

COMMUNITY

The Timebank is not just getting older, it's getting bigger and better

Dane County Timebank members exchange over 35,000 hours

By Terrie Anderson

Four years ago, an optimistic group met at Lakeview Lutheran to share a simple meal and a vision of people helping one another. They hoped that 25 others would come. When the 75th person walked in the door, we ran to Popeye's Chicken for reinforcements! It was a sign of things to come.

Dane County Timebank is the largest and fastest-growing timebank in the world. And it started here on the Northside. That's a legacy to be proud of.

Timebanking is a simple exchange system. People help one another and receive credit for their service. Anyone who helps another member earns one timedollar per hour, which they can spend for an hour of service from anyone else in the network. We exchange time instead of money. We get what we need and often discover deeper needs fulfilled when we help someone else.

Circle Nov. 7 on your calendar and

add a couple of stars for our fourth birthday party. Nearly 1400 members and over 35,000 hours exchanged — that's an accomplishment! It's time to celebrate.

Everyone is welcome. Not a member yet? Start an application at www.danecountytimebank.org or call 663-0400. Or just come to the party to see what we're all about. It's a potluck dinner (bring a dish to pass) and there will be children's games, karaoke and lots more. It'll be from 5-7:30 pm on Nov. 7 at First Congregational Church, 1609 University Avenue.

The Northside Timebank Neighborhood Steering Team (aka Kitchen Cabinet) hopes to grow, too. We're working very hard right now to push the whole Timebank to a higher level of organization and effectiveness and we need your ideas and energy. Interested? Call or email the office, 663-0400, info@danecountytimebank.org or Terrie, 241-9080, terrieanderson@sbcglobal.net.

Art that reflects our community

By Ellen Barnard

Imagine ... Rather than a chain-link fence in the median on Northport Drive, you see decorative metal screens depicting images of the things that Northsiders love about our community.

Imagine ... The entry to Warner Park features an artistic welcome that creates a feeling of inviting you into the park, and an impression of the beauty and fun to be found when you venture further in.

Imagine ... Decorative light poles and bus shelters along Sherman Avenue and Northport Drive, and fun bits of sculpture or other art that tells all of us and our visitors that "this is the Northside of Madison".

In the last issue of the Northside News you were introduced to the Northside Art and Design Facilitation team, whose mission is to help plan and facilitate a variety of public art projects around our Northside community. We have begun our work to learn more about how folks describe the "personality" of the Northside. We spent a morning devoted to uncovering some of the themes that describe our North-

side community. The themes that emerged: that we were surrounded by nature, some with a primal element, we are down-to-earth, friendly, and that there is a juxtaposition of differences (aka diverse, but with a bit of an edge). We will be doing a series of these exercises with different parts of our neighborhood to be sure we are getting a broad enough input. From there we will start developing images that can be used in the many art projects that have been funded (thanks to the Northport-Warner-Sherman Neighborhood Plan, TIF money and a neighborhood beautification grant).

As each project gets closer to realization, we will invite you to look at what we are proposing, and you can let us know if we are on the right track. Artists will also be invited to submit design proposals for different projects, either as producers or as coordinators.

Watch your Northside News for updates and opportunities to participate in planning, and creating public art here in our community. With your input, we can make this the most beautiful, and most interesting community in Madison!



Pounding the pavement for a pool

by Dorothy Borchardt

The Circle of Friends of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center is happy to announce that the winner of the traveling trophy for the team with the most members is Steve Nelson, owner of DuWayne's Salon. DuWayne's re-captured the traveling trophy from Helen's Hoofers.

The Hoofers were closely followed by Grandmas & Gremlins and Sherm's Stumble Bums. The other teams that showed their support for the Warner Pool were: Blue Dolphins, Brentwood Village Association, Chet's Car Care, East High Fabulous 50's, Little Strokes, North/East Sherman Youth Basketball, Northport Apartments, Team Westport Meadows, The Yoga Room Annex, Villa Tap and WPCRC 10th Anniversary Team.

Thanks to all of the captains who put the teams together, walkers, those who donated money and volunteered their time to make the 2009 walk a success.

Hope to see you next year, with your friends and neighbors. Save the date-Aug. 28, 2010.



DuWayne's Salon won the traveling trophy for the team with the most members.

Photo by Dorothy Borchardt

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Welcome back to Hartmeyer

The ice is back and we would like to welcome all to come and enjoy.

By Kelly Olson

As you look around you will notice our floor. We cleaned up the old rubber flooring and made it a safer environment for everyone to enjoy. We also have a fresh coat of paint in our locker rooms. Thank you for all the hard work and donations to make this happen. But if you look around we still have a long way to go.

Madison Ice, Inc., owner and operator of Hartmeyer Ice Arena is focusing on a naming rights campaign for the Fenton Kelsey Ice Rink at Hartmeyer Ice Arena. The goal is to raise \$250,000 and unveil the newly named ice sheet at its 50th anniversary. Fenton Kelsey Jr. built Hartmeyer Ice Arena in 1960. It was originally named Madison Ice Arena. Mr. Kelsey was responsible for bringing organized hockey to Madison in the early 1960s and was a true pioneer on the Northside with de-

velopment of what led to the East Side Lakers youth hockey organization and the Dane County Youth Hockey Association. Madison Ice, Inc. is pleased to announce, with the support of Fenton's daughters Kris and Gretchen, a fund-raising campaign to name the new ice sheet at Hartmeyer Ice Arena in honor of Fenton Kelsey Jr. This project is just one of many phases of the on-going capital campaign to benefit Hartmeyer.

If you are interested in making a donation for the Fenton Kelsey Ice Rink Campaign, go to our web site at www.madisonicearena.com for a pledge form and mail it to: Hartmeyer Ice Arena's Fenton Kelsey Ice Rink Campaign, 1834 Commercial Ave., Madison, WI 53704. Madison Ice, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your contributions are considered charitable donations for tax purposes.

Continued from page 1 Statue of Liberty Restoration

where it may have been vandalized. Then it went into storage, where it was unfortunately damaged when a truck backed into it, according to local conservator Tony Rajer. It came to Warner Park in the 1970s, again with Boy Scout encouragement for the move.

The statue is cracked, pitted, stained and discolored.

A survey for the Madison Art Commission in 2007 found that Liberty was "in most urgent need of care" of all city statues. The replica "exhibits advanced signs of deterioration from neglect and failed repairs," the survey found. "It's sad that our national symbol of liberty is the most damaged public sculpture in the city."

Rajer, who teaches at the UW-Madison, says the local Liberty has suffered from decades of neglect. "The city has never invested any money in its care and repair," he said previously.

John Frey, a Northside resident and active member of the Yahara Boy Scout District, has been traveling to Scout meetings in the Madison area with a self-created Liberty display, trying to stir interest in repairing the statue.

"Maybe this could tie in with a school history lesson," said Frey, 69. He suggested at the meeting that perhaps a penny drive at schools would be appropriate for raising money to repair the copper statue.

"The kids like penny wars," chimed in Supervisor Paul Rusk of the Dane County Board.

Karin Wolf, arts program for the city of Madison, has learned from three arts conservators that costs to restore the statue and create a maintenance endowment would be from \$25,000 to \$40,000. More would be needed if landscaping were done.

Two members of the Arts Commission - Chairwoman Connie Kilmark and Nick Schweitzer - helped Wolf lead the meeting and expressed interest in restoring the statue, if the commu-



Photo by John Weier

The Statue of Liberty at Warner Park is cracked, pitted, stained and discolored. Local groups are interested in restoring this symbol of our liberty.

nity raises funds.

"Don't think small," Kilmark advised the dozen people present. "See how the vision catches people. Don't let the figure scare you."

Ann Brickson, who helped lead a successful drive to restore an Effigy Tree sculpture at Hudson Park, said their fund-raising group applied for grants and held neighborhood events to raise money.

Barbara Arnold, an emeritus student services coordinator at the UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies, suggested that the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation might be a source of funds.

Rajer, who repaired and restored another Liberty replica in Mason City, Iowa, said that statue was in worse shape than the Madison statue. "This statue is sick but could make a full recovery," he said.

Another organizing meeting was set for 7 pm. Wed., Oct. 28, at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

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Photo submitted by Cheryl McCollum

John and Aletta Boakai, and son John Jr., celebrate the construction of their future Habitat for Humanity of Dane County home at Cordelia Crescent off Northport Drive.

Habitat for Humanity recently blessed Northside town homes for four families

The first homes in Habitat for Humanity of Dane County's newest development on Madison's Northside have been completed. The town homes were blessed on Sat., Sept. 12 at 4210-4216 Kennedy Rd., off Northport Drive, Madison.

Three of the four families have moved into their homes, while the fourth family will close on their home in October. The families include the Djergou, Omosebi, Daniel-Cruz and the Yang families.

"My wife, Lizmarie, works for Head Start as a teacher assistant and I work for Children's Service Society of Wisconsin as a community support specialist," said Jose Daniel. "We have been married for seven years now and have always dreamed of owning our home. Our goal with our home is to give our children a stable home. Thank you Habitat for helping us reach our goal."

Along with the completion of the four townhomes, Habitat celebrated

the construction of three more homes on Cordelia Crescent, off of Northport Drive. The three homes will be completed in 2010.

Eighteen months ago, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County purchased 5.8 acres of land off Northport Drive, with plans to construct 20 affordable homes and town homes. Housing on the property is targeted for families who earn 30 to 60 percent of the Dane County medium income level.

A generous \$1 million lead gift from long-time Habitat volunteers Bill and Jan DeAtley combined with \$1 million in additional funds raised by HFHDC is helped build these homes. Habitat will finance the home purchase through its unique program of zero percent mortgages, sweat equity and volunteer labor and donations. Their monthly payments are expected to be equal or less than they are currently paying for housing.

Build Your Own Home with Habitat for Humanity of Dane County

Families interested in learning more about building with Habitat for Humanity of Dane County are encouraged to attend an upcoming October informational meeting. Habitat for Humanity of Dane County is seeking several families for single-family homes that will be constructed in Madison, on the North and Southwest side of town, Oregon and Stoughton. To apply for a Habitat home, applicants must attend one of the following informational meetings to receive an application:

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 pm

Boys and Girls Club, 4705 Jenewein Dr., off Allied Drive, Madison

Sunday, Oct. 18, 6:30 pm

Warner Park Rec. Center, 1625 Northport Dr., Madison

For more information or for program requirements, please contact Habitat for Humanity of Dane County at (608) 255-1549, ext. 212 or www.habitatdane.org.

Sherman Middle School Night at Culver's!

We invite our community friends and families

Tuesday, October 20

Culver's Northport is donating 10% of net sales from 4-9 pm to Sherman Middle School.

Flavor of the Day: Sherman Surprise

Thanks for supporting our students and helping to raise money for our school!

Project Home's Annual Hammer with a Heart seeks homeowners in need of free home repair

Project Home coordinates the annual Hammer with a Heart event. It is seeking lower-income homeowners living in Dane County to apply for this free home repair program. Homes must be in need of important minor or major repair, and structurally sound. They anticipate selecting 9-12 houses for repair. Applications are due Nov. 6, 2009.

All work is done by skilled volunteers and community volunteers with the event occurring on Sat., May 1, 2010. Repairs must contribute to the health, safety or comfort of occupants and function of the house.

Project Home, a local non-profit, assists eligible residents with free weatherization and low-cost home repair. For more information call Project Home at 246-3737 or visit <ProjectHomeWI.org>.

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Photo submitted by: Etta Mae Smith

Northsider Sharon Williams runs to support “Healthy Woman, Healthy Babies” Fund

Williams, a Metro bus driver, ran in the August 29 half-marathon that started and finished at the Memorial Union. The event was a fundraiser for “Healthy Woman, Healthy Babies”, a fund created to promote awareness about how the health lifestyle of a mother impacts and results in the birth of strong, healthy babies.

St. Mary’s Adult Day Health Center to Hold Holiday Bazaar

It’s the most wonderful time of year again. Time for trimming the tree, stuffing the stockings and enjoying the tastes of the holiday season. That also means it’s time for the much-anticipated St. Mary’s Adult Day Health Center annual Holiday Bazaar.

Imagine handmade quilts and other irresistible handcrafted gift items all under one roof. What a great way to find something unique for that special someone.

The Details:

What: St. Mary’s Adult Day Health Center Holiday Bazaar

When: December 2–4, 9 am–3 pm

Where: St. Mary’s Adult Day Health Center, 2440 Atwood Ave. (rear entrance to St. Bernard’s Parish Center building)

Info: 249-4450



Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association News

Char Tortorice
LVHNA president

New Date for Holiday Party

We heard you. Adding one more spooky activity to a Saturday Halloween afternoon was too much. So we changed the date of our fall festivities.

Join us at Sunfield Park on Sunday October 25 from 2-4 pm. The fireplace will be ablaze, with s’mores and cider on hand to celebrate the season. There will be a mini pumpkin hunt, Ghost Bingo, a zany Talking Pumpkin, and trick-or-treat surprises. Costumes are encouraged.

Also, mark your 2010 calendar for February 15. The annual meeting will be a pizza party at the Warner Park Center from 6:30-8 pm. If you are thinking you’d like to become more involved with the Association, consider serving on the board. Call me at 249-8052 if you are interested.

Sherman Neighborhood Association News

If you live between Packers and Sherman from Aberg to Northport ... then you live in the Sherman Neighborhood area and can join our Association! Our 2010 mission is a “know your neighbor campaign” to enhance safety and security. We meet quarterly to discuss residents’ concerns and plan events, inviting guest speakers such as North Precinct Police Captain, City Alderperson, County Supervisor, State Legislator, Mal-lards owner, etc.

Annual dues of just \$3 per person or \$5 per household get you our periodic newsletters and relevant email updates on hot issues, e.g. Warner Park use plans, business permit requests, Slow Down yard signs, Northside activities, and more. Future meetings: holiday social December 14, 6:30 pm at La Bellitalia (at own expense); and Mondays February 8, May 10, and September 13 at 6:30 pm at Lakeview Library. For more info, contact SNA President Diane Brown at dibrownk@tds.net or 249-0649.

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Support Service Learning at East and Shabazz High Schools

Groups of East and Shabazz students will be donating their spring breaks 2010 for a Service-Learning trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. It is located on two of the poorest counties in South Dakota, on the Nebraska border.

Gene Delcourt leads the Shabazz students attending this Service-Learning Trip. Students will read literature and discuss the current and historical conditions of Native Americans, particularly of the Lakota Indians from Pine Ridge. The East students are part of an independent study group working with Mary Paulson to similarly prepare for the trip. Ms. Paulson's Honors Geometry students craft star quilts annually to donate to the reservation.

There are several ways you can help:

- Donate prizes for a fundraising raffle.
- Buy raffle tickets, either from students or during parent conferences.
- Buy cookie dough — it will arrive the week before Winter Break.
- Make direct donations to support

our students who otherwise might not be able to afford to go.

- Attend East High School's Fine Arts Collage and Book Fair at Barnes and Noble-East Towne on Saturday, Dec. 5. Mark your calendars now!
- Stay tuned throughout the year for more information about our trip.

The Book Fair and Fine Arts Collage at Barnes and Noble will include a variety of displays of East High Talent. Mention our Book Fair while at the register and a portion of your purchase will be donated to support our trip. We'll be there to wrap holiday gifts and answer questions about our trip. Additionally, educators receive a discount with teacher ID since Dec. 5 is Teacher Appreciation Day.

Find information on our trip to Pine Ridge at <www.re-member.org>.

For more information on how you can help support our Service-Learning group, please contact Mary Paulson at East <mpaulson@madison.k12.wi.us>, or Gene Delcourt at Shabazz <gdelcourt@madison.k12.wi.us>.

Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program now an annual fall event

Girl Scouts are excited and ready to hit local neighborhoods as they go door-to-door asking friends, family, and neighbors an important question: would you like to buy a box of Girl Scout cookies? The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program has entered a new era in our area — it is now an annual fall event!

With the merger of Girl Scouts of Badger Council, Girl Scouts of Black Hawk Council, Girl Scouts of Riverland Council, and parts of Girl Scouts of Green Hills Council, the newly formed Girl Scouts of Wisconsin-Badgerland Council which provides Girl Scouting in south-central and southwest Wisconsin has moved the January program to an October program for the girls. Autumn means football, fests, and fabulous outdoor weather and it now means Girl Scout cookie time!

Girl Scouts will begin selling door-to-door Fri., Oct. 2. The cookie program runs through Sun., Oct. 18. As always, 100 percent of the proceeds remain local to support girls, troops, and Girl Scout programming and activities.

This fall, Girl Scouts will be selling favorite treats such as Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbreads, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, and Lemonades along with Thanks-a-Lots and the individually packaged-portion controlled Daisy-Go-Rounds. Nutritional information is available on the Girl Scout Cookie Order Card or by logging onto <www.abcsmartcookies.com>.

The Girl Scouts will also be offering the Girl Scout Cookie Share Program again this year to support local agencies and organizations as well as military troops and families. Cookie Share is a true win-win opportunity as cookie share cookies support the Girl Scout and her goals, serves as a gift to an organization or group, and provides the purchaser the joy of giving as well as a tax-deductible donation.

Girls have big dreams and the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program helps give girls the skills and ability to make them come true . . . with the help of boxes of tasty treats and a lot of support from friends, family, and neighbors who generously make dreams come true.



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On Tues., Oct. 20, Culver's will donate 10 percent of net sales from 4-9 p.m. to Sherman Middle School. The money earned will go towards scholarships for low income students at Sherman. This is a great opportunity to have a good meal and raise money for our Northside school. The flavor of the day will be Sherman Surprise.

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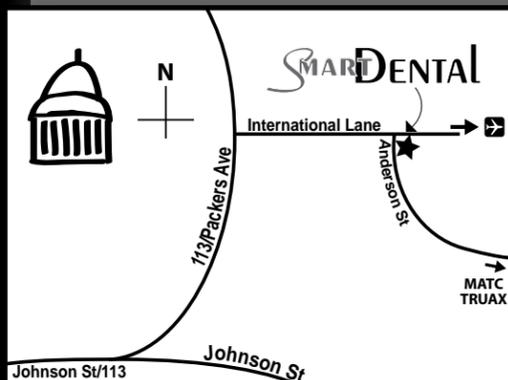
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Northside 4 Knowledge event raised money for Northside schools

By Kevin Kiser

The September 11 weekend launched the first annual Northside 4 Knowledge event, cooperatively organized by Cherokee Country Club, the Northside Planning Council, and the Northside TownCenter.

The Friday evening festivities were a star-studded event as the Northside TownCenter rolled out the red carpet for Little Vito and the Torpedoes with rockin' guest performances by Sir Elton John, Tina Turner, and Elvis. While Sir Elton walked the keyboard, Northside residents browsed the silent auction with prizes ranging from a Steve Stricker autographed photo to a Target gift card and more. Later, Tina Turner got the house a-rockin' as participants indulged in savory sausages by Hamann Charcuterie. Friday's musical culmination came as Elvis rocked the jailhouse to the crowd's delight.

In addition to the many musical guests, Madison School District Superintendent Dr. Dan Nerad empowered Northside residents during intermission praising the resi-

dent leadership and participation in fostering Madison's greatest asset: its youth.

The following Mon., Sept. 14, Cherokee Country Club hosted "A Day of Golf 4 Elementary Education". The weather made for a beautiful day on the course, as many Madison residents played 18-holes to support Northside education.

Overall, the Northside 4 Knowledge events were a fun, family-focused weekend that brought together local businesses and local residents to support a local cause. The Northside 4 Knowledge organization would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all organizers, sponsors, and participants for making the event a success.

For additional donations to Northside 4 Knowledge, please make checks payable to: Northside 4 Knowledge and send to Anchor Bank: Care of Karen Thompson 2929 N. Sherman Avenue, Madison, WI 53704. For more information about the events or for future events, visit www.Northside4Knowledge.org.



Photo submitted by Michelle Rice

North East Side Youth Basketball (NESYB) seventh grade boys' team, coached by Dedric Justice and Willie Collinson, received first place in the National Tournament in Bolingbrook, Ill. and obtained another first place win a week later in Rockford, Ill.

NESYB Team Takes First Place in National Tournament

By Michelle Rice

North East Side Youth Basketball (NESYB) recently wrapped up a successful summer with all our teams doing well – but special mention goes out to our seventh grade boys' team coached by Dedric Justice and Willie Collinson obtained their first place National Tournament win in Bolingbrook, Illinois in July and another first place win a week later in Rockford, Illinois.

Our fall/winter season is underway now with our Girls' teams playing in the Tri-County League. Our Boys' teams will start up soon too, so we are holding registrations currently and will be having skills camps in the near future.

The Third Annual NESYB Holiday Shootout will be held Dec. 18– 20 at

the Mac Center in Verona. We are still accepting registrations for that event – both boys and girls teams from grades 4-8. For more information on dates and fees, tournament registration, to send donations, or to receive other information about the North East Side Youth Basketball Program, please visit our website www.nesyb.org or call NESYB President Kevin Mitchell 920-261-1935, or Vice President Terry Tiedt at 608-575-8702 or the Basketball Director Tyrone Cratic at 608-575-7346.

North East Side Youth Basketball is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help kids develop leadership skills and parent/neighborhood/school involvement through basketball.

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Book Reading Program

Friends of Lakeview Hill Park and Blackhawk Parent-Teacher Organization to co-host book reading.

The Friends of Lakeview Hill Park (FOLVHP) and the Blackhawk Parent-Teacher Organization (BMSPTO) are planning a joint event for late fall or early winter open to all parents and nature buffs.

The event, a book reading, will host Steve Apfelbaum author of Natures 2nd Chance, and owner of Applied Ecological Services (AES) in Brodhead, Wisc. AES has been working with the Friends of the Lake View Hill for several years to restore the 20-acre woods behind the Dane County Human Services Building on Northport Drive. While Steve's book is about restoring his own farm, much of what he covers also describes the ecological restoration that has occurred right here in our own Lake View Hill Woods.

The Book Reading will be held in the lecture hall at Blackhawk Middle School. The date is yet to be determined, so please watch the usual media outlets or contact FOLVHP (249-9449) or BMSPTO for more details.

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TROY GARDENS

Improvements Bring Troy Farm Two Giant Steps Forward

By Marge Pitts
Community GroundWorks

Soon Troy Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farm will break ground for a passive-solar greenhouse on the land at Troy Gardens. After several years of tenacious fundraising, and grappling with frustrating glitches that seemed to pop up like weeds during the planning phase, Troy Farm Manager Claire Strader is confident that construction of the greenhouse will begin this fall and be completed in time for next year's growing season.

This greenhouse really will be "green" — built using whole trees and

relying on solar energy to keep plants thriving in all Wisconsin weathers. Architect Roald Gundersen and his firm Whole Trees Architecture and Construction will design and build what will become the first passive-solar greenhouse in Madison.

The greenhouse will be located just north of Troy Kids' Garden, along the eastern edge of Troy Community Gardens. Troy Farm will start vegetables and flowers for its own fields, and for sale to local gardeners as well. The greenhouse will provide space to teach farming and gardening skills, critical to the mission of Community Ground-

Works at Troy Gardens, the nonprofit organization created to steward the land and run the programs at Troy.

In another fortunate development, Troy Farm is finally able to install an irrigation system, thanks to a generous gift from the Hy-Vee Company, which is opening a new grocery store soon on East Washington Avenue, with a second store planned for Westgate next year.

Strader has been waiting and wishing for irrigation since Troy Farm began under her leadership eight years ago. "I have no doubt that having irrigation on our farm will dramatically improve our ability to grow more and better qual-



Photo by John Beck

Troy Gardens Cabbage



Photo by John Beck

Northsider Jamie Rothfuss put on stilts and a grape costume this August to enjoy Troy Gardens' Savor the Summer Festival in unique style.

Tales From Planet Earth Film Festival

GroundWorks Establishes Partnership with Tales from Planet Earth Film Festival, Nov. 6-8

Have you ever left a theater after watching a documentary film, inspired (or sometimes disturbed) by the stories you just saw on the big screen, but unsure of how to turn that feeling into concrete goals? This fall, the UW is offering an unusual course designed to help film audiences do just that — direct their motivation in meaningful ways! The students in the course seek to harness the power of story-driven filmmaking with a three-day environmental film festival, Tales from Planet Earth, for the good of the larger Madison community. Community GroundWorks has partnered with this course and will be helping to promote one of the films being shown at the festival, What's On Your Plate, which follows two 11-year-old African-American New York City girls as they explore their place in the food chain. Learn more about this inventive and exciting film at www.whatsonyourplateproject.org.

UW graduate student and former Troy Kids' Garden intern Anna Zeide will be working with Community GroundWorks on a series of events leading up to the film festival and afterwards, leveraging the festival to turn public attention and action towards local, regional and global environmental justice. The goal of this partnership is two-pronged: first,

to mobilize community awareness of and participation in the festival itself; and second, to create a concrete agenda for the audience members to engage in that promotes Troy Gardens and fosters new community engagement. So be sure to join us at Tales From Planet Earth on November 6-8, and especially for What's On Your Plate on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10 am at MMoCA

Learn more at talesfromplanetearth.com. You can also follow the work that Anna is doing for the organization throughout the fall on Twitter at twitter.com/TalesFromTroy, or you can email her, annazeide@gmail.com, with any ideas, questions, or suggestions. She'd love to hear from you!

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HOME & GARDEN

Northside Farmers Market to host a winter market and Third Annual Italian Day

By Chris Moore

The Northside Farmers Market (NFM) has announced that it will be extending its regular market season up to Christmas by hosting a Winter Market. The Market will continue at its outdoor location in the Northside TownCenter parking lot at N. Sherman and Northport through Oct. 25, running every Sunday 8:30 am–12:30 pm. After that, it will move indoors for four additional markets on Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, and Dec. 20, running from 10 am–1 pm. The Northside TownCenter has generously donated the use of the vacant retail space next to Family Dollar for the indoor Winter Market.

The last winter market hosted by NFM was held in 2007. It was well attended and enjoyed by Northsiders. This year's winter market will recap-

ture that mood and focus on offering local foods.

"We'll have about 20 farmers and food vendors, mostly our current NFM vendors, and about five local artists selling their creations. We also have a vendor from our first season, Ruegsegger Farms, coming back for our Winter Market, and they will be taking orders for holiday turkeys and pies," says market manager Lisa Wiese. "And if you're wondering whether your favorite NFM vendor will be at the Winter Market, ask them next time you're at their stand."

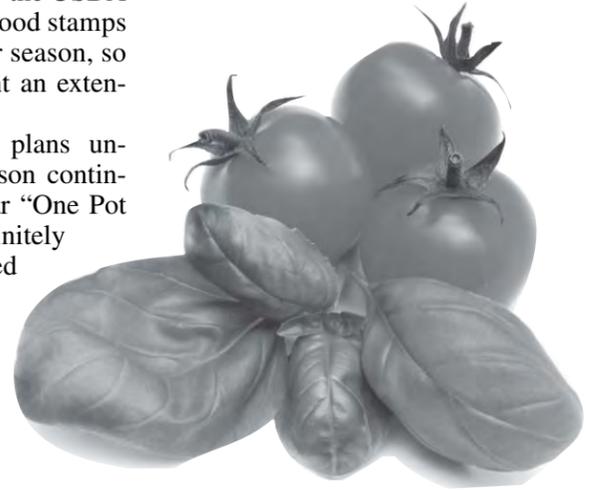
Note that Ruegsegger Farms has a limited supply of Bronze Heritage turkeys. You may order online at <www.naturalmeats.org>. Orders for Thanksgiving pies are due by Nov 15. Orders for Christmas pies are due by Dec 10.

The NFM is currently waiting on word from the USDA whether they will allow the NFM to continue to accept food stamps in the extended season.

Says Wiese, "We run our Quest program at the NFM so everyone can shop at our market. In 2007 the USDA did let us continue to take food stamps during our extended winter season, so I'm hopeful they will grant an extension again."

As the Winter Market plans unfold, the NFM regular season continues. While the ever popular "One Pot Cookoff" had to be indefinitely postponed due to increased Health Department scrutiny and lack of cook-entrants, the NFM will be hosting the Third Annual Italian Day on October 11. The NFM will be serv-

ing spaghetti with tomato-meat sauce and garlic bread. Italian folk dancers in full costume will perform from 11 am–noon. If you haven't been to the NFM yet, Italian Day is a good opportunity to check it out.



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