

FOCUS ON FOOD

2005 CROP Bike/Hike Results

Over \$70,000 raised to fight hunger

By Lynn Case

Walkers and sponsors of the October 9, 2005 Madison Area CROP Bike/Hike/Rock for Hunger raised a total of \$70,784 to fight local and global hunger. This is the highest total ever raised in the Madison event and \$10,000 more than the event raised in 2004. The 31st annual event is one of 1,800 CROP events held each year in the U.S. to raise money for hunger. Sponsored nationally by Church World Service and organized locally by ecumenical community-wide committees, CWS provides up to 25% of the total dollars to be returned to local community food pantries or hunger programs. The 2005 Madison local allocation was \$17,696.

About 53 area churches and two Kiwanis groups participated in the 2005 local event. Lakeview Lutheran Church, Sherman Avenue UMC, Bashford UMC, Trinity Lutheran Church, Parkside Presbyterian Church, and Plymouth UCC Madison's represented Madison's Northside at the event. Lakeview raised over \$7,200 for CROP and that amount was the second highest total raised by a church or group (Lake Edge United Church of Christ raised \$8,623).

Food pantries receiving funding are awarded allocations at Second Harvest Food Bank based on the average number of households served each month.

The largest amount (\$1,195) was awarded to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry which serves about 1,000 households each month. Other north/east side pantries receiving CROP dollars include Bashford Food Pantry (\$550), Atwood Food Pantry (\$775), Wil-Mar Center (\$300), Salvation Army (\$550), Kennedy Heights Community Center (\$375) and United Refugee Services (\$150).

Jim Stickels, coordinator of the 2005 Madison Area CROP Bike/Hike/Rock for Hunger, recently presented a check for \$300 to Randi Mathews, coordinator of the Lakeview Lutheran Food Pantry. This represents Lakeview's share of the total \$14,820 distributed among 35 Dane County Food Pantries, with an additional amount of \$1,875 going to Sun Prairie Food Pantries. Another \$1,000 was given to Independent Living for its evening and holiday Meals on Wheels program.

The 2006 Madison CROP Bike/Hike for Hunger will take place as always on the second Sunday in October - October 8th. The location of this year's event will be moved temporarily from the First United Methodist Church downtown due to a church building project.

The new location for the 2006 event will be Christ Presbyterian Church located at 944 East Gorham Street. For more information about CROP, please call 222-7008.

The River Food Pantry now open

By Andy & Jenny Czerkas

Last issue, we introduced you to the River Food Pantry, a non-profit, volunteer driven, faith-based project that provides food and clothing to those in need. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have offered help and financial support and invite you to stop by to lend a hand.

The new food pantry is designed to serve all of the low-income neighborhoods concentrated along Northport Drive and the north-east side of Madison.

We are pleased to announce that we opened the last week in March.

Sometime soon, we will announce an open house where community leaders, businesses and the media will be invited to join volunteers for refreshments and a tour of the facility.

Volunteers spent the month of March putting the finishing touches on facilities, cleaning, organizing, stocking shelves with food, finishing the kitchen and getting final approval from the City of Madison building inspectors.

The River Food Pantry will be open every Friday evening to all Dane County residents who declare a need for our services. While people are waiting to shop, they can enjoy a nutritious meal in a friendly atmosphere or browse our clothing area. Registration starts at 5 pm and dinner is served starting at 6 pm.

Our vision is to provide for the basic needs of families that are having a difficult time making ends meet finan-

cially. We want to be a service to those in need by providing basic foodstuffs and supplies, free meals and free clothing. We also believe that it is important to treat those we serve with respect and build them up through hope and encouragement.

We strongly encourage anyone in the community to participate in this effort. Individuals or groups interested in donating food, clothing, financial support or volunteer time should call us at (608) 442-8815 or e-mail us at riverfoodpantry@yahoo.com.

What your donation can do for the food pantry:

- \$100** will pay for food for up to 8 families of 3 for 1 week;
- \$250** will underwrite one Friday night dinner for up to 200 people;
- \$500** will cover the purchase of food for ½ month of operation;
- \$1,000** will cover the purchase of food for a full month of operation;
- \$5,000** will cover the cost of all operational expenses and the purchase of food for one month.

100% of all donations are used for operational expense. The pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers. All donations are tax deductible.

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ENVIRONMENT

Over the Garden Gate



By Judy Metz
Master Gardener

Every garden is unique with a multitude of choices of soils, plants and themes. Finding your garden theme is as easy as seeing what brings a smile to your face.

APRIL Jung's will have their bare root room open. If you don't have a Jung's catalog stop by the store and pick up one. Or log onto the Jung's website and send for one.

Repot your houseplants.

Be on the lookout in your garden for any invasive weeds, especially Garlic Mustard. The first year just has the green flat leaves and the second year it has a pretty white flower. If you can hand pull them before they go to seed or cut the flower heads they will die. Don't leave them on the ground, bag them up and label them and put out

with your trash. And don't even think about composting them unless you want your composter next year to be growing Garlic Mustard. The DNR has a very good handout called "Invasive Exotic Plants" and "Invasive Plants of the Future." Both are very good to have as reference for your garden. They can be found on the web if you go to the DNR website.

The dandelions will be popping out. Come in and find out how to get rid of ole Creeping Charley.

As the weather starts getting nicer, now is the time to start cleaning up the garden. Rake debris off the lawn and prune back old perennial growth, if you did not do this in the fall. When perennial beds can be worked sprinkle a long acting fertilizer like Osmocote around the base of your plants.

Unfortunately we are still in a drought. Even if we get some rain keep an eye on everything in your

yard. After the ground has thawed you may want to start to water everything. If you live anywhere that has a Boulevard and the city has planted trees in the last several years try to water the trees that are planted there. They will thank you for the extra attention.

Life is simple: eat, sleep and garden.

MAY Prune early shrubs once they are finished flowering. You have about a 6-week window that you can safely trim.

The garden centers will have their Hanging Baskets, annuals, veggie starts and the perennials coming in at a maddening pace. If you are going to put any annuals, veggie starts or Hanging Baskets out at this time, just keep an eye on what the temperature will get down to at night. If they say it is going to be in the low 40's, have some way to cover them up or move them into your garage.

By the end of the month you will have an idea of what was killed by the winter. Except the Perennial Hibiscus, you won't see anything at all until the end of the month or even into June.

Gardeners know the best dirt.

Notice of a Controlled Burn

A message from the Friends of Lake View Hill

Notice of a one-day environmental burn in the Lake View Woods and Esch Addition during April 10-14 (rain dates are April 17-21).

Burn specialists from Applied Ecological Services, Inc., will once again conduct a controlled burn in 3 areas of the woods and the Esch Addition as part of the restoration plan. The burn is scheduled to occur on one day, April 10-14, from approximately 10:30 am to 4 pm. Should unfavorable weather conditions prevail, the burn will be postponed until a day of the following week, April 17-21. Due to the vagaries of weather, an exact date cannot be given.

Please keep the windows closed and do not hang out laundry during that period.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor by constructing fire breaks or spotting the fire line, please contact Maria Powell at 240-



Earth Day Clean Up

Lake View Hill and Esch Woods on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 10am-12 pm.

The Friends of Lake View Hill will host the annual clean-up. Meet behind the Dane County Human Services Building to sign-in, pick up bags and "picker-upper tools." We suggest that you wear sturdy shoes and work gloves. Any time you can contribute will be much appreciated and well rewarded as you see the woods spring to life again. Questions? Contact Sue Gleason at 249-9449 or suemark@sbcglobal.net

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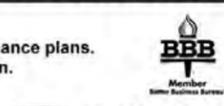
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BUSINESS NEWS

Jewelers Workshop creatively combines color, cut, and clarity

By Marlene Hardick
The Northside News

It isn't just a name. This store really is a workshop full of jewelers. Come into the store, sit down with a jewelry designer and help to design the piece of jewelry that you have always wanted.

Pick a gemstone from thousands available. Pick the precious metal you want. Then visit the jeweler every few days as the design is carved in wax, the metal is molded and polished, and the gem is set.

This is exactly what the Jewelers Workshop does best—working with customers to create unique jewelry. Each piece is unique, found nowhere else in the world. A necklace designed by Jackie Goetz won second place in the reactive metals division of a New York show this March.

*"In 1969, I took out a \$300 loan and bought all the tools of a jewelry store that was going out of business. I found work that I loved."
~ Richard Armstrong*

A wide range of activities occurs every day in this workshop. Eight jewelers create unique designs for the showroom, string pearls, appraise jewelry, restore antique jewelry, repair broken jewelry, clean gems and polish metal, create new settings for gems customers bring in, and do almost anything else that might be needed. A high

tech laser welder, rarely found in a small shop, helps to create very high quality jewelry. Classes on gems are taught through UW Memorial Union.

The Workshop does not cut gems but assigns gemologist Leon Maerz the task of bringing them the most beautiful gems he can find: diamonds, sapphires, opals, pearls, and many more. During my visit, I learned that a ruby is really a sapphire that happens to be red. Opals are prized because they come in so many unique shapes that inspire unique designs.

Jewelers Workshop is owned by Richard Armstrong and Leon Maerz. Richard tells of how he came to Madison from New York to work on a graduate degree in bacteriology. "In 1969, I took out a \$300 loan and bought all the tools of a jewelry store that was going out of business. I created silver jewelry and sold it at a table on Library Mall," he explained. Soon, his hobby became his livelihood and his graduate studies were never completed. "I found work that I loved," he says. "We have worked hard and we have created an unusual business. We make almost all of the jewelry we sell. There are few stores that do that." One-of-a-kind wedding rings are frequently purchased here. On Christmas Eve, the showroom was packed from wall to wall. In the spring and the fall, every-



Photos by Milt Leidner

LEFT Sounthone Inthasack and all the jewelers at Jewelers Workshop create award-winning, one-of-a-kind jewelry. **ABOVE** The Jewelers Workshop is located in the Lakewood Commons Building at 301 Sherman Avenue.

thing in the store goes on sale. Another tradition is recycling. "From broken gold rings, old silver, and gems in out-of-date settings, we can create new jewelry," says Richard.

After several moves, Jewelers Workshop became an established store on State St. from 1978-2005. That store closed when the new store at 301 Sherman Ave. was opened in 2005. Another store is located on the West side at N. High Point Rd. "It is won-

derful to have parking at our door," says Richard. "Our old customers have followed us here. We are seeing a significant new customer base. Many customers are coming from out of town."

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Lakeview Lutheran Church celebrates 150 years

By Pastor Dean Kirst

It began in a small white school-house on Sherman Avenue in 1856. In 1884, the congregation built a new home on Lakeview Hill. In 1966, the current building was erected. Lakeview Lutheran Church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-ELCA. The congregation has proclaimed the gospel and served the community for 150 years.

The Lakeview congregation uplifts its outreach ministry. For 30 years, they have operated a community food pantry and hosted an annual free Thanksgiving Day meal. In October, the people of Lakeview raised \$7233.75 for the Madison CROP walk. Quarterly Red Cross blood drives are held at the church and this past year nearly 40 non-profit groups used space within the Lakeview building.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, money was raised and sent to gulf coast victims. A 36-foot trailer was packed and driven to Biloxi, MS in October. In January, fourteen members of the congregation traveled to Biloxi to muck houses. On April 29, twenty-three members will return to Biloxi. Members of the congregation routinely build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Rene (Bakken) Puzach, who grew up in the congregation, is proud of the people of her church. She notes, "the people are generous and

concerned about serving the larger community; they exemplify the ministry of Jesus to those in need." Rene appreciates the annual mission trips for high school students.

When church council president Mary Cragin was asked why she was an active member of Lakeview, she responded, "my honest answer is the people; it's all about the wonderful people who are so caring." Rene and Mary are excited about this 150th anniversary celebration.

A Pastor (Dean Kirst), Director of Liturgical Arts (Tim Mueller), Parish Nurse (Anne Tigan), Office Administrator (Nancy Anderson), Custodian (Regina Thomas), Bookkeeper (Jim Schroeder) and Nursery Attendant (Cheryl Diekvoss) currently staff Lakeview Lutheran Church. Nancy Anderson is the senior staff person celebrating 10 years at Lakeview in June. She says, "lots has changed in those 10 years, the building is used by many more outside groups who are so respectful of the property."

Doris Hicks and Jan Pond, co-chairpersons of the anniversary committee wish to invite the community to celebrate with the members of Lakeview on Sunday April 23 during the 8:00 and 10:30 am worship services. Pastor Dan Dibbert, who grew up at Lakeview, will be the guest preacher. Special music will be offered and Holy Communion will be served. A catered



Photos by Abha Thakkar

LEFT The First Annual Lakeview Community Raffle and Auction was Saturday, April 1. Thanks to many Northside business and individual donations for raffle and auction items. The event raised over \$13,000 to help Lakeview Lutheran Church continue its mission to support the non profit organizations that use the church's facilities. The live raffle was conducted by Duane, Barb and Adam Stroschein from Black Horse Auction & Appraisal Services. **ABOVE** Pastor Dean Kirst poses with one of the most prized auction items -- a framed photo of himself!

meal, followed by a brief program, will be served at the church at 11:30 am. Advanced tickets for the meal are required and can be purchased at the church office. Adults are \$8.00 and children under 10 are \$4.50.

This will be a great weekend to cele-

brate our history and look toward our future on Madison's Northside. For further information about Lakeview's anniversary celebration or any other events offered at the church call the office at 244-6181.



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Sunday April 16 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

Dessert and professional theater at St. Paul Lutheran: Experience the Covenant Players!

An evening of dessert and live professional theater is planned for Friday, June 2 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2126 N. Sherman Ave., at 7 pm. The event is open to the Northside community and their families and friends.

The Covenant Players bring the excitement and impact of Christian drama into the setting of any event. Their plays are fresh, pertinent and thought provoking. This international repertory company has performed over two million times in its 40 year history, with more than 3,000 plays written specially for the organization. With

over 60 touring units performing throughout the world, Covenant Players challenge people to take a closer look at themselves and the practice of their faith.

After your dinner, fish or other, on Friday, June 2, come to St Paul for ice cream and cake from 7-7:30 pm and the performance by Covenant Players from 7:30-9. Space is limited, so please call 244-8077 before seating capacity is filled. A donation of \$3 per adult is suggested, but not required, to help with the cost of the event.

Serving the Lord Who has and will provide

By Pastor Mike Mayhak

Years ago, churches would join with one another to hold Camp Meetings. The churches would gather in tabernacles with sawdust floors and hard wooden benches. The singing at these meetings was wonderful. Special music, testimonies to God's grace, and the preaching of the Bible was all done so that those attending could be encouraged that the God of the Bible still worked in the lives of men and women. Most of these tabernacles, built by the Methodists, have been torn down. Even the famous Billy Sunday Tabernacle in Winona Lake, IN, has met this fate.

Individuals from seven different churches participated in the Northside

of Madison's first annual Camp Meetings, March 13-17, at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. These meetings purposed to be an encouragement to God's people and were organized by Faith Baptist Church of Madison's Northside.

Each night had a different host pastor who provided special music and testimonies by people from his congregation. Pastor Mark Shore from Hudson, Wisconsin served as preacher. His messages from the Bible were particularly encouraging. A couple sermon titles were: "How to Be an Awesome Family" and "Six Things Your Pastor cannot Teach You." All who came left greatly encouraged and looking forward to next year's Camp Meetings.

DaVinci Code: Faith, Fact or Fiction?

Have you heard about the book and the coming movie "The DaVinci Code?"

Have you read it? Are you personally or do you know someone who is wondering, at least just a little bit, about how close this fictional story is to the truth?

The book, although a work of fiction, makes use of historical people, places, organizations and events, but in ways that call into question the historical understandings of many of these things.

Questions raised in the book include, among many others:

- What Does History Really Teach? (about Jesus and early Christians)
- Can The Bible Be Trusted?

- Was Jesus Just a Man?
- Are Women Valued in Christianity?

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2126 N. Sherman Ave., will have a four consecutive Sunday series answering these questions beginning Sunday May 21 at 8 and 10:30 am. Answers to these questions will also be discussed in small group sessions during these four weeks.

Everyone is welcome to attend this series and one of the small groups to become better informed and able to participate when conversations with friends and family arise about things described in the book or movie. When fiction is taken as fact under the adage, "Where there's smoke there must be fire," be ready to clear the air.

Multicultural Day at Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 23

Worship Service 10-11 am
Fellowship 11-1 am

Please join us by sharing your ancestry through your traditional dishes or clothing.

For details, contact James Berry by phone at 241-8886. at or by email at mbvb2003@yahoo.com

Senior Forum Macular Degeneration Tuesday, May 9

Lunch at 11:30 am, program at noon Free

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Presented by Marshall Flax, M.S., Certified Low Vision Therapist, Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired in West Hall.

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Easter Sunday, April 16

Sunrise worship, 6:30 am
Historic Chapel

Easter Breakfast, 7:30-10 am
East Hall Dining Room (youth fundraiser)

Festival worship, 8 am & 10:30 am
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Special 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, April 23

Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

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Cub Scouts earn highest honor



Photo provided by Wally Meyer

Cub Scouts (from left) Roger Garcia, Calvin Williams and Bryce Meyer received the Arrow of Light Award.

Three Webelos Scouts were recently awarded Cub Scout's highest honor – The Arrow Of Light Award at a recent Blue and Gold banquet. The Three Scouts belong to North side Pack 127 and have been involved with Cub Scouting for over four years.

Roger Garcia, Bryce Meyer and Calvin Williams explored a variety of subjects in earning this award such as camping, nature, communications, citizenship, science, fitness, first aid and craftsmanship. They went camping and participated in many events along the way. All three boys have moved on and become members of local Boy Scout Troops.

If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program, please contact Lori Mertens-Pelletteri at 246-0338. Cub Scout Pack 127 meets Monday nights at the Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church at Troy Drive and Sherman Avenue.

What is the Boy Scouts of America?

The Boy Scouts of America for boys between 7 and 18 is the largest youth organization with educational programs for boys and young adults that aim to build character, citizenship, and personal fitness. primarily through outdoor activities such as camping, hiking and other activities. There is an emphasis on personal development through community service, leadership, and individual challenge. These principles are reflected in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan.

Boy Scout Troop 27 invites you to join us Tuesdays at 7pm! We meet at the Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church at 3705 North Sherman Avenue.

Contact Renzo Garcia. 240-1420.

Que es los Boy Scouts de America?

Los Boy Scouts de America es para jovenes entre 7 y 18, es la mas larga organizacion juvenil con programas educacionales para chicos y jovenes adultos que se enfoca en edificar caracter, ciudadania y entrenamiento personal, principalmente a travez de actividades como campamento, escalar, y otras actividades.

Hay un enfasis en crecimiento personal a travez del servicio comunitario, liderazgo y desafios individuales. Estos principios son reflejados en la promesa, ley, y lema scout.

El grupo scout 27 te invita a unirte los martes 7 pm. Nos reunimos en la Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church at 3705 North Sherman Avenue.

Contacta Renzo Garcia 240-1420.

MSCR celebrates 80th birthday!



Photo provided by Nicole Graper

MSCR has provided a wide range of recreation and enrichment programs for the whole family and now serves over 80,000 people.

By Nicole Graper

Madison School Community Recreation

Most Madisonians know of MSCR because they take classes at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, attended day camps when they were children, or play in sports leagues. But many citizens do not know where and when the fun began! And why MSCR is part of the Madison Metropolitan School District.

In the early 1900s, the Madison Women's Club rallied the school district, the city and other groups to begin a Playground Program to "keep young boys occupied in a positive manner."

Christy Ann Buchanan Kittle was a woman of force and influence in the early 20's scene of Madison. Her political work on behalf of women's, blue collar and consumer issues was well known. It was no surprise then, when

joining forces with then Mayor I.M. Kittleson, the result was the creation of a recreation department that would function under the authority of the school district. This was the birth of what we now know as MSCR, on January 5, 1926.

Harry Thompson was the first director of recreation with an initial budget of about \$20,000 supported a men's softball league of 20 teams, a summer playground program, picnic kits for use in the parks, and the beginning of a men's basketball program. Many of the programs he instituted became longtime Madison traditions. He also made the progressive move of hiring the first, full-time recreation assistant supervisor of women's activities.

Throughout the next 80 years the Recreation Department was led by many different faces and under many different names-but over all those years the mission has remained the same-providing high quality recreation and enrichment programs to the community that are accessible to all. The department has grown from one spirited leader, Harry Thompson-to a full-time staff of over 50, and part-time/seasonal staff of nearly 1,500 per year. MSCR now serves nearly 80,000 in a wide variety of programs.

Join us this summer as we celebrate in a variety of ways.

The MSCR Goodman-Rotary 50 Fitness is offering downtown Historic Site Walks in cooperation with the Mansion Trust for Historic Preservation (MTHP) on June 22, at 10:30-11:45 am and July 11, 1:30 – 2:15 pm. Please call 204-3023 for more information.

The pontoon program is excited to offer Sesquicentennial Madison History Tours with local historian David Mollenhoff. The trips take place June 3, June 10, June 24 and July 1 on Lakes Monona and Mendota. Please call 204-4581 for more information.

Please join us for our Anniversary Party on Tuesday, August 1 at 9:30 am at Vilas Park.

Children can join Art Cart in the tradition of painting the Vilas Shoe. Adults 50+ and older can join fitness walks around the park. Games and other activities will be provided. The event is free.

MSCR is proud to celebrate this milestone and looks forward to the next 80 years!

MSCR offers a wide variety of additional recreation programs for all ages. Online registration is available for many programs, please check out EZ-REG at www.mschr.org.

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SCHOOL & YOUTH NEWS

The Sherman Experience and other Youth Resource Center activities

By Katherine Laibly
Sherman Youth Resource Center

Do you want to know what 7th and 8th graders already know about being successful in middle school before your 6th grade year begins? If so, sign up for the SHERMAN EXPERIENCE!

You will learn about operating your locker, participate in a mock school day (including lunch,) how to be prepared for class, what an exploratory class is, meet some of the Sherman staff, and much more. Information on after school programs and clubs will also be provided. 8th grade students will share with you the nuts and bolts of being a successful middle schooler and a complete tour of the school will be given...even the basement!

Incoming 6th graders may register for one of the two-day courses. There is a limit of 30 students per session. Session 1: July 31-Aug. 1 Session 2: Aug. 2-3 Session 3: Aug. 7-8 Session 4: Aug. 9-10

All sessions meet in the Sherman Middle School cafeteria and run from 8:30-11:15 AM. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the school. There is a \$5.00 fee for the session. To register, fill out a form at Sherman M.S. or ask for a form at your elementary school.

Other News Around Sherman

Sherman Middle School students have been very busy this winter! A new student organization was formed called the Equity Leadership Council or "ELC." This highly motivated group of 7th graders planned and organized our



Mayor Cieslewicz joined Sherman Middle School students and staff for the first Sherman Fun Run/Walk on Friday, March 31. Pictured at the left with the mayor and his "shotgun" balloon are 7th grade teachers Chrissy Mitlyng and Lisa Underkofler. The wet weather didn't dampen spirits!



Photos by Abha Thakkar

school-wide food drive, participated in focus groups for the MMSD, and has been meeting with Sherman's adult leadership team on school-wide improvement efforts. They are currently in the process of planning and practicing skits regarding issues that affect middle school students here at Sherman to present to other students in the building. Way to go ELC students!

Our 6th grade students have been busy participating in the FAST, Families and Schools Together, program. For the past 8 weeks, some of our 6th grade families have been coming together on Wednesday evenings to share a family meal, go to parent and youth groups, get to know other families, and spend some quality time together. The FAST program is sponsored by Children's Service Society of Wisconsin and we'd like to congratulate the 12 families who graduated this year. Nice work!

The Sherman Way: nutrition, health, school-community partnerships and more!

contribution of water for our run/walk participants.

Sherman's Fruits & Vegetables Grant

Sherman has received a \$41,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the addition of healthy food items to our school day. Through this grant, students will be able to enjoy pears, cantaloupe, pineapple, apples, oranges, pea pods, red and yellow peppers and more on a regular basis. We had our fruit & veggie "kick-off" on March 21st. We look forward to our continued participation in this grant through June 2007.

Sherman Musical Set for May

Sherman Middle School is excited to invite you to attend our Sherman community musical entitled "Once on this Island". The multi-generational cast is rehearsing, the sets are being constructed and costumes are being made. Performances will be held at East High school beginning at 7:00 p.m. Fri. May 6th, Sat. May 7th with matinees on Sat. May 7th & Sun. May, 8th at 1:30 p.m. The cost of admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

Adopt-a-School Program

Research shows student achievement improves when the community partners with local schools. At Sherman, we would like to expand our network of community partners.

We are seeking private sector partners who are interested in exploring the following: donations such as furniture, books, supplies and computers, incentives for teacher and student recognition events, a financial contribution to Sherman's endowment fund, a space for periodic staff development training or parent meeting, reading buddies for individual students, tutors/mentors for individual students

In return, we can provide you with: an investment in our future workforce; a possible tax deduction; increased civic presence and positive visibility in the schools and community; an enhanced business image in the community; and increased awareness of education issues, policies, and the realities of public education.

The bottom line is our young adolescents have tremendous potential. Help be part of their personal growth and education by adopting our school.

For more information please contact Ann Yehle at 204-2100 or via email at ayehe@madison.k12.wi.us.

By Dr. Ann Yehle

Sherman Middle School Principal

Heritage Credit Union/Sherman Middle School Partnership

For the past 3 years, Heritage Credit Union has partnered with Sherman Middle School in an effort to support our Northside young adolescents. On March 7th, President/CEO Mr. Bob Lestina, along with Ms. Cindy Sutherland, head of marketing, spent the morning at Sherman as part of our Principal for a Day event. During their time with us they visited classrooms, talked with our students and staff and learned more about our school. We look forward to an ongoing partnership with this organization. If you are interested in learning more about Heritage Credit Union, please visit their new office located at 2555 Shopko Drive or contact them at 241-2191. To learn more about our partnership with Heritage please contact Sherman's volunteer coordinator, Ms. Kit Laibly at 204-2111.

Thank You Brentwood Village Neighborhood Association!

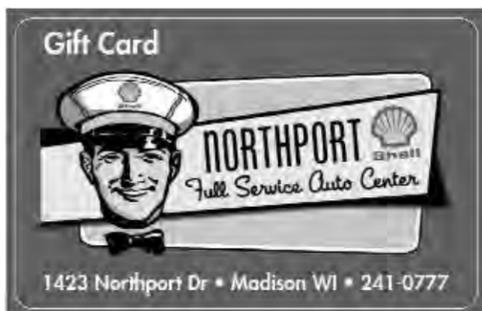
The Brentwood Neighborhood Association has once again contributed \$200 to Sherman Middle School. This money is used to support Sherman students that live in the Brentwood neighborhood for such things as field trip scholarships. Thank you Brentwood Neighborhood Association for your continued support of our school.

Fox Water Donates Water to our Sherman Fun Run/Walk

On March 31st Sherman students and staff took part in our 1st Sherman Fun Run/Walk. This event was the culmination of our celebration of Health & Wellness month. Thank you to the folks at Fox Water for their generous

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SCHOOL & YOUTH NEWS

Mendota silent auction and potluck a success!

Mendota Elementary School students (at right) await the results of their silent auction bids. Mendota's February family potluck dinner and silent auction event was a great success!! Families, staff and local business owners generously donated auction items. The most popular items were lunch with the principal, a gardening basket contributed by a classroom, a canoe ride offered by a parent, gift cards from Pierce's Market and a trip to the zoo donated by a teacher. The event was very well attended and raised over \$3,000 for the school.



Photo provided by Ginger Seery

Northside students battle it out over books, putting brains to the test



Fourth Grade: Lake View Elementary took first place. From left, Yana Gisin, Haley Havens, Samanike Hengst, and Halle Kunzke-Anderson



Photos by Milt Leidner

Fifth Grade: Sandburg took first place. From left, Jenna Zahn, Ivy Sanderfoot, Lucy Williams, and Laurel Fruehling

By Dana Slowiak

The Northside News

Combine sharp memories and a passion for reading, and you have stiff competition in the Battle of the Books, as local fourth and fifth graders discovered.

The tops teams from Gompers, Lake View, Lindbergh, Mendota, and Sandburg elementaries went head-to-head at Lakeview Library on February 23. In the end, Lake View's fourth graders and Sandburg's fifth graders took top honors.

Battle of the Books encourages students to read a select list of books chosen for their diverse subject matters, genres, and writing styles. The books are slightly ahead of each reader's grade level, offering a challenging yet engaging story line.

"The books are fun to read," said Gabe Brodowy, a member of Mendota's second place fifth grade team. "I liked the people and stories. In 'The Giver,' I liked the realistic way Jonas received memories and kept them." In the book by Lois Lowry, the main character Jonas discovers challenges with his gift and struggles with the truths behind his Utopian futuristic society.

"The books are good literature," said Gail Borchers, Lakeview Elementary librarian. "The kids enjoy them and read a well-rounded list." The librarians from

And the winners are...

FOURTH GRADE

- First:** See above photo
- Second:** Mendota: Tamika Tupta, Rebecca Brokaw, Nicole Walrath
- Third:** Lindbergh: Emma Carlisle, Tchia Thao, Gloria Xiong, Cora Wiese Moore

FIFTH GRADE

- First:** See above photo
- Second:** Mendota: Darien Kenyon, Dayshawn Nash, Gabe Brodowy, Lucy Gomez
- Third:** Lake View: Erin Barry, Maggie Douglas, Max Perme, Nouce Thao

all five schools choose the books each year and coordinate the event.

Borchers added, "Everyone really is a winner. The kids had fun in a friendly academic competition."

Students do take the battles seriously. One fourth grader turned down a family ski trip for the final competition. And during the competition, excited whispers of "Yes!" were heard when each school's team from the other grade level got an answer right.

Students form their own teams of four readers and answer questions from the story in a quiz-style format. Teams are eliminated until a top team from each grade level moves onto the main competition that took place February 23.

Emerson students attract acclaim for Bully Busting

By Kristin Meyer

Students at Emerson are working hard to have a positive community at their school by being "Bully Busters," and people are noticing! A front page article ran in the WI State Journal in late January highlighting Emerson's PACE (Positive Attitude Creative Expression) class, where Bully Busting was born, and the impact it has had at the school. PBS will feature Emerson's PACE program on their weekly show for elementary students called Democracy It Is, which will air this fall.

PACE was formed this year to teach and encourage positive behavior through drama games and community building. The class is taught weekly to 3-5th graders by Susan Van Sicklen, 4/5 teacher, and Mike Behlke, school social worker. One emphasis of PACE was to have students talk about bullying and what constitutes being bullied. Students discussed the roles of victims and witnesses of a bully situation and shared ways to help diffuse bullying. Students broke up into groups and developed skits which they performed for the younger grades. These skits

taught kids how to be "Bully Busters" by showing ways for a witness to help a victim of bullying, how not to glorify a bully, and gave a positive message to the audience.

Another positive aspect of the PACE class is the connection it has fostered with nearby East High School. Spoken Word, a poetic performance club at East, performed poems about positive behavior/bully busting at Emerson and then worked with groups of Emerson students to write their own poems. Emerson students practiced performing their poems in PACE and had their own Spoken Word performance for younger students on March 31st.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 25th**
Grades K-2, Music Concert
- April 27th**
Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 28th**
School Dance 6-8 p.m.
- May 13th**
Emerson Beautification Day
- May 16th 3-5**
Concert - Strings - Art Exhibit
- June 6th**
Year-End School Picnic

One School, Many Cultures Multicultural Extravaganza

Black Hawk Middle School Thursday, April 13, 5-8pm featuring crafts, food, dance and music

Cultural Bazaar, 5-7 pm (crafts/arts workshops)
The Cafe, 5-7 pm, steak dinners from OutBack Steak House for sale and sodas from the Spirit Club
The World Stage, 7 pm, Dances from India, South East Asia, Egypt/Middle East, Jazz duo, dialog skits from World Cultures classes, and more
Everyone is invited! Questions? Call Ms. Peters at 204-4411 or Pat Gardner, 204-4410

Lindbergh Fun Fair on May 12

All Northsiders are invited!
Friday, May 12 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

You will experience a fun-filled evening and have the satisfaction of helping volunteer and/or make this event successful!
There are many fun games to play and exciting raffle prizes to be won!

Games, Food and Raffle Tickets!
Food/game tickets are \$0.25 each
Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each

Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to run games for 1/2 hour or 1 hour shifts.

Children supervised by an adult may also help run the games or hand out prizes.

Volunteers are also needed to make cotton candy, blow-up balloons, set-up/clean-up and bake cupcakes.

Has the Church Forgotten?

By Mike Mayhak

Pastor of Faith Baptist Church of Madison's Northside

Your wife's last words to you on the cell phone were: "Don't forget to bring home some milk!" You go shopping and bring home bags full of groceries and then your wife asks: "Where's the milk? The church today does something similar. We have potluck meals, help for the homeless, preach self-help messages, hold classes about our faith but we forget the last words of the Savior. Just before He ascended into heaven, Christ said, "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Another follower of Jesus recorded Christ's last words like this: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Last words are of primary importance.

Has the church forgotten what is the last command of the Savior? Paul said that the gospel he preached was "that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" Paul taught that one must "believe in [their] heart that God hath raised him from the dead, [to] be saved." Many churches have forgotten this message. They hardly mention these things as necessary for salvation let alone the only way to obtain it.

So what if you forget the milk? It's probably not a big deal. Your

kids won't have cereal for breakfast. What happens if the church forgets to preach the gospel message?

The children at our church have recently learned a new chorus. Part of it goes like this: "Some hope so, they think so, they trust so, they guess so; but I know, I know I am saved. Some hope they'll reach heaven, reach heaven at last; but I know, I know I am saved." If the church forgets to preach the gospel, people struggle with knowing their sins are forgiven. If you ask the church goers, "Are you certain you will go to heaven when you die?" They will respond like the chorus, "I hope so, I think so," but they have no certainty. They can't sing, "I know, I know I am saved." Can you?

In the Bible, John wrote, "These things have I written unto you that believe...that ye may know that ye have eternal life." Those who trust the gospel are convinced Christ alone can save. They rely with their whole heart on what Christ has done. Can you sing the rest of this chorus? "For I've opened my heart's door and Christ has come in; and I know that He saved me and keeps me from sin; and the Spirit Himself beareth witness within; and I know, I know I am saved."

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TROY GARDENS

Ground breaking news at Troy Gardens



Photo by Bob Paolino

Pictured above, left to right, are Sundee Wislow, Friends of Troy Gardens; Marge Pitts, Madison Area Community Land Trust, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin; Mayor Dave Cieslewicz; and Briana Meier, Urban Open Space Foundation.

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, along with numerous Troy Gardens supporters, pitched shovels into a pile of earth on March 21 to symbolize the ground-breaking for new homes at Troy Gardens. Construction began on March 27.

The Madison Area Community Land Trust (MACLT) is building 30 townhouses on five acres here, 20 of which are reserved for income-restricted first-time homebuyers.

MACLT has accepted reservations on fifteen Troy Gardens homes already—and fifteen remain to be sold! The first units will be ready for occupancy by the end of the summer; the rest will be completed by 2007.

This project, led by MACLT with extensive community support, has been ten years in the making, and has relied on federal funding secured by Baldwin as well as critical support from the City of Madison.

Opportunities growing at Troy Gardens



Photo provided by Marge Pitts

Why be bored this summer? Teens who work at Troy Gardens Farm & Field Program have fun in the sun, work as a team, learn valuable skills, and get paid for it!

By Marge Pitts

Friends of Troy Gardens

Teen Summer Jobs

Are you a teenager (age 14-17) looking for a part-time summer job? Look no further! The Farm and Field Program at Troy Gardens runs from June 12- August 24. Get an application by calling Nathan at 240-0409 or visit our website at www.troygardens.org.

Farm and Field recruit's teenagers for an 11-week program that combines outdoor work on the land- at Troy Farm, the Community Gardens, or in the Natural Areas Restoration- with workshops, field trips, team building, and job training. Youth are paid a stipend for the summer, with a bonus for completing the program.

Troy Gardens is located near our Northside neighbors on the 500 block of Troy Drive. Madison Metro bus #22 stops at the property.

Affordable fresh vegetables

Troy Gardens is working to make fresh vegetables affordable for our Northside neighbors! Join the Troy Community Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and receive a weekly box of vegetables for 21 weeks during the season. Visit the farm every Thursday between 4-6:30pm to pick up your box.

The cost is less than \$10 per week (\$200 for the season) if you qualify for

the Partner Shares program, which provides a half-price discount. The farm accepts Quest cards and the cost of the CSA share can be broken up into four payments throughout the season. If you are a member of Physicians Plus Insurance, you are eligible for an additional \$100-\$200 rebate.

A share also includes our Urban Roots weekly newsletter with recipes and cooking tips, access to the free CSA flower and herb gardens, and a plentiful variety of vegetables (collard greens, peas, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, squash, peppers, lettuce, cucumbers, salsa basket, beans, and much more).

"I liked the great organic produce, convenient, easy pick-up site (better than a trip to the grocery store!), and it is easy to eat with the season and to teach my daughter about farming." - CSA member and single mom.

The farm stand is also open to the public on Thursday afternoons if you just want to stop by and pick up a few things.

For more information, contact Claire Strader at 442-6760 or farmer@troygardens.org.

Farm Day for Kids!

Join us on April 22 from 9am-12pm for National Youth Service Day at Troy Gardens. We'll be planting berry bushes and prairie plants. Families and kids of all ages are welcome! Call Nathan at 240-0409 for more information.

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Spotlight: Kennedy Heights turns 20!

Come Learn About the History of the Northside's First Community Center on May 6!

"If you know where you came from, you know where you are today and can have a plan for where you're going tomorrow." - John Givens

John Givens is a former resident of Kennedy Heights Townhouses and was the emcee of the popular Kennedy Heights Ethnic Fests in the 1980-90s. John made this reflection on the value of looking at one's past during a recent interview about the early days of the Kennedy Heights Community Center.

During the interview, John and his wife Dianne, a former community center director, told stories about how Kennedy Heights residents came

together twenty years ago and with the support of outside agencies, founded the community center and its programs.

Interviews with past and current residents and staff are providing content for an exhibit that will trace the history of Kennedy Heights Community Center. The exhibit will also include video footage from past events, photographs old and new, and historical information about the Northside and its relation with Kennedy Heights. Thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, the exhibit will be a part of the May 6 celebration, "Many Cultures, One Community Festival." Please join us as we look at where we came from!

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GET INVOLVED!

If you live in an area without a neighborhood association (Lindbergh area, Sherman Village, etc), and you would like to form one, call the Northside Planning Council at 661-0060. Interested in representing your neighborhood on NPC? East Bluff, Lake View Hill, Kennedy Heights, and Berkley Oaks are among those neighborhoods that currently lack representation.

Individual Northside Organization Profiles

1. Berkley Oaks

Organized in 1996, led by founder Anita Lightfoot and fueled by neighborhood opposition, BONA fought plans for a proposed gas station in their neighborhood. BONA worked to protect Berkley Park by going before the city's Park Commission and requesting a change in park hours (approved) and securing additional lighting (now in place). With these changes, life around the park is slowly returning to being family-oriented. BONA has been successful through working with the Northside Resource Team and North District police in transforming troubled areas and making the neighborhood a safer place. Contact Lenny Alston at 249-6435.

2. Brentwood Village

The Brentwood Village Association was established in 1958 and is one of the Northside's oldest neighborhood associations. It includes over 200 homes and 50 apartment buildings in the area south of Warner Park, west of North Sherman Avenue and north of MacPherson Street. Membership is extended to all residents, businesses, community organizations and landlords within the geographical area. The Association has a Board of nine members, holds quarterly meetings at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, operates several yearly social and community service events, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Contact Gil Gonzales, President, at 244-8231.

3. Cherokee Gardens

The Cherokee Garden Condominium Homes Association was organized in 1976 and now includes 570 condominium homes. The association's efforts have led to extended bus service and road improvements in their area. Boundaries are Wheeler Road, N. Sherman Avenue, Comanche Way, Golf Parkway, and Golf Course Road. The Association is governed by an elected Board of Directors whose responsibility it is to administer the By-Laws of the Association. The Board meets monthly to address current issues and future plans. The Condominium Association meets annually to hear the board report on the state of the association and to elect new board members. Contact: Mary Jo Rimkus, Board President, at 246-9111.

4. Cherokee Townhouses

The Cherokee Townhouses and Garden Condominiums had their beginnings in 1974. Today there are 57 townhouse condominium units. The condo

association, Cherokee Townhouse Condominium Homes, Inc. was founded in 1975, has monthly board meetings and an annual meeting. Contact John Kanvik at 245-1868.

5. Cherokee Park

Organized in 1994, Cherokee Neighborhood Association serves about 270 homes with an active slate of social and other activities, including an annual garage sale, park clean up, Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Bike Parade and Picnic, Halloween Event and Holiday dinner. The primary purpose of the neighborhood association is to provide community enjoyment, to generate a spirit of community among neighborhood residents and to promote awareness of this unique neighborhood surrounded by a lake, golf course and wildlife preserve. Contact CPNA President Dayna Dalton at 241-2178.

6. East Bluff

Formed in the early 70's as Wisconsin's first condominium association, serving 176 units (450 residents), East Bluff is at the intersection of Northport Drive and North Sherman Avenue. In 2001, East Bluff updated some of its playground equipment, which is used by many area kids, with help from the city's Community Enhancement Program grants. Major goals for 2004 include continuing to ensure that East Bluff provides attractive, safe, and affordable homes for Northside families. Contact Phyllis Carey, President, at 244-8411.

7. Kennedy Heights

Formed in 1983, Kennedy Heights was the first Northside neighborhood to develop a community center. The center offers a full range of programs including, a city accredited early childhood program, an after school program, a youth program, a girl neighborhood power program, adult activities that include a womens' group and cultural activities and an Asian outreach program that includes parenting classes for the numerous Southeast Asian families living in the neighborhood. The neighborhood developed a food pantry for Kennedy Heights residents, including ethnic-appropriate items, every Monday from 5:00 - 6:30p.m. The Center host community building events throughout the year and has numerous volunteer opportunities. Contact Alyssa Kenney at 244-0767.

Neighborhood Profiles
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