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Sierra Powell Age 16

TROY GARDENS: A grassroots vision for agriculture, community gardens, natural areas and housing becomes a national urban land use model

For nearly two decades, Troy Gardens has been an integral part of our community. Through the work of citizens and organizations, it has developed into a unique, vibrant place, involving a wide array of people through an amazing range of programs. As Tim Carlisle, former facilitator of the Northside Planning Council (NPC), said, those involved "get a lot back out of it" by way of meaningful community connections, knowledge and delicious, healthy food.

Troy has always been above all about community. Troy Gardens is "community in the traditional sense: people connected to

It all began in 1995 — two years before I was born. The Troy site was already being used as a community garden and natural area, when the State of Wisconsin put 15 acres of it on its surplus land list, intending to sell it for a residential subdivision. A year later, 16 more acres were added to the list.

NPC got involved right away and played a crucial role in Troy's creation. "I began to hear from gardeners concerned about losing their gardens and neighbors who used the property," said Carlisle, then head of NPC. NPC began holding open meetings to discuss the issue with the community, and soon the Madison Area Community Land Trust, the Urban Open Space Foundation, and the Community Action Coalition Garden Project became involved. These three nonprofits, NPC, and citizens joined together to form the Troy Gardens Coalition, dedicated to securing Troy Gardens as a permanent Northside resource.

After many community meetings led by NPC, the coalition developed an unusual mixed-use plan for the site that combined agriculture, natural areas, and housing. "The whole point was that people in the neighborhood could design what they want," said Marge Pitts, a neighbor who got involved at the beginning and continues to be extremely active at Troy. There were many different, often conflicting,



opinions and ideas. But one of the most remarkable things about the process, according to Carlisle, was that people were willing to compromise, to "work together to meet a variety of needs." "This spirit has continued to guide the Gardens," he said.

It took "a lot of work to make those dreams and ideas reality," said Carlisle. But as a result of the coalition's efforts, the state took all 31 acres off the surplus list in 1997, and in 1998 the coalition's proposal for the

site was accepted by the City of Madison. The coalition was granted a 16-year lease to use the land according to its plan, and this was soon extended to a 50-year lease with the provision to buy the property.

The coalition spent years intensively fundraising until, in 2001, it was able to purchase the entire site. The nonprofit Friends of Troy Gardens (now Community GroundWorks) was formed to curate and develop the land. It had taken seven years



and the incredible enthusiasm and hard work of many dedicated people, but finally all that effort started paying off.

Around this time, my father, Jim Powell, became the facilitator of NPC, and so my life intersected with Troy when I was very young (see above picture). Later, when I was nine, I began volunteering at Troy Community Farm, and I immediately loved it. Since then I have worked there every year. My experiences on the farm have been invaluable, and through working there I have developed a great connection with my community.

Today, the core spirit of Troy Gardens — providing an outdoor space and resources for the whole community and relying on community input — has been retained, and the garden plots and natural areas are still a central part of it. The 330 garden plots serve over 200 families, more than half of whom are low-income, mainly Hmong and Latino. There is also a restored prairie, wooded areas and an herb garden. But the reach and range of Troy has also greatly expanded beyond these.

In 2002 Troy Community Farm, a certified organic community-supported agriculture (CSA) farm, began operation. Under the guidance of Claire Strader, succeeded this year by Jake Hoeksema, it has developed into an extraordinary CSA, serving approximately 200 families, and a remarkable educational resource, both for kids and the interns who learn to farm there each year. In addition to vegetables, the farm also produces bean and leafy sprouts, which are sold at numerous local grocery stores.

Educational programs, directed by Nathan Larson, are another very important part of Troy. The Kids' Garden was one of the first things to develop, and it has "grown and grown and grown," according to Marge Pitts, who takes care of the chickens there. It in-

cludes garden space and an outdoor kitchen, and it's where kids in the K-8 summer programs, notably those from area community centers, learn hands-on how to grow and prepare their own food. The Youth Grow Local farm, located off-site, was begun in 2009 and involves teens from East High School and kids from the Goodman Community Center in the growing, harvesting, and preparation of fresh food.

In 2004 30-units of co-housing were built on five acres of the property. Twenty of the units were designated permanently affordable, in keeping with Troy Gardens' desire to attract a diverse array of people. Many residents of the co-housing garden next door receive CSA shares or serve on the Community GroundWorks (CGW) board or staff.

Another of CGW's off-site programs is Madison FarmWorks, founded in 2009 by Claire Strader and Megan Cain. It is an innovative business that installs and maintains all sizes of organic vegetable

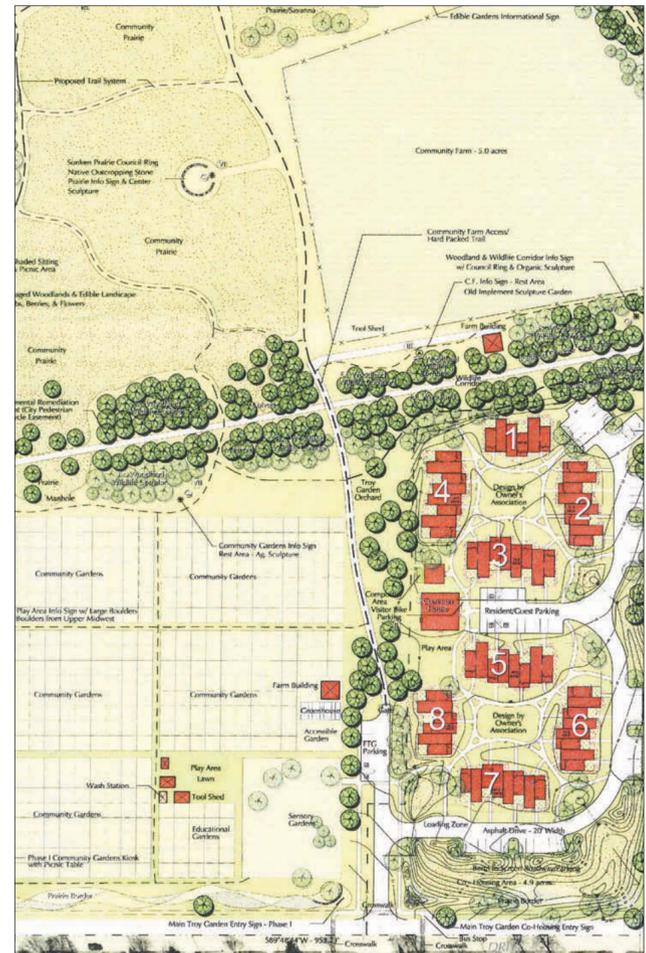


gardens in peoples' yards, as well as on the Capitol grounds.

More recent is the Garden for Good program. In its second year and headed by Rebecca Stark, it brings together people with and without disabilities to garden at a plot in the community gardens. "It utterly fulfills the vision of Community GroundWorks," said Pitts, who is particularly excited about the program.

Clearly, Troy Gardens has flourished into something extraordinary since its genesis. Though it's obviously already flowering, Pitts characterizes Troy as "fixing to blossom," and she is "very optimistic" about the future. "We're at a point where we could get a lot bigger," she said. "It's becoming more obvious that the work we do is needed."

Truly, Troy Gardens is an absolutely invaluable community resource that the Northside is lucky and proud to call its own.



A 2005 design illustrates a vision come to life: a co-housing development alongside community gardens, farm and prairie land.

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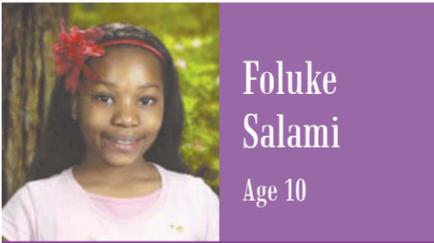
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Foluke Salami
Age 10

Painted mural transforms Mendota Elementary School cafeteria

By Foluke Salami, Age 10, and Kathie Wagner, VSA Wisconsin

When I walked into Alexis London's house, I knew I was in a true artist's home, with her unique and gorgeous art pieces on her kitchen, living room and dining room walls. Even standing in her front yard, you have the impression that an artist lives there. She has a very colorful and bountiful flower garden with a summer "dude" public art piece.

During the 2012-2013 school year, Alexis came to my former elementary school, Mendota, as a teaching artist and worked with 300 students on a school art project through VSA Wisconsin. She told me that her impression of Mendota was that we were a group of really smart kids with a lot of energy and enthusiasm for art and that we were taught by very dedicated teachers.

Alexis got students involved in designing and creating the 28-foot mural which is now installed in the school cafeteria. The theme was "school community." We worked in pairs, playing a word association game. As one person read a word that related to school, their partner said the first thing that came to mind. After we played the game, we were asked to circle a pair of words that popped out at us the most. We then used these words as the inspiration for a 15-minute drawing session. We learned about art concepts, such as tints/shades, figure drawing, composition, positive/negative space and color mixing.

When the mural was mounted and unveiled, we were very proud of the areas we had designed and painted, especially because our principal told us that the mural would be part of the school for years to come.

Alexis has been making art for about 19 years. Her favorite areas of art include printmaking, bookmaking and painting, especially with acrylic paint. But now she is an independent artist. In her words, she enjoys "doing things that aren't the norm." Alexis also uses her art skills to help others. She teaches painting every Tuesday night to adults with disabilities at VSA. She also teaches art at the Badger Prairie Health Care Center in Verona.

Support for the mural project was provided by CVS Caremark; Northwestern Mutual Foundation; Target; Capital Times Kids Fund; American Girl Fund for Children; Courtier Foundation; Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation; the Department of Public Instruction, through a federal discretionary grant; Dane Arts, with additional funds from The Evjue Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of The Capital Times; and Madison Arts Commission, with additional funds from the Wisconsin Arts Board.



The student-designed mural at Mendota Elementary, facilitated by VSA Wisconsin.



Come and relax on the new granite bench beside the Statue of Liberty at Warner Park. On May 18 the Statue of Liberty committee unveiled the new bench, which was donated to the park by Christine Styles (shown above) in remembrance of her husband, Tony Rajer. Before his death, Rajer spent many months restoring the statue.

Fundraising event to benefit VSA Wisconsin

Save Thursday, Sept. 12, on your calendar for From Tee to Green: A Golf Exhibition for Arts and Disability featuring Win McMurry and Dennis Walters at Cherokee Country Club, 5000 N. Sherman Ave. This event is a golf exhibition, rather than a tournament, and will raise dollars to support programming for individuals with disabilities at the VSA Art Center located at 1709 Aberg Ave. One of VSA Wisconsin's largest programs, the VSA Art Center annually conducts classes in visual arts, music, movement and other mediums for more than 500 adults with disabilities.

The Tee to Green event will include a golf demonstration by Dennis Walters, a man with a disability who has turned his own personal tragedy into a career of inspiring others. Following the demonstration, Win McMurry of The Golf Channel will play in a nine-hole exhibition scramble with major sponsor guest players. The luncheon program will feature a Q&A with the golf celebrities and silent and live auctions, which include donated sports memorabilia and other items. More information about table sponsorships and individual tickets can be found on the VSA Wisconsin website at www.vsawis.org.

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Lakeview Lutheran youth serve and learn from communities all over US

By Pastor Dean Kirst
Lakeview Lutheran Church

Each year, members of Lakeview Lutheran Church and others in our community assist in raising more than \$12,000 so high school and middle school youth can participate in unique and life-changing summer experiences.

Summer 2011

One of the most recent memorable experiences occurred in the summer of 2011, when the youth spent a week on the Crow Indian Reservation in Lodge Grass, Mont. Not only did the group encounter unprecedented poverty as they painted houses in that community, but they were also presented with stories of how European settlers treated the indigenous people, such as the Crow, when they arrived in this land. This was emotional and opened the eyes of all who participated.



Lakeview youth painting a house on the Crow Reservation in Grass Lodge, Mont.

Photo provided by Dean Kirst



Darrian Driskel, Age 17, on his time at the Crow Indian Reservation:

The sun lowered itself as it has done for countless generations, as two youth groups gathered together on the Crow Indian Reservation. The experiences and lessons taught in this most wondrous place were brought into focus and changed the lives of those who attended.

One of the many lessons they taught us was how their tribe was incorrectly named. When the European settlers worked their way west to Montana, they mistook the black bird symbol that the tribe had at the time for a crow, when actually it was a raven.

Summer 2012

In the summer of 2012, 20 high school youth from Lakeview joined 38,000 other high school youth from around the nation in New Orleans for the triennial ELCA

National Youth Gathering. Besides experiencing world-renowned speakers and musicians in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the Lakeview youth spent a day providing reading enrichment to children in the lower Ninth Ward of the city, just two blocks from the levee that was breached during Hurricane Katrina.



Jamie Meyers, Age 16, on arriving in the lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans:

When we got off the bus, we looked around at what seemed like an abandoned neighborhood. We were in the lower Ninth Ward. We went inside the church and listened to a woman speak about what had happened in this neighborhood since Hurricane Katrina. Young people from Montana combined with the youth from Wisconsin and then separated into two big groups. My group went around the neighborhood asking residents if they would like their house

address spray painted on their trash barrels. The other group stayed at the church taking care of younger kids, reading them books, painting their faces, and running a little book fair. There are so many cherished memories that will never be forgotten.



Seth Campbell, Age 16, on his time in the lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans:

Walking through the lower Ninth Ward, we were tasked with cleaning up garbage and labeling people's

trash cans so that, if they were misplaced, they could be traced back to the houses they belonged to. This meant that we had to talk to people to ask permission to enter their property. The people of New Orleans are a generally welcoming group, and they always let us onto their property or even into their homes for refreshments. We talked with one woman who, in 2012, had just moved back into her home. She and her family had been forced to live in Texas for seven years, where they knew no one. She almost didn't come back, but told us that she realized New Orleans was her home, and that she would live there no matter the cost. That was the moment where we saw the heart of this resilient city and the spirit of New Orleans. Because of this trip, the Lakeview youth understand that no matter how tough it gets, life will get better.

Summer 2013

This summer 17 high school youth and four adult chaperones will travel to Rutland, Vt., from July 27 through Aug. 4 for a mission trip experience. While in Rutland, the youth will paint houses, assist to cut hiking trails in the Green Mountains and lead a Kid's Club.

In August, 11 middle school youth and four adult chaperones will participate in an urban immersion in the city of Milwaukee. This group will engage in a day-long poverty simulation and will volunteer in a coffee shop and clothing distribution center. They will serve meals to several hundred folks at a community meal program, distribute food from a pantry, and lead a worship service at a Milwaukee nursing facility.

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Isabel Olsen-Valdez
Age 15

After Superstorm Sandy: giving back to those left in its wake

In mid-June a group of six youths and two adults from Christ Presbyterian Church went to Long Beach, N.Y., on a mission trip. They wanted to help a community still hurting from Superstorm Sandy. The group was one of four organized by NextStep Ministry who came together from Ohio, Tennessee and Pennsylvania with one purpose: to help a struggling community. They spent their days meeting the people and

hearing their stories, while helping rebuild their houses after the storm.

“The first months after Sandy there was sand 6-feet deep and people’s belongings covering the roads ... Now the streets are clear and the houses look okay until you look inside,” said Steve, one of the people who was helped.

“On the outside it looked fine, but when you opened the door, the damage was



Photo by Jake German

Youth mission group members from Christ Presbyterian Church gather to work on a house in New York.

shocking,” said Melissa Briles, youth leader and chaperone. “A layer of sand and mud covered the basement floor, there were stained walls, and open construction was everywhere.”

The group spent days scraping and power washing the muck, then painting the walls and floors. In the evenings, they all returned to The People’s Church of Long Beach, where they ate supper and shared stories.

“One goal was to grow in what each of us can do,” said Briles. “I loved our eve-

ning ‘family time’ when we shared what touched us the most each day and talked about how we can bring this back to Madison. To see each of them grow individually and as a group through this shared experience was amazing.”

Jake German, director of family ministry and a chaperone, said the group will share their mission experience July 28. They will also continue to meet to plan ways for youth and families to give service to the community here in Madison.

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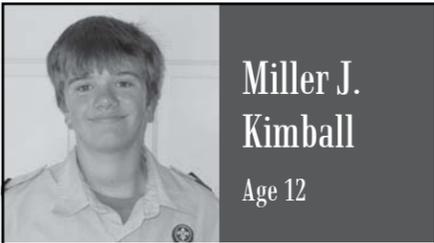
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Miller J. Kimball
Age 12

Join the Northside scouting adventure

Ever think about trying new things, meeting new people and learning new skills? Are you a boy who has completed fifth grade or are you 11–17 years old? Then you should think about joining Boy Scouts.

The Scouts in Troop 23 have been working on service projects, merit badges and planning camping trips. Most importantly, we focus on having fun and making new friends.

One of the things we did recently was a service project at Cherokee Marsh. We planted native plants around the new ponds to help attract wildlife and prevent erosion. There were other groups helping as well.

Earlier this spring we went on a trip to Moon Lake with fellow Northside Troop 27. There we worked on a first aid merit badge. We also went into town to a candy shop, where everyone had a great time and bought a lot of candy. Several of us went ice fishing, but had no luck. We're now working on a fishing merit badge, which should improve our odds next time.

We recently helped at the Token Creek Cub Scout day camp. There we supervised the Cub Scouts in games and taught them teamwork.

We are also preparing for our summer camp trip to Tesomas Scout Camp, which is near Rhinelander. We will spend a week there working on merit badges, such as swimming, fishing, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, and all-around having a great time.

Troop 23 welcomes all boys who have completed the fifth grade or are aged 11–17 and their families. We are proud to represent the Northside community and welcome members as diverse as our community. We provide fun, valuable experiences and fellowship for youth and adults. If you are interested in learning more about scouting and Troop 23, please contact Scoutmaster Wendy Murkve at bsatroop23scoutmaster@gmail.com or by phone at 513-7815. You can also check us out and see photos of our activities on Facebook by searching for Scout Troop 23.

Vera Court Neighborhood Center receives grant

By Terriana Brown, Azeez Mustapha, Kentarrian Myles & Patrick Schrank

Vera Court Neighborhood Center recently received a College Ready grant in the amount of \$37,642 from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. The grant will benefit 30 middle and high school students in Vera Court's Rise tutoring program during the 2013-2014 academic year, helping them prepare for college and be successful once there. Some of those students share more about the Rise program and their future goals:



Terriana Brown, grade 6

I don't know if I want to go to art school or a four-year college but I hope Rise will get me to my destination. I think middle school is going to be good and, since I saw my sister with a lot of homework, I'll be doing my homework here at Rise.



Azeez Mustapha, grade 8

The Rise program is a way to help middle school students do good in school. In Rise we do homework and study for upcoming quizzes and tests. My personal goal for college is to go into medicine and become a doctor. I want to be a brain surgeon. Tutors help me by challenging me in my classwork and making sure I do all my assignments and homework.



Kentarrian Myles, grade 7

My personal goals for preparing for college are to do my best and turn in my work, since I didn't at the start of middle school. I want to have a lot of careers. I want to be an actor, lawyer, judge and more. Tutors in Rise help me get a "B" average or higher in school because they help you at least two times per week with any subject you're not good at.

The Rise program provides in-school and after-school tutoring. The supportive staff helps students shape their future goals and eliminate obstacles in their way, and provides college and career-based summer activities. Tom Solyst,

executive director of Vera Court Neighborhood Center, shared his enthusiasm for the Rise program: "This is a very exciting time for all Vera Court Neighborhood Center students and families who have dreams of attending college. The College Ready grant will support us in taking a significant step in preparing our students for post-secondary success."

The Great Lakes College Ready grant is designed to support programs that help students in grades 6 through 12 and adult learners from traditionally underserved backgrounds — including

students from low-income households, students of color, and those who are the first in their families to attend college — arrive on campus ready to enroll in college-level courses. Recipient programs will provide services to students across Minnesota and Wisconsin during the upcoming academic year, helping a total of 4,000 students succeed in higher education. Vera Court Neighborhood Center is one of 34 recipients to receive some of the more than \$4 million in College Ready grant funds awarded by Great Lakes.

KID NOTES

Cub Scout Pack 127 will host its New Scout Night

Join us at 6 pm, Monday, Sept. 9, at Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church, 3705 N. Sherman Ave. Cub Scouting is open to all boys in grades one to five.

Pack 127 strives to create fun, while helping boys develop new skills and an appreciation for service. During the past year, Pack 127 Scouts attended many events and participated in service projects that helped the Northside community. Scouts attended both day and overnight camps in southern Wisconsin, the annual Harlem Globetrotters visit to Madison, the Duck Pond to watch the Mallards play, and an outdoor Winter Fest. This year our Webelos Scouts are

planning an overnight visit aboard the USS Cobia submarine at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.

Den meetings are on the first and second Mondays of the month, with pack meetings on the third Monday of the month, from September to May. For more information, please contact Cubmaster Steve Kimball at 241-9177.

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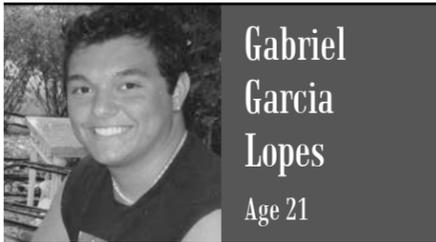
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Age 21

Exchange student returns to home away from home

When I was in high school, my older brother, Filipe, came to Madison for his senior year of high school as an exchange student through the Program of Academic Exchange (PAX). He had a great experience with the Randy and Cary Hellenbrand family. When he came back to Brazil, he told us all the stories and experiences he had and how good the year was for him. So I started to plan my senior year in the United States. I was surprised that I came to the same family and would go to East High School, just like my brother.

When I came here, I didn't speak much English. My host family supported me and taught me not just English but how to have a really good life by taking responsibility and making good choices. I went to East High School and graduated with the class of 2010. I did well in school; my favorite class was a culinary class. I had such a good experience here that my host family turned into a real family and I did not want to go back to Brazil. I liked the American way of life; the possibilities were endless.



Gabriel in his hard earned 1965 Mustang.

When I went back to Brazil, I started planning my life by getting my documents and visas in order. This took me two years. Meanwhile, I started college and studied for two years in a hotel management degree program, but it just wasn't good enough. I wanted to come back to America. I worked in a hotel for a year, saving money for my return. Finally, my documents were complete. I called and surprised my host family and announced

that I was coming back, I was coming home.

When I arrived back in Madison in August 2012, one of my life dreams came true. I had told myself that I would get back here and go to school and buy an old Mustang. So the first thing I did with my host dad, Randy, was to look for a car, and we found one. I purchased my dream car, a red 1965 Mustang, with the money I had earned working in the hotel in Brazil.

Soon, my second dream came true. My host mom, Cary, helped me get registered for classes. After much paper work, I got my student visa and this fall will attend the culinary arts program at Madison College. After I graduate, I hope to open a bar/restaurant serving Brazilian foods. One of my favorite

hobbies is to make Brazilian BBQs for my friends and family.

I just turned 21 years old last month. My Brazilian parents met me in San Francisco for my birthday. Because of my student status, I am not allowed to leave the country until my schooling is complete. We vacationed together in California and we actually spent my birthday in Las Vegas. My dad is an architect in Brazil and he really enjoyed all the building designs in Las Vegas.

My host mom is a community coordinator for PAX. She places kids with families and supports the exchange student for the year they are here. She is really good at placing the right student with the right family.

The Hellenbrands have hosted seven high school exchange students from five different countries. They started hosting when their children were one and three years old. Two of their three children also went on an exchange to other countries while in high school. The Hellenbrands found it difficult and expensive to travel when their children were young so they brought other cultures and languages here to their family, and they feel the experience was enjoyable and valuable to the exchange students and to their entire family.

PAX is always looking for interested families to host students. It can be a life-changing experience for everybody. If your family is interested, please call my host mom, Cary, at 469-8144 or check out the PAX website at www.PAX.org.

My exchange experience has changed my life.

Photo provided by Cary Hellenbrand



Photo provided by Luann Tribus

2013 Dribbling Squad will be holding tryouts the end of August

Attention all third through eighth-grade girls. Make new friends. Develop your ball handling skills. Have fun. Perform during the halftime event of a UW Badger basketball game and a Milwaukee Bucks basketball game. Information about tryouts will be posted in early August at maislatletics.org and nesyb.org.

Eligibility: Third through sixth-grade girls from the north and east sides of Madison and Madison Area Independent Sports League (MAISL) schools; seventh and

eighth-grade past performers can try out to be assistant captains.

Practices: Sundays at 6 pm at Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St.; dates to be determined.

Questions: contact Coach Luann Tribus at lutribus@gmail.com.

***There will be a small fee for t-shirts and balls, usually about \$30. Assistance is available as needed.*

***All performances will conclude by the Christmas break.*



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SCHOOLS

Save time enrolling your student in school this year

It's almost school enrollment time again. As the 2013-2014 school year quickly approaches, the Madison Metropolitan School District's enrollment process begins. Families can save time when they come to their school's enrollment day in late August by completing much of the enrollment process ahead of time online beginning Aug. 6.

Internet access and assistance in completing the online portion of student enrollment will be available at many neighborhood sites. For a complete listing of times and locations offering assistance please visit mmsd.org/enrollmenthelp or call 663-4957.

Families who enroll online should print and bring their verification form

and receipt of online payment on enrollment day. If families cannot attend on their designated enrollment day, they should contact their child's school to set up a time.

Families can find out which school their child should attend by visiting mmsd.org/findyourschool.

For all schools in the East High School attendance area, here are the dates and times to complete the enrollment process in person at your child's school:

- **Elementary Schools**

Emerson, Glendale, Gompers, Hawthorne, Lake View, Lapham, Lindbergh, Lowell, Marquette, Mendota, Sandburg
Friday, Aug. 23, 11 am–6 pm

- **All Middle Schools (including new students)**
Thursday, Aug. 22, and Friday, Aug. 23, 9–11:30 am and 3:30–6:30 pm
- **East High School (students new to Madison only)**
Friday, Aug. 16
- **East High School (all students, grades 9–12)**
Tuesday, Aug. 20, and Wednesday, Aug. 21
- **Shabazz City High School (all students)**
Wednesday, Aug. 21

A full schedule of enrollment days at schools throughout the city can be found at mmsd.org/enroll. Please call 663-4957 if you have questions.

East High School Math Department back-to-school announcements

Do you want to make a difference at East? Do you have strong math skills and a desire to use your knowledge to help younger students? The math department is currently seeking senior math students to act as teaching assistants. As a teaching assistant, you can explore teaching as a career option and gain a deeper understanding of math by teaching others directly in the classroom. Responsibilities include daily participation and meeting once per week outside of class to discuss readings and reflect on your classroom experience. East teaching assistants may teach individuals, small groups and even whole classes. You work with your coop-

erating math teacher to develop what's best for you and the students in the class. This is an independent study program (pass/fail) and you earn elective credit or service E points as you help teach math students in the entry level classes of algebra, geometry and Integrated2. Please see Mr. Somerson in room 3022 if you have any questions or contact him at ssomerson@madison.k12.wi.us or 204-1603 ext. 41533.

Students or adult community members interested in volunteer mathematics tutoring on a less-than-daily basis may contact Ms. Chin at cchin@madison.k12.wi.us or 204-1603 ext. 41534.

Math Club: Advisors for 2013-2014 will be Mr. Wiedmeyer and Mr. Arnold. Watch for announcements about meetings. We are a very active group and will be busy almost from day one, setting up extracurricular events and exploring the finer points of our favorite subject. New members are welcome at all grade levels.

Engineering Club: East Engineers and their UW affiliates, the National Society of Black Engineers, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and Society of Women Engineers, welcome students of all backgrounds to explore engineering as a career path or as a source of fun and interesting activities. This year we hope to participate in college visits or conferences in some of these cities: Milwaukee, Detroit, Indianapolis, Nashville, Champaign-Urbana. Contact Ms. Chin, Mr. Lyons, or any student member.

Technical Writing: Students interested in writing mathematics papers about real-world social, political, economic or scientific problems should join this year's Math Modeling Team. Prep sessions begin in late September and continue through our competition dates in mid-November. Check out the HiMCM link at www.comap.com for information, and see Ms. Chin if you'd like to join the East team.

Do you have a graphing calculator? Need one? Information about graphing calculator purchase or rental (a math-club subsidized program) is available at registration and from teachers during the first weeks of school. Obtaining a calculator at the very beginning of the year is strongly recommended so stu-

East High Notes

Opportunity at UW-Madison

A non-competitive program for high school women offers weekly meetings with female graduate students and guided research in mathematics. Mathematics investigations – ranging from intriguing puzzles to cutting-edge applications – are selected to fit the background of each participant. Students at all levels of experience are eligible to apply. For program information, contact Professor Tullia Dymarz at dymarz@math.wisc.edu.

Expressions Magazine needs editors

You are invited to contribute to a long-time arts tradition at East High School. Expressions Magazine needs editors for 2013-2014.

Student editors work on publicity and distribution, materials selection (poetry, short stories, drawing and graphics, spoken word, essays, painting, lyrics, music, scores, play scripts, sculpture, photography), compilation and layout.

Timeline: October–November: publicity blitz and invite submissions; October–March: gather and review submissions; March–April: final selections and edits for publication; April: organization and layout; May: publish and distribute.

Interested? Send an email to east.expressions@gmail.com with "new editor" as the subject line. Editors meet twice a month from October to March and every week during April and May.

Artistically inclined? We're accepting submissions now. Send your creative written work (any language) or a scan/photo of a visual piece to east.expressions@gmail.com. Include your name and grade level.



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