

Village Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Plan Commission** meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Library.
- **Village Board** meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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A Message from the Village President

I hope this finds everyone who was impacted by the August 20th flood, finally being able to get back into some kind of a routine.

I would like to thank our staff for the work they did during and immediately after the flooding event, getting people to safe places. I would like to thank Chief Dale Lochner and the volunteer firefighters, Chief Tim Hillebrand and the EMS staff and Chief Tom Janssen and the police force for all of their work during this period. I hope everyone remembers that during this flood, these people were out working, helping citizens of the community, even while they have homes in the area and were having the same problems as the rest of us.

A big thank you goes to Jerry Grey, Director of Public Facilities, and the Public Facilities Crew at the Village. When they went to work the morning of August 20, they didn't know they would spend the next 5 days living at their jobs. During that week, they had only have a total of 18 hours of time off from their jobs. Since the flooding, the Public Facilities Department has been working diligently to repair and restore the Village's infrastructure.

I would also like to thank all the people who jumped in and helped their neighbors who had damage, and all of the volunteers who came out to help at different events. Thank you to all of the businesses, clubs and individuals that helped out as well.

We are actively making plans to get the roads that are most damaged, repaired before the winter sets upon us. The Village is working with County, State and Federal agencies reporting all necessary information to obtain assistance to help our citizens and the Village. We will be keeping everyone informed on what is happening as soon as we receive any notices. Please monitor the Village of Cross Plains website for information.

I will finish with a statement that was made to me by one of the heads of Team Rubicon, a disaster assistance agency who volunteered in the Village following the flood event. He said that he has been to a lot of disasters, but he was surprised to see as many neighbors and volunteers out working. He was surprised at how far ahead we were of getting things cleaned up.

It truly takes a Village.

Thank you

Pat Andreoni

Village President

Cross Plains Police Department

From the Chief

I cannot believe, as I sit here writing this, that it is already October 1st. Where did ¾ of 2018 go already? Heck, I guess I should be asking where did the last 13 years go? That is correct, my family and I moved here 13 years ago the end of August! I hope the community feels the Police Department is connected to the residents of the Village and providing the services which are needed.

We have some exciting news to bring you. First, the newest member of our Department is Officer Nikki Kimball. Officer Kimball started in July and has been working through our field training program. She is currently in the third phase of the program and you should see her out patrolling, by herself, in the near future. Second, as the 2018-2019 school year began we welcomed our first ever full time School Resource Officer. Officer Rodger Siver has been assigned to that position and will be splitting his time between Glacier Creek Middle School and Park Elementary. Of course, we will continue to offer services to St. Francis as requested.

The Police Department will partake in a Drug Take Back day on October 27th from 10am to 2pm. The location of the event will be at the Police Department located at 2417 Brewery Rd. Be on the lookout for flyers around town announcing this event. We also have just partnered with the Northwest Dane Cares Coalition to receive a permanent drug drop box. The drop box will be located within the Police Department and hours of availability along with a list of the items which are to be accepted will be published after its installation.

It would seem as though this year has brought its fair share of challenges to many of us. I choose to use those challenges as an opportunity! An opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. An opportunity to find out what OUR community is made of. An opportunity to strengthen old relationships and forge new ones. I take this opportunity to look to the future knowing only one thing for certain! Change is inevitable!!!

I hope you all have a great Autumn season.

Chief Tom



A message from the Administrator

Trees around the Village are starting to drop leaves. Did you know leaves that collect on our streets every fall can harm our creeks? More than 50% of the annual amount of phosphorus in urban storm water can come from leaves in the street! When it rains, storm water flows through leaf piles in streets creating a “leaf tea” that is rich in dissolved phosphorus. This “leaf tea” travels through storm sewers making its way to our creeks. Too much phosphorus can lead to toxic algae blooms, low oxygen levels and green murky waters, none of which are good for animals living in the water or those of us who use it for recreation.



Protecting our waterways is important, which is why residents are reminded to properly dispose of their leaves. The act of raking or blowing leaves into streets or alleys is a violation of the Village’s Code of Ordinances, Section 23.02(h). Residents who wish to dispose of their leaves are encouraged to bring their leaves to the Village’s Yard Waste Drop Off site located on the west side of the Public Facilities Garage (1225 Bourbon Road). Leaves and other yard waste, including grass clippings, flowers or garden plants, should be piled within the concrete bunker area. Please remember that no brush is to be brought into the yard waste site. All yard waste should be removed from bags or other containers when deposited at the site—you may dispose of your used bags/containers in the garbage cans located adjacent to the concrete bunker area.

As always, we encourage everyone to get out and enjoy your Village! Should you have any questions or comments regarding Village issues, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone (608-798-3241 ext. 105) or email (cstene@cross-plains.wi.us).

Caitlin Stene

Village Administrator/Clerk

Reminder: November 6th General Election

The November 6th, 2018 General Election is quickly approaching! Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm at the Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (1501 Bourbon Road).

Absentee Voting: Registered voters may vote absentee by mail (you can request a ballot in writing with a copy of your photo ID) or in person at Village Hall. Absentee voting in person at Village Hall is available weekdays from 7:30 am to 4 pm. In-person absentee voting ends at 5 pm on the Friday, November 2nd.

Registration: If you’re unsure that you are registered to vote in the Village of Cross Plains, please check the website: <https://myvote.wi.gov/> or contact the Village Clerk’s office at 608-797-3241. You can register on the MyVote Website or in person at Village Hall with acceptable proof of residency. You may also register on election day at the Fire Station with acceptable proof of residency.

Photo ID: A photo ID is required to vote in Wisconsin. A Wisconsin driver’s license, Wisconsin DOT issued ID, military ID card or passport are some of the acceptable forms of identification. More information is available at <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov>.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming elections, voting, or any other village question or concern, please contact Caitlin Stene, Village Administrator/Clerk, directly by phone (608-798-3241) or email (cstene@cross-plains.wi.us).



Middleton - Cross Plains Area School District

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District will host one more open house in the coming weeks for residents to learn more about the referendum questions on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The open houses are scheduled for:

- Thursday, Sept. 27: West Middleton Elementary
- Tuesday, Oct. 2: Park Elementary
- Monday, Oct. 15: Middleton High School

Each open house will start at 7 p.m. The programs will begin with a presentation by Superintendent George Mavroulis and Director of Communications Perry Hibner. Attendees will then have the opportunity to talk with District administrators, members of the Facilities Planning Committee, and representatives from J.H. Findorff & Son and Eppstein Uhen Architects. Each open house should last 75-90 minutes.

There are two questions on the ballot: a capital question of \$138.9 million and an operational question of \$4.8 million. The capital question includes:

- building a new elementary school adjacent to Pope Farm Conservancy.
- renovating and expanding Middleton High School; Clark Street Community School (CSCS) will be included in the new high school construction.
- adding a cafeteria and renovating Park Elementary School.
- converting the current CSCS building into an Early Childhood Center.

The operational question would be for \$2.8 million in 2019-20 with the full amount going into effect in Year 2. It would allow the District to exceed the revenue limit and includes staffing costs and other operational expenses associated with the new and expanded facilities, technology upgrades and safety and security upgrades and equipment.

Assistant Superintendent Sherri Cyra provided an update on enrollment to the Board of Education at its regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 10 and noted total enrollment is more than 7,500 students for the first time.

As of the end of last week, MCPASD has 7,173 K-12 students, which is 216 more than a year ago. Cyra noted she included eSchool students in that total for the first time as numbers have dropped there due to no new open enrollment and because most online students are residents who also take some classes in District schools.

She said MHS (plus-41) and Sunset Ridge (plus-20) are the most over projections. West Middleton is 20 under projections. She added a new chart that compares current enrollment with the Third Friday September count from a year ago. Every school is up from a year ago, with MHS (71) and Glacier Creek (68) leading the way.

This year's kindergarten class is currently at 522, which makes it the District's largest ever.

The District will release its Third Friday September count at the Board meeting on Oct. 8.

All three resolutions related to the 2018-19 District budget were unanimously approved at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on Monday, Sept. 17.

The three resolutions that were voted upon were:

- Resolution A: Resolution to Levy a Tax for Adding to Capital Fund. The fund, which is used for maintenance, will increase \$25,000 to \$1,000,000 this fiscal year.
- Resolution B: Adoption of Tax Levy of \$67,045,866 for the 2018-19 fiscal year. That is an increase of \$122,000 from a year ago.
- Resolution C: Adoption of School Board Salaries for 2018-19. President Bob Green will receive \$4,200 and the other eight Board members will receive \$3,600.

The tax levy will likely increase by 0.18 percent and the mill rate will likely decrease by 34 cents for every \$1,000 of residential property value, Green said. That assumes a 3.5 percent increase in property value for homeowners in all eight municipalities that make up the District, Business Services Director Lori Ames said.

It means a homeowner with property assessed at \$300,000 in 2018 will see the school district portion of their tax bill increase \$3 in 2019 if the assessed value of their property jumps 3.5 percent to \$310,500. Official numbers won't be available until the final budget is adopted before Oct. 31. Ames also said that numbers will vary by municipality.

Since 2003-04, the tax rate for the school district has decreased eight times. The mill rate in 2003-04 was \$11.28 for every \$1,000 of residential property value, while it is projected to be \$9.98 for 2018-19.

Mollie B is Coming Back to Park!

The sensational Mollie B is coming back to Park School November 16th & 17th!

Friday the 16th, she will be treating Park Elementary students and parents to a special concert at Park. Mollie will be coming to the school to teach students how to Polka, Waltz and other social dances. The students always have a great time. Information about this concert will be sent home with students.

Saturday the 17th, Mollie B will be putting on two shows featuring multiple bands and dancers. Showtimes are 1:30 & 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

For ticket information for Saturday's shows, please contact 608-516-1593.





1000 Books Before Kindergarten

One of the best things you can do for your children is to read to them from the moment they are born. Our 1000 Books program is designed to give you an added boost. Simply sign-up for our *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program. Once you have reached the 1000 books goal, your child will receive their very own picture book. Stop by the library and sign up today!

Wigglers & Giggles and Big Kids Too - Storytimes at the Library



Join us every week on Thursdays at 10:00 AM for Big Kids Booktime (ages 3-5) and Tuesdays at 10:00 AM for Wigglers and Giggles (babies and toddlers). These sessions are chock-full of fingerplays, songs, activities and, of course, books! After storytime, parents, caregivers and kids can enjoy time to socialize and play. Questions? Contact Catherine at 798-3881. If you would like to be added to our email list, send a note to cabaer@rgpl.org.

Intergenerational Storytime at Milestone Senior Living

On Thursday, November 8th, 10:00 AM, we're taking storytime on the road to Milestone Senior Living for a special inter-generational program. This is a great opportunity for young children to learn to socialize with older community members. The kids will be encouraged to find a resident reading buddy and share a story at the end of the session. Meet at Milestone Senior Living, 1870 Market Street in Cross Plains.

Happiness is Reading to a Dog!

Come and read to our canine reading buddy, "Chase", on the third Monday of each month. Children are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot from 4:00 to 5:15 PM. If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity, please call Catherine or send her an email. You can also sign up when you visit the library.



Giving Thanks With Turkey Notes

Did you know that our canine buddy Chase's owner, Jenny Pavlovic, is an author? On Monday, November 12th, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Jenny will be at the library to share some of her short stories and a favorite family activity of writing rhymes to give to family members at the Thanksgiving table. Everyone will write their own Thanksgiving rhymes to share with their families.

Tween Book Club

Join the Tween Book Club on the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:00 PM to talk about, what else, books! Tween Book Club is best for kids ages 10-13. Pick up a copy of the selected book and sign up to come for a book chat and snack. Kids are encouraged to bring suggestions of books they would like the group to read. Check our website for a listing of what we are reading and the date of the next meeting.



We're Launching a LEGO Club!

All kids 5 and older are invited to join our monthly Club. Our first three meetings are October 8, November 5, and December 20, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be a different theme each month. Please call the library to sign up.

Saturday Morning at Movies, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* - November 17th @ 10:30 AM

Join us for a showing of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* and earn a chance to win tickets to see the newest film in the series: *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*—in theaters November 16th. Join us for popcorn, a "fantastic" film and enter your name in a drawing for a 4-pack of movie tickets.

Saturday Morning at the Movies, *Stay Tuned* - December 15th @ 10:30 AM

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for announcements about our December flick pick.

Please direct questions about family and children's programming to Catherine @ 798-3881 or cabaer@rgpl.org.

Estate Planning 101

Everyone over the age of 18 should consider estate planning! Estate Attorney Melinda Gustafson Gervasi will be here November 7th, 6:00-8:00 PM to talk about the key elements of estate planning and provide resources to enable you to complete a plan of your own when. To register for this **FREE** program, please call the library.

**Carpe Librum Book Group**

Looking to connect with other voracious readers? Then the Carpe Librum Book Group is just for you. From literary novels to an occasional thought-provoking non-fiction title, you never know where the conversation will take you. You can drop by if you're in the mood, and you don't even have to finish the book to enjoy the discussion. The group meets up the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the library. Books are provided. Questions? Call 798-3881, and ask for Pam.

Morning Movie

Our morning film series features contemporary adult films from comedy to high drama and meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The coffee is ready at 9:00 AM so come early for a little social time before the movie!

Art Exhibits

Throughout the year the library hosts the artwork of talented area artists. Check our website to find out whose beautiful art is on display!

**We're Still Jammin'**

Stop by the library on Thursday nights, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and join other area musicians in a weekly open music jam. All abilities welcome!

Won't You Be Our Friend?

The Friends of the Library is a dedicated group of library lovers who raise funds to support programming and special projects. Primary fundraisers include semi-annual used book sales and an annual used art sale, but they're always looking for new and creative ideas, and of course, new friends. Stop by the library or go to our website to get your membership started!

The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society Research Center

Located in the library, the historical society research center is open by appointment. Contact Pauline Brunner at 798-2217.

Library is Local Drop-off Site for the Mazomanie Food Pantry

When you return your library materials, don't forget to bring in a non-perishable item for the food pantry. Your donations are much needed and greatly appreciated! **Please, no expired or opened goods.**

Library Events

There are four great ways to find out what's happening at the library. Read the weekly Cross Plains Library Corner in the Times Tribune newspaper, check out our website at www.rgpl.org, find us on Facebook, or stop by the library! We'd love to see you!

Services Available at the Library

Free meeting space for non-profit groups
Study rooms
Laser Color Computer Printing
Black & White Photocopying
Document Scanning

Fax Service
Exam Proctoring
Free one-on-one computer help

Community room and kitchen are available for private rentals. Please call the library for information.

Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce



The Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce members and our community benefit directly from your involvement!

OUR MISSION: To promote a strong economy and high quality of life for our Chamber members and the Cross Plains area communities.

The Chamber needs volunteers to help build awareness of our community, promote business members, and hold events in our community. Please consider being a part of this great organization in whatever capacity you are able. If you are interested in a particular area we welcome your involvement.

Are you looking for a way to build awareness of your business? Are you doing all you want to support our community? Talk to us about membership! For as little as \$235/year we are your marketing partner! Don't work in town but want to be involved? Individual members are available for \$75/year or just let us know, attend events, volunteer your time...

Chamber members are hiring: Check out our website for current openings at <http://crossplainschamber.chambermaster.com/jobs/>

Do you have an event in our community? Add it to the COMMUNITY CALENDAR at <http://crossplainschamber.chambermaster.com/events/calendar/>

Go to www.crossplainschamber.net for more information and to see the full calendar.

MUTZY'S MONSTER MASH

All the decorations from the Cross Plains Halloween House will be displayed outside at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library October 15 - Halloween. Join us for a pumpkin carving party Sunday October 28 from 12-3pm at the Legion. We will also be handing out candy Halloween night to trick or treaters.

This is a community Halloween event that is continuing on the tradition that Mary Dahlk began nearly 40 years ago by decorating her yard for Halloween. Thank you to our planning team, made up of several community members, leaders, and organizations in town, including the Cross Plains Lions Club, Crossroads Coffeehouse, Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, and the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce.



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Downtown Scavenger Hunt on Small Business Saturday! How well do you know the Downtown neighborhood? Here's a fun way to find out! Join us for Cross Plains' Small Business Saturday Scavenger Hunt! Come ready to have fun, shop, scavenge for clues, and enter to win prizes, all while supporting the local businesses and organizations that support YOUR community.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Watch for more information.

SHOP LOCAL-SUPPORT LOCAL

The Chamber invites everyone in the community to join us and check out our annual Community Business Fair. We will showcase area businesses. Come and meet local business people, sample foods, learn about local Products and services. Show your support for our local businesses!

Sponsorships and booth space are available. First come first serve.

When: November 8th 4:00pm-6:30pm

Where: St. Francis Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE- UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◆ October 15-31– Mutzy's Monster Mash
- ◆ November 8– Chamber Community Business Fair
- ◆ November 24– Small Business Saturday

CHAMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, like us on Facebook, check out our website www.crossplainschamber.net or contact Executive Director Amy Hansen at: amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com

Support Local Businesses – Utilize Chamber Bucks!

A Chamber Buck is a gift certificate, created by the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage local shopping which, in turn, strengthens our economy and supports business growth. Chamber Bucks can be redeemed at most Chamber member businesses. You can use them at local restaurants, auto part stores, and service centers, retail stores, local chiropractic offices, and more! Unlike traditional gift certificates, Chamber Bucks can be redeemed at over 60 local businesses, for whatever the recipient of this great gift desires. Chamber Bucks can be purchased from Executive Director Amy Hansen and are available at State Bank of Cross Plains. Chamber bucks work similar to ordinary checks. Businesses just deposit them as they would personal checks and they are paid by the CPACC Bucks account.



Days Off School Full Day Care!**Fee: \$43 per child**

We offer FULL DAY CARE for the days off of school. There is no need to be a part of our After School Club to participate in the Days off Care as well as the Spring Break Camp! To register for any Day off School Care and our Spring Break Camp (March) you can find them on our registration website under After School Club. Each Day off Care is listed individually under each month.

October 25 we will be going to Leatherberry Acres to pick pumpkins, play on their playground/tunnel slides, feed the animals, and enjoy all the fun things they have to offer! Space is limited so sign up online today!

**Big Ten Volleyball Traveling League
(5th-8th Graders)**

This recreational league is for 5th-8th graders who would like to have fun learning skills and getting involved in competition against players at their own skill level. Rules have been altered to accommodate young players so that success can be felt by all. Knee pads are recommended. If enough registrations are received then players will be split up by grade level.

Practices will be on Sundays and will start on January 14th in the afternoon/evening. Tournaments will be played on February 17, February 24, March 3, March 10 and March 17 against other communities including: Mount Horeb, Fitchburg, Monona, Stoughton and Verona. The time frame for tournaments is typically 12:00-3:30p.m.

Registration is available online or through the village office. **Registration deadline is December 30th.**

Fee: \$65**Jr. NBA Basketball League**

This is a fun league for girls and boys in 2nd-8th grade where equal playing time and teaching fundamentals are stressed. Practice is held once a week with games on Saturdays. This league is for all skill levels! Come have some fun, learn the game, and meet new people! Girls and boys will be in separate leagues and divided by grade level. **Like our NFL Flag Football league, we will be registering each team and participant with the Jr. NBA and each team will represent an NBA team with mock jerseys!**

*4th-8th grade levels will travel to different communities and participate in a tournament at the end of the season.

Registration is available online or through the village office. **Registration deadline is November 1st.**

Fee: \$75

Adult Fall/Winter Activities

Drop-in Basketball

Men's and Women's
Wednesdays
Sept. 5—May 22*

*No b-ball 11/29 & 12/26

Glacier Creek Middle School Field House
\$5.00 per drop in
(Separate Courts)



Drop-in Volleyball

Co-ed
Friday's
Nov 2—April 26*

*No v-ball 11/23 & 12/28

Glacier Creek Middle School Field House
\$5.00 per drop in

Fitness Punch Passes/Class

Let's work on your flexibility in more than one way! You may now purchase a FIT PASS and work out at your convenience. New programs are added throughout the year for your entertainment! FIT PASSES may be used for all of our Yoga Programs! FIT PASSES may be purchased through the instructor of each offered class or through the Recreation offices.

COST

4 Pass: \$40.00
8 Pass: \$64.00
10 Pass: \$70.00

YOGA

Mondays: 9:00 am-10:15 am
Tuesdays: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
Thursdays: 9:00 am-10:15 am

Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (Upstairs)

WERQ

Cardio Dance- Fitness class!
Thursdays: 5:30pm

Glacier Creek Middle School Community Room

8th Annual Crawl for the C.P. Pool

Date: Friday, October 26th

Time: Starts @6pm @The Legion Hall

Fee: \$25 per person

**Must be 21 or older to participate*

Register ahead of time through our website or the day of at the Legion Hall!

Bring out your best costume and join the Cross Plains Parks and Recreation Department as we make our way down the haunted Main Street to raise money for Pool Improvements! This year, we will be starting at the American Legion Hall for drinks and snacks and making stops at local establishments along the way!



Your registration fee gets you 1 drink ticket for each stop we make! We will have a costume contest with prizes going to best solo and duet/group costumes!



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Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society

The Cross Plains Historical Society Museum located at 2204 Brewery Road is only open by appointment. If you want to make an appointment to visit the Museum, please call Lyle "Doc" Esser, Pres. of the Society at 608-798-2147. The Genealogy Research Center is located at the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Public Library. You may ask the Librarian there to assist you with research or you may call Pauline Brunner at 608-798-2217 to make an appointment.

Our Regular meetings are held at 7:00 pm upstairs at the New St. Martins Lutheran Church at 2437 Church St., Cross Plains on the second Monday of the months of February, April, May, September, October, November & December. Upcoming events include:

- November 12, 2018: We will have Harry Libby of Middleton give us a presentation on WWII .

These meetings will all be held upstairs at St. Martins Lutheran Church at 2437 Church St. in Cross Plains at 7:00 PM.

On December 10, 2018 we will hold our election of officers and have our Christmas Potluck Supper.

Anyone is invited to attend our meetings or to stop by the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Library to take a look at the displays that we have there from time to time.

If you would like to make an appointment, have any questions or would like to join the organization please call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147.

