathering stories and photos about our grassroots activism and achievements and victories and posting them to a special web site: sierrawi50.org. The web site lists fifty important accomplishments by the Chapter and is an inspiring demonstration of the power and influence that Sierra Club members have had over public policy. Visit the web site to learn how the Club has helped shape Wisconsin for the better, share your stories and pictures, and learn how to become more involved.

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Four Lakes Group Outings

Outings, Spring/Summer 2013

For all outings: Wear weather and activity-appropriate clothing (layered is best) and good footwear. Bring fluids to drink, and a snack or food. Sun screen and bug spray recommended in season. For work outings, wear sturdy gloves and boots. Long pants and long-sleeved shirts are often best. Tools are provided for restoration outings, but you can bring your own. Please contact the leader to RSVP, if you have questions, concerns about weather, or to cancel. If carpooling, please arrive early. Check the Four Lakes Group web site or Facebook page for updates or added events.

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April 21 – John Muir Birthday Celebration John Muir Park, Marquette County

Noon: Earth Day clean up at John Muir Park on County F, south of Montello.

1 pm: Hike at Muir Park featuring Jeremy Solin from the UW Stevens Point Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education who will talk about *Getting to Know Your Land Community – Exploring a Sense of Place*.

3 pm: Live music featuring the *Sweet Earth Band* who will be playing environmental and kid friendly songs. This will include a celebration John Muir's 175th birthday with delicious birthday cake. This will be at Moundville Church at W5501 Co Rd O, Endeavor, WI. Sponsored by Wisconsin Friends of John Muir, Marquette County Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth, and the Marquette County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Visit www.facebook.com/WisconsinFriendsOfJohnMuir or www.johnmuir.org/wisconsin, or contact Don Ferber for more info or to carpool.

April 27 – Streambank Restoration on Pleasant Valley Creek

Join Trout Unlimited for an invigorating outing to help clear overgrown willow along the banks of this appropriately named stream. This is part of Dane County's streambank easement program to provide good fishing access on cold weather trout streams in SW Dane

County. The site is 1 1/4 miles south of Cty JG on Cty H in the Town of Perry at a bridge over Pleasant Valley and the address is 485 County Hwy H, Mount Horeb. Contact Don Ferber for more info.

Saturday, May 11 – Bike the Military Ridge Trail

Ride the Military Ridge Trail west from Verona 13 miles to the train depot in downtown Mt. Horeb. Bring a snack to eat at the depot, or there are several restaurants to quench our thirst and get a bite to eat before riding back. Bring water and a spare inner tube and tire changing tools. A state bike trail pass is required and can be purchased along the way. Meet at 10 am at Verona Park & Ride. From Madison, take Hwy 18/151 exit 81 and turn left at the exit ramp stoplight onto Hwy PB, and then right into the MRT parking lot. Contact Kathy Mulbrandon for more info.

June 2 – Prairie Restoration at Black Earth Rettenmund Prairie

Join long time Sierran and Prairie Enthusiast, Willis Brown, to learn more about prairies and their maintenance, and help with the ongoing management of this fine prairie. The work will be in open prairie from 9 am to noon. After the work party, there is an optional prairie tour. Meet at 9 am. From Madison take Hwy 14 to Black Earth, and turn left (south) at the Hwy 78 light for ~ 6 blocks. Turn right onto Hwy KP and go about 1 mile, then turn left on Hwy F. After ~ 100 yds turn right on Fesenfeld Rd. The prairie is on the left before the first house (.3 mi), with a small parking area on the right. Contact Willis Brown to RSVP or for more info.

Saturday, June 15 – Devil's Lake State Park Rim Hike

Take the scenic rim hike around both the east and west bluffs that surround Devil's Lake. Along the way learn about the powerful forces of plate tectonics, volcanism and massive glaciers that shaped the place we call Devil's Lake over the last 2 billion years. The hiking varies from easy to moderately challenging with some climbing over rocky, steep and potentially slippery trails with an elevation change of about 600 feet.

Meet at 10 am at the South Shore parking lot and meet by the concession. Devil's Lake is ~ 3 miles south of Baraboo off Hwy 113. Take the S. Lake Rd. entrance off Hwy 113. A state park sticker or day pass is required for cars. Contact Kathy Mulbrandon to RSVP or if you wish to carpool.

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June 21-23 – MREA Energy Fair, Custer, WI

Come for the Fair or join us at our Sierra Club booth for the annual biggest anywhere energy fair. Take the bus or consider carpooling (or biking?) to lower your carbon footprint. Energy Fair details at <https://www.midwestrenew.org/energyfair> or contact Don Ferber for more info.

July 6 – Prairie Restoration at Black Earth Rettenmund Prairie

See June 2 outing. For those who want some variety, afterwards we can tour the nearby (~ 5 miles) Pleasant Valley Conservancy – a spectacular example of prairie/oak savanna/wetland restoration. Contact Willis Brown to RSVP or for more info.

Isthmus Green Day

This year's Isthmus Green Day is on April 20 from 10 am - 5 pm at Monona Terrace, and we invite you to join us at our Sierra Club booth and hear the Sierra Club's Executive Director, Michael Brune. This free expo and forum from 10am-5pm celebrates environmentally conscious living through a variety of activities. There will be informative exhibits, product demonstrations, educational activities, fascinating speakers, and shopping opportunities, and plenty of stuff for the kids! Activities include hands-on, interactive booths, a fashion show, yoga, and even cooking demos. Food and fun!

Isthmus Green Day will feature Michael Brune, author of *Coming Clean: Breaking America's Addiction to Oil and Coal*, who will address climate disruption and talk about our plan for moving America toward a clean-energy economy. In addition, Doug Fine, author and journalist, will share his unique experiences visiting five continents as well as focus upon the "Digital Age" and the burgeoning legal cannabis industry.

No need to watch from the sidelines when we'll have our own Sierra Club booth which is a wonderful chance to connect with like-minded people and let them know what the Sierra Club is up to. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to connect with people. Shifts are from 9:30 am – noon, noon – 2:30 pm, and 2:30 – 5 pm. Simply go to <http://vols.pt/dV576E> to sign up. See you there! ■

August 4 – Four Lakes Summer Soiree and Picnic at Lake Farm County Park, Shelter #2

Enjoy the Wisconsin outdoors with fellow Sierrans at our annual summer event, and partake of woodlands, prairies, Lake Waubesa – and lots of fine food and company. We'll provide most of the food and drink; we just need you and something you'd like to share. Lake Farm Park is easily accessible from Madison, so you can arrive by boat, bike or other conveyance of your choice. Contact Don Ferber for more info. From Madison, take the Raywood (South Towne) exit south from the beltline to Moorland Rd. Turn left and go past the Heritage Center and turn left on Libby Rd. to Lake Farm Park and head to shelter #2.

9 am – noon – Restoration Outing

Get hands on experience learning about invasive species, how they affect native vegetation, and methods of control. Better yet, you'll not only do something you can feel good about (while taking out your aggressions on the aliens), but you'll work up a good appetite for lunch.

9:30 – 11:30 am – Hike

Partake in the woodlands and wander through open prairies and enjoy the sights and sounds of this fine lakeshore park. You'll learn about native woodland and prairie plants and the problems in dealing with invasive species. But we promise wonderful wildflowers, and who knows what critters we'll see or hear.

Noon – 2 pm – Picnic

Lunch with lots of fresh air by the lake shore – and you know that a bunch of outdoors people know how to do a cookout outdoors right. We'll supply the scrumptious grill items (meat and veggie) and refreshments, and you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. You won't leave hungry, but you might leave having made new friends and learned more about the Four Lakes Group. ■

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hood growing up in Wisconsin learning his environmental creed, and with Wisconsin also being the home of two other great environmentalists, Aldo Leopold and Gaylord Nelson. In that vein, the WID has received LEED Gold certification for its environmentally friendly design.

You can find more information about tickets for this special event and the Chapter's 50 anniversary at <http://sierrawi50.org>. This event is also a fundraiser to help the chapter move forward in these environmentally challenging times, so please join us to help support the chapter. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/Involve/donate.asp>. ■

CHAIR *from page 1*

Thinking about fifty years of Sierra Club history, I'm reminded that our organizational roots are in outdoors recreation and especially outings with fellow members. Becoming an outings leader is a great way to share your passion and knowledge for the outdoors. It's easy to do (I'm signing up this year!) and the requirements are minimal. You need to be a Club member and be 18 or older, have current Basic First Aid training and complete Outdoor Leadership Training that is free (and online) from the Club. Our Outings Chair, Kathy Mulbrandon, will help make sure you're ready to lead others on outings of your choice. If you're interested, please contact Kathy (**see page 2**) to get started.

As expected, the Bad River Watershed Destruction bill was passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Walker as his first Act of 2013. The Sierra Club took a strong stand opposing both the legislation and the proposed mine itself from the outset two years ago. Our

opposition is both renewed and strengthened by the passage of the new law gutting environmental protections for this single proposal. Watch for updates in your email and on the JMC web site at wisconsin.sierraclub.org. Legal challenges and defense of the watershed from unsafe mining will need additional funding. Funds can be sent to support the John Muir Chapter's work, or directly to the Bad River Tribe at: PO Box 39, Odanah, WI 54861, or via their web site: badriver-nsn.gov/bad-river-tribe.

Frac sand mining issues also continue to dominate concerns for many communities and counties in western and south-western Wisconsin. New legislation designed to better control the sand mine operations and give local governments more tools with which to protect their residents has been introduced by Sen. Kathleen Vinehout. The Sierra Club supports these new efforts and you're encouraged to learn more on the JMC web site's Legislative Tracker at wisconsin.sierraclub.org/tracker. More news on various conservation issues can be found on **page 5**.

Finally, I'm pleased to report the results of our Executive Committee elections. Beverly Speer, Lacinda Athen and I were each re-elected to two-year terms. The current Committee members include Dane Varese, Sierra Pope, Don Ferber, and Bérénice Wiecki. The Committee usually meets once a month and is responsible for oversight of the activities of members and committees of the Group. We're always interested in your input and feedback and also recruiting members interested in serving on committees including the Executive Committee. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. ■

Cruisin' for Cuisine

Our motto is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet – so here's your opportunity to explore some of the Madison area's fine culinary spots, enjoy some gastronomic delights, and protect your inner environment by choosing good food! Plus, your environment will include the company of fellow Sierrans so you can broaden your horizons (social and intellectual, of course) as part of the adventure. Wanna join in? Simply RSVP a week in advance to Lacinda at lacinda.athen@gmail.com or 608-274-7870 to reserve your place at the table, and she'll provide the dinner time.

Thursday, May 9: Forequarter
(<http://undergroundfoodcollective.org/forequarter>)
708 1/4 E. Johnson Street, Madison

Thursday, June 13: Veranda Restaurant and Wine Bar
(www.verandamadison.com)
2784 S Fish Hatchery Rd, Madison

Wednesday, July 17: DLux Burgers and Cocktails
(www.dluxmadison.com)
117 Martin Luther King Blvd, Madison

Tuesday, September 10: Pisans
(www.pisansrestaurant.biz)
131 W Wilson, Madison ■

Waste Reduction, Sierra Club Style (RAH, RAH)

We've never kept our desire for further waste reduction a secret, and are recognized at east side Madison neighborhood festivals for our Recycling Away from Home (RAH) efforts at these events. But while recycling is worthwhile, it's a long way from generating zero waste, and is why we're working with festivals to move to using compostables.

Are you ready to participate and say "Enough waste! This truly is garbage!" If so, we have opportunities. The first is to help collect recyclables at current events. You can help coordinate volunteers as a recycling leader, or you can volunteer (or find volunteers) for a shift at these events: Waterfront Festival, June 8 - 9, Atwood Summerfest, July 27 - 28, and Orton Park Festival, August 23 - 25. (Great for doing community service.) And free drinks on the house for RAH volunteers!

The second opportunity is to work with community organizations and businesses to enable composting at these events. It includes contacting organizations, businesses and vendors to facilitate use of these products, and work to find places that will take the compostables. If you're ready to talk some real trash, contact Don Ferber at (608) 222-9376 or d_ferber@sbcglobal.net. ■

Four Lakes Conservation Roundup

Conservation is at the heart of the Sierra Club's efforts and in many ways, our *raison d'être*. As much as it mattered to John Muir years ago when he started the Sierra Club, it matters at least as much to us now with all the threats from climate change and toxic pollutants. Unlike Gaylord Nelson taught us, there is an attitude that the environment is a wholly owned subsidiary of the economy. Certainly, the latter is part of the mindset that is currently controlling our state. Open for business? Maybe. Open for people and the health and preservation of our planet? No way! That's why your support is needed now more than ever.

Most Four Lakes conservation work revolves around national or state efforts, especially since the Dane County region tends to be more environmentally friendly. Below are some issues and opportunities to get involved, with more information and updates available on our web sites at <http://www.4lakes.org> and <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org>. If you have questions or want to become more active, please contact Don Ferber at (608) 222-9376 or d_ferber@sbcglobal.net to discuss any of the activities below, or other issues not mentioned here.

Beyond Coal

Topping the list of conservation issues of course is climate change. Our state-wide Beyond Coal team is part of the Sierra Club's national campaign. We have several key focus areas: protecting and enhancing Wisconsin's Focus on Energy funding; promoting Clean Energy Choice to permit third party ownership of clean energy (e.g. solar systems for those who can't afford them); and promoting off shore wind that provides tremendous potential

Fifty More Years of Conservation Leadership

Mary Nokes

Wisconsin's John Muir Chapter has deep environmental roots and our landscapes have inspired many leaders in the conservation movement. As part of our 50th anniversary, we hope to inspire a new generation of conservation leaders. We will chronicle our history and encourage members and supporters to try new things, deepen your commitment, and offer your skills as a volunteer to make the Chapter stronger. We need your help to build the next 50 years of conservation leadership in Wisconsin.

After 50 years, we have many stories to tell. The John Muir Chapter has championed many issues from the designation of Wild and Scenic Rivers to closing down coal plants and along the way we have found heroes and heroines among us. With the help of our chapter's volunteers we have stepped forward to take on what needs to be done.

for Wisconsin clean energy production, jobs and economic stimulus.

Madison Climate Coalition

We have formed a coalition with 350Madison.org and other organizations to focus on what we can do together here on various climate action issues. This includes the Keystone XL pipeline which the Four Lakes group helped send 3 Wisconsin busloads to Washington DC on February 17 to protest, but is focused more broadly on any issues that impact climate change.

Beyond Oil

We also have a state team promoting better transportation solutions. Key

To celebrate, the John Muir chapter will hold a number of events to bring us together. The evening of April 20th, we will celebrate John Muir's Birthday, the 44th Earth Day, and our Chapter's anniversary with Michael Brune, the National Executive Director of the Sierra Club at the Institutes of Discovery in Madison. In October, the Chapter will host a special Autumn Assembly. This year, we will focus on our priority conservation issues, train members and supporters to be effective advocates on Wisconsin's environmental issues, and celebrate the Chapter's record of accomplishments.

Look for invitations and more information about celebration efforts in 2013. The 50th Anniversary Team has been meeting, working, and planning ideas and events, helping to lay the groundwork for 50 more years of exciting environmental leadership by the John Muir Chapter of the Sierra Club. ■

issues here are enabling regional transit authorities (which Dane County had temporarily), keeping transit funding in the transportation fund (a critical issue), and enhancing transit funding and support. These issues are not only about the environment and economy, but also have strong equity and social justice ramifications.

Water Team

Our state water team has languished a bit, but we are working to ramp up our efforts on water issues locally. We not only have strong support for lakes and watersheds by the current Dane County Executive,

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the face of growing climate change threats and environmental degradation. With speakers and other ralliers, they urged that Obama block Transcanada Corporation’s Keystone XL pipeline and thereby keep extremely polluting toxic Canadian tar sand oil from pouring into the market to further damage the climate, economy, and public health.

They and others swarmed into the streets with their signs, chants, and in some cases costumes, to visibly and vocally demonstrate their concern. Grim reapers, statues of liberty, astronauts, and just chilly bundled-up citizens of all ages streamed from the staging area down the streets to the White House – and then back again. As they and fellow protesters strode to the event stage at the end of the march, McKibben declared over the sound system they had made history with 50,000 attending the largest climate focused rally in U.S. history.

The three parents and teens took time to share stories of how they had helped make and influence history as their bus rolled from Washington, DC back to Wisconsin on that cold, dark Sunday evening.

Terry Ross notes how she encouraged her daughter, Madison East High School senior Scout Slava-Ross, to come in part to carry on a generational tradition of advocating social justice. “There were a lot of us here today, and that was important, but personally I thought it was important for my daughter to have the experience of being in Washington, DC, with thousands of people trying to make their voices heard about a cause that is really important. In my experience, I came to Washington with my mother back in the 70’s for an important rally for the equal rights amendment, and it was the first of many. And it was really fun to bring my daughter and do this together for the first time.”

Scout recalls that her positive response came in the context of an active and activist relationship, “My mom was the first one who mentioned the Forward On Climate Rally to me, and that is how I first knew it was happening. I’ve always done a lot of stuff with my mom, especially in regards to the environment and things like this march. We used to be in a street theater group together, so I trusted her when she said it was going to be a big deal, and I think that she was right!”

Scout saw her contribution as one piece of a greater whole. “I accomplished something that everyone accomplished, just one more person at the rally where each one of us adds. Just another person makes it another person bigger. A lot of individual efforts together is why something like this can really happen. I also accomplished just being able to come to a rally in DC.”

In a slightly different way Susan Kiernan’s plan to attend the Forward On Climate Rally inspired her daughter, Madison West High School Freshman Laura Kiernan to come.

“I was originally coming alone,” Susan said, “When I told Laura that I was getting on the bus she said ‘Can I come?’ She said that this issue of climate change is important to me too.”

Laura elaborates, “I feel that climate change is an important issue for me and my generation. I really like the environment and I want to ski and play in the snow 30 years from now and that’s important. I just wanted to be part of a big movement, and I think we sent a strong message to President Obama and I hope he responds.”

Susan describes their shared desire for climate change action, “I hope we

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sent a very strong message to President Obama in this show of force that we had here today. This is, I think the defining issue of our time, and the time for action is now. This is urgent and I hope that he sees that we are in this together and that we want to support him in making the best possible decisions to heal our planet.”

In something of a role reversal, Monona Grove High School senior Ellen Albright inspired her father Bill Albright to protest. “Over the summer I joined 350Madison to get more involved with climate activism, and when I heard about the climate rally in DC, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity to practice this activism. My parents weren’t too keen on the idea of me going to DC by myself, so I decided to take my dad along with me. Also, over the summer I introduced him to some of Bill McKibben’s writing and really got him interested about this idea as well. So, It was a very cool experience to bond with my dad over this issue and see our generations working together on climate change,” Ellen explained.

Bill’s involvement in science education may have something to do with Ellen’s awareness, but he agrees she nudged him from passive science to political action. “For the last 15 to 18 years I have been aware of climate change. I taught it in high school, in earth science... So while I had that interest from a science standpoint and being a scientist, it was really my daughter Ellen that sparked my interest in becoming active politically and socially.”

Ellen enthuses, “I think I had a personal achievement today of re-inspiring myself to continue fighting against the climate crisis and participating in environmental activism. I also think that I was part of a very important movement to pressure President Obama to not

approve the Keystone XL pipeline. Before I left for Washington, one of my teachers shared an interesting piece of rhetoric with me that in the 1960’s civil rights leaders met with President Kennedy and asked him to give them political support for their civil rights agenda. He told them that he did support them but that they would need to get out and make him propose comprehensive civil rights legislation. So, I went to Washington knowing that President Obama wants to act on climate change and that he means to act on climate change, but I went to make him act on climate change.”

The climate crisis struggle, hope and opportunity doesn’t end with parents such as Bill, Susan and Terry or their generation. It continues with the younger generations represented by their children, Scout, Laura and Ellen along with other students and young adults at the Forward On Climate Rally. This new generation not only takes inspiration from its elders to act, but inspires their elders to act against climate change, “the defining issue of our time.” ■



Kam the Astronaut stands out in the Forward On Climate march to the White House reminding everybody "Protect Home Base".



D.C. street to White House fills with thousands calling on Obama administration to take climate change action and block Keystone XL pipeline.

BIG Climate Action Event

April 28, 1 – 5 PM, Aldo Leopold Nature Center, Madison

We’re talking BIG – Building Involvement Globally. While this may be a Madison event sponsored by the Madison Climate Coalition (Sierra Club, 350.org and others), we’ll need action to occur globally to do anything effective about climate change. To get involved or learn more about how to do so, this event features information from about a dozen different Madison based organizations working on climate change that offer a wide range of opportunities and issues.

If you haven’t been to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center before, this kid’s center has wonderful outdoor spaces and smaller version of the Leopold shack, and now also has a spectacular, hands-on interactive climate change exhibit. We’ll feature the exhibits at our event where you can see climate science on a globe, and record your own weather forecast! We’ll also be showing the new 350.org film about Bill McKibben’s Do the Math Tour. But we won’t forget the kids (hey, it’s the ALNC!) and have a variety of fun activities for them to learn more about climate change and energy issues. For more information, contact Jennifer Feyerherm at (608) 257-4994 or Jennifer.feyerherm@sierraclub.org, or visit our Four Lakes web site or Facebook page. ■



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but have strong backing from a number of public and private organizations supporting these efforts. We're planning to start a water sentinels team here, so please contact us if you, or someone you know, is interested.

Metallic Mining

While the legislature passed terrible new mining laws, we continue our opposition to this environmentally damaging legislation. We support the Bad River Tribe and others in their opposition to the proposed Penokee Mine, but are concerned about wider impacts elsewhere this legislation could cause.

Frac Sands Mining

The frac sands mining industry that supports hydro-fracking of natural gas is largely unregulated and can produce harmful environmental consequences and side effects. Found especially in west central and northwest Wisconsin, it is of particular concern to the people there being affected.

Urban Sprawl and Growth

We are concerned with sprawl and smart growth, but most of our involvement in that has been through a coalition group called CRANES (Capital Region Advocacy Network for Environmental Sustainability) that we support. We welcome further involvement on that front as well.

Recycling Away From Home

Our waste reduction efforts are through our Recycling Away from Home (RAH) team, and more information can be found on page 4. ■

Great Things This April at *Bergamot* massage bodywork

This April is not only Earth month but also the Sierra Club John Muir Chapter's 50th Anniversary!

Congratulations on 50 years of conservation leadership in Wisconsin! All month long at Bergamot Massage we'll be raising funds for the Sierra Club and donating time to help keep our planet beautiful.

So come on in this month and give new life to yourself and the Earth.



April at Bergamot:

- **\$15 off all services** (60 minutes or longer) for members of the Sierra Club* (*Can not be combined with other specials or discounts)
- Donate \$5 (to the John Muir Chapter) for a **chance to win:** Massages, products, Sierra Club Picnic Blankets and Much More!
- **Earth Day** clean up April 21st at Elver Park

Midwest Renewable Energy Association Energy Fair

If you want to hear or learn more about clean energy, there's no better place to do so than the MREA Energy Fair in Custer. This annual event includes three days of workshops, hundreds of exhibits on many sustainability issues, lots of opportunities to network, plenty of good items to purchase, and an abundance of information. Wonderful food, beer and music await you from June 21 – 23. Camp out for all three days, or go for just a day. We'll have a Sierra Club booth and encourage you to sign up for a shift. Energy Fair info is available at <https://www.midwestrenew.org/energyfair>, or contact Don Ferber for more info about volunteering. ■