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Make Music Madison

By Meri Rose Ekberg
Make Music Madison

Make Music Madison announces its tenth annual outdoor citywide musical celebration held on the summer solstice, Tuesday, June 21.

Make Music Madison is part of Make Music Day, an international summer solstice music celebration occurring in 1,000 cities across the globe and bringing people of all ages and skill levels together to make music. Begun in 1982 in Paris, Make Music Day is celebrating 40 years of live musical celebrations.

Make Music Madison celebrates all music genres, skill levels and ages of musicians. The city will fill with music from 8 am–9 pm at outdoor venues hosted at community centers, museums, retailers, restaurants, parks, theaters, places of worship, private residences, sidewalks and more. This year over 100 venues throughout the city will present 300 performances by more than 250 performance groups.

“Make Music Day is about bringing our community together to celebrate the power of live music. All varieties of live sound creation are welcome, as Make Music Madison’s motto is ‘performed by anyone, enjoyed by everyone,’” explained Managing Director Meri Rose Ekberg. “From classical to folk, hip hop to opera, Latin jazz to punk rock, live music of all kinds resounds on streets, sidewalks, front porches, balconies, parks, gardens, store fronts and other public spaces on the longest day of the year.”

Highlights this year will include:

- Lakeview Library will feature music from 10 am–8 pm.
- At the Subvocal Stage, 4222 Esch Lane in the Lake View Hill Neighborhood at 7:35 pm, artist Sandra Klingbeil will join musician Mark Adkins to perform “Paint the Music.” Sandra will create a work based on the music Mark Adkins plays, on stage within the length of the set.
- Goodman Community Center will host a variety of musicians from 10:30 am–7:30 pm at the Founders Outdoor Classroom situated along the bike path.
- Rotary Plaza outside the Madison Children’s Museum will host a stage from 9:30 am–1 pm, including a free harmonica lesson with DeWayne Keyes at 12 pm, with free harmonicas for the first 100 participants.

An interactive map of the full schedule of events is available at makemusicmadison.org/listings.

Make Music Madison is sponsored by the Madison Arts Commission with additional funding provided by Dane Arts, Sherwin-Williams, Cinnaire, Capital Music Gear, Metcalfe’s Market, Luer Realty, and many generous individuals. Local media partners include WORT and Wisconsin Public Radio.

Learn more at makemusicmadison.org.



The Veterans of Badger Honor Flight’s Female Flight gather for their group photo at Arlington National Cemetery. The women were invited to travel from Wisconsin to Washington, D.C. Saturday, May 14. The trip marked the first time the flight was made up of a majority of female veterans.

Girls’ Juvenile Treatment Center to be added at Mendota Mental Health Institute



Rendering of Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center

By Anita Weier
Northside News

Since 1995, boys who do not respond to sanctions-based rehabilitation services at Wisconsin’s youth correctional institutions have had access to treatment at the Mendota Mental Health Institute (MJTC) on Troy Drive. Girls have not had the same opportunity.

That is now changing, as construction has begun on an expanded facility that will serve girls and more boys. Ground was broken in March to start construction of a \$65.9 million expansion and renovation of the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center.

The Juvenile Treatment Center is a secure mental health treatment facility that uses intensive therapy to provide care, encouragement, treatment and education to help young people overcome resistance and opposition to conventional behaviors and lifestyles.

Over time youngsters act out less frequently and become more available for participation in further rehabilitative services. These services include individual and group activities and classes focused on helping patients accept responsibility for their actions, learn social and problem-solving skills, resolve mental health issues, and build healthy relationships.

The theory behind the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center is that, instead of placing young offenders in a juvenile prison that often does not reform them, the center will be operated by psychologists and psychiatric-care technicians as opposed to wardens and guards. Staffing levels are heavier than other juvenile-corrections facilities, officials said. The goal is to help patients successfully reintegrate into their communities.

Research studies have shown that young people treated at Mendota commit significantly fewer crimes after release when compared to similar youth who did not have this access.

“For our patients, a gradual compassionate process of care is needed to help deal with trauma and other serious psychological disturbances,” said Dr. Gregory Van Rybroek, director of the Mendota Mental Health Institute and a developer of the approach used

at the MJTC. “This construction work is our part of helping. We help set the conditions to help the staff to help the patients help themselves. Brick by brick today. Youth by youth tomorrow. It all connects. The credo of the Mendota Mental Health Institute is ‘How can we help?’ The expanded Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center is an example of how we can.”

Once fully operational in 2025, the new campus will provide greater opportunities for boys as well as first-time access for girls to receive the mental health treatment they need to thrive.

At 102,000 square feet, the expanded building will be four times the size of the original campus. Constructed by Findorff and designed by BWBR, the larger building will be able to house 93 patients—73 boys and 20 girls. Previously, just 29 boys were served. Patients will be placed in one of nine units based on security needs and responsiveness to the treatment program. There will be state-of-the-art spaces for education, medical and therapeutic services.

The MJTC will remain open during the construction process. A two-story addition to the existing facility with new patient bedrooms and program spaces will be built first. Patients will move to the new space while the existing facility is renovated. New administration and visitation areas will be built last.

Increasing the capacity of the MJTC is one part of an overhaul of Wisconsin’s youth justice system that includes the closure of the troubled Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls in Irma.

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Lauri Lee
NPC Board Chair



I invite you to visit our updated websites this month at www.northsidenews.org and www.feedkitchens.org. Through the pandemic, the website links were broken and the sites were mostly unusable. Now everyone can go to the website to find their nonprofit or business article links, past issues of the newspaper and more.

There's many reasons to celebrate a return to normalcy in our workplaces after

two years of pandemic closures. With more people back to working at the office instead of virtually from home, foot traffic is increasing around the city. FEED Kitchens food carts couldn't be happier to return to the streets and caterers are delighted that events are starting to be held live once again. If you've never eaten at a food cart in the past, this summer would be a great opportunity to check out one on a regular basis. To offer your support, check the FEED Kitchens website for a list of food carts and caterers who work out of the facility to order for your next event.

Have fun this summer by taking in a Mallards game, playing Pickleball at the new courts or listening to concert music at Warner Park. See you around the Northside.

Correction for April/May 2022

A story in our April/May issue incorrectly said, "In addition, most of the land that will be a future park may be an Indigenous burial site area." The sentence should have read, "In addition, most of the land that will

be a future park is a known burial site area." The headline should have read: Possible mound site at Hartmeyer Natural Area.

The errors were due to editorial changes, not the writer. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

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Old National and First Midwest complete merger of equals

By Old National Bank

Old National Bancorp (“Old National”) (NASDAQ: ONB) and First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. (“First Midwest”) jointly announced in February they have completed their all-stock merger of equals, announced on June 1, 2021.

The combined company creates the sixth largest commercial bank headquartered in the Midwest based on assets, with more than \$46 billion of combined assets, \$34 billion of assets under management, strong commercial banking capabilities, a robust retail footprint and a significant wealth platform.

“The completion of this partnership

marks an historic milestone for both Old National and First Midwest,” said Jim Ryan, CEO of Old National. “We are excited to bring the promise of our two companies together and leverage our talent, expertise and increased scale and market presence to benefit our clients, team members, communities and shareholders.”

“This combination makes us one of the Midwest’s largest commercial banks and positions us well for continued expansion, investment, and innovation in talent, capabilities and services,” said Mike Scudder, executive chairman of the combined company. “We look forward to building upon the strong legacy of exceptional relationship banking and community

engagement that both banks have developed over several decades to create even more opportunities to help our clients achieve financial success.”

The combined organization will operate under the Old National Bancorp and Old National Bank names, with dual headquarters in Evansville and Chicago. Clients will continue to be served through their respective Old National or First Midwest branches, websites, mobile apps, financial advisors and relationship managers until the system conversion is complete, which is anticipated in July 2022. For convenience, clients can continue to use the full ATM network of both banks for cash withdrawals at no charge.

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MyHotTubRental.com rents a hot tub on retractable wheels for delivery ease.

Hot tub entrepreneur flips switch on new business

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

An innovative hot tub on wheels designed by Northside entrepreneur, Mike Schroeder, makes it quick and easy to set up a hot tub party or relaxing spa in the comfort of your own backyard. The process takes about three hours: 30 minutes to fill the tub with water from a garden hose, five minutes to adjust the bromine to the right levels, and two-and-a-half hours for the propane tank to make it hot and ready to use,” said Schroeder. He uses his web address, MyHotTubRental.com, as an easy to remember name for his business. Customers can hook the lightweight hot tub trailer to any vehicle with a trailer hitch, locate it in their backyard on a level spot near electricity and an outdoor water hookup, then flip a switch to fold up the wheels.

“I owned a hot tub business in Michigan 25 years ago that I operated for about four years before closing it and moving back home to Madison. In the intervening years, I had time to think about design changes to the tub and trailer. In 2017, I incorporated Grandpa’s Hot Tubs, LLC and relaunched the business. I have patented the fiberglass mold and shells for the tub, the disposable filtering

system, some safety features, and the steel and retractable suspension that folds up with the flip of a switch. In April of this year, I launched with seven tubs available for rental to the public in the Madison market. In addition, I’m selling the hot tubs and business model to party rental businesses or to others who want to own and operate this business in another city.”

The six-sided tub holds 300 gallons of water and is roomy enough to comfortably hold six people, each with their own monster jet. The rental includes the propane tanks to heat the water and the bromine to disinfect it. There’s a 24/7 hotline to answer questions. The two rental packages are for weekend rental from Friday afternoon to Monday morning, or Monday afternoon through Friday morning. All that’s needed is a level area in the yard, or it can be placed in the garage if multiple doors and windows remain open to vent heater fumes. The hot tubs cannot be rented to businesses or apartment complexes.

For your next event, just add water and let the fun begin. You may contact MyHotTubRental.com through their website myhottubrental.com, call 608-709-1699 or 608-320-8831, or email info@myhottubrental.com.

Blooms & More floral and gift shop now open in Westport

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

Natalie Leal’s life-long passion and flair for floral design, and interest in becoming an entrepreneur came together when she opened Blooms & More, a full-service floral and gift shop, March 1 in the Town of Westport.

“I’ve always been an advocate for supporting small local businesses and really wanted to open my own business. I had worked as a floral designer in the past so decided to this was the year to pursue this passion by opening my own shop. I love the idea of being an entrepreneur and having creative control over what I order and design. As a single mom of a 15-year-old and 22-year-old, it’s important for me to model hard work and consistency to teach them about how to successfully operate a business,” said Leal.

Blooms & More is located at 5440 Willow Rd., Suite 111 in Westport. The row of Willow Road businesses, which is adjacent to the nearby Athens Grill, are located in Westport, have a Waunakee mailing address, and are on the western boundary of the Northside. “Having the shop just off Hwy. M makes it convenient for people traveling from the Northside and far east side of Madison, as well as those driving from Middleton, Waunakee or DeForest to have easy accessibility to pick up flowers, helium balloons or a last-minute gift or gift basket. Flower delivery is available within a 25-mile radius to

homes, local hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes.”

The 600-foot floral shop has a lovely variety of uniquely designed and affordably priced fresh, dried or silk arrangements to suit any style or budget. The store specializes in fresh flowers, tropicals, plants and European/dish gardens. The traditional, contemporary, high-style floral arrangements are appropriate for anniversaries, birthdays, get well, holidays, new baby, sympathy and just because occasions. The store also features gifts such as candles and gift cards that are made by local artisans.

“We started with the simple idea of bringing the best from us to you. We put lots of love and careful thought into all we do. We hope you enjoy all we have to offer, and share the experience with others. There’s a wide selection of arrangements on the website to choose from that help make your selection and shopping easier. To help assure on-time delivery during the busy holiday season, customers are encouraged to place their order at least one day prior to the following major holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Valentine’s Day, Easter, Administrative Professionals Week, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

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BUSINESS

Crone Apothecary now open on North Sherman Avenue

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

Crone Apothecary, owned by Phillip Scott and Jackie Slivicke, opens in a storefront at 1438 N. Sherman Ave., June 1. “I actually grew up on the Northside,” said Slivicke. “As a kid, I took karate in the same building where our new store space is located. It’s like coming home. We are pleased to locate our business in such a friendly neighborhood. We started with a booth at the Northside Farmers Market in May 2021, so we’ve met a lot of people who’ve welcomed us to the community. We love the booth and the market, so we’ll continue through the 2022 season.

There’s significance behind the name and logo image of Crone Apothecary. Crone is a word I use for an old wise woman, one who has gained wisdom from life experiences. A lot of soap making was passed down from woman to woman through the generations, so I wanted to honor this tradition. The phase of the moon in the logo is for new beginnings and recognizes our plant-based products that utilize what the earth gives us.”

Scott and Slivicke started the business at the beginning of 2021 with the goal of making natural products more accessible to the local community. The couple



Jackie Slivicke and Phillip Scott of Crone Apothecary at their Northside Farmers Market booth.

each brings their own unique experience to the new venture. In 2018, Scott founded the Wisconsin Hemp Farmers and Manufacturers Association, which he continues to manage, and his business, Badger Hemp Corridor. “I pride myself as being from seed to shelf,” he shared. Slivicke started dabbling in soap making and herbalism with her mother as a teenager and started a career working with plants, specifically hemp. She’s currently pursuing her Masters’ degree in

Horticulture with an emphasis on Organic and Sustainable Production at the UW–Madison. Crone Apothecary is a blend of their interests, offering soaps, salves, lip balms, Badger Hemp Corridor products, and Wisconsin-made plant-based products from other small businesses.

Other products at the store will be hemp, tincture, infused salves, gummies, capsules, hemp smokable flower, hemp-infused cbd, and cbdg. We’re working on getting tea from Depere, and we’ll have some teas commonly known to help tummy aches, headaches, and as sleep aids.

In the edibles lineup will be

chocolates, crispy bars, caramels, cbd-infused seltzer water, and cbd-infused bitters for the old fashioned fans. Also coming soon will be a cbd-infused peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

The Crone Apothecary grand opening of the store will be held Saturday, June 11 from 11 am–6 pm with door prize drawings, demos, and Ty’s Kitchen food cart. Those who bring the Northside News ad with them will get a free mini CBD Relief Salve.

Crone Apothecary is located at 1438 N. Sherman Ave. Hours: M–Sa 11 am–6 pm. Website: croneapothecary.com

Wisconsin Hemp Farmers and Manufacturers Association

By Phillip Scott
WHFMA

Hemp is taking off across the nation. Paying attention to the industry trends and challenges, there’s an obvious disconnect between farmers, manufacturers, processors, and suppliers that’s limiting the full potential of this abundant resource. The Wisconsin Hemp Farmers and Manufacturers Association (WHFMA) is a nonprofit association founded with the intention to aid the growth of Wisconsin’s hemp industry in all areas.

Through education and with a little dirt under the nails, WHFMA works directly with farmers to ensure they yield the best possible crop for processors. Sustainable farming practices are taught for a zero-waste approach.

The association provides members with networking, all the way from the farms to supplier’s shelves, through

established relationships with processors and suppliers and the commitment to cultivating community. In partnership with Wisconsin Lobbyists, the group advocates on behalf of Wisconsin farmers and manufacturers to reform existing laws.

Wisconsin has the potential to be the nation’s hemp industry leader. WHFMA is passionate about working with the community to make that happen. The Farm It Forward program teaches the local communities about the benefits of the hemp industry by offering volunteer opportunities with Wisconsin hemp farmers. The group is proud to bring the Farm It Forward principle full circle by giving back to the local communities through charitable contributions. We also have been working vigorously to provide grants to folks who work with hemp and are in school for higher education.



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BUSINESS



Brad Neitzel

Brad Neitzel joins Madison Chiropractic-North practice

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

When he joined Madison Chiropractic-North team in April, the strengths Brad Neitzel (pronounced Night-zell) brought to the practice at 2205 N. Sherman Ave. were his abilities to help athletes with sports injuries as well as to help anyone who came with pain issues. “I help treat the whole person no matter their age or whether they’re seeking relief from low back pain, neck pain, sciatica, migraines, or to help with injuries. I’ve treated young children as well as those in their 90s and enjoy working with people who want to live more active and healthier lifestyles.”

As a young man, his career interest changed from engineering to chiropractic because of his own sports injuries. He played basketball and football as most high school boys do, but the muscle tears and injuries from ATV motocross race crashes often required him to seek specialized sports medicine chiropractic care to get through the pain of deep, soft-tissue trauma. Through rehabilitative and therapeutic exercises, he was able to stay safe and prevent future injuries. When he added Strongman and power lifting competitions to his growing list of sport interests, it became more critical than ever for him to focus on the whole body and how it moves and functions. Neitzel modestly shared that he holds a dead lift record for 920 pounds, which ranks him in the top 20-30 strongest people in the world. In the gym, people typically dead lift an average of 400 pounds.

Neitzel’s educational path started at University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse where he obtained a double major in exercise sport science and pre-chiropractic with a minor in nutrition and psychology. From there, he attended and graduated from Northwestern Health Sciences in Bloomington, Minn., a southern suburb of Minneapolis, due to their focus on evidence-based chiropractic. Exercise sports training focuses on the body as a whole and how it ties together and helps us function as humans. The psychology background helps with active listening for picking up on cues for how to treat people’s pain and understanding their state of mind which impacts the threshold for pain.

During his time at Northwestern, Neitzel ran the strength and conditioning club, and helped the Minnesota Vixen Women’s Tackle Football team. He’s coached a lot of power lifters and strong man competitors as far away as California from first time athletes to professionals. He’s personally competed professionally in strongman competitions, including the 2019 Arnold Europe Strongman Classic in Barcelona, Spain. He’s won Strongman and Power Lifting national championships and held American records in both. His American Strongman record still holds.

After graduating from chiropractic school in 2018, Neitzel opened a powerlifting strongman gym in Minneapolis. He and his wife are the parents of a newborn baby and chose to move closer to family in Wisconsin as they started their family.

Chrysalis is an inclusive self-care sanctuary on N. Sherman Avenue

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

I heard about Chrysalis at 255 N. Sherman Avenue the way most people do, by word of mouth. “I find my business is more sustainable if I don’t advertise and leave it to my customers to share about my shop,” said owner Julia McConahay. An accomplished hairstylist and wellness practitioner, she left a conventional salon environment due to the development of intense allergies within that setting. “My business has grown organically through the sharing of like-minded people who love our vibe. I welcome folks to check out our inclusive self-care sanctuary where I encourage them to become the best version of themselves.



Julia McConahay

The hair studio is the anchor of the space, but people get much more than a haircut when they come here. I consider it to be a whole person place for special hair needs. When folks get married, I might do their hair and their music since I’m a professional musician of contemporary violin. After hours, sometimes we have rehearsal time and record music in the studio.

A lot of people run into their friends when they shop here. The shop has been a sort of community hub since I moved the shop here in 2018 from the First Street/Atwood Avenue location where I had been since 2012. On Sundays we have an outdoor courtyard marketplace pop-up from 10 am–2 pm to feature local makers who create functional art. Last year, we featured seven artists, and there will be more this year. There’s a music hour for kids 10 and under from 11 am–noon though it’s family oriented, so even the older siblings enjoy it.”

The shop hours are Monday 10 am–3 pm, Tuesday–Friday 12-7 pm and Saturday 12-4 pm. Salon services can be booked at chrysalishairandbody.com or by calling 608-217-1741.



A welcoming door at Chrysalis.

This is a unique studio space which provides chemically conscious hair services that are allergen aware and natural self-care. The retail clothing is preloved retro, vintage, and unique clothing, that I consider to be human clothes with no gender specific labeling. There’s an eclectic assortment of skirts, tops, dresses, shoes, jackets and accessories. I feature locally made wares and artful treasures for those who appreciate aesthetic value and quirky gifts. Everything here is good for people in some way — even new shoe laces are good for you. We also sell healthy gluten-free snacks and beverage coolers.



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COMMUNITY

New affordable apartment housing opening soon on the Northside

With a shortage of affordable apartment housing across the city, the new apartments opening this summer on the Northside on Aberg and Huxley Streets are a welcome addition for those in need of family and senior housing. In the current housing market, escalating prices mean more families and seniors are more in need of affordable housing than ever before. Two different developers are nearing completion of their projects which anticipate opening between June and August.



The Madisonian senior apartments

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

The Madisonian Senior Apartments
owned by Odessa Senior Housing LLC

1829 Aberg Ave – Senior apartments

The Madisonian apartments offers luxury at a reasonable price. There are 64 affordable one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartment homes for Seniors 55+ and affordable three-bedroom family townhomes. There are 21 market rate apartments and 43 apartments with Section 42 income restrictions.

The amenities include underground and surface parking, trash chutes, extra storage, community rooms with planned activities, activity room, fitness center and indoor mailboxes. There's a guest suite that can be reserved for visiting family. The units have geothermo heating and cooling which means it takes the heat out of 55 degree ground temperature in the winter to heat it to 70 degrees. It also has a 81 KW solar panel array on the roof. An onsite van is available through the management company, which will transport residents to activities such as the Mallards, Farmers Market and other social outings.

For more information contact 608-241-6000 or www.madisonianapartments.com.



Two-bedroom

The 64-unit building:

- One-bedroom units – 49
- Two-bedroom units – 15
- One guest suite

Underground parking: 45 stalls
25 Surface parking spaces

Building amenities

- Controlled access
- Maintenance on-site
- Property manager on-site
- On-site leasing office
- Security cameras
- Planned social activities
- Elevator
- Multi-use community room with fire-place and kitchen
- Each unit has a separate individual storage unit
- Fitness center
- Multipurpose room
- Smoke free
- Large community patio
- Two electric vehicle charging stations
- Free high speed internet
- Indoor mailboxes
- Van for outings
- Small pets welcome

Unit Amenities

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- AC
- Ceiling fan
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- Island kitchens (some)
- Internet included
- Granite countertops
- Stainless steel appliances
- Wide variety of flooring choices
- Variety of kitchen cabinet styles
- Patio/balcony
- Pet friendly
- Walk-in showers
- Wheelchair accessible



The Oscar family and senior apartments

The Oscar Family and Senior Apartments
owned by MSP Real Estate and Heritage Senior Living

1244 Huxley Street – Family apartments
1222 Huxley Street – Senior apartments

The Oscar Apartments development has two components – a 55-unit senior apartment building and a 55-unit family (no age restriction) building.

The Oscar Family Apartments have four stories and is home to 55 apartments, including one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom styles. Amenities include both heated underground and surface parking, a green space and play area, a fully-equipped community room, exercise room, and ample indoor and outdoor bike parking. The Oscar is sustainably built to Wisconsin Green Built standards, with a highly energy efficient exterior design, EnergyStar appliances, LED lighting, and high-efficiency air conditioners. Apartments at The Oscar are available both at market rates with no income restrictions and Section 42 Affordable Housing with income restrictions.

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For more information contact 608-292-8778 or theoscar@msphousing.com.

Building amenities

- Heated underground and surface parking
- Ample indoor and outdoor bike parking
- A fully-equipped community room
- Exercise room
- Green space
- Play area
- Sustainably built to Wisconsin Green Built standards, with a highly energy efficient exterior design

Unit amenities

- Energy Star appliances
- LED lighting
- High-efficiency air conditioners throughout the property



Two-bedroom – Senior



Three-bedroom – Family

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COMMUNITY



The River Food Pantry's Community Coordinator, Bethany Michiels, prepares to deliver clothing and food to redistribution community partners to share with our community.

Redirecting resources to partners in need on the Northside

By Becca Carpenter
The River Food Pantry

More Northside organizations are distributing free food and resources directly to our neighbors in need, thanks to collaborative partnerships with The River Food Pantry.

Last summer, The River became the first redistribution organization (RDO) of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. As an RDO, The River can redirect food sourced from Second Harvest to partnering organizations in need of support.

"We are fortunate to be able to share regular donations of excess food and resources with our redistribution community partners to reach those who do not access our pantry's services for various reasons," said Rhonda Adams, executive director of The River. "This initiative helps to increase access to healthy food and to minimize food waste."

On the Northside, The River currently shares resources with several local organizations that are making a difference in the community.

Dryden Terrace Apartments, affordable housing for seniors and persons with disabilities, receives basic grocery staples for residents who are homebound or otherwise unable to get to The River. This includes bread, fruits, vegetables, prepared foods and shelf-stable goods.

According to a representative who picks up food for Dryden Terrace, a resident who uses a wheelchair called The River her "angels" because her mobility constraints make it difficult to get food elsewhere.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center receives sandwiches, beverages, fresh fruits and snacks twice a week to support their after-school youth program.

"We have welcomed a significant increase of both middle school and high school students attending our afterschool programing," shared a Warner Park representative. "Thank you so much for what you all have provided, as it is a cornerstone of our program offering."

OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center receives various items to stock their on-site emergency pantry for LGBTQ+ people, including those experiencing homelessness.

Since it officially became an RDO last August, The River has worked with over a dozen redistribution community partners to serve a monthly average of 900 individuals who would otherwise not have access to the pantry's services.

Other redistribution community partners throughout Dane County include Access Housing, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County, Friends of the State Street Family, La Follette High School, Neighborhood House Community Center, Porchlight Homeless Men's Shelter, Shelter from the Storm Ministries, St. Vincent de Paul (Port St. Vincent), Tellurian (Rethke Terrace), The Beacon, The Road Home, The Salvation Army's Family Shelter and Women's Shelter, Then & Now Adult Day Center, and 5 Door Recovery.

Each community partner serves a unique population with varying needs. Many of the organizations struggle to afford the quality and quantity of food and/or resources their constituents need to eat and live healthfully.

The River distributes a wide variety of products with these organizations to meet their specific needs. Items can include fresh produce, ready-to-eat meals, nonperishable food, snacks, beverages, baby formula and personal hygiene items.

To learn more, visit riverfoodpantry.org/redistribution-community-partnerships.

Photo by Becca Carpenter

Photo by Chris Brockel

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Gardeners and farmers invited to process produce at FEED Kitchens

By Chris Brockel
Feed Kitchens Manager

With rising food prices putting a pinch on food budgets, this may be the year that more people decide to start a garden or expand an existing garden. Whether it's a vegetable/fruit farmer or a home gardener, it is likely at some point in the harvest season that the output of produce outpaces the ability for family and friends to eat the fresh produce. When this happens, it is time to extend the season by processing and preserving the harvest for future consumption. The cool, wet spring delayed the planting season by more than a few weeks, but starting around mid-May, the sun began to shine and heated up the soil, making it ready for seeds.

We urge everyone to plan for their food needs this year. Supply chain issues and rising prices almost demand that people become less dependent on sources of food that are outside of the region. FEED Kitchens is a place where

everyone can access a commercial kitchen space to preserve their harvest to enjoy during Wisconsin's non-growing season. Local farmers and commercial businesses may already know about using FEED Kitchens to process fruits and vegetables into value-added products, but it's important that the average gardener from the community who needs a larger space to process their own harvest also know they are invited to check out the facility. FEED Kitchens is much more than just a business incubator. It's also a community space where families, private groups, and nonprofits can access the larger commercial kitchen space for their own production. Operating at FEED Kitchens requires you to become a member of the facility. Lifetime membership rates are very reasonable, \$75 for a noncommercial member; \$400 for a commercial processor, and once you are a member you have access to FEED Kitchens 24 hours a day/seven days a week.



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Maple Bluff Country Club

Door of Hope 2nd Annual Golf Open Aug. 1

By **Melanie Yeazel**
Door Creek Church

At Door of Hope, our passion is to see families and children on the Northside of Madison flourish and to see more students from low-income families provided with a chance to be on the positive side of the opportunity gap.

Our hope is that, through our many partnerships in the community, we will be able to meet children where they are and provide a learning environment that gives students an equal opportunity to succeed.

All of this is accomplished through providing STEM after-school programming free of charge to all middle school students — right here in your backyard, the Northside of Madison.

Our big fundraiser of the year is coming up. Our second annual Door of Hope Golf Open will be held Monday, Aug. 1, at the Maple Bluff Country Club.

We can sure use your help. Consider a sponsorship at our event. You would have your name out there on the course showing others that you support a terrific nonprofit organization. It's a win/win! If you can't manage a sponsorship this year, consider donating an item from your business to our silent auction.

This is your opportunity to partner with us to give our students a greater chance to succeed both in the classroom and in the community.

To learn more about Door of Hope or to register for this event as a golfer or sponsor, visit our website at doorofhopewi.org or contact us at info@doorofhopewi.org.

Lake View Hill Park bench to honor Dorothy Wheeler

By **Anita Weier**
Northside News

Friends and admirers of former Dane County Supervisor Dorothy Wheeler are raising money to honor her with a bench at Lake View Hill Park.

Wheeler led the effort to rezone and designate Lake View Hill as a Dane County Park, saving it from proposed development. "We would like to show Dorothy her bench this spring," said Janet Battista, a member of the fundraising group.

The bench would overlook Lake Mendota in the park Wheeler helped establish. A Dane County Park bench with flagstone footrest, plaque and installation costs \$4,000. As of this writing, the group has raised about \$1,600.

If you would like to help, go to the GoFundMe page for Honor Dorothy Wheeler with a LVH Park Bench. Or, if you would prefer to send a check, make it payable to Friends of Lake View Hill Park, write Dorothy Wheeler in the

memo line, and mail it to FOLVHP, P.O. Box 8813, Madison, WI 53708-8813. Priscilla Herman, treasurer of the Friends of Lake View Hill Park, is managing the donations.

A longtime Madison resident, Wheeler has touched many lives through her service on the Dane County Board from 2004 to 2010 and her long career as a teacher in Madison public schools. An environmental advocate, she served on the boards of the Friends of Lake View Hill Park and the Friends of Cherokee Marsh for many years. She is also an active member of the League of Women Voters.

Lake View Hill Park includes the grounds of the former Lake View Sanatorium, established in 1930 for treating patients with tuberculosis. All 48 acres surrounding this historic site are included in the park, which has 42 acres of woodland and meadow hiking trails. The sanatorium building now houses the Dane County Human Services Department.

Tips to save energy this summer

By **Madison Gas and Electric Company**

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EMCC introduces new programs



Assistant Director Veronica Castillo and her niece Gaojer Vang painting at EMCC's Open Art Studio

Photo by Regina McConnell

pantry and other services on Tuesdays, 11 am-1 pm.

The EMCC youth program recently cleaned up the Truax neighborhood for Earth Day. This annual program brings youth together with local residents to pick up the litter which appears once the snow melts. Soon they will be outside again planting in the children's garden.

New programs at EMCC include a three-times-weekly Tai Chi class and haircuts with a barber through the First Impressions clothing program at EMCC. The much-loved household and clothing distribution has resumed on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

All ages can find something to do at EMCC. Check out the Center's Facebook page and website for program information (eastmadisoncc.org). You may find a movie or bingo night, art class or other activity that piques your interest.

Volunteers are needed in the food pantry, front office and First Impressions Program. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to join the EMCC community, contact Veronica Castillo at vcastillo@eastmadisoncc.org.

By Regina McConnell

East Madison Community Center

Spring is in the air and the East Madison Community Center (EMCC) is excited to open the community garden and introduce a few new programs.

In April EMCC began hosting a COVID vaccination clinic every other week. This clinic coincides with the food

MSCR offers opportunities for pontoon boat rides

By Nicole Graper
MSCR

Cruise the local lakes with Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) Pontoon Boat Rides. The boats are accessible and MSCR offers three ways to experience this unique program: boat rentals, drop-in rides and specialty trips. Pontoon boats are driven by trained and dedicated volunteers. MSCR is celebrating the fortieth year of the Pontoon Boat program.

Drop-in rides are available at Tenney, Goodspeed, Olbrich and Warner Parks. All trips are first come, first served, with no reservations available.

Drop in rides cost \$5 per person and children 3 years and younger are free. If the fee is a barrier, free ride tickets are available at all Madison Public Library locations. Groups of six or more should contact the MSCR office to set up a private rental. All trips are first come, first served and riders must be present to sign a liability waiver.

Pontoon rides are subject to cancellation due to high water levels or weather. Call the MSCR weather line for the most current program information (608-204-3044 ext. 4).

Pontoon Schedule June 1-Sept. 30:

Olbrich Park: Mondays, 1:30-2:30 pm and 2:45-3:45 pm. Boat trips on Lake Monona board at the Olbrich Park Pier located at Lakeland Ave. and Atwood Ave. Registration begins 15 minutes prior to posted starting times.

Goodspeed Pier: Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 pm and 2:45-3:45 pm. Boat trips on Lake Mendota board at Goodspeed Pier next to the Memorial Union on UW Campus. Registration begins 15 minutes prior to posted starting times.

Tenney Park: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7 pm and 7:15-8:45 pm; Sundays, 1:30-3 pm and 3:15-4:45 pm. Boat trips to either Monona or Mendota (dependent on lake accessibility) board at our Tenney Park Boat House. Registration begins 45 minutes prior to posted starting times.

Warner Park: Fridays, 1:30-2:30 pm and 2:45-3:45 pm. Boat trips on Lake Mendota board at the Warner Park Boat Launch at 1201 Woodward Dr. Registration begins 15 minutes prior to posted starting times.

MSCR is offering a wide range of programs for all ages. Programs include arts, enrichment, camps, fitness, outdoors, sports, swimming and more. Visit mscr.org for more information.



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MSCR offers pontoon rides

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Know someone struggling with federal student loan debt? If so, free expert counseling may help.

By Ascendium Education Group

Student loans are confusing. Just ask anyone who has them. For example, federal student loans have multiple repayment plans and postponement options, a new temporary waiver for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and an important second chance available to resolve defaulted loans, just to name a few. But many people don't know these benefits are available nor how to take advantage of them. This is where Ascendium Education Group can help, at no cost to borrowers.

If you're an avid reader of the Northside News, you may recognize Ascendium's name. As a long-time Northside neighbor, their history of employee and corporate giving includes monetary donations and volunteer activities in the community where its employees live and work. A few of the Northside neighborhood recipients have included Vera Court Neighborhood Center, The River Food Pantry and East Madison Community Center.

Ascendium's strong tradition of philanthropy believes in the promise of a better life no matter where you started — and the power of education and training beyond high school to transform the lives of learners from low-income backgrounds. Ascendium's history is also rich with 55 years of federal student loan expertise. As a guarantor, provider of student support solutions and a former loan servicer, they've seen it all when it comes to federal student loans. And they

want to share their expertise with you and other Wisconsinites who have student loan questions.

Share these resources with student loan borrowers:

Wisconsin Student Loan Help Hotline (debtsmarts.org)

Created by the Wisconsin Coalition on Student Debt in partnership with Ascendium, student loan borrowers in Wisconsin can call 833-589-0750 with student loan repayment questions. Expert counselors will take the time needed to understand each individual's questions and provide support and guidance, at no cost to them.

Student Loan Start Over (student-loanstartover.org)

The Wisconsin Department of Administration awarded Ascendium Education Solutions a grant to help residents in Milwaukee County start over after defaulting on their federal student loans. If you know anyone living in Milwaukee County who is challenged by federal student loan default, please let them know about this program. They can obtain free, personalized counseling to resolve their default. Getting started is as easy as completing a contact information form or calling 833-691-3167, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm.

Recovering from default is easier than you think. And Ascendium can help, at no cost to borrowers.

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The MSCR Art Cart is a free, drop-in traveling art program for children ages 3+ and their families.

MSCR offers free, mobile fitness and arts activities this summer

By Nicole Graper
MSCR

Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR) offers free, mobile recreation programs from June 13 through Aug. 19. (There will be no programming Monday, July 4.)

FIT2GO Van

FIT2GO brings free, fun activities and games to Madison neighborhoods. Look for the FIT2GO van and enjoy yard games, scavenger hunts, disc golf, obstacle courses, Imagination Playground and many more engaging activities. Activities are adaptive to any age and ability. The FIT2GO van also provides environmental education and nature walks.

FIT2GO's Northside stops are Friday, June 17, 9 am-12 pm, at Warner Beach; Friday, June 24, 1-3:45 pm, at Lerdahl Park; Wednesday, June 29, 4:30-7:30 pm, at Warner Park-Trailsway; Friday, July 1, 9 am-12 pm, at Tenney Beach; Tuesday, July 26, 9 am-12 pm, at Tenney Beach; Wednesday, July 27, 4:30-7:30 pm, at Warner Park-Trailsway; Thursday, Aug. 18, 1-3:45 pm, at Demetral Park.

The FIT@GO scheduled takes place through Aug. 19. For the complete FIT2GO summer schedule go to mscr.org.

Art Cart

The Art Cart is a free, drop-in traveling art program that provides creative art-making experiences to children ages

3+ and their families. Art Cart is held in partnership with Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMOCA).

The Art Cart's Northside stops are Tuesday, June 14, 9 am-12 pm, at Tenney Park; Friday, June 17, 9 am-12 pm, at Warner Beach; Friday, July 1, 9 am-12 pm, at Tenney Beach; Friday, July 22, 1-4 pm, at Windom Park, Wednesday, July 27, 5-7:30 pm, at Warner Park-Trailsway; Wednesday, Aug. 10, 5-7:30 pm, at Warner Park-Trailsway.

The Art Cart schedule takes place through Aug. 18. Please go to mscr.org for a complete schedule.

Mobile Madison

MSCR Art Cart and FIT2GO are collaborating with several community organizations to offer Mobile Madison. Mobile Madison brings free, mobile activities to a multitude of Madison neighborhoods, prioritizing areas of limited access to resources.

Mobile Madison includes MSCR Art Cart and FIT2Go, Madison Reading Project Big Red Reading Bus, Department of Natural Resources Fishmobile, Dane County Library Service & Madison Public Library Dream Bus, City of Madison Parks Division Sina Davis Movies in the Park, REAP Food Group UpRoot Food Truck and Madison Metropolitan School District Play & Learn.

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Meet your Northside neighbors — Marshel and Blinda Beason



Blinda Beason



Marshel Beason

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By Virginia Scholtz
Northside News

Her story

Blinda was nine years old when her mother passed away. She and her seven siblings then lived with her grandmother in St. Louis, Missouri. They always had a “roof over our heads, shoes on our feet, and more than enough food on the table.” She was educated in the city’s school system and entered Harris Teachers’ College after graduation with the dream of becoming an elementary teacher. As many have done, Blinda changed her ideas and, once in college, chose to pursue social services instead.

She had an aunt in Milwaukee and moved there to study at UW-Milwaukee. She took a part-time job at Aldrich Chemical Company as an elevator operator, where she wore the white gloves and all. In those days elevators had lattice-work gates and no push buttons. The operator managed all the starts and stops. There was a certain someone working there who was very regular in his habits for breaks and lunches. He was a predictable and often solo rider on Blinda’s elevator.

His story

Marshel Beason was born and raised on Chicago’s south side. He had a good head on his shoulders and “great parents.” His father taught history in a city high school. He also managed some rental properties and worked part time as a tire mechanic. His mother

was a dressmaker and a stenographer. They were both “great cooks.”

Marshel recalls having to jump on the hood of a car one day while walking to school. It was that or face a pack of dogs running the streets. He did well in school and picked up some electrical and plumbing skills from his father.

His college education began in Chicago’s city college system and led him to Milwaukee, where he completed a degree in chemistry at Marquette College.

Upon graduation, Marshel landed a job as an organic chemist at Aldrich Chemical Company. While there he also worked with one of the early, industrial-sized computers.

Their story

Blinda tried to keep a professional demeanor; Marshel tried and tried some more to get her attention. Eventually her aunt gave her a little nudge, suggesting that the young chemist was a lot like Blinda’s twin brother. It wasn’t long before they were dating. On Jan. 11, 1975 (the coldest day of that winter), the two were wed at Berean Baptist Church in Chicago.

In the later part of the 1970’s, Marshel said, some “headhunters from Ray-O-Vac” contacted him. They offered a position in engineering and development at their corporate site in Madison. It included help finding a home and relocation expenses.

At first the couple rented on the west side of town, but after getting to know the area, Blinda told a realtor, “Show



The Beason’s on their wedding day, January 11, 1975.

Photo provided by Blinda Beason

me a part of town that’s a mixture, a diverse neighborhood.” They moved into a newer ranch style home in the Sherman Village area, where they were near an elementary school and middle school and had a bus route not far away. With two young daughters, the location was ideal and “the neighbors were friendly.”

Marshel likes the area because “it is not a real high-density population.” Everyone gets along and “the homeowners have differing views and different histories.”

Marshel knows a lot about chemistry, right down to the details of DNA

research. He has other interests, too. You may have heard him play with M-Trane (R&B plus a little reggae and jazz) at various music festivals around town. He also teaches and holds a black belt in martial arts.

While working part-time and caring for two daughters, Blinda completed her bachelor’s degree from the Edgewood College weekend program. She went on to earn an MBA there. When the girls were small, they bragged to their friends that they “went to college” as their mother would sometimes take them along to class where they sat at the back reading pictures books. Her career was tied to state government. She has worked for WHEDA and then for many years as a program analyst and advisor covering Southern Wisconsin.

The couple has now retired from the world of work, but they remain active in their church. Both of their daughters have good careers. One is a dental surgeon; the other is a manager with the state school loan program. Six grandchildren keep the Beasons connected to the changing world of children.

Both partners emphasize the importance of a good education. They recommend getting as much education as early in life as you can. You never know what changes life will bring.

Looking to the future, they see hope in the ever-growing diversity of our city. Marshel said, “I’m hopeful, very hopeful.”

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Entrepreneur Feature

Renaissance Farm products are perennial favorites at Farmers' Market

By **Lauri Lee**
Northside News

Renaissance Farm, an award-winning artisanal food producer since 1985 owned by Mark Olson, is known for handmade cinnamon rolls and herb-based specialty food products which are perennial favorites at the Dane County Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square in Madison. The business sells seven varieties of all-natural pesto, herb-infused extra virgin olive oils, super premium pesto vinaigrettes, pasta salad dressings, and Zalta herb-infused sea salts which are also distributed in the upper Midwest.

The delicious, melt in your mouth cinnamon rolls are made by hand the old-fashioned way. The dough for the cinnamon rolls is made in small batches, rolled out, and spread with pure, real butter, brown sugar, and cinnamon — with nothing artificial. It is then rolled up and the spirals are baked in pans of four.

A few new rolls that have been added to the booth have found success with customers at the Dane County Farmers' Market, and the Monona Farmers Market, where Olson also sells each season. The savory dinner rolls, which are filled with basil and cheese, are a great addition to a meal. More recently, Olson created a Turtle Sweet Roll, which has brown sugar, butter and chocolate rolled on the inside. His Turtle Swirls, which are as big as his cinnamon rolls, are topped with chocolate sauce, salted caramel and salted pecans. Keep an eye open for a new line of savory tarts in the future.

I asked Olson for a look behind the curtain for how he got started as an entrepreneur and the challenges he's faced during nearly four decades in business. With every long-term success story, there are also stories of challenges that had to be overcome. "Around 40 years ago, I decided I wanted to farm and work for myself," shared Olson. "I would have made a terrible employee working for someone else with this burning desire to strike out on my own. I grew basil and made pesto and other basil products."

For Olson, all went well until 12 or so years ago "when basil crops were hit with powdery mildew, a worldwide problem with no known cure. Even grocery stores started selling whole plants in the produce section and moved away from selling fresh basil. Then four years later, a completely different crop failure made me relearn how to farm basil. Up to that point, I had been shipping 2,000 pounds of basil a week to the Baraboo CISCO, and had to give it up. It was frustrating because the basil looked good when shipped, but four days later after it got there the mildew expressed itself by turning dark. Of course, this was a huge problem, because fresh basil needs to look and taste good. I fell back on creating and distributing a food service product, which is basil blended with olive oil that I froze and sold as an ingredient to restaurants, such as Ian's Pizza, Roman Candle, and the Willy Street Co-op off-site kitchen. This became the permanent way for me to process and sell basil. I also diversified and began to grow rosemary, lemon basil, cilantro, a little thyme, and green garlic which is like an onion scallion.

I worked on figuring out how to get the flavor and color of fresh herbs into sea salt so I could add this to my product

line. Olson's farm is located in Spring Green, Wis., and he is licensed out of FEED Kitchens for making his product in a commercial kitchen. "It is an awesome setup at FEED Kitchens. The quality of the equipment is as good as it gets in Madison. I was a little apprehensive to be here before I started because I was used to working alone and there can be a lot of activity in a shared-use kitchen. At first, I found it distracting. Now it's become a wonderful work community where I'm surrounded by like-minded entrepreneurs. I love working with people who know how to problem solve and get things done. We're always helping each other and make sure each member has the space they need to get their work done. It's extremely supportive. I was a part of starting a shared-use kitchen in the early 90s and it failed miserably. So I have a great appreciation for what a great job FEED manager, Chris Brockel, does of coraling independent folks who don't want to follow directions and are strong-minded individualists. Of course, this is the same trait which makes them successful entrepreneurs.

Olson is a problem-solving entrepreneur. In his fields of basil the plants are grown in rows like a corn field. "I'm on my third incarnation of a basil harvester that I developed with takes the top two-inches off the plant. Because there can't be any weeds in between the plants, I'm doing transplants in a paper chain pot.

Is there ever spare time for fun when you're a busy entrepreneur? When not rolling out many, many thousands of cinnamon rolls, Olson loves rolling through the waves enjoying the adventure sport of whitewater kayaking. He's paddled 61 consecutive months in Wisconsin by using a dry suit.



Photo by Lauri Lee

Mark Olson, owner of Renaissance Farm making cinnamon rolls at FEED Kitchens

"I'm starting to think about what's next for the business. It's hard to find help and I need to plan ahead to transition this business to someone else so I can retire. I want to sell it, with the ultimate goal of it being over a period of time. The Dane County Farmers Market rules dictate a five-year transition to

new ownership of a business if they want the same prime location such as mine at the top of State Street. If anyone is interested in this type of business transition plan, they can contact me at renfarmmarket@gmail.com. The website for Renaissance Farms is www.renfarm.com.

RISE celebrates newly renovated building

By **Ben Sefarbi**
Creative Company

RISE Wisconsin — providers of community-based, strengths-driven mental health and care services to children, families, and young adults — celebrated the completion of their newly renovated building at 2120 Fordem Ave. on the Northside of Madison.

RISE welcomed friends, partners and members of the community to celebrate the grand opening with tours of the space. Dozens of community members attended the event during Children's

Mental Health Awareness Week and Mental Health Awareness Month.

Speakers included RISE Executive Director Scott Strong, RISE Board of Directors Chair Nyra Jordan, Capital Campaign Chair Deirdre Garton, and RISE Director of Development Maggie Waid.

"Life can be hard for families in the best of times," Strong said. "The pandemic's addition of health, social and economic stresses have really strained many people who need and use our services. We have seen demand for mental health services for young people and families increase in the wake of the

stress of isolation and disruption in support services because of quarantine and other restrictions on public gatherings."

The newly remodeled building was designed to be a warm and welcoming space for children, families, and the community to gather.

RISE has come a long way while continuing to offer essential services since the April 1, 2017, merger of nonprofits Community Partnerships, Inc. and Center for Families. Together, the organizations have more than 60 years of combined experience providing services in Madison and serve more than 3,300 children, individuals and families annually.

"We can feel the excitement building as staff moves back into the space," Strong said. "It will bring people from different programs together so they can inspire each other and increase the good things we bring to children and families when they most need them."

The RISE Capital Campaign recently surpassed its first \$1,000,000 mark. The early childhood, mental health and respite services provider now have their sights set on reaching the next milestone of \$1,500,000 in the coming months towards the campaign's \$3,000,000 goal.

To learn more about the campaign or how to donate, check out our website at risewisconsin.org/2020-2021-capital-campaign.



RISE celebrates newly renovated building

Photo provided by the Creative Company

ART

Northside Arts Collective seeks volunteers to creatively enhance our community

By Tara Sherchok
Northside Arts Collective

Madison's Northside contains a wealth of diversity and natural habitats which are ideal conditions for a range of creative skills to develop. The Northside Arts Collective (NAC) exists to better highlight the arts community that already exists on the Northside and to strengthen creative opportunities.

To help fulfill this mission, NAC needs altruistic volunteers for community-enhancing projects. Volunteers get to actively take initiative while taking on only what you are able to, based on your availability and skills. Currently, NAC has four major projects underway for which we are seeking community volunteers.

The first is quarterly art-related workshops held at the Goodwill Northside Community Room. Creative individuals will have the chance to use the space to share their talents and expertise with the community. If you are interested, see the contact information below for more information.

A second NAC project is at the Northside Farmers Market. NAC hosts a table and provides volunteers with an opportunity to demonstrate your art form — visual art, readings of poetry, playing an instrument, etc. The table also offers a space for open discussion about community needs and what people want to see from the NAC.

Our third project is an art exhibition at Warner Park Community Recreation Center in October. For the past 10 years, the exhibition has showcased art created by adults. To better represent the demographic of the Northside community, this year's exhibition will celebrate teen artists and their creative endeavors. The theme of this exhibition is "Northside Reflections." Email NAC at the address below to submit ready-to-hang art to the exhibition.

The fourth project is quarterly art socials. NAC's most recent social was held May 3 at Bierock. The summer social will be Wednesday, Aug. 3, 7 pm at the Tenney Park Shelter. All are welcome, no registration is required. Come to enjoy an atmosphere for creative like-minds to network and cultivate encouragement, ideas and collaborative opportunities.

In addition to these developing projects, NAC has been uniting the arts in other ways. We give shout-outs to spotlight local art-related businesses and events on the Northside. NAC believes the community flourishes when diverse creative events are highlighted and promoted. Making the community more aware means more opportunities for art, music, dance and other performing arts.

To help make a difference, contact Organizer Rhiannon Gurley and Assistant Organizer Sara Meredith at madisonnorthsidearts@gmail.com. Follow NAC on Facebook at fb.com/madisonnorthsidearts.



Photo provided by ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

Phil Porter

Memorial celebration to be hosted honoring the life of Madison artist Phil Porter

By Mike Lawler
ARTS for ALL

On Saturday, June 18, ARTS for ALL Wisconsin (AFA) and ArtWorking will host a memorial celebration honoring the life and work of iconic Madison artist Phil Porter, who died in January at the age of 75.

"Phil Porter embodied our mission, and he leaves behind a legacy that will be celebrated for a long, long time," said Christina Martin-Wright, executive director of ARTS for ALL Wisconsin. "He was as colorful as his many paintings, and we are honored to host Phil's family, friends, collectors of his art, and his many admirers to remember him."

The memorial celebration will be open to the public at the AFA Art Center, 1709 Aberg Avenue, from 2-5 pm. A full exhibition of Phil's work will be on display, and AFA will officially dedicate the Phil Porter Memorial Gallery, provided through generous support from Andrew Porter, James Riordan, Leslie Brodhead-Griffith and David Griffith.

"It's hard not to smile when I think of picking up the phone and hearing his voice or seeing him approach our booth at the Art Fair on the Square with a sense of pride and purpose," Martin-Wright said. "Through his amazing art and the memories we hold dear, Phil Porter will always be a part of the ARTS for ALL Wisconsin community."

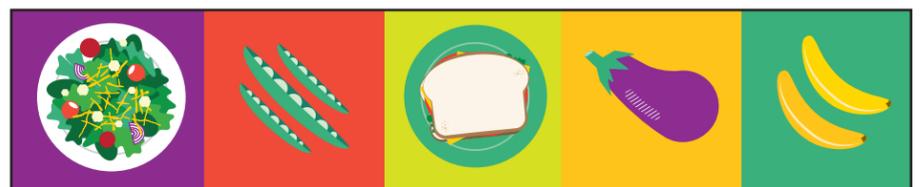
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin is a state-wide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For 37 years AFA has been guided by the belief that the arts are a universal and essential language that challenge people to respond to the world, look beyond themselves, and celebrate diversity by building bridges between people, across cultures and through generations.

ArtWorking provides career-oriented support for artists with developmental disabilities. Artists are supported in ArtWorking's professional studio workspace, in addition to community and private settings.

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By Jason Robert Van Pelt

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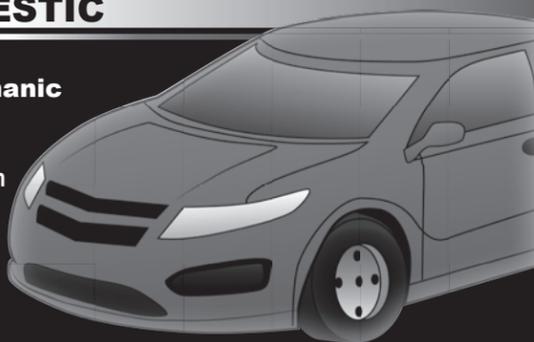
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Lakeview's summer hours are 10 am-8 pm Monday-Friday and 9 am-5 pm Saturday. Sunday hours will begin again after Labor Day weekend. See all library hours at madpl.org/locations.

All Madison libraries will be closed May 29 and 30 for Memorial Day, June 20 for Juneteenth, and July 4 for Independence Day.

Friends of Lakeview Library News

Seven library Friends' groups, including Lakeview's, are pooling their inventory for a large sale of gently used and donated books. The sale takes place Saturday, June 4, 9 am-4 pm, rain or shine, at the Madison Public Library Service & Support Center at 1301 W. Badger Road in Madison. All proceeds benefit Madison Public Libraries. Sale items will be replenished throughout the day, and there will be a \$5 bag sale from 3-4 pm. Friends accept cash, check or credit card payment. Interested people can also learn more about becoming Friends' members or volunteering at the sale at madpl.org/book-sales.

Events

All events will be held at Lakeview Library unless otherwise indicated. Check madisonpubliclibrary.org for the most up to date information on programs and services.

Music & Movement

Mondays, June 6-July 18, 10:30-11:30 am (no class June 20)
Join us for a preschool music and movement program with singing, dancing, playing and bubbles. For children up to age 5, with their caregivers.

Madison Writing Assistance at Lakeview
Mondays, June 6-July 25, 4-7 pm (no assistance June 20, July 4)

The Madison Writing Assistance program offers free, one-to-one writing support for community members at libraries throughout the city. Writing coaches help with writing projects across a wide range of genres, including resumes, cover letters, application essays, grant proposals, fiction writing, memoirs, and more. Schedule an appointment at madpl.org/calendar, in person or by phone.

Teen and Tween Minecraft Club

Mondays, June 6-July 18, 4-5:30 pm (no club June 20, July 4)
This program is open to all teens and tweens. Stop in to play Minecraft with other teens and tweens. There is a limited number of computers, so participants will be taking turns as needed.

Dane CORE 2.0 Rental Assistance

Tuesdays, June 7-28, 11 am-5 pm
Are you behind on your rent because of the pandemic, either directly or indirectly? You are not alone. Many people are experiencing financial hardship right now. The African Center for Community Development will be located at the Lakeview Library on Tuesdays to help individuals and families who owe back rent apply for Dane Core assistance. Call the African Center for Community Development at 608-957-5623 or 608-514-9321 to schedule an appointment.

Scrabble at the Library

Wednesdays, June 1-July 27, 10 am-12 pm
Attention word lovers: exercise your brain by playing Scrabble with other adults.

Toddlers Storytime

Thursdays, June 2-23, 10:30-11:30 am
Read and play with your favorite toddler. Engaging with books, songs and playful experiences help children develop communication skills, patience, empathy, and pre-reading skills, and helps to build a lifelong love of reading. Library programs are always free. Siblings and childcare groups are welcome.

Lakeview Pride Film Festival: Teen Night

Thursdays, June 2-23, 5-7 pm
Check the library calendar at madisonpubliclibrary.org/events.

Teen and Tween Video Game Night

Fridays, June 3-July 22, 4-6 pm
Stop by and play video games with other teens and tweens. The library has two teen computers, a PS4 and a Nintendo Switch.

Serendipity Saturday

Saturdays, June 11, July 9, 10-11 am
Will you make a cardboard instrument? Explore pastels or watercolors? Or build something out of wood? That's the joy of serendipity, you never know until you get there. Drop in anytime to enjoy fun hands-on art and maker activities for children of all ages.

Cooking with Chef Lily

Saturdays, June 4, 18, 25, and July 16, 30, 1:30-2:30 pm
Tuesdays, June 7 and July 5, 12, 4:30-5:30 pm
Join The Kids Chef, Lily Kilfoy, for a series of cooking demonstrations for children and families. Participants will learn about different foods, where they come from, how to follow recipes, and how to use a variety of tools. Due to COVID precautions, this will be a hands-off program, but participants will get to take home a meal to enjoy. Food generously provided by Willy St. Co-op North.

Chess at the Library

Second and fourth Mondays, June 13, 27 and July 11, 25, 6-8 pm
All ages and skill levels are welcome.
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Photo by Anita Weier

Dean Robbins signing books for children.

Children's author Dean Robbins speaks at Lakeview Library

By Anita Weier
Friends of Lakeview Library

Children and adults enjoyed a recent talk by children's author Dean Robbins at Lakeview Library. The youngsters shared ideas about what makes a hero. "Someone who saves people and fights bad guys," said one, inspired by slides showing Superman, Wonder Woman and Mighty Mouse.

Robbins asked whether a real person could be a hero and talked about the subject of one of his books, Dr. Jonas Salk. "He studied math and science and how to create a vaccine," Robbins said, then showed a brief video of people reacting to the news of the vaccine with cheers and church bells ringing about the defeat of the dread illness that crippled some children. Salk was a problem solver, which made him a hero, Robbins said.

He then explained how in the 1940s, people of different races usually were not allowed to dance together, until the Palladium Ballroom in New York City

allowed everyone to dance. Robbins showed how an Italian girl and a Puerto Rican boy met at the Palladium and became the world's best mambo dancers. They were kind and accepted each other," Robbins said. The children resounded to segregation with boos and to acceptance and kindness with cheers.

He then told the story of how now-deceased Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg became one of few women to go to law school and then became the first Jewish woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. "She was brave," he said.

"The kids here are all my favorite heroes," Robbins added. The children then lined up to receive free books written by Robbins and purchased by the Friends of Lakeview Library.

The author's presentation followed the brief annual meeting of the Friends of Lakeview, who announced that they provided more than \$4,000 for library programs in 2021.



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The Friends of Lakeview Library book sale April 16 raised \$1,500 for the library. Volunteers Gail Bergman and Irene Swiggum helped staff the sale.



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SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Perspectives of the East High School Seniors AVID class of 2022

Congratulations AVID Class

By Vera Naputi
East High School

Here we are on the threshold of a pandemic and a host of other deep and major social and political issues, and everything from the eyes of these Seniors, class of 2022 from East High School, looks possible and hopeful. "In the past, when I dreamt about my future, I used to think it was scary. Now when I think about my future, all I wonder about are opportunities," said Adam

Yang. This article features high school seniors from Ms. Vera Naputi's AVID class, who are being highlighted for their persistence and determination to push through the effects of COVID-19, and see themselves in the future. I am proud of them for overcoming their fears and frustrations. As a teacher of high school seniors, I realized that my job was to underscore their genius and make space for them to dream. Please enjoy their journey and how they envision a future of hope

Brayan Carrera-Garcia has really made his mark on the Madison East Community. He was a leader in RAZA United and a major force in student-led demonstrations for immigration rights and all things related. He is attending UW-Milwaukee majoring in Mechanical Engineering, and received a few scholarships including one from East High and the Rotary Scholarship. When he thinks about hope, he dreams of a better tomorrow.



Michael Tecuanhuehue Quintana will be attending Madison College majoring in Business. When things got tough as a senior, Michael stayed on course and received a Rotary Scholarship and an East High Scholarship. What gives Michael hope is doing the most for his family and valuing his goals so much that he is willing to go after them wholeheartedly.



Jasmine Sotelo will be attending UW-Platteville, and will be studying abroad in the United Kingdom this summer. She has received the Opportunity Scholarship, the East High Scholarship, and the Kiwanis Scholarship. What gives Jasmine hope is imagining her future as a lawyer, advocating for survivors of sexual assault.



Tserng Pelmo is heading to UW-Madison in the fall majoring in Biochemistry. She earned an ITA scholarship for her dedication to the program for four years. Her hope for the future is to achieve her dreams and become a dentist.



Francisco Nava is in a unique role as he started his college career at Madison College while still attending Madison East High. He is in the MATC Fire Academy and will be certified as a firefighter and an EMT. He earned a full scholarship to Madison College and will continue to learn and grow in his current program.



Maya Detwiller is the model for voice and being seen. As a young Black woman, she understood her mission as a senior, which was primarily to get accepted into college, and persistently apply for scholarships to minimize or zero out a financial gap. While she still has to pay out of pocket for some of her college tuition, she received the following scholarships: Women in Focus, Unity Grand Chapter, People scholarship, and was a finalist for the Youth of the Year for Boys and Girls Club. She is attending UW Madison in the fall majoring in Psychology.



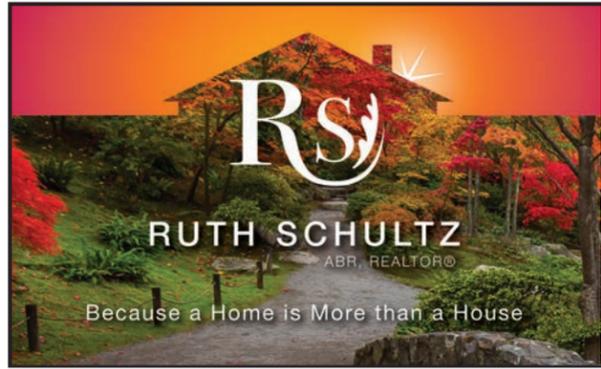
Michel Hernandez-Ruiz is a graduate from East High School. She will be attending Edgewood College on a full scholarship, in addition to other scholarships she received. Her major is Nursing and her personal goal this summer is to try new things, be productive, and perhaps find a new hobby.



Brandon Herrera will be attending UW-Milwaukee majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is a very strong student and received a scholarship from East High School. What gives him hope is being able to learn and grow as a college student in order to make a difference in the field of engineering.



Adam Yang is planning to major in Information Technology, starting at Madison College. As a senior, one thing he pushed through was finding himself through the struggle of introspection, and discovering his character traits and what makes Adam, Adam. His applications for scholarships included the East High Scholarship, the Faust Summit Scholarship, the Madison College Foundation, and the James C. Wright Scholarship.



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Amir Lee has been a force as a senior at Madison East High School. He will be attending the University of Minnesota, majoring in Psychology. He is a recipient of the Rotary Scholarship and is a prestigious Mann Scholar. Amir's hope lies in watching others after him make positive choices that tell their truth.



Airelle Gullickson will be attending Madison College interested in certifying in the CNA program. What gives her hope is staying focused and not looking back on her past.



Angel Tejada will be attending San Francisco State University in the fall, majoring in Chemistry. He is a recipient of the PRL Keystone Foundation scholarship. As a senior, he believes in hope because of the people in his life whose actions have contributed to his growth and life goals.



Anijah Williams has been incredibly active in the east-side community. She will be majoring in Criminal Justice at Madison College and applied for several scholarships. What gives her hope is motivation and striving to reach her goals.



Jesus Cruz will be attending Madison College studying Auto Mechanics. He has really pushed himself this year as a Senior, to find out where he really wants to go in life. What gives Jesus hope is his family and hard work to bring him a bright future.



Oscar Vieyra Delacruz is planning to attend Madison College and focus on auto mechanics. His hope is in building and constructing the ideas he forms in his mind.



William Holmes will be attending Madison College majoring in film editing. He applied for the Summit Scholarship, the East High Scholarship, and the Boys and Girls Club scholarship. What gives him hope is seeing people from a younger generation protesting and making changes in society.



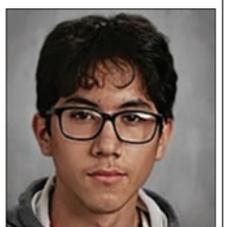
Mike Fadele has an impressive number of colleges from which to choose, and at this point has not committed. Mike plans to attend a college to continue his career in football. What gives him hope is seeing his siblings accomplish their goals which makes him believe he can do anything he puts his mind to.



Seesia Yang is planning to attend Madison College. Her interests are cosmetology, and she plans to pursue specific skills in that area.



Leo Bahena Reyes is attending the UW-Madison in the college of Engineering. He has been successful throughout high school in higher level coursework and hopes to make his family and community proud as he starts his college journey.



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SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Green Campus at Lake View Elementary School

By Anita Weier
Northside News

An outdoor campus at a local elementary school was the product of the work of numerous people and organizations — all working to help children appreciate nature and get the exercise they need.

Groundswell Conservancy, a non-profit group that helped the school secure additional woodland next to the school, sponsored a tour of the campus in late April to show the community what the school now offers.

The tour was led by Angela West Blank, the new executive director of Groundswell, and James Kersten, a teacher at Lakeview who has been involved in development and maintenance of the school forest and green structures including a Nature Station, a Nature Course and a school garden. Bailey Sargent, a former student at the school, built stairsteps through the forest to the activity area at the top of the campus.

Blank and Kersten stressed that research has shown children perform better



James Kersten, a teacher at Lake View Elementary School, leads a tour of the green campus.



Photos by Ben Jones

Groundswell Executive Director Angela West Blank speaks to a group during a tour of the green campus at Lake View Elementary School.

academically when they regularly spend time in natural environments. Kersten noted that many Lake View students live in apartments and so do not have access to green spaces at home.

Also taking part in the event was a representative of Fresh Start, which helped with the project. Community members who supported protection of the school forest also participated.

Cub Scouts enjoy service and fun in the community

By Matt Meyer
Cub Scout Pack 127

Cub Scout Pack 127 is our own Northside adventurer's club for families with girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. We are just completing our main program year, with scouts working hard on their grade-level den adventures and meeting as a pack for fun and games.

Over the winter and spring, we engaged in many activities. Foremost was our annual Pinewood Derby, the highlight of the Cub Scout year. Our cubs built their cars with help from the adults in the pack, and we saw many imaginative designs and many close races on race day.

As the weather warmed (slightly) in the spring, we did some hiking at Warner Park. Our Cub Scouts noticed some trash

on our hike, so we returned later and did some service by cleaning up around the park.

Over the summer, we will take a break from rank advancement, but continue meeting as a pack for summer fun. We'll be doing some camping, and our older Cub Scouts will participate in an overnight camp that will prepare them for the adventures that await them in Scouts BSA. We will also be attending

a Mallards game, and plan to take a pontoon boat ride on Lake Mendota.

Do you know a child in kindergarten through fifth grade who is ready to join in the fun? New families are welcome to join us at any time. We meet most Mondays at 6:30 pm at Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church.

For more information, call or text Cubmaster Matt Meyer at 608-571-7161, or email info@cubscoutpack127.com.



Cub Scouts participate in the annual Pinewood Derby.



Scouts help by picking up trash at Warner Park.

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SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Spring victories for STEM at East High School

By Cynthia Chin
Madison East High School

Students in 35 different math and science classes collected \$1,003.06 in the annual penny drive to replenish the Engineering Club field trip fund and to support the UW-Madison Chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB).

EWB funds specifically support the construction of a school in rural Uganda. The young people of Bunangwe Buyobo currently travel many miles to schools through dangers that include involuntary labor conscription on regional farms, leading to high dropout rates. This project will provide classrooms and dormitories for students to continue their education in a safe environment.

Readers can learn more about this project at ewbumadison.weebly.com/uganda. To make donations across all four UW-EWB projects in Uganda, Puerto Rico, Guatemala and Ecuador, visit the East Engineers donation page



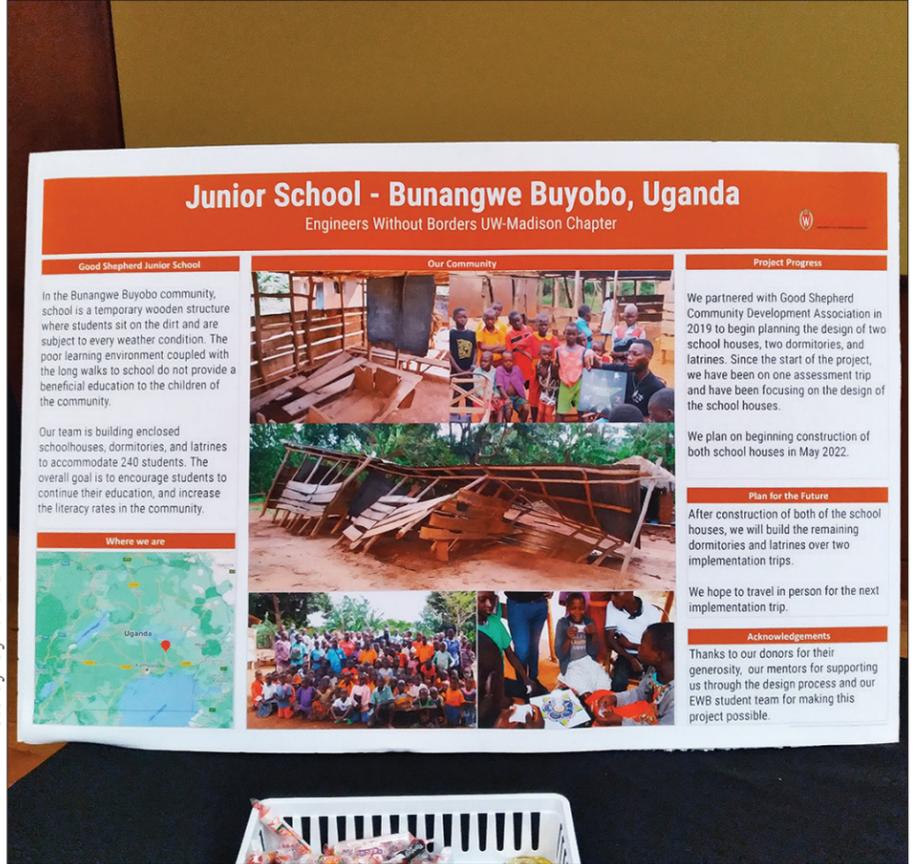
WMC All-State Medal for Victoria Lenius

for EWB at support.ewb-usa.org/fundraiser/3224243.

EHS Engineering Club President Brandon Anderson and ninth-grade member Christopher Teggatz attended

Photo by Phillip Galarowicz

Photo by Cynthia Chin



Uganda Project poster at EWB event



Brandon Anderson and Chris Teggatz attending EWB Banquet

Photo by Cynthia Chin

the annual EWB donors banquet April 2 and met with UW engineering students about the progress of all the projects. They also heard from the event's keynote speaker, Michael Paddock, who is a senior technical advisor for the United Nations Development Program.

The Math Club has gone on from success to success in competition this academic year. Most recently, these students competed in the Wisconsin Math Council State Mathematics Meet: Aidan Simkin, Jenkin Yang, Rossalyn Kiley, Victoria Lenius, Tessa Clark, Molly Lenius, Samuel Rickert and Benjy Haber-Fawcett. Victoria Lenius tied for individual third place in the state and made the All-State First Team.

The Math Club is pleased to announce the triumphant in-person return of Madison's premier springtime event, the Pi-Mile. There will be some changes to reflect current community health conditions. This year's race will be offered with an in-person option and a virtual option.

Registration began May 9 and ends Saturday, May 28, for in-person racers and ends June 4 for virtual participants.

For those interested in participating in person, the race will be held Saturday, May 28, at Warner Park. Sign-in tables open at 9 am; and the race begins at 10 am. To register as an in-person participant, use this link: forms.gle/La6ok7ujjqgZ9qKUA.

For those interested in participating virtually, the race window will open Saturday, May 28, and will close Monday, June 6. If you would like to register as a virtual participant, use this link: forms.gle/Jhp4ivAAgZXkxP5y8.

Any questions about the Pi Mile may be directed to Phillip Galarowicz, pgalarowicz@madison.k12.wi.us.

The Pi-Mile supports Math Club contest participation and the school-wide calculator fund.

Finally, a sincere thank you to EHS neighbor S. Balgooyen for the donation of a used graphing calculator to the school's student collection. It will get lots of use.

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ENVIRONMENT

Rooted is digging deeper with kids this summer

By Sarah Karlson
Rooted

For Rooted, summer has always meant welcoming groups of students and families to explore, grow, eat and learn at the Troy Kids' Garden on the Northside and the Goodman Youth Farm on the Eastside. This year, thanks to a new collaboration between Rooted and the Packer and Northport Living Centers, Rooted staff have been able to cook with children on the Northside all year round.

The organization is excited to offer even more opportunities for local children to gain hands-on experiences throughout the summer months.

Garden Manager Brontë Adamson and Rooted in Culture Program Facilitator Melanie Lucas have been cooking weekly with elementary and middle school students at Packer and Northport. Students get to explore links between culture and food by cooking together using seasonal produce. At the end of each class, everyone enjoys a dish they have prepared together. During the growing season, they will continue their exploration of food at the Troy Kids' Garden, bringing connections back to the garden with seed-to-table experiences.

Spring marked the start of seasonal field trips at the Troy Kids' Garden and Goodman Youth Farm. Rooted staff lead families as well as school and community groups in planting, growing,

harvesting, tasting, cooking and creating. From April through October, students and families are active participants and build real-world connections to curricular subjects, including social studies, math and art. Some groups visit weekly, helping students establish an ongoing relationship with the garden or farm. If you are interested in a field trip for your family or group, you can learn more at rootedwi.org/youth-programs.

This summer, Rooted has expanded opportunities for local youth through the Youth Employment Program at 502 Troy Drive and the Goodman Youth Farm, modeled after the organization's well-established program at the Badger Rock Neighborhood Center. Youth 14–17 years old work alongside the Rooted team to develop job and life skills. Participants will get to work in many different areas of the food system, including growing food, cooking, helping with education programs, and collaborating in food justice work in their community. The program runs from June 20–Aug. 26 for 10 hours per week, and participants are paid \$10 per hour. For more information or questions, including how to apply, contact Education Director Sarah Karlson at sarah@rootedwi.org.

Whether you are a program participant or a Northside neighbor, all are welcome to visit and explore the land that Rooted stewards at 502 Troy Drive. You can learn more about the land, upcoming programs and events, Rooted's Troy Farm and more at rootedwi.org.



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Lake View Hill Woods: A look at past centuries

By Dan Tortorice
Friends of Lake View Hill Park

If you've visited the woods in Lake View Hill Park recently, you may have noticed a lot more light and longer views through the woods. To explain what's happening, we have to look a few centuries into the past.

It's fascinating to realize that Native Peoples really did a better job of managing the landscape in these parts than the European settlers who replaced them. The tribes who lived here realized that deep forests could not support larger groups of families living in communities, so they used fire to create open areas for farming. There's a remnant of one of these areas in the Arlington Prairie north of Madison.

They also created areas with about 50% sunlight that we now call oak savannas. These areas, with a mix of trees and native plants, were perfect surroundings for wildlife, in other words, hunting grounds for food.

Modern society has taken away the fires, introduced exotic species of plants (often from other continents), and eliminated predators such as wolves. The result has been a degraded system that functioned poorly for both plants and animals. Native plants struggled to compete with exotic species with no natural controls. Animals had not evolved to eat those foreign plants, so they had reduced food supplies.

Dane County adopted a plan for Lake View Hill Woods that "honors pre-settlement conditions," with a worthy goal of recreating an oak savannah on the property.

The county, along with local volunteers, has made a lot of progress in the last few months aimed at removing invasive trees and shrubs to increase sunlight to the forest floor. This will make it possible to re-introduce native trees, such as oaks.

Decades of work by Friends of Lake View Hill Park (FOLVHP) allowed some rare and extremely valuable plant species to survive in the woods. These plants can use the increased light to spread farther. Seed mats filled with plant species compatible with an oak savanna were planted on the south-facing ridge at the back of the parking lot last fall. The necessary removal of many dead ash trees, killed by the emerald ash borer, should provide even more sunlight in the near future.

FOLVHP and the county had a tree planting day May 7. More than a hundred red and white oaks were planted and caged. These trees have a chance to become a major asset to future generations.

The increased sunlight does present a big challenge in that the seeds banked by invasive plants will remain in the woods for a while and they will use that sunlight to reproduce. It's going to require a big effort by the county and local volunteers to keep those plants from growing and producing more seeds.

If you love walking in Lake View Hill Woods, consider joining FOLVHP and getting in on workdays to remove invasive plants. It's a good way to get exercise and meet interesting people.

To see the plan for restoration, go to lakeviewhill.org/reports/, and click on "Lake View Hill Park Plan + Update 2015 pdf" link.





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ENVIRONMENT

Northsiders celebrate nature with festivals and events

By Paul Noeldner
Madison Friends of Urban Nature

Northside celebrates nature

Hundreds of nature lovers, friends and families celebrated Earth Week with live hawks and owls, music, food carts and children's nature games at the 10th Annual Madison Bird and Nature Festival, Maple Bluff Arbor Day and Bird City Celebration, co-sponsored by Madison Friends of Urban Nature (FUN), a partnership of Parks Division, environmental and friends of parks groups, including Wild Warner and Friends of Cherokee Marsh.

These annual nature celebrations and weekly Bird and Nature Adventures in nearby parks every month year-round are free, welcoming, diverse, family and child friendly with no registration required.

Participants at the Madison and Maple Bluff nature celebrations learned about No Mow May, the practice of letting the first dandelions bloom for bees and other pollinators. Children took home free native Wisconsin wildflower seeds and adults got free native Wisconsin tree starters to help make every yard a homegrown national park.

We can all help create a better and healthier world for each other by accommodating natural areas, birds and wildlife right where we live. See the Northside News event calendar for upcoming Bird and Nature Adventures and Friends of Parks group meetings.

Join the City Nature Challenge

The Northside Earth Week celebrations helped kick off the Madison City Nature Challenge, a Nature



Photo by Paul Noeldner

The Bird and Nature Festival offered fun and educational activities for kids.

Conservancy-coordinated year-round initiative to help document all the nature, birds and wildlife that live in Madison and surrounding communities. You can help by contributing your nature observations whenever you have the opportunity.

Free apps and web pages such as eBird, Merlin, Seek and iNaturalist help beginners identify plants, birds and other nature from descriptions and photos. Point your phone at a plant and Seek will help identify it.

Your nature observations contribute to important scientific databases that are used for public education, governmental

policies, and individual choices that help save nature where we live and help us all adapt to climate change. Take a walk in nature with a friend or your children and report something you see.

Bird of the Month: Barn Swallow

Favorite Wisconsin birds in June and July are the barn swallows that return to Wisconsin after wintering in Central and South America and as far away as Argentina. Imagine a 6-inch bird flying that far.

These lovely, lively small birds have blue backs, orange breasts and a

beautiful deeply forked tail. You can find barn swallows flitting low above lawns, parks and ponds catching small insects right in the air with their wide-open beaks.

Barn swallows used to nest in caves but now make their mud and grass nests on ledges on human structures like bridges, houses and barns. You can accommodate barn swallows by putting (or leaving) a board ledge for their use under the eaves of a house or garage where you can watch them feed their babies. Don't knock down their nests, they will reuse them again next year.

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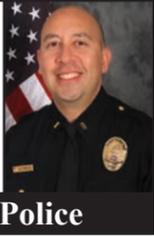
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HEALTH AND SAFETY

From
Lieutenant Daniel Perez
 North District Police



The North District is working with the Madison Mallards to host National Night Out at the Duck Pond at Warner Park, 2930 N. Sherman Ave., Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 5-7:30 pm.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and a better place to live. The Madison Mallards will play the Lakeshore Chinooks that evening. The game will begin at 6:35 pm, with gates into the stadium opening at 5:35 pm.

This year's National Night Out event will include vehicles and equipment from first responders on display, officers

from varying roles within the Madison Police Department, and representatives from outside agencies that work closely with our police department on site to answer any questions you may have. The Madison Police Department is looking forward to seeing members of our community at this event.

One of the vehicles that will be displayed at National Night Out is the new Madison Police Department's Autism Awareness police squad. This squad is assigned to the North District. The new Autism Awareness squad has rainbow puzzle pieces and the words "Autism Awareness" painted on it. Officer Andrya Coutts saw an Autism Awareness squad at a Special Olympics event recently and brought back the idea to have one within our own department. A few months later, this became a reality, and Officer Coutts loves driving this squad each day to raise awareness for autism. This is the third Autism Awareness police squad car in the state of Wisconsin.

From
Dr. Robin Beatty, DC, CCSP
 Health Tips



Best exercises for seniors

At Madison Chiropractic, we love welcoming patients of all walks of life, especially our beloved seniors. In fact, helping older patients feel better and continue to enjoy moving freely and participating in the activities they love is one of our favorite parts about doing what we do. Here are a few of the best exercises for seniors.

Resistance bands

You've probably seen or used resistance bands at some point during your life. They're long, rubbery and stretchy, with different levels of resistance for whatever kind of workout you're seeking. You can use resistance bands from the comfort of your own home to work on strengthening various body parts including the core, which is critical for

maintaining good balance and posture as you age.

Chair yoga

This low-impact exercise involves the same movements you'd find in a typical yoga class but modified to take place in a seated position. This means it's more accessible for people of all ages and is less stress on arthritic bones, muscles and joints. Ask your local yoga studio if they offer classes or discover beginner videos on YouTube.

Water aerobics

Growing in popularity now more than ever, water aerobics offers people the ability to get a full body workout without the added stress on their joints due to buoyancy. In the water, you can work on improving strength, flexibility and even balance. If you have a pool or a local gym with a pool, try running on the spot in the shallow end or hanging onto the side of the pool while you extend your legs backwards and kick.

As your partner in health, we want to ensure you stay active for years to come. After all, activity equals independence.

From
June Brooks, DVM, Northside Animal Hospital
 Ask the Vet



Hi Dr. Brooks, We love to take our dog to the lake. How can we be sure she stays safe?

What a lucky dog! Spending time on or near water is great in summer. Here are some things to consider for those days at the lake:

- Be sure your dog is up to date on vaccines. She may make contact with other dogs or infectious agents from wildlife when out and about. Vaccines help to maintain your pet's health.
- Check water conditions carefully before allowing your pet or family to go in. High bacteria counts or blue-green algae blooms can ruin your trip. If you aren't sure, stay on shore.
- Protect your dog from sunburn. Dogs with white fur, pink skin, and short hair can get sunburned. Limit time in the sun and apply dog safe sunscreen before going outside.

- Provide plenty of cool, fresh water. Water from lakes and streams can be contaminated by wildlife or algae blooms, so always have clean water available.
- Provide a resting place in the shade. Everyone needs some time out of the sun.
- Remember, any surface too hot for your feet is too hot for your pet.
- If you go boating, pack a floatation vest for your pet. Dogs can swim, but even the best swimmers tire. A vest can be a lifesaver should an emergency arise.
- Rinse thoroughly after swimming. Your dog will smell better, and you will wash away anything that may irritate her skin.
- Never leave your companion in a vehicle, even for a short time, during the summer. Temperatures in vehicles skyrocket in minutes. It is better to leave your dog at home than to leave her in a vehicle.

If you have questions about your companion's health, please consult your veterinarian. A happy, healthy summer to everyone.

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From
Satya Rhodes-Conway
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Dear Neighbors,
As many of you reached out to me to express your concerns regarding Metro Transit Network Redesign, I am sharing your concerns and feedback with the staff.

I would like to update you that Metro is holding a final public meeting on its network redesign on Thursday, May 19, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held in person in Room 215 of the Madison Municipal Building (215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.), and it will also be streamed live. People watching from home will be able to submit questions through a button on Mediasite so that they can be answered live during the meeting. Complete meeting details are at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/metro-network-redesign-final-public-meeting>.

On Tuesday, May 31, Metro Transit and the Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB) will hold a public hearing at 6 pm to discuss the proposed network redesign. Staff are also introducing a resolution to approve the Network Redesign plan at the May 10 Common Council meeting. Below is the planned timeline:

- May 10: introduce this resolution at the Common Council
- May 16: present the amendments in detail to the TPPB for information only
- May 19: hold a public information

meeting to allow the public to ask questions on the plan and amendments

May 31: hold a public hearing in front of the TPPB for citizens to convey their opinions on the plan and amendments

June 6: TPPB to deliberate on the plan and amendments and recommend a package of amendments to the full council

June 7: Full Common Council vote on plan and amendments

If this timeline holds, then network redesign will be expected to be implemented in June of 2023.

From
Charles Myadze
District 18 Alderperson



Finally! After much discussion and delay, the body-worn camera pilot program on the Northside, which I have been a leading proponent of, was approved by the City Council by an 11-9 vote. There are still some steps to take before the pilot will begin, including a final funding amount and implementation of some specific policies by the Madison Police Department.

Interestingly, a new survey by the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) found that 85% of Wisconsinites support body-worn cameras, and 60% of minority respondents said the technology is “an immediate priority” compared to about 44% of white respondents. I will continue to keep you updated on this important initiative.

Like many of my constituents, I continue to have significant concerns about the Madison Metro redesign, which eliminates routes and

disproportionately affects people of color and lower income residents. According to the city’s own plans, as described in news reports, “the number of people in low-income communities with any all-day service within a quarter mile is dropping from 91% to 85% because many routes are being cut to increase other routes’ efficiency.”

The ACLU of Wisconsin sent a letter to the city raising equity concerns and asking for an improved analysis from the city about any disproportionate effects.

There will be two public meetings: May 19 at 6 pm in the Madison Municipal Building (with a virtual option) and May 31 at 6 pm entirely online. Please visit www.cityofmadison.com/metro for more information.

Finally, May means Farmers Markets! The Northside Farmers Market is open Sundays, 8:30 am-12:30 pm at Northside TownCenter at Sherman Avenue and Northport Drive. Troy Farm welcomes non-member customers at their farm stand Thursdays, 3:30-6:30 pm at 502 Troy Drive.

Please always feel free to contact me at 608-571-7342 or by email at district18@cityofmadison.com.

From
Syed Abbas
District 12 Alderperson



Dear Neighbors,
As many of you reached out to me to express your concerns regarding Metro Transit Network Redesign, I am sharing your concerns and feedback with the staff.

I would like to update you that Metro is holding a final public meeting on its network redesign on Thursday, May 19, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held in person in Room 215 of the Madison Municipal Building (215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.), and it will also be streamed live. People watching from home will be able to submit questions through a button on Mediasite so that they can be answered live during the meeting. Complete meeting details are at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/metro-network-redesign-final-public-meeting>.

On Tuesday, May 31, Metro Transit and the Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB) will hold a public hearing at 6 pm to discuss the proposed network redesign. Staff are also introducing a resolution to approve the Network Redesign plan at the May 10 Common Council meeting. Below is the planned timeline:

May 10: introduce this resolution at the Common Council

May 16: present the amendments in detail to the TPPB for information only

May 19: hold a public information meeting to allow the public to ask questions on the plan and amendments

May 31: hold a public hearing in front of the TPPB for citizens to convey their opinions on the plan and amendments

June 6: TPPB to deliberate on the plan and amendments and recommend a package of amendments to the full council

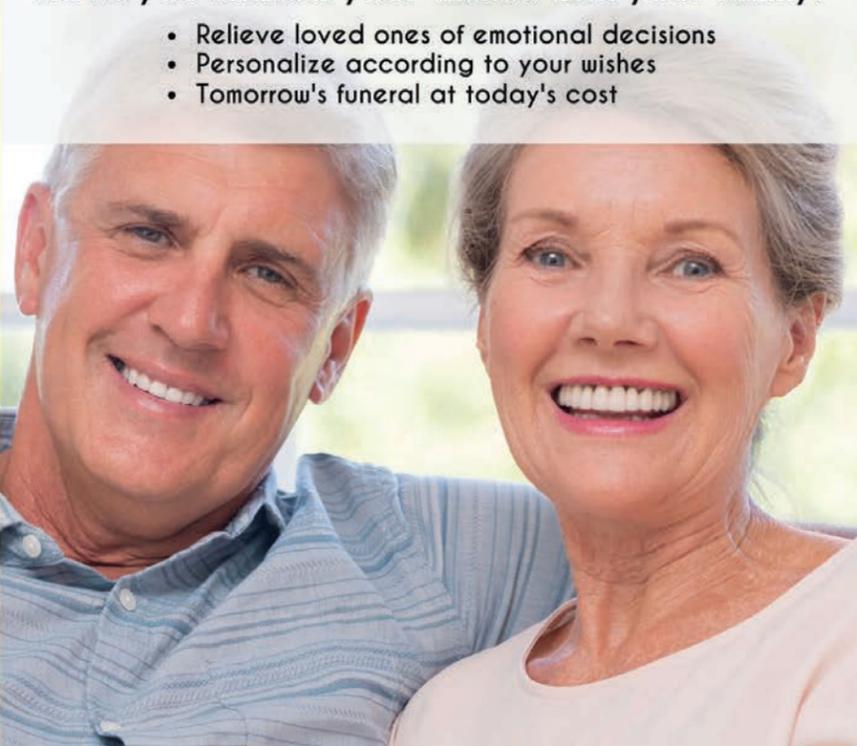
June 7: Full Common Council vote on plan and amendments

If this timeline holds, then network redesign will be expected to be implemented in June of 2023.

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From
Joe Parisi
Dane County Executive



Turning trash and cow manure into cost effective renewable fuel to combat climate change

Thanks to our renewable natural gas (RNG) facility at the landfill, we're able to convert landfill biogas, which contains harmful greenhouse gases, into nearly pure methane gas. This methane gas can then be injected into the interstate transmission pipeline that runs underneath the landfill so it can be bought and used as renewable vehicle fuel. Our RNG facility is projected to displace 3,250,000 gallons of gasoline in 2022, reducing emissions equivalent to traveling 72,000,000 miles less on the road.

This technology has allowed our Highway Department to systematically replace inefficient diesel snowplows with plows that operate on RNG from the landfill. Dane County currently owns 100 RNG and RNG/gas hybrid

vehicles. We saved \$139,288 in 2021 by using CNG and RNG instead of diesel in our vehicles. If diesel prices remain in the \$4.50 range, we'll save more than \$350,000 this year.

Dane County's RNG facility also has an offload station, which provides area digesters with the ability to get their gas into the RNG market. These digesters capture methane and phosphorus from manure, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and harmful runoff to lakes and streams. The digester's biogas is then hauled to our offload station and injected into the pipeline, powering RNG vehicles locally and across the United States.

Dane County's RNG facility and offload station are turning trash and cow manure into renewable fuel, while preserving our local environment and natural resources. Our 100-vehicle RNG fleet is also saving taxpayer dollars and reducing carbon emissions during a time when gas and diesel prices have soared. By investing in clean fuel infrastructure, Dane County is leading the way on what is possible to help combat climate change and be part of the solution.

From
Michele Ritt
District 18 Supervisor



I am incredibly and sincerely grateful to the people of District 18 for giving me the privilege of serving as Dane County Board Supervisor for another term. Although it sometimes feels like my life is one long meeting, I very much love this work.

This term, I will serve on the Public Works and Transportation Committee (PWT). I served here during my first term and greatly enjoyed the work. PWT is responsible for all the construction projects throughout the county. Approximately 100 projects are designed and bid out annually. PWT also maintains the county highway system and the county parking ramp downtown.

When I last served on PWT, I helped

to support projects like improvements in our parks. The Henry Vilas Zoo Arctic Passage, the Medical Examiner Building, and the Alliant Energy Center Pavillions were three of the larger projects. There is always something exciting happening.

On a PWT tour a few years ago, I became enthralled with the Dane County Landfill. It's so much more than a heap of garbage. A goal is to transform waste into renewable energy solutions, like renewable natural gas, which is created from captured methane at the landfill. The top of the landfill is also a pollinator garden. It's a beautiful and creative way to support native plants, bees and butterflies.

There is much to be excited about in this new term. While a work focus may be on PWT issues, as always I will work hard to bring the voice of District 18 into all areas of county government.

Please feel free to contact me about any issues of concern to you. I can be reached at 608-335-6827 or ritt.michele@countyofdane.com. Stay well.

From
Samba Baldeh
State Representative



Redistricting

Most people in Wisconsin agree that the redistricting process in Wisconsin and most other states is an undemocratic game where the party in power cuts district lines to ensure that it stays in power with the biggest possible majority.

Governor Evers attempted to change our usual way of doing things by appointing a "blue-ribbon" group of citizens to draw a map based on well-established principles.

The map they presented would have placed me in the same district as another Democratic legislator. Despite the potential dire consequences of having a primary with another legislator, I supported it.

When all the maps from the parties went to the state supreme court then to the U.S. Supreme Court and back again, we wound up with the same unfair districts that we've had for the past 10 years. The GOP/Supreme Court map keeps my district more or less intact, but the overall effect in the state is to create undemocratic and noncompetitive districts.

Other states like Iowa have solved this problem by using nonpartisan staff to redraw their district boundaries. This process is fairer, more transparent, and leads to better politically balanced districts than a system in which politicians draw the lines.

That is why I was a proud supporter of legislation which would require that the nonpartisan staff of the Legislative Reference Bureau redraw districts and submit them to the legislature for approval. While we were not able to get this common-sense solution passed this session, I will continue to advocate for this important reform.

From
Melissa Agard
State Senator



Democratic vision for Wisconsin

Every two years as legislators, we have the opportunity to prioritize the issues affecting our state. Wisconsinites are united on a number of beliefs: we want a state where our children and grandchildren can live, work and play. We want a Wisconsin that not only serves us today, but tomorrow and the future.

My Democratic colleagues and I are working for all Wisconsinites. This legislative session, Senate Democrats introduced 313 bills, but only 10 of these bills received a public hearing, six received an executive session, and only two received a floor vote. Wisconsin's GOP has turned its back on ordinary people and made it increasingly challenging to advance progressive, pragmatic policy.

This isn't right, and Wisconsinites

deserve better. My Democratic colleagues and I are working diligently for our state and are committed to the interests of Wisconsin. Let's be clear: you, the voters, are our bosses. While Republicans have dedicated this session to advancing corporate interests and perpetuating conspiracy theories and harmful policy — such as making it more difficult to vote, preventing our children from playing sports based on their gender, and attempting to ban abortion — Democrats and Governor Evers have stayed vigilant for the interest of the people and the greater good.

As we continue forward to advance Wisconsin's common goals, we must continue working to ensure our shared values are represented in the legislature: education, environment, health-care, cannabis, and labor.

These issues are vital to the majority of Wisconsin, and my Democratic colleagues and I are staunchly defending these values rather than perpetuating policy that harms Wisconsinites. Wisconsin has been a progressive leader and can be again. I am dedicated to making this vision a reality for all.

Lakeview Library, *continued from page 15*

Is a Smartphone Right For You?

Wednesday, June 22, 2:30-3:30 pm

Learn the pros and cons of getting a smartphone versus a flip phone, including cost, ease of use and features. Come with questions. Presenter Dave Friedman makes house calls to provide personal tutoring in all aspects of technology. He clearly explains technical topics in terms that make sense to non-techies and he has lots of experience working with people of all ages. This program is supported by the Friends of Lakeview Library.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, June 30-July 21, 10:30-11:30 am

Read and play with your favorite preschooler. Engaging with books, songs, and playful experiences help children develop communication skills, patience, empathy, and pre-reading skills, all of which promote success in school and beyond. Library programs are always free. Siblings and childcare groups are welcome.

Teen and Tween Art Journaling

Thursdays, June 30 and July 21, 4-6 pm

Please check the library calendar at madisonpubliclibrary.org/events.

Avoiding Online Scams

Thursday, July 28, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn about some of the common online scams and basic techniques for protecting yourself. Presenter Dave Friedman makes house calls to provide personal tutoring in all aspects of technology. He clearly explains technical topics in terms that make sense to non-techies and he has lots of experience working with people of all ages. This program is supported by the Friends of Lakeview Library.

Book Discussions

Read the book and join the discussion. New members are always welcome. Check the library calendar or call for details, some discussions are online events.

NewBridge Book Discussion

First Wednesdays, 10-11 am

June 1: "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

July 6: "Digging to America" by Anne Tyler

Lakeview Evening Book Discussion

First Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm

June 2: "The City We Became" by N. K. Jemisin

July 7: "Universal Harvester" by John Darnielle

Lakeview Daytime Book Discussion

Second Thursdays, 12-1 pm

June 9: "Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers" by Mary Roach

July 14: "Hazards of Time Travel" by Joyce Carol Oates

Mystery Book Discussion

Third Thursdays, 5:30-7 pm

June 16: "Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions" by Mario Giordano

July 21: "Winter Counts" by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

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Wisconsin Book Festival

The Wisconsin Book Festival hosts dozens of author events throughout the year in addition to a four-day festival each fall. Upcoming author events include: Wednesday, June 15, 7 pm - "James Patterson" by James Patterson at Overture Center for the Arts. How did a boy from small-town New York become the world's most successful writer? He has always wanted to write the kind of novel that would be read and reread so many times that the binding breaks and the book literally falls apart. As he says, "I'm still working on that one." Doors open at 6 pm. Copies of "James Patterson" by James Patterson will be distributed free to all attendees. The event is free and open to the public. Find all upcoming events, register for online events, watch past events online, or sign up for updates at wisconsinbookfestival.org.

Volunteer to create the community you want to live in.

SENIOR

From
Jim Krueger
NewBridge Executive Director



Make sure your home has everything you might need in place to get around easier and reduce the chance of falls. Consider a ramp at the front door, grab bars in the tub, and no throw rugs. You will likely need a walker at some point and an emergency alert system to alert medical personnel if something happens.

Isolation can become a problem as your mobility decreases. What will you do to keep busy? Who will you talk to every day? Identify transportation services available so that, once you give up driving, you will be able to get out and socialize and get to medical appointments.

Finally, research and write down the resources available so that you are prepared and to let others know what you want. You may be able to pay for the services you need or have family, friends or neighbors to help. If not, organizations like NewBridge Madison are here to help you access what you need.

Reminder: NewBridge (free) Summer Concert Series at the Warner Park Shelter, Mondays, 6-7:30 pm, begins June 13. See you there!

Planning to age in place

Many older adults have no interest in moving to an assisted living facility or nursing home and want to remain in their homes. They want to age in place. This can be difficult to plan for because you never know exactly what you will need. Here are some things to consider so you are prepared when the time comes.

If you live alone or your spouse/partner needs help with personal care (bathing, dressing) or illness (i.e., diabetes), you may need assistance from a home health aide. Household chores (housekeeping, shopping, yardwork) and preparing daily meals also become difficult. You may become forgetful or confused and need assistance managing your finances and paying bills.

June 15 is Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Tips for seniors to avoid investment fraud

By Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions

Seniors have worked hard all their lives to build a safe nest egg they can depend on through retirement. Unfortunately, this makes them prime targets for fraudsters who try to scare them into believing their retirement savings are in peril due to volatile financial markets or global conflicts.

Fraudsters take advantage of current events and financial fears by trying to sell seniors “guaranteed” or “safe” investments or by tricking them into giving out personal information or passwords. Unfortunately, these scam investments are far from safe, and once a senior is scammed, it is extremely unlikely that any money will be recovered.

Regardless of what’s happening in the world, the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Division of Securities cautions all investors to be aware of the increasing frequency and sophistication of financial scams. Consider these tips for protecting your investments:

Avoid investment fraud

- Be wary of investment opportunities linked to the headlines. Delete unsolicited emails and social media messages offering investments with limited or no risk or guaranteed returns.

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- Beware of bitcoin and cryptocurrency investments advertised as “safe” or “guaranteed income.” These are volatile, high-risk assets that are not regulated by any government agency. They are also more susceptible to fraud and hacking than traditional investments.
- Do your homework. Ask questions. Understand what you are investing in.
- Find out if the person selling the investment is registered. Use Broker-Check (brokercheck.finra.org) to do a quick online background check on a salesperson or call the Division of Securities (608-266-2139).

Safeguard financial information

Be cautious about sharing personal financial information, such as your bank account number, Social Security number or credit card number. Limit the personal information you share online.

Elder Abuse Awareness Day continues on page 26

SENIOR Activities

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Register for classes in person and via Zoom
Contact Deenah Givens at 608-512-0000 ext. 3002
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mallards Game, Thursday, June 16: Take me out to the ballgame. Join us for food, fun and baseball. Tickets are \$22, and you get a ticket to the game, a meal, and a baseball cap. Reserve your seats now.

NewBridge Summer Concert Series: Mark your calendar now for our June and July Summer Concert Series on Monday evenings. New this year, there will be food cart vendors at each concert.

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

In-person activities are held at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, unless otherwise specified.

Bingo (in person): Every Friday, 10:15-11:15 am; fourth Friday is bilingual Bingo.

Book Club (Zoom): First Wednesday of each month, 10 am

Bunco (in person): Every Monday, 2-4 pm

Card Making Club (in person): Second Wednesday of each month, 1-3 pm.

Chair Yoga with Kim (in person): Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am.

Easy Yoga Plus Classes with Ellen Millar (Zoom): Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-11 am.

Mahjong (in person): Thursdays, 1-3 pm.

Mindfulness Movement for LGBTQ Folks, Friends and Allies (in person): Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:15-11:45 am.

Ping Pong (in person): Mondays, 9 am-12 pm; Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

Sewing Club (in person): First and third Thursdays of each month, 9 am-12 pm.




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WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Written by

Zach Watson

608-245-3690



Interim Facility Manager

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve the Northside community, a place I have called home for over 30 years. Prior to WPCRC, I worked for the Goodman Community Center for 13 years in a variety of youth service positions. I began my tenure here in July 2021, when I was hired as the WPCRC Program Coordinator. In March 2022, I accepted

the role of WPCRC Interim Facility Manager, serving in the foundation laid by former Facility Manager Terrence Thompson, who received an internal promotion in the Parks Division.

I gratefully look forward to continuing to expand the reach of the KNOW program (Kids Need Opportunities at Warner) by enhancing traditional programming offerings and building new opportunities for the youth we serve. Two exciting new programs we have begun implementing into the KNOW catalog are the Basketball Referee Apprenticeship Program and the Youth Leadership and Evaluation Team.

In response to a nationwide shortage

and decline in attracting new, younger officials, WPCRC created the Basketball Referee Apprenticeship Program, an eight-week training and certification program for individuals 14–21 years old. The program provides opportunities to obtain a Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Basketball Referee License through completing referee-training courses and passing the WIAA exam, and apprenticeship opportunities to work alongside veteran officials.

The Youth Leadership and Evaluation Team (YLET) serves as WPCRC youth ambassadors, centering youth voice in evaluating the KNOW program and

providing youth perspective in Parks Division Planning and Development projects and community initiatives. YLET defines and determines the belonging and wellness measures in the spaces youth participate in, igniting systemic change toward equitable power structures for individuals participating in the KNOW program.

WPCRC offers Silver & Fit and Active & Fit memberships, providing eligible members access to the exercise room at no cost by reimbursing qualified health plans. Call 608-245-3669 to see if your health plan is eligible for membership.

Stay connected by liking our Facebook page @WarnerParkCRC.

Elder Abuse Awareness Day *continued from page 25*

Keep operating systems on your phone and computer up to date.

- Create strong passwords for your online accounts and, if possible, use two methods of verification when logging in.
- Check your account statements and credit reports regularly.
- Do not click on links in texts or emails from people you don't know.
- Visit the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Division of Securities' Investor Education (wdfi.org/fi/securities/investor_education) webpages for more information on investment products and professionals, resources for seniors, and tips for avoiding investment fraud. You can also download our new Wisconsin Investor Guide (wdfi.org/_resources/indexed/site/fi/securities/2022WisconsinInvestorGuide.pdf), an easy-to-use resource packed with strategies for investing wisely and avoiding financial fraud.

If you believe you are a victim of investment fraud, report it right away to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Division of Securities by emailing DFISecurities@dfi.wisconsin.gov or calling 608-266-2139.

Do not be embarrassed. Many intelligent, wealthy and famous people have been victimized (think of the Madoff case), and scam artists are good at what they do. The sooner a scam is reported, the better the chance it can be shut down while there is still money to repay victims and prevent the scammer from defrauding others.

We work closely with local law enforcement and other state and

federal agencies, including the Office of the Wisconsin Commissioner of Insurance, the FBI and U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. If we cannot handle a matter, we take steps to direct you to the appropriate agency to review your case.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Elder abuse encompasses a range of behaviors including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, unreasonable confinement or restraint, and financial exploitation.

In 2021 Dane County Adult Protective Services (APS) investigated 378 reports of elder abuse; 71% of those cases were substantiated. Of those reports, financial exploitation was the highest category, accounting for 41.3% of the investigations. The second highest category was self-neglect at 28.2%.

In 2021 in Dane County alone, victims of financial exploitation lost over \$2.4 million. The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Division of Securities opened approximately 103 cases in 2021 and issued 22 orders against 33 perpetrators of investment fraud, with over \$500,000 in restitution and disgorgement ordered returned to investors. Senior victims can be found in at least one-third of those cases.

Financial exploitation of seniors is a growing problem in Wisconsin, and we all need to work together to stop it. That is why, partnered with our colleagues at the Dane County APS, the Elder Rights Project at Legal Action of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, we recognize the importance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and share these important tips with you.

Circle of Friends needs your help

By Dorothy Borchardt
Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends (CoF) of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) needs your help. We are back and ready to go to work raising funds for the much-needed WPCRC addition and the future pool.

On Election Day we bake cookies to sell to the voters and all our friends who visit the WPCRC. In the past we have hosted golf outings and walking events.

Membership in the CoF is open to all residents who support the WPCRC and want to be part of its continuing growth and success. Board members are selected from CoF members who have volunteered to help and have the time to participate on a working board. Our board members are all volunteers; we have no paid staff. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

We look forward to your help in 2022. The CoF is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible.

Please complete the membership form below and drop off or mail to:
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June/July 2022

SPARK! PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

**First Friday of every month
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ARTS for ALL, 1709 Aberg Ave., Suite 1
SPARK! offers free programs for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and care partners. Programs include creative experiences in artmaking, drama, movement/dance, music, poetry or storytelling. Register each month at artsforallwi.org/programs/spark.

NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

**Every Sunday
8:30 am-12:30 pm**

Northside TownCenter
Enjoy a variety of locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, flowers, plants and much more. Sign up for our newsletter at northsidefarmers-market.org or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/madNFM for the latest information on vendors and events.

DANE CORE 2.0 RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Tuesdays, June 7-28

11 am-5 pm, Lakeview Library

Are you behind on your rent because of the pandemic, either directly or indirectly? You are not alone. Many people are experiencing financial hardship right now. The African Center for Community Development will be at Lakeview Library on Tuesdays to help individuals and families who owe back rent apply for Dane CORE assistance. Call the African Center for Community Development at 608-957-5623 or 608-514-9321 to schedule an appointment.

MAKE MUSIC MADISON

Tuesday, June 21

8 am-9 pm, various locations

Make Music Madison's tenth annual outdoor, citywide musical celebration will be held as part of Make Music Day, an international summer solstice music celebration occurring in 1,000 cities across the globe and bringing people of all ages and skill levels together to make music. Over 100 venues throughout the city will present 300 performances by more than 250 performance groups. An interactive map of the full schedule of events is available at makemusicmadison.org/listings.

BOOMERANGS SIDEWALK SALE

**Friday, June 3, 10 am-6 pm
Saturday, June 4, 10 am-4 pm**

Northgate Shopping Center
Come early and shop the best of our summer items. Patio furniture, coolers, lawn and yard items, sporting goods and much more. Plus, enjoy 20% off the entire store. Call us at 608-268-0793 or follow us on Facebook at Boomerangs Resale Store.

HUGE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Saturday, June 4, 9 am-6 pm

Library Support Center, 1301 W. Badger Rd.
The second annual joint Friends of the Libraries book sale will feature hundreds of high-quality volumes. Books will be sold for just \$2 hardbound, \$1 paperback, \$1 children's hardbound, \$.50 children's soft and board books, \$1 per package CDs and DVDs. \$5 bag sale 3-4 pm. Seven Madison public libraries, including Lakeview, will benefit from the proceeds.

MASTER NATURALIST CLASS

Saturdays, July 16-Aug. 20

WPCRC
Enjoy taking your nature knowledge and engagement up a notch. Meet inspirational topic experts, connect with wonderful nearby natural areas and friends groups, learn about a broad range of volunteer opportunities, and share your passion for nature. Find more information and sign up at wimasternaturalist.org. Contact 608-698-0104 or paul_noeldner@hotmail.com.

NEWBRIDGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Monday evenings, 6 pm

Warner Park Rainbow Shelter
Mark your calendar now for our 2022 June and July Summer Concert Series. New this year, there will be food cart vendors at each concert.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**Bird and Nature Adventure:
Good Native Plants**

2:30 pm, Tenney Park

Meet at the Tenney Park Beach parking lot, 1300 Sherman Ave. Join Master Naturalist Susan Scott for a free, guided walk to look for native Wisconsin wildflowers, trees and shrubs. Contact 608-698-0104.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Bird and Nature Adventure: Wildflower Wander

1:30-3:00 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Join naturalist guide Mary Binkley for a free guided walk to enjoy a variety of native Wisconsin wildflowers. Contact 608-698-0104.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Learn Sign Language

7-8 pm, Bierock, Northside TownCenter

There's one language which you can talk with your mouth full, sign language. Grab a drink or a Bierock and learn basic sign, body expressions and a bit of what it's like to face everyday challenges. Each paid attendee will receive a sign handout. The cost is \$15 per person. Register at <https://buytickets.at/ovregistration>.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Blood Drive

12-5 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd.

This blood drive is sponsored by Lakeview Lutheran Church through the American Red Cross. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code "Lakeview Lutheran" or contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Wild Warner Meeting

7 pm, WPCRC or as posted

Join other nature lovers to help support nature preservation, restoration, recreation and education in the wild side of Warner Park. See the Wild Warner Facebook page for updates and more information. Contact 608-698-0104.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Friends of Cherokee Marsh board meeting

5:30-7 pm

The public is welcome. To confirm time and location, contact janaxelson@gmail.com or 608-215-0426. Cherokeemarsh.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Coffee with a Cop

9 am, WPCRC

Please come and enjoy free coffee, free cookies, and great conversation with your officers on the Northside of Madison.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area meeting

5 pm, WPCRC or as posted

Help save and restore this historic wetland and upland habitat as a nature park. The public is welcome. See facebook.com/hartmeyernaturalarea for updates and more information. Contact 608-698-0104.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Senior Shredfest

11 am-1 pm, Northside TownCenter parking lot

This event is open to the public. Come and safely shred your confidential documents at a shredfest hosted by Dane County Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response Team, Northside TownCenter and Pelliteri Waste Systems. Maynard the Mallard mascot will be there.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Phil Porter Memorial Celebration

2-5 pm, ARTS for ALL, 1709 Aberg Ave.

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin and ArtWorking host a memorial celebration honoring the life and work of iconic Madison artist Phil Porter, who died in January at the age of 75. The memorial celebration is open to the public. A full exhibition of Phil's work will be on display, and AFA will officially dedicate the Phil Porter Memorial Gallery.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Bird and Nature Adventure: Orienteering

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Spring flowers are blooming! Join Master Naturalist Kathleen Wolf for a free guided walk to explore the wild side of Warner Park. Can you use a map and compass to find your way? How do migratory animals know which way to travel? Contact 608-698-0104.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Bird and Nature Adventure: Butterfly Host Plants

2:30 pm, Tenney Park

Meet at the Tenney Park Beach parking lot, 1300 Sherman Ave. Join Master Naturalist Sheila Leary for a free, family-friendly guided walk to look for butterflies at the park. What plants do they visit? Contact 608-698-0104.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Bird and Nature Adventure: Frog and Bug Hop

1:30-3:00 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Join naturalist guide Mary Binkley for a free guided walk to look for bugs and frogs along the path. Contact 608-698-0104.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

Wild Warner Meeting

7 pm, WPCRC or as posted

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SUNDAY, JULY 17

Bird and Nature Adventure: Warner Tree Plantings

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Master Naturalist Tim Nelson for a free, guided walk to enjoy the new native Wisconsin trees that volunteer scouts and Wild Warner volunteers help plant in coordination with Madison Parks. Native trees are critical food webs and habitat used by hundreds of species of pollinators, birds and other wildlife. Contact 608-698-0104.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Friends of Cherokee Marsh board meeting

5:30-7 pm

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THURSDAY, JULY 21

Coffee with a Cop

9 am, WPCRC

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THURSDAY, JULY 21

Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area meeting

5 pm, WPCRC

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MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Door of Hope Golf Open

Maple Bluff Country Club

Door of Hope offers STEM after-school programming free of charge to middle school students right here on the Northside. The Door of Hope Golf Open is our big fundraiser. This is your opportunity to partner with us to give our students a greater chance to succeed both in the classroom and in the community. To learn more about Door of Hope or to register for this event as a golfer or sponsor, visit doorofhopewi.org or contact us at info@doorofhopewi.org.

LL = Lakeview Library WPCRC = Warner Park Community Recreation Center



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