

Update from the Senior Center for the Town of Perry

June 3, 2020

The Mt. Horeb Senior Center has been closed for all programs since [March 16](#) due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Staff has been working at the Center during this time providing Case Management Services via phone calls and emails and Home-Delivered meals have been provided during this time, since the meals are considered an essential service. We are sending home-delivered meals to 53 seniors at this time, including four from Perry. We are serving 100 Case Management clients and 6 Medical Assistance clients, including nine from Perry.

Finks Café has been providing Carry-Out Meals to seniors 60+ on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11:00 am-1:00 pm since [March 30](#), because we are not serving congregate meals at this time. As of [May 26](#), Finks Café will only be serving Carry-Out meals on [Tuesday](#) and Thursday due to the overwhelming amount of meals that have been served throughout Dane County. Through [April 2019](#), 11,000 meals were served throughout Dane County and through [April 2020](#), 23,000 meals were served.

Miller's Grocery has been delivering groceries to 45 seniors/week during this pandemic, which has been a great service for seniors! Miller's was overwhelmed with phone calls from seniors during this time and had to turn people away because they could not handle so many deliveries.

Care Van Services of Mt. Horeb started grocery shopping and delivering the groceries to seniors during this time which helped many seniors.

The Managers at the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County continue to work with all of our Director's in Dane County to share ideas and guide us in safe procedures in reopening our Centers for programs again. We will take it slow and follow the guidelines from Dane County and the State Health Dept. Congregate meals may not start until August. We will be opening for our Foot Clinics (along with other Senior Centers) at the end of June. This will be on a one to one basis, with Rita Stanton, RN, who has been providing this service for many years. The seniors were all called to see if they wanted to come in or the foot clinics and 95% of the folks were anxious to come back for this service.

Our annual 2020 budget is \$165,545.00. The Village of Mt. Horeb's contribution \$29,887.00, and the contribution from the other municipalities is \$23,692.00, which includes Perry's contribution of \$3,274.00. Dane County is contributing \$102,332.00, but just gave us an extra \$9,545.00 for our Nutrition Program in May for the increased meals.