

# WisArch News

The Newsletter of the Wisconsin Archeological Society



## MEGAFAUNA IN WISCONSIN: New Exhibits and Old Collections

Midvale Heights Bison Prairie, Madison



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**Officers, Chapter Presidents & At Large Advisors 2014**

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Note: The editor appreciates the assistance of Tami Thomsen for help on formatting this issue.



## Message from the President

The year 2014 has marked some great gains for the Wisconsin Archeological Society. We continue to make significant progress in increasing membership and keeping on track with the production of the *Wisconsin Archeologist* journal. First, I would like to thank our society board treasurer Jake Rieb and board secretary Jake Pfaffenroth for their continued commitment and exceptional work for the society. Their bottom line oversights in the financial stability of our organization and the work they have put into the propagation of the society through multi-media avenues such as our website and Facebook page have helped us connect to hundreds of people to increase membership, propagate lectures and events, and help to generally spread the word about this organization to interested parties. We anticipate a budget surplus for 2015. They truly are the backbone of this organization. I would also like to thank our editorial committee staff which includes Kent Dickerson, Kathy Stevenson, Connie Arzigian, Vicki Twinde-Javner; as well as our guest editor Matt Hill, and former retiring editor Joe Tiffany, for their exceptional work. Their dedication and hard work this past year have helped to keep the journal up-to-date, and on a reasonable publication schedule. The continued quality of the *Wisconsin Archeologist* journal is a reflection of their commitment to continue the finest and longest running archeological publication in the nation. The next issue, Volume 95 Number 2, is being edited by guest editor Matt Hill and will be completed shortly and due in the mail by the end of the year or the first week of the new year.

I would also like to thank all the various At-Large Advisors, Chapter Presidents, and various society committee heads. Your advice, input and work is greatly appreciated and vital to our success as well.

Beginning in 2015 our membership dues are increasing slightly. This was instituted beginning in July of this year. The increase in dues is slight from \$5.00 to \$10.00 depending on the category. These increases are mainly a reflection of the increased cost of printing production of the *Wisconsin Archeologist* journal; and the added expense of providing the society and its membership with liability and D&O insurance policies. We have not raised dues in several decades, but now it is necessary to do so to maintain the quality of the journal, and to continue to provide quality educational programs through speakers and

events; as well as scholarship opportunities. Dues are now: Regular Membership: \$30.00, Family Membership: \$35.00, Student/Senior Membership: \$20.00, Institutional: \$40.00, and International Membership: \$50.00. Since these new rates did go into effect in July of this year those that have paid their 2015 membership dues in advance of this will be grandfathered at the old rates.

As we move into the winter season Wisconsin Archeological Society chapters around the state have begun to set their speakers and lectures series. We welcome the help of Rachel Mc Tavish and Jennifer Picard of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Chapter as co-chairs of the Programs and Publicity Committee. Please contact them if you wish to advertise your individual chapter programs this winter season. I would like to thank Mark Bruhy and Katie Eagan Bruhy for their previous work as co-chairs of this committee.

This coming year 2015 we will have opportunities to award WASRA grants and possible Increase Lapham Medals and Robert Ritzenthaler Service Awards. If anyone would like to nominate someone for these awards please contact Robert "Ernie" Boszhardt chair of the Awards Committee.

Finally I would like to welcome back into the fold Seth Schneider as President Elect of the society. Since coming to Wisconsin and working both as a field archaeologist and a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Seth has been a member of the Wisconsin Archeological Society and has served the society in various capacities over the years. We welcome his experience, input, and leadership as he will assume the presidency of the society in the fall of 2016. I look forward to continuing to serve as president until that time, and welcome all of your input and support.

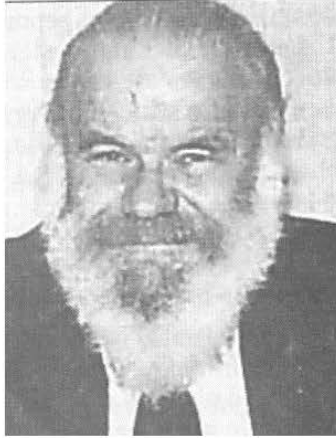
The date and time of the society's spring 2015 meeting has not been determined as of yet. This information will be forthcoming. Let's make 2015 another great year for the society.

Respectfully Yours,  
Kurt A. Sampson  
President – Wisconsin Archeological Society



## Robert Hruska 1930-2014

The Wisconsin archaeological community is sad to learn of the passing of Robert Hruska. The following obituary was published in the *Oshkosh Northwestern* on Sept. 19, 2014:



### Robert J. Hruska

Robert James Hruska, 84, or Wausaukee passed away on September 17, 2014 after a short illness. Bob was born on August 9, 1930 in Laurium, Michigan. On September 2, 1940 he married Shirlie M. Cairns.

Bob found his first arrowhead at the age of 8, sparking a life-long interest in archaeology. With the support of his wife Shirlie, Bob pursued his dream of a career in archaeology. He was hired by the University of Michigan for field work in 1956. Bob started work at the Oshkosh Public Museum in 1961 as Assistant Director and Curator of Anthropology. He conducted extensive field work in Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This field work included the important excavations of the multi-component Riverside Site in Menominee, Michigan. Bob also conducted field work in South Dakota and Mexico.

Many individuals remember Bob from is many years at the Oshkosh Public Museum. He could often be found in the small office on the first floor near the main staircase when not wondering through the museum. He was always willing to answer questions and encourage interest in the rich archaeology of Wisconsin. Many of the current generation of archaeologist, both professional and avocational, can trace their enthusiasm for the field to early contact with Bob. His breadth and depth of knowledge was always impressive.

Bob retired from the Oshkosh Public Museum in 1990, after 29 years of service. Bob continued to enjoy hunting, hiking, metal detecting, artifact collecting, and youth mentoring. Bob was a regular attendee at the Annual Petri/Hruska Annual Collectors Meet at Neil Ostberg's property near Slinger, Wisconsin. His absence at the Meet last month was sorely felt.

Survivors include Bob's wife Shirlie; children: James (Karen) Hruska and Becky Hruska; grandchildren Troy (Pamela) Hruska, Jamie O'Mary, and Allen Hruska; great grandchildren Kaetchen, Robert, Heather, and Nicholas (from Troy and Pam Hruska) and Cody, Jamie Jr., Sierra, and Chase (from Jamie O'Mary); and several nieces and nephews.

Following Bob's wishes, there was no memorial service. Condolences to the family can be expressed online at [www.rhodescharapata.com](http://www.rhodescharapata.com) (maintained by the Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home & Crematory, Crivitz).

Bob Hruska authored articles in the Wisconsin Archeologist: 37(2) 1956, 47(1) 1966, 48(3) 1967



## Treasurer's Report Fall 2014 Meeting - October 11, 2014 UW Milwaukee

Membership levels are up slightly from last years total (2013 ended with 353). We currently have 358 members and about two months of the year to recruit more members!

We have paid for Volume 95(1) printing and postage. The total was only slightly over the budget estimate (by \$178). Thank you to our editors and editorial committee for the great work on that issue.

We received a thank you letter from the Wisconsin Historic Society for our archaeology month donation of \$250. Letter is attached.

We dispersed the \$450 grant to Katherine Stern-Miller awarded to her by the WASRA committee this spring.

Beginning with 2015 membership year, dues have been raised by either \$10 or \$5 per level except for Associates which remain at \$5, Sustaining remaining at \$50, and Donors remaining at \$100. Dues are: Regular now \$30, Family now \$35, Student/Senior now \$20, Institution \$40, and International \$50. The new rates went into effect in July and those having paid for 2015 prior will be "grandfathered" at the old rates.

Store/backissues sales continue to do well. Over \$1400 income after expenses. This is a large part of why overall we are ahead of our project income for the year. I expect the final expenses for the year will be less than our income and we will likely end the year "in the black".

I have not yet closed out the old Associated Bank checking but this is on my to-do list. I stopped receiving statements for that account in May when I transferred the bulk of our balance to the new checking account (balance too low?). I estimate we have less than \$100 remaining in that account. The remaining balance will be transferred over before the year-end report with the actual amount revised.

Sincerely,

Jake Rieb

<b>Current Treasury Balances</b>	
(new) PdS Checking:	\$33,062
CD #1:	\$10,000
CD #2:	\$10,000
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>\$53,062</i>

<b>Membership</b>	
2014	358 Members (Ind: 168; Family: 16; Donor: 2; Sust: 5; Student: 25; Senior: 35; Library: 50; Int'l: 7; Assoc: 50)
2015	63 Members

<b>2014 Income</b>	
Banking Interest:	\$9
Winter Dinner	\$182
Dues	\$7180
Donations	\$410
Store Sales (incl. postage)	\$1883
<i>Grand Total (to date)</i>	<i>\$9664</i>
	<i>(vs. est. \$9032 from Annual budget)</i>

<b>2014 Expenses</b>	
Vol 95 (1) Print	\$3050
Vol 95 (1) Post	\$408
Vol 95 (2) Print/Post	TBD
WASRA	\$450 (awarded to Katherine Sterner-Miller)
Website Hosting	\$288
Insurance Policies	\$832
WI Arch. Month Donation	\$250
Store Expenses (incl. postage)	\$477
Misc. Expenses	\$156
<i>Grand Total (to date)</i>	<i>\$5699</i>

<b>2015 Income</b>	
Dues	\$1725

### Call for Nominations:



### Society for American Archaeology Crabtree Award

The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Crabtree Award Nomination Committee is seeking nominations for the Crabtree Award. The SAA presents the Crabtree Award annually to an outstanding avocational archaeologist in remembrance of the singular contributions of flintknapper and experimental archaeologist, Don Crabtree.

Nominees for the award should have made significant contributions to advance understandings of local, regional, or national archaeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collections preservation, collaboration with the professional community, and/or public outreach.

Nominators should submit a current curriculum vita, a letter of nomination, and letters of support for their respective candidate(s) and keep an eye out for the updated formal announcement at SAA's web page (<http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/Awards/CrabtreeAward/tabid/167/Default.aspx>).

Nominations, supporting documentation, and any questions should be submitted (preferably by email) to:

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## WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHAPTER EVENTS

### Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center Events for Winter - Spring 2015

Information about upcoming MVAC events can be found online at: <http://mvac.uwlax.edu/events-displays/>

- **Lecture – 13 Millennia in 30 Years: An Archaeologist’s Take on Coulee Country and Beyond**

Dr. James Theler, Professor Emeritus, UW-L Depart. Of Sociology and Archaeology, has spent over thirty years studying past peoples and past environments of the Midwest, and has a wealth of experience in the Coulee Region. His entertaining talk will offer an insider’s perspective on regional research and fascinating archaeological discoveries throughout this time.

Date: Thurs., Nov. 13, 2014

Time: 7 PM

Location: Port O’Call, Cartwright Center, UW-L

Speaker: Dr. James Theler, Professor Emeritus, UW–La Crosse

- **Lecture - Booting Up Humanity**

The origin of our species was surprisingly complex. We have within us the genes of ancient Africans, Neandertals, and a mysterious population known as the Denisovans. Only a relative handful of genetic changes mark humans today as different from these ancient people. So how did the characteristics of modern humans, including complex social systems, symbolic thought, and language, evolve? New discoveries point in a surprising direction: Modern humans used a diversity of genes in a common social environment to bootstrap themselves to humanity. With the origin of modern human behavior, cultural evolution began to direct our genetic evolution, with rapid and unprecedented results.

Professor John Hawks is an expert on human evolution and genetics, best known for his work demonstrating the recent rapid evolution of humans within the past 10,000 years and for exploring the contribution of ancient Neandertals to the ancestry of people living today. He has done fieldwork in Africa, Asia, and Europe, combining skeletal evidence from fossils with new information from genetics to uncover how humans evolved. His weblog is one of the top international resources on human evolution and genetics. Call MVAC at 608-785-6473 or e-mail [mvac@uwlax.edu](mailto:mvac@uwlax.edu) for more information.

Date: Thurs., Feb. 19, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Location: Valhalla, Cartwright Center, UW-L

Speaker: Dr. John Hawks, Associate Professor of Anthropology, UW–Madison

- **Artifact Show**

Come to Valley View Mall and see artifacts representing the area’s long history. Local collectors will display their personal collections, and MVAC staff will bring artifacts recovered from local excavations. Archaeologists will be on hand to answer questions. Bring in your own artifacts for help in their identification. Call MVAC at 608-785-8454 or e-mail Jean ([jdowiasch@uwlax.edu](mailto:jdowiasch@uwlax.edu)) if you would like to display your artifacts.

Date: Sat., March 14, 2015

Time: 10 AM–5 PM

Location: Valley View Mall, La Crosse, WI

- **Lecture - The Attacking Ocean**

Dr. Fagan will be talking about his latest book, *The Attacking Ocean: The Past, Present and Future of Rising Sea Levels*, which focuses on rising global sea levels, showing how societies of the past adapted to rising waters and how the rising sea levels of today impact the lives of millions of city dwellers and farmers around the world.

Brian Fagan is a leading authority on the complex relationship between the environment, climate change and human society. Fagan has 46 books under his belt, including eight college textbooks familiar to two generations of archaeology students. For audiences ranging from business executives to high school students, his works position today’s highly publicized climate

crisis in a crucial historical context and describes how humans have adapted to environmental changes over the eons. Call MVAC at 608-785-6473 or e-mail [mvac@uwlax.edu](mailto:mvac@uwlax.edu) for more information.

Date: Thurs., April 2, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Location: Auditorium, Graff Main Hall, UW-L

Speaker: Dr. Brian Fagan, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at the University of California at Santa Barbara

- **Volunteer Field Survey Opportunity**

MVAC will celebrate Wisconsin Archaeology Month by involving volunteers in surveys of local fields to find unreported archaeological sites. The day will begin with an introduction at the archaeology laboratory, followed by helping with an actual field survey. Participants will end the day back at the lab to wash the artifacts recovered and learn more about their history. The number of participants is limited, so register early. Children may participate if accompanied by an adult. Call MVAC at 608-785-8454 or e-mail Jean ([jdowiasch@uwlax.edu](mailto:jdowiasch@uwlax.edu)) to register.

Date: Sat., May 2, 2015 (rain date: Sat., May 9)

Time: 8:30 AM–4 PM

Location: Archaeology Center & Lab, UW-L

Fee: Free admission for MVAC members. Advanced registration required!



## Robert Ritzenthaler Chapter Wisconsin Archeological Society Program Announcement



*Advancing Wisconsin Archeology for over 100 years*

[www4.uwm.edu/Org.was/](http://www4.uwm.edu/Org.was/)

Officers: President: Richard Mason ([rpmason@milwpc.com](mailto:rpmason@milwpc.com))  
Vice-President: position open  
Secretary / Editor: Jeff Behm ([behm@uwosh.edu](mailto:behm@uwosh.edu))  
Treasurer: position open

Ritzenthaler monthly programs have dealt with some aspect of Wisconsin archaeology, we will gladly consider any program on World archaeology or research in other disciplines that relate to archaeology (e.g., ethnography, ethnohistory, geology, paleontology, etc.).

**November 11, 2014:** **Ray Reser**, Ph.D., Director, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Museum of Natural History, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Title: *The Pope Site Revisited: Assessing What We Know About Late Paleo-Indian Ritual*. Abstract: Forthcoming.

**December 9, 2014:** Program to be announced.

**January 13, 2015:** **Heather Walder**, Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Topic: Early Historic Fur Trade. Formal title and abstract forthcoming (date tentative).

**February 10, 2015:** Program to be announced.

**March 10, 2015:** Program to be announced.

**April 14, 2015:** Program to be announced.

**May 13, 2015:** **Jeremy Cobble**, Wisconsin Archeological Society. Title and abstract forthcoming. This program will be our Chapter's contribution to the annual state-wide celebration of Wisconsin Archaeology Month. Details for the state-wide programming can be checked on the Archaeology Page of the Wisconsin Historical Society web site: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/archaeology/>

### Information for Contributing to the Newsletter

If you have news, information about upcoming programs, events, or other interesting short notes you'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact *WisArch News* editor, Norm Meinholz via email at [norman.meinholz@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:norman.meinholz@wisconsinhistory.org). The newsletter is published semi-annually in the spring and autumn each year. Text should be submitted in Microsoft Word format and images as JPEG's.

## Charles E. Brown Chapter Events 2014-2015

Meetings and Lectures held at the Wisconsin Historical Society Auditorium  
816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin

### Welcome to the 2014 Fall Season!

*There are lots of treats in store this year! We bring you the results of the latest digs at Middle Mississippian sites across Wisconsin, making this the Year of the Mississippian. We are also partnering with the Archaeological Institute of America (publishers of Archaeology magazine) for two very special events. And, as always, there will be a special members-only dinner in January and opportunities for fun trips in May. Please note changes from our usual schedule.*

*You don't want to miss any of this season's events!*

*Find us on Facebook as "Wisconsin Archaeology" for up-to-the-minute event information.*

#### Thursday, September 11, 2014

Ray Reser wraps up last season's Paleo-Indian theme with an exclusive look at ritual artifacts from the Pope site in Wisconsin. The Pope site, and others like it, preserve some of the oldest evidence for ritual in the Americas.

**Dr. Ray Reser**  
**UW-Stevens Point**

#### Tuesday, October 14, 2014 (SPECIAL DATE)

The first of two special AIA/Charles E. Brown joint events takes us to the theater. The Greek theater, as seen by Italian locals in the 4th Century BC! Do the painted vases of Italy record performances by traveling Greek troupes? Come find out!

**Dr. Thomas Carpenter**  
**Ohio University**

#### Thursday, November 13, 2014

We kick off the Year of the Mississippian with a look at Middle Mississippian immigration into the Upper Mississippi Valley. The Red Wing settlements are some of the strangest sites in Wisconsin. Come hear the latest attempt to make sense of the weirdness!

**Dr. Roland Rodell**  
**UW-Rock County**

#### Thursday, December 4, 2014 (SPECIAL DATE)

We bring the Fall season to an end with a new look at Aztalan. Come hear the surprising results of recent digs that have literally changed the map.

**Dr. Sissel Schroeder**  
**UW-Madison**

#### Thursday, February 12, 2015

2015 takes us back to Aztalan, and the results of UW-Milwaukee's recent excavations at the site. More surprises were in store for their field crews, and now they will share them with us!

**Dr. John Richards**  
**UW-Milwaukee**

#### Thursday, March 12, 2015

The Mississippian Initiative is back, with the results of the 2014 excavations at the Middle Mississippian colony at Trempealeau. What new wonders did they find? Come and see!

**Robert Boszhardt and Danielle Benden**  
**UW-Madison**

#### Thursday, April 9, 2015

The year of the Mississippians ends at Aztalan, Wisconsin's most famous site.

**Jake Pfaffenroth**  
**UW-Madison**

#### Thursday, April 14, 2015 (SPECIAL DATE)

Our second AIA joint event takes us back to sunny Italy, for a look at the mysterious Etruscans-- the civilization that ruled Italy when Rome was just a collection of huts on some hills.

**Dr. Anthony Tuck**  
**University of Massachusetts**



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The 2014-2015 Schedule of Events



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## Rock River Archaeological Society 2014 – 2015 Speakers

Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, from September through April, at 7:00 pm, at the Visitor's Center, Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. This facility is accessible via Highway 28 between Mayville and Horicon. Contact Andrea Cisar at [rras.present@gmail.com](mailto:rras.present@gmail.com). The Rock River Chapter invites you to visit their weblog at <http://rockriverarch.blogspot.com>.

<b>September 17</b>	Bill Casper – “Sturgeon For Tomorrow”
<b>October 11-12</b>	Archeology Weekend at Horicon Education and Visitor Center on Hwy 28 between Horicon and Mayville
<b>November 19</b>	Karen Hartman – “Finding Beauty Within Raw Materials”
<b>December 10</b>	Annual “Road Show” (Members and visitors bring in an interesting, strange, or unknown artifact/item to share with attendees)
<b>January 21</b>	Kate Margelofsky – “Hikes and Ruin Sites of Southeast Utah”
<b>February 18</b>	David Mickelson – “Wisconsin’s Glacial Landscapes”
<b>March 18</b>	Theresa Mayer – “Nome, Alaska Gold Rush of 1898, Part 2 – Trips to Russia”
<b>April 15</b>	Sally Albertz, “Fond du Lac’s Last Contraband”
<b>May TBA</b>	Mound Tour
<b>October - 10-11</b>	Archeology Weekend at the Horicon Education and Visitor Center on the Marsh

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## Three Rivers Archaeological Society

The Three Rivers Archaeological Society formed as a chapter of the Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology in 2000. Because of its location straddling the Illinois-Wisconsin state line, TRAS also became a chapter of the Wisconsin Archeological Society in 2006. The purpose of TRAS is to unite all persons interested in the archaeology of Illinois and Wisconsin—amateurs, professionals, students, and educators. The goals of TRAS are to preserve prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, information, and artifacts; educate the general public on the pleasures and benefits of archaeology; and encourage and participate in scientific investigations and research. TRAS and its members are opposed to the destruction, unauthorized excavation, and looting of archaeological sites and actively discourage commercialism in archaeological artifacts.

The Three Rivers Archaeological Society meets on the second Monday of every month (except July and August), alternating between the Macktown Living History Education Center (Rockton, IL) and venues in Beloit, WI (Beloit College and Beloit Public Library). New members and visitors are always welcome.

Contact Sara Pfannkuche at [sara@pfannkuche.com](mailto:sara@pfannkuche.com) or by mail at 436 W. Lincoln Avenue, Belvidere, IL, 61008 for more information. To renew your membership or join for the first time, send your dues to TRAS secretary-treasurer Edward Jakaitis, 147 East Russell Street, Rockton, IL 61072 or contact him at: [ejakaitis3@hotmail.com](mailto:ejakaitis3@hotmail.com).

## Kenosha County Archaeological Society Schedule of Coming Events

**Friday - November 14, 2014 - (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)** Dr. David Overstreet presents "Archaeological Discoveries in Pleasant Prairie" at Dublin School House. KCAS guests of Pleasant Prairie Historical Society.

**Saturday - December 13, 2014 - 1:30 p.m.** - Richard Edwards presents "Results of 2014 Excavations at Lake Koshkonong.

**Saturday - February 14, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.** - Professor Bob Sasso presents "The 2013 Archaeological Investigations at the Montgomery Cabin Site"

**Saturday - April 11, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.** - KCAS Meeting - Dan Joyce presents "The Western Great Lakes Pre-Clovis and the Peopling of North America."

**Saturday - May 9, 2015** - Mompers Woods Jambau Trail Clean-up. Meeting at 1 p.m. at Mompers Woods.

**Saturday - June 6, 2015** - Bike Trail clean-up meeting at Kenosha North Side Library at 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday - June 13, 2015** - Field Trip to Beloit. Trip will feature a behind the scene guided tour, by Dr. William Green, at Logan Museum of Anthropology.

Discover the thrill of archeology by learning about the many facets of archaeology and its methods. Join us in preserving, salvaging and protecting prehistoric and historic sites.

Our members are interested in learning about archaeology. We're dedicated to preserving, salvaging and protecting prehistoric and historic archaeological sites in the area. We are dedicated to upholding both state and federal laws pertaining to archaeological sites.

Meetings are held on second Saturday of the months of October, December, February and April at 1:30 p.m. at the Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 First Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140. Each meeting features a program presented by a professional archaeologist, historian, or curator. To find the Kenosha Public Museum visit [www.kenosha.org/museum/](http://www.kenosha.org/museum/).

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**Milwaukee Area**  
**University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**  
**Meetings are held at Sabin Hall or at the Union**  
**on the third Monday during the academic year (September – May).**  
**Guest lectures begin at 8:00 P.M.**

**Robert Jeske**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Life and Death in the Oneota World near the Shore of Lake Koshkonong**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Archaeological Society

Friday, September 19, 2014, 3:30 pm

**Dr. Isabelle Druc**, Department of Anthropology, UW-Madison

**Ceramic Production in Kuntur Wasi, Northern Peru: A Multidisciplinary Study**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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Sunday, September 28, 2014 – 3:00pm

**Sinclair Bell**, Northern Illinois University

**'The Greatest Show on Earth': Chariot Racing in Ancient Rome**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 3:00pm

**External Funding Workshop for Anthropology Graduate Students**

Location: Sabin Hall 394, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

Friday, October 10, 2014 – 3:00pm

**Bernard C. Perley**, UW–Milwaukee

**Brainstorming: Toward a Semiotics of Well-Being in Native North America**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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Saturday, October 18, 2014 – 1:00 - 4:00pm

**International Archaeology Day Celebration**

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Monday, October 20, 2014 – 8:15pm

**Dawn Scher Thomae**, Curator of Anthropology, Milwaukee Public Museum

**From Behind Closed Doors: Excavating the Milwaukee Public Museum's Wisconsin Archaeology Collection**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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Sunday, November 2, 2014 – 3:00pm

**Michael Danti**, Boston University

**The Rowanduz Archaeological Program in Iraqi Kurdistan**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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Wednesday, November 5, 2014 – 3:30pm

**Thomas Malaby**, UW–Milwaukee

**Games in the Era of Digital Production**

Location: Digital Humanities Lab, UWM Libraries, UW–Milwaukee

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Friday, November 7, 2014 – 3:00pm

**Caroline Seymour Jorn**, UW–Milwaukee

**The Egyptian Revolution and the Arts**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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Union Art Gallery UWM Campus

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**Eleana Kim**, University of California Irvine

**Militarized Flyways: Migratory Birds and Transnational Choreographies of Endangerment**

Location: Curtin Hall 175, UW–Milwaukee

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Friday, November 21, 2014 – 3:00pm

**Phyllis A. Fast**, Professor Emerita, University of Alaska Anchorage

**Did Any of it Work? A Retrospective Analysis of Alaska's Artistic Efforts Toward Indigenous Well-Being**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – 3:00pm

**John Richards**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**City in the Wilderness: Mounds, Middens, and Ritual at a Late Woodland/Mississippian**

Location: Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave., UW–Milwaukee

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## **Regional Research and Notes:**

### **Nye Bison Site Exhibit at the Polk County Museum in Balsam Lake**

By Marlin F. Hawley, Laura A. Halverson Monahan and Matthew G. Hill

With the official opening of the Nye Bison site exhibit installed at the Polk County Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin (Figure 1), several years of research on the site and collection has nearly reached its conclusion. All



**Figure 1. Polk County Museum, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.**

that remains is the publication, which will be included in *The Wisconsin Archeologist* this fall. The Nye Bison site investigation was a collaboration involving personnel from the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS), Illinois State Museum, Iowa State University, Departments of Anthropology and Geological & Atmospheric Science, University of Wisconsin (UW) Zoological Museum and the PCHS.

The site was found during a Federal Emergency Relief Administration marl extraction project near the small community of Nye, in Polk County, Wisconsin, in 1934-5. The first large bones found were identified by zoologist Samuel Eddy at the University of Minnesota. Eddy and his older colleague, anthropologist Albert E. Jenks, collected all of the bone they could from the site and contributed a short paper on it to the journal *Science* in 1935. The site location, however, was lost until June 2010, when the late Darrell Kittleson and his informant, Eldred Anderson, led a group from the PCHS, as well as, Hawley, and Hill to the site location. Mr. Anderson's grandfather was the foreman for the project.

After the site's relocation, Kittleson and the Polk County Historical Society (PCHS) spearheaded an effort to have the extant collection of bones transferred from the James Ford Bell Museum at the University of Minnesota to the University of Wisconsin (UW) Zoological Museum in Madison. Despite several delays this was accomplished in January 2012, after which the collection was cataloged, analyzed, radiocarbon dated, and teeth were subjected to isotopic fractionation. Although identified by Eddy and Jenks (1935:535) as a Paleoindian "kitchen middens," there is no evidence of butchery or modification of any of the extant bone. The so-called tools are likely to have been pseudo-tools; that is, bone splinters formed by carnivores.

The exhibit of about 25, including one cranium, was mounted at the Polk County Museum in September 2013 by Kandis Elliott, an award-winning scientific illustrator with the UW departments of botany and zoology, Halverson Monahan and Hawley. The bones are on a long-term loan from the UW Zoological Museum. The official opening ceremony for the exhibit was June 28, 2014 and was well attended. Speakers at the event included the PCHS interim president Greg Marsten, Eldred Anderson, Senator Sheila Harsdorf (whose eleventh hour involvement finally helped to affect the collection's transfer), Halverson Monahan, Hawley and several county and PCHS board members (Figure 2).

It is especially rewarding to follow a project from rediscovery through to publication and, in this instance, public exhibition. The UW Zoological Museum has a substantial collection, little exhibit space and is pleased to be able to partner with the Polk County Museum in making the exhibit possible.



**Figure 2.** Some of those involved in the project or at the museum at the official opening ceremony, June 28, 2014. L to R: Eldred Anderson, William & Jean Dehning (landowners), Sheila Harsdorf (Senator, River Falls), Warren Nelson (PCHS Board), Laura A. Halverson Monahan (UW Zoological Museum), William F. Johnson III (Chair, Polk County Board), Marlin Hawley (WHS), Charity Schaar (Polk County Museum), Sandra Stevermer (Polk County Museum), Susan Duerkop (PCHS Board).

The museum charges a modest admission fee and is open noon to 4:00PM Thursday through Sunday, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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### Recent Age for Megafauna Remains from Marinette County

By Matthew G. Hill, Christopher C. Widga, and Marlin F. Hawley

Sometime in 1990, a number of large bones were observed eroding from an expansive cut bank on the Peshtigo River in what is now the Bloch Oxbow State Natural Area, a few miles south of the City of Peshtigo in Marinette County, Wisconsin (Figure 1). Alerted to their presence, Wendell Johnson (UW Marinette Biology) and Leroy Lintereur and Roger Amundsen, both retired Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff from the Peshtigo office, salvaged the remains. The sand bank at this location, on an oxbow (as the name of

the park suggests) of the river, is about 9 m (30 ft) high. The bones were buried approximately 3 m (10 ft) below the ground surface.

A portion of the assemblage was sent to the UW Zoology Museum sometime in the 1990s and the balance in 2013 (Figure 2). Initially, it was suggested that they were either *Bos* sp. (domestic cattle) or *Bison* sp. (bison) bones, but no formal study was made of them and the identification was intended as tentative at best. Recent efforts at identification of the assemblage, though, demonstrate that the specimens belong to *Bos* sp. and *Equus caballus* (domestic horse). They may have come, as Professor Johnson initially reasoned, from the nearby historic Bloch farm. Without additional information, it is impossible to say how the remains came to be buried at such a

depth.

The assemblage is not particularly remarkable, except that at some point the tentative identification as *Bison* sp. was added to the DNR's website for the natural area as fact, to wit,

Recent bank slumping along the river exposed another historical marker: *a skeleton of an American bison dated at 2000-years-old was found on this site* (emphasis added) (DNR 2014).

The story has also been picked up by Marinette County Tourism and appears in their magazine and on their website (Marinette County Tourism 2014).

**Figure 1.** Location of the Findspot.





**Figure 2. Bos and Equus remains recovered at findspot.**

As such misidentifications muddy the record of Holocene megafauna in the region, it is necessary to attempt to offer a correction of the error.

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### **Wisconsin Archeological Society Research Award (WASRA) Report: Paleoindian Mobility in Early Postglacial Wisconsin**

John M. Lambert and Thomas J. Loebel

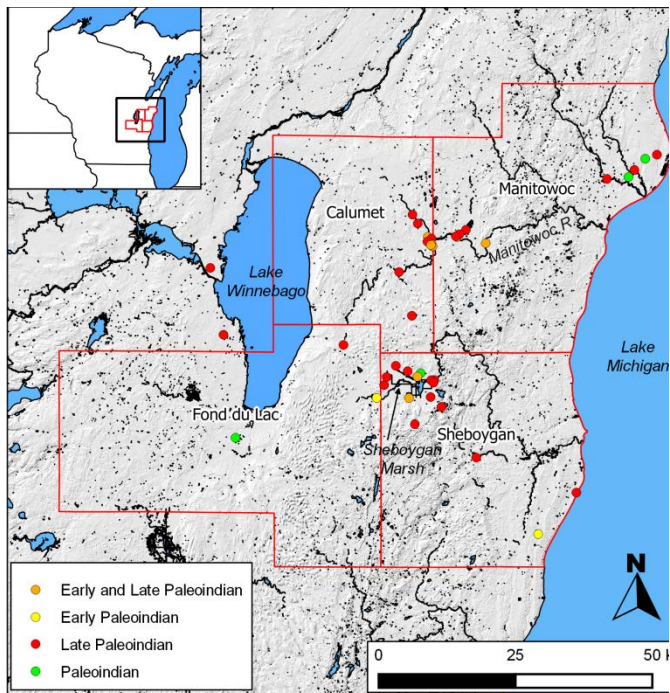
The physical geography and ecology of the Western Great Lakes have been profoundly shaped by glaciation, and major climatic shifts during the

Pleistocene/Holocene transition effected rapid, large-scale ecological change in the region. The retreat of the Laurentide ice sheet after 17,000 cal BP exposed areas that had been covered by glacial ice for millennia, paving the way for the northward expansion of modern floral and faunal communities. The patchy, complex mosaic of habitats which had characterized the western Great Lakes during the Pleistocene eventually gave way to a series of broader, more homogenous, latitudinally stratified ecological zones. The Paleoindian groups which first colonized Wisconsin during the late Pleistocene and early Holocene would have encountered an open spruce parkland with no true modern analog. This was a landscape in flux, and the first human groups to colonize it would have been faced with unique adaptive

challenges. While the basic culture chronology for northern Wisconsin has been established for some time, the behavior of the first human groups to occupy the western Great Lakes is still poorly understood. Here, our research focuses on evaluating how hunter-gatherers use mobility to cope with the unique ecological challenges presented by recently deglaciated landscapes.

While the paucity of archaeological sites with intact late Paleoindian deposits and the poor preservation of organic remains in the region makes evaluating this question quite challenging, data generated through analysis of stone tool assemblages can be used as proxy measures of residential mobility. With this in mind, surface assemblages collected by avocational archaeologists constitute a large (and largely untapped) dataset relevant to this question. On July 25-27, 2013 the authors analyzed seven large private collections from Calumet, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, and Sheboygan Co., WI (Figure 1). These collections provide a robust sample of chipped stone tools (n=2885) with both early (Clovis/Gainey, Folsom/Midland) and late Paleoindian assemblages (Cody, Agate Basin, Dalton, Alberta, Hell Gap), as well as younger Archaic and Woodland material. In all, material from 54 Paleoindian components was analyzed. Despite the fact that many of these artifacts were collected over the course of the last forty to fifty years, provenience data was surprisingly good for the majority of the Paleoindian components. Most of these sites are small, multicomponent lithic scatters, but several large, previously recorded sites (e.g., the Forks View site, (47-CT-100, Figure 2) were also analyzed.

Two main clusters of Paleoindian sites are evident in the region surrounding Sheboygan Marsh and around the



**Figure 1. Early and Late Paleolithic assemblages from Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Calumet, and Manitowoc counties documented during the course of this study. In all, 54 Paleolithic assemblages were analyzed during this study (41 with reasonable provenience displayed on map).**

fork between the North and South branches of the Manitowoc River. While some of this is likely due to collector bias, the higher density of sites in these locations still tells us something about late Pleistocene and early Holocene settlement-subsistence systems. Significantly, many of the region's lakes and wetland ecosystems developed during the early Holocene, and these areas experienced extensive marsh formation. These lake and wetland patches would have been highly productive throughout the Holocene, providing habitat for a number of high ranked prey species, including large game (e.g., woodland caribou), fish, and waterfowl.

Both the early and late Paleolithic components in this sample indicate that late Pleistocene/early Holocene groups in eastern Wisconsin were highly mobile. While a fair proportion of the diagnostic lithic artifacts were made on local raw materials (mainly Prairie du Chien and Galena cherts), the majority were made on

high quality, exotic toolstones which were transported 300-500 km (and in some cases much further). Hixton orthoquartzite is the most abundant nonlocal toolstone, but Moline, Starved Rock, and Burlington cherts; siltstone from northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, and Knife River Flint also occur at lower frequencies in the Paleolithic assemblages. Additionally, much of the lithic toolkit is geared toward underwriting very high levels of residential mobility, including the heavy emphasis on bifacial technology (although this may also reflect collector bias), large numbers of endscrapers (used in the manufacture of fitted leather clothing, a crucial technology for winter-mobile hunter-gatherer groups), and chipped stone adzes (possibly used in the construction of dugout canoes by late Paleolithic groups). Interestingly, while both the older early Paleolithic material in the eastern Wisconsin sample and late Paleolithic sites in northern Wisconsin show a strong north/south pattern of lithic movement, the Cody, Agate Basin, and Dalton assemblages in eastern Wisconsin imply an east/west pattern of movement. This may reflect an earlier shift in seasonal rounds associated with the first expansion of deciduous forests into southern and central Wisconsin around 9,000 BP (10,250 cal BP). The Paleolithic/Archaic transition also marks a dramatic shift in residential mobility and toolstone utilization, as evidenced by Archaic and Woodland assemblages composed almost entirely of local raw materials.

**Figure 2. Paleolithic projectile points and preforms in the Babler collection from the Forks View site (47-CT-100), including Clovis/Gailey (n=3), Folsom (n=1), Midland (n=2), Alberta (n=1), Agate Basin (n=11), Scottsbluff (n=14), Upper Valley Dalton (n=7), and several point and preform proximal (n=4), medial (n=10), and distal (n=8) fragments. Note: several projectile points in the collection are not included in this image.**





Documenting these lithic assemblages is a crucial step toward answering questions about diachronic changes in hunter-gatherer mobility during the Pleistocene/Holocene transition. Through this large-scale, regional approach, questions surrounding a number of other hunter-gatherer systems, including social organization, foraging, and lithic procurement can also eventually be addressed. Human life history, demography, and social organization are contingent upon the ways in which groups articulate themselves with the environment. Research into late Paleoindian mobility and cultural ecology will help identify the processes that regulate these relationships, and insights into the behavior of early Holocene hunter-gatherers in the recently deglaciated Great Lakes landscape shed light on the adaptive strategies employed by foragers faced with similar environments. This case can serve as an important testbed for hypotheses about the behavior of colonizing populations in other regions, and more generally will help reveal the ways in which human groups cope with the type of extreme environmental change witnessed at the end of the last ice age.

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### **Unusual Copper Artifact from Marathon County, Wisconsin**

By Sarah Scallon and Marlin F. Hawley

This copper artifact was found on a dairy farm near Athens, WI in May 2014. The object was mixed in among smooth landscaping stones that were surrounding one of the farm buildings. The weight is approximately 4.75 oz.

The artifact is almost uniformly covered with a patina of copper oxide, having this in common with Old Copper Industry implements. While the patina obscures some details, there is an area along one edge that appears to show layers, suggesting that it might have been folded and hammered. The base is rounded, either as part of a natural surface or perhaps from hammering as well. The patina suggests that it is old, but as has long been known “[f]rom the oxidization of these implements we are able to form only a vague idea of their age, since *the state of decomposition depends largely upon the nature of the*



*soil in which they are found embedded...*”(emphasis added) (Brown 1904:53). The patina gives no indication of alteration, which might occur if a natural piece were modified to form a tool. In other words, it does not *appear* to be a fake. However, a measure of caution is in order, as under the proper conditions, patinas can form quite rapidly.

The expanding stem form of the artifact is atypical of Old Copper Industry projectile points and knives, but the artifact also shows only the barest evidence of attempts to shape or thin it—beyond the removal of copper to form the notches and stem. This seems to have been done by driving a rounded tool, around 0.25-in in diameter (or a little less) through the copper to aid in creating the notches. That the holes were drilled and the material broken away cannot be completely discounted because of the patina.

The question that naturally arises in viewing this specimen is: Has anyone else seen anything like it? Please direct comments to [sarah.scallon@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.scallon@gmail.com).

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### ARCHEOLOGICAL NOTES

Secretary Charles E. Brown delivered an address on "The Preservation of Wisconsin's Indian Memorials" at the Landmarks meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Brotherhood hall, at Racine, on Tuesday evening, November 3. Mrs. Edwin H. Van Ostrand of Madison presided at the meeting which was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience.

On October 7, during the conference of the Society of American Indians a fine bronze tablet presented by Mr. Willard W. Warner was unveiled by the Madison members of the Wisconsin Archeological Society on a mound group preserved in a recent addition to Henry Vilas Park. The dedication address was delivered by Mr. Charles E. Brown. Mrs. Joseph Mallon of Milwaukee, a lady of Menomonee Indian blood, unveiled the tablet. The address of acceptance was delivered by Rev. Mr. Henry Roe Cloud, a Winnebago Indian gentleman from Winnebago Nebraska. Indian men and women representing the Chippewa, Winnebago, Menomonee, Pottawatomie, Oneida, Kickapoo, Dakota, Omaha, Brothertown and Arapahoe tribes of Indians witnessed the ceremony. The group of mounds marked on this occasion is located on the crest of a hill at the east end and overlooking Lake Wingra.

Mr. William J. Kershaw of Milwaukee was honored by the Conference of the Society of American Indians, at Madison, by being re-elected to the office of vice-president. Mr. Kershaw is a member of the Wisconsin Archeological Society and has occasionally addressed its Milwaukee meetings. He is one of the most enthusiastic and capable workers in the cause of Indian up-lift.

Of the Madison members of the Wisconsin Archeological Society who took an active part in the arrangements for the recent Conference of the Society of American Indians Professors L. B. Wolfenson, P. G. Miller and A. S. Flint are particularly deserving of praise. Members of the University faculty, the State Archeological and State Historical societies all united in properly entertaining the Indian visitors.

The Milwaukee Public museum has acquired the fine archeological collection of Mr. F. M. Benedict, a former member of the Society. Mr. Geo. L. Boundey of Oconomowoc has presented his collection to the State Historical museum.

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Based on Reconnaissances in Trempealeau, Jackson, Buffalo, Pepin, Dunn and Pierce Counties.

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#### TOPOGRAPHY

Having been but lightly touched, or not at all, by the continental glaciers, this region is one of deep, steep-sided valleys, which, because the passage from one to another is laborious, have rather strong individualities, socially and otherwise even now. There is, however, one group having this natural aloofness modified by another circumstance. Between the mouth of the Trempealeau river, and that of the La Crosse the Mississippi keeps close to the west shore. At Trempealeau it has entirely forsaken the old valley and taken a new course west of the Trempealeau bluffs, which up to that time formed a part of the western shore. In doing this there was left a broad plain on the Wisconsin side large enough in itself to accommodate a considerable population and at the same time serving to bind together the valleys which opened out upon it, two of which the La Crosse and the Black, lacked but little of being confluent.

These several valleys, with the connecting plain form a topographic unit of rather marked individuality.

Southward from La Crosse the Mississippi follows rather closely the Wisconsin shore, and the small valleys have but little connection. Northward from the Trempealeau river the Miss-

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On November 7 to 9 a party of members consisting of Mr. H. L. Skavlem of Janesville, Mr. Towne L. Miller of Ripon, Mr. Clarence A. Lamb of Mondovi and Mr. Chas. E. Brown of Madison were engaged in conducting excavations on the old Indian village site at Carcajou Point, on the shore of Lake Koshkonong.

Dr. Louis Falge of Manitowoc is preparing for the Society a report on the archeological features of Manitowoc county.

Mr. H. L. Skavlem has completed his surveys of the mound groups about Rock Lake, in Jefferson county. One group of mounds, of which there had been no previous state record, was located.

During the month of August a field party consisting of the Secretary, Mr. A. O. Barton and Mr. E. R. McIntyre were engaged in conducting researches in the Lac Courte Oreilles region, in Sawyer county.

New annual members of the Society are Mrs. Amy D. Winship, Madison; Mr. B. O. Bishop, Racine; Mr. John V. Berens, Wild Rose; Mr. Fred Severson, Hancock, and Mr. Arthur Gerth, Milwaukee. Additional life, sustaining and annual members are desired by the Society in every part of Wisconsin. Application blanks may be secured from the secretary or treasurer.

An "Archaeological Atlas of Ohio" has just been issued by the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society. Its author is Dr. William C. Mills of Columbus, the curator of the society. This splendid and very valuable work shows the distribution of the various classes of prehistoric Indian remains in that state. Maps of eighty-eight counties with accompanying text are presented. In the preface the statement appears that "the state of Ohio probably contains a greater number of prehistoric remains than any other equal area in the Mississippi valley. The total number of mounds recorded in the state is given as 3,513; of enclosures, 587; of village sites, 354; of burials (ordinary interments) 714; of cemeteries 39 and of flint quarries, 109. In preparation for this atlas Dr. Mills conducted a systematic examination of the state, county by county.



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