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A Quarterly Newsletter of the Eastmorland Community Association

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This is a special invitation from Post Office Credit Union and your mailman from the 507 Local Letter Carriers Association. We are inviting all kids and their families to help collect canned food, boxed food or any nonperishable foods to support the upcoming "Stamp Out Hunger" postal food drive on Saturday, May 14 at your mailbox. All the food you collect and place at your mailbox will be delivered to local food pantries.



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At the mailbox or at Post Office Credit Union...can we get your help to fill some empty tummies? Kids now comprise 43 percent of all who receive assistance! It will be sad if we don't have enough food this summer to help other kids and their families put food on the table. Thanks for your help and donation.

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Mt. Olympus Waterpark and Theme Park is located in Wisconsin Dells (Each person pass value is \$18.99)

POCU will have discounted Mt. Olympus tickets to sell throughout the summer season.

If you are interested in volunteering to help unload the trucks on May 14, please contact Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC) at 246-4730 or visit www.cacscw.org.



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Kathy's Komments



Kathy Soukup, ECA President

Here it is – Spring again? Maybe! It seems like the weather cannot make up its mind, or else April Fool's Day lasts all month!

The spring elections are all over. I was impressed that I was number 438 when I got there at 8:00 am. I have been there about that time before and was only # 168 (or something like that). I used to tease my grandmother in her later life that if she wouldn't vote, then she couldn't complain!

Patrick planted some seeds and is very happy that he has plants growing already. He was disappointed when I told him that it would be mid-May before they can be planted outside. Remember that the 3rd Annual Seed & Plant Swap is coming up in mid-May also. Look for Suzanne's article in this newsletter on page 10.

Our smallest grandson, Diego, is talking now. He is also walking. Two weeks after our last visit, we received an email from Melissa with a short video of Diego practically running down their hall – 12 steps before he went down. Last Sunday we visited with them via webcam – once we could get things to work on our end. Diego was very busy, moving all over, seeing what he could get into! Of course, were very impressed!

In the past year or so, there have been homes in our neighborhood that have been "walked away from." Where neighbors who lived there have not been able to sell, nor keep up payments, nor needed repairs. If you have a house near you like the ones I mentioned above, please keep an eye on the house. The more lived in it looks, the more chance strangers won't notice that it has been abandoned and no one will bother it. If you do notice "monkey-business," call the police about it. Vandalized houses won't sell.

I am excited; we are going to try planting pumpkin seeds known to grow 'huge' pumpkins – obviously, I really only want one huge one and some small ones. Hopefully, it will be a good year for growing things. We really enjoy the fresh tomatoes, too. I found one purple crocus today in my front flower/plant bed. It was a surprise gift as we didn't plant any right in the middle of the hostas.

Take care of yourselves!

Kathy



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Eastmorland Notes

Eastmorland Community Garage Sale

The Eastmorland Community annual garage sale is set for Friday and Saturday June 10 & 11 from 8 am – 4 pm. We asked for input in our last “Hi Neighbor” issue & this date was the most popular so this is the date we are going with. We realize this is also graduation time for the Madison high schools so there will be celebrations in the neighborhood. What better way to assist in the partying than to have a chance for your guests to find a good deal at your neighbor’s sale. Sounds like fun already. Some neighbors plan to have entertainment while you shop. This is a good year to clean out your closets and corners in your basement and garage and make some money at the same time. The requirements to participate are as follows: You need to have your ECA membership current (membership form on page 4); Call Glennis at 244-8195 or Bernie 244-8958 by June 3 to get your address in our 3-day ad in the Madison paper. Your profit is your own. If you choose to do only one day or start earlier or later, that is your own decision. Please call and get your address on our list. This is one bill Eastmorland likes to pay. Let’s give them a big bill. Good luck to all. We’re waiting for your call.

Sympathy to the Kleinfeldt family on the death of Pearl

ECA Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 5/10 – ECA meeting*

Saturday, 5/21 – 3rd Annual Eastmorland Plant & Seed Swap

Friday & Saturday, 6/10 & 11 – Eastmorland Community Garage Sale

Tuesday, 6/14 – ECA meeting*

Tuesday, 7/12 – ECA meeting*

Tuesday, 8/9 – ECA meeting*

*Eastmorland Community Association meetings begin at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December) at Lakeview Moravian Church, 3565 Tulane, across the street from Schenk Elementary School. Use the entrance on Hargrove St. nearest Dennett St. Call an ECA director if you have a topic to discuss, need information, or have questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Isn't There Anyone in the Eastmorland Neighborhood Who Can ...

Help us out by filling the vacant position of Secretary that has been open for quite some time? If you are a faithful reader of the newsletter and checked out the names of the ECA volunteers that always appear on page two you would have noticed the secretary's position is always listed as open.

As secretary all that is needed is for someone to record the minutes of the monthly meetings which occur the second Tuesday of every month, except December, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Please call Kathy 244-8965 or Suzanne 244-2128. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Also, we need a new liaison to LaFollette High School, and one for Whitehorse Middle School.

Pinney Branch Library Events

Reader's Theater for Children – May 23, from 2:30 – 4:00. Read and perform a variety of children's books for an audience! Children must be able to read. Call 224-7100 to register.

One-on-one Job and Computer Assistance – Wednesdays from 4:00 – 7:00. Need help looking for a job? We can help you: work on your resume and cover letter, set up an email account, locate Internet job sites, apply for jobs online, or improve your computer skills. Call 224-7100 to make an hour-long appointment.

After School Chess Club – First and third Thursdays at 4:00. Learn how to play chess and then play against other children with varied levels of experience. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Humanitarian Knitting – First and third Thursdays at 6:30. Knitting for charity. Assistance is available for those wishing to learn to knit or to improve skills. Yarn is provided.

Internet Resources for Consumers – Monday, May 2 at 7:00. This program is designed to help you learn about free sources for consumer reviews and ratings on the web. Attendees will learn how to search Consumer Reports and find customer reviews online. Freecycling and the Madison Stuff Exchange will also be covered.

Pinney Book Group – Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00. The Pinney Book Group will discuss "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See.

Friends of the Pinney Branch Book Sale – Members Only Preview, Thursday, June 9. Open to the public, Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. Monday, June 13: \$5 bag sale.

ECA Paid Membership

\$10 per household

An annual \$10 per household from paid members supports all of the Eastmorland Community Association business conducted. ECA relies on the contributions of paid members to strengthen this community's schools, communication, and environment in areas such as the following:

- Donations to area schools' events and fundraisers (Clay Stomp, graduation party expenses)
- Materials and refreshments for volunteer events (leaf raking, parks clean-up)
- Neighborhood improvements (Eastmorland Park playground)

Paid member households also enjoy added benefits such as: Santa visits; invitations to neighborhood social gatherings (potlucks, meet & greets); and inclusion in the annual garage sale newspaper ad.

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To become a contributor, please mail this form with \$10 to ECA, P.O. Box 14584, Madison, Whitehorse 53708. Thank you very much for supporting ECA!

Do you have suggestions for the next issue of *Hi, Neighbor!?* Email them to us at newsletter@eastmorland.org

Notes from Here and There

Schools of Hope at Schenk

Schools of Hope has had wonderful success at Schenk Elementary School this year. We have 30 volunteers working in literacy or math in all grades from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Though this year's recruitment is winding down, we are already gearing up for next year and want everyone to know that we will be in desperate need of more volunteers next fall. If you have any questions, or are interested in Schools of Hope, please feel free to contact Sarah Kervin at schenk@schoolsofhope.org. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time. We could not fulfill our mission to help those students who struggle in math or literacy without your dedication.

Lakeview Moravian All-Church Sale

Lakeview Moravian Church is holding its annual "All Church Sale" July 14, 15 and 16, 2011. The hours are 12 – 5 (7/14), 8 – 5 (7/15) and 8 – 2 (7/16). We will have household items, books, jewelry, toys & clothing for sale. On Friday and Saturday we will also have baked goods and a brat sale. We are grateful for the support the neighborhood has offered over the years and hope that the tradition continues. We are located at 3565 Tulane Ave (across from Schenk School).

Save the date!

Come to the Goodman Community Center for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Benefit for La Gloria English School on Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Enjoy food, drinks, a silent and live auction, entertainment and MORE: May 5th, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. The auction will feature small and big items – including a week's stay on Isla Mujeres. The Goodman Community Center is located at 149 Waubesa St. on Madison's Eastside, near the Atwood Arts District. Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo in style, and support this great little school that helps people on Isla Mujeres. Pre-admission tickets are \$15, or \$20 the day of event – kids under 12 are free. Learn more at www.folges.org. This is an event you won't want to miss! Contact information: Alison Hohl, Executive Director – folges@gmail.com.

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From Our County Supervisor



Tom Stoebig
District 17

This has been one heck of a winter, not from the standpoint of snowfall but from the perspective of fallout, politically speaking. The many peaceful rallies at the State Capitol since mid-February have been awe-inspiring in the numbers and diversity of the folks participating. Clearly, we have seen history in the making. And it ain't over yet. Let's hope this energy and enthusiasm translates to positive change in the future.

Perhaps we're already on the way. The election outcomes on April 5 give us a new County Executive and Madison Mayor (and perhaps a new face on the State Supreme Court after completion of a recount in the months ahead), as well as some fresh faces on the City Council. Congratulations everyone!

State Budget Impacts on County Government

Governor Walker's proposed biennial state budget is the tsunami that followed the earthquake in terms of its impact on local school districts and city and county governments. Major cuts in state school aids and shared revenues are only part of the impact.

Although county government estimates continue to be refined, we are likely to face a general-purpose revenue loss of at least \$506,000 in 2011 and cuts of \$3.3 million in 2012 and \$4.2 million in 2013 as a result of Walker's state budget adjustment and biennial budget proposals.

These cuts are in addition to the proposed elimination of \$4 million in state funding each year which now goes to support Dane County's economic assistance program, and the 80 employees or so who work to support or directly help eligible families apply for food stamps and Medical Assistance. Instead, the state has proposed to privatize this county economic assistance function.

A proposed reduction of \$355,000 in state youth aids to Dane County in 2011, and an annual reduction of \$710,000 in subsequent years, will clearly impact our youth delinquency intervention and prevention services programs through Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin, Operation Fresh Start and the county-administered Neighborhood Intervention Program (NIP).

Proposed state cuts in specialized transportation aids for Dane County will impact our seniors and disabled. County farmland preservation efforts will take a hit with the proposed elimination of state funds to purchase agricultural conservation easements from local farmers. Limits on state Stewardship Fund spending and the proposed end of Fund dollars for use in purchasing permanent streambank easements will greatly impact county conservation efforts.

These are only a small number of examples of the impacts on Dane County from the proposals offered thus far by the Walker Administration, and will certainly make our jobs as county supervisors even more challenging as we plan and prepare for 2012 county budget deliberations.

Public Safety Communications

In late January, I was appointed to an 11-member governing board for the countywide public safety radio interoperability

system as one of two County Board representatives. Part of our task is to determine a fair and equitable method for sharing the yearly operation and maintenance costs that will occur with this system. We'll also consider any necessary add-ons as part of the required options in the RFP, so long as we keep total project costs under an \$18 million ceiling. We must complete the project by late 2012 in order to meet the federal public safety communications narrow-banding mandate. We've had two meetings already, but there's much more to come.

County Extension Activities

The Dane County Extension Department and its critical cooperative funding and research relationships with UWhitehorse-Extension truly embodies the Wisconsin Idea, that the borders of the University of Wisconsin are the borders of this state. County Extension's role in educational outreach in the community literally touches thousands with its financial education and literacy programming, agricultural assistance, family and child nutrition education in our schools and homes, youth development activities, economic development assistance, and much more.

Chairing of the County Extension Committee has kept me busy of late. We're working to restructure and redirect the Dane County Food Council to get more involved in "buy local" programs, local food system sustainability and other hands-on economic development activities in our county. I'm working with Youth Commission members and Extension staff to move forward on a youth leadership and development initiative that would give kids an opportunity to serve on County Board committees and commissions and to learn about county government through direct participation. And more recently, we've been working to get state legislative support for a UWhitehorse System proposal, called the Wisconsin Idea Partnership, as an alternative to the current state budget initiative that would transform UWhitehorse-Madison into a separate public authority.

How to Reach Me

As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or questions regarding county government happenings. I can be reached at 222-6429 or by email at tstoebig@charter.net.

We Need Block Captains!

Block captains deliver the newsletter and, at various times, deliver communication from the ECA Board and/or district alder. As block captains, you may also represent the ECA Board to those households you deliver to.

If interested, call Kathy @244-8965.

From Our Alder



Larry Palm
15th District

It's the start of a new day here in Madison.

As I write this, I'm still a little sleep deprived from the April 5 spring election. As a politician, it was amazing to watch the many candidates and thousands of residents be engaged in issues important to them and do something about it – vote.

With the election of Paul Soglin as our next Mayor, things will change in City Hall. New faces on the Common Council will reinvigorate many and disappoint others. But, ultimately, the basic framework of the City of Madison remains. Every day thousands of dedicated employees bring to you necessary services, lend a helping hand or ear and move Madison forward.

I am honored that residents of District 15 have re-elected me to a fourth term. When I was first elected in 2005, my goal was clear: support the residents and businesses that make District 15 so great. Throughout this time, much has been accomplished. However, as they say, there is still more to be done. Large projects such as the Royster-Clark redevelopment remain, but more importantly, many smaller ones – like neighborhood park improvements, street reconstruction and neighborhood safety.

Over the next few months, I will be working to collect input from residents throughout the district to determine what our “next steps” are. **Please join me for a District 15 Listening Session on Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Pinney Branch Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road.** With a new Mayor and revitalized Council, much opportunity awaits!

Royster-Clark

The redevelopment of the Royster-Clark property continues to move forward with Ruedebusch Development as the expected developer. I'm excited that Carl and his team are very committed to the adopted plan the area residents spent so much time putting together. Our next step is working on the development of a Tax Increment District for the area.

Budgets

As I've said over the past few years, money is tight. The City will shortly need to make some real choices. I expect the new Mayor will have different spending priorities, however many projects will probably go forward as expected for this year.

There are several worthwhile projects that I don't think we have the money for. Some, such as the bicycle sharing program, represent relatively few tax dollars. Others, such as Central Park, are much more significant expenditures that will need to be analyzed by this new Council with increased awareness of the long-term impact on our budget.

It's no secret that I voted against Mayor Cieslewicz's 2011 Operating Budget because it didn't prioritize what I felt District 15 and the Eastside need. I'll be looking forward to working with Mayor Soglin to put forward for 2012 a budget that more closely matches your priorities.

Redistricting

Every ten years, based upon the latest Census data, the City of Madison goes through a redistricting process. As expected, over the last ten years, districts on the edge and in the central core have grown, while others, such as District 15, have stayed relatively flat.

This shifts the boundaries of the middle “donut” districts substantially. Downtown districts expand out, edge districts shrink towards the edge. District 15 is and will continue to be a product of this dichotomy. It will never be a planned district – designed with like areas. Therefore, I believe we should embrace it. Look for other areas that are in a similar pattern and bring them in. We have strong and wonderful neighborhoods. We have terrific diversity. I sometimes joke that the district is hard to represent because each of you has a different opinion from your neighborhoods, but really that's what makes the current District 15 so wonderful.

In the next few weeks, plans will be more fleshed out and the new maps will move forward at the City level. I will get more information out when it is available and hope that you will see this as a wonderful opportunity to advocate for and believe in what District 15 has become – a place for all.

Again, thank you for your continued confidence in me to be your alder for the next two years. I hope working together that it will be a productive term. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lpalm@cityofmadison.com.



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Viewpoints

It's Good To Know That There Are People That Do "Give A Hoot!"

The previous issue of the "Hi, Neighbor!" (First Quarter 2011) included an article titled "Another Disappointing Dues Year." After that issue was printed and distributed to the neighborhood ECA found its PO box jam packed with mail that included many individuals' annual contributions (dues) for the year 2011. The amount collected that month (February) nearly matched the entire total we collected last year in 2010. Some of the contributions were quite generous. **A big thank you to all of you who responded!** It brings us that much closer to obtaining the rest of the playground equipment that was originally planned for.

Included among the mail that ECA received was the following note:

I "give a hoot" and especially treasure the newsy, well-written articles. I wouldn't read it on my computer because it strains my eyes. You would have received more responses if an email option had been offered. Likewise, more people would join if you could pay by credit card online. Keep up your good work; it's appreciated! — Gail Holmes

Thank you, Gail! We really appreciate your comments and would certainly like to hear from more of our neighbors. Those of you who would like to respond by email certainly can by mailing your comments to newsletter@eastmorland.org. Let us know how you feel about our neighborhood, your concerns, likes and dislikes, or whatever information you'd like to share.

Regarding the credit card use for dues payment that will have to be discussed with the ECA directors as to its feasibility.

More Comments from our Neighbors

- *We've lived in this house since 1956 and still love the area. Thanks so much for your help.*

- *Hi! Didn't ever realize there was a request to donate money to the ECA. I will from here on out!*
- *Thank you for the leaf raking and all of the Christmas Elves. It was kind of you (ECA).*
- *Thank you for the work on this (First Quarter 2011) newsletter — it was awesome!*
- *Enclosed are my dues. Also re: page 8 of the recent newsletter (First Quarter 2011). I'm not sure if this is the age of apathy, but I also find it very hard to engage people community-wide to get feedback on numerous efforts. Don't give up. ECA is valuable as is the newsletter. Cheers!*

By lines are not added to comments unless permission is granted



Who Is This Snow Blowing Hero?

This winter, after having one of the largest snowfalls of the winter, this masked Good Samaritan came to the rescue of his nearby neighbors helping them by moving enormous piles of snow. In fact he's done this more than once. Kudos to the man in black. A big thank from your neighbors!

The commentary presented here does not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the Eastmorland Community Association.

Mail us your views on these comments or anything else you wish to have published. You can remain anonymous. Address them to: ECA Viewpoint, PO Box 14584, Madison, WhitehorseI 53708. It will be interesting to hear your views and suggestions. All comments will be published in the next issue of Hi, Neighbor!

"I sit for many hours at the office. Are balance ball chairs a good or bad idea?" -- Sarah B.

In my experience, most people don't maintain correct posture when sitting on a balance/exercise ball at work. For longer periods of time at a desk/computer, I recommend getting a solid high back chair with a lumbar roll to help maintain good posture. Also, make sure your knees are slightly below your hips when seated. A balance ball chair is a good idea in short spurts. Try one at home for computer use, watching a show or eating a meal. Make sure to hold proper form the whole time. The first sign of breakdown is a rounded upper back and shoulders, and at this point you should take a break from the exercise ball. Incorporating an exercise ball in daily activities like these is a great way to increase core stability and back health, so give it a try and good luck!



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The 1/4-Acre Garden Spot



3rd Annual Eastmorland Plant & Seed Swap (EPASS)

Does your garden need a refresh? Have you developed an interesting hybrid you'd love to share? Would you like to meet some of your neighbors who enjoy gardening and talking about gardening as much as you do? Then, we'd love to see you at the 3rd Annual Eastmorland Plant & Seed Swap:

Saturday, May 21, 10 am – 2 pm

Eastmorland Community Gardens

Corner of Hargrove & Walter Streets

For more information call Suzanne at 244-2128

Whitehorsehat is suggested for trade:

- Split, seedling and sapling plants of all types, shapes, and sizes;
- Seeds and bulbs of all types (not more than 2 – 3-years-old); and
- Limited gardening tools and materials.

Other gardening items that may be brought for swap include, but are not limited to: yard ornaments; pots; solar lights; small and medium trellises; small water features; birdbaths; gloves; aprons; boots/clogs; chicken wire; garden wire; compost bins; bagged soil; small greenhouses; leaf and weed collection bins and racks; animal shelters (dog houses, rabbit hutches); border edging materials; pavers and bricks (small batch, no pallets please); landscaping fabric; water diverters; hoses; shovels; watering

cans; edgers; pruners; rakes; brooms; mowers; and leaf blowers.

Please do not bring any of the following: unbagged mulch, compost or manure; fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides (organic or chemical); gutters and downspouts; awnings; shingles; tents; overly large trellises; garden lumber; fences; decking materials; deconstructed retaining or stone walls; mailboxes; wired outdoor lighting; garage storage materials; large greenhouse materials; and, absolutely NO WeEDS ... no matter how pretty they may be.

You will need to be present with your items and items may not be left unattended. No transportation or delivery will be provided. There will be no sales by participants. This is a swap.

Information from Habitat ReStore and Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin regarding community gardens will also be available.

Spring is finally here and it's time to start thinking about gardening!

Do you have gardening tips to share? Pictures of your garden? Why not share them with the readers of "Hi, Neighbor!"?

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We also have a new gardening section on our website. Check it out at eastmorland.org!

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Eastmorland Community Garden Update

Bonnie Moreland

Hello from the Community Gardens on Hargrove Street! We just had our first work day on Saturday, April 9th. That was the Saturday which started out foggy and cool and ended up sunny and bright! We had our registration, distribution of volunteer jobs for the year and got some stuff done. Our community garden plots tend to be all spoken for, but you can contact Johna at 663-0858 or communitygarden@tds.net to get on the waiting list.

I checked the Old Farmer's Almanac, and I was surprised with the long-term weather forecasted for the Madison area. It forecasts that the temperature will be 2 degrees below normal for April and 4 degrees below average for May. This makes me think that some of our cooler weather crops like spinach, radishes and peas might be good to get in as soon as possible. If you have already planted asparagus, rhubarb or a patch of strawberries, you should also have a great season as these tend to be "done" by the time it's super warm.

The Old Farmer's Almanac also stated we would receive about two inches more rain than average in April and about one-half an inch more than "normal" in May. This might help out with needing to water a bit less. It's best to pick those strawberries just after a nice, natural rain shower...they seem to just soak up the water and turn it into juicy, yummy berry taste! Plus the berries seem a bit cleaner for those young gardeners (and adults young at heart included) who just cannot seem to put

every berry straight into that bucket, but must taste a few to make sure we are not picking them too soon!

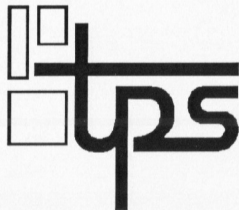
The summer is expected to be cooler than average, but with significant heat waves about once a month for June, July and August. This won't be very good for corn, and since corn seems to grow best with at least four rows planted to help cross pollinate, my family will forgo planting it this year and instead rely on the "experts" who grow for the farmers' markets. Pumpkins and squash might like this cooler weather, but they take up so much room. I'm placing my bets on a cucumber patch; fresh slicing cukes for a creamy and tart vinegar salad without any petroleum to make them extra shiny looking! Yummy to the skin!

We are supposed to finish up with a much cooler September and October, but also much drier. This means a good finish for carrots, potatoes and maybe a salad mix where the peas and beans had occupied the garden in the spring and summer. It also means that as long as we watch out for the frost, the carrots and potatoes can stay in the ground without fear of rot for a little while.

I hope you have your garden all set and planned. I noticed the science teacher from St. Dennis has been out in her field by the church. Many, many lots have their spring-cleaning piles on the side of the curb for pick-up. And the lawns are getting greener. So, now is the time for those winter dreams to take shape. See you out in "the fields!"

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It's Time to Plant a Row for the Hungry

Increase your harvest and give the surplus to the hungry. In an effort to increase the summer supply of fresh produce at Dane County food pantries, Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC) has introduced the Plant A Row for the Hungry campaign (PAR), a national people-helping-people project initiated by the Gardener Writers Association. Its aim is to enlist the nation's 78 million gardeners in helping feed the hungry by donating fresh produce to area hunger relief agencies.

"Last year was a great success with over 127,000 pounds donated, and in 2011 we are looking to increase our donations to meet a goal of 140,000 pounds of fresh produce donated to local hunger relief agencies," said Michelle Shively of CAC.

It's easy to become a part of the Madison area campaign. Individual gardeners within the neighborhood are encouraged to grow extra produce. The additional fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered to a local food pantry or meal site by the gardeners or through an organized neighborhood collection. All donations should be clean, good quality and at the correct stage of ripeness. CAC has added an interactive map and detailed drop off information to their website, so log on now at <http://www.cacscw.org/plant-a-row.php>.

To increase your harvest today and create a surplus for the future, here are a few simple steps:

- Wait and harvest more. Let your crops go and grow! Pick 4-inch bean babies for your own table, and let a giveaway

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portion of the crop mature to 7 and 8 inches. Harvest totals increase significantly when tomato plants are allowed to sucker*. This may slow the crop a bit, but it will yield abundance later. For loads of extra cucumbers, zucchini, and squash, allow the plants to mature as 10-inch vegetables instead of harvesting 4 and 5-inchers. The same goes for root vegetables.

- To sustain the extra growth, scratch a little compost or fertilizer into the soil

beside the plants designated for increased yields and PAR giving (contact CAC or visit their website for a list of most needed vegetables).

- A small harvest from your backyard garden or community garden plot may not seem like much, but when the community gardeners join forces, they can deliver big-time!

For a list of local food pantries and meal sites that accept PAR donations or more information on PAR, please contact Michelle Shively, Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc., Food & Gardens Division, at 246-4730 Ext. 234, mshively@cacscw.org.

Founded in 1966, CAC has created and operated a wide variety of programs aligned with our mission of developing the economic and social capacities of individuals, families, and communities to reduce poverty in Dane, Jefferson, and Waukesha Counties.

* *Between the main stem and the leaves grow the "suckers" or buds which will grow into additional branches of the tomato plant.*




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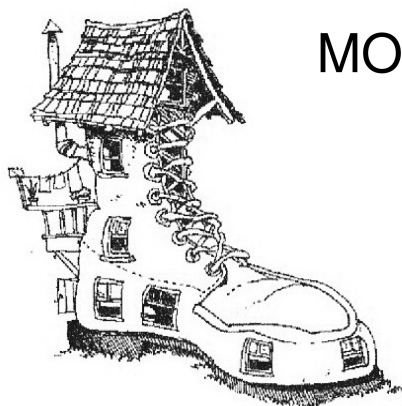
May

5/2 – La Follette – Honors Convocation, 9th & 10th Grade, 7 pm
5/4 – Whitehorse – 7th Grade Field Trip
5/4 – Whitehorse – 5th Grade Parent Orientation, 7 pm
5/4 – La Follette – Jazz Concert, 7:30 pm
5/5 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Field Trip
5/6 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Field Day
5/9 – La Follette – Honors Convocation, 11th & 12 Grade, 7 pm
5/13 – La Follette – Pep Assembly, 9 am
5/13 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Field Trip
5/14 – La Follette – Prom, 8–11 pm, Alliant Energy Center
5/15 – La Follette – Post-Prom, Pooley's, 12–1:30 am
5/17 – Whitehorse – 6th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
5/18 – Schenk – Spring Music Performances, afternoon.
5/18 – Whitehorse – PTO Meeting, 5:30 pm
5/18 – La Follette – Senior Awards Night, 7 pm
5/20 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Field Trip
5/20 – Schenk – All School Night Dance, 6 pm
5/20 – La Follette – Pep Band Concert, 7:30 pm
5/23 – La Follette – Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm

5/24 – Whitehorse – Choir Concert, 7 pm
5/25 – Whitehorse – 7th & 8th Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
5/25 – La Follette – Choir Concert, 7:30 pm
5/26 – Whitehorse – 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert, 7 pm
5/27 – La Follette – Red Cross Blood Drive

June

6/1 – La Follette – Show Choir Concert, 7:30 pm
6/2 – Whitehorse – All School BBQ, 4–6 pm
6/3 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Awards Ceremony, 7:50 am
6/3 – La Follette – Senior Breakfast & Awards, 8:30 am
6/7 – Schenk – 5th Grade Moving Ceremony, 2:15 pm
6/8 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Dells Trip, 7:50 am – 3:20 pm
6/8 – Schenk – End of Year Picnic and Celebration, 10:40 am
6/8 – La Follette – Senior Class Picnic, 12:30 pm
6/9 – Whitehorse – 6th and 7th Grade Dells Trip, 7:50 am – 3:20 pm
6/9 – Whitehorse – 8th Grade Completion Ceremony, 10 am
6/10 – Schenk – Last Day of School – Early Release, 11 am
6/10 – Whitehorse – Last Day of School – 6th & 7th Grade, 7:35 – 9:05 am – 8th Grade, No School
6/10 – La Follette – Last Day of School, 8:13 am – 3:03 pm
6/10 – La Follette – Graduation, 8 pm, Kohl Center



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Wisconsin's favorable conditions for generating solar power have inspired many owners of businesses and residential properties alike to invest in solar. Today, there are 726 solar electric and 700 solar thermal projects in Wisconsin, numbers that will continue to grow in the coming years.

It is only fitting for the State's capitol city to lead the way in promoting the use of solar. Madison has done just that by

establishing the MadiSUN Solar Energy Program, the City of Madison's official program to promote solar for local homes and businesses.

For business owners, the program presents a variety of opportunities to learn more about the benefits of solar, including information on tax breaks and MG&E's energy incentives. MadiSUN also offers free solar assessments, which include a visit by a qualified assessor who can estimate a building's solar potential and the projected costs, benefits, and payback period of a solar system. Finally, MadiSUN provides a chance for businesses taking advantage of solar to connect with one another and receive publicity and recognition for making a commitment to renewable energy. For more information on MadiSUN, solar energy, or free solar assessments, please visit its website at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/Sustainability/City/madiSUN/>.

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Eastmorland Couple Start A Restaurant in Sun Prairie

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A view inside the restaurant. The place was packed with children and parents who came to visit with Santa, and Mrs. Claus and Elves. All seemed to have a great time!

**Do you have photos of a neighborhood happening, or just a slice of life in Eastmorland?
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EMMCA provides the following services to assist seniors in East Madison and Monona:

- **Case Management** – free assistance for seniors to help them access and coordinate resources and services.
- **Adult Day Center** – affordable adult day care in a safe, home like setting.
- **Volunteer Home Chore Program** – free assistance with household chores for seniors who have a modest income.
- **Care Givers' Support Group** – monthly group meeting to help family members cope with the issues of providing care for a senior.
- **Lending Closet and Lending Library** – health equipment and resources related to senior care can be checked out free of charge.

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