

COMMUNITY

Northside Pride — It takes a village

By Scott Heinig
Northside Planning Council

Don and Dave Bruns, owners of the Northside TownCenter at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and Northport Drive, worked diligently over the past several months to secure a Veterans Affairs Consolidated Patient Account Center, and locate it in the vacant TownCenter space once occupied by Kohls. The new facility would have brought additional vibrancy to the area and nearly 200 new jobs to the Northside. Northside Pride was evident throughout this effort, and the entire city came together to help make the proposal a reality.

Yet, after hours of dedication and significant investment, the facility was unfortunately chosen to locate elsewhere. While the final outcome may not have been favorable for North Madison, the deep love that Northsiders have for their community was felt by all who partnered throughout this process, and that is something of which we can be proud.

The Northside Planning Council and *Northside News* would like to recognize and extend our sincere appreciation to the Bruns family for their efforts to help revitalize a portion of our community. Don and Dave Bruns, additionally, would like to extend their appreciation to all those partners who worked hard to support the effort throughout the process:

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Project Home is accepting Paint-a-thon applications

By Susan Buzby

Project Home's 22nd Annual Paint-a-thon is now accepting applications for its Sat., Aug. 14 event. The application deadline for homeowners is June 11. Financially eligible homeowners are selected to receive free exterior house painting by teams of skilled painters and community volunteers. Approximately 10 homes will be painted this August.

To qualify for Paint-a-thon, a homeowner must reside in Dane County and meet the financial requirements listed below. The house must be a single-family owner-occupied home, no larger than two

stories, structurally sound and in need of exterior painting of wood siding. No mobile homes.

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3 person/\$39,150 4 person/\$45,650
5 person/\$52,150 6 person/\$59,650

For additional information and applications, call Project Home at (608) 246-3737, e-mail outreach@ProjectHomeWI.org, or visit our website at www.ProjectHomeWI.org. Family and friends are also welcome to nominate prospective homeowners for this service.



Photo by Milt Leidner

People wait at Dane County Airport to greet WWII honor flight heroes home.

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an office worker at CUNA & Affiliates. Mulhern spent most of his working life as a laborer at Central Colony.

On the trip, the three men and others from the Northside and elsewhere in the Madison area were accompanied by trained guardian-escorts. Roger Boeker, a Northside Vietnam vet affiliated with VFW Post 1318, is a board member of Badger Honor Flight, helped organize the trip and went along as a "bus captain."

"It takes a lot of volunteers to help get these guys through security, taking off shoes and so on," he said, adding that many hesitated to part with their penknives, regarded as standard equipment.

One special touch all three men enjoyed was a surprise mail call during the return trip on the plane, when they received letters from friends, relatives and school children.

"The mail call comes during an emotional downturn on the way back," Boeker explained.

The nonprofit Badger Honor Flight organization is hoping to provide another trip for World War II vets this fall, if sufficient funds can be raised. A trip for 100 vets costs at least \$75,000. Those who would like to donate to the organization may go to www.honorflight.org/donate/donation.cfm or mail a check to Badger Honor Flight Inc., P.O. Box 258066, Madison, WI 53725.

Badger Honor Flight is a hub of the national Honor Flight Network, a volunteer organization created to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices.

"We have 200 vets on the waiting list in our 12-county area," Boeker said, "and we expect that list to grow with publicity about the first flight."

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Do you want to know more about your neighborhood and the city of Madison? About the population profile, voter turnout, housing quality and availability, public safety, health and family well-being, transportation, economic vitality, and more throughout Madison and by neighborhood? Then visit the Neighborhood Indicators Project at madison.apl.wisc.edu to see a collection of various characteristics and indicators that relate to the quality of life of Madison at the neighborhood level.

The goal of the Neighborhood Indicators Project is to give residents, city staff and elected officials a better understanding of our neighborhoods, the ability to tailor solutions to a neighborhood's particular needs or characteristics, and to leverage our limited resources more effectively. We can spot trends and have

more timely data about our community to make better decisions about police resources, community programs and infrastructure investments.

All of this information can become part of the political and community process to increase or reallocate funding for programs or pursue new policies.

For you, this type of numerical and visual data may provide, for example, insights into where to buy a house or choose an apartment. Or you may be starting a local business and want to know more about the immediate neighborhood for marketing purposes. Perhaps you are just one of those who likes data to ask more informed questions of elected officials.

As the Neighborhood Indicators Project grows and matures, we will be adding more indicators and data. Therefore, your feedback is not only welcomed but necessary to ensure this tool is useful for all of us. I would be remiss not to acknowledge that Mayor Dave and his aide, Andrew Statz, in collaboration with the University and the Common Council, spearheaded this special initiative. Have fun with the interactive maps!

Margaret's Fund award winner announced

By Alyssa Kenney

Margaret's Fund: A Northside Scholarship is pleased to announce Nicole Tackes as the recipient of the fund's 2010 scholarship award. Nicole is currently enrolled at Madison College in the liberal arts transfer program and plans to pursue a degree in nursing. The award will be presented in a brief ceremony on Sun., June 6 at the Northside Farmers' Market in the Northside TownCenter at 10:30 am. Donuts will be provided and all are welcome to stop by and congratulate Nicole.

Margaret's Fund was established in 2007 to support residents of Northside Madison neighborhoods who are pursuing higher education. The awardee is

selected by a volunteer panel of Northside residents including a representative from the business community and a Northside community center. The award goes to a graduating senior in odd years and to a returning adult in even years.

Unlike many other scholarship funds that are restricted to tuition and books, Margaret's Fund is unrestricted, so the recipient can use the award to pay for some of the often forgotten extra costs of college to ensure their success.

Margaret's Fund: A Northside Scholarship is professionally managed by the Madison Community Foundation. Donations help to grow the fund and are tax deductible. Each year the fund distributes one \$500 scholarship.

Rhythm and Booms parade and fun

By Sue Morrison

On Sat., July 3, the North Side Community Council (NCC) again will participate in the Rhythm and Booms celebration at Warner Park. All of the events begin at the bingo tent, which is next to the colorful shelter house.

Activities begin at noon with a Spirit Parade. Show your spirit and participate — either by walking or biking in the parade. It's a short, fun-filled walk to music with mascots leading the way. All ages are invited to join in the fun.

Following the parade, we invite you to join us for a pinata party and refreshments. There will be cash prizes for bingo winners.

Profits are donated to Northside activities and causes. We are raising funds for the upcoming pool drive. This year we have made contributions to the Statue of Liberty Restoration Campaign and the upcoming East High Auditorium drive.



Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association

By Lorie Walker

As summer approaches its peak, join the Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association for the annual picnic in Sunfield Park on Sunday, July 18. We will provide hot dogs of all kinds: regular, corn, chili, cheese for all to enjoy. The association will also provide plates, utensils and beverages. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry. We look forward to seeing everyone on July 18 for food and fun.

Now that spring has fully arrived, let's continue to show our Northside pride, and keep our neighborhood looking great! We invite all our neighbors to help keep our community and neighborhood beautiful. Take a moment to look around, pick up litter, or offer to lend a hand to a neighbor who may need help with yard work or home maintenance. Working together for a stronger, brighter community is what makes the Northside and the Lake View neighborhood a great place to call home.

Finally, another reminder, the Lake View Hill neighborhood is participating in the MG&E Neighborhood Green Challenge Program. The program runs to Sept. 30. Let's make LVHN a green winner; sign up today at www.mge.com. Look for the Green Power Tomorrow link on the bottom of the home page.

Brentwood Village Association picnic planned

The Brentwood Village Association is holding its annual picnic on Sat., June 12, from 5–9 pm, under the Big Top in the parking lot at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2126 N. Sherman Ave. If you are a resident of the Brentwood Village neighborhood, we invite you to attend. A cookout will be provided, along with great music and tons of activities for kids and adults. Come mingle with your friends, meet new neighbors and enjoy a good time.

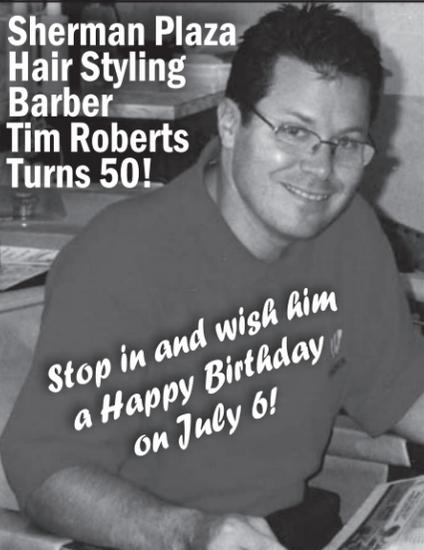
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It seems there have been a flock of issues at Warner Park recently. Some folks want it wilder, some want more activities, some want more mowing, some want more prairie and some want less, some want to leave the geese alone and some want to remove them. It's hard to have so much disagreement, but it's great that so many people care about Warner Park and what happens there — Warner Park needs all its friends!

One of the things called for in the Northside Plan is an update to the Warner Park Master Plan, which I believe can help us navigate these issues and answer many of these questions. This will be a long process and require a lot of information and the participation of many people. I hope that we can start the process in 2011, and I welcome

your thoughts and ideas about what information we need (Species list? Water quality data? Current usage numbers? What else?) and how we can get people involved (Where do you and your neighbors get your information? What inspires you to get involved?). Please let me know what you think!

There are three things to remember that are going on in Warner Park this summer: First, Rhythm and Booms. Let me know if you have any comments I can take to the planning team. Second, Sherman Avenue construction starts after the Mallards season. Finally, work on reconstructing the parking lot between the stadium and ball fields will begin this summer.

As always, there are many things going on in the city ... Overture ... the budget ... a new cultural plan ... a new sustainability plan ... central park ... a high speed rail station ... and many more. Please let me know your thoughts on any and all city-related things. You can find me at 242-4426 or district12@cityofmadison.com. Until then, enjoy summer!

From

**DENNIS
MCQUADE**



COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKER

On May 17 I left my Joining Forces For Families community social worker position and transferred to the Dane County Area on Aging to become an elder victim crime advocate. I will miss working on the Northside a great deal.

I have enjoyed the almost seven years I have worked here. I have immensely appreciated the diversity, as well as the beautiful parks and recreation spaces, and mostly all the wonderful people.

I especially want to thank the two JFF management staff, Ron Chance and David Marshall, for all their support, as well as Tom Solyst, the director of the Vera Court Neighborhood Center, and all of his staff; also, Tom Moen and Regina Lloren and all the staff of the East Madison Community Center.

I additionally want to thank June Garvin, Larry Hamlin and Janet at

the C.D.A. Truax Apartments, as well as the members of Joining Forces For Families Northeast Teams: School Social Workers Kris Wigdal, Lindbergh; Pat Smith, Mendota; Sherie Hohs, Blackhawk; Suzanne Petta, Gompers; Mike Plantz, Hawthorne; Megan Lasch, Lakeview, and Julie Wilke, Sherman, as well as Larry Hamlin from the C.D.A. and Marilyn Feil from the C.A.C.

In addition, I want to thank Stephanie Rearick and all of the people from the Dane County Timebank.

Lastly I want to thank the Northside News for giving JFF and others a space to communicate with the people of the Northside.

Retired JFF social worker Paula Anderson is covering the JFF Northeast Area, until a permanent person is hired. Also, Marilyn Feil, housing case manager for the CAC, is still working on the Northeast side. Both can be reached by calling 241-4849. Paula can also be reached by calling 240-2045.

Again thanks to everyone. I will miss all of you.

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CHURCH

Changes at Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church

Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church will have a new pastor, Reverend Suni Caylor, starting on July 11. This is in keeping with the Methodist tradition of itinerant pastors who change congregations every seven years or so.

In July, the popular Reverend Jakes Voker, a native of Liberia, will begin serving the congregation of Wesley UMC in Oshkosh, Wis. Jakes is known for his powerful and thoughtful sermons, his wisdom in advising congregants on personal issues, and helping to diversify the ethnic and racial mix of church members at SAUMC.

While the congregation is disappointed at losing Rev. Voker, they recognize that change is healthy and helps foster spiritual growth. They are also excited that the new pastor will be Rev. Suni Caylor, who was a Northside resident and SAUMC member before her ordination. She has always regarded their congregation as "her home church."

SAUMC has around 100 members; about a third are members of various minority groups. The congregation proudly celebrates its ethnic and racial

diversity each spring on its Multicultural Day.

The Sunday program includes 9 am adult and youth Sunday school classes followed by a 10 am worship service in English.

In addition, SAUMC offers a Hmong Ministry Service each Sunday at 2 pm in the Hmong language. Lay minister Luke Thao, who is studying for his ordination as a Methodist pastor, leads the worship service. It typically attracts some 40-55 persons each Sunday and includes a Sunday School and both youth and adult choirs.

English and Hmong speaking members of the two services team up each Wednesday (except in the summer) to offer an English Language Learner (ELL) class to interested persons from the Northside Community. Church members and community volunteers feed the adult learners and their children as well as provide child enrichment activities. On a typical Wednesday, there are 10-14 adult learners, 35-45 children and 12-15 volunteers. Classes are currently full, but additional volunteers are always welcome.

Northside churches provide community, faith and activities

By Maureen Alley

Northside News

For Northsiders looking for a church to call their own, the area has many options. Whether you're looking for comfort, religious guidance, a feeling of community or something to do, Northsiders will no doubt find it at one of the many churches in the area.

Lakeview Lutheran Church 4001 Mandrake Rd.

When speaking with Pastor Laurie Veenendaal, it's hard not to feel welcome. Lakeview focuses on welcoming members, non-members and visitors. "It's one of the most welcoming congregations I know," Veenendaal said. "If someone is a visitor, they can sign our fellowship pad and we can get in touch with them. And if someone came to church and noted that they would like a visit, we can do that."

If someone is interested in learning more about Lakeview, it has a website (www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org), or stop by the office for a tour. To contact the church, call 244-6181.

Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church, 3705 N. Sherman Ave.

From groups and outings to coffee after sermons, the Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church has many different happenings going on for those interested. "We want our members to feel as welcome as possible,"

said Matt Treadaway, office volunteer for the church. "We just had an outing where we went to a play in Sun Prairie. I'm trying to organize a trip to the Angel Museum in Beloit, and the Flower Garden in Janesville."

The church has a men's group that hosts many of the events, but everyone is welcome. "We like to get the whole church involved," Treadaway said. In addition, there is a women's group, as well as adult bible study on Sundays. For those looking for more information about the church, call 244-0868.

St. Paul Lutheran Church 2126 N. Sherman Ave.

If it's events and community you're in search of, St. Paul Lutheran Church may be the place. Offering bingo, card games, Netflix movie night every Friday and Senior Connections every Thursday, St. Paul provides many options for gathering. In addition, the church has small group sessions Monday through Thursday.

"The small groups are usually of eight to 14 people who gather for a meal and build each other up in confidence," said Pastor Gerry Kuhnke. "On June 10-13, we will have neighborhood fun days with free food, band and kids games in the parking lot under a big tent."

Those interested in more information about the church can contact Kuhnke by cell phone 843-6954 or office 244-8077.

Please submit your church news to the Northside News!

We welcome your contributions.

Submit to Editor@northsidenews.org.

Mandrake Road Church of Christ hosts summer events

Mandrake Road Church of Christ invites their Northside neighbors to be their guest at Neighbor Day on Sun., June 6. A brunch will be hosted from 9:30-10:15 am in place of regular Bible classes. The brunch will help everyone to get to know each other.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 19-22 for children ages 2-12. Children from the community are invited to attend. The theme this year is Road to Rome. Games, crafts and puppet shows as we tell the stories of the Bible.

Directions to the church: Heading west on Route 113 Northport Dr. turn right on Mandrake Rd. proceed 0.3 mi. to Havey Rd. turn right and then left into the parking lot. The address is 4301 Mandrake Rd.



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Summer Reading Club

Sign up now for *Make a Splash – Read!* the library’s reading incentive program for kids from preK–teens. Read books and earn great prizes including free event tickets and a free book. Prizes are available starting June 18.

Sweets and Stories on Second Saturdays

Saturdays June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14 at 10 am Storytime is for the whole family with donuts, coffee and juice.

Game Club

Mondays: June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26 and Aug. 9 and 23 from 2:30–4:30 pm Kids ages 8 to 18 snack and play fun board games. Beginner to advanced gamers welcome.

Drop-in Crafts

Wednesdays, June 2 and July 7, at 3:30 pm Kids in grades K–5, encouraged to stop by the library and make something to take home.

Leap into Lakes

Tues., June 15 at 10:30 am The Madison Children’s Museum brings their

interactive exhibit for preschoolers to Lakeview. Play while learning about Madison lakes. Sign up starting June 1.

Lunch Bunch

Mondays June 21–July 26 noon–1 pm Bring a sack lunch and the librarians provide the fun and stories for kids in grades K–5. Register for the whole series beginning June 7. (No Lunch Bunch on Mon., July 5)

Something Fishy

Thurs., June 24 at 11:30 am After reading *Swimmy*, by Leo Lionni, we’ll play games, make our own ocean, and eat a fishy snack. PreK–Grade 3. Register starting June 10.

Wild Spaces and Watery Places

Thurs., June 24 at 2 pm Wisconsin storyteller Tracy Chipman spins magically watery tales from around the world and our own backyard for the whole family.

Wise Guy and His Gal

Thurs., July 1 at 11:30 am Be amazed and entertained at this fun variety show for the whole family.

Duct Tape Mania 3

Thurs., July 1 at 2 pm You loved it last summer: kids in grades K-5 make wearable art with an assortment of colored duct tape. Children under age seven need an adult helper.

Preschool Players

Wednesdays, June 30–July 14 at 1:30 pm with a performance on July 14 at 7 pm. A play-acting group for children ages 4 and 5 with three weekly rehearsals and an evening performance. Register for the entire series starting June 16.

Amazing AI

Thurs., July 8 at 2 pm Magic and fun for the whole family.

Mario Kart Tournament

Tues., July 13 at 3 pm One of several qualifying rounds held at a different Madison library each week. For teens only, grades 6–12. You may end up Madison’s champion. Registration begins June 29.

Beach Blanket Bijou

Thurs., July 15 at 11:30 am Bring your beach blanket or towel, wear your swimsuit, snack on goldfish and watch watery scenes on the big screen. For all ages.

Watercolor Painting with Trent

Thurs., July 15 at 2 pm Artist Trent Miller teaches watercolor painting to students in grades 3–7. Registration starts June 17.

Abraham Lincoln: From Young Abe to the Gettysburg Address

Sat., July 17 at 1 pm Michael Hecht, local educator and artist, presents this adult program looking at Lincoln’s life, presidency and remarkable speech.

Sand Castle Contest

Thurs., July 22 at 2 pm Kids ages 7 and up build your best Sand Castle and we’ll post photos on our website. Prizes awarded. Register beginning July 8.

Amphibian Antics

Thurs., July 22 at 6:30 pm Meet native frogs, toads, and salamanders by holding, feeding, and listening to them. For the whole family.

Little Mermaids Party

Thurs., July 29 at 11:30 am

For all ages. Dance, make a sandy souvenir, feed the whale and step up for a photo-op with our undersea friends. Registration begins July 15.

African Dance Class for Children

Thurs., Aug. 5 at 2 pm Kids in grades K–5 dance to the beat of a drum with teacher of African dance, Otehlia Cassidy. Registration begins July 22.

Beach Frames

Thurs., Aug 12 at 2 pm Make a picture frame to remind you of sun and sand. Everything provided. Ages 7 and up. Registration begins July 29.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, June 22–July 27 at 10:30 am Stories, songs and fingerplays for ages 3–5. Younger siblings welcome.

Storytime for the Very Young

Tuesdays, June 22 through July 27 at 11:30 am Stories, songs and rhymes for ages 0–35 months. One adult per child.

Adult Noon Book Group

The second Thursday of each month June 10: Tin Roof Blowdown by James Lee Burke.

July 8: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Copies available at Lakeview.

Knitting at the Library

Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Scrabble for Adults

Every Wednesday at 10 am

What Northsiders are Reading

Compiled by Anita Weier
Northside News

Bill Beecher, retired science teacher with a great sense of humor:

“I just finished Garrison Keillor’s book *Pilgrims*. He goes along on a trip to Rome with a group of people from Lake Wobegon (his fictional Minnesota community of Norwegian farmers and stoical Lutherans). It’s amusing.”

Barb Karlen, president of the Friends of the Lakeview Branch Library:

“I’m reading *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez, about a Julliard-trained violinist who is mentally ill and living homeless in LA. The book is a ‘Community Read’ initiative of the Madison Public Library and Porchlight, Inc. My book group will discuss it in June. I volunteer with Porchlight, and my church houses the men’s drop-in shelter, so the book is of particular interest to me. It is very well written and is giving me new insights into the challenges for the mentally ill and for those who would help them.”

Peg Maginnis, operating room nurse at Meriter Hospital:

“One of my favorites has been *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. It’s a spinoff of Hamlet, such an intricate mystery and there are so many plots. Plus, my

roots are in northern Wisconsin and — I love my dogs.”

Ron Baeseman, busy state government retiree who volunteers at Second Harvest, works with inmates at the Huber Center, participates in book discussion groups and does watercolors:

“I just finished *The Moscow Club* by Joseph Finder. It is about a man working for the CIA at the end of the cold war. His father had been found guilty of passing documents to a Russian woman. In his attempt to find out what ‘really’ happened, he gets tangled up in a conspiracy to overthrow the Russian leaders, which is to be blamed on the CIA.

“This is the first book Finder wrote and I picked it up because I had read his latest, *Vanished*. Both books were interesting and were hard to put down. It is always intriguing to see how the hero is able to get out of a tight spot and how things revealed in the end pull it all together.”

Dan Constien, former worker at the Lakeview Branch Library who was picking up some books with child in tow:

“I’m reading *Equally Shared Parenting: Rewriting the Rules for a new Generation* by Marc Vachon. It puts into writing what a lot of people are doing.”

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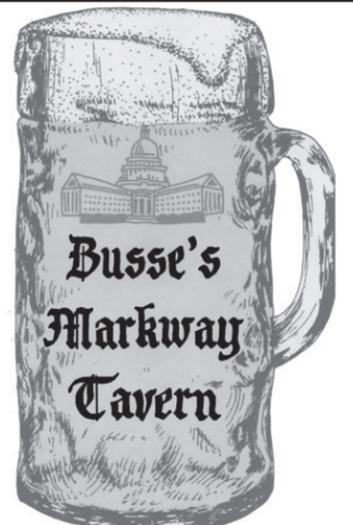


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Friends of Lake View Hill Park to coordinate study

By Sue Gleason

Do you have any stories about the history of Lake View Hill Woods and Sanatorium? Ever noticed the interesting landscape features in the Lake View Hill Park? There is an old ice rink, a barn foundation, a system of tiered waterfalls and collection cisterns, and a concrete stream drainage course down the front of the hill. And last but not least, the water fountain at the top of the great lawn.

All of these features and more will be studied as part of a cultural landscape project recently funded by Dane County Parks. Quinn Evans, a nationally known architecture firm specializing in historic structures and landscapes with an office in Madison, will begin the project in June and conclude in November. This project was one of the recommendations in the park master plan completed in 2009. The results will help the Friends and Dane County Parks make plans for further restoration that is in keeping with the important historic cultural landscape features of the park.

If you have stories to share from the past, contact Sue Gleason at smgleason@sbcglobal.net or 249-9449. If you want to learn more about the project and about the Friends of Lake View Hill Park, join our Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fovh> or find us on Facebook.

Funds Awarded for Studies in Cherokee Marsh

Jan Axelson
Northside News

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) awarded \$20,000 in grants for two environmental studies on the upper Yahara River at Cherokee Marsh. The studies will investigate carp movements and the dynamics of river sediments in the river. The information gathered in the studies can serve as a foundation for a restoration plan for the river and nearby wetlands.

The carp study will track the movements of carp in the river. Carp are a large, bottom-feeding fish whose feeding and spawning activities stir up the river bottom and uproot plants. Understanding the seasonal movements of the carp, including where they overwinter, will help in forming strategies to reduce the number of carp in the river. Researchers will implant tiny transmitters in 20 captured carp this summer and will track the carp through the winter of 2012.

The sediment study will measure and model how sediments move in the river under varied wind, water currents, runoff events, water levels and carp densities. For much of the year, the upper Yahara is brown and turbid with suspended sediments. A better understanding of sediment



Black Hawk Middle School seventh graders explore the wetlands of Cherokee Marsh on Earth Day with school-district naturalist Ami Rupnow.

Photo by Jan Axelson

movements will help in finding ways to stabilize the sediments and thus improve water clarity in the river and downstream. The studies will build on work done in 2009. The fieldwork will take place in the summer of 2010, followed by computer modeling of the results in 2011.

Dane County's Land and Water Re-

sources Department will administer the grant. The principal investigators are Research Scientist Richard Lathrop from the WDNR and the UW-Madison Center for Limnology, and Professor Chin Wu from the UW-Madison Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Earth Day at 40: There's hope for Planet Earth

By Terrie Anderson

Northside News

The Earth Day at 40 conference brought together leaders of science, industry, politics, business and the humanities for a retrospective of environmentalism and a look ahead. The wide scope of perspectives painted a picture of hope for Planet Earth.

On the eve of the first Earth Day, Gaylord Nelson spoke at UW. "The battle to restore a proper relationship between man and his environment ... will require a long, sustained, political, moral, ethical and financial commitment ... Are we able? Yes. Are we willing? That's the unanswered question."

Nelson's question was resoundingly answered over the two-day conference at Monona Terrace.

William Cronon's ideas on Wisconsin's preponderance of key environmentalists, from John Muir and Aldo Leopold to Gaylord Nelson, included our physical heritage, partnership of

academics and technology and the Wisconsin Idea.

UW Chancellor Biddy Martin credited this legacy to both the evidence-based sciences and the values and imagination of the humanities that are "at the heart of what has made people understand the importance of environmentalism."

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. defined nature as the infrastructure of community and the source of its values, virtues and character. Poet and novelist Margaret Atwood predicted a devolution of power to communities as we recognize that greater consumption does not equal greater satisfaction, a point made by Fisk Johnson of SC Johnson Co.

Two especially bright notes were awards given by the Nelson Institute. The 2010 Climate Leadership Challenge Awards went to six groups who presented inventions from a stove using available materials and fuel for Haiti to post-consumer electronics converted to

local power grids. Northsider Nathan Larson, education director at Community GroundWorks, was recognized with a Community Fellow Award.

View conference highlights, including video of some presentations at www.nelson.wisc.edu/community/programs.

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Eagles, ospreys and boy scouts — just another morning in wild Warner



Photo by Steve Salt

A fully mature bald eagle flies straight overhead during the May 1 Nature Walk at Warner Park.

By Trish O’Kane
Northside News

I knew it was going to be an auspicious morning when I pulled up to the Warner Park Shelter on my pink bicycle and spotted an osprey perched in a tree on the marsh island. It was Saturday, May 1, the first official Warner Park Nature Walk, and it was starting with the first Warner osprey sighting of the year. Fifty years ago, this bird was nearly extinct because of DDT. Now it was casually dropping in to refuel on its way north.

About 17 people came on this walk organized by the Brentwood Transformers and the North/Eastside Senior Coalition. Young and old strolled through the park together for an hour. I’d prayed for good weather and asked the birds to show up, but sometimes

birds can be fickle.

Right on cue, as we perched on the main bridge, our belted kingfisher hurtled down the canal towards the marsh, passing right overhead. With its loud rattling call and punk hair-do, the bird thrilled the walkers, as they oohed and aahed. This bird doesn’t build a nest; it digs a nest — a six-foot-deep tunnel in a bank. The little kingfishers spend a month in that tunnel and then emerge to get their first fishing lessons.

The group then walked to the park’s bicentennial bur oak, the imposing tree near the dog park’s back entrance. This tree predates European settlement, according to UW-Madison arborist R. Bruce Allison, author of “Wisconsin’s Champion Trees.” With fissures so deep a child could stick her hand in them, for me, it is the heart of our park

Suddenly, somebody yelled and pointed, “Look at that!” and a huge, fully mature bald eagle flew straight toward us, passing over our heads, as people yelled and scrambled to snap photos.

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I wanted to show the crowd an eastern wood-pewee nest in the bur oak, but the night’s winds and rain had knocked it down. I found the remnants of the tiny lichen nest in the grass and gave it to a wide-eyed 10-year-old boy scout named Boaz Fink.

We stood on the dog park bridge where I’d hoped to conjure up our great blue heron. Our tree and bank swallows were twittering and zooming under the bridge, giving us an aerial show, but no sign of the big birds. The park was quiet. I was disappointed. And then something happened that has never happened in the over 150 hours and two years that I have been studying the birds of Warner Park. Suddenly, somebody yelled and pointed, “Look at that!” and a huge, fully mature bald eagle flew straight toward us, passing over our heads, as people yelled and scrambled to snap photos.

As the walk ended, Julie Salt, who had brought along her two children, ages 3 and 18 months, said, “This is great! I don’t have to drive an hour to see wildlife. It’s right here in Madison. I can just walk to Warner Park. We don’t need to move to the suburbs.”

The next Wild Warner Nature Walks are on Sat., June 5 and Sat., June 19. We meet at the Warner Park Shelter at 8:30 am. Bring the kids. Come have coffee with our spectacular birds. For more information, go to wildwarnerpark.org.

**Trish O’Kane is a Ph.D. student in environmental studies at the Gaylord Nelson Institute of UW-Madison doing geolocation research on birds that migrate between Madison and Central America.*

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TROY GARDENS

Troy Gardens on Olbrich Garden Tour being held July 9–10

By Marge Pitts

Northside News

Experience a world of garden wonders at Olbrich Gardens' annual Home Garden Tour. Troy Community Gardens is a featured garden during the two-day event — Fri., July 9 from 10 am–4 pm and Sat., July 10 from 9 am–3 pm. Many of the gardens on this year's tour creatively include edible plants, and Troy Gardens was selected as an example of how gardening can be a community effort.

Pastries and sandwiches from Manna Cafe will be available for purchase at

Troy Gardens during the tour. The new Troy Gardens cookbook, featuring a children's story and coloring book illustrations, will also be available for purchase at the event.

Four local "green" builders are building outdoor structures, which will be raffled off at this event. Buy a chance for a chicken coop, a play shed, a garden shed and a gazebo. Raffle details will be posted at www.communitygroundworks.org soon.

Tickets for the tour are available at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Felly's Flowers and Jung Garden Centers.

Fundraiser al fresco

By Marge Pitts

Northside News

On Mon., Aug. 9, something will happen at Troy Gardens that's never happened before: A catered dinner party of up to 150 people, hosted by Troy Farm managers Claire Strader and Jake Hoeksema.

Organized and staffed by Outstanding in the Field, a company out of Santa Cruz, Calif., this fundraising event will raise a tidy sum for Community GroundWorks.

The company's mission is to re-connect diners to the land and the origins of their food, and to honor the local farmers and food artisans who cultivate it. Outstanding in the Field bills itself as "a roving culinary adventure — literally a restaurant without walls." It creates formal catered events in farm fields, at the seashore, in greenhouses and

museums. "Wherever the location," according to its website, "the consistent theme of each dinner is to honor the people whose good work brings nourishment to the table."

Ingredients for the meal are almost all local, and generally prepared by a celebrated chef of the region. For the Troy Gardens event, Kris Noren and Ben Hunter, from Madison's Underground Food Collective, will provide and prepare the evening's menu.

After a tour of the site, participants will all settle in: farmers, producers, culinary artisans and diners sharing the long table in the long evening sun.

Tickets for the event cost \$180 and are available online at www.outstandinginthefield.com. Upwards of 60 tickets have already been sold, so book yours now!



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Noshing on the Northside

By Char Tortorice

With the Northside Farmers' Market in full swing, GroundWorks shares starting to pay dividends and a new GroundWorks community cookbook almost ready to be published, there is enough local, sustainable food with ideas for preparation to make this the summer of culinary delights in every Northside kitchen. But sometimes cooking at home just isn't in the cards. The weather may be too hot or a celebration is to be savored that calls for something special. At those times, the Northside also comes out a winner because we have dining out options to suit every taste and budget.

Remember the old days with nary an Italian restaurant in sight? With **Benvenuto's** at the Northside TownCenter, those days are over. The menu is extensive with old standbys like spaghetti and tetrazini but also breaks away from tradition with offerings like honey pecan salmon and Cobb salad. Portions are generous, often resulting in a take home box for lunch the next day.

Ah, but if you have fond memories of that trattoria in NYC's Little Italy, or Naples itself, **Café La Bellitalia** is for you. Intimate and with ever-authentic food, you are lulled into thinking you have been whisked away to far away lands. Hearing the Italian coming from the kitchen and

this family-owned restaurant has attracted folks from the whole county for fish and steak. A true Wisconsin supper club experience worth having over and over.

If a country club atmosphere and elegant fare pique your interest, **Cherokee Country Club** opens its Sequoia Room to the public on Friday night and Sundays for brunch. Surrounded by verdant golf greens, the club's food is delicious and presented beautifully. A membership may be in your future as you needn't live in Cherokee to join.

Bridges on Shopko Drive offers a golf green view and is open for lunch and dinner. Specials are available, but the menu itself is extensive. The Friday fish is always a draw. Plus, you don't need to be a golfer to indulge, just someone who enjoys good food in a very friendly environment.

For breakfast, brunch, lunch or afternoon snack, **Manna Café** is the place of choice. Fresh, local, and better than mom could make, their food is prepared the way we all wish we could cook. You will feel healthy even if you are sneaking a scone. The fireplace and free wi-fi makes this cozy enough to be your second living room.

The beads are fun but don't wait for Mardi Gras to enjoy **New Orleans Take-Out**. The original small eat-in space has more than doubled but pick-up is still the mainstay. There is not a po'boy in town that can compete with NOTO's and their daily specials will become a rotating part of your go-to menu. Some people dream of fortune and fame but Northsiders dream of NOTO.

If Asian food calls you, **QQ Asian Buffet** is a newcomer but already a local legend. The food is amazingly fresh with

the romantic musicians playing on Friday nights lends credibility to that dream.

If you haven't been to **Mariner's Inn** in the last year, you haven't been to Mariner's Inn. A new back patio takes this venerable Madison landmark to a new level while maintaining its original welcoming character. Join friends after work to compare the flavors of a wine flight and share an appetizer. Or take your special someone for a romantic dinner and, perhaps a proposal? She will say "yes" when she tastes the steak or seafood and sees the magic of the lake setting. And if that all works, celebrate with a lake cruise on the **Betty Lou** that launches from Mariner's pier. Lots of different venues are available for reservation: appetizer cruises, dinner cruises, brunch cruises, wedding cruises. And across the street is Mariner's sister restaurant, **The Nau-ti-gal**. This younger sibling has a spirited atmosphere with a menu mixing the best of the tried and true (like the clam chowder to die for) with bolder offering like shark bites. And, of course, a legendary Sunday brunch.

Sometimes our Westside friends seem hesitant to cross the invisible line that the Capitol building seems to have drawn, but ask them to join you at **Kavanaugh's Esquire Club** for lunch or supper and they will drive north with a vengeance! It would be hard to find a Madisonian who hasn't enjoyed a great meal there. For 63 years



Patrons enjoying the outdoor cafe at Manna Cafe & Bakery, a Northside noshing favorite.

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seeming endless choices. And if Asian cuisine isn't your favorite, they have a variety of changing buffet options like pizza and poached salmon. With an ice cream dessert buffet, everyone leaves satisfied.

Take-out and delivery of Chinese food is available from **Great China** on Sherman Avenue. The menu is large, so plan to take one home for next time. They have a full line of health diet selections but crab Rangoon and steamed dumplings are perennial favorites.

La Finca is our newest ethnic restaurant located on Packers Avenue. Nothing fancy, just good, solid Mexican tacos and burritos, Friday fish and brunch on special occasions. The fish tacos rival anything on San Diego's wharf and the hand-painted murals are charming.

A deli/café is a potent mix. **Hamann's Charcuterie** in the Northside TownCenter has recently joined our community. The smoked meats are nothing like anything you know. Melt in your mouth fresh brats, tasso, chorizo and ham leave you wondering what you ate a few minutes ago. Vegetarians beware — if you come for the organic salad green and eggs, a taste of the Canadian bacon or peppered pastrami could make you fall off the wagon.

What looks like a pub, sounds like a pub, but acts like a restaurant? **The Villa Tap** has quietly evolved into a destination dining experience. Yes, they have arguably always had the best bar burger in town but Friday perch, cod and shrimp? Homemade cole slaw everyday that makes your mom envious? Daily noon specials that are always changing?

Another pub that acts like a restaurant

is the **Ale Asylum**, serving much more than local micro brews. The menu is short but every choice is unique and delicious. The lounge atmosphere makes it a comfy place to meet friends, unwind, and catch up.

Wiggie's Bar and Grill is just a hop, skip and a jump from the North Transfer point so leave the car home and enjoy a lively evening with friends. The food is tried and true bar fare.

There are times when you just want to walk to the local tavern and toss back a few with your buddies. Where better than **Busse's Markway Tavern**? Simple and straightforward, it brings back memories of going with grandpa for his afternoon toddy. And if the munchies hit, a hot, gooey pizza can be on your plate in a couple of minutes.

Also a Wisconsin tradition, **Smoky Jon's BBQ** on Packers is the place to go for ribs and chicken. Napkins are plentiful, so don't worry about the rich sauce getting on your clothes. The sauce you take home on your chin can be savored later.

On CV, at the eastern edge of the Northside, a Korean War-era fighter plane stands watch over us all. Sitting on a ridge, the **VFW Post 8483** commands a view that is so beautiful, it might make you cry. You may stop for the view, but go in for the food. The public is welcome and they serve lunch everyday with the canteen open until bar time. Wednesday

and Saturday dinner specials are always worth trying and there are more Friday fish selections than you will be able to remember — at a price you can afford. Plus, the Post members do the cooking and serving so there is always a spirit of camaraderie and a good story to be heard.

The western edge of the Northside also has a restaurant to recommend. Sited on a beautiful, lazy inlet of the river, **JJ's Top of the Swamp** is known for its volleyball teams but has a quaint restaurant in the back that is open Friday evening and Sunday morning. The bar area, however, serves food anytime.

Can't decide what to eat? **The Northside Inn** at Northgate has a menu that goes on for days. The senior discounts and kids eat free options make it a deal not to miss.

Breakfast all day is the hallmark of **O'Malley's Jet Room** out at General Aviation. But the menu includes specials and all manner of sandwiches. Both the crab and salmon Benedict stand up to anything available in a posh, big city restaurant and watching planes take off and land makes this a destination in itself. Who cares if they are not open at night? Get your fix before 2 pm and you are set.

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