

SENIORS

From
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NESCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Caregiver program

Several years ago, the North/Eastside Senior Coalition recognized an urgent need in the community to support the wives, husbands, children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends taking care of senior adults. While many didn't readily accept the term of "caregiver" due to a self-perceived rejection of that term, the fact remained these community members were caring for their elderly loved ones or friends and becoming increasingly stressed. While out the community and visiting frail senior adults, NESCO's case

managers saw firsthand what this stress was doing to the relationships between the caregiver and the seniors: strained connections resulting in a complete break-down of communications, missed work time resulting in adverse job consequences, and building frustrations resulting in an increased number of reported elder abuse.

NESCO had an opportunity to address this community challenge by applying for and receiving funding to create a caregiver program, with a goal of providing respite, information, and support for the caregivers. We did this by hosting two monthly caregiver support groups (one in English and another in Spanish). We also coordinated four workshops each year (in English and Spanish) entitled "I'm a caregiver ... now what?" All of these events brought caregivers together to learn about community resources available to their elderly loved ones or friends while also

allowing caregivers the opportunity to relieve some of their stress caused by the demands of caregiving. It was recognized as an invaluable resource and commended during NESCO's national accreditation.

NESCO was recently notified the funding for the caregiver program will end on April 1 — due to an unforeseen result of a long-standing fundraising campaign. The elimination of this funding (\$19,500) will not only end this program but will also severely impact our case management program, as the program is staffed by NESCO case managers. We are now embarking on a targeted fundraising campaign to raise money to restore both programs. If you are able to help, please send your donation to NESCO, 1625 Northport Dr. #125, Madison, WI 53704. Please help us support our senior adults and their caregivers.

HospiceCare seminar and support group opportunities

Grief support group series

In April, HospiceCare Inc. will begin a grief support group series. All sessions are free and open to the public. Preregistration is required. To register, call 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

Kids grief support group Mondays, Apr. 25–May 23, 5:30–7 pm

Bridges weekly support group every Wednesday 9:30-11 am

Introduction to grief offers suggestions on navigating the grieving process and provides information on support groups. Available by appointment only by calling Mary Severson 327-7182.

Advance care planning seminar

Would your family know what to do if you were unable to communicate your healthcare wishes? If you're not sure, HospiceCare Inc. encourages you to attend its next question-and-answer seminar, "A Gift to Your Family: Advance Care Planning," on Tuesday, Apr. 12, 6:30–8 pm. Preregistration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at 327-7202.

All groups will be held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Pkwy.

SENIOR Activities

For over 33 years, the North/Eastside 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/WPCRC (1625 Northport Dr.) and include the following:

Bingo: Every Friday, 10:30 am and second Tuesday of every month; 5¢ a card (two card limit/game) with cash prizes; Note: Bingo at 12:15 pm on May 20.

Blood pressure clinic (Free): Third Tuesday each month, Noon; All ages are welcome.

Cards and puzzles (Free): Monday–Thursday, 10:30 am; Euchre, Monday 9:30 am; Sheephead, third Wednesday each month 1 pm; Bridge, second and fourth Wednesday each month 12:30 pm, call ahead to as-

sure correct numbers.

Case management: Provides support, resources and community services to enable seniors to safely remain living in their own homes; call 243-5252 for more information.

Cultural diversity: Hosts monthly programs for African American and Latino seniors; call 243-5252.

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. The cost is \$15; call 243-5252 to make an appointment;

Home chore program: Volunteers are needed to help with spring 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;

Nutrition Education (Free): Wednesday, Apr. 27 and Wednesday, May 25, 11 am;

Nutritious lunches: Monday-Friday, 11:30 am; door-to-door bus service is available (50¢ each way and free on Tuesday and Friday). 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 \$5.75 cost of the meal; Reservations required by 11:30 am the day prior.

Senior Exercise (Free): Wednesdays, 10:30 am. No exercise class on Apr. 13.

✓ Mark your calendar for these upcoming NESCO events:

Apr. 19, Noon: Free movie: <i>Call It Murder/Humphrey Bogart</i>	WPCRC
Apr. 25, 10 am: Men's group: <i>The Stages of Care for Seniors</i>	WPCRC
May 3, 10:30 am: <i>Across America by Bicycle:</i> Author Alice Honeywell	WPCRC
May 12, 6:30 pm: Senior Prom/Masquerade Ball (Free)	Black Hawk M.S.
May 20, 9 am-Noon: Senior Health Fair (Free)	WPCRC
May 24, 10:30 am: Free live music: <i>DeWayne Keyes</i>	WPCRC
June 13, 6 pm: Free live music: <i>Avenue Sizzlers (Dixieland Jazz)</i>	Warner Park Shelter

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POLICE & FIRE

From
**CAPTAIN
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NORTH DISTRICT POLICE

Greetings from the North Police District!

As you are all no doubt aware, the State Capitol has been the focal point of massive demonstrations in protest of the governor's proposed Budget Repair Bill. This has had significant impact on police services throughout the City of Madison. In the interest of public safety, and in order to be prepared for the potential civil unrest that often occurs at large protests, a massive number of police personnel are required. The Madison Police Department's focus has remained consistent throughout these events; to facilitate the public's rights to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights, and to assure that the City of Madison is protected. Hundreds of officers from throughout the State responded to assist the Capitol Police with the security of Capitol property, and we retained our focus on the impact of this event on the City.

As the police, we remain politically neutral. Regardless of how these events unfold, I believe this will have been a proud time for the City of Madison. In most times, in most places, when this many people come together in protest civil unrest, property damage, mass arrests and confrontations between police and protestors are the norm rather than the exception. Despite crowds that easily

reached 70,000 or more during the larger weekend rallies, these events have been entirely peaceful. I have been moved by the peaceful and respectful nature of these protests. Regardless of their individual beliefs, those who assembled to voice those beliefs treated others, including those of different views, with dignity and respect. This City has likely never in history seen the numbers of protestors in one location, and yet there have been no significant acts of violence or property damage. I have watched pro-Walker and anti-repair bill protestors walking side by side in passionate but peaceful discourse. This to me is proof of the now often chanted phrase "this is what democracy looks like!"

Mercifully, the rest of the City has been unusually quiet from a police call for service perspective. Here on the Northside, we did have a recent tragedy however. On Feb. 28, in the 1900 block of Northport Drive, there was a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian, resulting in the death of the pedestrian. This driver fled the scene, and was involved in two more crashes before being located. The driver was arrested, and will be charged with multiple felonies including homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle and fifth offense OWI. I am pleased and proud of the prompt and professional police response. I am equally appreciative of our witnesses who witnessed this horrible event, and had the presence of mind to follow the offending driver until police could arrive. Another example of the public and police sharing responsibility for public safety!

Thanks for your patience as we work through these challenging times.

Take care, and be safe ...

New carbon monoxide alarm requirements

By Eric Dahl

The State of Wisconsin has revised the requirements for carbon monoxide alarms in one- and two-family homes. The new requirements became effective on Feb. 1.

Carbon monoxide is a gas created by incomplete burning of fuels. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless, but highly toxic. It can build up over time, with unrecognized symptoms such as headaches, nausea, disorientation, or irritability eventually leading to unconsciousness and fatal poisoning. Carbon monoxide alarms warn of the gas before it reaches dangerous levels.

Examples of some carbon monoxide sources are stoves, grills, vehicles, heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, or appliances using coal, wood, oil, kerosene, or other fuels. Electric appliances are not carbon monoxide sources.

Install alarms:

- If the home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage
- One in the basement
- One on each floor of the home (near bedrooms or sleeping areas is best)
- That are approved by Underwriters Laboratories

Alarms may be:

- Separate or combination units
- Powered by batteries
- Tied into the home's electrical system, interconnected with battery backup
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the:
 - alarm location and installation.
 - operation, cleaning and maintenance.
 - testing.
 - battery replacement requirements.
 - alarm's life span.

If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds:

- If anyone is feeling ill or having flu-like symptoms (nausea, headache, dizziness) leave the house immediately and call 911.
- If there are no signs of illness, turn off any fuel-burning equipment, open windows to bring fresh air into the home. Then call your utility company or a heating contractor to inspect your system for problems.

For additional information, please visit www.madisonfire.org or call the Madison Fire Department Community Education Office at 266-4709

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From
MICHAEL SCHUMACHER



DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON

The bittersweet moment has arrived to thank the Northside for electing me to serve on the Madison City Council for the last four years.

There are plenty of challenges ahead. After my second budget cycle I learned that politicians have a (bad) habit of declaring that next year's budget will be tougher. Maybe it's a way of managing expectations; or maybe it's just a way of congratulating ourselves for having done an okay job this round. Even though we have cried wolf too often, we will probably see higher costs and taxes with some reduction in services in the future.

Based on global and local financial numbers and economic indicators, we are in an era of having to rethink how we do business as a government, as a

community and as individuals. On the one hand, we have to learn to say no to programs, services or expectations that are dear to some of us. On the other, we have to challenge ourselves to think and act more creatively, to seek and find non-traditional assets and to assume more personal responsibility for choosing our future. Madison's long and stellar reputation of civic involvement is one of those assets.

On a more basic level, I want to share with you one of several tools on how to persuade elected officials effectively. Do contact them! They truly want to know and hear from you. Then keep the message short and to the point. It's not about correcting all wrongs. It's about visualizing and realizing a specific outcome. I've seen it work.

Together we have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. Politics is about advocating for certain outcomes, promoting a vision for our communities while staying true to our principles and values. Best wishes to all of you.

From
SATYA RHODES-CONWAY



DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON

"May you live in interesting times."

We are all living in interesting and stressful times. There is, of course, a diversity of opinion about the Governor and his actions, but no matter what your political views, I think we can agree that events at the state level will have a dramatic impact on Madison. The Governor's "budget repair" bill and proposed budget, if passed, are economically harmful to the City. The "budget repair" bill jeopardizes 40 years of good labor-management relations and puts us at risk of losing \$7 million in federal transit aid. The budget, at first estimate, reduces state aid to Madison by 20 percent and would require the City to cut \$14 million from our budget. It eliminates our successful recycling

program and cuts funding for Metro. That's just the direct impact — the two bills also impact the School District, Badger Care, the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Homestead Tax Credit, clean air and water protections, funding for clean energy investments, and many more things that affect the City and you and I, directly or indirectly.

Why am I telling you all this? Because it means that this year, the City budget process will be especially tough. The Mayor has committed, and I wholeheartedly agree, to making this the most inclusive budget process ever. I need your help figuring out how to do that: how would you like to have input into the budget? Would your neighborhood association put it on an upcoming agenda? Do you have ideas to share now? What information do you need to make informed comments? Please contact me with your input.

One final note: STH 113 construction is approaching. Don't forget to support our Northside businesses, and thanks for your patience during construction. It will be worth it!

From
DAVE CIESLEWICZ



MAYOR OF MADISON

The Madison Way

The Governor recently delivered one of the most draconian, divisive budgets in recent state history. It attempts to pit taxpayers against teachers, police officers

against their fellow employees. My response is just the opposite, because that's not how we do things in Madison.

In this community, we respect our workers and work together with them. We invest in our schools because there's nothing more important to the health of our city than the health of our public schools. And we bring people together to solve our problems.

And, with that Madison approach, we get results. In the midst of recession,

we've kept our financial house in order and we've improved services. We've been rated the most secure city in the nation. Our unemployment is one of the lowest in the country and our economy is one of the strongest.

We are not just weathering the storm, but we are making progress. And we will continue to make progress even in the face of Scott Walker's budget.

As soon as I learned of the massive cuts to schools in the Governor's budget, I called Superintendent Dan Nerad and Madison teachers to commit to work together as a community and unite our response to the challenges we're facing. In Madison, we lead the nation in National Merit Scholars, our test scores are rising and our achievement gap is decreasing.

But drastically disinvesting in our chil-

dren is not the way to continue that progress or ensure a better future.

In city government, I immediately called a meeting of city managers, labor leaders and non-represented employees to begin to prepare our joint response to these drastic cuts. We'll also work closely with the Madison schools, the county, the UW, MATC and with our municipal partners from around the state to make this budget better.

In the face of these challenges, I will work to bring our community together, because that is how we've always made progress in Madison.

Working together, we will protect our workers, our schools and our families. And even in the fact of these challenges we will ensure a better future for our community.

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From
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Since Governor Walker released his "budget repair" bill, I have received unprecedented constituent contacts. The vast majority strongly oppose stripping public workers' collective bargaining rights. To honor your interest in this issue, I wanted to update you on what's happening at the Capitol.

During the last week of February, the Assembly was in session for over 60 hours, debating Gov. Walker's "budget repair" bill. Throughout the session, Assembly Democrats offered amendments to try to improve this terrible legislation — to change the provisions stripping workers' rights to collectively bargain, to stop the dismantling of SeniorCare and BadgerCare, to save over \$40 million in federal transit funding, to remove 37 new crony positions, and to stop the no-bid sale of taxpayer-owned power plants. Unfortunately, Republicans tabled every single amend-

ment. Even worse, Republicans improperly cut off debate, conspiring to ram the bill through so fast that 28 Representatives were denied the right to vote!

I was in the Assembly Chambers when the vote happened, and I was denied my right to represent you. I would have voted NO on Governor Walker's "budget repair" bill because it is a radical attack on Wisconsin's workers and the values of our state.

Finally, I wanted to update you on Governor Walker's recently released state budget. Walker's budget proposal systematically attacks Wisconsin values by cutting nearly \$1 billion from our schools, privatizing UW Madison, gutting state support for local government, raising taxes on seniors and poor people, and limiting access to healthcare. At the same time, his budget cuts taxes for out-of-state mega-corporations. Governor Walker's plan exacerbates our state's fiscal woes by destabilizing the middle class families and our most vulnerable populations.

Thank you for all the comments and feedback you have provided; it is an honor to serve you in the Assembly.

From
**PAUL
RUSK**



DISTRICT 12 SUPERVISOR

The extraordinary events at the State Capitol designed to stop the Governor's proposal to discontinue fifty years of collective bargaining for most public employees received major news coverage coast-to-coast. The positive interactions with law enforcement and the few arrests made me proud; this may change now that the bill apparently passed and there is so much anger. I was trained by Madison police as a marshal to help keep the peace the day there were competing rallies — mostly we answered questions and helped direct folks to the correct rally. It has been uplifting to see so many people from all walks of life coming together peacefully to express a viewpoint. I believe the collective bargaining process provides a critical structure for negotiations to occur. Dane County has effectively reduced salaries twice through furlough days and

saved millions through health care changes. We have reduced government spending in these bad economic times without mass layoffs, strikes or tearing the fabric of our communities apart.

The Governor's massive budget has many reductions that impact local services and my work as chair of the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee. The proposed \$840,000 child support reduction (12 positions) would devastate efforts to obtain money for children. The 10% cut in victim witness funding further stretches understaffing in the district attorneys office. Sadly we have unthinkable crimes in Dane County that change lives forever — crime victims deserve assistance to repair their lives. I worry that the reductions in programs to assist poor children and their parents will add further family stress, leading to more kids in the justice system at greater taxpayer expense. In my view the drastic reductions in all forms of education negatively impact Wisconsin's economic future. Hopefully the long budget process will result in a more balanced final budget.

From

**KATHLEEN M.
FALK**



DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The Dane County difference

Reflecting back on the past 14 years, together we've accomplished so much.

When you first elected me as County Executive in 1997, there were around 390,000 of us who proudly called Dane County home. Today our population is some half-million citizens strong, making our county the fastest growing in the state.

Families continue to choose our county because of the high quality of life we offer here. We have earned a reputation for working together and pursuing bold innovations.

Over the past 14 years, we've solved challenges and gotten things done by bringing people together to ensure our county is the best place for families to work, live, and raise their kids.

Our shared accomplishments are even more notable given the sharp contrast in leadership style we've seen from our state elected officials in recent months. Instead of pushing diverse and

sometimes competing interests apart, we've brought them together.

We worked with our unions and negotiated pay cuts and higher benefit co-pays at the bargaining table, respecting bargaining rights while savings taxpayers millions of dollars.

We brought together builders and environmentalists to create our Conservation Fund under which we've protected more than 10,000 acres in our quickly growing county.

We partnered on innovative reforms to our criminal justice system that saved taxpayers millions while making our communities safer.

Over 14 years we've led major improvement projects — a new state of the art courthouse to support our criminal justice system for decades to come, a fabulous new airport terminal that's a beautiful gateway to our county, our first-of-its kind "Cow Power" facility to keep pollutants out of our lakes while generating locally grown, "green" energy and most recently we opened our new Badger Prairie county nursing home to care for our most vulnerable citizens.

The accomplishments are many — that's what happens when people work together. That's the Dane County difference and why I've been so proud to work for you for the past 14 years.

From

**MELISSA
SARGENT**



DISTRICT 18 SUPERVISOR

These past weeks my children and I have spent long hours at the State Capitol talking with many of the hundreds of thousands of the other people. It has been a profound experience for them and for me. I grew up in Dane County and Madison and have always been proud to tell people such, today more than ever before. I have been amazed to see so many people finding and sharing their passionate civic voices. Especially while exhibiting a stunning level of respect and decorum. There has never been a time that the true spirit of Dane County has shone more.

While we in Dane County understand that the strength of our community is a reflection of our people — our vibrant middle class. A middle class built on innovation, solidarity and hard work. Our Governor however has very different values and they show through in his

proposed budget.

The Governor's recently released budget is being fervently studied by people in Dane County and across Wisconsin. An initial review of his proposal reveals deep cuts to schools, social services, public safety services, courts, transit, and conservation programs. Dane County has worked hard to provide vital services to our residents and these cuts will wreck havoc with our budget.

I take seriously representing each of you in the 18th supervisory district on the Dane County Board. I have appreciated the conversations that I have had with neighbors at events and via e-mail about preserving our priorities during these uncertain times. I am committed to fighting for the rights of our middle class, the hopes of those looking to struggle out of poverty, and for the future opportunities of our children.

Please call or e-mail me with your thoughts or concerns at melissa4dane@gmail.com or 608.220.2273. Join me on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Melissa-Sargent-Dane-County-Supervisor-District-18.

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Read Your Heart Out

Marcus Stanford, a Madison community member reads to a Ms. Powell's second and third grade classroom for Mendota Elementary School's first annual Read Your Heart Out event. The event which was held at Mendota, Falk, Lowell, Midvale and Hawthorne schools focused on getting community members and parents of color into the school in order to read in classrooms. Participants chose books that had African-American characters or were written by African-American authors and illustrators. The event was a huge success with many classrooms having multiple readers and visitors.

Scholarships available for lessons and admission at Goodman Pool

Goodman Pool is a place to enjoy Madison in the summertime, a place where everyone has a chance to learn and play. Now is the time to sign up for summer swimming lessons.

The Madison Parks Foundation offers scholarships for families in need. If the cost of lessons is a hardship for families, they can apply for Irwin & Robert Goodman Swimming Scholarships. These scholarships provide full or partial financial support to children and families to use Goodman Pool, either for swimming lessons or admission. Funds are also available to support the BLAST program, which helps moderate swim-

mers (typically minority youth) prepare to enter the Red Cross lifeguard course. To apply for financial aid for youth lessons or swim team, complete pool registration form, indicate you would like to be considered for a full/partial scholarship, and mail the registration form along with a supporting letter. First priority will be given to swimming lesson and swim team requests. A second tier priority will be partial funding of pool admissions. Scholarship requests will be reviewed monthly from Mar. 1-June 25. Call 264-9292 or www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool to apply.



Fourth and fifth grade spellers from Emerson school.

Emerson School Annual Spelling Bee winner advanced to city bee

By Rosy Bayuk

The Emerson school spelling bee was a huge success again this year. Twenty spellers from the fourth and fifth grades participated on Friday, Jan. 7. The spelling continued for about an hour before the champion was decided. Cailin Maertz of Ms. Mitchell's fifth grade classroom was determined the champion. A tie-breaker final round between Alex Peek, Ben Bradley and Meghan Mayfield was held to discover the runner

up. Ben Bradley was the winner of the tie-breaker round. As the runner up, Ben would have stepped in at the city bee held on February 18 in case Cailin could not perform. We congratulate all the spellers, especially Cailin and Ben.

Cailin will receive a Webster's Third New International Dictionary provided by the Emerson PTO and Ben will receive a one-year subscription to the online Encyclopedia Britannica Kids.

Register now for 4-K, 5-K and Head Start

Anyone who has not registered for 4- or 5-year-old kindergarten should do so now at their local elementary school. Head Start serves low-income children, children of teens, at risk and special needs chil-

dren, with transportation provided. There are centers at Northport, Packers and East Madison Community Centers. Parents should call 275-6740 for Early Head Start Enrollment information.

Black Hawk and Gompers school will not receive cell phone tower

By Jenny Quinn

On Jan. 27 the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) and US Cellular held a community meeting at Black Hawk Middle School. The meeting was attended by 25 concerned parents, volunteers and property owners. At the meeting, US Cellular presented their proposal for a 75-foot tall "monopole" (single pole) structure.

According to MMSD and Board of Education, US Cellular would pay the school district a monthly fee ranging between \$600-\$2,700 a month for land use. The monies received would be directed to the MMSD general fund and not directly to Gompers or Black Hawk.

Several individuals inquired about the safety and health concerns of the radio

frequencies the tower would emit (see www.anticelltowerlawyers.com). Another concern was land use. A community garden and an updated playground are being planned for the same area as the cell tower.

Concerned individuals formed a group MADACT (Moms and Dads against Cell Towers). It was decided to act fast as the school board was planning on meeting and voting on it at the end of February. The group wanted to prove to the MMSD Board of Education this cell tower doesn't belong at Gompers/Black Hawk or on any MMSD school property.

After the meeting, US Cellular withdrew their proposal. Marjorie Passman of the Madison Board of Education confirmed, "There will be no cell tower at Gompers."

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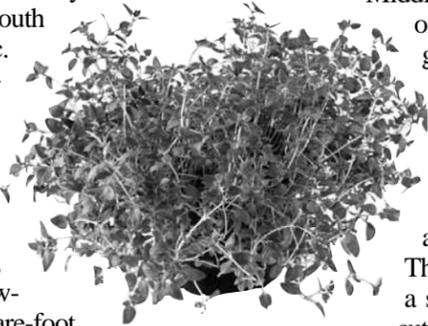
Project Orange Thumb brings gardens to Black Hawk and Gompers community

By Amanda Schweger

On May 26, an empty field in Madison's Northside neighborhood will be transformed into a beautiful and productive school-community garden — in a single day.

Madison-based Fiskars Brands, Inc. has partnered with the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC), Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), and The Home Depot Foundation to build a school-community garden full of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The 14,400 square-foot garden on the campus of Black Hawk Middle School will be used for school gardening activities to enhance and sustain ongoing curricular activities at Black Hawk Middle School and Gompers Elementary School. The garden will also be home to numerous community garden plots as well as a vibrant community gathering space and food-yielding garden.

The Growing Together School and Community Garden is Fiskars' first Project Orange Thumb garden makeover event to take place in Madison and is a highly anticipated event for families and neighbors of Black Hawk students. Fiskars and



CAC are working closely with community leaders and representatives of Black Hawk and Gompers to create an engaging climate for the upcoming event and productive space for years to come. All community members are encouraged to stop by the May 26 garden makeover event at the northeast corner of Black Hawk Middle School's campus on Wheeler Road. The groundbreaking will begin at 7:45 am with the "first dig," followed by music, prize drawings, classroom activities and other festivities. The day will end with a student event, ribbon-cutting ceremony and ice cream social.

For additional details, to sign up for a community garden plot or help with the May 26 garden installation, please contact Rebecca Kemble, Growing Together School and Community Garden Coordinator at 347-8097 or rebecca@renaissancesourcesllc.com or Nicole Craig, CAC Community Gardens Program at 246-4730 x208 or nicolec@cacscw.org.

This is one of three sites selected by Fiskars for 2011. The company founded Project Orange Thumb in 2002 and has contributed over \$1 million to 125 community gardens through the program.

Troop 23's newest Eagle Scout

By Wally Meyer

Bryce Meyer has earned Scouting's highest honor — The Eagle Scout Award. Bryce is a member of Boy Scout Troop 23 and is a sophomore at Madison East High School. Bryce is the son of Stacie and Wally Meyer.

Bryce has earned 37 merit badges including Camping, Computers, American Heritage, Environmental Science and Fishing. Bryce has attended summer camp 5 times and went to the Boy Scout National Jamboree in Virginia in July of

2010, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

For his Eagle service project, Bryce led a group of 19 individuals in constructing two raised garden tables for disabled students at the Lindbergh Elementary School's community garden. They also did some landscaping.

Boy Scout Troop 23 is sponsored by St. Peter Catholic Church. Scouting offers camping and adventure for young men ages 11-18. For more information about the Scouts, contact Scoutmaster Wally Meyer at 246-8501.



Bryce Meyer earns Eagle Scout Award



Five East High School athletes participate in National Signing Day

Five students from Madison East High School signed national letters of intent for college athletics on Feb. 3. Pictured from left to right are Alex Douglas, golf, Georgetown University; Aja Van Hout, swimming, UW-Madison; Nimrod Hilliard IV, basketball, South Dakota State University; Ivy Martin, swimming, UW-Madison; and Janna Beilke-Skoug, hockey, UW-Stevens Point.

Announcements from East High School math department

By Cynthia Chin

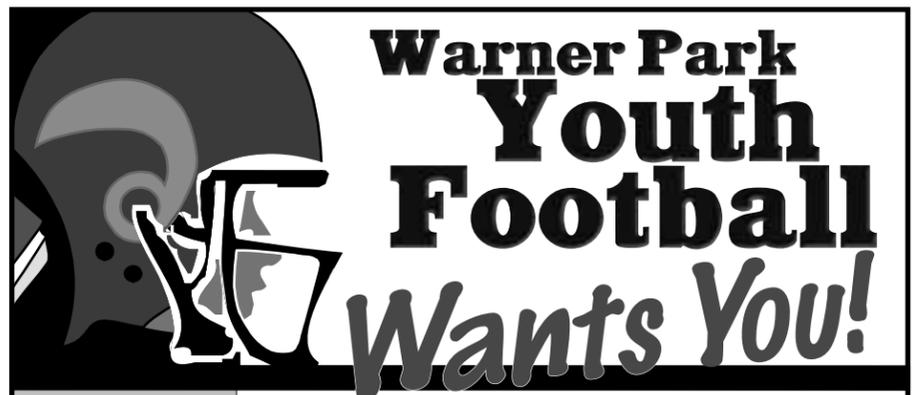
The 12th Annual Pi Mile will take place at Warner Park on May 28 with registration at 9am and the Run/Walk beginning at 10am. Support the East math community, have a nice walk or run, and get a t-shirt and pie. Donations for an event drawing are sought. For registration or to make a donation, contact Pat Meloy (pmeloy@madison.k12.wi.us or 204-1603 x 41526).

We are seeking guest speakers from the community to talk about how mathematics is used throughout the Madison area during Math Week, May 16-20. Artistic, social, and political applications are of interest, as well as technical and business uses. Please contact Cynthia Chin (cchin@madison.k12.wi.us or 204-1534).

A team of eight competed in the WI Mathematics Council contest. Stephen

Gaschinard (AMC12) and Miriam Plane (AMC 10) posted the highest school scores in American Mathematics Competitions. Results from the Fall 2011 Mathematical Modeling entries were announced — all four of East's technical papers were awarded honorable mentions.

Engineering Club students participated in three competitions this spring: LEGO Robotics and Try-Math-alon at the National Society of Black Engineers conference in St. Louis, as well as the UW-Madison/Nestle Research & Design Challenge.



Annual Spring Football & Cheerleading Registration

Warner Park Football is about teaching your child the fundamentals of football while learning valuable skills such as: team work, discipline and leadership. If you and your child would like to be a part of our organization please join us at our Annual Spring Football/Cheerleading Registration on one of the dates listed below.

Registration Dates:

- Tues, May 3, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tues, May 10, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tues, May 17, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Drive

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar or send your registration in today! Team sizes are limited and formed on a first-come basis. Girls/Boys who are interested in becoming cheerleaders, please come to one of the above sign-up dates to register or get more information.

For more information and to REGISTER ON-LINE visit our website

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Lots of opportunities exist to keep Northside youth engaged and involved in something fun and healthy this summer. Start planning now for ways to make this summer one to remember.

The June/July Northside News will provide program updates including Lakeview Branch Library programs.

Would your organization like to be included? You are invited to send in activities by May 2 to be included in the update.

Compiled by Terrie Anderson
Northside News

MSCR summer youth programs at WPCRC

Register at www.mscr.org, at WPCRC, or phone the listed numbers.

- **Parent/child art – I made that!** This is an art class just for the little ones ages 3–7. They’ll make projects such as paintings, collages, puppets, jewelry, hats, animals and musical instruments. A parent must attend and participate with the child. To register, call 204-3021. This class will be held on Tuesdays, 9–9:45 am, June 7-28, July 5-26 and Aug. 2–23.



- **Parent/child pottery** – Work with your child (ages 3-7) in creating joint pieces of art. Experience hand-building techniques of pinch, coil and slab construction. All work must be completed during class. A parent must participate with the child. Materials are provided. To register, call 204-3021. The class will be held on Tuesdays, 10:15–11:15 am, June 7–28, July 5–26 and Aug. 2–23.

- **Warner Park Kids Kamp** – A structured day camp program featuring crafts, games, dramatic play, water activities, science, nature and field trips or special events. Snacks and lunch provided. No camp July 4. Please see weekly themes and reg-

istration information at www.mscr.org or call 204-6561. The program for grades 1-5 will be held Monday-Friday, either 9 am–4 pm or 7:30 am–5:30 pm from June 20–Aug. 19.

- **Basketball skills clinic** – The clinic covers basketball skills and rules, team play, sportsmanship and scrimmage games for boys and girls. Call 204-3057 to register. It will be held on Saturdays, 10 am–noon (grades 1-2), noon–2 pm (grades 3–5) from June 18–July 23.

Kennedy Heights Community Center summer programs

See www.khcommunitycenter.org or call 244-0767 to register. Enrollment begins Apr. 15. A snack and lunch is served (12–12:30 pm) for any child under 18, regardless of participation in any other programming.

- **Early childhood program** – This program for ages 3–5 is part of Kennedy Height’s half-day, year round preschool program.
- **Youth summer camp** – Camp is held daily from 12-5 pm for kids going into grades 5–9.
- **Girls, Inc.** – The program is held two evenings per week for middle and high school girls.
- **Boys Night** – The program is held weekly for middle school boys.

Packer Community Learning Center

Registration forms are available in May at the computer lab and housing office or

by emailing jackithomas@tds.net. The programs run from June 20–Aug. 19.

Note: These programs are open to the public, but are not childcare. Breakfast is served at 9 am and lunch from 12–1 pm.

- **Arts, team-building, educational enrichment** – Will be held Monday–Thursday, 10 am–noon, for ages 5–18.
- **Multi-media exploration and production** – Will be held Monday–Thursday, 1–3 pm, for ages 5–18.
- **Computer lab** – Will be held Monday–Friday, 3–5 pm, for elementary-aged children.
- **Computer lab** – This will be held Monday–Friday, 5–7 pm, for middle and high schoolers.

Vera Court Neighborhood Center summer programs

Call the Center, 246-8372, for specific dates and times and to register.

- **Elementary program** – The program will be held Monday–Friday, 40 hours a week, for eight weeks.
- **Middle school program** – The program will be held 24 hours a week for eight weeks.

Gateway Academy Summer Camp

Engineering and biomedical sciences will be held for middle and high school students at East High School July 25–28. Contact Miles Tokheim, 663-5265 or mtokheim@madison.k12.wi.us to register (scholarships available). Other dates are available at other area high schools.

Madison Stars Basketball Club

Basketball skills development classes offered for girls currently in grades K–8. There will be spring and summer sessions (dates to be determined). Check www.madisonstarsbasketball.com for updates. Contact Lynelle Harrison at 692-0218 or madisonstars@hotmail.com to register.

Warner Park Youth Football

Full contact football is offered for those entering grades 4-8. The season begins Aug. 9. There will be a Punt, Pass and Kick Contest for ages 8–15 on July 30. Sign up will be held from 8–9 am and the competition at 9 am. Contact Jon Schwichtenberg at 332-2486 for information and registration.

Troy Gardens Natural Areas

Youth under 18 must come with a parent/guardian or organized group. Look for the volunteer application at www.communitygroundworks.org or contact Christie Ralston at 240-0409.

- **Natural areas volunteer workdays** – Held on Tuesdays, 9–11 am, from May–October.
- **Herb garden workdays** – Held on Wednesdays, 6–7 pm, from May–October.

Goodman Pool

Swimming lessons are offered for all ages, Monday–Thursday or Saturday sessions. They are held all summer beginning June 20. Call 264-9292 or email goodmanpool@cityofmadison.com to register. Pool scholarships are available (see article on page 32).

- **Swim team** – This is available for ages 8–17 and held at 10–11:30 am from June 13–July 28.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School for age 3 through grade 6 to be held (2670 Milwaukee St.) June 13–17 from 9–11:30 am. To register, call 249-3101 or email mbartels@holycrossmadison.org.



Joe Spoelstra guitar lessons

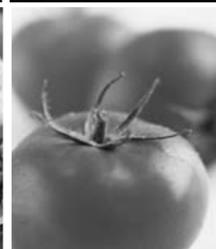
Group class for beginning guitarists for ages three-plus. Weekly group classes to be arranged. Private guitar lessons offered for ages three-plus, beginner to advanced. The summer session begins June 6 (flexible scheduling). Contact 612-834-1610 or go to www.spoelstraguitar.com.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin

Lutherdale Adventure Camp for teens aged 11–16 is for those who have a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or similar dementia. Camp will be held July 31–Aug. 5. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Paul Rusk, 232-3444, or visit www.alzwisconsin.org.



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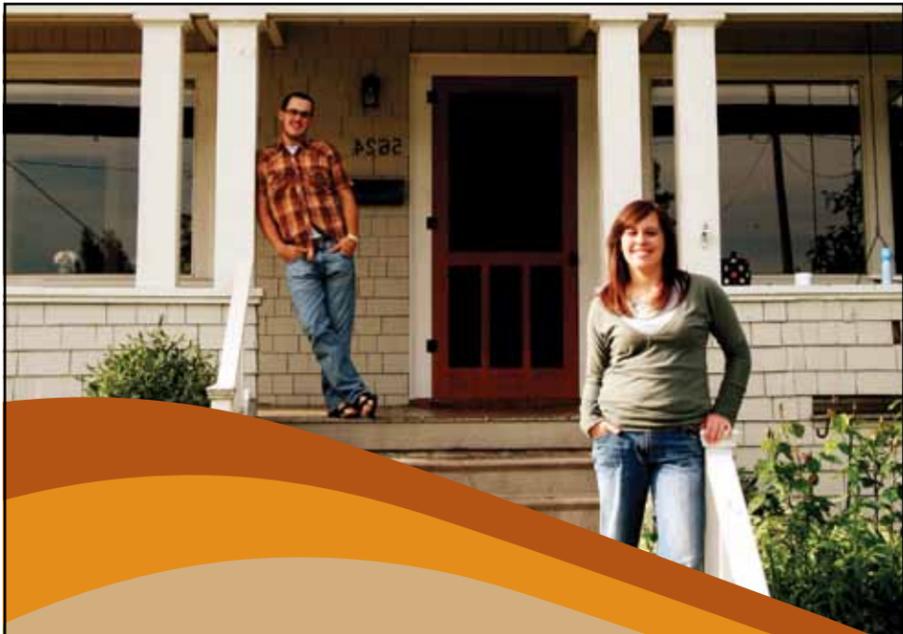
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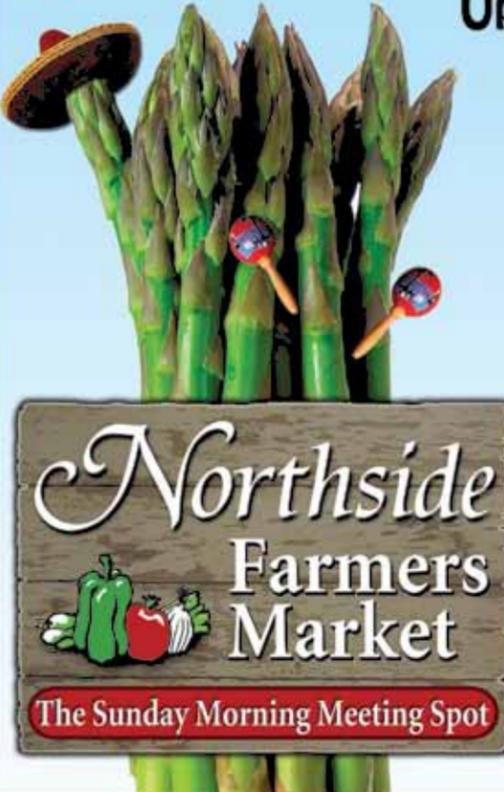
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