

COMMUNITY

Square dancing is well-rounded activity

By Pat Morgan

Last fall, as the days shortened and the temperatures dropped, I read an article in the *Northside News* about square dancing. The article pointed out all the positive aspects of square dancing including: physical and mental exercise, social networking, a fun, welcoming environment and, of course, music. I learned that Westport Squares, a local club on the Northside of Madison, planned a series of beginner dance classes starting in mid-September. The club scheduled the lessons on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Being a relative newcomer to the Northside, I was looking for a group activity that provided me with both mental and physical activity in a safe, social environment. Also, the site of the activity needed to be close to my home.

I considered the square dancing option for a couple of weeks before finally telephoning the club's contact person. I learned that the lessons were open to both couples and singles. I learned that experienced club members served as dance "angels" so that all the beginner dancers would be ensured a dance partner for every lesson. This last bit of information about the "angels" was the "cincher" for me. I made up my mind to "just do it" and committed to taking the lessons. I made a personal commitment to myself as well — I would attend all the lessons; I would be a friendly, enthusiastic participant in the whole experience; I would "put myself out there" and have fun.

The square dance-lesson experience with the Westport Squares did not disappoint me. I successfully completed

the lessons and "graduated." And, over the course of the long fall, winter and spring months, I met many wonderful square dancers from both the Northside and surrounding areas. I laughed, learned, danced, attended social events and exercised! All my goals were met. The whole experience was such fun that I joined the club, and signed up for the summer series of lessons focusing on more advanced dance movements.

I strongly encourage you to take the square dance classes sponsored by the Westport Squares starting in September. You, too, can enjoy all the positive aspects of square dancing. Come meet and dance with the friendliest people in town. Just do it! It's a win-win experience.

If you have any questions, contact Rosie at 608-244-1185.



By Lorie Walker
Lake View Hill Neighborhood

The association's summer picnic was a great success again this year. Despite the heat, we had a great turnout at Sunfield Park. Neighbors enjoyed good food, company and fun. Thanks to everyone who brought a food item to help stock the River Food Pantry.

Check out our photo of the picnic, past events and other information at the Lake View Neighborhood Association Yahoo group, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lvhna/>. While you're there, become a member to get the latest neighborhood news and announcements.

Other 2010 events will be a Halloween gathering at the park on Sunfield on Oct. 30 and a Winter Solstice event on a date yet to be announced. Please give us your ideas for neighborhood events or activities you might enjoy.

Finally, we are falling behind in our efforts with the MG&E Neighborhood Green Challenge Program. Don't forget, the program ends Sept. 30. Let's

make LVHN a green winner; sign up today at www.mge.com.

The Green Challenge Program was developed to promote the use of renewable energy sources. The challenge is for neighborhoods to go beyond current levels of green power use and significantly reduce the environmental impact of energy use. The neighborhood with the largest percent increase in participants is the Green Power challenge will receive \$1,000. The neighborhood with the second highest increase in participants will receive \$500.

So sign up today at www.mge.com to make LVHN green winner.

Free Foreclosure Answer Clinic helps homeowners

Dane County homeowners facing foreclosure have access to a free legal clinic staffed by volunteer lawyers and law students. The Foreclosure Answer Clinic is held the first and third Thursdays of each month from 11 am to 1 pm in Room 310 of the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The clinic operates on a walk-in basis; no appointments are necessary.

The purpose of the clinic is to provide homeowners in foreclosure with basic legal information. Homeowners who have been served with a foreclosure lawsuit can receive help preparing a written response, which the homeowner can then file with the court. The program goal is to increase access to the legal system. In 85 percent of Dane County cases, homeowners face foreclosure without the benefit of legal counsel. The clinic will help those who are unrepresented become more engaged in the process so they have better opportunities for a positive outcome.

Those who have been served with a foreclosure lawsuit should bring their summons and complaint.

The Foreclosure Answer Clinic is a collaborative effort of the Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Taskforce, the Dane County Bar Association and the UW Law School, with grant funding provided by the State Bar of Wisconsin and other support provided by Dane County. For more information, visit www.daneforeclosurehelp.org.

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Statue of Liberty rehab efforts depend on funds

By Anita Weier
Northside News

The committee heading the drive to rehabilitate the battered Statue of Liberty replica that has been located at Warner Park for decades has made substantial progress in fundraising, but more is needed.

The group has garnered \$5,000 from the Madison Arts Commission, \$500 committed by the Northside Community Council, about \$1,000 raised by Schenk Elementary students and an unknown amount from individual donors, according to co-chairwoman Sue Peck.

The latter amount will be known after the private donations are transferred from the former fiscal agent Historic Madison Inc. to the new agency, the

Madison Community Foundation. The switch to the foundation means that donors can give via credit card at www.madisoncommunityfoundation.org.

At least \$10,500 — half the total needed — must be raised before work can begin on the statue, which was moved to Celestial Foundry to prevent further deterioration last winter, said committee co-chairwoman Barbara Arnold.

Restoration work will be done at the foundry, by art conservationist Tony Rajer in cooperation with metallurgical engineer Tom Pankratz of Celestial Foundry. Rajer's UW-Madison students are also expected to be involved.

"Tom and I reexamined the statue recently to identify areas of damage and make sure we have assessed it properly," Rajer said in an interview.

"We are waiting for the authorization to proceed. Once we start, it will take close to a year to restore the statue. It's in bad condition with so many dents and holes and so much damage, and old repairs have to be reversed."

Lost parts — including the seven points of light on the crown — have to be replicated, and an armature must be placed inside the statue to strengthen it.

"There was nothing in there, which is one reason the arms are so badly damaged," Rajer explained.

The original dark chocolate brown color also will be restored.

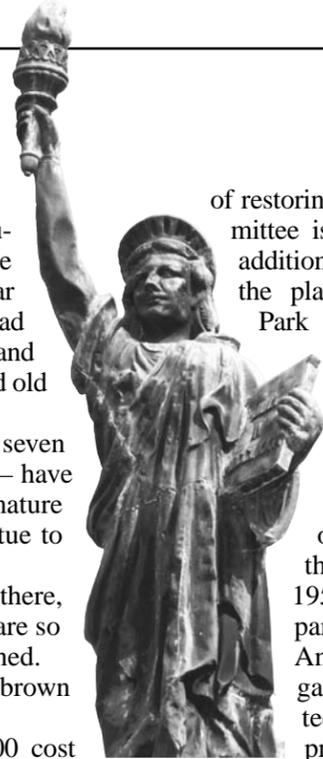
Besides the roughly \$21,000 cost

of restoring the statue, the committee is also trying to raise additional funds to landscape the plaza near the Warner

Park Community Recreation Center where it will be relocated.

In-kind donations of services and materials are welcome.

The statue was originally donated to the city of Madison in 1951 by Boy Scouts as part of a national drive. An area Boy Scout organization has volunteered to help with the project.





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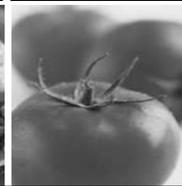
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Hartmeyer Ice Arena celebrates 50 years

By Andrea Chaffee

In 1960, Fenton Kelsey Jr. had a vision ... if we build it, they will skate. And so began many years and decades of ice skating and hockey for thousands of skaters, players, teams and families at the Hartmeyer Ice Arena on Commercial Avenue.

In 1960, what was the Madison Ice Arena was built on Madison's east side. Local businessman Kelsey had the vision that if the arena was built, hockey would follow. The arena started out as an outdoor rink. Kelsey was extremely instrumental in getting organized youth hockey going on Madison's east side, and if it weren't for his dedication and great financial sacrifice, Hartmeyer might not exist today.

In 1962, Kelsey and a group of local hockey pioneers convinced the University of Wisconsin athletic director, Ivan "Ivy" Williamson, to bring hockey back to the UW. In 1962, after 28 years without the sport, hockey came back and the Madison Ice Arena served as the home ice for the university until 1966.

The arena was also the "birthplace" of the eastside youth hockey organization, formerly the Lakers, now known as the Patriots, and ultimately led to the creation of the Dane County Youth Hockey Association.

In 1966 the City of Madison purchased the arena and continued to operate the facilities for youth hockey organizations, high school teams and public skating sessions until 2004. In 1966 when the City of Madison purchased the ice arena, the name changed to Hartmeyer Ice Arena to honor northeast side businessman John Hartmeyer.

While under municipal ownership, Hartmeyer Ice Arena was a money-losing operation for the City of Madison, and maintenance projects and im-

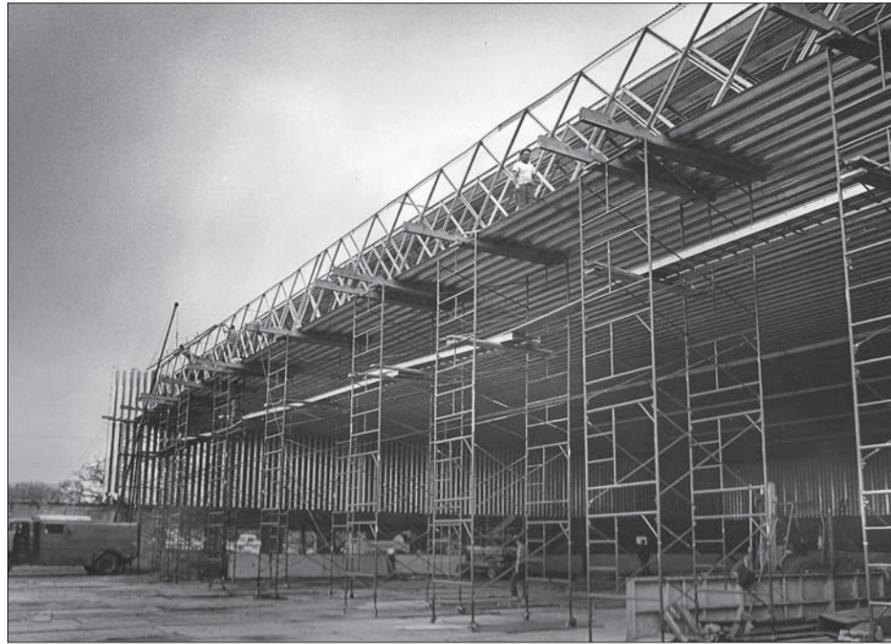


Photo contributed by Andrea Chaffee

Hartmeyer Ice Arena was under construction in this photo.

provements were deferred. Ice skating programs were limited and Hartmeyer struggled to stay in operation.

In 2004, Hartmeyer was purchased by Madison Ice Inc. In addition to Hartmeyer Ice Arena, Madison Ice Inc. also purchased Madison Ice Arena on Madison's westside.

Madison Ice Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Since taking ownership of Hartmeyer Ice Arena, Madison Ice Inc. has made significant improvements and changes at the arena. Most importantly a new concrete based ice sheet and new dasher boards in 2008 were added. While the concrete based ice sheet is more efficient for skating, it also made Hartmeyer a facility that can be used year round and accommodate events and activities other than ice skating. In July 2009, Hartmeyer was host to a music event that served as a fundraising benefit for the arena.

In April 2010, Hartmeyer became the home site for the indoor arena football team Wisconsin Wolfpack and an early morning exercise "boot camp." Hartmeyer has become a facility for more than just skating. In addition to ice skating and hockey during the September to March months, Hartmeyer now operates as a year round facility available for community organizations to host events, exhibitions and other sports activities.

While Madison Ice Inc. has focused on improving the quality of Hartmeyer Ice Arena, community outreach programs also have been implemented to

introduce the sport of ice skating and hockey to children, especially those who would not normally explore or have access to skating. Interest in hockey, figure skating, ice skating and youth programs is growing substantially in the Madison area. Not only have the youth organizations seen an increase in participation, but Madison Ice Inc. has developed programs and events for the community including: free skating programs for neighborhood youth centers, exercise skating program for seniors and free events for the community like Day At The Rink.

Help us Celebrate!

Hartmeyer will kick-off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a community event on Sept. 25th. We welcome the community to join us for an afternoon of free skating, live music and a silent auction. The event will include fun-filled kid activities and great food. All proceeds from the celebration will benefit skating programs for boys and girls and future improvements at Hartmeyer Ice Arena. As the anniversary celebration continues throughout the year, watch for special community events, such as a Halloween Skating Spook-tacular on Oct. 29th, Day At The Rink on Nov. 27th and Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 17th. Be sure to check our Web site often for announcements, events and skating opportunities at www.madisonicearena.com or www.hartmeyericearena.com. With questions or opportunities, contact Kelly Olson at email: kellyolson29@gmail.com.



Majestic Oaks celebrates their new neighborhood association.

Majestic Oaks Neighborhood Association

The Majestic Oaks Neighborhood Association hosted a picnic in the community on June 19 to recognize becoming Madison's newest neighborhood association. The city approved the association on May 12.

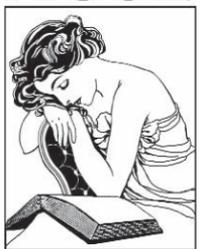
Currently, the Majestic Oaks Neighborhood Association is living up to its motto of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" by establishing a neighborhood watch, communicating with the city about community improvements, working with neighbors to create a volunteer list based on need — such as building safe new steps — through donations of time and money, as well as planning future projects.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lakeview Branch Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information on Majestic Oaks, or if you would like to join in the Neighborhood Watch, please contact chairman Bill Grove at 249-4009 or email majesticoaksna@yahoo.com.

The Majestic Oaks Neighborhood Association would like to thank Heidi at Culver's-Northport Avenue and Jerry at McDonald's-Hwy. 51 for their generous contributions to our picnic.

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The Road Home for the Northside's Homeless

By Mary Schumacher
Northside News

Fifteen formerly homeless families now have stable housing and a welcoming environment on Madison's Northside, thanks to the nonprofit agency The Road Home. On July 17, The Road Home celebrated the Phase I grand opening of its Housing and Hope Campaign, consisting of 15 apartments on Vera Court plus an on-site case management office. Currently, 18 adults and 44 children live at the apartments.

"It's a transformation of people," said Executive Director Rachel Krinsky of the residents in the new program. "You can see it in the way people stand. They know they can take care of their kids now. They know where their kids are going to sleep tonight."

Once the organization raises the remaining \$875,000 of the \$4.5 million campaign, Phase II will be completed in another neighborhood. Krinsky expected that 50 families with a combined 150 children will live in the program's housing units over the next 10 years.

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz attended the event and cut a large red ribbon to signify the opening of the housing program. "I extend my congratulations to the Northside," said the mayor. "The issue of homelessness is not a simple one. The Road Home's program on Vera Court is



Mayor Dave at ribbon cutting ceremony

Photo by Dena Clark

an intelligent and compassionate way to address it. This can be a model for all of Madison."

The City of Madison has provided \$308,000 in Community Development Block Grant programs for the Phase I apartments, and will contribute the same amount for Phase II.

Elisha, a Phase I resident and mother of two young boys, spoke about her experiences with homelessness and her journey to The Road Home. She now has a job, and plans to finish her bachelor's degree.

Elisha and the other Road Home resi-

dents must pay rent based upon income. There are no free apartments. To qualify for the program, every applicant had to pass a standard landlord screening with credit and criminal background checks.

Every family must meet at least once a week with case manager Kristin Rucinski to work on goals that will help them transition to other community housing. Families may stay in their apartments as long as they meet lease and program rules and the family includes at least one minor child.

Why is this program so important? The city of Madison has identified a need for 900 affordable housing units for extremely low-income families with children. The Road Home and other agencies turn away more than 500 families annually due to a lack of housing and services for homeless families.

Residents' comments on Independent Living senior housing proposal

By Anita Weier
Northside News

An informational meeting about the \$7.2 million Cherokee Prairie Senior Housing development proposed for Wheeler Road near Sherman Avenue drew people interested in living there as well as environmentalists concerned about possible effects on the Cherokee Marsh.

Representatives of Independent Living Inc., the nonprofit that has proposed the development, explained at the June meeting at Warner Park that it would include 100 apartments for those over 55 and 48 units for frail and memory-impaired peo-

ple. Housing options would range from basic support such as meals and house-keeping to around-the-clock assisted living and care for residents with dementia.

"There's a lot of senior housing on the West Side and little here," said Rita Giovannoni, chief executive office of Independent Living. However, the Northport, Warner Park, Sherman Avenue and Cherokee neighborhoods experienced a six percent increase in persons 65 or older from 1990 to 2000.

The proposed project would consist of three buildings. The first one would be three stories and the second two sto-

ries. Some units would be affordable and some market rate. Possible rental costs could range from the high \$600s to about \$900 per month, though plans are not yet definite, she said.

"We are a Medicare-certified home health agency," Giovannoni noted.

Jon Becker, a Northside resident and environmental activist, stressed that a plan for development on the proposed site north of Wheeler Road next to the Cherokee Driving Range was completed before flooding in 2007 and 2008.

"Wet soil continues to grow as the elevation of the water table rises," he warned. "It is hard to believe this site would work from an engineering standpoint."

Impervious surfaces such as parking lots and roofs would lead to runoff into the marsh from this upland area, he said. Independent Living's application for block grant funds states that the housing would be constructed in an environmentally sound "green" manner, but potential runoff was not addressed.

"Every bit of this could be built south of Wheeler Road," Becker said. "This is a wonderful idea but in the wrong place."

"The Friends of Cherokee Marsh are concerned about the effect on the marsh," said Janet Battista, a board member of the Friends.

Muriel Simms, also a Friends' Board member, asked how the organization could monitor the project as it progresses.

Ald. Michael Schumacher said he would send the Friends of Cherokee Marsh a timeline for relevant meetings and input opportunities.

"We will be as sensitive as we can be to the woodland" that separates the site from the wetlands, Giovannoni pledged.

The senior housing would be located on four acres that would be purchased from Cherokee Park Inc. if the development receives necessary approvals and financing.

Dennis Tiziani, the head of Cherokee Park, said that condominiums would eventually be located in front of the Independent Living facilities.

Tiziani added that storm water plans would have to be approved by city engineering officials.

Several people among the roughly 35 who attended the meeting asked for specific information about rents and amenities. A survey was distributed for interested persons to fill out.

Though the proposal still faces action by various city committees and the City Council, funding is being requested from various sources. For instance, Independent Living is requesting \$345,000 in Community Development Block Grant rental housing funds from the city of Madison to acquire and construct 42 units of affordable rental housing in phase one of the development.

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority determined that the Cherokee Prairie Senior Housing project was not eligible for affordable housing tax credits that would have provided a tax credit for banks or other companies that make a loan for such a project.

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DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON

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A few updates on Warner Park: Last month, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) Advisory Committee voted to adopt a new policy about potlucks in the center. Under the new policy, potlucks are allowed, but groups that do not already have a contract with the center (e.g., for room rental) must sign a liability waiver and leave a \$50 deposit, which will be returned if the room is left clean. The WPCRC Advisory Committee also voted in support of the prairie plantings in the circle in front of the center. If

you're interested in volunteering to help maintain the Circle plantings, please contact center staff. Finally, the Parks Division is working on a new goose management policy. If you're interested in having input, let me know.

Another thing to have input on is the design of the Central Library. There's a meeting Aug. 5 at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. The Common Council will also be discussing Overture Center this fall, so please share your thoughts on that with me. I'm also interested in hearing your thoughts on the city budget. What city services do you use and appreciate? What needs more attention? What seems unnecessary to you? I always appreciate your thoughts.

I also appreciate your Northside pride! Please make an effort to support our Northside businesses this summer. If you're treating your family to a dinner out, try a Northside restaurant (see the last Northside News for a list). Stop by Pierce's or the Farmer's Market for your groceries. Pick up something yummy from Manna. Buy a book at the Frugal Muse instead of ordering it online. Thanks!

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DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON

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two waterslides, eight-lane 25-meter lap area with diving boards and a number of shallow water play features for pre-school aged children. The pool area is complete with a sand play area, concessions, changing rooms, deck chairs, umbrella tables and shade structures.

Enjoy sweeping views, gentle lake breezes and some of the area's best music on Thursday evenings at concerts on the rooftop of Monona Terrace! The free concerts offer great opportunities for food and fun with family and friends. Sample refreshments from Lake Vista Café, which offers a variety of gourmet light fare, as well as assorted drinks, wine and beer. Picnic baskets are welcome.

Ride the Drive is a celebration of Madison's commitment to healthy, active lifestyles. This community event is an invitation for all citizens to leave their cars behind to experience some of Madison's most scenic byways a whole new way — by riding, walking, skating, or strolling along some of our city's most beautiful streets. The next one is on Aug. 29.

Have a great summer!

**Cherokee Marsh
Upcoming Events**



On Sunday, Aug. 15, you're invited to join a guided tour of Cherokee Marsh. Bring your own canoe or kayak and meet at 7 am at the School Road boat landing, 802 Wheeler Rd. The tour's sponsors are the Friends of Cherokee Marsh, Madison Audubon Society and Madison Parks.

Also be sure to come to Cherokee Marsh Day at the Northside Farmer's Market on Sunday, Sept. 12, 8:30 am–2:30 pm. Hear the Knotty Pines folk trio, see live snakes and other critters and chat with members of the Friends of Cherokee Marsh. The market (which takes place every Sunday through October) is in the Northside TownCenter at the corner of Northport Drive and North Sherman Avenue.

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COMMUNITY

Art Show planned at Cherokee Country Club

By David Carpenter

Fourteen award-winning artists from the Northside and elsewhere in Dane County will be featured in the second annual art show and sale at the Cherokee Country Club on Oct. 2 and 3. The public is invited to this event, which will be open from 11 am to 4 pm on both days. The displays will be set up in the Cherokee Lounge on the second floor on the north end of the building overlooking the golf course.

The show is part of the annual Open Art Studio event, which features more than



Northsider Ron Baeseman, left, show one of his pieces of art (at bottom) to David Carpenter at an art show.

100 artists from throughout Dane County. It is held in various locations around the county, but the largest site featuring the most artists will be at Cherokee.

Forms of art to be presented include oil, watercolor and acrylic painting, printmaking, ceramics and colored pencil drawing. Jewelry, textiles, photography, stained glass and wood creations also will be displayed. Some of the artists will demonstrate the ways in which they make their art, and some "hands on" activities will be available for children and adults.

Many award-winning creations will be among the art offered for sale at the show. Among the featured artists will be six from the Northside Art-

Packer Townhouses are now solar

Low-income housing moves into a greener future



Solar helps power the Northside.

Photo By: H&H Solar Energy Services

By Maureen Alley

Northside News

The Packer Townhouses on Northport Drive have moved toward a clean energy future with solar panels. A new solar installation was turned on in July.

The townhouses, a low-income housing community on the Northside, are operated by Ministries of American Baptist of Wisconsin, a nonprofit organization.

"We want people to see low-income housing as examples of conservation, contributing to community instead of being seen as taking from the community," said Carmen Porco, director of housing and community learning centers for Housing Ministries of American Baptist of Wisconsin. "We wanted to make a statement about looking to alternative energy and reducing dependence on traditional forms of energy.

ists Group: Bill Beese, who paints in oil; David Carpenter, who produces drawings in colored pencil; Kristi Hall, an art photographer; Marilyn O'Brien, an oil painter; Dick Walker, a printmaker, and Margy Walker, a ceramicist.

Other artists who will be featured at Cherokee Country Club include Sherry Ackerman, a watercolorist; Norma

And it's good for people in our community to see how they contribute."

H&H Solar Energy Services of Madison handled the solar installation project. Project Manager Adam Gusse worked closely with Porco through the process, which started in the spring. "We looked at different buildings, and decided to use the Community Learning Center because it had a south-facing roof," Gusse said.

As project manager, Gusse handled a lot of the paperwork, which was technical and included electrical schematics. "We would fill out the paperwork, and educate them on what was in the paperwork," he added.

Behind the scenes

The solar product chosen for the installation, Enphase, was used for various reasons, one being education. The

system connects to a Web site that shows each individual panel, outputs and other data. The panels get bluer with more energy, and darker with less energy. The children at the Packer Townhouses can go to the computer lab in the basement of the Community Learning Center to view the system and watch it change, Gusse said.

Packer Townhouses' new solar installation is also part of the MG&E Clean Power Partner Program. Packer Townhouses sells every one-kilowatt hour it generates for 25 cents. The program has a limit of 1,000 kilowatt hours per partner.

The Clean Power Program started on Jan. 1, 2008. "We had a limit of 150 kilowatts as the cap for the program, and then we doubled it within three months," said Jeff Ford, senior analyst and manager of the program for MG&E. "That filled up by the next year, which we more than tripled. Right now, out of 1,000 kilowatts, we are just over half sold out."

It's an advantageous program for Packer Townhouses. "The energy goes to MG&E; they credit [Packer Townhouses]," Gusse explained. "They sell it to MG&E at 25 cents and buy it back for less."

But Porco emphasizes that money was not the main reason for the investment in solar. "When you focus on return on investment, it's only about money – no focus on people," Porco said. "We are hoping that by us demonstrating to other landlords that are profit groups, they will look at this and ask how to save energy. There is a greater potential."

Hove, who does stained glass; Syl Maurer, who makes jewelry and textile creations and Rhonda Nass, a well-known instructor in colored pencil drawing and acrylics painting. Also showing their artworks will be Marikay Payne, a printmaker; Rick Raschick, who does hand thrown ceramics; Therese Toben, who works in mixed media; and Rich-

ard and Bridget Zemlo, who create art treasures in wood.

In addition to the featured artists, members of the Madison Flute Choir will provide music, and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact David Carpenter at 442-6958 or dcarpen3@charter.net.

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TROY GARDENS

Community GroundWorks' cookbook is here!

By Marge Pitts
Northside News

The "Savor the Summer Cookbook" features a diverse collection of recipes from friends and neighbors on the Northside and beyond — plus interesting tidbits about and from the contributors. A children's story, "The Animals' Recipes — A Community Gardens Tale," by Northsider Marge Pitts, weaves through the cookbook, accompanied by delightful coloring-book illustrations by Madison artist Diane Neukirch.

Proceeds from the cookbook support Community GroundWorks and its flagship project, Troy Gardens. The Cookbook costs \$6 and can be purchased at the following locations: Troy Farm Stand, 500 block of Troy Drive on Thursday afternoons from 4-6 pm; Pierce's Northside Market in the Northside TownCenter; Frugal Muse Bookstore at Northgate Shopping Center; and the Green Owl Restaurant at 1970 Atwood Ave.

Martinis & Zucchini — an evening celebrating the bounty of Troy Gardens

Join Community GroundWorks on Wednesday, Sept. 15, for a soiree under the evening sky at Troy Gardens. A volunteer staff from some of Madison's best restaurants will serve an amazing menu of hors d'oeuvres prepared by the distinguished local chefs Phillip Hurley and John Gaudau, of Marigold Kitchen and Sardine Restaurant, featuring produce from Troy Community Farm.

Cocktails (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be served, featuring locally distilled vodka from Yahara Bay Distillers and ingredients from the land at Troy Gardens. Yahara Bay is creating a zucchini-infused vodka especially for this occasion. There will be live music and lively conversation with others who embrace Community GroundWorks' mission of nurturing meaningful relationships among people and the land.

Tickets cost \$65 per person to support Community GroundWorks' educational activities with adults and children. Tables of eight, including signage recognizing you or your business, can be purchased for \$500.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 240-0409 or visit communitygroundworks.org.

Growing Food From Troy Gardens to the State Capitol

Community GroundWorks (CGW) has been expanding its work beyond Troy Gardens. Last year CGW, collaborating with East High and the Goodman Community Center, created the East High Youth Farm near Kennedy Elementary School. Next CGW launched Madison FarmWorks, a service which helps homeowners and businesses throughout the city create and sustain vegetable gardens. Now CGW has established a demonstration vegetable garden on the Capitol Square, located at the corner of

South Hamilton and East Main.

GroundWorks' staff Claire Strader and Megan Cain proposed the idea of a vegetable garden instead of the usual flower beds, and state Sen. Fred Risser endorsed the idea, which was approved by the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board.

Madison FarmWorks maintains the plot — weeding, trellising, watering, replanting. Staff goes for a maintenance visit on Fridays to make sure it is looking good for the weekend. Food from the garden goes to the Goodman Community Center Food Pantry (the same place the food from the East High Youth Farm goes). The food pantry can't use all of the vegetables, so FarmWorks staff gives the excess away on Friday mornings to people who stop by the garden and say something nice to them!



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Meet the Principals

School year brings 4 new principals to Northside

By Anita Weier

Northside News

A new school year is always an adventure that students, parents and teachers look forward to eagerly. But this year will be even more exciting at four Northside schools as new principals arrive with new ideas and new leadership styles.

Sean Storch is taking the reins at Black Hawk Middle School, replacing Interim Principal Carlettra Stanford, who is the new principal at Mendota Elementary School, where she replaces Dennis Pauli, who left to become superintendent of the School District of Edgerton.

Stanford did double duty last year as principal at Gompers Elementary School, which is right next to Black Hawk. Christina Harris was appointed at the end of July to take her place as Gompers principal.

At Lindbergh Elementary School, Liz Fritz is replacing Mary Hyde, who retired.

Storch, 33, is arriving from Toki Middle School, where he was assistant principal. He has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and in educational leadership and policy analysis

from UW-Madison. Storch previously taught at Stoughton High School and La Follette High School.

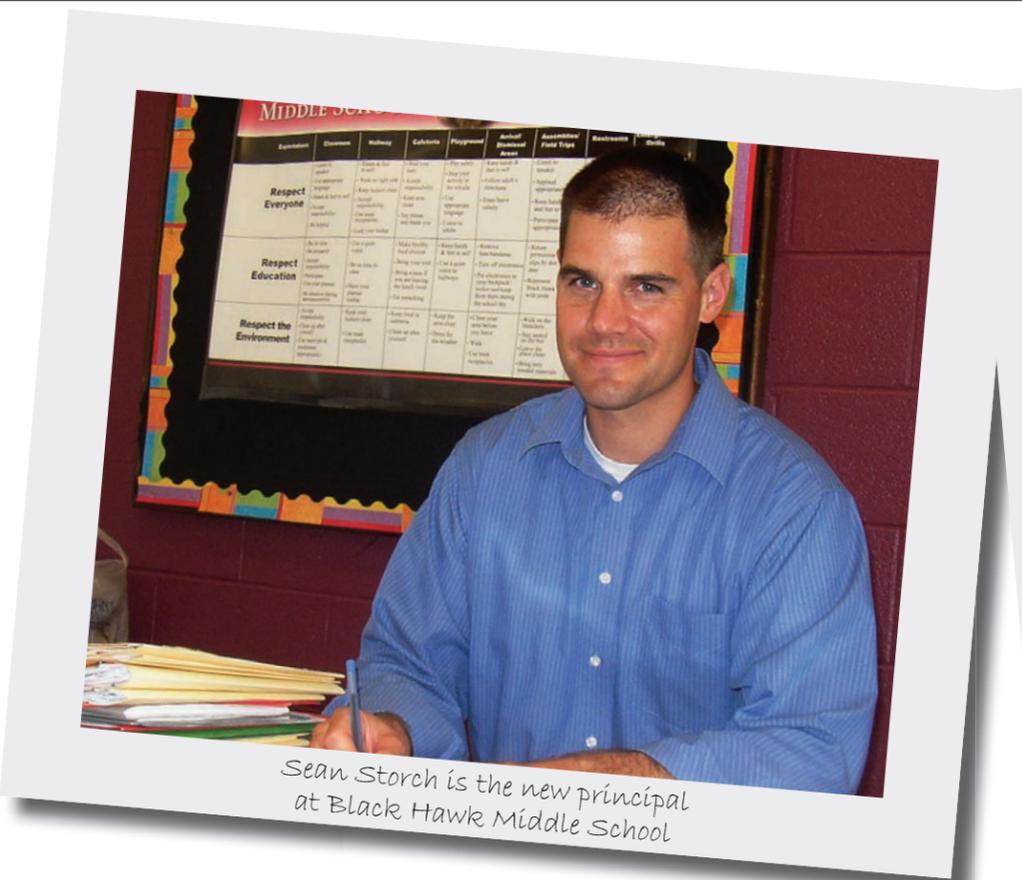
A Madison native who grew up on the Eastside, he and his wife Angela and three young children now live on part of his wife's family's farm near Waunakee, having acquired 16 acres.

Storch said that student achievement is his most important goal — and that good teachers and discipline are the keys to attaining that.

"I had great teachers when I was a kid and admired and looked up to them," he recalled. "The most important person in a school is the teacher."

Regarding discipline, he explained, "I don't allow behaviors that won't let students do well in life. If kids are wasting the time we offer, they will learn at an extended time — before or after school or on weekends."

Storch is bringing in a new "positive behavior support coach" — Scott Mullee — from Toki. "I was blown away by the work he did with talented and gifted and at-risk students and those in between," Storch said. As a science teacher, Mullee managed to attract 60



Sean Storch is the new principal at Black Hawk Middle School

students to Toki at 6 a.m. to watch a lunar probe hit the moon. "Every single kid made it — from science geeks to kids reluctant to learn," Storch added.

He also wants to stress communication among elementary, middle and high schools and to build Eastside and Northside Pride.

The jump from middle school to high school is a big leap, and Storch wants to make sure that Black Hawk graduates are ready for the rigor of math, language arts, science and social studies at the high school level.

"But middle school is not just high school prep. I want them to enjoy those years at Black Hawk. You're only young once," Storch said.

Northsiders are already familiar with Carlettra Stanford from her two years as principal of Gompers Elementary and her service last year at Black Hawk.

"It became challenging at times because of the schedule — an early start and a late start — but it was a great learning experience for me," she said. "And there was an assistant principal, so we worked together to run both schools."

She has been meeting with staff and some parents at Mendota, as well as

preparing her office.

"For the first year, I've been looking at the school improvement plan and will continue a lot of the great things that have been going on here, including community involvement. I am taking inventory of the school and will focus a lot on data to drive our instruction," Stanford said.

She also hopes to work with the other elementary schools in the area, forming partnerships to find out what can be done together.

Stanford, 37, was born in Mississippi but moved to Madison at age 3. She obtained her undergraduate degree in education from Spellman College in Atlanta and her graduate school degree from UW-Madison.

She taught at Glendale Elementary School, where she was also a literacy coach, for nine years. Then she went to Frank Allis Elementary, where she was the Title I schoolwide facilitator for two years. After that, she went to Gompers.

"I am very excited about being at Mendota. I have been welcomed by parents, staff and community members. We have been planning and will continue through August to prepare for the coming school year," said Stanford,

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