

ELECTED OFFICIALS

From
JOE PARISI
DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Working With You to Keep Dane County Great

Growing up in Middleton, I always knew that Dane County was a special place. Our community has given me so much, and has inspired me to give back. I am honored to serve you as your new Dane County Executive.

Our home has changed a great deal from when I was younger. Dane County's population is now 490,000 people and is the fastest growing county in Wisconsin.

While determining how to grow at the same time we protect our farms and lakes will continue to be a challenge. We now face new hurdles — including how the state budget will impact our quality of life for years to come.

As Dane County Executive, I will meet these challenges head on — by

working with you to find solutions, and without sacrificing everything that makes our community great.

My first priority will be finding a way to balance the county budget in the face of deep cuts from the state. Hours after I was officially sworn in, I met with my budget team to begin addressing the changes that may come from the Governor's budget proposal.

We do not yet know the final impact of the state budget, but we know that it could greatly affect human services, more than half of the county's annual budget.

Prioritizing economic development is also key. I've been meeting with some of our county's economic development leaders, including representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and THRIVE, to make good on the creation of my new Dane County Office of Economic Development.

And I'm committed to making Dane County a clean energy jobs leader. As the price of gasoline climbs, we must re-double our efforts on creating jobs pursuing innovative, cost-effective sources of alternative energy.

I'm looking forward to working with you to achieve these goals.

From
SATYA RHODES-CONWAY
DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON



Since my last column, we've had some significant changes at the City. I was sworn in for my third term (thank you!), along with six new alders (welcome District 18 Alder Anita Weier!) and a new/old mayor. New leadership gives us the opportunity to think about our priorities as a City. I look forward to working with Anita, Mayor Soglin and the new Council as we set the direction for the next two years.

I want to bring to your attention a new City program. Green Madison can help energy and money and increase your comfort at home. City of Madison single family, duplex, and triplex owner-occupied residences and condominiums are eligible for the program. It provides:

- Access to financial incentives for energy-efficiency improvements;
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- Local energy advocates who guide homeowners through every step of the process as you make important energy-efficiency decisions and improvements.

The goal of the Green Madison program is to increase energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve and create local jobs, and promote economic recovery within the City of Madison. You can apply or find out more information at www.cityofmadison.com/green-madison/ or call 877-399-1204.

I also want to alert you to the City redistricting process. The current plans show Whitetail Ridge, East Bluff and Mendota Hills moving into District 18, and District 12 expanding to include the airport, all of Eken Park and Carpenter-Ridgeway. For more information see www.cityofmadison.com/cityhall/redistricting/ or contact me at district12@cityofmadison.com or 242-4426. As always, I'm available to address any other city-related questions or concerns as well.

See you around — maybe at the Northside Farmers Market?

From
ANITA WEIER
DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON



First, many thanks to those who voted for me and supported me with volunteer efforts and financial contributions. And, whether you voted for me or not, thanks for opening your doors to let me introduce myself and for being so polite to a stranger.

I learned a great deal about our neighborhoods by walking door-to-door through the district twice. The second time was much more fun of course, because the snow and ice were almost gone.

Many of you offered helpful opinions about the district's strengths and its problems. The most popular topics were street repair and snowplowing, followed by sidewalks. As a result, I asked to be appointed by the mayor to the Public Works Board, which votes on many engineering issues. A major current issue that affects the Northside is State Highway 113 reconstruction. The board approved night work, to hasten the project and lessen traffic congestion during the day. But conditions were imposed about the type of work that could be done between 9 pm and 7 am, in order to reduce noise.

Due to the very time-consuming nature of an office in transition and tight publication timeframes, newly-elected mayor Paul Soglin was unable to submit a column for this issue of the Northside News. Look for his inaugural entry in the August edition.

Complaints did come in about trees that had been removed as the project began. Now that I am on the Committee on the Environment, I will try to protect trees in future developments.

Another issue that came up immediately is a proposed storage facility for the Wisconsin Historical Society Museum and the Veterans Museum, to be located next to Troy Gardens. Many Northsiders are worried about the loss of green space and the proposed zoning change from conservancy to light manufacturing. Those concerns were expressed at a public meeting I organized. At this deadline, the result is not known, but I will strongly represent the neighborhood's views to the Madison Common Council.

If you have concerns or ideas about these or other projects, please email me at district18@cityofmadison.com or call me at (608) 320-5820.

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From
**JON
ERPENBACH**



STATE SENATOR

Program to train workers a success; Needs to expand

One of the state's most successful examples of how modest state investments in education can facilitate big gains in economic development and jobs is the Advanced Manufacturing Training (AMT) Grants Program. This program was created last session to address the employee education needs of manufacturing businesses in our state. Senate Bill 40, which I have co-sponsored, continues state support for the AMT grants; this bill just received a public hearing in the Senate.

Advanced Manufacturing Training Grants enable the Wisconsin Technical College System to work with businesses to provide training for in-demand manufacturing skills and help our manufacturers compete globally. This program is extremely popular and the original \$1 million in grants was used rapidly by 103 companies to train

4,135 workers. In response to that demand, the CORE Jobs Act expanded funding for the current biennium to \$2 million.

This bill expands funding for the Advanced Manufacturing Training Grants program by \$400,000 each year of the next biennium. This vital program helps companies grow, expand and create new jobs, and helps employees improve their skills to compete for the jobs of tomorrow.

At a time when state resources are very scarce, we need to be sure our investments are in programs that truly put people to work. The Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant program is a prime example of a jobs program that is working. Local companies that have used the training grants include: Columbus Chemical, Portage Plastics, Cascade Tissue, SICO America, Universal Silencer, Animart Inc., Bullseye Industries, Grande Cheese, Kondex Corp., Richelieu Foods, Lands End, Quantum Devices, Genecor, Regal Beloit Corp., Richland Hospital and more.

For more information on job creation programs working for Wisconsin, please contact my office at 608-266-6670 and 888-549-0027 or via email at sen.erpenbach@legis.wi.gov.

From
**PAUL
RUSK**



DISTRICT 12 SUPERVISOR

Budget woes

Dane County continues to monitor the state budget situation closely as we must comply with many unfunded mandates. I am increasingly concerned that many of our non-mandated programs will be threatened next year as the state budget limits the county's ability to raise revenue. The funds we provide to homeless shelters, senior case managers, developmentally disabled high school graduates, and social workers who work with families, schools and law enforcement are not mandated. These services often save taxpayer money in the long run as they prevent more expensive interventions, including jail and prison costs, and nursing home placements. The governor's proposal to privatize services at the Jobs Center on Aberg Avenue will have a major impact on those needing immediate services and the county staff

who work there. The \$820,000 cut in child support enforcement means 10-12 fewer attorneys working on behalf of children.

We will do our best to keep everything running well including the jail and Sheriff's department, courts, 911 center, and parks. Reduced land purchases and county employees taking wage and benefit cuts have reduced spending, but I don't think that will be enough. There are signs the economy is improving which may help the situation.

Madison College Expansion

As a member of the Airport Commission I reviewed the attractive plans being advanced by Madison College to construct five new buildings following last fall's successful referendum. The first is the new Allied Health building scheduled to begin this summer pending final city approvals. In addition to new construction jobs, this expansion has a tremendous positive impact on long term economic growth as people will have greater opportunities to enhance their skills.

Supervisor Rusk can be reached at 249-9667 or rusk@co.dane.wi.us.

From

**KELDA
HELEN
ROYS**



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Many constituents have shared their concerns about Governor Walker's proposed budget. His slash-and-burn approach will devastate middle-class families and halt our economic recovery. Budgets are about choices, and unfortunately Walker is choosing to further shift public resources from protecting the middle class to more hand-outs for the wealthiest among us.

Walker's budget is filled with extremist policy items that will do nothing to help our state's finances — indeed, many proposals are fiscally irresponsible, such as re-opening the "Las Vegas Loophole" corporate tax giveaway. More troubling are his continued efforts to funnel millions of dollars to wealthy corporations at the expense of schools, public safety, and vital public services.

For instance, Walker cuts \$1.68 billion from K-12 schools, as legislative Republicans shift huge taxpayer dollars to wealthy private parochial

schools in suburban Milwaukee. He also slashes healthcare programs for seniors, children, and struggling workers, after giving a \$50 million tax break for health savings accounts, that benefit the wealthiest 1.6 percent of Wisconsinites.

Walker cuts funding to local governments, including a 24 percent cut to counties, jeopardizing vital local services like police and fire protection. The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau's analysis shows that not only will communities face significant service cuts, but property taxes will also go up both years of Walker's budget.

I am doing everything in my power to change these irresponsible, unfair proposals that put Gov. Walker's wealthy corporate friends before our Wisconsin workers and families. History proves that we can preserve Wisconsin's core values and priorities — like education, health care, and public safety — while balancing our budget. Indeed, last session we faced a budget deficit nearly double the current shortfall, and we protected the services Wisconsinites need and deserve. I will keep fighting to ensure that our state's budget matches the priorities of Wisconsin's people — not huge corporate interests.

From

**MELISSA
SARGENT**



DISTRICT 18 SUPERVISOR

I believe that representing our Northside voices, values and concerns on the Dane County Board is serious. These are challenging times for Dane County because the Governor's values do not match ours. He has proposed deep cuts to services and staff. He says these cuts are "tools" so that we can do our jobs efficiently to create job growth and save money. But Walker's "tools" are traps, as these examples show:

Human Services: The transfer of income maintenance to private for-profit corporations will eliminate over 70 jobs right here on the Northside. Basic survival programs such as Food Shares, Medicaid and Badger Care will no longer be provided in a timely or transparent manner to our neediest citizens.

Environment: The reduction in standards for phosphorus as well as holding up pollution controls and enforcement will put Wisconsin in vio-

lation of Federal Acts as well as promoting unhealthy algae and unwanted weeds in our waterways.

Public Safety: The reduction of youth aids that help make our neighborhoods safe will lead to the elimination of prevention and intervention programs that have been proven to save taxpayers money.

Economy: The elimination of the Regional Transit Authority will hamper job growth in our county. RTA's voted on by the public are the best way to provide efficient, affordable transportation to our residents and their employers.

These "tools" do not represent the values of the countless people in the 18th district that I have spoken with in the last year as your supervisor. I am dedicated to continuing the fight to protect what keeps the Northside a vital place to live and work.

Please contact me with your thoughts, concerns or ideas via my cell phone: 608-220-2273 or email: sargent@co.dane.wi.us

You can also find me on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Melissa-Sargent-Dane-County-Supervisor-District-18

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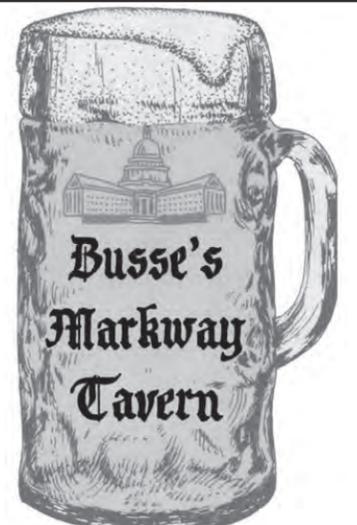
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The Wind Takes Love

By Megan Fisher,
Black Hawk 7th-grade

I lie awake,
Cold and alone...
I stare at the stars,
And try to make figures out of the stars
By tracing my finger softly against
the sky...
I whisper quietly to myself how
much I miss you,
I quietly stand up
And walk slowly and peacefully
Over to the willow tree...
I gently move the branches aside
So I can walk under...
I look up
And see tiny, bright pieces of the
moon,
It made me twirl around in joy...
I smiled really big,
Then imagined you...
My smile started to fade,
Slowly...
I stood thinking,
Wishing,
Praying,
That it was you...
I noticed the sun peaking over the
horizon.
I turned to look...
You were gone.
Then came a subtle breeze,
A shock of cold chills ran down my
spine...
You're gone.

Fractured Perfection

By Kelly Khamphouy

Can you please tell me what
perfection is?
I want to know.
What do we base it off of
If nobody's perfect?

Doesn't that mean,
We're all perfect?
If we don't think about
The flaws,
Then we can't fix them.

But if we do think about the flaws,
We hate ourselves.
Imperfect,
Maybe.
Perfect?
Haven't the slightest clue.

Supermodels seem so...
PERFECT
But we don't know what perfect is.
So is perfect,
Flawed?

There's a crazy idea,
That we've all implanted in our
heads.
It's that: Nobody's perfect.
But really,

That idea, comes to mind first.
Because we have no idea,
What perfect is.



Teachers Litle Matson, Kate Jorgensen and Vera Naputi lead the JoMaNa team to an adventure that rounds out their academic and emotional growth.

Service learning trip expands horizons of Sherman Middle School seventh graders

Students in the Jorgensen/Matson/Naputi classroom used water as a unifying theme in their science, language arts and social studies classes earlier this year. Their exploration of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans opened up lots of questions about rebuilding and revitalization of neighborhoods in the ravaged city. Curiosity and interest grew, and the team began to think of ways to fund a service-learning trip to New Orleans. They pooled multiple grants and the proceeds from a Fat Tuesday dinner they prepared and served and were able to take a five-day all-expenses paid trip in early May that they describe as "epic education."

Working with AmeriCorps volunteers at Sara T. Reed High School, the students assembled literacy kits as the first part of their service. Drawing on their experience with gardening at Sherman, they also planted a school garden for the students of that school, many of whom are teenaged parents. They brought tools and garden art from Wisconsin and planted peppers, tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, basil, okra, rosemary, celery and other vegetables as well as marigolds and petunias. As they reported in their blog, "We felt pretty satisfied."

The Sherman Middle School students boned up on their history in the French Quarter and witnessed an ecosystem up close and personal at the LaFitte Preserve — including alligators, which they sampled at dinner that same day! They toured the lower ninth ward and spoke to residents and community

leaders about their experiences.

As students departed New Orleans for their bus trip home, they compiled a list of activities they'd like to do if they could stay longer, including building houses, painting houses and murals and teaching kids. By the time the bus arrived in Wisconsin, the students were dreaming of service they could provide in their own hometown. This new list may be the best measure of the success of their service-learning trip.

- Reach out to other schools to help build a garden like ours
- Start more community centers to keep kids out of trouble, especially in the Northside
- Be a part of building houses for others
- Put together reading kits for kids
- Volunteer to coach or mentor young kids in sports
- Help in the food pantry
- Do arts and crafts in senior center homes.

Check out the group's blog at <http://jomanateam.blogspot.com> and their Facebook page, New Orleans Service Learning Project, to see photos and read more of their experiences.

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Gompers ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cultural Literacy Night unites Gompers School community

On the evening of Apr. 12, families and friends from the Gompers school community gathered to take pride in what students bring to their school each and every day as learners: a community rich in culture and diversity.

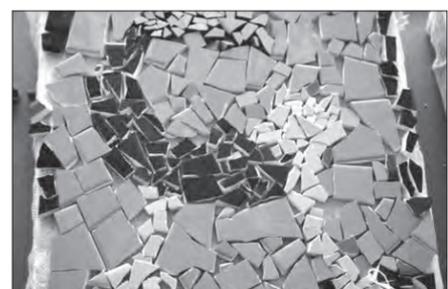
Family members, staff and students shared dinner together followed by an Affirmation Assembly with Michelle Belnavis, the district's Instructional Resource Teacher for Cultural Relevance.

At the end of the night, students received their personalized copy of the school-wide anthology, including a written story by each student with a cover created in art class.

The event was the highest-attended evening function in recent history at Gompers and it reveals just how excited the Gompers' community is to celebrate individuals coming together in unity.

This school-wide project was initiated by the Gompers' Grant Writing Committee and funded both by the Individual School Endowment Grant from The Foundation for Madison Public Schools and the Gompers' Elementary Parent Teacher Organization.

Blackhawk MIDDLE SCHOOL



Students at Black Hawk work on mosaic tiles to be used in Black Hawk Middle School's permanent community garden display. The tile-making process was a collaborative effort among sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in fourth quarter art classes.

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**East
HIGH SCHOOL****Graphing calculator
donations needed
for East High School
students**

By Cynthia Chin

Watch for calculator sales this summer. In order to learn and apply the mathematics covered in most classes at East, students will be required to use a graphing calculator. (Geometry courses are the only exception.) This is a versatile tool and a worthwhile investment. Students often find it to be helpful in science classes and are expected to be familiar with this technology when taking standardized state exams, the SAT or ACT, and Advanced Placement examinations. A calculator from an older relative or friend can be used again, but sharing is difficult because the calculator is used on a daily basis in class and at home.

The specific models recommended are all made by Texas Instruments: TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84, and TI-84+ ("Silver editions" have higher computing speeds and more memory, but are not required.)

Please do NOT consider any models other than the ones listed above, as they will not be supported in class.

We understand that this is an

expensive purchase. East High School offers a calculator rental option to families in need of assistance. The rental fee is \$15 for the entire school year. The East Math Club funds a few rental scholarships each year in cases where rental fees present a hardship. A copy of the rental agreement will be available at registration. Completing the form and making the rental payment (or obtaining an official waiver) will ensure that your student obtains a calculator during the first two weeks of the school year.

If you are in a position to donate a new or used calculator, or replacement batteries, to the school rental program, your gift would be very much appreciated. Donations should be directed to the 2010-2011 math department chair, Karen Paschke at 204-1529 or kpaschke@madison.k12.wi.us

**East High School
staff feted with
appreciation
breakfast**

East High School shows its staff appreciation with a breakfast. A large and varied spread of food greeted East High staff when they arrived at school the morning of May 4. As a Teacher Appreciation Week "thank

you" to East's talented, hardworking, and creative staff, East parents and guardians baked, prepared and bought such treats as sweet rolls, French toast, quick breads, muffins, cookies, breakfast casseroles, fruit, sticky buns, mini cream puffs, bagels, doughnut holes and more. Staff responded with a spontaneous round of applause for the breakfast, which was sponsored by the parent group, East High United. Check out <https://sites.google.com/site/easthighunited> for info on the group and their events.

**Hilliard is "Mr.
Basketball"**

By Marlene Hardick

Northside News

Nimrod Hilliard IV is Mr. Basketball for the state of Wisconsin.

Hilliard, East High senior point guard, was selected from among all Wisconsin players by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

Playing under first-year coach Matt Miota, Hilliard was the Purgolder's only returning starter this year. He helped East to a season score of 13-11 which took them to the sectional semifinals. At six feet, he is short but fast, averaging 24.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.6 assists this season. This fall, he will join the Coyotes to play basketball for the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

**Black Hawk
students pen
poetry****Mistakes**

By Joey Grindrod

Throughout history,
Mistakes so significant have rose,
Mistakes that have caused undying
pain and fiery hatred,
Cruelty has imprisoned and killed,
Cruelty that isn't a fairy tale...
However, though they can never be
forgotten, they can be fixed,
Wrongs can be righted.
Once people realize what they're
actually doing,
They promise to weave their fabric
of existence better.
Then you realize it's not a dream
Or in your imagination.
Death has been defeated,
And wrongs have been righted.

The Magic of MusicBy Colton Rhode,
Black Hawk 7th grader

It's on my fingertips
And in my mind
All the time.
The notes flow freely
Inside my head,
A sound exhaled with ease.
I'm always on key.
Their heads and mine
Filled with lyrics
That couldn't have possibly been
written by me.
Duh,
It's called karaoke!

Ah, who could forget the instruments,
Their sounds echoing all around.
The piano plays
Such majestic material
While the bass
Strings low beats.
The drums carry
Constant rhythms
And lead a band
Through a song.
A flute is soft and quiet,
A sax loud and powerful.
The oboe is a snake charmer
While the clarinet is its sister.
A musical combination of
Inanimate instruments and
a human voice
Create the perfect melodious
mixture
For the ears of A-listers.

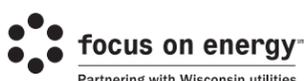
How I yearn to have amazing
musical talent
Like Mozart or Beethoven.
Their meaningful masterpieces
have inspired many song artists
And made history.
I just hope that one day,
That could be me
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Students in the Ethnic Gardening class at Malcolm Shabazz on North Serman Avenue spent some time this spring preparing the school's garden.

Summer — What does a teenager do?

By Marlene Hardick

Summer is here! School will soon be out. Freedom is wonderful, and everyone loves a little adventure and fun.

A quick bus ride will take teens to the **Goodman Community Center** at 149 Waubesa Street on the east side. You can also get there using the pedestrian/bike path with the new bridges over Aberg Avenue and East Washington Avenue. The center houses the Lussier Teen Center and The Loft, which offer a lot of free activities for middle and high school students. Check out their website (theloftmadison.org) or friend Lussier Teen Center on Facebook for up-to-date listings. Or, call 241-1574. The Teen Center is funded for the use of all Madison teens.

Here is a sample of summer activities, all of which are free to middle/high school students:

- Dinner is served at 5 pm (Good food and it really is free.)
- Drop in Activities that includes video games, arcade, music, computers, special events.
- Basketball
- Youth Volunteer Corps



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The free skateboard park is open daily from 7 am-10 pm, but reserved for middle/high school only from 3-7 pm.

Live music happens most weekend nights at The Loft. There is sometimes a cover charge, so check their schedule for bands and prices.

Fish for free all weekend on June 4-5

By Marlene Hardick
Northside News

Free Fishing Weekend in Wisconsin is June 4-5. Anyone can fish those days without buying a \$20 annual adult license. Kids 15 and under always fish for free and teens who are 16-17 can get a license for \$17. New this year is a one-day resident license for \$8.

Seek out the great spots on the Northside:

The Hwy 113 Bridge near "Top of the Swamp" restaurant and the spot where the Yahara River enters Lake Mendota, are known as great places to catch catfish. When the DNR put down their nets on the North Mendota shore this spring, they pulled in 755 catfish, many weighing 15 pounds, according to Jack Hurst, who keeps track of those sorts of things.

"In fact," said Hurst, an avid fisherman who knows everything about fishing in Wisconsin and beyond, "Anything that swims in Lake Mendota can be caught at those fishing spots. The lake is full of panfish, walleyes, northern pike, and bass." Did he mention carp?

Other great spots to fish from shore include the Warner Park breakwall and inlet, the Tenney Park breakwall, Cherokee Lake, Governor Nelson State Park fishing pier, and the Yahara River.

Hurst is active in the Yahara Fishing Club and Wild Warner, and shares in the work of improving Madison area lakes and wetlands. "Fish in Warner

Park Lagoon often die over the winter if snow covers the ice and deprives them of oxygen," he said. "The Lagoon needs dredging and good management to re-create what was once a wonderful fishing spot. With some attention, it could be brought back to life."

Kids can learn to fish on June 4 at Warner Park

By Marlene Hardick

Jack Hurst and his friends from Yahara Fishing Club are going fishing in the Warner Park Lagoon. And they are inviting kids to join them. The Yahara Fishing Club and WalMart are sponsoring this event.

June 4 is "Take a Kid Fishing" day. Any kid, 12 and under, who shows up at Warner Park Shelter between 9 am-1 pm, will be taught how to fish by some of the best fishermen and women in Madison. The first 325 will be given a free rod and reel or a tackle box. Bait is furnished. At 11:30 am, everyone gets a free lunch. Door prizes will be given. Warner Park Lagoon has been stocked with panfish by the DNR, so anyone with a little patience will catch fish. Parents who hang out nearby are also likely to learn something new.

Free meals provided to low-income children during summer vacation

By Nicole Graper

Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Summer Food Service provides free meals to low-income children during school vacations. During the school year MMSD serves more than 12,000 children who qualify for free or reduced price meals due to low household income. The Summer Program offers those children nutritious food when school is not in session. Over 175,000 meals are served during an eight week session at 30 different locations. Meal service takes place Monday through Friday, June 20-Aug. 12. There is no meal service on Monday, July 4.

The Summer Food Service Program

is a federally funded program operated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered at the State level. All children 18 years of age and under are eligible to receive free meals. MMSD offers breakfast, lunch and snack meals. Meals are served at a variety of locations throughout Madison. Sites qualify if the school in the attendance area has more than 50 percent free and reduced lunch enrollment, or if more than 50 percent of the children participating at the site qualify for free or reduced price meals during the school year. If the site qualifies, all meals are served free to all participants. For more information call 204-4007.



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17th Annual Summer Concert Series (102 Summer Concerts!)

That's the total number of free summer concerts the North/Eastside Senior Coalition has sponsored over these past 17 years! Averaging six concerts a year, one can only imagine the number of community members attending these traditional summer outings. Offered on Monday evenings at the Warner Park Shelter (6-7:30 pm), senior adults and their families (of all ages) can sit under the beautiful skys and enjoy a diverse selection of live music.

This year's artists include Avenue Sizzlers — Dixieland Jazz (13 June), Ladies Must Swing sponsored by M&I Bank (20 June), Gavilanes — Mexican music (27 June), Oak Street Ramblers sponsored by Boomerangs Resale Store — Country/Bluegrass (11 July), Davis Family Band — R&B music (18 July), and Copper Box sponsored by Oak Park Place — accordion swamp rock music (25 July). The concerts are also supported by: Alliant Energy Foundation, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission (with additional funds from the Overture and Pleasant T. Rowland Foundations), Door Creek Church, Madison Mallards, Dennis Tiziani and Westmont Law Offices. Goodwill donations are also collected during intermission.

Returning this year is the option to purchase grilled brats and hot dogs, in addition to freshly popped popcorn, delicious root beer floats and brownies. Transportation is also available for senior adults in the north/eastside of Madison; call 243-5252 to arrange a ride. Additional details can be found at www.nescoinc.org. Don't let the road and parking lot construction keep you away from this fun family summer time tradition — and there are no home Mallards baseball games on concert nights this season!

So bring your lawn chair, dance shoes, big appetite and be ready for a delightful evening! In the event of inclement weather, tune into 1310 WIBA/AM.

NESCO recognizes United Way Community Volunteer Awards nominees

The North/Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) is pleased to announce that one of the two volunteers nominated for a United Way Community Volunteer Award was selected at a ceremony held April 14. We'd like to recognize both nominees for their volunteer work with our organization.

Lydia Auner selected for award

Lydia Auner was one of two students selected for the Goodman Gemstone Youth Award. Lydia, a East High senior, is part of the ENJOY Club (East Neighbors Joining Old and Young) at Madison East High School. The ENJOY Club is a branch of the Home Chore Program, which provides volunteers to limited income senior adults in Madison, so they can stay independent and in their own homes. For the past three years, Lydia has provided general home chores on a weekly basis to Barbara Claborn, on the North/East side of Madison.

"Lydia has been with me for the last three years, since I moved back to Madison. She was only 14 when she started and she gives so much for such a young person. She is a sweetheart, just a marvelous girl. I can't say enough about how much she has helped me. She helps me with my vacuuming, laundry, floors and bathrooms. She helps with everything that I have trouble doing because of my health," said Barbara.

In Lydia's nomination submission, NESCO Programs Manager Katie Kluesner wrote, "Lydia recruits new members and



Lydia Auner with Barbara Claborn

Photo submitted by Lydia Auner

accepted an engraved clock and gemstone pin on her behalf. The award also comes with a \$1,000 scholarship for Lydia and a \$1,000 donation to NESCO.

Mary Beth Welch award nominee

NESCO also nominated Mary Beth Welch for a Community Volunteer Award, honoring her volunteer work helping senior adults navigate the

complex Medicare Part D enrollment system. After being initially trained on the intricate Medicare Part D Planfinder website (listing insurance plans for prescription drugs), Mary Beth worked one-on-one with senior adults reviewing their medications and then finding the plan that best fit their needs and their wallets. NESCO's case managers accompanied Mary Beth to the awards ceremony, recognizing the huge impact she made to this vital program. Bilingual Case Manager Liz Mensing stated, "Mary Beth helped us by freeing up a lot of our time so we could assist seniors with other critical needs. We could completely trust Mary Beth with this complex system — we could give her these referrals and knew she would follow-up with the seniors and find the best plan for each one."

Please join us in congratulating both Lydia and Mary Beth.

The ENJOY program started in 2004 as a partnership between NESCO and East High. Since then, over 230 students have participated in the ENJOY Club and have served over 150 north and eastside seniors.

This is the first year the Goodman Gemstone Youth Award has been presented; it is in honor of philanthropists Irwin and Bob Goodman. Although Lydia was unable to attend the awards ceremony due to a school sponsored trip to the Smoky Mountains, her mother Lois Bergerson

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SENIOR

Putting the senior in senior prom

By Teri Barr

The music is booked. Punch and appetizers planned. Hair and nail appointments set. Flowers and decorations are coming together. And a need for dance lessons is still being determined. Spring is often re-named prom season at area high schools. Yet, this year there will be a senior prom at what many may describe as an unexpected location — The Gardens Apartments in Madison. We aren't talking about seniors, as in graduating high schoolers, but instead this dance is specifically for adults who have already been there, done that; but want to re-live this special time, again.

Do you remember your prom or a high school dance you attended? The excitement about the event, worry about pictures and nerves surrounding a "first dance?" Debbie Venden and Annie Roethel do and it's with those same emotions they are evoking to carefully plan this special senior prom for residents at several area housing communities. "These adults are

very active and have been asking about the possibility of holding a dance here for a few years," explained Venden, Residential Services Director.

"We finally decided to do it and the response from both those planning to attend and volunteers helping to make it happen has been amazing," said Roethel, who is handling much of the preparations. Talking with her about it, this senior prom could share some of the characteristics of a high school dance except, Roethel said, "There won't be a shy one in the bunch. Some have a partner or a date and for those who don't, our volunteers are already practicing their dance steps so no one sits on the sidelines alone. Plus, Ladies Must Swing is an amazing band to watch if you choose to relax with your friends."

This particular group includes Ione Peschl, a spunky 80's something who grew up on the Northside and recently reconnected with several of her childhood friends at The Gardens. The many



Photo by Teri Barr

Seniors enjoy dancing to the music at the Senior prom.

activities there, from Wii tournaments to education seminars, student-run projects and entertainment allow the residents to become friends and even find unexpected old friends. But I'll save the reunion story for the next edition. I just know Ione and her friends will be whooping it up at prom

just like they did more than 60 years ago. Maybe this is one of the better parts of growing older. You've already experienced much of what life has to offer; the bad and good. But now, with a little help, you can re-live some of the best parts of it — any way you choose.

SENIOR Activities

By Jim Krueger

Audubon Bird Walk, Saturday, June 4 at 8 am, Warner Park Shelter

Wild Warner Wetland Walk and Talk, Sunday, June 12 at 4 pm, Warner Park Shelter

Warner Park Prairie Circle: Prairie Plantings, Saturday, July 30 at 9:30 am, Warner Park Circle

Free Summer Concert Series for all ages begins June 13, Monday's, 6-7:30 pm, Warner Park Shelter (No concert Monday, July 4)

For over 33 years, the North/East-side Senior Coalition (NESCO) has been enhancing the quality of life for all senior adults by providing programs, advocacy and resources that assist them to remain independent, active and influential in the community. Programs and services are offered at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Dr., and include the following:

Note: No activities offered or lunch served on July 1 or July 4.

Bingo: Friday's and second Tuesday, 10:30 am/ 5¢ a card (two card limit/game) with cash prizes

Blood Pressure Clinic (Free): Third Tuesday, Noon; All ages are welcome.

Book Club: First Tuesday, 10 am

Cards and Puzzles (Free): Monday-Thursday, 10:30 am, kings corner, Monday-Thursday, euchre, Mondays 9:30 am; sheephead, third Wednesday, 1 pm. Call ahead to assure correct numbers.

Case Management: Provides support, resources, and community services to enable seniors to safely remain living in their own homes.

Cultural Diversity: Hosts monthly programs for African American and Latino seniors.

Foot Care Clinics: NESCO and Interim Health Care co-sponsor four foot clinics each month for individuals who cannot do their own foot care and do NOT have diabetes. Cost is \$15; call 243-5252 for an appointment.

Home Chore Program: Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning for seniors. This is a flexible volunteer opportunity that can fit into your busy schedule and is very rewarding. Call Katie at 243-5252.

Low-Vision Support Group: Third Thursday each month, 10:15 am

Men's Group: Last Monday of each month, 10 am

Nutrition Education (FREE): Wednesday, June 22 and Wednesday, July 27, 11 am

Nutritious Lunches: Monday-Friday, 11:30 am; door-to-door bus ser-

vice available (50¢ each way and free on Tuesdays and Fridays). Guests 60 years of age and older are invited to enjoy their meal on an anonymous donation basis. Suggested donation \$3. Anyone under 60 is asked to pay the full cost of the meal (\$6.10). Res-

ervations required by 11:30 am the prior day.

Senior Exercise (FREE): Wednesdays, 10:30 am

For more information on NESCO programs, please call 243-5252 or info@nescoinc.org.

Mark your calendars for these other upcoming NESCO events:

- June 15:** 10-11 am ** Farmer's Market Voucher Distribution WPCRC
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