

TROY GARDENS

FTG welcomes Bob Gragson

Food security movement a major draw

By Marge Pitts
Friends of Troy Gardens

The Friends of Troy Gardens warmly welcomes Bob Gragson to the helm as Executive Director.

Bob comes from Mendocino County, Calif., where he was the executive director of Solar Living Institute, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to explore and teach alternative energy options that ordinary people can adopt. When he saw the Troy Gardens opportunity advertised on the Internet, he was eager to pursue it.

Why? "Food security," Gragson said, without hesitation. "It's a huge thing with me."

The son of a research scientist at a petroleum company, Gragson's lifelong familiarity with the oil industry evolved into an awareness of oil depletion, the inevitable downside of immense economies relying on a non-

renewable resource for most of their energy. Gragson sees it coming. "Oil depletion will have dramatic effects on the way we live," he said. "One of the biggest changes will be how we get our food."

When it becomes outrageously expensive for trucks to haul food thousands of miles to our tables, the concept of local, community food will become very important, according to Gragson. That is what drew him to relocate.

With its thriving CSA (community supported agriculture) farms, strong public interest in community gardens and farmers markets and the focus of numerous departments within the University of Wisconsin, Dane County is becoming a leader in this new (actually, ancient) model of agriculture.

"The food security movement is very strong in this area," Gragson said. "I just want to be a part of it."



Photo by Marge Pitts



Photo by Mary Schumacher

Top left: Hannah Lavold, left, coordinated all of the Kids Activities at the festival. Left: Children painted dried gourds at the Northside Artists Group tent. Top: Cher Peng Her, owner and operator of Taste of Asia Restaurant, demonstrated how to make his Squash Curry Soup.



Photo by Mary Schumacher

Festival brings neighborhoods, organizations together

By Marge Pitts
Friends of Troy Gardens

This year Friends of Troy Gardens' annual Savor the Summer Festival became a joint labor of friendship with the Vera Court Neighborhood Center. The event was reborn as the Northside Savor the Summer Festival at Troy Gardens. Both nonprofit organizations benefited from the money raised and the goodwill shared at the daylong event, held on Aug. 11 at Troy Gardens.

Troy neighbor and gardener Maury Smith organized a full roster of local musical and dance acts for the main stage. Other nonprofits including the Dane County TimeBank hosted

informational booths. Interesting workshops, cooking demonstrations and really fun kids' activities rounded out the entertainment and enlightenment for the event. A food tent, well-run by volunteers from Vera Court, kept festival-goers coming back for more, and a few kegs of beer donated by our own Northside brewery, Ale Asylum, were much relished on that warm and windy day.

Proceeds from Savor the Summer will help Friends of Troy Gardens and Vera Court Neighborhood Center continue numerous programs that directly enhance the lives of people on the Northside. We thank these generous sponsors of the Northside Savor the Summer Festival!

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Podsquad introduces Cool Cats in Squareville

By Roselind Johnson
The Northside News

A fascinating group of young individuals from the Packer Community Learning Center, formed the dynamic Podsquad! The Podsquad, led by program coordinator Jacki Thomas, explores several types of creative digital media: web sites, photography, video and podcasting. The AM Podsquad profiles people and issues of different countries and cultures. The PM Podsquad features local musician interviews and music in radio-style podcasts. These free podcasts are available on iTunes or at the group's website at web.mac.com/podsquad.



Cool Cats In Squareville actresses pose in character as Greasers.

Photo by Jacki Thomas

ed in 2006. Nearly all of the original cast, now in their twenties, returned to the neighborhood to play their original roles.

Cool Cats In Squareville is a wonderful remake of the musical *West Side Story* about two youngsters from rival gangs who fall in love. Fifth-grader Mariah Braxton plays Stacy, a member of the Greasers. Seventh-grader Tyrone Mahone plays T-bop, a Prep. They fall in love, and meet the disapproval of their gangs.

The cast performs original music written for the film and recorded in the Packer Community Learning Center studio. Other actors are seventh-grader Rashaud Robinson as the nerdy Archie and sixth-grader Marie Nofodji as one of

the Greasers. Thomas said the younger cast was easier to work with than teenagers from earlier years, "They didn't complain as much about putting on the costumes and filming in the heat. They were fabulous!"

The kids said it was fun being in the movie, and "sure of course" they would do it again, and are currently working on a project for the Wisconsin Film Festival. The kids had the wonderful opportunity to see themselves on the big screen at Eastgate Cinema, and feel like stars.



Photos by Joan Lin

Lake View Elementary Principal Kristi Kloos addresses parent and students during a recent family night.

Lake View School welcomes all

By Patti La Cross
East Madison Even Start Family Literacy

On September 18, the new school year got a big boost for over 20 families who attend Lake View Elementary. They gathered at Northport Community Learning Center (CLC) with Lake View's new principal Kristi Kloos, members of Lake View faculty, Even Start Family Literacy staff and Pat Steele, education coordinator for Northport CLC.

The walls of the ever-bustling center seemed to expand to allow everyone to enjoy a traditional meal prepared by Taste of Asia. The Hmong families in attendance arrived in the United States since July 2004. Family members took a few minutes to talk about making Madison their home and drew a family story on cloth.

After the children and 15 volunteers from the UW Hmong American Student Association got busy in the classrooms upstairs, parents learned

about the school's 2007-2008 goals for creating a safe, respectful, productive and fun learning environment for all children.

A great deal of practical information about how to support their children's success, communicate with school personnel and ensure all children are able to fully participate in school events, field trips and after school programs was shared. Together, parents and educators discussed how to ensure their children travel safely between home and school, how to get involved as volunteers and how to promote knowledge and understanding of their culture within the Lake View community.

Families and staff expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for the genuine dialogue that took place. Principal Kloos said that she is looking forward to meeting with parents from the whole Lake View community throughout the year.



Correction Notice: In the School & Youth News on page 20 of the Aug/Sept issue, the *Northside News* made an editing error in Carlettra Sanford's (Gompers Elementary principal) introduction letter. The *Northside News* regrets the error and wishes to note Stanford did not make the error.

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Cub Scouts “do their best”



Photo provided by Lori Mertens

By Lori Mertens

Pack 127 Cub Master

Cub Scout Pack 127 has about 25 Cub Scouts ranging from 6-11 years old. Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church is our organizational representative and where we normally meet.

A Cub Scout motto is “Do Your Best”. We provide scouts many opportunities to do their best through community service and skill building activities.

Service activities, such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army, seed collection at Governor Nelson State Park, fall leaf raking and help with Cherokee Marsh clean up are important service projects. These help instill in our youth the importance of helping others, taking care of our environment and thanking those who helped us.

Scouting is not just about service

work. We work hard, but scouts also play hard. This year the pack attended athletic events such as the Harlem Globetrotters Game, UW Hockey and Mallards games and the much-beloved Pinewood Derby event.

Of course, what would scouting be without camping? We attended a summer cub scout day camp, Webelo’s resident camp, hiking and an annual family camp.

We want to say thanks to many area business that supported our Cub Scout Pack, such as Miekles True Value, who provides space to sell popcorn.

If your son is interested in joining cub scouts and would like additional information, please call Lori Mertens, Cub Master, at 246-0338.

Visit the Glacier’s Edge Boy Scout’s District web site at www.glaciersedge.org for additional information on other packs within the district.

By Meme Kintner

It’s time to gear up for Girl Neighborhood Power’s sixth annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat community food drive.

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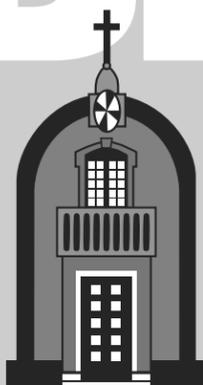
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From left, Madie King, Ivy Martin, Aja Van Hout, Mara Lynch, Kirsten Soderholm and Ruby Martin cheer Becca Soderholm on to a third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly at the Brookfield Invite.

Special season for East's swimmin' women

By Jill Jokela
East High United

Something special is happening over in the pool at East this year. After beginning the season with a dual meet loss to perennial powerhouse Madison Memorial, the East girls swim team has made a splash with dual meet wins over Beloit, Madison West and Sun Prairie. T

The 93 - 77 victory over Madison West on Sept. 7 was exciting and noteworthy. It was the first East dual meet win over our Westside rival in 35 years! Just four days later on Sept. 11, the girls followed that up with a 106 - 64 victory over Sun Prairie, also a team that East had not beaten in dual meet competition in several years. In between those meets, the girls had a strong showing at the Brookfield East Invitational, finishing third behind Homestead and Brookfield Central in a field of 10 teams. In the process, three new team records were established. Junior Ruby Martin broke both the 100 butterfly and 100 back records and freshman Aja VanHout smashed the 500 free record, lowering the stan-

dard by over six seconds. Look for more team records to fall as the season goes along!

The East girls are hoping to build on this great start and improve upon their fifth and fourth place finishes at State the past two years. You can catch the action in the pool at the last dual home meet against Middleton on Fri., Oct. 12 at 5 pm.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Matt Matteson, a former East swimmer and state champion, and Assistant Coach Emily Gnatzig, also a former East swimmer, this year's Purgolders swimmers include seniors Jennifer Kellerhuis, Kirsten Lickel (captain) and Hannah Taschwer (captain), juniors Margaret Crawford, Madie King, Mara Lynch, Ruby Martin (captain) and Amelia Trumbower, sophomores Kaitlin Dunn, Becca Soderholm, and Julia Wanke, and freshmen Eleanor Ludkey, Abby Martin, Ivy Martin, Kirsten Soderholm and Aja VanHout.

Congratulations to the East "swimmin' women" and good luck the rest of the season!

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**Diversity and Pride**

This summer a group of students met on their own time to discuss a theme for the new school year. It is an important reminder for all of us who have the honor of working with young adults that each and every year a new and exciting year for them. They are excited to make this one the best ever. The discussion they had that day and the work they have done since excited me about the potential of this school year.

One of the topics of their discussion was an interest in working on school unity. As many students discussed, diversity has always been something we are proud of at East. We haven't always made it our strength. This topic quickly became the inspiration for the theme of the year. Watching the students share ideas, capitalize on the strengths, talk through differences in opinion and think about meaning, I was confident in their work. Beyond the meeting, the students discussed it with other friends, shared more ideas and, about two weeks later, presented

the slogan and t-shirt. You will see students in purple t-shirts this year with the slogan, "Diversity and Pride (front), We are the East Side (back)".

When staff returned, Emma Potter, senior class vice-president, welcomed them back by sharing the theme and giving every staff member a t-shirt. Her message of unity and hope for a great year left a room of adults inspired. We will work hard to live up to the hope that our students have for this school year.

Another group I had the honor of spending some time with this summer was the Class of 1947. "Class" is a very appropriate word. It was a joy to spend some time with East High graduates who, 60 years later, still have the same sparkle in their eyes as they talk about East High School that Emma Potter and her classmates have. I had the opportunity to listen to stories about Foster Randle and A. J. "Hunk" Barrett, the games against West High and mostly the pride for more than just a school but also a community. It was obvious that their time at East was well spent.

I hope the students currently at East have the same types of relationships, pride and fond memories 60 years from now.

Diversity and Pride: We are the East Side.

**Math news: Thank you!**

By **Cynthia Chin**

The East Math Department thanks Westport residents Jim and Pat S. for the gift of a graphing calculator which was presented to a promising student.

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## Know Your Purgolder: Nicole Richardson Ibrahimovic

**Early years:** My father was in the Air Force. we spent several years in Florida before returning to Madison when I was 10. I attended Lake View Elementary, Gompers Middle School (now Blackhawk) and East. All of that relocating made me a more adaptable person.

**At East:** I loved theater and chorus. Our music teacher, Mrs. Burmaster, was nurturing and patient. (Elizabeth Burmaster is now State Superintendent of Public Instruction). I edited the yearbook and was in Forensics. When I was a junior, I won a gold medal at the State Forensics competition in storytelling.

**At UW-Madison:** I have a talent for languages and decided to study French. As part of my studies, I spent a year in France. What a fantastic experience!

**An unexpected career:** After getting my degree, I moved to Chicago and was hired by a non-profit agency, Thresholds, as a case manager for people with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. Fifteen years later, I still love it. I attended grad school part time while I worked and in 1999



Nicole Richardson, class of '86 (left). Nicole Richardson Ibrahimovic today (right) — social worker, pizzeria owner and mom.

earned my Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois.

**Challenging work:** As an Associate Director, I oversee programs in several areas including Deaf Programs and Homeless Services, with around 75 staff members and many clients. Mental illness is a great equalizer. No one is exempt, and it transcends areas such as socioeconomic status and ethnicity. People with mental illness teach

you to re-evaluate "progress". You learn to value the little steps.

**Family matters:** My husband, Satko, was born in Bosnia. He was an attorney and came to the U.S. during the war. He is a bit eccentric and passionate about life. I finally figured out the meaning of life when our son, Erol, was born in 2002. Already he speaks both English and Bosnian.

**Pizzeria owner:** When Satko first

wanted to open a pizzeria, I was reluctant. In Chicago, pizza is a very competitive business! But eventually we opened Bubamara, Bosnian for "lady-bug", a symbol of luck. We serve European-style pizza that's all hand-made, from the sausage to the crust. We say it's Chicago pizza with a Bosnian twist!

**Musical sideline:** I love music, and for about six years I performed with some coworkers in a group called Stone Soup. We played covers and originals. Our music was acoustic, and our style included folk and blues, with some jazz influence.

**Life philosophy:** My work can be both sad and rewarding. It's important to have other interests. For me, that includes my family and singing. Also, a sense of humor helps. It's important to be surrounded by good people with a similar outlook.

**Advice for East students:** Find what you like and make the most of it. I wasn't an athlete, and I wasn't on the honor roll, but I took my strengths and made them work for me.

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We all know that Halloween is fun for kids but can be a bit worrisome for parents. We generally have few problems on Halloween, but unfortunately each year we do respond to some incidents, such as thefts of candy and damage to property.

Although our officers try to be extra visible and diligent during this time, it is important that you report such incidents or individuals causing problems.

I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone of a few safety tips to ensure your family's Halloween is a fun and safe event.

Welcome trick-or-treaters by turning on your exterior lights. Remove any objects in your yard that may be a hazard to visitors. Drive slowly all evening, and watch carefully for creatures crossing your path.

Check that costumes are flame-retardant so little ones are not in danger around candle-lit jack-o-lanterns. Keep costumes short enough to prevent tripping or falling. Encourage kids to wear comfortable walking shoes for safety reasons. Try makeup instead of a mask so your child's vision will not be obstructed, and they can navigate stairs and cross streets safely. Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes and/or carry flashlights.

Make sure your kids go trick or treating with friends or an adult. An adult should accompany younger children.

Set a time limit for children to go trick-or-treating. Map out a safe route so you know where they'll be and remind them not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys or playing fields. Remind kids never to enter a strange house or car, and to only trick or treat at houses with outdoor lights on.

It is important to remind kids not to eat treats while they are trick or treating. Require them to bring treats home so they can be checked out in a well-lit location. Only eat unopened candies and treats in their original wrappers. Inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious, or only eat such items from neighbors you are familiar with.

Enjoy autumn in Wisconsin and have a safe and Happy Halloween!

To contact the North District Police Department, call 243-5258.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

From  
**SATYA  
RHODES-  
CONWAY**



**DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON**

Dear Neighbors,

It seems everyone is talking about safety. That's a good thing. The three most common calls I get as an alder are petty crime, rundown properties and traffic safety, so I'm glad we're having community conversation about these issues. The Council has taken a few actions on this front, including passing the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and seriously looking at police resources as part of our 2008 budget discussion. I encourage you to do what you can, as well. Join your Neighborhood Association and/or Neighborhood Watch. Call the police (911 for emergencies, 266-4275 for non-emergencies) if you are a victim of a crime or see something suspicious. Call Building Inspection at 266-4551 if a property has broken windows, trash, unmowed grass, etc. Building Inspection enforcement is largely complaint driven, so your call

really helps! And please let me know where there are pedestrian/bike safety problems. We're in the middle of a Northside discussion about traffic safety, and your input is important. I'm eager to work with neighborhoods on traffic calming as one essential part of that effort.

In the bigger picture, it's important to look at all facets of neighborhood safety. The recent focus on enforcement is important and needed, but we also need to think about prevention. I was pleased to hear many of you talk about this at the Northside public safety forum. I agree that keeping our neighborhoods strong, via neighborhood associations and the Planning Council, is critical. I agree that providing after-school and summer programming for young people – providing positive environments and alternatives to trouble – is critical. I agree that connecting people, especially young people, to jobs and job training is critical. I agree that education and parental involvement is critical. All these things are priorities that I will continue to work on. Please join me.

*Ald. Rhodes-Conway can be reached at 242-4426 or district12@cityofmadison.com*

From  
**DAVE  
CIESLEWICZ**



**MAYOR OF MADISON**

I recently had the opportunity to join Northside Aids. Michael Schumacher and Satya Rhodes-Conway, Police Chief Wray and other police department leaders, to discuss public safety issues on the Northside. It was one of several public safety listening sessions that Chief Wray and I have attended throughout the city this summer and fall.

At the Northside session, speakers shared their concerns about everything from building maintenance to traffic to graffiti. While the concerns at the different sessions varied, a consistent theme has emerged from all of them: public safety is a real concern to Madisonians, and the city needs to step up its efforts to address both serious crime and quality of life issues.

City government is responding to those concerns. At a single Council meeting in late September, the Council took the following steps at my urging:

- Introduction of my proposal to provide \$100,000 for intensified police overtime and other public safety mea-

asures throughout the city for the remainder of 2007;

- Passage of the Chronic Nuisance Abatement ordinance, giving us powerful new tools to address poorly-managed properties that are undermining neighborhoods and public safety; and
- Passage of the downtown Alcohol License Density plan, starting us down the road of reducing the number of bars in the downtown area, so that the police resources being consumed in responding to downtown alcohol-related violence can be deployed back into other neighborhoods.

These steps are part of a comprehensive six-part Mayor's Public Safety Initiative that I introduced this fall, which includes the following elements:

- Increase police resources, including 30 new police officers
- Target bad landlords
- Strengthen Neighborhoods
- Give young people positive alternatives
- Work with other units of government
- Take a citywide approach.

Keeping our neighborhoods safe is our top priority. I welcome your ideas on this and other city issues, at [mayer@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mayer@cityofmadison.com).

*Mayor Cieslewicz can also be reached at 266-4611.*

From  
**MICHAEL  
SCHUMACHER**



**DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON**

Two words come to mind when thinking of Northsiders. Involved and determined.

We are involved in public safety, in telling negligent apartment owners and residents to shape up or ship out, and in saying Downtown belongs to all of Madison.

We are determined to get our fair share of police officers including our own Community Policing Team in 2008. We are so determined that 200 Northsiders participated in our first public safety forum.

We are determined to make the Woodlands and Woodland Parks apartments once again a jewel. During the transition to the new owners I met with police and building inspectors to provide relief to tenants and neighbors. The Nuisance Abatement ordinance I supported will allow the City to deal effectively with noncompliance problems. Next step is a comprehensive loitering ordinance.

We are determined to rid our Downtown from excessive public drunkenness. As taxpayers we pay a huge cost when Northside police have to assist Downtown patrols. Recently we have seen an increase in bars that facilitate binge drinking. Just visit State Street at bar closing, as I have done with the police, to experience the mess.

The Alcohol Density Plan is part of a strategy to limit Downtown bars and hold owners and patrons more accountable. We need to support the right business mix between retail, restaurants, and bars.

Some cities succeed by what they know, some by what they do, and a few by what they are.

We know we have to question our assumptions about public safety, efficient government services, and economic development.

We have to act on evidence and data to ensure better use of our limited resources.

We have to embrace that we are a compassionate City with a pragmatic, can-do tradition. My commitment is to make government part of the solution.

*Ald. Schumacher can be reached at 242-1779 or district18@cityofmadison.com*

**Common Council Upcoming Meetings:**

Oct. 16\* ~ Nov. 6\* ~ Nov 13\* ~ Nov. 20 ~ Dec. 4

*\*public hearing on the budget*

*All Madison Common Council meetings are on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Rm. 201 at the City-County Bldg. 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.*

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**Mayor's operating budget released**

Public input welcome at upcoming budget hearings

The Northside News

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz introduced his 2008 executive operating budget on Oct. 2.

The mayor's budget relies on enactment of the Senate version of the state budget. Passage of the Assembly version would require an additional \$15 million in cuts.

The \$224 million budget proposal will be reviewed by and approved by the City Council. Public input is welcome throughout the budget process. In addition to the mayor and Northside alders, e-mail [allalders@cityofmadison.com](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com). The budget is online at [www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budgetindex.htm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budgetindex.htm).

**Public Hearings on the Operating Budget**

Oct. 16 on Mayor's budget

Nov. 6 on Board of Estimates' amendments

Nov. 13 on City Council's amendments