

# Highwood Hoots

By Carol Stai

Another sunless day, except just for about two minutes the sun did shine. Once again, the clouds are back. We all will soon have to do what the Norwegian people do in Norway by all getting sunning lamps to ease the depression moods. If I have to get one, it's going to look like the sun rather than a lamp. Is this a sign winter is getting to me?

Besides no sun, it's windy on our hill every day. Just went out to move the trash can by the garage, and the wind chill has got to be in the teens. Hope no one's pets are outside without somewhere to get inside out of the wind.

Have been down to the shop sometimes twice a week and every time except once I had trouble with the lock of getting my key out of the lock. When it's really cold, messing trying to get the key out takes all the fun of being outside. After four times of spending 45 minutes to finally head home, last Friday evening the key just would not come out. I ended up calling a locksmith and went back inside to get a few things done before going back outside to give it "one more time" to see if the key would come out. During this last attempt, what do I hear in the sky, a Police helicopter approaching the shop and thought a beam of light was about to shine down on me, again thinking what else can go wrong! Well, Kathryn informed me the Police have night goggles so they could see I was having a problem. Finally, the locksmith got there and did have trouble getting the key out also. Finally he stood with the key in his hand. After making some adjustments, he informed me that I should have a GOOD CUT KEY made at their shop.

The key I used that was Larry's was supposed to be the answer but not for me! Tomorrow going to visit the locksmith to get a new key. I even asked if a new lock was needed and he said no, it's the key! Asked for the bill so he could go back to his shop and for me to head home. Let's just say it wasn't cheap due to the fact it was an emergency call.

It is amazing just how many Stoughton people come to Edgerton. Yes, many have relatives and friends and others come just to dine at various eateries in Edgerton. Nothing is better than a taste of a good cooked meal that is offered here in wonderful Edgerton! I did run into a gal, Marcia from Stoughton, who knew me but I don't remember her and she was shocked to actually see me. Marcia is a huge fan of "Highwood Hoots" and that made me feel pretty good!

We now know who the Packers will be playing this Saturday at Lambeau Field. The Packers will play the Los Angeles Rams and both are #1 in offense and or #1 in defense. This is really going to be a tough game and of course the coaches are close friends. There won't be many cars on the road between 3:35 pm to the end of the game. The game between the Saints and Buccaneers is going to be another great game. If you watch these games at home, make sure all your snacks are at close hand to eliminate trips to the kitchen but do have timeouts to make your runs to the kitchen or bathroom.

What happened at the Capitol last week is something that should have never happened, with some officers losing their lives plus some of the protestors. This protest really shows our young children how not to act, but



On Monday morning, Jan. 4, frosty ice crystals coat the trees surrounding the pre-Civil War stone house located in Silverwood Park near Edgerton.

Photo by Katie Whitten

your little ones think if big people can do this and so can they. If anyone has small children, try to explain how this protest was not good and no problems were resolved. Once again, the Hallmark Channel looks pretty good to watch rather than news. Right now I don't have time to think about this much, but it is always on every news channel.

Getting to more pleasant things, birthdays coming are Andy Gilbertson of Edgerton on Jan. 15; Joey Rollings

of New York City (2nd. Cousin), Pat Soma of Minooka, Ill., Jim & Anthony Accardo, twins of Chicago, Denise Fern of Edgerton, Cassandra Valley of Janesville, and all from Stoughton, former neighbor, Oscar Linnerud, Anna Kleven, (3rd. Cousin), Derrick Hansen and Don Wahlin all on Jan. 16; Eric Hansen of Wheeler Prairie area, Lynn Skau of Edgerton, Betty White all on Jan. 17; Rachael Richter of Okla. and Dolly Parton of Nashville on Jan 18; Dave

Holman of Edgerton, Phil Accardo, brother of the twins Jim and Tony, Megan Lowy of Chicago, and well known chef, Paula Deane on Jan. 19; last, Andy Hanewall of Steve's Repair and Nicole Nickles, Peter's fiancé, all on Jan. 21. No anniversaries but wishing everyone a great celebration they can have now.

Time to get back to book work once again, but have a great week!

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