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The Common Council approves Raemisch Farm development

By Anita Weier
Northside News

The Madison Common Council on Sept. 6 approved Green Street Development Group's proposal for the Raemisch farmland between Sherman and Packers Avenues just north of Lakeview Elementary School.

The developer, based in St. Louis, had made several revisions after filing its initial plans in April 2021. The new proposal includes 10 acres of agricultural land along Sherman Avenue, as well as a reduced number of single-family homes. Previous changes provided Lakeview School with 3.5 acres for its school forest.

The plan for the 63-acre site now includes: 76 single-family lots on 23.7 acres, 3.9 acres of townhouses, 12.3 acres of multi-family housing, 1.5 acres of park space, 10 acres that will remain zoned for agriculture, a stormwater management site and 5.3 acres of commercial space on Packers Avenue.

The Madison Plan Commission unanimously approved the new plan Aug. 29, saying that it met all zoning and other requirements. The Common Council, which had previously rejected Green Street's plans, voted 15 to 3 for the revised proposal following extensive discussion and many comments from the public, most online.

What made the difference this time? Alder Syed Abbas, who represents District 12 on the Northside, said the fact that the developer promised in writing to use noise resistant construction in residential structures closest to the airport led him to change his vote to yes. Other alders noted that Green Street's actions in accommodating neighbor's requests was a factor.

Northside Alder Charles Myadze, District 18, made a heartfelt plea that the council support the single-family homes in the proposal. "I lived in a two-bedroom apartment with three kids. Having our own house was wonderful. This is personal to me. I want others to have a chance for a house."

Another factor was a letter from the Northside Planning Council supporting the revised plan. The letter, signed by Chair Lauri Lee, Interim Executive Director Martee Mikalson and Food Systems Director Chris Brockel, said, "The economic benefits of increased access to quality, workforce housing is

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Madison Public Market cohort of Market Ready vendors

Madison Public Market: A vote for funding solution is about equity

By Chris Brockel
NPC Director of Food Systems

Construction on the long-awaited Madison Public Market (MPM) was slated to begin in November. After 15 years of waiting, it was finally close to becoming a reality. A \$3.45 million federal economic development administration grant was to be applied to the project budget, and plans were in motion to transform the former city maintenance garage into the public market. Market Ready enterprises, FEED Kitchens' entrepreneurs and farmers market vendors were preparing final plans to use this stepping stone to move to a full restaurant or year-round store, or making products on a larger scale. That was the plan anyway.

Market dealt a big financial blow

Over the summer, Matt Mikolajewski, Madison's director of economic development, asked for updated construction quotes for the market. When the new cost estimates came in \$1.7 million higher than previous projections, the shortfall meant the city and Public Market Foundation had to raise this money before the project qualified for the \$3.45 million grant. Many folks and partners close to the planning and development of the Public Market were left unaware of this shortfall so time that could have been used to raise the needed funds was lost and now the city has returned the grant. The mayor has not covered the funding gap in her

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The Madison Black Chamber gave out five awards for Black Restaurant Week and four of them went to FEED Kitchens members. The 5th category was for "restaurants" and FEED vendors weren't eligible. Pictured from left to right are Freddie Carter (Sista's Chicken and Fish, won for best food cart), Carmel Jackson (Melly-Mel's tied for best caterer), Chris Brockel (FEED Kitchens manager), Latisha McDuffy (Mo' Betta Cookies won for best dessert), and Harriet Gomez (Keur Fatou tied for best caterer).

North Star Awards 2022

By Lauri Lee
Northside Planning Council

North Star Awards recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers and those doing good things in the Northside community. The 18th annual event will be held Friday, Oct. 21 from 6-7:30 pm at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Dr. in the community rooms.

Nominations were made by Northside leaders, neighbors and friends to bring attention to the individuals, organizations and businesses that make the Northside a great place to live, work and play. The event acknowledges the behind-the-scenes efforts that work together to sustain a vibrant community.

The evening includes music, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres from FEED Kitchens catering, and a program featuring the stars of the evening, our North Star award winners. The free event is open to Northsiders and the family and friends of the award winners.

The event sponsors include MGE, Northside TownCenter, Willy Street Co-op, Pickle Pro Courts, The UPS Store, DuWayne's Salon, Communication Concepts and Martee's Consulting. The sponsorships help NPC serve the Northside through neighborhood organizing, publishing the Northside News, the work of the Northside Economic Development Coalition, and operations of FEED Kitchens, FEED Bakery, Healthy Food For All and the FEED Bakery Training Program.

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From
Lauri Lee
NPC Board Chair



The air is getting brisk at times, the colors are starting to turn and activities and businesses are starting to get back up and running. We're all ready for it to happen, so let's embrace the new season.

My favorite time of year is when we honor the North Star Award winners in October. A lot of good things happen on the Northside that can get often overshadowed by news of crime. The volunteers and nonprofits recognized by the awards show that there are a lot of good people working together for the betterment of the community. The work they do isn't for glory because they do it behind the scenes no matter if anyone is watching or noticing.

The public is invited to attend the free North Star Awards ceremony which is held Friday, Oct. 21 from 6-7:30 pm at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. No tickets or reservations are needed.

If you've been considering becoming a volunteer, this is a good way to check out the cream of the crop to hear about all the good things happening in an organization and about the people who have the same interests as you that volunteer around the community.

Help the Northside become an even better community by getting involved this year. It doesn't have to take much time. Volunteering is a good remedy for cabin fever and feels so good.

CORRECTION

A story in the August/September Northside News incorrectly named the new president of the Friends of Lakeview Library. The president is Pat Tully. Beth Welch is the vice president. The Northside News regrets the error.



Photo by Martree Mikalson

The community came together at the Mallards Duck Pond Sept. 17 to enjoy live music, tasty food from food carts, an on-field movie at the second annual Northside Festival. Thanks to the Mallards and sponsor, Willy Street Co-op, for the event.

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BUSINESS

Naly's Floral Shop reopens Oct. 3 after remodeling and updating the store

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

At first, it was challenging for Naly Jasengnou, owner of Naly's Floral Shop, to be a small business entrepreneur during pandemic shutdowns and business slowdowns where she could only take orders for delivery. Then last year things changed unexpectedly. The floral industry picked up dramatically because people were sending flowers to the loved ones they missed seeing in person. Naly's began growing as fast as the flowers sold in her popular bouquets and arrangements after customers discovered her creative arrangements and use of color. "We became



Naly Jasengnou, owner of Naly's Floral

more than 50% busier than we had been and we expect that trend to continue. With The Madisonian apartments (64 units) and The Oscar apartments (55 senior units and 55 family units) just opening, we expect our business to continue to grow at an accelerated rate. It was obvious to me and my husband Tou Lor, that we had to find more efficient ways to do business by remodeling the store, workspace and storage, and hire additional help. When the Jasengnou's reopen Oct. 3 after restocking the store, they've hired a floral design assistant and a customer service person to keep up with the demand.

The store has been closed for the past



few months for remodeling. The couple had store stripped down to basics to create the space they had in mind. "I'm going for a boho vibe that is more creative and artistic with a better flow. The theme will start with our new logo and be carried through the store by the decor and updated fixtures, then continue through the merchandise that I carry and the arrangements I create."

The worn carpet that was hard to clean was stripped off to expose the concrete floor to make the space seem larger and easier to clean up watering spills and sweep the dirt that falls out of the pots; the ceiling was painted black for a more modern industrial look with new energy efficient lighting; the front display window platforms were removed to gain access to the bank of windows and let in the sunlight in for the plants to grow. Some walls were moved and the small rooms in the back were opened up to allow for an improved work space.

Naly's Floral Shop is in the NorthGate Shopping Center located at 1203 N. Sherman Avenue. The hours are 10 am-5 pm Monday-Friday. The shop will carry the same great selection for all occasions. Customers can call to order (608-467-6610) or order online at nalysfloralshop.com/.

Peaceful Wellness reopened in new Northside location

By Lauri Lee
Northside News

Peaceful Wellness moved down the street last summer to join other complementary businesses at the growing Beauty & Wellness on the Avenue at 2114 N. Sherman Ave. Being a solo-preneur during the pandemic had taken its toll and owner, Deb Phelps, closed her business at Cambridge Place a few blocks away in January 2022. But a chance conversation with her stylist at DuWayne's Salon about a studio opening in the building gave her new hope for the future of her business. Though it was the pandemic that caused her to close the business, the pandemic small business grants helped with rebranding and breathed new life into the business and allowed her to reopen July 15.

Phelps took a tour after her appointment and fell in love with the space. It was a dream come true to find a spacious room with peaceful ambiance that was tucked away from the world. It is the perfect setting for labyrinth walking on a portable labrinth, Thich Nhat Hanh's standing mindful movement, sound healing and meditation. The studio, in the lower level of DuWayne's Salon, 2114 N. Sherman Ave., is part of the growing Beauty & Wellness on the Avenue with professionals who are ready to pamper you and promote your overall health. The businesses are independently owned with services which are essential to a person's sense of well-being and include Massage East and DuWayne's Salon, which offers hair, manicures, permanent eyeliner, spa services, tanning and waxing.

"I love that it has a serene setting that makes it a safe and welcoming space to destress and find a calmer, more peaceful way of life," said Phelps. "Meditation



Photo provided by Peaceful Wellness

Peaceful Wellness studio on North Sherman Avenue

helps people be better equipped to deal with stressful situations and to be more openhearted and compassionate, with more self-acceptance." Phelps has more than 40 years as a meditation practitioner and she's a certified instructor.

She offers guided meditation and meditation instruction, mindfulness, singing bowls, labyrinth walking and restorative yoga. Her workshops help people who struggle with stress, anxiety, PTSD, grief, insomnia or chronic pain or illness, are exhausted all the time, can't sleep, feel frustrated and have trouble with anxiety that affects their professional, social and/or family life.

In addition to in-person classes and workshops, people can pay a membership fee and choose to take online classes with access to the online meditation library with well over 300 guided meditations and self-study courses. Additional benefits depend on the membership level and could include either a monthly 30-minute or 60-minute private session of your choice. Take a free class by using code FREECLASS upon

registration. The classes and instruction help people feel safe, empowered, confident, supported and cared for.

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BUSINESS

Grand Opening Ceremonies



Photos by Lauri Lee

The Pickle Pro Courts Grand Opening featured a professional exhibition match in front of hundreds of onlookers in early August.



Pickle Pro Courts owner Patrick Riha and Wendy Mattie, the facility manager, cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening ceremony.



Photo by Frankie Pobar Lay

NPC Vice-Chair Shaunté McCullum presented a welcome certificate to Nancy Kaushal, owner of Om's Elegant Divas at Northgate Shopping Center.



Nancy Kaushal, owner of Om's Elegant Divas and manager David cut the ribbon in a Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Northside Business Association brings business owners together

Northside Business Association

Business owners and managers on the Northside don't have to feel like they are in business alone. The Northside Business Association comes together monthly through meetings and activities to provide collaboration, socialization and to learn about topics of concern in the community. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Kavanaugh's Esquire Club, 1025 N. Sherman Ave. We

invite you to check us out as our guest. Please contact Jennifer Haack, 608-249-2182 to let her know you're coming. Here's a list of our monthly speakers:

- September – Northside Alders
- October – Sheriff Calvin Barrett
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Northside Economic Development Coalition update

Lauri Lee, Chair
NEDC

The Northside Economic Development Coalition (NEDC) established in 2011, has a lead role for business growth and development on the Northside. Meetings are attended by members of the Northside Planning Council board, Northside Business Association, Dane Buy Local, city economic development staff, Northside alders and Northside business leaders.

With the approval of the 63.5-acre parcel between Packers Avenue and North Sherman Avenue known as the Raemisch Farm, the \$150 million development by Green Street opened the path to establish a new Northside Tax Incremental District (TID) to help with future commercial district growth and for the Northside to thrive. The group will work together to develop this business district by promoting small businesses and other economic growth activities such as programs and mentoring assistance.

Existing businesses and new businesses receive support from NEDC through help with plan ribbon cutting ceremonies, grand openings, coverage of business activities in the Northside News and more.

To get involved, please contact Lauri Lee at 608-334-4969 or lauri@northsideplanningcouncil.org.

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BUSINESS



Taste of Black Restaurant Week Jamboree

FEED Kitchens served as host to the Madison Black Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Black Restaurant Week Jamboree, Saturday, August 21. The Jamboree marked the official end of Madison Black Restaurant Week with participation by 30 Black-owned food businesses from around Dane County. The businesses provided samples, small taste plates and full dinners as well as selling packaged products, catering and other party services. The event marked the third year of the collaboration between the Madison Black Chamber of Commerce and FEED Kitchens and each year the event grows in popularity. Did you know that Madison is the first city in the US to run a Black Restaurant Week event?

Food industry workers continue to be my heroes

By Chris Brockel
FEED Kitchens

The past two and a half years have been marked by too many uncertainties to count, but it was also a time that, as a community and despite greatly reduced social interaction, we showed up for each other in new and important ways. If it's true that in times of crisis we discover what is truly important, then the last few years have made that clear. The label "essential worker" was applied to certain segments of our workforce early on in the COVID-19 pandemic and was quickly adopted into our economic vocabulary and was understood and accepted in the general population.

Essential workers assumed risks other workers did not. They worked outside their homes in service to the health and wellness of their communities and, in the case of food industry workers, assured that food products and meals continued to flow with as little interruption as possible. In doing so they put their own health and safety

at risk. I remember with fondness the emotions I felt when yard signs honoring essential workers popped up in our neighbors' yards and social media was awash in praise for their work. Food industry workers who, except for a few celebrity chefs, work in the shadows and are generally anonymous suddenly had the spotlight deservedly shown on them.

The pandemic was a proving point for the interconnectivity of our entire food system. While the pandemic exposed our vulnerabilities, it also revealed our unique strength. From my vantage point as manager of FEED Kitchens, I witness daily the continued heroism of food industry workers and firmly believe that it needs to continue to be honored. While the lockdown during the pandemic had an effect on food industry workers, so did the re-opening of events and gatherings during the summer of 2022. The pressure to perform for our region and supply the legion of public and private



Photo by Chris Brockel

A busy production day at FEED Kitchens

events, street fairs, festivals, and charitable events on vendors here at FEED Kitchens and across our region was unrelenting with folks working tirelessly to keep up.

Why are food industry workers my heroes?

Their work ethic. Working long hard hours is normal in the food industry. Stepping up and working even longer hours in uncertain conditions is heroism.

Their ability to work as a team. FEED Kitchens has five production spaces that have all seen heavy usage this past season. Entrepreneurs here had to work together on a daily basis to ensure each of them could complete the production needed while maintaining a safe space for all.

Their ability to make quick decisions. Supply chain issues, pricing, illnesses, cancellations, lack of staff, and bad weather have all forced entrepreneurs here at FEED to be quick on their feet and be ready to pivot with the discovery of each new roadblock.

The quality of their customer relations.

Despite being pressed harder than normal, entrepreneurs here at FEED understand that they have loyal customer bases who, while they appreciate their businesses, have no idea that daily pressures they face. In spite of this, it is always customer service with a smile and an attempt to make a personal connection with their supporters.

Despite reduced revenue during the pandemic, entrepreneurs at FEED Kitchens have a strong community ethic and continue to donate and give back as they can. Whether it is donating product for a fundraiser, giving a percent of sales to a host charity, or making plates of food for those in need there is a strong culture here for supporting charitable causes.

Being at FEED Kitchens every day and working in a milieu of caring, optimistic, and thoughtful entrepreneurs is an honor and there is barely a week that goes by that I am not taught some lesson. One lesson that I will always carry with me is, pandemic or not, food industry workers are my heroes.

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Tips for homeowners to save energy on heating and cooling

By Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Heating and cooling are the largest energy users in our homes. By making smart choices and practicing simple tips, you can manage your energy use and costs.

Here are easy ways to save energy:

- Set your thermostat for one temperature when you are home and another when you are away to maximize energy savings. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the less energy you'll use.

- If you haven't been doing this already, consider installing a programmable or smart thermostat. Smart thermostats can be controlled remotely. Learn your preferred settings and automatically schedule temperature changes. Eligible MGE customers can take advantage of a \$50 cash-back incentive from FOCUS ON ENERGY® for purchasing a qualified ENERGY STAR® smart thermostat. More details can be found online at focusonenergy.com/smart.

- Lock up. Don't just shut your windows, lock them as well. This step

can be overlooked but is important. The locking mechanism activates a seal that helps to keep the air you heated or cooled inside your home.

- Keep your water heater temperature set at 120 degrees Fahrenheit and use cold water to wash clothes. Also, remember to run your washer with full loads. If you go on vacation, switch your water heater to vacation mode.

There's a lot to understand about controlling heating and cooling in your home. MGE is available to provide tips and answer your questions about saving energy and money. Contact

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Raemisch Farm

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about addressing inequality, creation of jobs and greater tax generation. The cry of Northside businesses is for a local qualified workforce with growing incomes to spend at local Northside businesses.”

A group of Northside residents known as the Raemisch Farm Work Group continued to oppose Green Street's plans. Several objected to locating housing in an area near the airport, where noisy F-35 fighter jets will be based. A resident of Burlington, Vermont, spoke online to warn that his community has suffered under F-35 flights.

Joel Oliver of Green Street promised that noise attenuation construction would protect residents of the development in multi-family housing and that no residential construction on the Packers Avenue side would be built through 2027, after the F-35s arrive.

Northside residents previously asked whether any subsidized housing

for low-income residents would be included. That is not the case. There will be workforce housing and market rate housing.

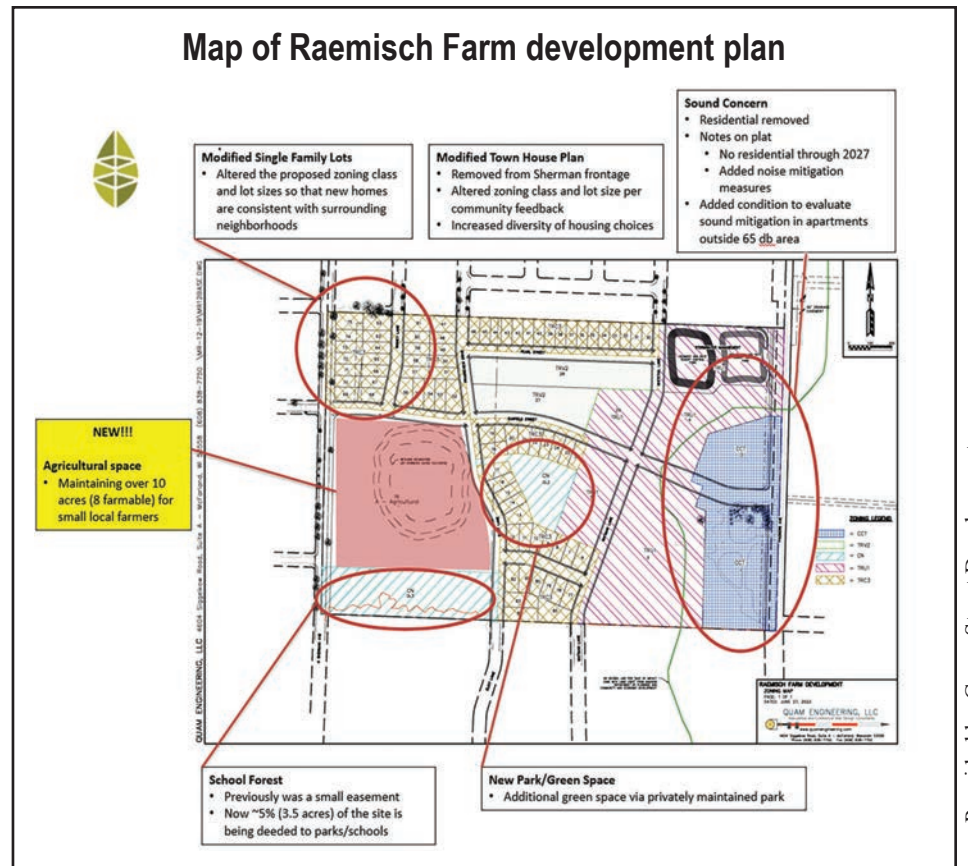
Sunfield Street would link Sherman and Packers, and Eliot and another street would go through from north to south.

Oliver stressed that Green Street would be investing \$150 million in the Northside of Madison.

City Planner Colin Punt previously emphasized that there is a shortage of housing for all income levels in Madison, and that the population has been growing faster than predicted. “Vacancy rates are lower than we would prefer for owned and rented housing. There is a definite need,” Punt said. “We need to build to get out of the housing deficit from the recession of 2008,” he explained.

Former District 8 Alder Zach Wood, who now lives on the Northside, commented that “This is the highest and best use of this land. The housing is a big deal. What I have really heard (from opponents) was ‘not in my back yard.’”

Map of Raemisch Farm development plan



Provided by Green Street Development

Summary of uses for Raemisch Farm property

Raemisch Farm Site, Zoning and Use Summary				
Use	Zoning	Parcels	Total Land Area	Notes
Commercial	CCT	2	5.3	Located along Packers Ave. adjacent to multi-family parcel
Multi-Family	TRU1	4	12.3	
Storm Water Mgmt	TRU1	1	3.1	Northeast corner, adjacent to multi-family
Private Park/Common Ground	CN	1	1.5	This is an interior lot surrounded by homes and an apartment, accessible from Eliot Ln.
School/Park Space	CN	1	3.5	Extension of Lakeview School's outdoor classroom
Agricultural	A	1	10.2	Maintained agricultural land
Wetland			2.0	delimited wetlands within the maintained agricultural land
Single Family Home Lots	TRC3	76	23.7	
Townhomes	TRV2	2	3.9	
TOTAL		88	63.6	

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Smiles for everyone at Madison Marathon fundraiser for Affordable Dental Care's Fifth Annual Smileathon

By Affordable Dental Care

Get ready for running, swimming, biking, walking and smiles. Affordable Dental Care (ADC), in partnership with the Madison Marathon, announces the Annual Smileathon Nov. 13 from 7 am–1 pm. The community is invited to be at the designated Spectator Zone in the ADC parking lot at 2110 Fordem Ave. The Fifth Annual Smileathon is creating space for anyone who wants to support the services ADC provides to the community. Participants can run the 10k or the full Madison Marathon, pledging to donate and support ADC. Make sure to dress warmly. Hot

drinks, food, Zumba, music and other activities will be provided by local vendors.

The Smileathon is ADC's largest fundraiser and supports all the impactful work they do. ADC is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides quality dentistry to the uninsured and underinsured. Services are in high demand as the organization is constantly growing. Last year services increased by 20%, and ADC successfully accomplished 5,937 dental procedures, nearly 2,800 patient care visits, and satisfied more than 500 emergency visits. Executive Director Areli Estrada said, "We have been very successful at securing

grants, however, they come with strings attached and extensive reporting requirements. It is critical for our community to invest and support this fundraiser because all funds received are unrestricted and will contribute to the day-to-day operation of sustaining our clinic."

This year the Smileathon hopes to raise \$65,000. To sign up for the Madison Marathon or just support at the Smileathon watch party, check out the Facebook event page at facebook.com/events/2017394788451245 or adc.givingfuel.com/smileathon-2022. There are still sponsorship opportunities available.

One in three people lack dental insurance. It is the mission of ADC to restore hope, health and opportunity through quality dentistry to the underinsured, uninsured and underserved communities. Their partner-powered model treats any individual who has put off dental care due to financial, physical or educational inequities. ADC does not accept insurance, compete with private practice dentistry, or government community healthcare, rather exists to fill the gap of patients who fall into neither of those categories. For more information about Affordable Dental Care, visit affordablesmile.org/.

DAIS: Adopt a Family program

By Lee Wilson-Hayes
DAIS

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) continues to care about the people we've served, even when they are no longer active clients. We want to do everything we can to continue to support their safety and independence.

Every year we invite clients who were served the previous year to create a Holiday Wish List. We then match the Wish List with a donor in the community who will help fulfill that family's wishes for the holiday season. Businesses and organizations can choose to adopt a family, as well.

To learn more and sign up to participate, visit <https://abuseintervention.org/adopt-a-family/>.

Soup's On! Are you ready for yummy soup?

Submitted by Soup's On!

Soups On! will be back for the 2022–2023 fall/winter season. Ordering for the savory and delicious soups such as brisket chili, African and Latin soul food, seafood, lentil and other comfort soups that have made their way to the heart and stomach of Greater Madison for the past three years starts Oct. 26 and ends in March 2023.

The soup is made by Madison-area restaurants then frozen in quart containers for easy handling and to fit in customer's freezers so favorites are always available. A new soup menu is posted weekly so soup lovers can place orders between Wednesday morning and Saturday at midnight. Orders can be picked up or delivered the following Tuesday. Drive-by pick up is at FEED Kitchens, 1219 N. Sherman Ave. in the



NorthGate Shopping Center by the side door. For a small fee, delivery can be selected for home or business delivery throughout Dane County. The first order window is Wednesday, Oct. 26 through Saturday, Oct. 29 with pickup Nov. 1 which will feature over 10 varieties of soup.

Originally, Soups On! was started to help Madison-area restaurants during the pandemic. Although the major pandemic pains have subsided, restaurants continue to struggle, only now with staffing issues. Last year over \$67,000 was raised for area

restaurants. Participation from locally-owned restaurants came from all over the county including a number of them on the Northside such as Beef Butter BBQ, Kingdom Restaurant, and others that pop in and out of the menu throughout the season. You won't want to miss out ordering soup every week during the cold winter months, so check it out. If you have questions, please contact Colin Murray, colin@danebuylocal.com.

Soups On! is sponsored by Dane Buy Local, Madison Essentials, FEED Kitchens, The Cap Times, Arcus Communication, Bunky's Catering, Communication Concepts and Ulla Eyewear. Make sure you don't miss out in placing your order online at www.danebuylocal.com. Plan to pick up your order Nov. 1, at FEED Kitchens. Soups On!

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COMMUNITY

Neighbors for Community Safety meeting held on Northside

By Anita Weier
Northside News

As local concern grew about recent shootings on the Northside, Alder Charles Myadze, District 18, worked with Public Health Madison Dane County to organize a community safety meeting at Warner Park Community Recreation Center in August.

Several nonprofit organizations and city departments staffed tables to provide information about ways to increase safety and provide services for people with mental health and substance abuse problems. Those present included CARES, a team that responds to nonviolent behavior health emergencies; Focused Interruption, which focuses on solutions to gun violence; and Operation Fresh Start, which helps young people ages 16–24 earn high school diplomas and gain work experience.

The Northside Planning Council and its FEED Kitchens provided food for those attending. FEED provides bakery training for unemployed or underemployed people.



Mayor Satya Rhodes Conway and Police Chief Shon Barnes attended the August 11 Neighbors for Community Safety meeting.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway launched the discussion by thanking community members who attended. “Madison is one of the safest communities in the nation, but the level of gun violence is too high,” she said. “We funded a reform

and innovation director for the Madison Police Department so we can better direct our resources, and we provided additional summer programming for young people.”

Police Chief Shon Barnes stressed the importance of agencies working together, such as Public Health, schools and nonprofits.

Alder Myadze said the meeting was vital because it is important to hear from the community. “Thank all of you who are fed up with gun violence, which has plagued America for a very long time,” he said. Noting that a 19-year-old was recently killed on the Northside, he said too many lives have been shattered. “We need to come up with positive solutions and then act,” Myadze said.

A panel discussion followed that included Cheryl Wittke, executive director of Safe Communities; Lindsey Buscher, who volunteers with BeSmart and Moms Demand Action; Aurielle Smith, director of policy planning and evaluation with Public Health Madison Dane County; Anthony Cooper with Focused Interruption and Alder Myadze.

Cooper stressed the importance of working together and getting to know kids in the community. Smith also stressed taking time to get to know people and the resources available in order to get help for someone who is struggling.

Wittke suggested medication lockboxes, which were distributed free at the meeting, and noted that med drops are often conducted by police departments or Black churches to remove the chance of youngsters stealing pills. NARCAN is available to treat those having overdoses, as are test strips to find out whether drugs contain Fentanyl, a particularly dangerous drug.

More information about the services of organizations at this meeting and city and county departments that can help those with concerns about drug safety and gun violence is available online. One good overall information source is PublicHealthMDC.com.



Police Chief Shon Barnes spoke at the August 11 Neighbors for Community Safety meeting.

Free hair braiding at East Madison Community Center

By Veronica Castillo
East Madison Community Center

Last month East Madison Community Center (EMCC) began offering free hair braiding. Ms. Rosie is an EMCC board member and pantry volunteer. She is sharing her talent and is now braiding hair for the kiddos in the community.

Ms. Rosie has been working on her craft since she was a little girl. She enjoys bringing smiles to the faces of the little ones who walk out with their new

style. She will be braiding at EMCC the last Sunday of every month.

If you are interested, email Assistant Director Veronica Castillo, at vcastillo@eastmadisoncc.org for more information.

Save the Date

EMCC's 26th Annual Bowl-a-thon will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 12-3 pm, at Dream Lanes, 13 Atlas Ct. Go to eastmadisoncc.org for details.



Ms. Rosie shares her talent for hair braiding.



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COMMUNITY

The River Food Pantry voted Best Charitable Organization and Best Customer Service in Madison.com People's Choice Awards

Photo provided by River Food Pantry



The River Food Pantry has been voted both Best Charitable Organization and Best Customer Service through the Madison.com 2022 People's Choice Awards.

By Becca Carpenter
The River Food Pantry

“The key to good customer service is building relationships. Our staff and volunteers consistently go the extra mile to provide a positive and helpful experience to meet or exceed the needs of those we serve,” said Rhonda Adams, executive director of The

River. “We are incredibly honored for this recognition.”

This marks the second year in a row that the community has voted the pantry the Best Charitable Organization among over 3,000 nonprofit organizations in the area. It is also the first time The River has won the highly competitive category of Best Customer Service. “We believe these awards help break

Be a voter! Fall election is Nov. 8

By Nancy Dodge
Northside Action Team

“I’m not sure I’ll vote this year. It doesn’t seem to make any difference.”

Canvassers from the Northside Action Team (NAT) sometimes hear comments like this from our neighbors. We totally understand. How can one vote matter in an election? Does it really matter who gets elected for the issue I care about most?

NAT hears many concerns when we talk to neighbors — rising prices, safety, reproductive rights, health care, election security, the climate. The fall election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, offers us a chance to choose who will be addressing our concerns in Wisconsin and in our country.

We will be electing our governor, senator, attorney general and secretary of state, as well as our state and national representatives. In Wisconsin, elections are often decided by small margins. Just a few people staying home from the polls or a mobilization that turns out more voters can decide who gets elected. With candidates differing strongly about important issues, we have clear choices about where to put our support. And the more voters turn out, the more

our elections reflect the will of the people.

An excellent source of information for voters is the League of Women Voters website at my.lwv.org/wisconsin/voter-information.

“I don’t really know if I’m registered to vote any more, and I think my voting place may have changed.”

News about voter registration and types of voting may sound like it’s hard to vote, but it’s not. Information about registering, polling places and ballots can be found at myvote.wi.gov. You can register online, at public libraries, or even on Election Day at the polls (bring proof of your address).

You can also find out how to request an absentee ballot or where you can vote early so you don’t have to worry about bad weather on Election Day.

If you have moved, you should reregister at your new address. Remember to bring a photo ID when you vote.

Voting is our most important right and responsibility in our democracy. NAT canvassers are out talking with our neighbors this fall to encourage voting. If you have questions about voting or the election, we’d be happy to discuss them.

down the stigma surrounding using food pantries, which is something we continuously fight for,” Adams said. “Thank you so much to everyone who voted for The River and to all who support our efforts to feed our neighbors in need.”

Since opening in 2006, The River has become South Central Wisconsin’s busiest food pantry. Through its combined services, the pantry served over 11,000 unique individuals throughout Dane County a total of 182,500 times last year.

The River’s free services include curbside groceries, freshly prepared meals, delivery to the homebound, online grocery orders, and mobile meals for low-income neighborhoods.

“These awards are helping to solidify The River’s reputation as a trustworthy local nonprofit for those who are seeking nutritional assistance, as well as those who wish to donate their time, resources and/or dollars,” Adams said. “The more support we receive, the more we can do to nourish Dane County.”

Learn more about The River’s services and how to get involved at the website riverfoodpantry.org.

Photo by Linda Severson



Finnegan Ringdroski

Race to the Finn raises funds for scholarship

By Nicole Mondroski
Race to the Finn

Make a Montessori education available for every child in Madison. On Saturday, Oct. 1, be part of the tenth annual Race to the Finn, a local community race that supports the Finnegan Ringdroski Scholarship fund at Isthmus Montessori Academy.

In 2011 Nicole Mondroski and Michael Ring were raising twins, Evelyn and Finnegan in their Northside neighborhood. After not meeting some milestones for his age, doctors discovered a lemon-sized tumor deep in Finn’s brain.

At the age of two, after 10 brain surgeries and 14 months of fighting, Finnegan Ringdroski passed away. He would have attended school at Isthmus Montessori Academy.

The race, held in his honor, raises money for a scholarship for Isthmus Montessori Academy, which was opened in September 2012 by Melissa Droessler and Carrie Marlette. The scholarship will go to a family who needs assistance with the cost of child-care for a child between eight weeks and three years of age. It can also be used to offset the cost of aftercare for an older student.

Isthmus Montessori Academy/Public, 1802 Pankratz St., is Madison’s only public Montessori school for children ages 4K–18. There are two schools in one building (Isthmus Montessori Academy for infant to age three, and Isthmus Montessori Academy/Public).

The 5K walk/run is an enjoyable trek through scenic Maple Bluff beginning and ending at Burrows Park. The event is preceded by a one-mile walk/run for children and families.

Sign up can be done before the race, but participants are encouraged to pre-register at runsignup.com/Race/WI/Madison/Racetothefinn.

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COMMUNITY

Ascendium marks move to new location with summer of giving

Ascendium Education Group

An ambitious move across town this past spring hasn't slowed Ascendium Education Group or its employees.

In May, Ascendium left its longtime Northside home on International Lane for the American Center Business Park on Madison's Eastside. The new 60,000-square-foot headquarters was built in part by members of an Operation Fresh Start Construction Graduate Crew. Supported by Ascendium, the Graduate Crew program provides pre-apprentice training for young people just starting careers in the construction trades.

Despite the change in scenery, Ascendium's support of organizations on the Northside and throughout the Madison area is unwavering.

Ascendium employees routinely volunteer with Northside nonprofits through the Ascendium Cares employee giving program. Among other benefits, the program allots each employee eight hours of paid company time to volunteer with local nonprofits through Volunteer Time Off (VTO). In the past, employees have used this time to prepare meals for people with food insecurities through The River Food Pantry and to help

upgrade the computer lab at Vera Court Neighborhood Center, so children have uninterrupted access to online learning tools for reading and comprehension.

To date, Ascendium employees have volunteered hundreds of hours with Northside organizations in 2022. On several occasions, volunteer groups have been led by members of Ascendium's executive team. For executives and employees alike, Ascendium Cares provides an opportunity to make a difference in the community where they work and live. It also allows Ascendium to stay connected to the

neighborhood it called home for 36 years. "As an organization, we really cherish being able to continue the relationships we built over three decades of being on the Northside," said Ascendium Vice President-Strategic Communications Brett Lindquist. "Our employees are passionate about serving others, and that passion is reflected in the time they spend volunteering in their community."

In addition to its employee giving, Ascendium has made several high-profile gifts to local nonprofits in the past two years. Among the most significant was a

\$2.5 million gift to the Center for Black Excellence and Culture's capital campaign. Situated on 3.5 acres on the 700 block of West Badger Road in the historic Black neighborhood of South Park Street, the center is slated to open in fall 2023. As of May, the campaign had raised over \$20 million toward building a cultural center that will affirm, inspire and advance the lives of thousands each year.

To learn more about Ascendium and its volunteer giving program, visit ascendiumeducation.org/who-we-are/community-involvement.

What's new this fall at Willy North

By Brandon Smith
Willy Street Co-op

Return of Double Dollars

Every Tuesday starting Oct. 18 through March 7, 2023, any shopper using their FoodShare/QUEST card to purchase groceries will be eligible to receive up to \$20 worth of Double Dollars vouchers. These vouchers help purchase fresh, canned and frozen produce, and seeds and seedlings for growing edible plants.

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Discount bins: Check the discount bins in the produce department, where ripe, ready and blemished fruit and vegetables are sold at a bargain.

Coupons on the shelf: Watch for coupon tear pads on the shelf; you can use the coupons that day to save.

Become a Co-op Owner: The average Co-op Owner who spends \$40 per week at the grocery store saves over \$100 per year. Owners also get extra sales and discounts. Owners who have a financial need can apply for the Access Discount Program, which provides 10% off everything in the store. You can join today for just \$10, or \$4 if you qualify for the Access Discount Program.

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Friends of Lakeview Library news

Long-time Friends of Lakeview Library Board members Signe Frank, Mary Manering and Doris Marten have resigned; and Nancy Deer, who kept our library sales shelf well stocked in recent years, has also resigned. And last, but certainly not least, our extraordinary Board President Barb Karlen has resigned after 50 years at the helm. Barb will remain on the board as a director and was honored at a special reception at the library in September.

The library is so grateful to these wonderful women who have given so much of their time and energy to making the Lakeview Library a wonderful place for our community.

New board officers are President Pat Tully, Vice-President Beth Welch, Secretary Sue Miller, Treasurer Lesleigh Luttrell. If you are interested in serving on the board or becoming a friend, email Pat at lakeviewlibraryfriends2022@gmail.com.

Friends Book Sale

The Friends of Lakeview Library will host a book sale Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 am–4 pm. Donations in good condition will be accepted prior to the sale Thursday, Oct. 20 and Friday, Oct. 21, 11 am–7 pm at Lakeview Library.

EVENTS

All events listed are at Lakeview Library unless otherwise indicated. Please check madisonpubliclibrary.org for the most up-to-date information on programs and services.

Teen and Tween Minecraft Club

Mondays, Oct. 3–Nov. 21, 4–5:30 pm

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.

Madison Writing Assistance

Mondays, Oct. 3–Nov. 28, 4–7 pm

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.

Cooking with Chef Lily

Tuesdays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 22 and 29, 4:30–5:30 pm

Saturdays, Oct. 15, 22 and 29, Nov. 12, 1:30–2:30 pm

Join The Kids Chef, Lily Kilfoy, for a series of cooking classes 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. Food is generously provided by Willy Street Co-op North.

Scrabble at the Library

Wednesdays, Oct. 5–Nov. 30, 10 am–12 pm

Attention word lovers. Exercise your brain by playing Scrabble with other adults.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, Oct. 5 and 12, Nov. 9, 16 and 30, 10:30–11:15 am

Read and play with your favorite baby ages birth to 17 months. Reading, singing, talking and playing with your baby from the beginning is important because the roots of language are developing in a baby's brain even before they can talk. Siblings and childcare groups are welcome.

Multi-age Storytime

Thursdays, Nov. 10 and 17, 10:30–11:30 am

Read and play together with children ages 5 and under. Engaging with books, songs and playful experiences all help children develop communication skills, patience, empathy and pre-reading skills, and helps to build a lifelong love of reading. Siblings and childcare groups are welcome.

Knitting at the Library

Wednesdays, Oct. 5–Nov. 30, 6–8 pm

Drop in knitting — learn a new craft or work on that unfinished project with other neighborhood knitters.

Art for Little Ones

Thursdays, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, 10:30–11:30 am

Join artist Amy Mietzel for a read-aloud and related hands-on art activity. This program is geared for ages 3–5. Younger siblings and school groups are welcome.

Alder Myadze Listening Session

Thursday, Oct. 6, 5:30–6:30 pm

This open listening session by District 18 Alder Charles Myadze is an opportunity to introduce yourself and discuss questions, ideas and concerns. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend. Alder Myadze is trained in restorative justice and welcomes meeting with community members to provide conflict resolution resources.

First Friday Films

Fridays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, 6–8 pm

Join us for a film night on the first Friday of each month. Selections include feature-length films, documentaries and shorts. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Teen and Tween Video Game Night

Fridays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 11, 4–5:30 pm

Stop by and play video games with other teens and tweens. The library has a PS4 and a Nintendo Switch. Snacks will be provided.

Leaf Magic

Saturday, Oct. 8, 10–11 am

Children and families can create leaf prints, collages, and learn about different leaves and trees at a fun one-hour session with Get Kits Outside. Participants are invited to bring a favorite leaf to share, examine and identify. A second event is scheduled for Oct. 22 at Warner Park Rainbow Shelter. Register for that event at eventbrite.com/e/leaf-magic-tickets-40715035667.

One-on-One Computer Assistance

Saturdays, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12, 1–4 pm

Need help with basic computer or internet skills? Looking for assistance downloading library eBooks and audiobooks? We offer free one-on-one sessions on the second Saturday of each month. You may schedule an appointment at madpl.org/calendar, in person, or by phone.

Chess at the Library

Mondays, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and 28, 6–8 pm

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Music and Movement

Tuesdays, Oct. 11 and 25, 10:30–11:30 am

Children up to age 5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for a preschool music and movement program with singing, dancing, playing and bubbles.

After-School Art with Amy

Wednesdays, Oct. 19–Nov. 9, 4–5 pm

Join local artist Amy Mietzel for hands-on art projects.

Teen and Tween Anime Club

Thursday, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17, 4–5 pm

Join us for anime, snacks, crafts and other activities. During our October meeting, we will watch Sailor Moon Crystal. During our November meeting, we will watch Fruits Basket.

Fourth Friday Poetry Group

Fridays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 25, 1–2 pm

Come to read; come to listen; come to celebrate poetry with this group of fellow poets and poetry aficionados.

Serendipity Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10–11 am

Will you make a cardboard instrument? Explore pastels or watercolors? 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.

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

Oct 5 – “Afterlife” by Julia Alvarez

Nov 2 – “The Happiness Project” by Gretchen Rubin

Lakeview Evening Book Discussion

First Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm

Oct 6 – “Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick” by Zora Neale Hurston

Nov 3 – “Little Faith” by Nickolas Butler

Lakeview Daytime Book Discussion

Second Thursdays, 12–1 pm

Oct 13 – “Bowlaway” by Elizabeth McCracken

Nov 10 – “The Night Tiger” by Yangsze Choo

Mystery Book Group Discussion

Third Thursdays, 5:30–7 pm

Oct 20 – “The Apollo Murders” by Chris Hadfield

Nov 17 – “Death at Greenway” by Lori Rader-Day

Walking Book Group

Third Fridays, 2–3 pm

Oct 21 – Title TBD

Teen Book Club

Fourth Wednesdays, 4–5 pm

Oct 26 – “The Chosen One” by Echo Brown

OTHER LIBRARY NEWS**Wisconsin Book Festival Turns 20**

The Wisconsin Book Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary during the 2022-23 season. Presented by Madison Public Library in partnership with Madison Public Library Foundation,

Lakeview Library seeks local artists to exhibit their work

The display of artwork supports the mission of Madison Public Library to provide free and equitable access to cultural and educational experiences. The purpose of displaying artwork at the library is to provide space for local artists and artistic groups to display their works for the enjoyment of library visitors. The displays improve the ambience at the library and enhance the library's role as a community/neighborhood center. The library is used by families and children, and this should be considered when choosing works to exhibit.

Art exhibits run for a one-month period, with installation occurring on or around the first and take-down on or around the 30th of the month.

If interested, reach out to Lakeview Library at lakeview@madisonpubliclibrary.org. Please include examples of your work.

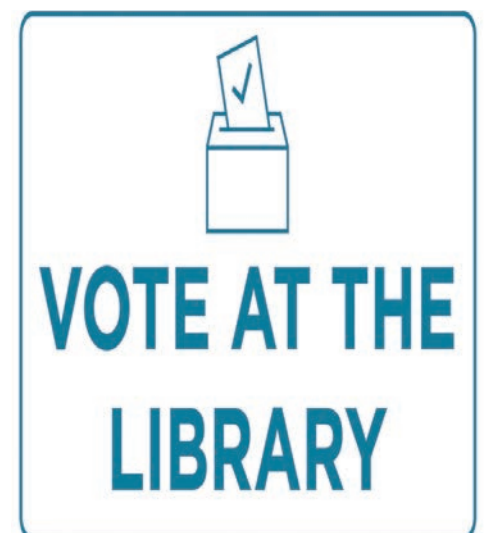
the festival offers a wide variety of author events all year long, including a four-day Fall celebration Oct. 13–16. Select author events will be presented online via Crowdfunder, while others will take place in person.

Visit wisconsinbookfestival.org for the four-day festival lineup and to discover other upcoming standalone events.

Naturalist in Residence/Walk-Tober

Join Madison Public Library's first Naturalist-in-Residence for a series of nature experiences this Fall aimed at inspiring wonder and stewardship of the world around us, as well as recognizing our place within it. The residency will include nature-inspired art activities, walks in beautiful new places, taking a deep look at the familiar and ordinary, and expanding our idea of what was, is and will be.

Learn more or register for events at madpl.org/naturalist.

**Vote at the Library**

The Madison City Clerk will have representatives at the Lakeview Library in the weeks leading up to Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Stop by to register to vote or to vote absentee. Watch the library or the City Clerk's website for a full list of times and locations (cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting/voting).

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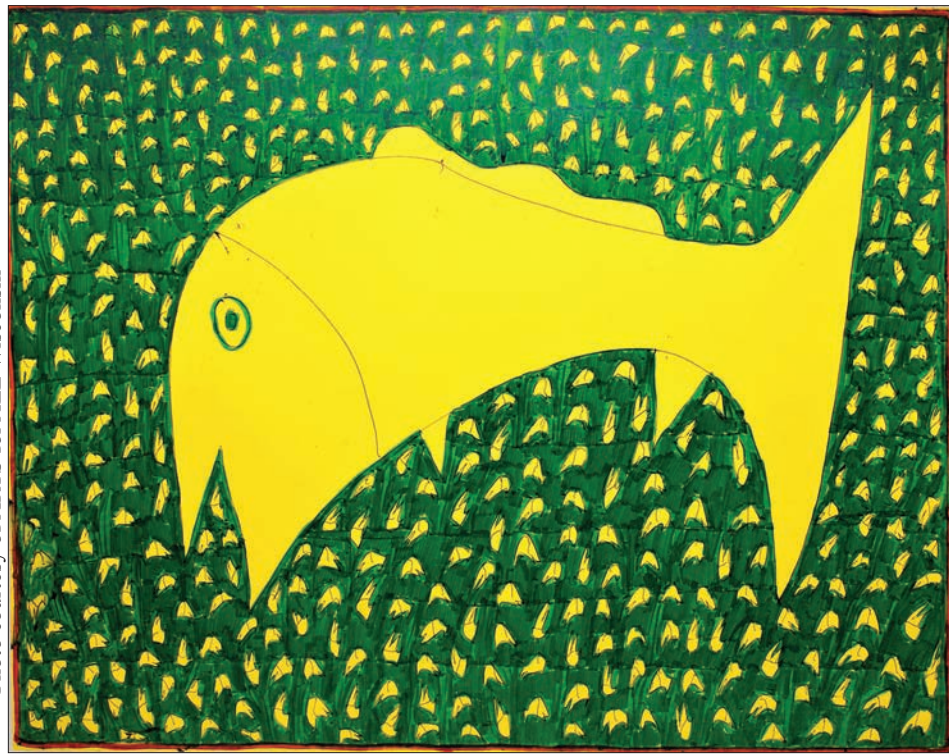


Photo courtesy of ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

Goldfish, a piece by Bob Hanneman

A Season of Art: Celebrating the works of Bob Hanneman

By Mike Lawler
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

Join ARTS for ALL Wisconsin in celebrating artist Bob Hanneman in October and November at their gallery here on the Northside. Hanneman, who turned 90 in May, has been a long-time fixture in the Midwest as an outsider artist alongside his friendly rival, the late Phil Porter.

The intricate drawings Hanneman creates have delighted audiences for decades. His work explores memories of his childhood raised in an institution due to a cognitive disability and draw upon his experiences working as a gardener in Madison.

Bursting with color and detail, his art has been featured in Fortune magazine

and is widely collected with works in the Wisconsin Governor’s Mansion, the Waisman Center’s Harvey A. Stevens International Collection of Art, and numerous private collections.

Join us at the opening reception Saturday, Oct. 15, 2–5 pm or on Gallery Night, Friday, Nov. 4, 5–9 pm, at ARTS for ALL Wisconsin Gallery, 1709 Aberg Ave., Suite 1. The full exhibition will run Oct. 15–Dec. 2 and will also be available online at artsforallwi.org.

The mission of ARTS for ALL Wisconsin is to expand the capabilities, confidence and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities throughout Wisconsin by providing programs in the arts. Find more information at artsforallwi.org.

Our common cause

By Jeffrey Lewis
Northside News

In the last days of August, the morning holds on to nighttime chill a bit longer than before. Early morning sun comes in lower now, an intense yellow light cutting through the crisp morning air. These changes in light and air announce the coming of autumn, when plants give up their energy stored in seed, nut, fruit and falling leaves. They prepare for winter’s rest.

It is the same in our household. Harvest arrives with a bumper crop of peaches, green beans, eggplants and many types of greens. Nasturtiums billow and flow out of their beds onto woodchip covered paths, their orange, red and yellow flowers add color and spice to our salads. Raspberries are thick and ripening. Green and red pepper plants are scattered around the yard. Cucumbers climb trellises and squash vines fold over berms flush with flowers and fruit. Tomatoes ripen just fast enough for small batches

of stewed tomatoes and salsa that begin to fill our storage shelves. We, too, prepare for winter.

I am encouraged by the life and bounty in our yard and the generosity and care of our neighbors. Recently, a neighborhood elder was hospitalized without warning. Many of us did not know what had happened. But the neighborhood network of relationships, black and white, Christians, universalists, and atheists, people with different backgrounds, lifestyles and beliefs, yet who are all committed to each other and the neighborhood, knitted together the pieces of information we each had to form a shared understanding of what had happened to him. We each promised to share new information as it came.

Our world is healed as people “discover they share a common cause and vision of what’s possible.” Our common cause is the wellbeing of our neighbors and neighborhood, our vision is this place that we call home.

Northside Reflections: A teen art exhibit

By Rhiannon Gurley
Northside Arts Collective

Northside Arts Collective is holding its first teen art exhibit titled “Northside Reflections” all of October at Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC). For the first time this group of Northside young adults will have an opportunity to showcase their art. An artists reception will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7 pm at WPCRC.

Our Vibrant Community is offering painting artshops for all ages on the Northside. Paint your favorite animal, LEGO® portrait, a bird and more. See the Calendar of Events for a list of dates and locations. To register, visit buytickets.at/ovcregistration.

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By
Jason R. Van Pelt

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ENVIRONMENT

Warner Pond's carp gate renews efforts at aquatic ecosystem restoration

By **Kathleen Wolf**
Wild Warner

Early in May, a group of volunteers from Yahara Fishing Club (YFC) and Wild Warner gathered at the entrance from Lake Mendota into Warner Pond, along Woodward Drive, to install an important piece of hardware: a carp exclusion gate. With openings only 1½ inches wide, small native fish such as bluegill and crappie can swim right through the gate, while the wide-bodied common carp are excluded.

Installing this gate was a labor of love for environmentalists and anglers alike. Of all the actions needed to restore water quality and recreational fishing in Warner Pond, it's possibly the most important.

European carp are a force of ecological destruction unlike any other. As they feed on a diet of insects, crustaceans, crawfish and other foods in the silty pond bottom, their foraging stirs up sediment, uproots native plants, and frees deposits of phosphorus into the water. Phosphorus drives algal blooms, and in the place of native plants, invasive Eurasian milfoil forms dense underwater jungles that prevent the native species from returning. The easiest way to combat the impacts of these fish is to prevent them from reaching the pond in the first place.

In 2016 a carp barrier installed by the City of Madison in 2004 was ripped out after beavers used it as the scaffolding for their dam. The following year, carp used the opening to begin a full-scale assault on the underwater habitat of Warner Pond.

"Carp are like cats," said Kurt Welke of YFC. "They like to lay around in the sun. As soon as the pond warms up, they go toward the warmer waters." In May the pond seems frigid to humans, but spring rains fill shallow ponds with balmy 50°F water, while deep lake waters hold on to their near-freezing winter temperatures.

Big- and small-mouth buffalo fish, two native species often mistaken

for common carp, lead the mating migration into shallow waters. Their window of breeding lasts only a few days. As their numbers trail off, common carp take their place. The oldest, largest female carp arrive next, each bearing a cargo of hundreds of thousands of eggs. They leave a pheromone-scent trail behind them that draws in multitudes of males. The carp breeding season lasts a month or more, allowing their offspring to outcompete native fish by sheer numbers.

After several years of petitioning the city to replace the previous gate with one of the correct design, members of the YFC and Wild Warner joined forces to address the problem themselves. Using an initial grant of \$5,500 from the YFC, they hired Bob Meier of R&S Welding to create a new carp gate. The gate is designed to be easy to maintain, and its lightweight aluminum construction allows it to be raised and lowered by a single person, so debris (and beaver dams) can be cleared easily and the outflow to Lake Mendota can drain swiftly during summer downpours. The City of Madison approved the gate and will rebate the fishing club for \$4,200. City employee Greg Fries organized heavy machinery and operators to assist in lowering it into place.

While Wild Warner and YFC will continue to push for swifter action on more substantial water-quality improvement projects, especially the long-overdue dredging of road salt, sediment and trash from Warner Pond, this citizen-led action is already having an impact on the ecology of the pond-bottom. Thanks to Jack Hurst, Kurt Welke, Jim Crowsey and Patrick Hasburgh for their persistence, time and efforts in completing this vital project.

Do you want excellent water quality and a healthy ecosystem in Warner Pond? Of course, you do! Contact your alders and let them know you'd like to see the timeline for dredging the pond moved up to 2023.



The carp gate at Warner Pond can be raised and lowered.



City workers installing the carp gate at Warner Pond.

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ENVIRONMENT

Majestic Pileated Woodpeckers: magic of the north woods

By Paul Noeldner
Friends of Urban Nature

Urban natural areas are important in every neighborhood. They help slow runoff to reduce flooding and keep our lakes clean while providing shade and ground cover that help cool cities by as much as 10 degrees and act as valuable “carbon sinks” to help fight global warming.

Our urban natural areas provide sanctuaries for native Wisconsin trees, wildflowers, birds, butterflies and wildlife that sustain a healthy urban ecosystem and brighten our lives. They also bring some of the magic of the north woods of Wisconsin into our local parks and neighborhoods without having to drive up north.

A favorite “up north” bird sighting is the Pileated Woodpecker. Picture the Woody Woodpecker cartoon character coming to life. This amazing woodpecker can grow to almost 2 feet tall. It sports a bright pattern of black and white stripes and a red cap that would do Bucky Badger proud. The Latin name, *Dryocopus pileatus*, means crested wood cutter, which is exactly what they love to do.

While not particularly shy of humans, Pileated Woodpeckers are often reclusive, staying partially hidden while they slowly chip away at the softer parts of a dead tree or fallen log.

People are often surprised to hear that Pileated Woodpeckers can occasionally be found year-round in



Majestic Pileated Woodpecker

Madison parks with natural woodlands and even in back yards with dead trees that are left standing to benefit wildlife. You will know they are in the area if you see large oval-shaped holes in trees. Listen for their deep, slow peck-peck-peck hammering and their unmistakable loud cackling call.

The Merlin app is a good way to identify a Pileated Woodpecker by describing what you see, by taking a picture, or by recording the sound. It is easier to see them in autumn and winter after tree leaves fall. If you are lucky, you may catch a glimpse of this amazing huge bird when you go for a walk in a Madison park or natural area.

Photo from Wikipedia - Shenandoah National Park, Virginia

Public Market *continued from page 1*

proposed 2023 capital budget. So instead of a \$1.7 million shortfall, a \$5.15 million funding deficient has fallen to the city’s finance committee and common council to piece together a solution through tax incremental financing (TIF), the city’s capital budget and fundraising. In early September, the MPM project went before the city’s finance committee and will come before the Madison common council (over press time of this issue of the Northside News). The Northside Planning Council (NPC) and FEED Kitchens wrote a letter to the mayor and alders to show support for the project and recap the significance of the project to our organization and the Northside. After 15 years of talking and planning by supporters of local foods and minority businesses, the MPM looks to be very vulnerable without help from the city. If an opportunity for support still exists at the end of September when Northsiders receive this issue of the Northside News, they are encouraged to have a voice in the decision. It will take public pressure to keep the project alive.

Those who oppose the MPM have expressed concern surrounding its price tag and location at a busy intersection near East Washington Avenue and First Street. Others have asked if Madison can support a year-round public market. This article recaps the significance of the project to minority business owners, the Northside community, NPC and FEED Kitchens.

NPC has been a strong supporter of the Madison Public Market over the past decade. We own and operate FEED Kitchens, 1219 N. Sherman Ave., with 95 entrepreneurs and nonprofit social enterprises owned by people of color (65%) and by women (55%). We support the MPM as it is about equity for entrepreneurs of color, immigrants and women. These businesses and social enterprises consider the MPM to be the next step to jump start their business or take business growth to the next level through a permanent or itinerant vending space. This path would support their families and build generational wealth and family assets.

When the Northside TownCenter was not chosen in 2014 as a potential MPM location, the Northside Economic Development Coalition, a program of NPC, helped to advance the idea of a Food Innovation Corridor running from the Troy Community Farm, past FEED Kitchens and down North Sherman Avenue to the MPM to include the Northside in this economic development opportunity. This corridor would also solidify Madison’s place as a local food hot spot as well as support a more vibrant and responsive regional food system that can respond to changes and disruptions. We support the MPM because it is an integral part of a complete food system that goes from farm to consumer. Coming through the pandemic we have learned



Photo provided by FEED Kitchens

Madame Chu, a Market Ready vendor

some tough lessons about supply chain disruption and the ability of a region to take care of its own food needs. The MPM is one of those projects that builds the infrastructure between farms outside our city limits with consumers demanding more local products.

NPC operated the Market Ready program under contract with the City of Madison to prepare a cohort of local small business entrepreneurs from groups historically not included or unable to start small businesses in our city (low-income, people of color, immigrants, veterans and women). More than 80 vendors applied, and of the 30 selected — 83% are people of color, 63% are women and 33% are first-generation immigrants. Their business plans were built around moving into the MPM. We support the market for how it will help underserved communities become successful business owners. In this post-pandemic era, this group of people do not have the resources to create a new opportunity to take its place. If the MPM is never built, it is just another financial blow layered upon pandemic losses.

FEED Kitchens has plans to open a store and pop-up restaurant space in the MPM so our packaged goods producers could have an immediate retail shelf presence and our food carts and catering chefs could keep their businesses operating year-round. The year-round demand for local food products is high and continues to grow. In August, FEED hosted the successful Black Restaurant Jamboree and Tasting for 30 black-owned food businesses in collaboration with the Madison Black Chamber of Commerce. It proved the appetite for local ethnic foods is strong and these small food vendors would do extremely well in a Public Market. If built, the MPM will support FEED, our businesses and other minority business throughout the city.

If enough people from the Northside and around the city voice their support for the funding amendment through contacting the mayor (mayor@cityofmadison.com) and alders (allalders@cityofmadison.com), the Public Market could be funded and built. City leadership needs to know how important this project is to their constituents. Let them know how significant it is for our city to sustain a robust and resilient food system and support minority business entrepreneurs. When every member of our community thrives, we all thrive — and together we prosper.

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Our youth in 2022: School and activities



Photo by Matt Meyer

Scouts enjoyed a trip to a Mallards game this summer.

Cub Scouting offers fun and adventure

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 have begun our regular school year program for the fall and are welcoming new families that want to get outdoors and engage in fun, character-building activities.

Over the summer we held activities that included attending a Mallards game and exploring Cherokee Marsh on a nature hike. Most of our scouts also attended day camps and/or overnight camps hosted by the regional council. These camps offered a range of activities including climbing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts, and fun games.

In the fall, we will go on a family campout to learn camping skills, have a Halloween party hosted by our friends in the local Scouts BSA troops, and enjoy entertaining and educational presentations at our monthly pack parties. We will be planning our annual Pinewood Derby and River Regatta, and our overnight trip to a cave, submarine, museum or other exciting destination.

By the time you read this, you may have had a Cub Scout come to your door, or speak with you outside a local business, about supporting our pack through our popcorn fundraiser. This is typically our only fundraiser, and funds our outdoor adventures and important training for our leaders. When scouts raise the funds themselves, they learn to confidently interact with adults in their community and develop a sense of ownership for their pack.

Do you know a child in kindergarten through fifth grade who is ready to join the fun? New families are welcome to join at any time. We meet most Mondays at 6:30 pm at Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church. We are currently meeting outdoors, with masks when distancing isn't possible.

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



The Lake View School Garden, August 2022

School gardens grow a community passion for food

By Catherine Masters
Routed

The garden of Lake View Elementary School is a verdant, inviting space full of joy, wonder, color and life. It is the perfect mirror of those who tend it — the students and communities of Lake View School.

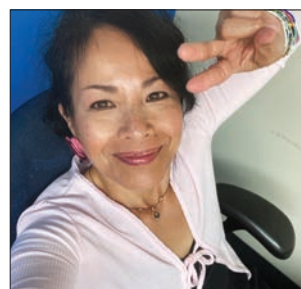
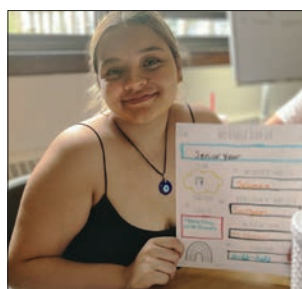
I have the privilege of serving both Lake View and Elvehjem Elementary School through AmeriCorps as a Farm to School Specialist. I manage the operations and care of both school gardens, connect farmers to the schools for food procurement and educational

opportunities, give taste tests of fresh (hopefully local) fruits and vegetables, connect community members to the gardens as volunteers and patrons, and, most notably, educate students and their families on gardening and nutrition.

The gardens are educational spaces for the students, and the students are the primary patrons. Scholars have the opportunity to be outside learning in these outdoor classrooms every spring and fall, and for those in the MSCR

School gardens
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What does it mean to have agency in our learning?



(Left) Marena Fox Baker (Photo by Leo Wolf); (Center) Fernanda Gonzalez Tejada (Photo by Vera Naputi); (Right) Vera Naputi (Photo by Vera Naputi)

By Marena Fox Baker, Fernanda Gonzalez Tejada, and Vera Naputi
East High School

Educators and youth are in their second month of school and are discovering what it is like to be in a brand-new school year. They are thinking about learning and friendships, and how to make school fun and purposeful. Seniors at East High School are feeling a range of emotions — they report feeling excited, scared, surprised and pressured. Because of these very real feelings and experiences, students believe their educational journey is dependent on walking alongside their teachers. In this article, students share their thoughts and ideas about “agency” and what it

means to belong in school.

Agency: How do youth advocate for themselves? How do they express their frustrations within the educational system? How do they claim spaces of learning?

From a student point of view, having agency is being able to freely contribute because the space is comfortable and safe. It is the ability to decide on goals and the process it will take to meet them, to reflect on the learning environment, and to actually feel empowered because the conditions are right for learning.

Fernanda Gonzalez Tejada, a senior,

Agency in our learning
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2022 Margaret's Fund Scholarship Awarded

By Anne Pryor
Margaret's Fund

Congratulations to Abubacarr (Buba) Darboe, the 2022 recipient of Margaret's Fund: A Northside Scholarship.



Photo by Catherine Masters

Abubacarr Darboe

A June 2022 graduate of East High School, Buba is now a freshman

at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He is starting as a Biological Sciences major, a step toward pursuing his dream of becoming a surgeon.

Born in the Republic of The Gambia, West Africa, Buba came to the U.S. as a child with his mother, since his father was already here. He grew up on the Northside, attending Gompers and Hawthorne elementary schools, Black Hawk Middle School, and then East High. He was an active member of the Northport Community Center when his family lived in that neighborhood, and later participated in many offerings at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

As he matured, Buba became appreciative of everything he'd gained by being a Northside resident. He saw a way to contribute to the common good when the Northside Planning Council worked to boost census participation in our neighborhoods. He became a Census 2020 Navigator.

As Buba explained, “Seeing how important the census was and its effects on the Northside made me want to join. Through the previous years, the Northside had the lowest participation rate. Our job was to book an event at one of the local community centers and have families fill out the census. I saw this opportunity to finally start giving back to the community that has given me so much so that others can also benefit.”

That same community-focused selfless attitude was featured in a Sept. 30, 2021, Wisconsin State Journal article about him. Reporter Brett Sommers wrote impressively about Buba's ongoing dedication to and leadership within the East High boys' soccer team, despite an injury that kept him sidelined during his senior year.

Buba is the thirteenth recipient Margaret's Fund scholarship: Tara Hoffman (2009), Nicole Tackes (2010), Stacey Yang (2011), Omobolanle Kikelomo Olumbi (2012), Chekwube Obieze (2013), Melissa Marie Alexander (2014), Aminata Bojang (2015), Felicia Jones (2016), Vanessa Kana (2017), Terri Ricsha Hatchett (2018), René Bedolla (2019), and Josselin Ceballos De Santiago (2019).

Margaret's Fund scholarship began in 2007 with the goal of supporting residents of Northside neighborhoods as they pursue higher education. The award has gone to both graduating high school seniors and adult learners returning to an interrupted education.

Margaret's Fund is professionally managed by the Madison Community Foundation. Donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Find specifics about contributing at madisongives.org.



SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Former Starlings player becomes a coach this season

By Odessa Schwei
Madison Starlings Volleyball Club

I've always wanted to take a leadership role in the community and this summer I was able to do so because of Madison Starlings. I have been playing with the Starlings since I was 14, and I can say the experience has helped me in many ways.

Madison Starlings has provided many children and teens, including myself, with the opportunity to play on an organized sports team. Coaching the Madison Starlings summer open gym has given me a true appreciation for the work the coaches put into providing

us with the drills that focus on our individual needs. I loved being part of the behind the scenes and collaborating with my teammates about what drills to run and how we want to execute them.

As a setter, teaching kids hitting and passing was way out of my comfort zone and forced me to learn something new. It was a new experience that I enjoyed. Some of the kids I was coaching were only a year or two younger than I, and I worried they wouldn't take me seriously as a coach. I could not have been more wrong.

The interactions with the youth I was coaching were wonderful. I was able to coach and have organized drills while still laughing and having fun, which is what volleyball is about. The environment was great. I was treated as a coach, a teammate and a friend.

To me being a setter is like being a quarterback — you have to pay attention to everything on the court. It's a big responsibility that few want to take on. Running setting drills, it was wonderful to see kids step out of their comfort zone and try a new skill. I was impressed with the amount of talent I saw, and I made my amazement clear. Some of the girls even volunteered to set during hitting drills.

It was cool to see the direct impact that sports, especially volleyball, can have on youth; and I am grateful to be part of the Madison Starlings community.



Photo by Lauri Schwartz

Coach Odessa Schwei (third from the left) and her team



Photo by Lauri Schwartz

Changing the face of volleyball — boys are encouraged to try out.



Photo by Lauri Schwartz

Isaac Evans, Joseph Mille and Shadavien Johnson

Young player has great experience with Madison Starlings

By Ida Red Schley
Madison Starlings Volleyball Club

My name is Ida Red Schley, I am 12 years old, I attend O'Keeffe Middle School. I joined the Madison Starlings because some of the coaches were passing out flyers at my school volleyball club, and they told us about the Starlings club.

There are so many reasons why I love playing for the Starlings. This club has to be one of the most inclusive volleyball clubs around the Madison area. The people who run this volleyball club work very hard to make sure the players have a great time playing, and the coaches work hard to help players learn new skills that they can use in the game.

My first year playing will be something I will never forget because of the great time I had with Starlings coaches and the wonderful people I met when playing with my team. This was a great experience with people and being able to play volleyball with my team. The amazing coaches helped me learn about the basics of volleyball and learn how to serve and hit and many other valuable skills.

I would highly recommend joining Starlings for the amazing players and the coaches. If I were to join any volleyball club, it would be Starlings because the people always have your back.



Photo by Lauri Schwartz

Jada Bradford

Madison Starlings Volleyball holds tryouts

By Patty Witte
Madison Starlings Volleyball Club

Do you want to play volleyball? Girls ages 12–18 and boys ages 12–15 are welcome to try out for Madison Starlings Volleyball Club.

Tryouts for this season are coming up soon at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Middle school tryouts are Oct. 2 and high school tryouts are Nov. 13. Registration is required to try out. Details are at www.starlings.org/Madison.

We are a local group working to improve access to club volleyball regardless of income. Club volleyball plays outside the school season.



Photo by Lauri Schwartz

Coach Vivian Washington and Kamaria Story at the end-of-season celebration



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Madison Starlings offer access to club volleyball to girls and boys.

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SCHOOL AND YOUTH

East High 101: Figuring it out for the 2022-2023 school year

By Cynthia Chin
East High School

The doors of Madison East Side High opened to students for the first time on Sept. 5, 1922. That means 2022-23 will be the kickoff to a new century of East Side Pride. Watch the school website or follow our social media accounts for news of celebratory school and community events. Thanks to the Madison Mallards for hosting an alumni night this past July.

Congratulations, students

Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2022, who were recognized in June as Outstanding Seniors in Mathematics: Samuel Askling, Nicole Hanser, Victoria Lenius, Samuel Rickert. All will include math in their future career plans, and we wish them the best.

Two continuing East students were named as Trevor Knight Rising Stars in the math department: Sebastian Martinez Ramiro, Deagan Wiebel.

Graphing calculators

Do you have a graphing calculator? Do you need one? Despite the availability of less expensive online and phone apps, graphing calculators are still considered the technology of choice for ACT, Advanced Placement and other standardized exams. We are

working to increase student familiarity with these tools, in tandem with school-wide efforts to reduce smart-phone screen time in the building.

Information about graphing calculator purchase or rental (a math-club subsidized program) is available from the teachers.

Any alumni in a position to donate a used graphing calculator to the next generation of Purgolders should contact the math department chair, Lindsay Sahlman, lasahlman@madison.k12.wi.us. A special thank you goes to East High friends J. Speerschneider and J. Sebzda for their donation of six new graphing calculators this year.

Math Club

Watch for announcements about Friday lunch meetings. We will be busy with math competitions and fundraisers. We scored some major successes and discovered new contests in the virtual world last year. New members are welcome at all grade levels. Send questions to Karen Paschke, kpaschke@madison.k12.wi.us.

Engineering Club

Along with its UW affiliates National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), Engineers Without Borders (EWB-UW) and Society of Women Engineers (SWE), the East

Engineering Club welcomes students of all backgrounds to explore engineering as a career path or just as something fun to try. We enter competitions, support each other academically, and conduct science outreach programs at middle and elementary schools in the East attendance area. Focus areas for 2022-23 will include mechanical and electrical engineering, with opportunities to connect with outside groups on wind and solar energy projects. Send questions to Cynthia Chin, cchin@madison.k12.wi.us.

Math Modeling Team

Students interested in applying mathematical thinking and tools to complex, open-ended societal, economic or scientific problems are invited to check out East's Mathematical Modeling Team. Creative thinking, technical writing skill and a sense of fun are keys to success in this form of competition, and you will improve in these areas if you give the team a try. Team preparations began in late September for contests in November and February. Contact Cynthia Chin, cchin@madison.k12.wi.us.

Earth Society Club and Astronomy Club

These STEM-related student organizations recently started at East. Check with science teachers to find out what's available this year.

UW-Madison Math Talks

Any student in grades 7-12 who has completed or is enrolled in Algebra 1 may attend the Monday evening Math Circle Talks sponsored

by the UW-Madison Mathematics Department. Parents and guardians are welcome to participate. There is almost always a game, puzzle, or hands-on activity involved. Past subjects have included coin flipping, taffy making, secret codes from WWII and origami. Visit the department's math Wiki for the upcoming semester schedule and campus location (math.wisc.edu/wiki/index.php/Madison_Math_Circle).

There may be one or two presentations from the Math Circle scheduled for Monday afternoons at East. Watch for announcements in your math class.



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SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Scout trip to Isle Royale offered beauty, solitude and “simpler life”

By Stedman Windsor Engnell
BSA Troup 127

This summer BSA Troops 127 and 7127 embarked on a journey across the Isle Royale National Park. From Aug. 13–18, three crews of five and six people hiked varying distances and enjoyed all the natural beauty the park has to offer.

I was part of six-person crew that hiked about 35 miles — over half the length of the island — over the course of four hiking days. The crew consisted of four scouts and two adults: Ian Kimball, Lukas Kubasik, Hunter Kubasik, Stedman Windsor-Engnell, Steven Kimball and Brenda Kubasik.

On the first day, we arrived on the island via ferry just after noon. After checking out the historical island mine, filtering water, and visiting the last outhouse for several miles, we headed out on a short, scenic hike to West Chickenbone Lake, where we made camp for the night. All of the campsites we stayed at were absolutely gorgeous.

We kicked off the second day with instant oatmeal and dried strawberries. After picking up camp and performing a quick “idiot check” (a name we gave the process of checking for garbage we or other campers left behind), we headed onto the trails for our first real day of hiking, covering about 8 miles. On the hike we experienced light rain and cloudy weather, which worked to our advantage. We were hiking on ridges that day, so it would have been significantly hotter had it not been for the dreary weather.



Scouts on their high adventure trip to Isle Royale National Park

Photo submitted by Wally Meyer

Along the rocky path we discovered something that would aid us the entire trip — thimble berries. This raspberry-like plant grows all over the island and gave us something to look for while hiking. The flavor is like raspberries, although there is a tangy note to it. They are delicious.

While hiking, we took breaks and stopped for a lunch break each day. We eventually made it to our campsite, somewhat exhausted. After setting up camp, my crew and I took a swim in the inland Hatchet Lake, which was connected to our campsite. When we got out of the water, we found leaches attached to our skin. It was refreshing nonetheless

and definitely boosted our spirits.

Day 3 we left about 8 am. The view walking beside and over Hatchet Lake is hard to beat. We continued along the ridges, stopping every so often to drink water and tend to blisters. We made it off the ridge and back down into dense forest.

We set up camp at South Desor Lake — the biggest inland lake and, sadly, the worst tasting water. As I write this, I’m drinking the last of my filtered Desor water and reminiscing about the muddy, dirty taste. At Desor Lake the swimming was wonderful (fewer leaches), and the campsite was gorgeous.

Day 4 was our longest day of hiking. In an attempt to avoid the midday heat, we started early, waking up at 5 am and leaving camp by 7:15. On the trail we encountered small green caterpillars, which we later heard other hikers calling army worms (although the technical name is the Saddled Prominent Caterpillar).

As we went on, we found that the more army worms we saw, the less foliage was present. Eventually, we made our way into what we called the caterpillar forest, an area of the island almost entirely covered in Paper Birch, Sugar Maple and Aspen trees. The caterpillar forest stretched for miles. By the time we stopped for lunch, the terrain started to look more like it did the first day, rich with White Spruce and Balsam Fir trees. This area had a thick vegetation cover, and the caterpillars were almost non-existent.

We made it to Washington Creek, our final destination, in the afternoon. After setting up camp next to a river and taking a long rest, we headed into the small town of Windigo. There was a small

store, where we replenished food, and the ranger station, which sold souvenirs, maps and posters.

After a quick dip in Lake Superior, we headed back to camp to turn in for the night. Hunter and I went back to the dock to watch the sunset and encountered a moose on our way back to camp. Fortunately, moose don’t wee well in the dark, so we were fine.

Day 5 was our rest day, giving us time to cool down and explore the area — mostly chilling on the dock and hiking the shoreline. One of my favorite experiences at Isle Royale was meeting other hikers and hearing their stories.

I talked to Rick, 75, a former scout. He and his brother were at Isle Royale for a weekend of fishing. As he puts it, “From the time I was little, I hung around seas shops because I was a sea scout. [My] scoutmaster built wooden boats.” During the summer he and his brother sailed Lake Michigan up to Mackinac Island, as well as braving the Apostle Islands.

Kevin and Bruce were on a route to hike 100 miles. At the time I talked to them, they had hiked 45 miles and had 55 miles to go. To quote Kevin, “Really enjoyable experience being out here, being around Lake Superior. I like the views around here.”

Susan was a girl scout in her youth, having earned first class, the equivalent of BSA’s eagle scout. She told us of her journey across the island, her highlights being the moose and making it to camp. To quote, “I’ve done it. With this 30-pound backpack, I’ve finally made it to the campsite.”

Rajiv and his father Ashwin were leaving the island the same day we were. Rajiv was a boy scout in Kentucky, completing his eagle rank. The two of them shared their highpoints of the trip: the views, the moose and the solitude. To quote Rajiv, “We’re going to definitely come back.”

As we headed back to camp for our final night on the island, we were stopped and locked in a standstill by two bull moose. We cautiously backed up, waiting for them to move. We were delayed on the path for 40 minutes, not making it back to camp until well after dusk.

The experience of Isle Royale is like returning to a simpler lifestyle. Even if for just a week, this island transported me to a world without the hassle of regular, stressful life. Genuine, pleasant solitude is what Isle Royale does best. I hope to return someday to share this beauty with those that can keep its public secret safe.



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SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Agency in our learning

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described agency as “feeling free to learn and be myself around people who care for each other and trying hard to understand what each other needs in order to grow.”

She related that community is a huge part of her life, and even though it is viewed as important in school, it doesn't always feel like there is good, safe communication between some teachers and students. In other words, Fernanda suggests that for students to own their agency, not only do they have to improve their communication skills, but teachers need to work through this as well.

Marena Fox Baker, a senior, said, “I need to know it is okay to make mistakes

and nobody will judge me on those mistakes.” She illustrated this with a situation where she witnessed how a peer in her math class was treated. She recalled the teacher humiliating the student in front of everyone in class. Even though this did not happen to Marena directly, the experience had an effect on her. She ended up dropping the class because she did not like how the teacher made students feel if they were confused. Knowing about situations like this can be instructive for educators in order to understand that students are deeply affected and influenced by what they witness.

For educators and students to co-exist in a community where agency is valued, both have to understand how agency emerges. Young people have to feel like they belong.

For Fernanda, that belonging is huge

for her; she knows when it is safe to be herself because the classroom feels ready for her diverse thinking, especially since she does not think or believe like everybody else. She wants to feel like she belongs in the same ways she believes she makes others feel like they belong and matter. She said, “If teachers could just get inside our heads and hearts, they would see that we really want to learn and be smart, but some of us are afraid to be who we really are in class.”

This speaks to how agency does not just happen spontaneously in a school or classroom. In fact, intentionally creating spaces so students feel a connection to self, to the conditions in the classroom, and to the people who are there, could make a significant difference in the well-being of youth in schools.

For Marena, belonging has been a struggle for a long time. She related, “In my K-12 education there was very little representation of Native people around me, which made me feel like I didn't belong in many classroom spaces. I remember my freshman year in English class, my teacher used a text written by a current Native author for our class to discuss, and for once I felt seen. Lots of people see Native people

as something of the past and will often only talk about Natives in history. To see my English teacher integrate a contemporary Native author in our curriculum confirmed that she was for Brown and Black people not just surviving but thriving. Seeing my peers reading Indigenous literature made me feel hopeful.”

This sentiment by Marena connects to the work of Scott Tunison, assistant professor at the University of Saskatchewan in the College of Education, who notes that “lack of identity, lack of voice, and low self-esteem” can damage the learning spirit. The learning spirit is an Indigenous concept that spirits travel with individuals and guide their learning, providing inspiration and the unrealized potential to be who they are.*

The deepest sense of belonging occurs when your core identity is valued. This is powerful to us. Agency and belonging are driving forces in student learning. When students feel they are accepted and valued, their entire school experience will reflect the knowledge and skills we all want them to acquire this school year.

*Source: <https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-022-14047-2>.

School gardens

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Camp Compass at Lake View, in the summer as well.

They plant seeds, weed, mulch, water, harvest, dig for worms, paint benches and tidy-up pathways, among other tasks. The students also get to eat the bounty of their hard work in “garden class,” where they make kale smoothies and pesto in bike blenders, or kale chips and zucchini pizzas in the sun oven, or chop fresh veggies and herbs to make salsas and dips. If there's enough of a bounty, students can take produce home to their families.

This past year, I've been able to help students learn about the five food groups, why we want to have a balanced diet, the importance of eating local and where most of our food comes from, the magic of compost, the importance of bees, how to plan a garden with companion plants and the appropriate amount of growing space, how various fruits and vegetables grow, and why it's important to eat a variety of produce. Students are exposed to the importance of food and health, and actually get their hands dirty and learn what it takes to make it all happen — and usually enjoy themselves in the process.

Garden volunteers (teachers, staff, parents and community members) help the garden thrum along. They pour time and heart into procuring funding for the garden space and help with garden care and maintenance. A few have invested their time into long-term projects, like making the garden ADA accessible so it is an inviting place for anybody who wishes to visit and tend the space.

An exciting element of outdoor and garden education is that there is a literal world of possibilities in terms of what the students can learn, and what I can attempt to offer them as an educator. I will serve both schools for one more year.

This year I am excited to explore with the students the diversity of food cultures in Madison. We will delve into the foods of different cultures, the science of soil, the importance of diversity in the garden and our diets, and how to respect what the natural world can offer our families, bodies and communities.

We will practice our knife and measuring skills as we create garden-fresh culinary masterpieces. We will learn that healthy food is not only a treat, but also that growing food is an engaging and dynamic experiment.

My hope is that every student will have in their hearts and minds an element of excitement for the natural world, its care, and its magical ability to provide us with what we need. I hope they will realize there are few things in life as rewarding as tending to the earth, and how in doing so, they can tend to their communities and bodies. In my experience, growing a healthy garden can grow a healthy community. Teaching children how to plant seeds, tend the earth, and harvest fruits is a worthwhile first step.

Members of the community are welcome to share in our bountiful harvest. There is more food grown here than can be used in the garden classes, so it is my hope that anyone who would like food would be able to come and take what they'd like. It is a garden grown communally for the use of the community.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

From
Captain Kelly Donahue
 North District Police



Unfortunately, the North District saw several homicides this summer, most related to gun violence. Officers and commanders at the North District have been working with landlords, alders, community members, public health, local community centers, business owners, faith leaders and residents to come together to combat this ongoing violence.

Recently, a number of community leaders and organizations came together for a safety and violence prevention event, Neighbors for Community Safety. Our sincere hope is to continue this type of collaboration and, better yet, grow these efforts.

In addition to this larger meeting, officers have been meeting individually and with small groups to brainstorm on how we can work to reduce violence on the Northside. This task can sometimes feel daunting, but coming together with so many others who share our concerns makes it feel much more attainable.

As I write this, students are returning to school, and the urgency seems even greater.

Please watch for future meetings and opportunities to get involved in this important work. Together we can make a difference, and together is what makes this side of town so great. We believe our community members are our greatest asset and, in that spirit, invite you to contact the North District with your comments, concerns and suggestions.

Visit <https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/north/>. On the right-hand side of the page, click "Contact us" to submit your thoughts.

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



Veterinary medicine is my passion. It has been my pleasure to work with people and pets for nearly 30 years, the last 16 of them on Madison's beautiful Northside. I appreciate the support and loyalty of our clients, and I thank you for adapting with us as we have grown and changed.

I have seen many exciting and rewarding changes in this profession. Advancements in all aspects of veterinary medicine have been tremendous. Dental health, behavior medicine, oncology and geriatric care were small facets of practice when I started and now they are a growing part of our ever-expanding field.

As capabilities have expanded in veterinary medicine, so have the costs. Every day we seek to balance what we can do with what our clients can afford

to do. Veterinarians are dedicated, caring individuals who want to help animals but need to make a living doing so. Compassionate care for companion animals is not only our motto. It is what we do here each day.

Drs. Ali Shreve, Erica Olsen, Emily Altkorn and Sarah Stock will continue to provide Northside pets with compassionate care at Northside Animal Hospital. I am handing this column over to Dr. Altkorn and Dr. Stock, the newest doctors on our team. They are wonderful people and skilled veterinarians. I know you will welcome them and grow with them moving forward.

Our pets give us so much. They offer us the most unique of all human experiences — witnessing the entire life span of a fellow being. It has been my honor to witness the lives of animals and their people in the course of my time here. Thank you for allowing me to accompany you on this journey.

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 Health Tips



Here's why you shouldn't crack your own back

Have you ever stood up after you got out of bed in the morning, stretched your arms, and then turned side to side to crack your back? If so, you're probably not alone. But that doesn't mean it's a habit you should continue.

As your partner in spinal health, we want your back to be happy, healthy and free of chronic issues like pain. But adjusting your own spine is something you should leave to us — and here's why.

Your spine is complex. In fact, it's so complex that chiropractors undergo thousands of hours of training to be able to provide you with the care your body needs. The spine is fragile, and let's face it, you only get one.

You could damage your nerves. Between each of your 33 spinal bones pass a network of nerves that help your brain communicate with the rest of your body. Imagine letting an untrained friend, or even yourself,

move your bones forcefully without proper training or knowledge. It could wreak havoc on your nervous system or even cause damage.

You're likely not adjusting the area that needs it. When a chiropractor examines your spine and body, they find the areas of subluxation and work to correct the problem. Sometimes (quite often, in fact), the area that hurts isn't actually the area where the problem lies. If you twist to crack your spine because your lower back hurts, the issue could be somewhere else, which means you're doing more harm than good.

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From
Satya Rhodes-Conway
Mayor



Young people need places to go during the summer to learn, play and experience new things. We have many options in Madison

In addition to providing affordable housing to 277 residents, the Bayview

Foundation has a full-service community center. Families can visit the food pantry and connect to community resources. Seniors can gather for social programs, and kids can engage in a wealth of programming or just hang out with their friends. The Bayview Foundation also operates a summer school in their community center.

The Henry Vilas Zoo operates a summer camp and an afterschool program. You probably know the Henry Vilas shoe and its whimsical paintings, but did you know that for the past 40+ years a Madison School and Community Recreation Art

Cart program paints it in collaboration with MMOCA? MSCR serves thousands of students in dozens of full-day summer camps each summer, and they operate the Art Cart, which brings arts programming all across our city all summer long.


It's more important than ever that we ensure high-quality summer learning and enrichment opportunities are available to all kids. Madison invests millions of dollars into neighborhood centers, youth employment, out-of-school time programs, childcare and many of the other things that help young people and families thrive,

but we know we can't do it alone. The Madison Out of School Time (MOST) partnership focuses on coordinating and leveraging the resources and assets of our public institutions and nonprofit partners.

One thing is clear, these were not just sites of important learning, they were sites of joy, and that is so important for our kids. Even in the midst of an ongoing health pandemic, summer is bursting with possibilities for all students to grow, learn and thrive.

And as the leaves fall, we begin planning for next year.

From
Syed Abbas
District 12 Alderperson



Hi neighbors,

There are some major projects happening in District 12, which will have a huge impact on the community.

1. **Hartmeyer Affordable Housing Project** Lincoln Developers proposes 250 senior units and 300 multi-family

affordable housing units at the Hartmeyer site. I organized two neighborhood meetings, and we had a robust discussion. The final public meeting will be the first week of October.

2. **3100 E. Washington Ave.** Gorman and Company are proposing a project that will create 71 affordable housing units. They are also planning to create construction strategies to mitigate the noise created by future F-35 deployment. On Sept. 1, I organized one neighborhood meeting, and I am in the process of organizing another one to

collect neighbors' feedback.

3. **Hawthorne-Truax Neighborhood Plan Public Engagement** The City of Madison is in the process of collecting public input on the Hawthorne-Truax Neighborhood Plan. In the months of August and September, the city hosted over seven events to collect feedback. If you have not provided your input, please reach out to me as soon as possible.

4. **Reindahl Imagination Center** The City of Madison Parks Division is updating the Master Plan for Reindahl Park. The update process will review existing park uses and amenities as well as identify future improvements. The master

plan update will also take into consideration the location of Madison Public Library's Imagination Center within the park. For more information, visit cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/reindahl-park-master-plan-update


On Aug. 30, the Parks Department hosted a public meeting to collect feedback and plan to host two more meetings during October and November. Once the Master Plan update has been developed with input from the neighborhood, the plan will go to the Board of Park Commissioners for approval.

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From
Charles Myadze
District 18 Alderperson



September means back to school, the end of summer, and the beginning of a busy fall on the Madison City Council. I will continue to champion the issues that matter most to the people of our district, including creating safer communities, building more affordable housing, and lifting up all voices throughout Madison.

I am holding open office hours at the Lakeview Library this fall from 5:30-6:30 pm every other Thursday. Community members of all ages, youth and adults alike, are welcome to come, introduce yourself

and discuss questions, ideas and concerns. In addition to hearing from those I serve, my hope is that, if there is conflict, we can apply the principles of restorative justice and continue to come together to build stronger, safer neighborhoods where everyone can thrive.

We are also only a month away from the November elections. Our city clerk and her staff, along with poll workers throughout Madison, do a remarkable job in making safe, secure elections possible. Please make a plan to vote either in person or via absentee ballot. If you are not registered, now is the time. You can visit myvote.wi.gov for more information.

As always, if there are issues you would like to discuss or questions you have, please feel free to contact me at 608-571-7342 or district18@cityofmadison.com.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

From
Joe Parisi
Dane County Executive



This fall Dane County’s Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) will celebrate its two-year anniversary. Our one-stop resource for mental and behavioral health care bridges private and public mental and behavioral health care providers, making it easier for consumers, their families and providers to navigate care and advocate for loved ones.

Over the years, the need for behavioral health care has grown in Dane County. Seeing this increasing need, I created the BHRC in the fall of 2019. There has been a nearly 19% increase in call volume at the BHRC from the first year, and a record call volume set in March 2022 with 238 calls. The BHRC walks alongside consumers and their families — regardless of insurance coverage, financial status, age, identity, ability or legal status — helping them continue to navigate the process until appropriate services are

available.

BHRC staff size has grown to meet the needs of our community, from three members when it first opened to nine members today. A total of 3,500 consumers, concerned others and professionals have been served, and roughly 175 cases are active at any given time.

BHRC staff work tirelessly to destigmatize mental health support by creating alternative approaches to the most commonly thought of intervention types. Peer Support has been incredibly successful and is offered by many organizations throughout our area. The BHRC’s Peer Support services are short-term and fill the gap of support while individuals work toward connecting to other mental health services.

Across all consumers, the three biggest barriers to treatment are waitlists, insurance limitations and scheduling/hours. Expanding capacity among current providers and adding providers is vital to getting services in a timely manner. As our community works toward solutions, Dane County remains committed to coordinating care and improving outcomes for residents struggling with mental and behavioral health challenges.

From
Michele Ritt
District 18 Supervisor



2020 is definitely a year we will all remember, although many may wish to forget it. It seems the stress in unending. School is starting, and instead of photos of smiling children with backpacks posing in front of home or school, we see children sitting at computers, waiting to log onto another Zoom session. COVID-19 has definitely changed our lives.

The only way to know if you have COVID-19 is to get tested. Testing is still available in Dane County free to anyone aged 5 and up. It is recommended to get tested if you have been exposed to a person who tested positive (exposed for at least 15 minutes and within 6 feet of the person). If you have symptoms, get tested. Testing is also recommended if you work with a

high-risk population, or if you have regular exposure to a large group of people.

Some can get tested through their health-care providers. You can get a free test at the Alliant Energy Center; this site will be available until at least Oct. 3. UW students and staff can be tested free on campus. The Public Health Clinic on South Park Street is another option for free testing; this site will be available at least through Dec. 30. Community pop up sites are scheduled throughout our community, including the Northside. Visit publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/ for more details about testing sites, schedules and whether or not you need an appointment.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other. Through all the stress and change, I continue to see the helpers everywhere. Reach out for help when you need it, and offer it to others when you can. Together, we are stronger.

Stay well.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or issues. I can be reached at 608-335-6827 or ritt.michele@countyofdane.com.

From
Andrew Schauer
District 21



My name is Andrew Schauer, and I’ve been honored to represent the people of the 21st Supervisory District of the Dane County Board of Supervisors for the last eight years.

My general politics are probably more left of center than most of you, but I also understand that when progressives are given an opportunity to lead, they must take on all the responsibilities that go along with running a government the size of Dane County.

Those responsibilities include having a jail that is sufficient in size and is up to the standards of 21st century law enforcement. It needs to include ample space for programming, meeting spaces, and medical and mental health beds.

The plan in front of us now (see 2022 Resolution 320) has already been passed by a supermajority of the board, and now, due to inflation and other construction overruns, needs an additional \$10 million. We have six times this money in our reserves. Our next budget must include a transfer from those reserves to cover the shortfall. Not doing so would result in a catastrophic economic situation for the county, as the sheriff will need to house people in other counties’ jails, at great expense to the county.

Making this one-time expenditure will allow us to complete this project, and address other important priorities, such as curbing homelessness, funding our public health department, and protecting our natural resources. I know I will get flak from both sides of the political spectrum for this position, but I will hold to it, because it is right.

I appreciate your faith in me to serve our neighbors in this capacity, I know that I will never stop fighting for both progressive ideals, and for the common-sense economic administration of our county.

From
Melissa Agard
State Senator



Elections decide the future of Wisconsin

Voting is the cornerstone of democracy. The upcoming November mid-term election will be a pivotal one for our state and country. Wisconsin faces a climactic moment for numerous races this fall, so it is crucial that each and every eligible voter turns out to cast their ballot in this election.


Our democracy is founded on the belief of one person, one vote. We know that our state is at its best when Wisconsinites have their voices heard, and voting in our elections is one of the best ways to do so. These last few years have been unprecedented for so many of us. From living during a global pandemic to having one of the most fundamental Supreme Court rulings overturned, participating in our elections has never been so essential.

At the ballot box, it is imperative that we vote our values. This election is more than voting for an elected official, but your vote will influence many essential issues facing Wisconsin: abortion rights, gun safety and reform, cannabis legalization, funding public education, ending gerrymandering, and so much more.

Your vote affects the future of Wisconsin. If you haven’t already, I encourage you to make a voting plan so you may ensure that your voice is represented in the November election. Reach out to your friends, neighbors and loved ones as well to encourage them to vote. Wisconsin is at its best when we show up and make our voices heard.



From
Samba Baldeh
State Representative



I was recently asked at a community forum what I thought would be the most important issue in the next legislative session in 2023. My first thought was “abortion rights,” then “climate change.” Maybe “guns and violence.” After a long pause, I said, “Protecting our democratic republic.”

I know from first-hand experience how life is lived without a free democracy. Until I was 23, I lived under a dictatorship in The Gambia, my native home. I know how it is to always be careful of what you say and who you say it to. My friends and relatives were jailed without a trial or even a known charge.

I don’t think that reality is facing us this year, but could it be next year? My opponents in the State Assembly talk about fair

elections, but they want complete political control of the election process. They want to be assured of the outcome regardless of the actual vote even after they have allowed politicians to choose their voters through gerrymandering.

Many candidates with the same political views in other states, such as Arizona, say that anyone allowing certification of an election where a Democrat wins should be jailed for treason. This statement sounded very familiar to me.

If the GOP candidate wins the gubernatorial race, the legislative agenda to control elections will become law. Governor Evers vetoed over a hundred bills passed by the GOP Senate and Assembly, including a dozen to weaken the electoral system — including abolishing the bipartisan Wisconsin Election Commission and replacing it with direct control by the GOP legislature.

For those who think that “it can’t happen here,” look a little closer at our world where India, Hungary and Turkey have lost their democratic footing. Read history. And vote in November.

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Northsiders are invited to attend the free North Star Awards, Friday, Oct. 21 from 6–7:30 pm at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center

SENIOR

From
Jim Krueger
NewBridge Executive Director



Older adult voting

Older adults (age 60+) are more likely to view voting as a responsibility and to care about a broad range of issues than most other adults. They are concerned about Medicare and Social Security but also worry about issues impacting their adult children and grandchildren. Yet many obstacles are in place that restrict their ability to vote.

Older adults develop physical limitations, cognitive problems or become isolated, and this impacts their ability to vote. People will disagree about whether older adults with cognitive problems have the capacity to vote. This discrimination places a higher standard for voting on people with disabilities than is placed on people without. Healthy people often cast ballots in ways that most of us

would find strange or unreasonable and yet people with disabilities and the aging are the ones targeted.

Older adults unable to get to a voting booth need assistance in completing an absentee ballot. It is important when helping an older adult to not pressure them to vote. An assistant should honor the older adult's choice and not influence their vote. There was an alleged case of voter fraud at a long-term care facility in 2020 but that does not mean this is or has ever been a wide-spread problem.

Many older adults live in isolation and do not have anyone to assist them with voting. Our current absentee voting process requires a witness's signature for a person's ballot to count. These individuals are often embarrassed to ask for assistance or do not have family nearby. There is no proof that voting absentee without a witness signature creates a significant increase in voter fraud, but it has discouraged many older adults from voting.

To protect the dignity of older adults let's create awareness of these voting injustices on their behalf.

SENIOR Activities

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Register for classes in person and via Zoom

Contact Deenah Givens at 608-512-0000 ext. 3002 or email deenahg@newbridgemadison.org.

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; first 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.

Euchre (in person): Tuesdays, 1–3 pm.

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.

Sassy Steppers (in person): Mondays, 4–5 pm.

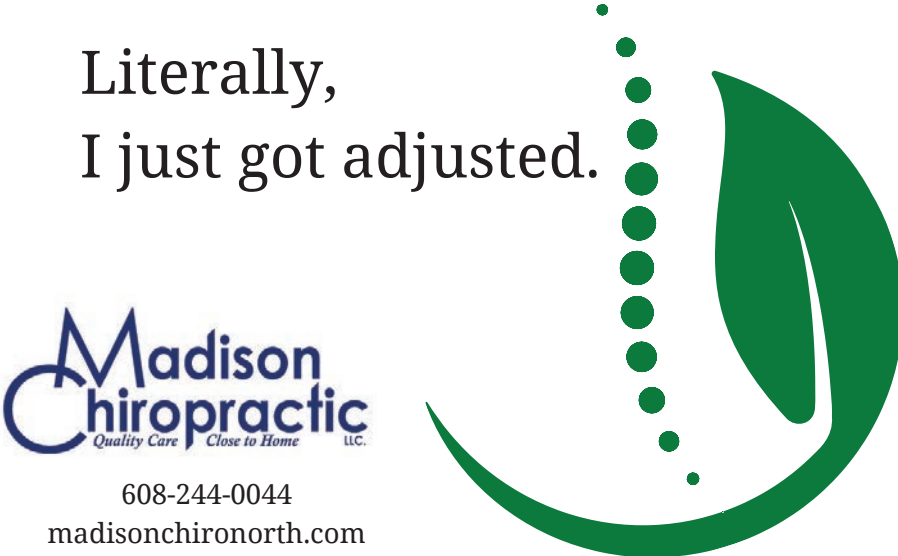


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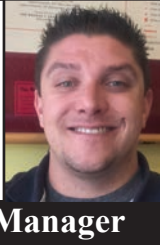
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WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

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Interim Facility Manager

The Warner Park Community Recreation Center's doors were open this summer with opportunities, events and programs to get active, be well and connect with community. Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) and NewBridge community programming offerings are well attended. WPCRC is also available for birthday parties, weddings, baby showers and other community event rentals.

The WPCRC's youth programing, also known as KNOW (Kids Need Opportunities at Warner) is continuing to offer an array of youth choice model offerings. One to reflect back on was the 4th Annual Spring Break-Away 3on3 Basketball Tournament Series. As March Madness came to an end, from April 29–May 27, our tournament series stretched over five weeks, where middle-school and high-school youth had opportunities to be with friends and compete in the city's only free, drop-in basketball tournament.

This year's tourney series welcomed 210 players attending Friday evenings from 5–8:30 pm. The tourney series offered opportunities for the KNOW Youth Apprenticeship Referees to work/referee games. There were also opportunities for youth to work the score tables. Each tourney event featured a middle-school and high-school aged three-point contest, using our resident shooting machine, the

“Dr. Dish.”

All of the events were catered by the delicious offerings of Melly Mel's Soul Food and included a live DJ onsite providing the music.

On our last tourney date, we were honored to welcome Wisconsin Badgers Women's Head Basketball Coach Marisa Moseley through a partnership with the Madison Public Library. Coach Mosely came to WPCRC to read books to youth and also spent time engaging with KNOW 3on3 participants on the court both as a player and a coach.

The KNOW program also hosted WPCRC's first annual Big 8 Alumni Basketball Camp sessions led by former

Madison East High School basketball standout Deang Deang, who played college basketball at Eastern Illinois and is currently finishing his college basketball career at the Academy of Arts University in San Francisco. Coach Deang was accompanied by several former Big 8 Conference Basketball start players providing a free four-day camp over a two-week period at the end of August for soon-to-be and current Big 8 Basketball players.

The sessions were well attended and accommodating to all middle school and high school ages, genders and abilities. We look forward to next summer to expand this offering throughout the

summer of 2023. Stay tuned!

We are excited to announce the return of Family Fun Nights on the second Friday of each month from 5:30–8 pm. WPCRC is open for a night of bouncy houses, art and pottery projects, bingo, gym activities, movie screenings and more.

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

Check out our programs and stay connected by liking our Facebook page @ WarnerParkCRC.



Photo by Just Chillin Productions

Some of the participants in the Spring Break-Away 3on3 Basketball Tournament Series get ready to play.



Activities

- » Gymnasium Fun – bouncy house, sports, fun games
- » Family Fitness Classes and Fit2Go Van
- » Classes, movies & themes change monthly
- » Drop-In Art and Pottery Projects
- » Game Room Fun – pool, ping pong, foosball, air hockey
- » Child Care Room – drop off young kids for playtime

Warner Park FAMILY Fun Nights



Join Us

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.
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- » 5:30 – 8:00 pm
- » \$5 per family
- » Sign up online for email reminders of monthly themes
- » Kids age 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult

2022-2023 Schedule

- » September 9, 2022
- » October 28, 2022
- » November 11, 2022
- » December 9, 2022
- » January 13, 2023
- » February 10, 2023
- » March 10, 2023
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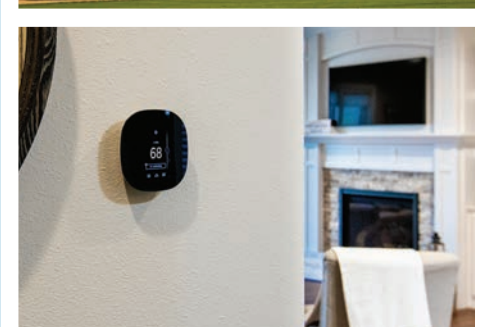
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NORTHSIDE NEWS - Calendar of Events

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NORTHSIDE REFLECTIONS: A TEEN ART EXHIBIT

Entire month of October WPCRC

The Northside Arts Collective is holding its first teen art exhibition, "Northside Reflections." For the first time this group of Northside young adults will have an opportunity to showcase their art. An artist reception will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7 pm at WPCRC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Bird and Nature Adventure: Migration Magic 2:30 pm, Tenney Park

Join bird guide Dane Gallagher for this free, guided tour. He will share his knowledge and help with observations and identifications. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Shared binoculars will be available. Meet at Tenney Park Beach. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com, or 608-698-0104.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bird and Nature Adventure: Fall Colors 1:30-3 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Join Arborist Sean Gere for this free, guided tour to see the changing colors and learn about different kinds of trees and their value to the environment. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com or call 608-698-0104.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament 11 am-2 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road

The lunch theme is "It's Chili Time!" The church will offer various chili options, including vegetarian. A free will offering for lunch is requested. To RSVP, contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Alder Myadze Listening Session 5:30-6:30 pm, LL

This open listening session by District 18 Alder Charles Myadze is an opportunity to introduce yourself and discuss questions, ideas and concerns. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend. Alder Myadze is trained in restorative justice and welcomes meeting with community members to provide conflict resolution resources.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Black Tie Bingo

6-9 pm, Monona Terrace Convention Center
Come play Bingo for a great cause. (Formal wear is not required.) All proceeds help fund critical programs offered by NewBridge, a nonprofit that provides older adults a bridge to successful aging. Tickets can be purchased on our website (newbridgemadison.org) or at our office inside the WPCRC.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Wild Warner Board Meeting 6 pm, WPCRC or as posted

The public is welcome. 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. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com or 608-698-0104.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Cherokee Marsh Tour

5:30-7:00 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Join Madison Conservation Parks staff on a tour to learn about efforts to restore oak savanna and oak woodlands. cityofmadison.com/parks/calendar/conservation-park-tour-cherokee-marsh-north-3

SPARK! PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

First Friday of every month 10-11:30 am

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Northside Reflections Artist Reception 7 pm, WPCRC

This is an artists reception for the Northside Arts Collective's first teen art exhibition, "Northside Reflections." During the entire month of October, this group of Northside young adults will showcase their art at WPCRC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Artists Reception for Bob Hanneman 5 pm, ARTS for ALL, 1709 Aberg Ave. Suite 1

Join us at the opening reception for A Season of Art: Celebrating the works of Bob Hanneman. The full exhibition will run Oct. 15-Dec. 2 and will also be available online at artsforallwi.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Bird and Nature Adventure: Reflections and Changes

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Join Master Naturalists Eva Roos and Lynn Persson to learn about fascinating changes in plants and animals as they prepare for winter and the coming spring. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com or 608-698-0104.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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. Cherokeeemmarsh.org

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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, OCTOBER 20

Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area Board Meeting 5 pm

The public is welcome. Help preserve and restore Madison's newest conservation park. We meet behind Esquire Club next to the wetland if weather permits or at WPCRC. See facebook.com/hartmeyernaturalarea for updates. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com or 608-698-0104.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Library Book Sale

9 am-4 pm, LL

The Friends of Lakeview Library will host a book sale. Donations in good condition will be accepted prior to the sale Thursday, Oct. 20 and Friday, Oct. 21, 11 am-7 pm at Lakeview Library.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Hayrides and Hikes

1-4 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Tour Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park aboard a tractor-pulled hay wagon, take a short, guided hike, or do both. Free hot cider, campfire and marshmallows to roast. Hayrides are \$3/person, free for ages 2 and under. No reservations are needed; come any time from 1-3:30 pm. cityofmadison.com/parks/calendar/hayrides-hikes-1

NORTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday through October 23 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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Family Fun Night

5:30-8 pm, WPCRC

WPCRC will be open for a night of bouncy houses, art and pottery projects, bingo, gym activities, movie screenings, and more. The cost is \$5 per family.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament 11 am-2 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road

The lunch theme is "Fall Comfort Foods." The church will offer chicken, biscuits, squash, apple crisp, etc. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. A free will offering for lunch is requested. To RSVP, contact the church office at 608-244-6181.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Bird and Nature Adventure:

Waterfowl Wander

2:30 pm, Tenney Park

Enjoy seeing colorful waterfowl and other fall birds. Bird guide Dane Gallagher will share his knowledge and help with observations and identifications. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Shared binoculars will be available. Meet at Tenney Park Beach. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com, or 608-698-0104.

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Bird and Nature Adventure: Ice Age Geology 1:30-3 pm, Cherokee Marsh North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

Did you know the Yahara River was once a deep canyon? Learn the geological history of Cherokee Marsh and how the Ice Age shaped the landscape from UW Emeritus Geology Professor David Mickelson. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com or 608-698-0104.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

EMCC 26th Annual Bowl-a-thon

12-3 pm, Dream Lanes, 13 Atlas Court

This event supports East Madison Community Center's Minority Achievement Program, which provides a learning center to area students. Go to eastmadisoncc.org for details.

ARTSHOPS FOR ALL AGES

Our Vibrant Community is offering painting artshops for all ages. Paint your favorite animal, LEGO® portrait, a bird and more.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Adult + Child: Paint Animals

3 pm, Bear & Bottle

Register at buytickets.at/ovcregistration/743475

Sunday, September 27

Paint a Bird on It

7 pm, Bierock

Register at buytickets.at/ovcregistration/732878

Sunday, October 23

Adult + Child: LEGO Portrait

3 pm, Bear & Bottle

Register at buytickets.at/ovcregistration/737126

Tuesday, October 25

Learn Sign Language

7 pm, Bierock

Register at buytickets.at/ovcregistration/735940

Sunday, November 6

Adult + Child: Leaf Stampmaking

3 pm, Bear & Bottle

Register at buytickets.at/ovcregistration/743502

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Affordable Dental Care

Annual Smileathon

7 am-1 pm.

Affordable Dental Care (ADC) fundraiser in partnership with the Madison Marathon. Public invited to designated Spectator Zone in the parking lot of ADC at 2110 Fordem Ave.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Bird and Nature Adventure: Prairie Seed

Collecting

1:30 pm, Warner Park Rainbow Shelter

Learn about native wildflowers as you help Master Naturalist Alex Singer collect native seeds for replanting in natural areas and borders at Warner Park. Take home a prairie seed ball to plant in your yard. Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com or 608-698-0104.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Dinner - free and open to all

12 pm, Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001

Mandrake Road

This free Thanksgiving dinner will include roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, real whipped potatoes, rolls and pumpkin pie. We do not deliver; take-outs only for diners after 1:30 pm. To RSVP, contact the church office at 608-244-6181 with the number of people attending. We do not take names.



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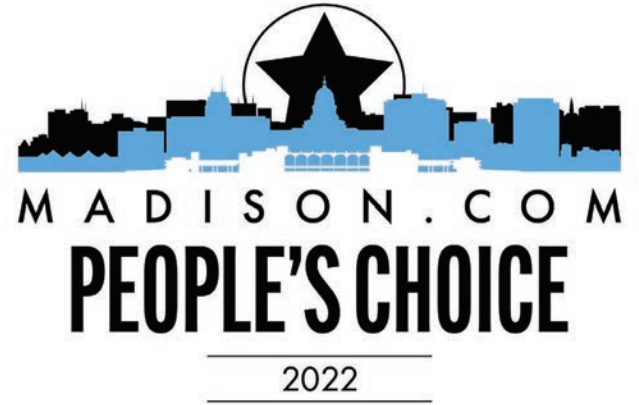
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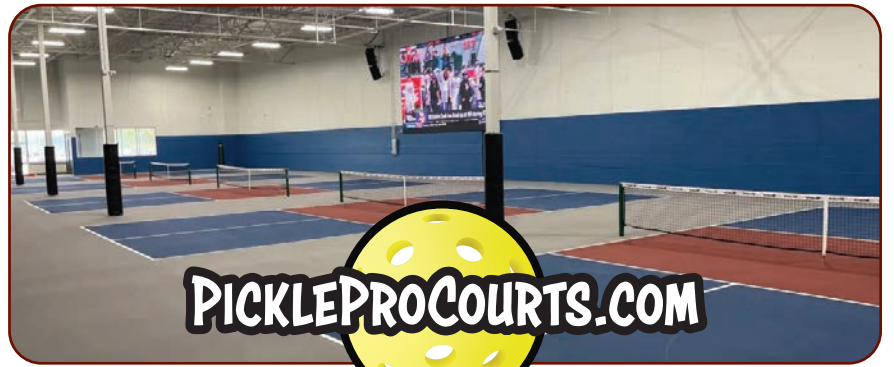


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