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INTRODUCTION

What is the state flower? How many farms are in Wisconsin? What's the name of the state's largest lake? The answers to these and many other questions can be found in the *2007-2008 Wisconsin Blue Book*, the almanac of facts about Wisconsin. This workbook is a study companion to the current *Blue Book*, designed to help elementary students understand how to use this important resource and get to know their state government. We hope that it will help them grow as informed citizens of Wisconsin.

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GETTING STARTED

Using the Table of Contents (pages vi-x), make an outline of the *Blue Book* for your easy reference. List the 12 major sections of the book and the page they start on.

	Section name	First page
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____

GETTING STARTED

One of the most useful parts of the *Blue Book* is the Biographies section (p. 1-98), containing photos and information on Wisconsin's elected officials. What do you know about your elected officials? This section will provide the answers.

Senate

1. Which senate district are you in?
(Use map on p. 87)

2. What is the name and party of your state senator?

3. What is your senator's telephone number?

4. E-mail address?

5. Mailing address?

Assembly

1. Which assembly district are you in?
(Use map on p. 88-89)

2. What is the name and party of your state representative?

3. What is your representative's telephone number?

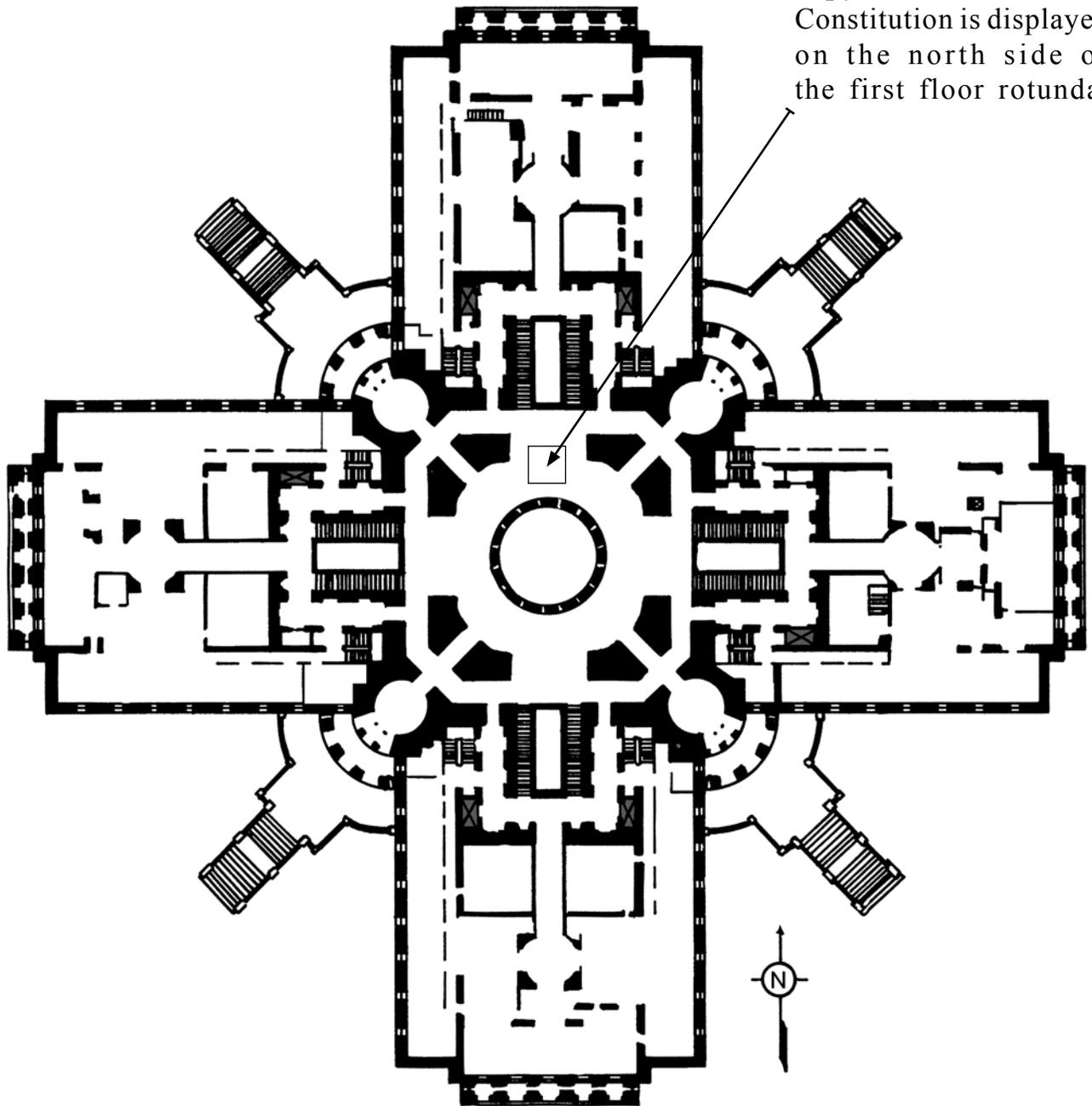
4. E-mail address?

5. Mailing address?



WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION

An original, handwritten copy of the Wisconsin Constitution is displayed on the north side of the first floor rotunda.



State Capitol
First Floor

WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION

When the early settlers came to Wisconsin, they wrote the Constitution to set down rules that the new state should use to govern itself. The Wisconsin Constitution is a document that outlines the organization, standards, and purposes of government. It also sets forth the basic rights of Wisconsin citizens.

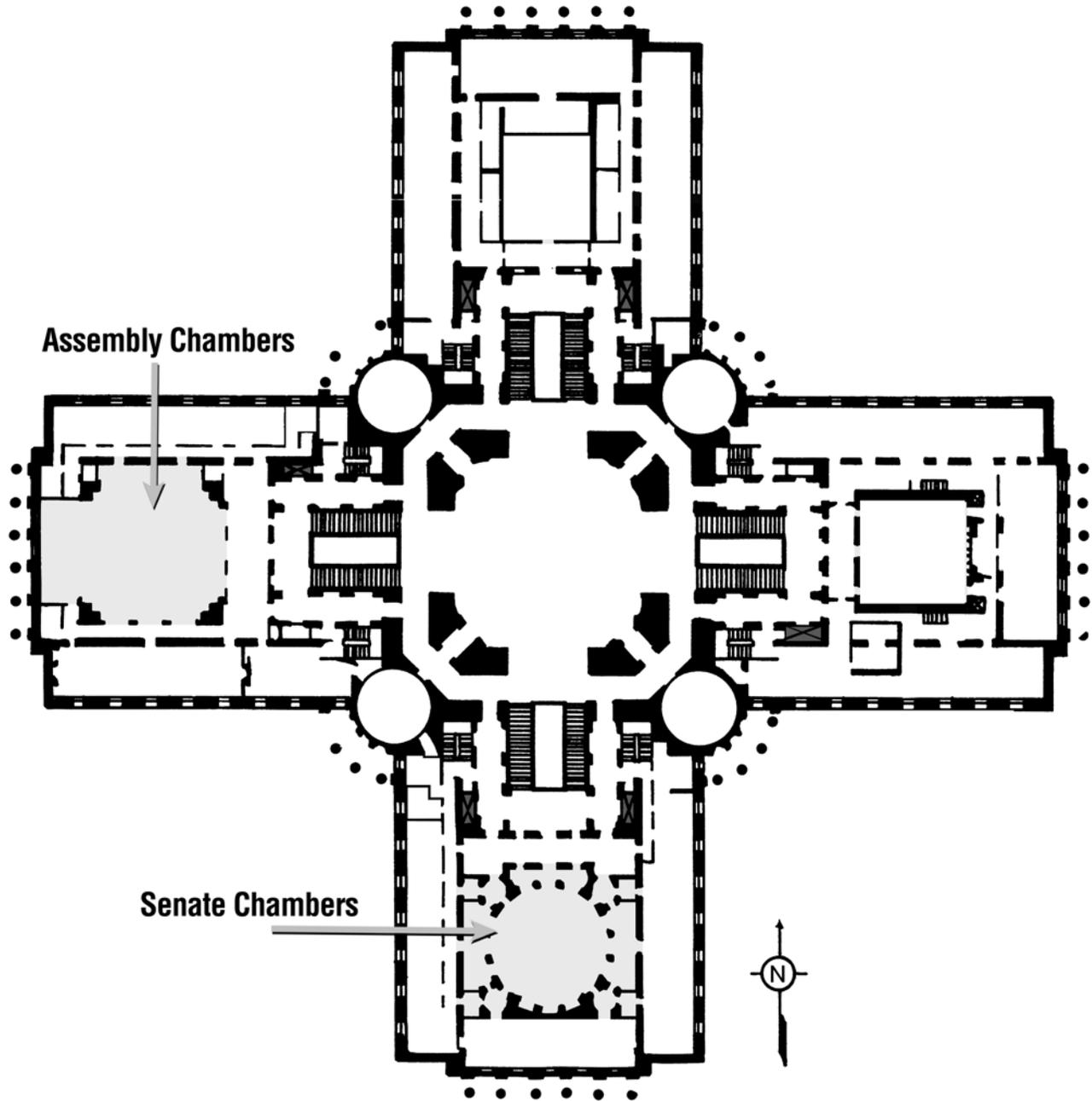
1. The Constitution is divided into sections called “articles.” How many articles are there?

2. In what year was the Wisconsin Constitution adopted by Wisconsin voters?

3. Article I of the Constitution sets forth certain fundamental rights. List four rights that the people of Wisconsin want to protect.

4. The purpose of the Constitution is stated in the Preamble. Where in the Constitution is the Preamble found?

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



State Capitol
Second Floor

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The legislative branch is responsible for making the laws of Wisconsin. Members of the state legislature come from every area in Wisconsin.

1. The Wisconsin Legislature is made up of two houses. What are they called?

2. How many members are in each house? _____ and _____

3. Who is the President of the Senate? _____

4. Who is the Speaker of the Assembly? _____

5. How long is the term for a Senator? _____ For a Representative? _____

6. What is the address for the Internet home page of the Wisconsin Legislature?

7. According to the session schedule on page 265, when was Inauguration Day in 2007?

8. Which committee is pictured on pages 288 and 289 of the *Blue Book*?

9. Page 118 shows a picture of Asaph Whittlesey, a member of the legislature in 1860. Why is he wearing goggles and snowshoes?

10. Were there any bills about the environment passed in 2005?

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Senate

Skylight in Senate Chamber. ⇒



⇐ “The Marriage of the Atlantic and the Pacific” mural in the Senate Chamber symbolizes the opening of the Panama Canal.



Senate Chamber in the State Capitol. ⇒



*⇐ Senators meeting in the Senate Chamber.
(Brent Nicastro, Legislative Photographer)*



*In the Senate Parlor, Senators Jauch and Kapanke discuss the legislative process with high school students in the Senate Scholars program. ⇒
(Jay Salvo, Legislative Photographer)*



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Assembly



↑ *Assembly Chamber in the State Capitol.*

These three scenes are from the assembly mural, which depicts Wisconsin's past, present, and future.

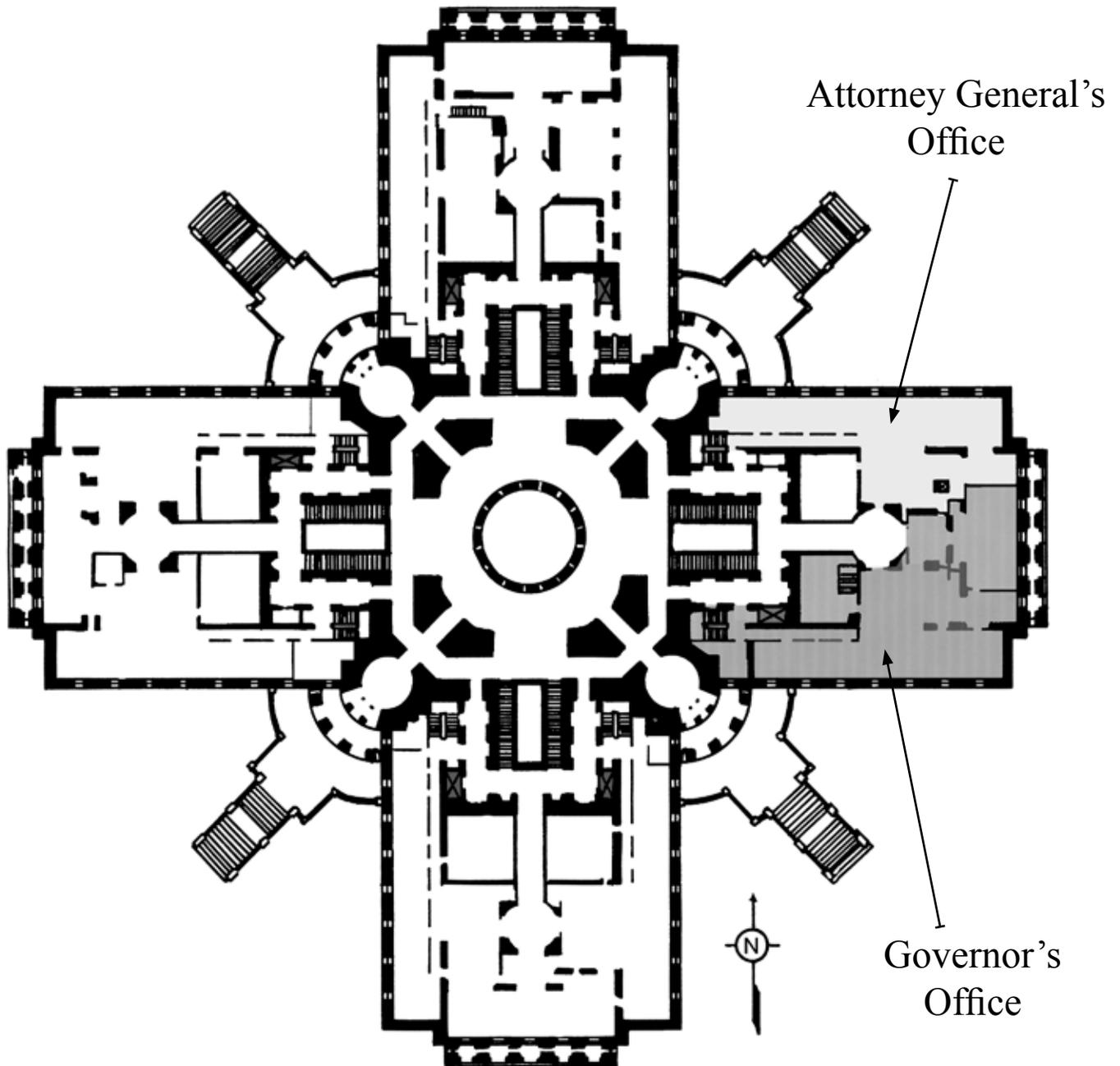


Since statehood, there have actually been three different capitol buildings. This was the Assembly Chamber in the second capitol, as seen in 1899. ⇒

(State Historical Society, #WHi 23440)



EXECUTIVE BRANCH



State Capitol
First Floor

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive Branch was created to execute (put into practice) the laws passed by the legislature. It is headed by the Governor, who is elected by the people, and the Governor appoints others to help run the state government. The Executive Branch consists of many departments with various responsibilities. The Department of Natural Resources, for example, governs fishing, hunting, and environmental concerns, and the Department of Public Instruction oversees school standards.

1. Who is the current Governor?

2. Where is the Lieutenant Governor's office located?

3. From the list of departments on page 328, can you identify which department administers drivers licenses?

continued on next page ⇒



⇐ *The Governor delivers his 2007 budget address.*

(Jay Salvo, Legislative Photographer)

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

4. Which state department runs the Old World Wisconsin historic site? (**Hint:** Don't forget to use the index!)

5. Can you find a picture of Addie, the drug detection dog? In which department?



↑ *The Governor and First Lady meet with Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. (Brent Nicastro, Legislative Photographer)*

6. In the Department of Public Instruction, who is the Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Division for Reading and Student Achievement?

7. Which state authority is responsible for developing spaceports?



← *In September 2006, before being deployed to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, members of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 32nd Military Police Company were met by the Governor.*

(Department of Military Affairs photograph by Larry Sommers)

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

8. Which nonprofit corporation owns the home of the Milwaukee Bucks?

9. The Professional Football Stadium District, a regional agency, is in charge of renovating what?

10. Which department runs the Wisconsin Veterans Museum?



↑↑ *In June 2007, the Lieutenant Governor briefed the press in Eagle River about the state's response to severe tornado damage in Langlade and Oconto Counties. (Office of the Lieutenant Governor)*



⇐ *At this ceremony, the Governor is signing into law a bill that modifies state ethics laws – January 2007 Special Session Senate Bill 1.*

(Jay Salvo, Legislative Photographer)

JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Judicial Branch provides justice to the state's citizens in the form of courts and interprets the law in cases of dispute. The Judicial Branch consists of the Supreme Court, which is the highest court in the state, as well as the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Courts, and the Municipal Courts. Most trials start at the Circuit Court level, and decisions can be appealed to the higher courts.



← The Supreme Court hears attorney arguments in their East Wing chamber of the State Capitol. The murals on the chamber walls represent significant events in law, with the mural on the left showing the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

This mural, which hangs on the south wall, depicts the trial of Chief Oshkosh in 1830 by Judge James Duane Doty. ⇒

(James T. Potter)



1. Who is currently Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

2. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

3. What is the term length for a member of the Supreme Court?

JUDICIAL BRANCH

4. In which month are judges elected?

5. Name a Circuit Court judge in your county.

6. How many municipal courts are there?

7. Is the State Law Library open to the public?

8. What is the Web address for the State Bar of Wisconsin?

9. What is the name of the significant criminal law case that involved DNA?

10. According to the caption on page 604, where did the Supreme Court go in April 2007 and why?



Judge Sue E. Bischel presides over a jury trial in the Brown County Circuit Court in Green Bay. ⇒

STATISTICS

The *Wisconsin Blue Book* has a large section dealing with statistics about the state. Use this section to answer the following questions.



↑↑ Kids get up close and personal with Wisconsin dairy cows at the annual Cows on the Concourse event in Madison.

1. How many pounds of Muenster cheese were produced in Wisconsin in 2005?
-

2. How many panfish were harvested in Wisconsin during 2005-2006?
-

3. How many 4th graders attended public school in the 2006-07 school year? Is the trend upward or downward from previous years?
-



4. What is the highest point of elevation in Wisconsin?
-

5. Who won five Olympic gold medals for speed skating in 1980?
-

⇐ With over 14,000 lakes and 2,000 miles of trout streams, fishing is a popular pastime in Wisconsin. In 2005, 652,642 annual fishing licenses were sold to state residents (p. 648-49). (Department of Tourism)

STATISTICS



↑↑ *Wisconsin's involvement in the Civil War is remembered with annual reenactments. (Department of Tourism)*

6. When was your county created?

7. How many Wisconsin soldiers were killed in the Civil War?

8. What newspaper is located in Luck, Wisconsin?

9. How many people are there in Wisconsin between the ages of 10-14, according to the 2005 estimate?

10. How many barrels of cranberries were produced in Wisconsin in 2005?

11. Which county had the most farmland in 2002?

12. When was Wyalusing State Park established?

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Wisconsin ranks 14th in the nation for dry hay production, growing 4,470,000 tons annually (p. 619). ⇒



STATISTICS



The DNR's conservation aid spending, \$43,750,000 in 2005, helps preserve habitat for state wildlife, like this heron (p. 655).

13. How many Wisconsin school districts have more than 10,000 pupils?

14. How much did Wisconsin spend on education per pupil in 2004-05?

15. How many children in Wisconsin were home-schooled in 2005-06?

16. Who got the most votes in Wisconsin during the 1872 presidential election?

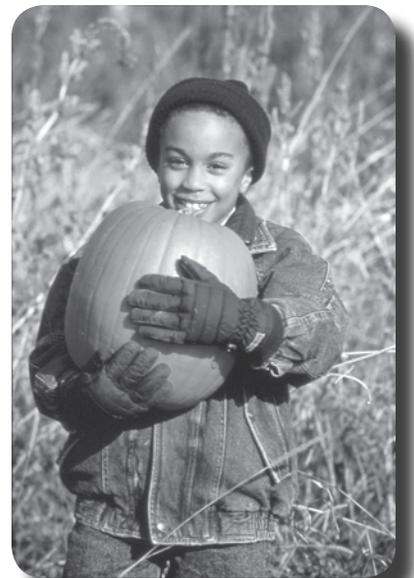
17. What is "Famous Citizen" Zona Gale best known for?

18. In what year was the Village of Lublin incorporated?

19. What historic site is located in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin?

20. What was the Wisconsin population in 1850?

Though not known for its pumpkin crops, Wisconsin manages to produce enough to keep kids happy each fall. (Department of Tourism) ⇒



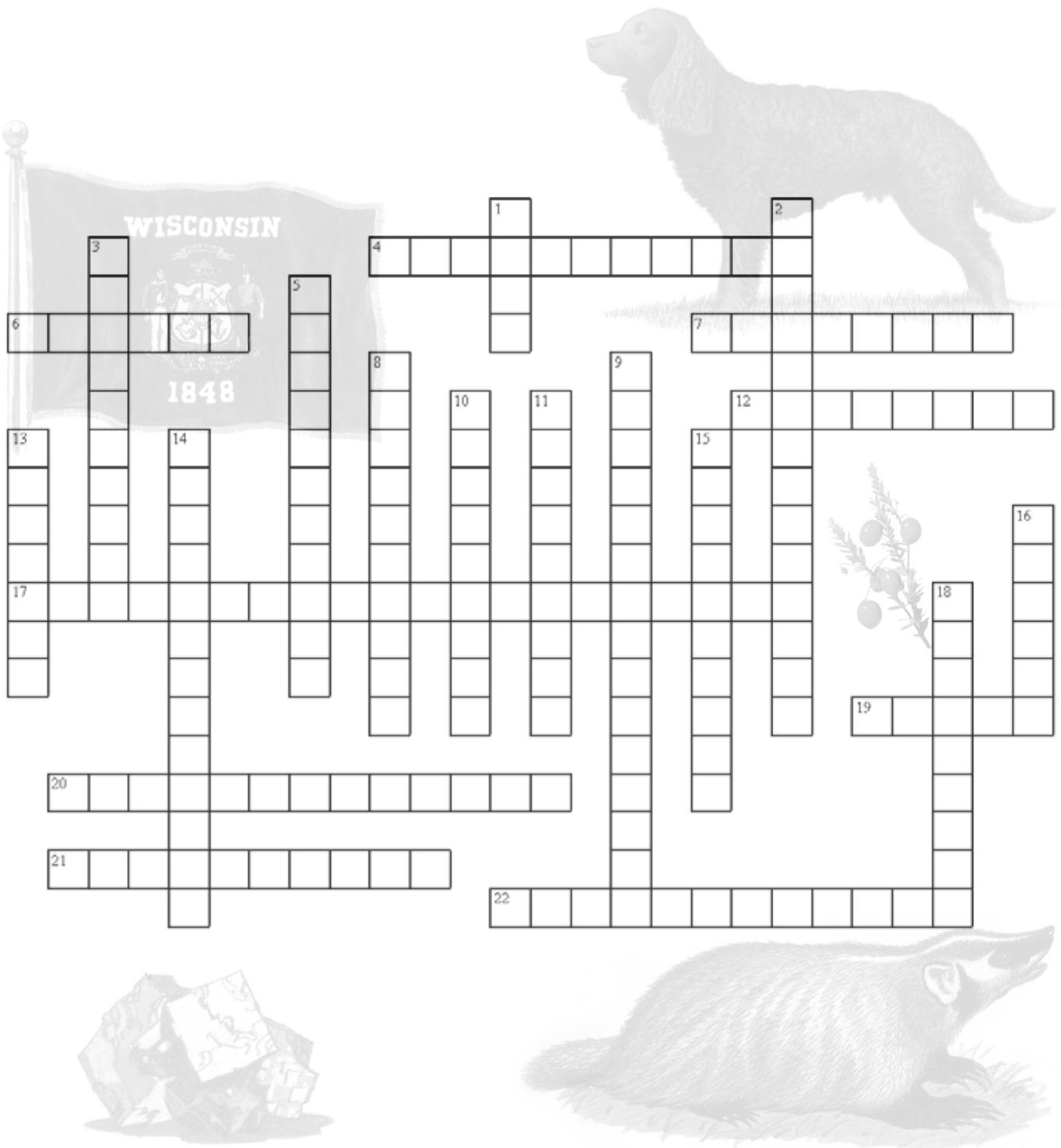
FAMOUS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN (PAGES 703-06)

Match the descriptions in the left column to the names in the right column.

1. Nobel prize-winning physicist _____
 2. Founder of the Green Bay Packers _____
 3. Author; received 1925 Pulitzer Prize for the novel *So Big* _____
 4. Painter awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom _____
 5. Surgeon and pioneer in radium cancer treatment _____
 6. Actor; won Academy Awards for two films _____
 7. UW-Madison president during the 1870s and 1880s _____
 8. Chemist; devised butterfat content test _____
 9. Magician and escape artist _____
 10. Wrote *Little House on the Prairie* _____
 11. Playwright and novelist; received Pulitzer Prize for *Our Town* _____
 12. Doctor; first physician to perform open heart surgery _____
 13. Musician; world famous pianist-singer _____
 14. First woman physician in Wisconsin _____
 15. Author of *The Wisconsin Idea* _____
 16. Woman war hero who resisted the Nazis in Germany _____
 17. Director and actor; directed and starred in the movie *Citizen Kane* _____
 18. Political leader; served as U.S. Postmaster General _____
 19. General; served in World Wars I & II and Korea _____
 20. Winnebago posthumously awarded Congressional Medal of Honor _____
- a. Mildred Harnack
 - b. Laura Ingalls Wilder
 - c. Liberace
 - d. Albert Ochsner
 - e. Laura Ross Wolcott
 - f. Harry Houdini
 - g. Spencer Tracy
 - h. Charles McCarthy
 - i. Douglas MacArthur
 - j. John Bascom
 - k. Daniel Hale Williams
 - l. Thornton Wilder
 - m. Earl L. Lambeau
 - n. Orson Welles
 - o. William Vilas
 - p. Edna Ferber
 - q. Stephen Babcock
 - r. John Bardeen
 - s. Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr.
 - t. Georgia O’Keeffe

STATE SYMBOLS

Use pages 962-66, as well as the inside cover pages, to fill in this puzzle about the state symbols.



STATE SYMBOLS



ACROSS

- 4 He wrote “The Wisconsin Waltz”
- 6 What Bucky is
- 7 The Ayrshire is the breed for 2008
- 12 State insect
- 17 The only dog native to Wisconsin
- 19 State dance
- 20 “Out of Many, One”
- 21 Its Latin name is *Viola papilionacea*
- 22 Symbol of peace

DOWN

- 1 State beverage
- 2 This state symbol was created to remind citizens of their soil stewardship responsibilities
- 3 Igneous rock composed of quartz and feldspar
- 5 State fish
- 8 Chosen over the white pine
- 9 State wildlife animal
- 10 Wisconsin leads the nation in production of this fruit
- 11 This is affixed to all of the Governor’s official acts
- 13 Latin name for the state grain
- 14 He composed the state song
- 15 There are 13 of these on the coat of arms
- 16 This is also known as lead sulphide
- 18 An extinct marine arthropod



ANSWER GUIDE

WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION

1. 14, p. 198-99.
2. 1848, p. 200 (see asterisk).
3. Various answers, for example: Free speech, right to assemble and petition, trial by jury, freedom of worship, p. 200-03.
4. At the beginning, p. 200.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

1. Senate and Assembly, p. 261.
2. 33 in the Senate, 99 in the Assembly, p. 261.
3. Senator Fred Risser, p. 260.
4. Representative Michael D. Huebsch, p. 260.
5. 4 years, 2 years, p. 261.
6. www.legis.state.wi.us, p. 260.
7. January 3, 2007.
8. Joint Committee on Finance.
9. He wore goggles and snowshoes to protect himself from winter weather while walking 200 miles from Ashland to the nearest railroad station in Sparta.
10. Yes, Act 123, p. 317.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

1. Jim Doyle, p. 326 or 335.
2. Room 19 East, State Capitol, p. 375.
3. Transportation.
4. State Historical Society of Wisconsin, p. 447 (look under “Historic sites division” in the Index).
5. Department of Justice, p. 461.
6. Margaret Planner, p. 486.
7. Wisconsin Aerospace Authority, p. 553.
8. Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corp., p. 560.
9. Lambeau Field, the home of the Green Bay Packers football team, p. 567.
10. Department of Veterans Affairs, p. 541-43.

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JUDICIAL BRANCH

1. Shirley S. Abrahamson, p. 578.
2. 7, p. 579.
3. 10 years, p. 579.
4. April, p. 580.
5. See pages 589-92.
6. 249, p. 593.
7. Yes, p. 594-95.
8. www.wisbar.org or www.legalexplorer.com, p. 603.
9. *State v. McCoy*, p. 607.
10. The Waushara County Courthouse in Wautoma; the justices traveled as part of the Justice on Wheels program, and chose this place in honor of retired Justice Wilcox.

STATISTICS

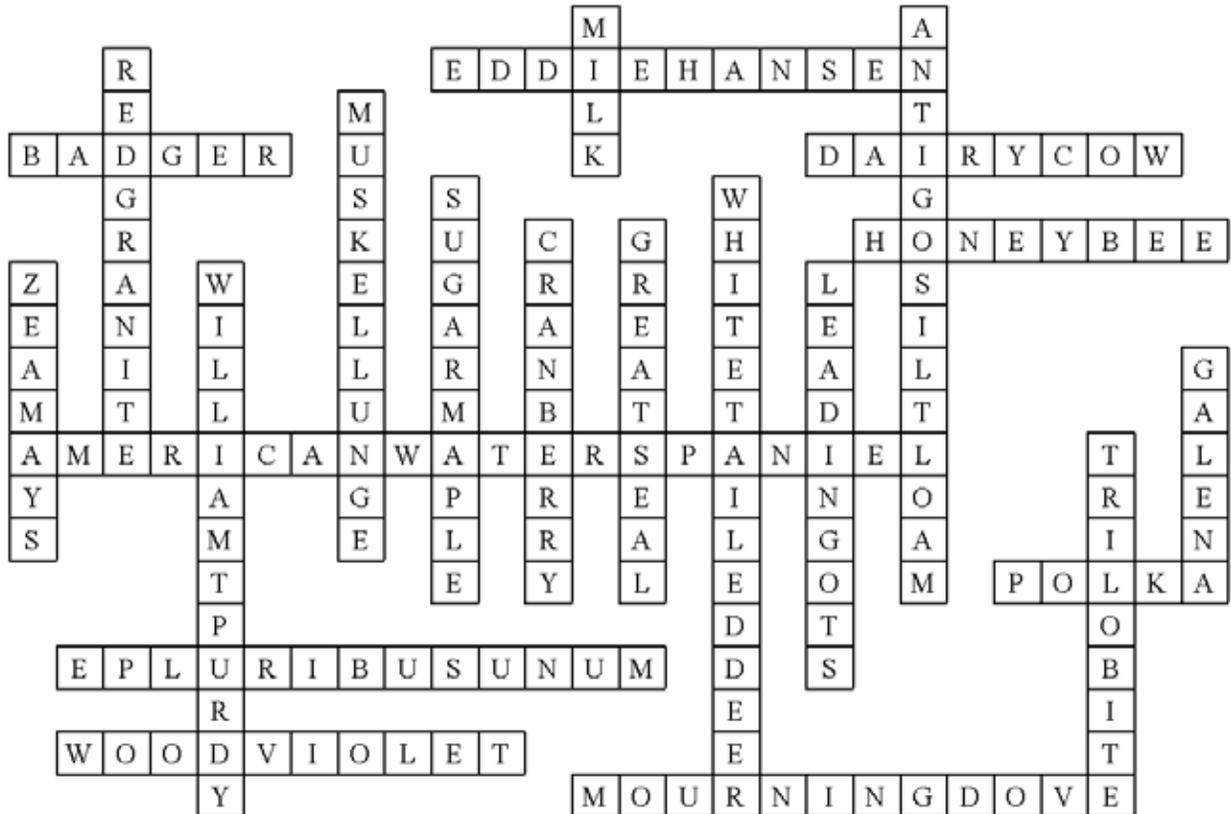
1. 43,718,000 lbs., p. 619.
2. 24,873,317, p. 649.
3. 59,356, downward, p. 666.
4. Timms Hill, p. 689.
5. Eric Heiden of Madison, p. 700.
6. See p. 743.
7. 12,216, p. 779.
8. *The Enterprise Press*, p. 787.
9. 375,186, p. 812.
10. 3,660,000, p. 619.
11. Grant County, 606,000 acres, p. 620.
12. 1917, p. 652.
13. 11, p. 665.
14. \$9,755, p. 670.
15. 20,323, p. 673.
16. Ulysses S. Grant, p. 714.
17. Recipient of 1921 Pulitzer Prize in drama for the play *Miss Lulu Bett*, p. 703.
18. 1915, p. 755.
19. Villa Louis, p. 707.
20. 305,391, p. 801.

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FAMOUS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN

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STATE SYMBOLS



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