

# Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

Third Quarter 2014



Pictured above is the Milwaukee Street Bridge located at the intersection of Milwaukee Steet and Fair Oaks Street. It is rumored that construction will occur sometime during the 2015 / 2016 time period. More about this in Kathy's Komments (page 3).

## Celebrating a Neighbor's Life

Harry Chamberlain spent his life in the service of others. Working with the Madison Streets Department from the time he was seventeen, he spent 41 years as a public servant and retired as a supervisor. He provided for his family. He built the home (in the Eastmorland Neighborhood) where he and his wife Kay raised their three children. He also built the duplex (also in the Eastmorland Neighborhood) where his daughter Sandra and son Ronald and their families now live. After his wife passed away, he decided to do something for himself: learn to read.

Harry surprised everyone in his life by admitting his illiteracy. His life had been spent working and doing, rarely asking for anything from anyone. His determination to read led him to Literacy Network. As a young child, Harry received a head injury when he was hit by a car. This contributed towards his learning disability and learning to read did not come easy for him. However, Harry was determined and worked hard with his volunteer tutor, Tom DeChant. Harry improved his reading in his late 70s. Reading his mail brought Harry great joy and pride. He bragged about school to everyone stating he was going to get his GED.

When his health began to fail, Harry saw the doctor more frequently. On one visit, he was given a 20-page booklet with information he needed to know to maintain his health. Tom, Harry's tutor, reached out to Literacy Network's staff, which was able to

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## COME TO CAMP!

"Family Camp" Dessert Theater Fundraiser at Lakeview Moravian Community Church / Saturday, August 23 at 7pm

Join the Lakeview Moravian Community Church, 3565 Tulane Ave., for an evening of camp fun on Saturday, August 23rd at 7 pm! Producer, Sarah Whelan Blake and Director, Suzan Kurry with community theater friends will present an outdoor performance of the play, "Family Camp". This comedy depicts a church camp experience complete with cabin counselors, camp songs, a campfire, and camp activities like a talent show and bird-calling contest.

This event will be a fundraiser for the Lakeview Moravian Community Church produced by local, theater folks in thanks for the use of the church building for rehearsal space. Tickets for the performance and dessert will be a suggested price of \$20 per ticket, with children under 12 attending at no charge. The play will take place outdoors on the Tulane Ave. side of the church, if weather permits. The performance will be in the church sanctuary, if raining.

Reservations for the play can be made in advance by August 18th to Sarah Whelan Blake (222-4609 or [jsblake@merr.com](mailto:jsblake@merr.com)).

*See you at camp on August 23rd!*

## Ontario Park Neighbors

Lynn, an Ontario Park neighbor, is having problems with weeds on the park property behind her garage trying to migrate into her yard (also concerned about the pine tree behind the neighbor's garage possibly falling onto her garage). Parks said that the tree/bushes being trimmed would be a great "volunteer project". "Neighbors participating in this would need to sign a volunteer release form; Parks Dept. would provide

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# Kathy's Komments



I still have Girl Scout cookies – some of most kinds, if anyone is interested, please give me a call. I can't get any more this season after these are gone.

If any of you are out and about on August 2, the Vietnam Vets, Chapter 5, are having a brat/hot dog sale in front of the VFW on Cottage Grove Road from 10 am – 2 pm. If you stop, say “hello” to my brother, Bob.

Please come to our next ECA meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of August as Sarah Lawton, Supervisor of Pinney and Monroe Branch Libraries, will be our guest speaker. Being a librarian today is quite diversified. Librarians from Pinney may come to meetings, and be seen at our neighborhood schools; trying to interest children in reading, helping with computer literacy for all ages... and more.

Did any of you attend the fireworks viewing at Olbrich at the beach? I have heard from a couple of folks that the view was great between the beach house and the Eastside Club. I dropped Patrick off about 6:30 p.m. and drove through the neighborhood seeing how many cars were parked and folks were walking down to the park – the answer was that there were folks walking down from Dawes to go.

I haven't heard anything from any of you that there were problems with the amount of parking either, so everything must have gone pretty well. It turned out that the fireworks were not sent up as high as they usually were at Warner Park, and therefore, could not be seen over the trees, so folks had to move up closer to the beach. Someone had set up a screened-in tent on the beach and that blocked quite a few folks, but there were no restrictions on that that I know of – except no larger than 10' x 10' in size.

Eastmorland wasn't involved with the neighborhoods in the park as only one person called and volunteered this year. We had something come up and couldn't be there either to sit in the Coalition tent on the west side of the parking lot, although we did 'pop' in about 5:00 p.m. to check things out in the park. Patrick checked back later.

Be sure to read the article about one of our neighbors over by Ontario Park on page 1. She is looking for help with a problem and wonders if any other neighbors near Ontario Park are having the same problem, or if anyone would volunteer help.

By the time this newsletter is out, all of the chip sealing will have been done in our neighborhood as the city planned to do. It really looks nice, and it doesn't cost the

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**Kathy's Komments** — *from previous page*

neighbors anything, which is great. Quite a few neighborhoods around us received the same treatment.

I went to a meeting about replacing the bridge over Starkweather Creek, which was attended by many of the folks who live on Milwaukee Street. There will be at least a couple more informative meetings like this before the work begins. Obviously, this means that Milwaukee Street will be closed for awhile at the bridge. Streets Engineering said that the plan is to add bike lanes going both ways and widen the path so walking or biking on either side of the road would be safer. One of the engineers taking measurements last week told Patrick that the closing and work might be done in 2015 or 2016, at this point. (Possibly, it depends upon the budget?)

From what I have heard, the Parks Dept. is going to be busy assessing and removing damaged, or old decaying Ash trees as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) arrives.

We are in the midst of road construction and repair – all to the good of our roads, in the end. I remind myself of that whenever I see the repair trucks or the chip sealing trucks ahead of me on a street and I need to move over a block or so to move through. The finished product is very nice and in some cases, long overdue.

Please remember that this is SUMMER, so watch out for kids and people of all ages on bikes. Belated CONGRATULATIONS to all those who graduated this year!  
-- Kathy

**ECA 2014 Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 ECA meeting\*  
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 ECA meeting\*  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 ECA meeting\*  
Friday, October 10, Deadline for:

Submissions for the August 2014,  
“Hi, Neighbor!”

Friday, August 1, 2014, “Hi, Neighbor!”  
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\*Eastmorland Community Association meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. 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 Street nearest Dennett Street. Call or email 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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## From Our Alder



**David Ahrens**  
15th District

City services are often a mystery to taxpayers. Which branch of government is responsible for what services can be pretty confusing. To answer some of these questions, here are some basic elements of the city budget.

**What Do Our Taxes Buy?** The city spends about \$275 million each year. Two-thirds of our tax dollars are spent on three services: Police, Fire Services and Streets. "Streets" includes everything from garbage pick-up, payments for landfills and road repair and maintenance (such as our chip-sealing last month).

About 13% of our taxes pays off the debt for big capital purchases. This debt is incurred for projects such as the new Central Library and hopefully, a new Pinney Library. In the last few years, we have opened new fire stations and soon a new Fire Department Administration office.

About 7% of our budget goes to a broad array of services called Planning and Development. It includes everything from funding neighborhood centers, subsidizing child care and home and construction inspection. Need a permit to build or remodel? Have a complaint about your neighbor's shoddy house? Their offices are in the basement of the Municipal Building.

Other major expenditures are for the libraries (5%), parks (2%) and administration (attorneys, IT, City Assessor) at 7%.

**The Next Budget:** Over the past five years, there has been little change in the city's budget. State law mandates that cities can only raise their taxes by the same percentage as the increase in new property value. Since the Great Recession there have been little new taxable property. Indeed, this year that the value of our homes will increase.

As a result, we usually have had about a 2% increase in property taxes each year. This is less than the rate of inflation. Without adding services of any kind, we will need to increase taxes to provide a small salary increase for employees as well as items whose costs increase at a much greater rate of inflation: energy costs (for vehicles and buildings), cars and buses, materials for streets, etc.

The Mayor has not yet presented a budget proposal but I expect it will be within 2% - much like the last one.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 334-1156 or at [district15@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district15@cityofmadison.com)

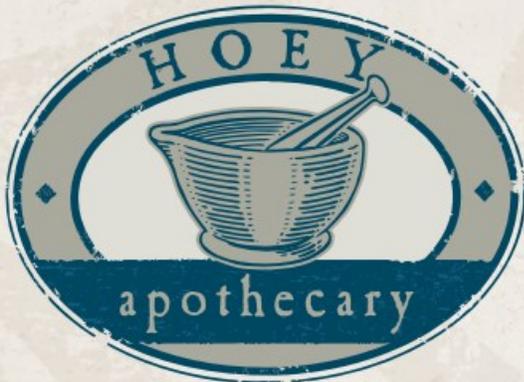
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## ECA History Review May, 1982

This was our 25th Anniversary year as a neighborhood association.

In March, LaFollette High School won the Class A Boys' State Basketball Tournament. Special congratulations to our Eastmorland neighbor, Tom Luksich, 125 Schenk Street, who had the honor of being a part of the starting lineup of the championship team.

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## Neighbor's Life — from page 1

pare down the booklet to two pages of essential information that Harry could use. Tom had become like a trusted family member.

Harry passed away on February 8th of this year. Sandra fondly recalls Harry taking her at a young age to house renovations where she would read instructions to him out loud, completely unaware that this wasn't a lesson for her but in fact something he needed from her. Additionally she remembers, "Dad would say that Tom was coming over for a session, so no interruptions please until we are done." Harry's tutor, Tom, has equally fond memories, "What continually impressed me about Harry was his determination and perseverance. Even as his health declined, we continued to meet twice a week, often for well over an hour. He helped me realize that aging is no barrier to learning – old dogs can learn new tricks."

Harry's family allowed us to share his story in hopes that it can go on to help others. Thousands of people in Dane County struggle with learning disabilities. If you are interested in joining Literacy Network and honoring Harry please visit us online: [http://www.litnetwork.org/donate/index.phpcategory\\_id=5295](http://www.litnetwork.org/donate/index.phpcategory_id=5295) If you would like to make a donation to the Harry Chamberlain Fund. You can also mail a donation to Literacy Network at 1118 S. Park Street, Madison, WI 53715. With your support, Literacy Network will invest in a new easy-to-use engagement, screening, and intervention system to help improve the ability to assess learning and reading challenges among our adult students. Every person should have a chance to feel the same joy

## Ontario Park Neighbors — from page 1

as much mulch (to smother the weeds) and will pick up the material you cut as well". From email by Cklinke@cityofmadison.com

Mr. Klinke also said that "he would come out and meet with those interested and go over the scope of the project".

If anyone else is interested in helping with this, especially if your property is near Ontario Park, please contact Kathy at [president@eastmorland.org](mailto:president@eastmorland.org).

I will be happy to arrange a meeting with Mr. Klinke and all who are interested. I wonder if anyone else whose land abuts one of our other parks is having similar problems? Let me know.  
— Kathy

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## Drums n' Moore School of Music Recital

Drums n' Moore School of Music recently held a 'standing room only' recital for the parents and grandparents of the wonderful music students that have worked so hard at their music. All instruments were represented, such as piano, drums, saxophone, guitar, violin, trombone, accordion, cello, bass, and percussion.

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## From Our County Supervisor



**Jeff Pertl**  
District 17

Lots of exciting things are happening in Dane County this summer. A few of the highlights include:

### Marriage Equality in Dane County

On June 6, 2014, Dane County became the first Wisconsin county to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after Judge Barbara Crabb's federal court ruling. Wisconsin is the 27th state where either the legislature or a court has legalized marriage equality (courts in several other states have subsequently legalized marriage equality). Hundreds of same-sex couples in Dane County were married before a temporary injunction was issued. Further court action, including possible U.S. Supreme Court action, is expected.

Jail Study Released, Proposed Price Tag Higher Than Expected  
Community discussion heated up around the possible construction of a new or renovated Dane County Jail, with a new report pegging the cost between \$120-\$135 million. The report highlights problems with the current facility, including chronic safety issues, poor mental health services and an outdated physical layout that makes direction supervision difficult.

The report discusses two major options: reconstruction downtown in the existing space or a new facility in a rural green space (probably co-located with other county facilities). The report is the beginning of a long process, which will include

further study, community conversations and in-depth fiscal analysis.

### Employee Contracts Reflect Dane County Values

Demonstrating once again the success of collective bargain, Dane County negotiated contracts with our employees that extend through 2016. The new contract will maintain existing levels of service and includes a very modest \$0.22/ hour pay raise, offset in part by increased employee contributions to health care costs.

### Intervening in MG&E Rate Changes; Championing Alternative Energy Cost-Savings

MG&E is seeking approval from the State of Wisconsin's Public Service Commission to increase their base rate (minimum amount charge to every customer) they charge customers for energy consumption. This part of the bill is fixed and essential pays for their administrative overhead, excluding fuel costs. As such, it does not fluctuate with time of day or energy prices.

However, increases in the base rate also undermine solar and alternative energy cost-saving (which lead to lower energy bills due to less energy usage, but those customers would still have to pay the higher base rate). The County Board approved intervening in the state rate change process, arguing against the proposed flat-fee increase is regressive, not tied to consumption and undermines energy diversification.

### Completing the Dane County Landfill Expansion

The Dane County Landfill expansion is slated for completion this fall. The expansion will extend the viability of the current site by 30 years, at 1/9th the cost of building a new landfill. The expansion will also double the renewable energy generated, saving taxpayers more than \$6 million annually.

### Connecting Food Assistance Programs to the Dane County Farmers Markets

The county board approved funding to enable residents with electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to purchasing farm-fresh food at any of Dane County Farmer's Markets. This initiative is based on a 2012 Community Action Coalition pilot a program that enabled low-income residents to buy over \$50,000 in fresh food at Farmer's Markets. Dane County, the Community Action Coalition, and the City of Madison are all jointly funding this new endeavor.

### Cast Your Vote in Two Fall Advisory Referenda

The County Board approved placing the following advisory questions on the November 2014 ballot:

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**Minimum Wage:** “Should the state of Wisconsin increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?”

**Health Care:** “Shall the next Governor and State Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage?”

Both referenda are part of a statewide effort and will appear on ballots across the state.

## Looking for More Crazy Chicken People

We'd like to start a chicken sitting co-op in our neighborhood for people who travel a lot. Chicken owners can benefit from hearing each others stories. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please email us at:

[tim@sproutlandscapelle.com](mailto:tim@sproutlandscapelle.com)

Also if you are curious about backyard chickens or you have questions, please email us. We are by no means chicken experts, but we are chicken lovers, and we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## New To The Neighborhood?

For those of you who are new to the Eastmorland Neighborhood and have never received a printed copy of Eastmorland's Commemorative Issue that was published in 2007 and would like to have a copy, please call 244.8965 or one of the Eastmorland Directors listed on page two of our newsletter.

## Clean Lakes Alliance Looking for Summer Help



Interested in spending some time working for our lakes this summer? The Clean Lakes Alliance is seeking responsible, friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to help with a lake user survey at nearby public beaches, boat landings and lakeside parks. The information will be used as part of a watershed-wide study to evaluate public perceptions and the value of our lakes to the community. Help is needed between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Lake-access locations, days and time blocks can be tailored to each volunteer's interest level and availability. To sign up or learn more about this opportunity, please contact Paul at 255-1000 or [paul@cleanlakesalliance.com](mailto:paul@cleanlakesalliance.com).

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## From Our State Representative



**Melissa Sargent**  
48th State Assembly

### Save Our Post Office

The recent announcement that the first-class mail processing center at the Milwaukee Street Post Office is closing has left many questions about the direct impacts of this decision for our community.

While I understand the importance of thoughtfully balancing budgets, the dramatic slowing of first-class mail delivery and the elimination of 54 local jobs is far too high a price to pay for what will amount to miniscule savings, if any, for the postal service.

Valuable public services like the post office give Americans the freedom to start a business, send loved ones packages anywhere in the world, and access necessary government documents such as passports. These are remarkable tools provided at cost-effective prices. Like the Post Office, other public services such as transportation systems, public schools, and health care systems create a stronger society. Unfortunately, Americans are being held hostage by an extreme anti-government cabal that demonizes our public sector and discredits its value. I hope that this trend can be reversed by informing people of how the public sector works to create private prosperity in our communities.

This decision will have wide-ranging effects on our community. Currently, small businesses can place invoices, bills, or checks

payable in the mail and reasonably expect their local clients and vendors to receive them within 24 hours, which helps them manage cash flow efficiently. Moving mail processing to Milwaukee would remove this certainty. As a state representative and business owner, I know the serious impact this would have on cash flow management, which is critical for small business operations. Eliminating next day delivery for Madison-area residents, while potentially subjecting USPS to more burdensome transportation costs, benefits no one.

Here in Dane County, we are lucky to have public servants like Congressman Mark Pocan who have championed this issue at the federal level. Like him, I pledge to continue to work for the public good in an attempt to overcome the slash and burn politics seen in our current political climate. The consolidation proposal would place an unnecessary and harmful burden on our families and businesses in South Central Wisconsin at a time when the economy is still recovering. The Madison processing center is critical to our region's economic growth and continued prosperity. We hope that USPS has a change of heart.

### A Message from the Schenk School PTO

Dear Schenk Families,

As you know, last summer we put in a garden. The garden (planning, planting, weeding, harvesting, etc.) has been integrated into the curriculum for all grade levels and it has been a great addition to Schenk! It is located between two hallways of Schenk, along Tulane Avenue (the side where the students line up in the mornings).

We are looking for some volunteers to help keep up with the weeding and watering over the summer and we're hoping you will help! Below is a link to a weekly schedule through which you can sign up to cover a week.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go4090e43a5162eaa8-weekly1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go4090e43a5162eaa8-weekly1)

Ideally, the garden would be watered every 2-3 days (as needed – less if it rains hard). The weeding can be done as needed and doesn't take long. We are looking for families to sign up for this week and subsequent weeks until the end of the summer (and school begins again). Thank you very much for your assistance!

-- Schenk PTO

(Anyone who wants to help with the garden and doesn't have email skills, may call Kathy 244-8965, and I will help you.)



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Accidental Bowel Leakage (ABL) affects tens of millions of older Americans, but almost no one talks about it. ABL, also known as fecal or bowel incontinence, is the accidental loss of liquid or solid stool from the rectum. It is often unpredictable and symptoms may occur without warning. Common conditions associated with ABL include irritable bowel syndrome, constipation or loose stools, urinary leakage, older age, childbirth, prostate treatment, diabetes, and obesity.

ABL can be treated and cured through dietary changes, pelvic floor muscle exercises, medications, office procedures, and surgery. However, most people with ABL are unaware of these solutions because they do not discuss their symptoms with a healthcare provider.

Dr. Heidi W. Brown, a urogynecologist with the University of Wisconsin Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is working to improve access to treatment for urinary incontinence and accidental bowel leakage. Her research examines factors that make it difficult for people to talk to a healthcare provider about ABL.

Brown urges people to speak to their doctors if they are experiencing symptoms of ABL.

“Patients and healthcare providers can work together to reduce and improve symptoms of ABL,” Brown said. “If we identify and treat ABL early, we can improve not just ABL symptoms, but also the quality of life of millions of older Americans, enabling them to stay active and healthy and helping them sustain their independence.”

More information about symptoms and treatments for ABL is available at [www.ABLinfo.org](http://www.ABLinfo.org), a non-profit website to which Brown and other interdisciplinary experts contribute.



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Accidental bowel leakage (ABL) is the accidental passing of solid or liquid stool or mucus from the rectum. ABL affects 1 in 5 women over 45 years old, but most women do not talk to a health care provider about this issue.

Women with ABL can **earn \$50** for participating in a focus group or one-on-one interview with UW researchers about this topic.

Please email [hwbrown2@wisc.edu](mailto:hwbrown2@wisc.edu) or call (608) 265-5664 to learn more.

### Fantastic Fruit Salad

- 2 11 ounce cans Mandarin Oranges
- 2 15 ounce cans pineapple chunks
- 1 6 ounce carton frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1 20 ounce can peach pie filling
- 1 20 ounce can apricot pie filling

Drain oranges, pineapples and strawberries. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and fold gently.

### Chicken Salad

- 3 cups boneless, skinless, chicken breast halves, cooked and chopped.
- 1-1/2 cups chopped celery
- 1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
- 2 eggs, hard boiled, chopped
- 3/4 cup mayo

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

— Sandra Fleck

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## From Our County Executive



### The Dane County Armada: Weed Harvesters Clean Up Dane Lakes

Our beautiful lakes are such a big part of what makes living in Dane County great.

That's why in addition to the millions county government budgets every year on projects to reduce pollution that gets into our waters, we also put people and equipment to work each summer to make sure our lakes are easier to fish, swim, and boat in.

#### Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

County government's "armada" of lake weed cutters churns away day after day each summer, eliminating greens that grow several feet under the water.

These harvesters look more like a floating version of a farm combine. Thanks to their operators, they are incredibly effective workhorses. Through mid-July of this summer, our ten weed cutters had removed nearly 1,500 tons of weeds from our lakes and the Yahara River.

This means waters that are easier to navigate, better outdoor recreation for families, and healthier and happier lakes.

Dane County's Land and Water Resources Departments staffs and maintains these lake weed eating machines. Elevators run the weeds

harvested out of the water and onto county trucks waiting on dry land for disposal in gardens as compost or other uses in county parks.

Lakes are key to our quality of life in Dane County. That's why Dane County prioritizes cleaning them up both through such preventative measures as manure digesters and day-to-day through our weed harvesting program. It's why county government spends nearly \$600,000 a year on lake weed removal.

Whether it's spending an afternoon in a canoe, casting a line, or taking a stroll around the shore, we all benefit from cleaner lakes.

Dane County's lake weed cutting fleet is just one of the many ways county government works to make sure our waters are enjoyable for all.

## Eastmorland Chicken

by Tim & Candy Phelps

As raising backyard chickens has become more popular and widely accepted across the country, we've seen more and more chicken coops pop up in our very own neighborhood.

Clearing up some common misconceptions about chickens has been a hurdle to gaining local acceptance of this urban hobby, but progress is being made. The city of Madison has set regulations, such as implementing a ban on roosters, allowing a maximum of four hens, and maintaining a minimal distance from neighboring houses.

### Common Misconceptions

**Chickens Are Noisy:** One common misconception is that chickens are noisy. Roosters are very loud and can crow all day, not just in the morning. That is why the city of Madison does not allow them in people's back yards. Hens are another story. Hens make soft clucking noises and usually squawk only for a few minutes once a day during their egg-laying ritual. Before you get chickens, talk to your neighbors. Explain that a small flock of hens will no doubt be more quiet than a single barking dog, usually reaching a decibel level similar to that of a human conversation. And chickens put themselves to bed at dusk, so you can rest assured the hens will be quiet at nighttime.

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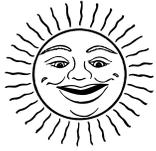
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If anyone hears of a death, birth, marriage, anniversary, celebration, or illness (get well wishes) of anyone who lives in the Eastmorland Community and would like to report it, call Glennis Whitish at 244-8195.

## SYMPATHY

To the family of Don Gumz on the death of his wife, Virginia

## Touched Twice

Twice a year, Calvary Gospel Church, 5304 Commercial Road, holds an event called: "Touched Twice". August 23, 2014 will be the second event this year that a lot of us will volunteer at, take part in, or both.

For those with no dental insurance, it means cleaning, filling or pulling done free. It also means you need to be at the church by 4 a.m. to be ready to go to the dentist offices (transportation provided) by 7 a.m. There are also doctors available for school checkups for sports, screenings, blood pressure, diabetes checks, general checkups, etc. - all also free - starting at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

At the beginning: 10 a.m. to to 2 p.m., there are many other services offered free: family photos can be taken home the same day, haircuts, massages, chiropractors, family counseling, school supplies (while supplies last). Clothing, food, free lunch, beverages throughout the day. These are just a few of the services, and all are available at no cost from volunteers who share their talents, time and resources.

So, if you would like to join us for an interesting neighborly day, bring a friend or two, volunteer, or be an advocate, or participate in the services offered? COME, JOIN US, AUGUST 23, 2014 at Calvary Gospel Church: OPEN 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Free dental 4 a.m. until capacity is filled.)

Volunteers please come at 8 a.m. (For a tour and instructions) or sign up on email: [www.touchedtwicemadison.org](http://www.touchedtwicemadison.org)

NOTE: if you can cut hair, we need your expertise. Haircut lines are always one of the longest.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free Parking. ALL ARE WELCOME.  
— by Carrie Ezzell

## Eastmorland Chicken— from previous page

### Chickens are Stinky

To put poo amounts in perspective, a forty-pound dog generates more solid waste than that of ten chickens. If you let your chickens free range (which we highly recommend), chicken waste will be dispersed in your yard, working as a fertilizer while occasionally getting washed away by rain. Just as dog owners clean up after their pets, you will need to clean the coop from time to time. Fowl odors can develop if not managed. Consider a well-located compost bin to provide an on-site method to dispose of chicken-waste. Plus the finished compost is extremely valuable in helping amend your garden soil. It's a beautiful circle of life!

### Chickens Attract Pests

There's plenty around a typical neighborhood that attracts pests. Garbage cans, poorly managed compost piles, bird feeders, pet food, and even gardens all can have appeal to pests. The most important deterrent to keeping pests away from your yard is keeping a clean yard and clean coop. Cover garbage bins, properly store pet food, and fence your gardens. Chickens will help actually control certain pests, including ticks (think Lymes disease), fleas, mosquitoes, grasshoppers, stink bugs, slugs, and even mice, baby rats and small snakes.

### Coops are Ugly and Lower Property Values

A chicken coop can actually become a charming addition to one's yard and bring a sense of creativity to the garden. They can mimic color patterns and themes from surrounding architecture house or be designed with a similar roof line. Landscaping can be designed around the coop and make your yard a showcase, not an eye-sore.

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## News from Our Schools

### News from Schenk School

By Amanada Hammatt

If you will be a new family at Schenk in 2014-15, welcome! We hope you will enjoy being a part of the school community. All Schenk families are automatically members of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and there is no membership fee. The PTO sponsors activities throughout the year and we are always looking for new energy and ideas. Any family interested in receiving news about Schenk Elementary and PTO events is encouraged to send an email to [schenkpto@gmail.com](mailto:schenkpto@gmail.com) to be added to the PTO listserve.

#### As we begin the new year, there are a few events that we invite you to be a part of:

If you have a kindergartener starting at Schenk in September 2014, we hope you can attend the 'Playdates on the Playground' on August 27 & 29 at 3pm. These are opportunities for the kindergarten teachers, the principal, students and families to meet before the big day and help with the transition to school.

Registration for all Schenk students is Thursday, August 21 from 11am-6pm.

Welcome Breakfast for Kindergarten and new families is Tuesday, September 2 at 8:30am.

If you want to be alerted to these and other event(s), please email [schenkpto@gmail.com](mailto:schenkpto@gmail.com) requesting to be added to the listserve. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We look forward to connecting with you in the fall! (See first paragraph.)

#### Ways to support Schenk:

Whether or not you have a child at Schenk, there are ways you can support your community school that don't cost you money! Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (these

funds will be used to develop a school garden) and Campbell's Labels for Education (these funds are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. If you cannot drop them off, please give them to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk or send an email to [schenkpto@gmail.com](mailto:schenkpto@gmail.com) so someone can arrange to pick them up.

Schenk is participating in the Terracycle program (<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades.html>) to reduce waste and earn money for educational programs and supplies at Schenk. Below is the list of items we are collecting:

**Aluminum or plastic Caprisun or Honest Kids** drink pouches (no need to remove straws)

**Ella's kitchen, Earth's Best** or other baby food pouches and plastic tops

**Cell phones:** Cell phones of all types (remove data first if you can).

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**Plastic lined paper Better Oats & I love Oats** hot cereal pouches.

Once you collect a box or bag of the above items, please either drop items off at 126 Buckingham Lane or email [shahlawerner@yahoo.com](mailto:shahlawerner@yahoo.com) or call/text 608-332-6079 with your address for them to be picked up.

We are also proud to partner again with Just Coffee and offer high-quality, fair trade products while supporting one of Madison's favorite local businesses. Coffee, tea and chocolate orders are collected monthly throughout the school year; specific dates are set in September. Please feel free to email the PTO if you would like to receive an order form or if you have any questions.

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### ECA is looking for an Active Member

Currently Eastmorland Community Association is looking to fill the Directorship vacancy of Vice President. If interested please contact anyone of the directors listed on page two.

**ECA dues are only \$10 a year, less than 3 cents a day JOIN ECA TODAY!**

## The American Legion Severson – Cairns Post 501\*

by Thomas W. Stolarczyk, 1<sup>st</sup> Cdr/Post Historian/  
Public Relations Chair

The American Legion post is located at 105 Dempsey Road. We have been in the Eastmorland community since 2005 and are proud to be here. Our building was built in 1958 and has been owned by Schoep's Ice Cream, the Ice Cream Shops of Madison, a catering business and a few others.

Members of the American Expeditionary Force in WWI founded the American Legion in Paris, France on March 15-17, 1919. The U.S. Congress chartered the American Legion on September 16, 1919. Severson – Cairns Post 501 was started in 1953 as the “Burke” Post. In 1955, Donald C. Severson, WW11 Veteran passed away and the Post was renamed “Donald C. Severson Post 501”. During this time frame, Post 501 moved from the Town of Burke to Williamson Street, Lien Road, County TT, and finally to 105 Dempsey Road. In 2008, “The American Legion Post 57 William B. Cairns” Post, located in Madison, joined Post 501 and is now known as the “Severson – Cairns” Post 501. William B. Cairns was the 1<sup>st</sup> Madison Soldier to die in France in WWI. Both “Severson” and “Cairns” are buried at Forrest Hills Cemetery in Madison.

Our Post meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Post 501 is the largest Legion Post in members in Madison and is always looking for eligible people to join.

\*Call 244-7716 and leave a message for more information.

## Join the Eastmorland Community Association Today!

Support the Eastmorland Community Association by mailing \$10.00 to ECA, P.O. Box 14584, Madison, WI 53708. Monies collected are used for general operation expenses and for special Neighborhood events. Please include your name, address, phone and email address. *Thanks for being an active member of the community!*

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## Pinney Branch Library Events

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Summer Reading for Kids, Teens, and Adults  
June 1 - August 31  
Programs and prizes all summer long!

Rust Dying with Silk  
Saturday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Instructor Emily Keown will lead this workshop where you can learn the science of rust and how it creates dye with a range of materials. You will brainstorm materials and methods and create your own rust dyed silk scarf. Registration beings 7/25.

Drop-in Animation Labs  
Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Drop in to play with Madison Public Libraries new stop-motion and hand drawn animation stations and learn more about the new animation program at the library! Teens and Adults welcome! We will have 6 animation stations available for individual or group use. If there is a wait, each person will be limited to 1 hour of use per lab.

Altered Travel Journals with Anthology  
Wednesday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.  
oin Laura Komai of the State Street shop Anthology in this

workshop where you can bring your own photographs & ephemera from a recent trip or create a journal for upcoming travels. We'll upcycle old travel books as a base to experiment with various techniques and elements: pockets, envelopes, brochures and tickets as pages, personalizing with our own hand-writing, photo snippets and more. Registration beings 7/30.

Friends of Pinney Book Sale  
Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Look for another sale in mid-November (dates to be announced).

Consider the Conversation: a documentary on a taboo subject (film & discussion)

Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Consider the Conversation: A Documentary on a Taboo Subject is an intimate story about the American struggle with communication and preparation at life's end. Following the screening, a volunteer from the community will lead a 30-minute discussion on advance care planning. Registration is recommended but not required.

Drop-in Screenprinting Workshop  
Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Join artist Craig Grabhorn for a drop-in screenprinting workshop and learn how to turn a Bubbler-made design into a printed piece of art! Print onto stock paper for frame-able art, or bring your own fabric.

First Friday, First Person

Friday, September 5 from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Share and critique writing in the first person with like-minded people during these brown bag sessions. Sign up on arrival to read on a first-come, first-served basis, and receive group feedback. No smut. Listeners welcome as well as readers. Meetings: March 7, June 6, September 5, December 5.

Gentle Talk on Alzheimer's

Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Michael Hecht, Program Coordinator for Skaalen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, as he discusses easily implemented, workable and successful ideas for adults with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Topics include implementing dining assistance, community trips, leisure activities and more.

Funding College Correctly

Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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### Humanitarian Knitting

First and third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

### First Friday Flicks

August 1 at 6:30 p.m. **THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL**  
Watch a new release on the big screen! Movies are rated PG or PG-13. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 224-7100 two weeks ahead for movie title and start time.

### Pinney Adult Book Group

Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Stop by the library for a copy of next month's book.

### MadCity Makers Meetup

First Mondays at 6:45 p.m.

Join the MadCity Makers on the first Wednesday of each month at Pinney Branch Library. MadCity Makers are a group of people who get together to master the art of creation in the modern age. Bring along something you are making to show and tell or project ideas you'd like to share. Check out our Meetup page for more info: <http://www.meetup.com/MadCity-Makers>.

### Herbal Institute

August 18 at 6:00 p.m.: Cooling Herbs

September 15 at 6:00 p.m.: Self Acupressure

October 20 at 6:00 p.m.: Nourishing & Healing Herbal Roots

November 10 at 6:00 p.m.: Herbs for Kids

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays through August 12 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. One adult per child is recommended. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Pick up a nametag from Miss Lesley before storytime. No meeting on July 29.

### Book Baby

Tuesdays through August 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and activities. One adult per baby is required. Class length is 15 minutes with time after for play and conversation. No storytime on July 29.

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, through August 13 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

(For children ages 3-5. Younger siblings welcome.) A happy blend of stories, fingerplays and songs that help preschool children develop print and phonologic awareness, vocabulary, letter knowledge and narrative skills. Groups welcome.

### LEGO Club

First Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Join other LEGO fans and build your own unique creation! Children under 7 must have an adult helper. No registration required.

### Evening Family Story Time

August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Gather together for stories, a craft, and a treat!

### Toddler and Preschool Dance Party

Monday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Shake it all about to familiar and new tunes. Refreshments provided. Registration begins two weeks before each event. Call 224-7100 to register two weeks before each dance party.

### Duck Tape Mania

Thursday, August 14 at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Snacks, colored Duck Tape and loads of fun! Bring your friends and make wearable art - purses, wallets, sandals, bracelets, belts, and more. Registration begins 7/31.

### Rocket Star Glitter Globes

Tuesday, August 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Make a glitter snow globe and turn it into a rocket in this fun class led by Karen Corbeil. A Bubbler event. Registration begins 8/5.

### What's in a Pond?

Wednesday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Come see and hear all about the wonderful world of ponds with folks from the UW Water Library. No registration required.

### Space Radiation

Thursday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Build your own Martian and learn about the hazards of sending

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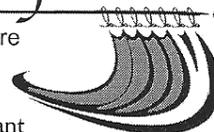
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Family Movie Matinee  
Saturday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Let's Go to Kindergarten!  
Tuesday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Got your pencils sharpened for a new school year? Come and celebrate the excitement of heading back to school. Special invitation to children starting 4K or 5K!

Teen Open Mic Night  
Friday, October 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at the library to showcase your talents. Wear a costume if you'd like! Share a spooky (or not) poem, story, or song. Play an instrument, tell some jokes, dance, it's really up to you. For teens in grades 6-12. No registration required.

### Chess Club

First and third Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to play chess and play against other children with varied levels of experience. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

### Chess Tournament for Kids

Thursday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Compete against all levels of chess players. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins July 24. Limited to 20 participants.

### Teen Book Club

Third Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Meet at the Pinney Library for lively book discussions and snacks provided by the Friends of Pinney Library. All books are chosen by teens. Stop at the library for your copy of the book. No registration required.



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