

# CROSS PLAINS POST

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Cross Plains



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## VILLAGE REMINDERS

By: Becky Ward

Looking out my office window, I see some trees are already changing colors! This year has just gone by so quickly. With leaves changing colors and the chill in the air, I am reminded of some important things going on in the Village at this time of year:

**-Back to school!** Please be aware that kids are back at school. Please remember to yield to buses and look out for kids as they travel to and from school.

**-Leaf removal!** The act of raking or blowing leaves into streets or alleys is a violation of the Village's Code of Ordinances. Leaves and other yard waste including grass clippings, should be disposed of at the Yard Waste Drop Off site located on the west side of the Public Facilities Garage (1225 Bourbon Rd.). No brush should be brought to this site.

**-Halloween!** Cross Plains does trick-or-treating on the **31st from 5pm-7pm**. Please watch for traffic as drivers can become distracted by children and decorations. If you would like to welcome trick-or-treaters, make sure to leave an outside light on!

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## From the Village President

I hope you and your family had a fun summer! Fall is here and it is a great time of year to enjoy the outdoors. Take a walk through one of our beautiful parks or conservancies, take a bike ride, catch your last trout of the season, go bird watching as they migrate south and of course, it is time to do your fall clean up around the yard.

I want to thank the American Legion, Lions Club and Chamber, for organizing and staffing the 'We Survived the Flood' event in August. It was great to see so many from the community attend and have a good time. So many people were involved in helping the day of the flood and days after. It makes you proud to be a Cross Plains resident. The flood was over a year ago but the recovery is still on going and will be part of planning and budgeting for years to come. A big thank you to those that helped that day and are continuing to help.

Budget discussions will be starting soon and it is going to be a very difficult year. We are going to have to make some tough decisions and would appreciate input from you. Feel free to attend the next four board meetings as the budget moves through the process.

TDS is upgrading their data lines throughout the Village from now to June 2020. If you have concerns/issues with their work, you will need to contact them. The Village has no role in this project.

Have a great fall!  
Jay Lengfeld



## From the Chamber...

Mark your calendars for the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce 'Business After Hours' Events.

Our last three events of the year are sure to be a fun time. Come for the networking and stay for the fun! Make numerous business contacts and find new customers at our business socials. A 'Business After Hours' is hosted and sponsored by a different Chamber Business from **4:30-6:30pm** (unless otherwise noted). These are **FREE** events and you do **NOT** need to be a Chamber Member to attend!

**Thursday October 10th** at Monona Bank with an Oktoberfest theme

**Wednesday November 6th** at nineteen09

**Thursday December 5th** hosted by State Bank of Cross Plains (details to come)

**SAVE THE DATE** for Small Business Saturday: **November 30th!** Lots of new exciting things planned for this year!

Watch the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce website: [www.crossplainschamber.net](http://www.crossplainschamber.net)

# Saturday Metal Mania!!

## Saturday, October 12th, 2019

The Village does TWO different recycling events for Metal Mania! The first event is done by Town and Country Sanitation. Search your garage, basement, yard, attic, etc for all of your metal items that you need to get rid of. Examples are bikes, bed frames, swing sets, car ramps, pipe, anything metal. Then **call the Village Office at 798-3241 to get your name on the pick up list**. There is no extra charge for this service!! This pick up is for Village residents only and is only for metal - no appliances, wood furniture or other white goods will be accepted for this special pick up.

The second event, is when Resource Solutions will be in town from **8am-12pm**. Residents and non-residents may bring their computers, electronics and appliances to the Village Hall, to be recycled. Some of these items are recycled free of charge and others do require a fee. Please see the event pricing below for more details! You can also call them at 608-244-5451.

### **NO Charge for these items:**

CPU's, laptops, keyboards, computer mice, computer cords, circuit boards, UPS, power strips, calculators, scanners, printer cables, printers, small copiers, telephones, cell phones, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, stereo equipment, remote controls, networking equipment, lead acid car batteries, Christmas lights, extension cords, rechargeable batteries (from laptops, cell phones and power tools), electric motors, pots and pans, ceiling fans, box fans, snow blowers, grills, George Foreman grills, vacuum cleaners.

### **RECYCLING FEE FOR THESE ITEMS:**

**Monitors CRT and LCD (Flat Screen) - \$20**

**Televisions: \$20/\$40/\$60**

29" and under- \$20 each

30" to 49"- \$40 each

50" and over, wooden console, projection- \$60 each

**Large Copy Machine - \$15 each**

**Lawn Mowers - \$25 each**

Oil and gas must be drained and tires removed!

**Treadmills - \$25 each**

**Appliances - \$15/\$25**

Microwaves - \$15 each

Stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces - \$25 each

**Freon containing appliances - \$20/\$35**

Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dorm size refrigerators - \$20 each

Large Freon appliances - \$35 each

*\*\* Please call Resource Solutions for a price quote if you don't see your item listed\*\**

## Parks and Rec Department



### Glacial Valley Park Playground Project -

The Cross Plains Parks, Recreation and Conservancy Committee met on Monday, August 19th for a '**Special Playground Visioning Workshop**' for new playground equipment at Glacial Valley Park. Nineteen (19) community members attended the meeting, giving input on the site, new equipment and other key amenities. Project planning will continue over the next couple of months, and we will be continuing to take input until **Tuesday, October 15th**. If you have some ideas or would like to be a part of the planning process, please go to [www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us) where you'll find planning documents to help with this process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this process in more depth, please contact the Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Axon: [maxon@cross-plains.wi.us](mailto:maxon@cross-plains.wi.us)

# Days Off School Full Day Care!

Our After-School Club and Summer Camp staff will be offering Full Day Care for days off of school. Your child(ren) does not need to be enrolled in our After-School Club to participate in these Full Day Care Days! Full Day Care will be hosted at Northwest Dane Senior Services (the right side of the building). Kids will have free play, some structured games/activities, and field trip days thrown in! Care will be offered during winter break and spring break as well. We will need a minimum number of children to run each Full Day Care. Registration can be done online or through the Village Office. Participants are required to bring a sack lunch as well as a morning and afternoon snack!

**Fee: \$43/per day/per child**

**Age: All school age welcome!**

**Time: 7:30am - 6:00pm**

**Location: NWDSS 1837 Bourbon Rd**

Dates being offered:

October 4th- PD Day

November 4th- PD Day

November 27th- Day before Thanksgiving

December 23, 26, 27, 30- Winter break

January 17th, 20th, 21st- Teacher work day, MLK Day and PD Day

February 17th- PD Day

March 2nd, 23-27- PD Day and Spring break

May 22nd- PD Day

## Parks and Rec Department



### Drop In Basketball

**Who:** Men and Women (separate courts)

**When:** Wednesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Location:** Glacier Creek Middle School (new gym)

**Fee:** \$5 per drop in

**Dates:** September 4th-May 20th  
Welcoming all beginners, intermediate and advanced players!



### Drop In Co-Ed Volleyball

**When:** Fridays 7:30pm-9:30pm

**Location:** Glacier Creek Middle School (new gym)

**Fee:** \$5 per drop in

**Dates:** November 1st-April 24th  
Welcoming all beginners, intermediate and advanced players!



### Yoga

This program will give you the opportunity to reconnect with yourself as you stretch and strengthen your muscles, rediscover your breath and relax into a new and improved you. Offering you a solid foundation in the fundamentals and philosophy of yoga, each class will lead you to discover your unique body type and needs in a non-competitive and supportive environment. All levels welcome!

**When:** Mondays

**Time:** 9am-10:15am

**When:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 6pm-7pm

**When:** Thursdays

**Time:** 9am-10:15am

**Dates:** Ongoing sessions via Punch Pass\*

**Where:** Cross Plains Berry Fire Station -upstairs  
\*Punch Passes can be purchased through the instructor or at the Village Office.

Check our website for up-to-date classes and offerings!



### 9th Annual Halloween Crawl

Bring out your best Halloween costume and join us in a crawl down Main Street. Stops will be made at various Village businesses. Prizes will be given for best solo costume and best group costume. We will be partnering with the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce for this event!

**When:** Friday, October 25th

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Fee:** \$25.00 per person

The program will begin at the Cross Plains Legion Hall starting with fun games and same day registration!

**Must be 21 or older to participate!**



### Sabol Fall Gymnastics

They are back for the Fall! The Sabol family will be putting on another intro to gymnastics course after school. Just like the Summer program, there will be multiple stations to prepare your little tumbler for the big mat!

**Day:** Tuesdays

**Times:** 6:30-7:30pm

**When:** Oct 16-Nov 20

**Age:** 4 and up

**Fee:** \$50

**Location:** Park School gym

**Min:** 8 **Max:** 16

**Registration Deadline:** Oct 8th

### Basketball Skills and Drills

Throughout this program, participants will learn the basics of basketball through different drills, games and some friendly competition. The kids will also focus on teamwork and good sportsmanship.

**Dates:** October 10-November 21 \*No BB on Oct 31st

**Day:** Mondays

**Session 1: Grade K-1st**

**Time:** 6:15pm-7:00pm

**Fee:** \$35

**Session 2: Grade 2-3**

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Fee:** \$40

**Location:** Park School

**Registration Deadline:** October 8th



# Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## Family Concert with Brendan Taaffe



Do we have a treat for you all the way from the great state of Vermont! Join us **Saturday, Sept. 26, at 6:30PM** for an amazing concert by musician and artist, Brendan Taaffe. He will thrill you with a one-of-a-kind show featuring shadow theatre and music played on everything from banjo to mbira. You will also discover that Brendan is a 'crankie artist', and no it's not what you think! Crankies are scrolling illustrations in a wooden box that accompany songs and stories. They are a fascinating technology that pre-dates the digital age, enchanting adults and children alike!

## School's Out Programs

### That Halloween State of Mind - Friday October 4th

Enjoy the afternoon off from school and get in the mood for Halloween with some spooky flicks and scrumptious popcorn. You'll also have a chance to get some ideas for unique and unusual costumes.

### Board Gaming Day - Monday November 4th

Stop by for a fun evening of board games and snacks. We'll have a guest from a local game shop who will show us what's new in the world of games and teach us about some old favorites too! No charger required!



## Autumn Storytimes at the Library

Stop-in every week for Wiggles and Giggles (babies/toddlers) on **Tuesdays at 10am** and Big Kids Booktime (ages 2 1/2-4) on **Thursdays at 10am**. 'What Makes a Family' is the fall theme. After storytime is social time for grown-ups and playtime for the kiddos. If you wish to be added to the email list, contact Catherine at 798-3881 or send an email to [cabaer@rgpl.org](mailto:cabaer@rgpl.org). A full schedule is available at [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org).

PLEASE NOTE: In honor of Grandparent's Day, we will have a special 'Grandparent' themed storytime at **Milestone Senior Living on September 12th at 10 AM**.

## Elephant and Piggie Are Coming! Celebrate 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

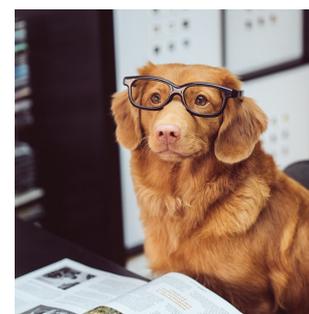
Come celebrate *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* on **Saturday, November 2nd 10:30-Noon**. We'll honor the 1000 Books finishers with a special recognition followed by a party with special guests, **Elephant and Piggie**, two fabulous characters made famous in the well-loved books by Mo Willems.

Want more information on the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program? Contact Catherine for more details.



Check out the Library Website for more information about these programs and more!!

[www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org)



# Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

## Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop



Please join us on **Thursday, September 26th and 6:30PM**. Josh Lehr of Pro Physical Therapy, Cross Plains, will start this workshop with a discussion of what pain is and why we have it. Then he'll get specific about back-related pain and symptoms, discussing what may be causing your specific symptoms, and what you can do about it. This will be an interactive workshop, so be prepared to move around. Please call the library to sign up for this free *Community Partnership Program*.

## Free Memory Screening - Tuesday, October 1st, 1:00-4:00pm

A specialist from the Aging & Disability Resource Center will be at the library to provide free 20-minute confidential memory screenings. Information about memory, memory clinics, brain health and local resources will also be available. Reserve your time slot by calling the library at 798-3881.



## The Essential Edgar Allen Poe- Wednesday 10/2 6pm



Professional storyteller, William Pack, will be here to exhume the tragic life and remarkable writings of the American genius, Edgar Allen Poe. The program relies heavily on dramatic storytelling and story readings that bring Poe's disturbing world to life. **Best suited for teens and adults.** Please call 798-3881 to sign up. *This program is funded by Friends of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library and Beyond the Page National Endowment for the Humanities Grant with support from the Madison Community Foundation.*

## Morning Movie

Our morning film series features contemporary adult films from comedy to high drama, including independents and blockbusters. The doors open at 9:00am for a half hour of coffee, treats and social time before the film rolls at 9:30. Information about dates and films can be found at the library, on our website and in the Times Tribune. This is a free program open to everyone, but please call to sign up.



## Holiday Card Crafting

Judy Arawinko is back to help you create beautiful holiday cards that look professionally made. Participants will create a different set of five cards in each of Judy's two classes. She will be here Wednesday November 6th, 1-3pm and 6-8pm. Class size is limited so call or sign up in the library now to reserve your space!



## Art at the Library

The Library is currently hosting **Local Colors**, a lovely collection of watercolors painted by area artist, **Pamela Grabber**. The show runs through October 4th. Then we will change gears and feature a special Halloween-themed installation to create a little atmosphere for the rest of the month.



## Middleton–Cross Plains Area School District

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Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District and its schools, once again scored exceptionally high in the Niche.com 2020 rankings that were released in August of the best public schools in Wisconsin.

MHS was ranked No. 1 out of all public high schools in the Madison area, while Kromrey (1st) and Glacier Creek (4th) were among the top public middle schools in the Madison area. All six MCPASD elementary schools -- Sunset Ridge (1st), Northside (2nd), Elm Lawn (3rd), Sauk Trail (5th), West Middleton (6th) and Park (10th) finished in the top 10 in the area.

MHS was ranked fifth out of more than 550 high schools considered in Wisconsin. The other Dane County high schools to be ranked in the top 20 were Madison West (6th), Madison Memorial (7th), Waunakee (13th) and Verona (17th). Sun Prairie was ranked 21st.

Whitefish Bay was ranked the No. 1 high school in the state.

MCPASD was ranked fourth among all districts in Wisconsin and No. 1 in Dane County. The only other district to rank in the top 10 in Dane County was Waunakee (7th).

MCPASD has placed in the top 10 every year since Niche.com started releasing the rankings in 2014. The District received A+ marks in academics, clubs and activities, teachers and college prep. It ranked 17th out of nearly 380 public schools in Wisconsin for best places to teach. It also ranked third in the state out of nearly 370 school districts in athletics.



Deputy Superintendent Sherri Cyra, provided her regular enrollment update at the Board of Education regular meeting on Monday, August 26, and noted the District is slightly below projections. We did, however, gain 20 additional students since she last ran the report on Thursday.

The District currently has 7,221 K-12 students, compared with 7,133 a year ago in August. The District had 7,112 students after its Third Friday September count a year ago and had projected having 7,238 students in 2019-20. Cyra said she isn't sure if the lower-than-anticipated trend is due to more withdrawals or if enrollment is starting to slow after years of steady growth.

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The middle and high school levels are slightly above projections, while the elementary schools are 24 below projections and 4K is 38 students below projections. West Middleton and Glacier Creek, which are over capacity, continue to be the schools most below projections, Cyra noted.



The Internal Attendance Boundary Committee reviewed variations to Options A and D and recommended that each one continue to be considered at their ninth meeting on August 5th at the Kromrey community room.

In Option A1, the West Middleton attendance area shrinks to get its enrollment below the current capacity of 443, consultant Mark Roffers noted. It has the southeast neighborhoods attending West Middleton, but the other neighborhoods along Mineral Point Road moved to Pope Farm or Sunset Ridge. Two neighborhoods west of the Beltline would go to Elm Lawn. Neighborhood 25, which is within walking distance of Pope Farm but currently goes to Sauk Trail, would still move to Pope Farm.

Roffers noted no school is over capacity in 2025, although West Middleton is projected to be at 443. Roffers noted Park, Pope Farm and West Middleton may be over capacity by 2030, while Elm Lawn may be about 100 students under capacity. In Option A1, 28 percent of students would change schools, compared with 22 percent in Option A. Of the 76 neighborhoods, 23 would change schools in Option A1, compared with 20 in Option A. In Option A1, 83 percent would attend their closest school, compared with 84 percent in Option A. He noted today 71 percent currently attend their closest school. Part of Blackhawk and 16E would also shift to walking zones.

In Option D1, Neighborhood 7 returns to Northside, but Roffers noted that means other neighborhoods would need to be sent to Sauk Trail. Mineral Point Road between Pioneer and Junction Roads is used as a dividing line for West Middleton and Pope Farm.

In Option D1, West Middleton is projected to be under capacity in 2025, while Elm Lawn is projected to be about 100 students under capacity. Pope Farm and Park are likely to be at capacity by 2030 with this option. Roffers also noted the diversity numbers in Options A1 and D1 are similar. In Option D1, 18 percent of students would change schools, compared with 17 percent in Option D. Twelve neighborhoods would change schools, compared with 11 in Option D. Roffers also noted 83 percent of 2025 students would attend their closest school.

For more information about the Internal Boundary Committee as well as to read meeting agendas and notes, please see the School District Website: [www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us](http://www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us) You can find this information under Community and then Committees.



## Cross Plains/Berry Historical Society

The Cross Plains/Berry Historical Society Museum, located at 2204 Brewery Rd. (the old Lutheran Church), is only open by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment to visit the Museum, please call Lyle 'Doc' Esser, President of the society at 798-2147.

The Genealogy Research Center is located at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library. You may ask the Librarian there to assist you with your research, or you may call Pauline Brunner at 798-2217 to make an appointment.



Our regular meetings are held at 7pm upstairs at the new St. Martin's Lutheran Church at 2437 Church St, on the second Monday of the months of February, April, May, September, October, November and December.

On November 11th, we will have Linnea Smith give us a talk on her medical clinic in the Amazon in Peru.

Anyone is invited to attend our meetings or stop by to take a look at our exhibits at the library. You can also call Doc about joining the organization.

## Full Moon Hikes

A Full Moon evening hike on **Sunday, October 13th**, will take you on a walk through **Indian Lake County Park**. Meet at Shelter #1 off of Mautz Road. The hike starts at 6:00pm and will finish up around 7:30. Stick around after the hike and enjoy a bonfire and s'mores provided by LL Bean Madison.

If you are not available Sunday, join us for a Full Moon evening hike on **Monday, October 14th** at the **Table Bluff Segment**. This hike will be an out and back of approximately 5 miles traversing through prairies and woodlands, with some up and down hiking on uneven terrain. At the turnaround, we should be able to see a spectacular full moon at the clearing on the bluff. The hike should take about 2-1/2 hours.

You can find more information about these hikes and more on the Ice Age Trail website: [www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org)

**Full Moon Hike** 

**On the Ice Age Trail - Indian Lake County Park**

**Sunday, October 13, 6-8PM**

Join fellow outdoor lovers on the Ice Age Trail at Indian Lake County Park for a hike under the full moon. Bring family, friends and a flashlight for the hike and stick around after for a bonfire and s'mores provided by L.L. Bean Madison.

Meet at Shelter # 1 off of Mautz Rd.  
8183 Hwy 19, Cross Plains, WI 53528

**For more information, visit:**  
<https://www.iceagetrail.org/event/full-moon-hike-on-the-ice-age-trail-indian-lake/>

Ice Age Trail Alliance • (608) 798-4453 



# WHAT IF NO ONE ANSWERED THE CALL?



What if you called to report a fire or medical emergency and **no one** answered the call? Being a volunteer emergency responder is about one thing. It's not what you look like, what degree you have or where you came from. **It's about heart.** If you have the heart to serve this community in a way that few can, you've got everything we need.

**Both the Cross Plains-Berry Fire Department as well as the Cross Plains EMS are in need of volunteers.** Both departments require volunteers to staff and answer calls for the community. If you are interested in joining either department (or both!), please contact a current volunteer for either department or call the Fire Station at 798-2220 or the EMS building at 798-2720.



## Dine on Harvest Moon

Join us as we celebrate our **6th annual** event amid the rustic elegance of **Sugarland**, a lovely 1800's farm outside of Arena. Catered by **The Old Feed Mill** and featuring food, local beer, wine and apple cider. Come dance under the Harvest Moon to live music by the **Trippers Band** and bid on some terrific items in our **silent auction**.

**Tickets are on sale now - \$50 per person**

Tickets can be bought at the NWDSS office at 1837 Bourbon Rd.

**All proceeds benefit Northwest Dane Senior Services Inc.**



## Northwest Dane Senior Services, Inc.

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Cross Plains, WI 53528  
608-798-6937  
[www.nwdss.org](http://www.nwdss.org)





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We are looking for residents to become poll workers for the 2020/21 election term. Election dates in 2020 are February 18, April 7, August 11 and November 3.

Please contact Bill for more information. 798-3241 ext 105 or email him: bchang@cross-plains.wi.us



Brush Pick up dates:  
September- 24  
October- 8 & 22

November- 12 & 26 (weather dependent)

**\*\*Please be patient with our crews as they pick up brush. We start on Tuesday, but sometimes it takes all week to reach everyone! \*\***



Enjoy!

**COFFEE**  
WITH A  
**COP**

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

Coffee with a Cop is now held at NWDSS.  
Upcoming dates:  
Sept 19 & Oct 17  
9:00 AM



Upcoming Garbage Dates:  
September- 19, 26  
October- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
November- 7, 14, 21, 29