

# Cross Plains Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- ◆ Village Hall Closed - July 4
- ◆ Fall General Primary Election  
- Aug 12
- ◆ Fall General Election - Nov. 4
- ◆ Plan Commission meets 1st  
Monday each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Committee of the Whole  
meets on the 2nd Monday of  
each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Village Board meets 4th  
Monday each month at 7 pm.

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## A message from the Village President

Greetings from the Village President. Summer has kicked into full gear and so have many Village projects and activities.

The Lagoon Street Reconstruction Project is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of September. The project is being completed in 3 phases and the Village will work with local businesses to help ensure access during construction. This project will bring brand new pavement, curb/gutter, sidewalks, and parking lots to the heart of the Village.

The County will also begin to reconstruct the County Hwy P Bridge. The bridge will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the work and will include the reconstruction of all County Highway P improvements in 2014 south of US Highway 14 through the Bourbon Road intersection. Bourbon Road will be used as a detour route from County Highway P to County Highway KP and US Highway 14. This work is expected to begin in mid-July and be completed by October.

Summer recreation programs and activities have started. The pool is open daily and provides

a great way to beat the heat this summer. There are still open sessions for swim lessons as well. There are also many recreation programs and camps taking place this summer for all age groups. Please click on the Recreation Department at [www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us) for more information and to sign up for these programs.

The Village continues to plan for the Highway 14 Project that will take place in 2015. Village staff continues to work on the project with the DOT. Citizens who are interested in the aesthetic aspects of the project can attend the monthly Streetscape Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

Finally I would like to thank the two outgoing board members Ray Blanchard and Tim Statz for their service to the community. We also want to welcome William Brosius and Lee Sorenson to the board following their election in April. I look forward to working with each of them and continuing to ensure the Village is a great place to live and work.

Pat Andreoni, Village President

# Cross Plains Police Department

It is great to see the beautiful weather is finally here after a brutal winter. The great weather brings us all outdoors and with that I wanted to send out a few reminders.

Village ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. Please be courteous to others and clean up after your pets if you are out walking. You must also keep control of your pets. Village ordinance prohibits animals running at large unless it is on your own property or the property of another with their permission.

School will be out for the summer by the time this newsletter goes out. Let's all be careful and watch for those bicycles. If you are riding a bicycle you must ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic. Bicycles also have to follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. Be sure to stop for the stop signs. We also receive several complaints every year of bicycles being stolen. It's a good idea to lock your bikes up when not at home. You may also stop down at the police department and get a license for your bike. The license is free and it only takes a few minutes. If we recover a bicycle it also assists us in getting it back to the owner.

State law prohibits certain items from being on the road. Skateboards, which include long boards, cannot be ridden on the roadway. You can ride on the sidewalks and of course we always have the skate park (which may be getting some new equipment I understand). Motorized scooters are also prohibited from being in the road.

We also have several events coming up to mark on your calendar;

**Safe Kids** – Madison Area Coalition along with the Cross Plains Police & Fire Departments will hold a seat check event at CPFD on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Safe Kids will be the lead organization for this check. Appointments are required for this event. Appointments can be made by contacting Terri at 608-890-8999 or by e-mail at [safekids@uwhealth.org](mailto:safekids@uwhealth.org).

Individual appointments/request can still be made with Officer Greg Kosharek. We still have car seats available for families who need assistance purchasing car seats. Car seats are available at low-cost or for donation depending on a family's circumstances. Contact Officer Kosharek for more details at 608-798-4100 or by email at [gkosharek@crossplainspolicewi.com](mailto:gkosharek@crossplainspolicewi.com).

**Family Fun and Safety Day (National Night Out)** is scheduled for Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm. It will be held at the Cross Plains/Berry Fire Station. Come join the Cross Plains Recreation, Police, Fire, and EMS Departments for the 4th annual family night filled full of fun and entertainment for all ages. Bring the kids and enjoy touring fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, and win prizes with various games! The Cross Plains Optimists will also have their bike rodeo set up for kids wanting to take the challenge. Free food and beverages available to all who attend. Don't miss this night full of fun and entertainment for all ages.

## **Water Line Insurance Offer**

An offer being sent by mail to some Cross Plains residences to buy insurance for water service lateral lines is not an offer made by the Village of Cross Plains water utility. The official looking letters are from a company called HomeServe. The company is not associated with the Village of Cross Plains or its utilities. The letters are an attempt to generate sales by HomeServe. The maintenance of the service lateral from the valve box to the meter of a property is the responsibility of the homeowner.

If you are ever uncertain regarding the types of mail with similar offers, you can contact the Village of Cross Plains Police Department who can help determine if an offer is a scam at 798-4100.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

Chief Tom

# 2014 Public Improvements

## Lagoon Street

The Lagoon Street Reconstruction Project is already underway. The project will replace the existing unofficial road and extend from Wilson Street to Jovina Street in our commercial core area. This project will bring brand new pavement, curb/gutter, sidewalks, and parking lots to the heart of the Village. The project is taking place in 3 phases:

- **Phase 1:** June 16 to mid-July. Work will take place from approximately Wilson Street to the eastern edge of the Hardware store property. This work will include the installation of erosion control, general site preparation, stormwater pipes, and a retaining wall.
- **Phase 2:** Approx. July 16 to mid August. Utility contractors will complete undergrounding of utilities. This includes either MGE, Charter, and TDS. Each respective company may have elected to do the work themselves or contracted out the work to another company. This work is the responsibility of each of the utility companies and thus the Village contractor will not be involved in much of this work.
- **Phase 3:** - Approx. Late August to Late September. This will be the final phase to complete the road construction portions of the project. The remainder of the road will be excavated in its entirety in order to prepare for new curb/gutter, sidewalk, parking lots, and road pavement. Limited to no access on Lagoon Street is to be expected while these improvements are installed.

Please contact the Village Hall for more information at (608) 798-3241 x 105.

## County Highway P Bridge

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is set to replace the County Highway P Bridge and approaches this Summer. This project is being completed a year early to help better serve the main reconstruction of US Highway 14 in 2015. The bridge will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the work and will include the reconstruction of all County Highway P improvements in 2014 south of US Highway 14 through the Bourbon Road intersection. The proposed detour for Bourbon Road will be signed as follows:

- **Northbound** - All traffic heading north (coming into the Village) on Highway P will need to turn left (west) onto Bourbon Road, turn right (north) onto Market Street, and then turn right (east) onto Main Street to get back to County Highway P.
- **Southbound** - All traffic heading south (coming out of the Village) on Highway P will need to turn right (west) onto Main Street, turn left (south) onto Market Street, and then turn left (east) onto Bourbon Road to get back to County Highway P.

The project is expected to begin in the middle of July with some general preparation of the detour route and basic mobilization followed by the closed of the bridge. The project is scheduled to be completed in October where the bridge and detour route will be lifted upon completion. A Public Information Meeting will be scheduled prior to the project, and take place in the beginning of July. The meeting date will be announced locally and posted on the Village's website via the calendar on the homepage once scheduled.

## US Highway 14 (Main Street) Streetscape Workgroup

The Village is currently hosting monthly Streetscape Workgroup Meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm. The July meeting will be on the 5th Thursday, on July 31st. The meetings will be held at the Village Hall located at 2417 Brewery Road. Anyone from the public interested on working with Village Staff on various streetscape and aesthetic issues related to our upcoming public improvements is invited to attend to participate in the discussion.

Please contact Matt Schuenke at (608) 798-3241 x 105 or [matt@cross-plains.wi.us](mailto:matt@cross-plains.wi.us) if you are interested in participating in this process.

# Parks and Recreation Department

## Aquatics

Who's ready to catch some rays? The 2014 swim season is underway!

### OPEN SWIM

Weekday Hours: (June 16<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>) 1:00 pm-5:00 pm; 7:00pm-8:30pm

Weekend Hours: (June 7<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>) 1:00pm-9:00pm

Adult Lap Swim: (Tuesday and Thursday Evenings) 5:00 pm-5:45 pm; (Sundays) 12:00 pm-12:45 pm

### DAILEY FEES

Residents Ages 0-2: **Free**

Residents Ages 3-10: \$3.00 per day

Residents Ages 11 and up: \$4.00 per day

Non- Residents Ages 0-2: **Free**

Non- Residents Ages 3-10: \$4.00 per day

Non- Residents Ages 11 and up: \$5.00 per day

Lap Swim Fee: \$2.00 per day

### POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Resident Individual: \$60.00

Resident Family: \$100.00

Non Resident Individual: \$85.00

Non Resident Family: \$130.00

Resident Lap Swim Pass: \$30.00

Non-Resident Lap Swim Pass: \$40.00



### POOL PARTY RENTALS

Does your child have a summer birthday? What a great way to spend this special day! The Cross Plains pool may be rented on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Cost is \$150.00, which includes the rental of the Municipal Park Shelter. To sign up, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 798-3241 ext. 107.

## New Children's Programs

### **MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT!**

Join the Cross Plains Park and Rec Department for our July Parent's Night Out where you can feel comfortable in knowing your child (ren) will be safe with our trained and CPR certified staff. Your child(ren) will participate in fun activities, crafts, and a movie while you enjoy a little time away! Children will be making their own individualized pizzas any way they like it (ingredients included)

July 18<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm-9:00pm

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Age: 4-10yrs

Cost: \$14 per child

Min: 10 / Max: 25

REGISTER before July 11th.

### **Speed and Condition for Young Athletes**

Are you looking to get in shape for your upcoming Fall sporting event? Join the Parks and Recreation Director and local nutritionist as they show you the importance of balanced nutrition and while teaching exercises to enhance your speed and conditioning. Learn how exercise and a balanced diet can be fun.. Sign up today!

(Instructors: Michael Axon, Emmy Benson)

Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Session: August 4-August 22

Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am

Age: 9-15 years old

Fee: \$45.00

Place: Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station

Min. 8 Max. 16

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 15

# Parks and Recreation Department

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>One Stop Body Shop</b></p> <p>It's everything you are looking for to begin your fitness program or enhance your current fitness level. This class consists of a warm-up, aerobic step &amp; dance, strength, flexibility, balance exercises and cool down. Plus, overall body shaping, toning and stretching using body weight, bands and poles. Exercises are simple and easy to follow with a low to moderate intensity level.</p> <p>Who: 16 and older</p> <p>Day: Monday</p> <p>When: Ongoing Sessions via punch pass or Sessions</p> <p>Session 2: June 16-August 4</p> <p>Session 3: August 18-October 13 (No Class September 1)</p> <p>Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>Where: American Legion Hall</p> <p>Session Fee: \$40.00 per session</p> <p>Fee: Punch Pass; 4 classes \$40, 8 classes \$64, 10 classes \$70</p> <p>Instructor: Jane Busch</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yoga</b></p> <p>This program will give you the opportunity to re-connect 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.</p> <p>When: Mondays<br/>Time: 9:00-10:15 am<br/>Dates: Ongoing Sessions<br/>Where: Cross Plains Berry Fire Station (Upstairs)</p> <p>When: Tuesdays<br/>Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm<br/>Dates: Ongoing Sessions<br/>Where: Cross Plains Berry Fire Station (Upstairs)</p> <p>When: Thursdays<br/>Time: 9:00-10:15 am<br/>Dates: Ongoing Sessions<br/>Where: Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (Upstairs)</p> |
| <p><b>No Limit Interval Training</b></p> <p>Get the benefits of interval cross training in this 45 minute bootcamp style class. A certified Les Mills and TRX instructor will guide you through a workout that is constantly varied, utilizing functional movements. Functional training allows any body type and fitness level to participate in this class. Be prepared for strength and cardiovascular exercise.</p> <p>Who: Men and Women 18 and older</p> <p>Day: Monday, Wednesday, Friday</p> <p>Session 4: July 14-August 1</p> <p>Time: 5:30 am-6:15 am</p> <p>Where: Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (Upstairs)</p> <p>Fee: Punch Pass; 4 classes \$40, 8 classes \$64, 10 classes \$70</p> <p>Session Fee: \$40.00</p>  |   |

## Parks and Recreation Department

The 2014 Spring/Summer Activity guide is now online [www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us) Online sign-up is now offered at <http://www.activityreg.com/> and is open 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. A small convenience fee is charged for use of this service. With online registration, you can view how many spots are available in a particular class or see what dates are available for park shelters, baseball/softball diamonds and pool rentals from the comfort of your home or office.

### New Adult Programs

#### Masters Swim Course

Are you and adult looking for a swimming program that will improve your fitness and endurance through swimming? If so, this is the program for you. This program will focus on stroke technique while increasing your endurance.

Days: Monday, Wednesdays and Sundays

Time: (M-W) 8:30 pm-9:30 pm, (S) 11:45am-12:45 am

Session 2: July 21-August 17

Age: 18 and up Fee: \$40.00 per session

Place: Cross Plains Community Pool

Min: 8 Max: 16

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 9**

#### Adult Tennis Lessons

Classes will be divided into the following groups:

**Beginners:** Those new to the sport who are looking to learn basic strokes and techniques.

**Intermediate/Advanced:** Those who have some experience but are looking to learn new techniques and focus on stroke refinement.

Days: Monday, Thursday

Time: (Beg) 6:00 pm-6:55 pm, (Int/Adv) 7:00 pm-7:55 pm

Session 2: July 7-July 24

Age: 16 and up Fee: \$40.00 per session

Place: Baer Park Tennis Court

Min: 3 Max: 6

**Registration Deadline: July 1**

## Northwest Dane Senior Services

#### Lunch with Friends

Join your friends for a warm delicious lunch served at Northwest Dane Senior Services, Monday-Friday at 11:30a.m. To reserve a place, please call Northwest Dane Senior Services by 1 pm of the day prior to reserve your seat.

#### Home Delivered Meals

These meals are available to individuals at risk, age 60 plus. Meals can be ongoing or as needed. Call Vicki for meal delivery eligibility and details at 608-767-3757 x-223.

#### Summer Fest 2014

NWDSS Intergenerational Summer Fest 2014 Thursday, July 17, 2014 4-7pm

1940 Blue Mounds St Black Earth, WI 53515 Food, Music, Games and a special appearance from "Bucky Badger" at 5:00!

Northwest Dane Senior Services located at 1940 Blue Mounds Street in Black Earth. Call 767-3757, dial 0 for your reservation or more details.

# Ice Age Trail

## “What is happening on Hickory Hill?”

The Village of Cross Plains acquired the 53-acre Hickory Hill Conservancy Park (“Hickory Hill”) in 2006 in partnership with the Ice Age Trail Alliance and the Natural Heritage Land Trust. Hickory Hill is located on the north edge of the Village and can be accessed from Hickory Hill Street where a gravel maintenance road goes up to the lighted Christmas tree. It is also accessible via the Ice Age Trail entering from Lewis Street. Residents who have been around a while may know the area as the former “Tubbs Hill”.

Many Village residents have inquired about the trees and shrubs that were being cut and noticed smoke from the burning of vegetation on Hickory Hill. To those inquiries, we offer the following explanation.

After the ice and meltwater from the last glaciers receded and until roughly 100 years ago, much of the native vegetation in the Cross Plains area consisted of prairies and oak savannas. Prairies are grasslands which were kept free of trees by regular naturally occurring fires that traversed the landscape. Oak savannas, defined generally as an area of low density fire-tolerant oak trees with dense grass understory, used to dominate the Midwest. However, savannas are now a rarity.



A group of partners is working collaboratively to reintroduce and restore prairie and savanna habitats on Hickory Hill. The Ice Age Trail Alliance has been working closely with the Village of Cross Plains to write grants, hire contractors, cut, treat and burn vegetation. The general management practices are to remove invasive species to the degree possible, remove some (non-fire tolerant) native woody vegetation, add native seeds and maintain the area with prescribed burns.

Thus far, the Village and the Alliance have received roughly \$20,000 in funding and other support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Dane County Environmental Council, National Park Service and Dane County through their PARC program. In addition, prairie enthusiast Ron Endres donated thousands of dollars' worth of hand-collected seed for the prairie planting in 2010 and volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours of their time to the project. The Village has supported the project with funding and staff time. The Alliance has provided matching funds and general oversight of the project while restoring their adjacent prairie at the same time.

Please enjoy Hickory Hill Conservancy Park and the Ice Age Trail therein. Take a moment to note the transformation from corn field and overgrown forest to prairie and oak savanna...and know that it will take a couple more years to get the property to a state where it can be more easily maintained in its native condition.

If interested in helping on the restoration, please contact Kevin and the Ice Age Trail Alliance – (608) 798-4453 or [kevin@iceagetrail.org](mailto:kevin@iceagetrail.org).

Kevin Thusius, Ice Age Trail Alliance and resident  
Mike Axon, Cross Plains Parks and Recreation Director

# Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Wisconsin's First Green Library



## Celebrating Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the Library's official 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Library turned 50 on June 1 and celebrated with a terrific concert by the Dang-lts. The Library Board is giving out 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative pens so stop by the Library and get one while supplies last.

## Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group

Join the *Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group* on the last Thursday of the month at 6 PM.

## Morning Movie

*Morning Movie* will be on hiatus in July and August and return for a new season on the second Thursday of September.

## Green Tuesdays

*Green Tuesdays* continues throughout the summer by sponsoring the following monthly "green" field trips:

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - Currant Events Festival, LaValle, WI  
Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - Urban Gleaning and Foraging, Madison

For more information, call 798-3881 and ask for Kris.

## Summer Library Program

This summer's theme for the children's summer library reading program is *Fizz, Boom, Read!* Online registration can be found on our website: [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org), and our kickoff program with Charlie Williams, *The Noiseguy*, will be on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. There will be activities and programs for all ages, babies to adults. Get ready for an activity and reading filled summer! Some of the activities include a lunch bunch on Mondays, shows for all ages on Tuesdays, storytimes on Wednesdays, workshops for older children on Thursday afternoons, and, of course, reading incentive activities for all ages. For a complete list of programs, performances, workshops and other activities, check the library website: [www.rgpl.org/children/](http://www.rgpl.org/children/) or stop by the library and pick up a brochure.

## Adult Programs

There's summer fun for grownups, too! The adult summer library reading program, *Literary Elements*, combines science and literature. Beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>, adults (ages 18 and older) can sign up at the circulation desk. In addition to the opportunity to win this year's grand prize, a Kindle Paperwhite, there will also be weekly drawings for prizes, a weekly game/quiz contest, special displays, and some exciting programming. For more information, go to our website at [www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org) or stop by the library for details.

## Wisconsin Rocks and Minerals Display

Rocks and minerals of Wisconsin will be on display at the library throughout the summer. The collection was provided by the University of Wisconsin Geology Museum and is part of our summer science and literacy theme. Don't miss it! The UW Geology Museum will also offer a program for kids on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up your children ages 8 and older for "Gardening on Mars".

## The Awesome Box

Did you just finish a book you can't quit thinking about...a book you can't quit talking about...really special? Well, you've just read something AWESOME, and we want to tell people too! Return your AWESOME book in the AWESOME BOX at the circulation desk, and we'll get the word out!



*Library hours: Mon, Wed, and Thur: 9am-8pm, Tues & Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 10am-2pm*

*Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, 2107 Julius St., Cross Plains, WI. 53528 - 608-798-3881-[www.rgpl.org](http://www.rgpl.org)*

## Library News Cont.

### Thursday Night Jam Session

Did you know that the library hosts a music jam session every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM? Stop by with or without an instrument, and enjoy the fun!

### 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!

### Databases

The library provides access to a number of terrific databases. In addition to the popular Ancestry.com, Consumer Reports, and Chilton Auto Repair, there are sites to help you find great new books, newspapers, information about consumer health, and much more. Check it out by going into LINKcat and clicking on the *Databases* button which can be found on the home page!

### Computer Assistance

The library staff is happy to help patrons using library computers with questions. People can also get one-on-one basic instruction by calling the library for an appointment.



### The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society Research Center

Located in the library, the center is open Wednesdays from 1:00 -4:00 PM throughout the summer.

### Additional Services Available at the Library

- Study rooms for individual or small group use
- Free meeting space for non-profit groups
- Laser Color Computer Printing
- Black & White Photocopying
- Document Scanning
- Fax Service
- Exam Proctoring

## Storytime News

### Wigglers and Giggles Playtime - Tuesdays @ 10

During the summer, this baby/ toddler storytime program will change to a self-directed cooperative play format. Come for socialization and free play, and use our special collection of story time books for one-on-one reading with your little ones. We are always available to help you find materials and answer questions about fostering pre-literacy skills with your very young children. Our inviting storytime room is always open to the public and available for you to use, but Tuesday mornings will be a special time to bring your babies and toddlers, and keep the weekly routine visit in your schedule. Wigglers and Giggles storytimes will start up again in the fall. In the meantime, check out lots of books and keep your little ones interested!

Mark the following Tuesdays on your calendar: 7/8, 7/15 and 7/22

### Big Kids' Booktime - Wednesdays @ 10

Designed for preschoolers (3-6 year olds). At Storytime we sing, read stories and usually have a craft project, snack or a special activity based on our theme. These programs are designed for children who are ready to sit and listen to stories. Please bring younger siblings out of the room during the storytelling portion of the program. This summer we will have some special guest presenters! Watch our website for more information – [www.rpgl.org/children/](http://www.rpgl.org/children/) or stop by the library for a brochure.

Mark these dates on your calendar: 7/9, 7/16 and 7/23

### Teen/Tween Book Club – Thursday, July 24 @ 2

*The Reinvention of Edison Thomas* is our summer read for both tweens and teens. We are pleased to announce we will have the rare opportunity of having the author attend our book discussion on **Thursday, July 24 at 2:00 PM**, so join author and science writer, Jacqueline Houtman, in a discussion about her book. Come and find out how an idea becomes a book and what it's like to write both fiction and non-fiction. Find more information about this engaging read on the library website – [www.rqpl.org/teens/](http://www.rqpl.org/teens/)

## Middleton - Cross Plains Area School District

Middleton High School was named the best high school in Wisconsin by U.S. News & World Reports, according to a story posted on the magazine's website in April.

U.S. News reviewed 31,242 public high schools and 114 Wisconsin schools made the rankings. The only other Dane County school to make the state's top 10 was Verona, which placed sixth. MHS ranked 399th nationally.

Park Elementary School in Cross Plains was one of 48 schools in April to be named a 2014 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School.

"This is another example of the outstanding work being done by our faculty, staff and administration," MCPASD Superintendent Don Johnson said.

Park officials will be honored at an upcoming event in Wisconsin later. In addition, Park plans to send kindergarten teacher Amy Callies and custodian Rod "Peanuts" Esser to the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in late July.

Park is the second District school to be honored since the awards were implemented in 2012. Middleton High School was recognized as a Green Ribbon School in 2012.

Middleton High School principal Denise Herrmann, who presides over U.S. News & World Report's top-ranked high school in the state, announced on May 18 she is resigning to accept a similar position in California.

District officials interviewed six candidates on June 5 and had a second round of interviews with up to three finalists scheduled for June 10. Superintendent Don Johnson was optimistic a new principal could be announced before the last day of school on June 12.

Herrmann joined the District in 2006 after six years as the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at St. Charles (Ill.) North High School. Before that she worked for nine years as a science teacher and chair of the science department at the school.

The District is projecting a 52-student increase in K-12 enrollment for 2014-15 for budget purposes, Assistant Superintendent George Mavroulis said.

That works out to less than a 1 percent increase. The District has seen enrollment increase by nearly 400 students since the start of the 2008-09 school year. He said this year's numbers are very conservative but are based on projects provided by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Applied Population Lab.

# Chamber of Commerce

The Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce members and our community benefit directly from your involvement! **OUR MISSION** is 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.

Upcoming events: (volunteers needed for all)

World's Fair – June 27-29

Golf Outing – July 24

Taste of Cross Plains – September 20

Hill & Valley Antique Auto/Americana Show – September 20

November 13 – Business Fair



## W O N D E R I N G   A B O U T   T H E   C O N S T R U C T I O N   P R O J E C T S ?

The Chamber website has a new area for the latest and greatest information we have available. Copies of the maps with the East end and West end of construction on Hwy 14 as well as the staging maps are being hung at the Rosemary Garfoot Library and Crossroads Coffeehouse. Wondering about something you don't see? Let Amy know and we'll do the best we can to get an answer. Let us know if you are willing to help. Task forces are being formed to help with signage, events, promotions, communication and more.

## Volunteers needed for new Chamber Ambassador Program

Our mission as Ambassadors is to significantly increase membership retention by improving communications with our membership and increasing membership involvement and support of all Chamber events and activities.

Please let Amy know if you want to be part of this fun, energetic, positive new team.

## Member Directory & Community Guide Available

Please let Amy know if you would like a copy or go to our website for an electronic version.

**GET INVOLVED TODAY!** Individual memberships are encouraged for only \$75/year  
Community Involvement ~ Business Development ~ Communication ~ Networking

For more information check out our website [www.crossplainschamber.net](http://www.crossplainschamber.net) or contact Executive Director Amy Hansen at [amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com).

## Village of Cross Plains

2417 Brewery Road  
PO Box 97  
Cross Plains, WI 53528

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| Village Hall Phone            | (608) 798-3241   |
| Village Hall Fax              | (608) 798-3817   |
| EMERGENCY - Police, Fire, EMS | 911  |
| Police Department             | (608) 798-4100   |
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## Cross Plains EMS - Call for Volunteers

Cross Plains EMS is in need of additional volunteers to staff the ambulance, for both weekday and weekend coverage. We understand that EMT training is time-consuming and demanding, especially for people who are already very busy with work, their personal lives, and additional activities outside the home; however, as part of our operational plan required by the State of Wisconsin, we are required to provide emergency medical services 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. Medical emergencies happen at any time: day or night, holidays, weekends, and during birthday parties. A minimum of two (2) licensed crew members are required to respond to treat and transport the patient. We prefer to have three (3) members on a call so two (2) can treat the patient and one can drive the ambulance.

Currently about 62% of the members of the Cross Plains Area EMS do not live in the village of Cross Plains or even in the geographical area we serve. These members come from all over: Plain, Barneveld, Madison, Middleton, Mount Horeb and beyond and usually work a 12-hour shift providing coverage to the residents of the District. In addition, several members live in the District but are required to stay at the station for appropriate response times. We need to have additional local residents become trained and help with daytime and weekend coverage.