St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, June 7
Organizers say that putting together the day-long fair is a year-long affair

by Todd Ryan Bass

T he St. Anthony Park Arts Festival begins in January ... And February, and March, and April.

Before the festival actually happens the first Saturday in June, members of the St. Anthony Park community are facilitating its beginnings throughout the winter months, as if somehow tending to a garden that lies dormant beneath the snow.

When the snow is still flying in January, library association member Jane Donoho sends out applications to a dozen of artists. Artists call her home for months with questions of all kinds. Meanwhile, the applications filter in (from as far away as Texas this year), the jurying committee decides who will get the festival's approximately 100 sidewalk spaces along the intersections of Como and Carter from which to display their art.

The St. Anthony Park Business Association's Sue Davern is on the phone too. All winter long, she's booking musicians and trivia rides for the festival and arranging for food and games.

The festival is a unique opportunity for the library and business association to work together toward a common goal. Donoho and Davern both speak highly of the collaboration and praise the good efforts of many in making the festival a profitable one for the benefit of everybody in the community.

At this year's festival artists will range in age from 6 to 100. The centennial from Ohio and will be represented with a booth offering a selection of her oils and watercolors. The 6-year-old is a beginning jewelry maker.

The arts festival has always been open to any artist. At only $25 for a half-space (that price hasn't changed in years), said Donoho, "It's a great way to get started." In fact, Donaho herself first started showing her own art here and encourages others who are considering selling their creations to use the venue as a testing ground. New artists find out what sells and what doesn't, and they get a chance to meet and talk with other artists and learn the inside scoop on doing shows.

Over half of the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival exhibitors come back year after year, and some of them show their art at this festival exclusively. Donaho takes that as a sign that they're doing something right.

Of the judging committee, Donoho said, "We don't know what's great art, but we know what we like." She likes to think of the festival as providing a middle-ground between the high-brow Uptown Art Fair and your pull-up-a-folding-table variety flea-market.

Perhaps it's this middle-ground, where the mainstream consumer feels comfortable, that has allowed the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival to gather a reputation as an art show with class.

"How did you get into this?" I ask Donaho, who laughs with me on her front lawn about the work involved in putting it all together.

It was Janet Quale who, nine years ago, called Jane's mother, a long-time library association member who was at that time moving out of the community, and prompted her mother to Fair to page 20

Neighbors respond to flood response

by John Marino

"The students enjoyed the experience and kept begging me "When are we going out again?"" said Charlotte Strong, director of community relations and outreach at Job Corps. The agency, located on Snelling Avenue in Como Park, sits just across from the State Fairgrounds. Strong was referring to the Job Corps students who went to Red Wing and Stillwater in April to help with sandbagging and cleanup efforts in the wake of massive spring flooding.

By now, everyone knows how devastating the floods in Minnesota and North Dakota were, especially to Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, but there was also flooding on the banks of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers in the Twin Cities metro area and to the south. Many community groups, including the Como Community Council and St. Anthony Park Community Council, volunteered their help for the benefit of the flood victims.

"I went with the students twice, and it was a lot of hard work," said Strong, describing her two trips to Stillwater in late April. She was part of two crews that numbered 24 and 13 people each that engaged in cleanup efforts after the St. Croix finally receded. An 18 member crew of Job Corps students and staff traveled down to Red Wing in early April to help sandbag the Mississippi River.

"We made the effort to contact the general flood telephone line," Strong said. "We explained what we were and that we had students and staff willing to go out and help. We got a call back right away and went out to Red Wing.

Now, another Job Corps crew is preparing to head up to East Grand Forks to help with cleanup. The first order of business is to reclaim some larger buildings — such as warehouses and churches — that can serve as temporary housing for an even larger cleanup crew to be sent later.

Community service fulfilled

Also, delivery of the Como Community Council's monthly newsletter was delayed one

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Rev. Greg Renstrom leaving the Park after 12 years

by David Anger

F ind the energetic, focused and forthright Rev. Greg Renstrom packing up loads of books, papers and mementos at St. Anthony United Methodist Church, where he has served as the principal minister for the past 12 years. Renstrom will be missed.

During his tenure the minister has helped revitalize the congregation on Como Avenue, overseeing a remodeling project and capital campaign. Membership is up. He's also cultivated the church as a spiritual center, not just for Methodists but for the entire community.

Nowhere's there's a hubbub of activity in the church building, which also shelters the Leisure Center, Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony United Methodist Church Nursery School, and Friday night teen gathering, among other events.

This month he's heading off to a new leadership post at Hamline United Methodist. Before he leaves the neighborhood, his good deeds will be honored during an ecumenical worship service on Sunday, June 8, 9:30 a.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Jazz, prayer and a Renstrom tribute highlight the service, which joins area UCC, Episcopal and Methodist churches.

A glance around Renstrom's neat-as-a-bug yet chock-a-block full office offers an illuminating window into the minister's life and times — who he is, where he's been and where he's going. Two walls are lined with books, one with great volumes of literature from Thomas Hardy to George Elliott and the other with copies of inspiring sermons. A Michelin map of Scotland hangs in the corner as does his master's degree of theology from the University of St. Andrews. Three desks crowd the room and sitting atop the largest one stands a pair of Winnie-the-Pooh bookends, a truly playful gesture on Renstrom's part. On a more serious note, there's a copy

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Celebrate Como Zoo's centennial
Council actions at a glance

The May 7 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council marked the first meeting for newly elected Council members Kenneth Chin-Purcell, representing North St. Anthony Park, Deborah Kuehl, representing business, and Suann Olson, representing South St. Anthony Park. A fourth Council member, Emma Beyer, representing North St. Anthony Park, takes office in July.

The first order of Council business was the election of the Council co-chairs from each delegation. Jim Snossel was elected co-chair from North, Bob Arndorfer was elected co-chair from South, and a new co-chair for the business delegation will be elected next month. In the interim, Ellen Watters will continue to serve as co-chair from business.

In other action, the Council:

- Moved to support the planting of a small prairie garden in front of the St. Anthony Park Elementary school. The garden has been planned by students at the school.
- Moved to support the establishment of a St. Paul Grand Round bikeway.
- Moved to ask Senator Ellen Anderson and Representative Alice Hausman to use every means possible to repeal a dubious federal standard provision in legislation relating to noise abatement along T.H. 280, and asked that Jim Snossel be authorized to speak and communicate the Council’s position to MN/DOT, legislators, and the Governor.
- Moved to ask area commercial properties to refrain from having maintenance and snow removal done after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m.
- Reported on progress toward hiring a new Community Organizer to replace Abby Struck who resigned from the Council on April 30. A new community organizer is expected to be in place in the next two weeks.

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public.
Road meeting draws overflowing crowd

by David Anger

Talk of traffic calming strategies, replacing lead water pipes, adding boulevard trees and changing street lanterns drew an overflowing crowd of 150 people on Tuesday, May 20 to the St. Anthony Park Library, where residents gathered for the first neighborhood meeting about the 1998 Doswell and Chelmsford road construction project.

The St. Paul Department of Public Works in conjunction with the St. Anthony Park Community Council called the gathering to discuss the major road construction that will affect the well-traveled streets between Hoyt and Carver, Fulham and Cleveland in North St. Anthony Park next summer.

While the project's principal mission is to repave crumbling streets, remove obsolete lead water pipes and install curbs and gutters, many people on the district council's environment committee view the impending street rehab as an opportunity to enhance the neighborhood's livability through the addition of innovative traffic calming devices as well as water run-off measures.

Most of the crowd filling the library's meeting room was concerned about traffic, which is particularly brisk in this enclave because of University of Minnesota commuters dashing from Como to Cleveland. Children, residents reported, are at risk as are pedestrians and bicyclists. One frustrated neighbor cried: "Do we have to wait until someone gets killed before we do something?"

Options for calming traffic run the gamut from such conventional means as adding stop signs to more innovative ideas like traffic islands, bump outs and speed bumps, which have been developed in busy Minneapolis neighborhoods from Marcy-Holmes in the southeast to the Wedge and East Isles in the south.

Still, this meeting was merely an informational one and no decisions were made. A subcommittee is formulating to study the options and there will be, no doubt, more communication about the endeavor in the months ahead.

Homeowners will pick up 25 percent of the cost of the project, which is assessed against property taxes. Seniors can have the assessment deferred until their property is sold.

For more information about the Doswell and Chelmsford road construction project, call Lisa Falk, public works street engineer, at 266-6117.

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The Arts Festival is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association and the St. Anthony Park Business Association working together to generate community spirit in the St. Anthony Park area of St. Paul.

You won't want to miss the annual 4-H Pie & Ice Cream Social on the eve of the Arts Festival, June 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in ParkBank's drive-thru parking lot. Music by the St. Anthony Park Community Band.
Good works

The Bugle takes off for points north and south in John Marino's in-depth report about the neighborhood’s response to the horrible floods that swept through Grand Forks and other communities this spring. After hearing about the soggy damage incurred because of the floods, people and organizations wasted no time in sending help or money. It’s this kind of volunteer spirit that makes our communities tick.

Similarly, the upcoming St. Anthony Park Arts Festival is accomplished by enthusiastic volunteers, who believe that the arts and community offer the ideal opportunity to bring people together. But don’t be fooled, pulling off such a complex annual event isn’t done in a heart beat. Indeed, Jane Donahoe — organizer of the upcoming festival — aptly says: “If you’re gonna make this a good neighborhood to live in, then you’ve got to be willing to go to the library association meetings ... or coach little league, or do one of the million things that people do. It doesn’t just happen. People make it happen.”

All of this talk about volunteering brings up this newsgroup called “Good Works,” which aims to give readers a close-up and purposeful examination of volunteers and non-profit organizations. Our debut profile on page 16 trumpets Monica Kline, a 25-year veteran of the Children’s Home Society. Her unselfish giving is inspiring in this age of “If I only had some spare time.” And in her discussion with writer Cheryl Rushenberg, the enthusiastic volunteer presents some old-fashioned advice — lots of walking and little television watching. Future “Good Works” pages will include not only features but information about volunteer opportunities.

LETTERS

Deer friends of Jack Whittemore

Jack was hospitalized on March 18, weighing in at 128 pounds and completely dehydrated. A biopsy showed he has graft versus host disease (GVHD) — a big setback. His doctors say it took a long time for GVHD to surface and for him to get this sick, so it will take a long time for him to get better.

GVHD occurs in 30 percent of leukemia patients. The t-cells in his new marrow are attacking his own cells for they recognize them as foreign. The most common form of GVHD affects the skin and a rash appears. For Jack he experienced weight loss, nausea, diarrhea and cramping.

Jack has been out of the hospital since the end of April, but frequent clinic visits are necessary as are daily home health care visits. He is slowly gaining weight, but no muscle yet.

Jack is in eight months out from transplant — not resting on his laurels and hoping for blue skies. If you have time drop him a note, we can all use help on this long journey.

Helen Whittemore, Jack’s mother

Editor’s note: Jack Whittemore is the former owner of the Mill City Cafe and underwent a bone marrow transplant for leukemia last autumn. Many readers have asked about him.

Q & A

Which is your favorite zoo animal, and why?

Lorissa

The monkeys, because they climb around.

Catlin

Tiger, because I like to watch them walk around.

Hera

Gorillas, I like to watch them climb.

Reid

Tiger, because it has black on it.

Ellen

Dolphins (or elephant, I’m not sure), I like the color gray.

Derek

Polar bear. It swims underwater, and I like to watch it through the glass.

Photos and interviews by Jonathan Szendrah
When my father died last year, I wondered how my Mom would cope. After 40-plus years of being together, Mom said it was as if part of her had also died. How would she fill the days previously spent looking after him? Her own uncertain health prevented her from working or even volunteering.

Since she lives out of state, I called regularly but dreaded the conversations. If she wasn’t dissolving in tears, she was ranting about the upsurge of violence, complaining about the world going to hell. She found only one thing to rejoice in: that she wouldn’t be around too many more years to see it happen. She was sealing her fate.

I was alarmed that this educated, articulate woman who taught me to love the classics, old films, and museums now spent much of her day in front of the TV. A few months ago, my concern evaporated into insignificance. During her latest disaster du jour literary, I exclaimed: “Stop watching the friggin’ news then! Find something else to watch!” She was silent.

Nevertheless, what I said had some effect. After that conversation, I heard little about shootings, carjackings, kidnappings, and murders. Instead, mom began raving about the Oprah show.

“Oh God,” I thought to myself, “I drove her from the news to talk shows!”

I had never seen Oprah, but had viewed similar shows. I dismissed these productions as sensationalist junk. The hosts do little more than moderate the guests’ out-of-control shouts. What could my mother possibly get from this? I decided not to address the subject. I mean, look what happened the last time I said something. Instead, I waited silently for other signs of my mother’s total mental disintegration.

One winter afternoon, she called with an urgent request: “Can’t get out,” she told me.

“But would you mind buying me some books?”

Then she added, “Oprah has a book club and I want to be part of it.”

Let me guess? Romance novels, food tips, love in the ‘90s.

Mom read the list. My ears perked up when she mentioned Song of Solomon. “Toni Morrison is a really great author!” I said with no small amount of shock.

She immediately reprimanded me, “What are you so surprised about?” she stated, “Oprah only recommends good books. Watch her show sometime!” And she added, “You know, you’re becoming a snob!”

Oprah’s book list also included titles and authors that I wasn’t familiar with. I shipped the books to Mom, and she devoured them in record time. Mom returned the books to me with the admonishment, “Read them yourself. It will do you some good!”

Mom explained that Oprah also has each author appear on her show. The book is then discussed over a meal with Oprah, the author, and other noteworthy guests.

I began reading the books . . . and watching Oprah. The books did more than entertain and educate; they became the main focus for my weekly conversations with Mom. She had a spark about her now, something I hadn’t seen since I was a child.

During last week’s conversation, Mom said, “I have always understood my life better when I meet a character like Trudi.”

She was referring to Trudi Montag, a Swiss (dwarf), the protagonist in St. Swith's From the River by Ursula Hegi. Trudi narrates how her life and the lives of her neighbors in the small town of Burgdorf, Germany were forever altered by the rise and fall of the Nazi party.

Mom continued, “I mean, Trudi struggles with envy, terrible self-esteem, and unforgiveness. I have always had the same trouble.” She never before had been so honest, or so vulnerable, with me. She told me how hard it was growing up in a small town in the 30s and 40s, where she was used to tease her by calling her “the German Jew with the big nose!”

“But somehow,” I said, “When the Jews were being persecuted, Trudi was able to get outside of her own pain and come to their assistance. Even though she knew the consequences.”

“Maybe she saw herself in them,” said Mom. “Sometimes she was able to gather all the hate she carried and redirect it where it belonged: at the Nazis!”

She begged me to hurry and finish the rest of the books: She’s Come Undone, by Wally Lamb, Song of Ruth, by Jane Hamilton, and Deep End of the Ocean, by Jacqueline Mitchard. In the meantime, I sent her the rest of Toni Morrison’s writings and Rapture of Canaan, the newest book on the list.

The books paved a way for my mother and I to get to know each other. To really know the intelligent, opinionated, and, yes, even occasionally unlovable woman we have become has transformed us. In the past, we were tangled in our many differences and never moved past them. The books have restored my relationship with my Mom.

Much as Mom saw herself in Trudi, she seems to be able to see herself in me. And I often see her life playing through my own. The many things I denied, ignored, or fought against make sense because, after all, I am her daughter. I am grateful, amazed, and amused at the same time. More than a common boundary, the books are a unique mirror that gives us insight into the other’s soul.
Green peace found at the Japanese Garden
by Judy Woodward

Ask people what attracts them to the Japanese Garden at Como Park, and it all comes down to some variation on green peace. And they're not talking about the environmental organization, either. Green peace is in the subtle palate of carefully chosen foliage plantings combined with artfully crafted views, sculpted pathways and mirror-like water. It marks the Como Oyado Memorial Japanese Garden as maybe the best place in the area to restore the sense of inner calm which is often the first casualty in the losing battle many of us are fighting with daily stress and turmoil.

Karyn Thompson, coordinator of volunteer programs at Como Conservatory, explained, "The Japanese Garden is designed for serenity and peaceful inner reflection. Although the garden covers only about one acre, you'll never see the end of a path here. Like life, the Japanese Garden never lets you see completely what's in front of you."

A fantasy of miniature islands, carefully selected ornamental stones interspersed among among reflecting pools and meticulously raked sandy paths, the garden was intended to be a symbol as well as a refuge. Begun in 1974 as a tribute by her children to the late Charlotte Oyado, the garden today represents vivid proof of the friendship between St. Paul and its sister city, Nagasaki.

It wasn't always that way. As a symbol of international friendship, the garden has clearly had its ups and downs. Designed by Nagasaki master landscape gardener Masumi Matsuda, it was not originally adapted to Minnesota soil and weather conditions. Vandalism and budget cutbacks (took almost as great a toll on the garden as the harsh Minnesota climate. By the early 1980s, the Japanese Garden had fallen into woody neglect. Most often, it was closed to the public.

Then came rescue, in the form of the capable gardeners' hands of a small group of volunteers. When they realized that it took over 1,000 hours of work just to weed the garden once, the volunteers began to grasp the size of the task before them. The St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee was approached for help. They, together with the conservatory staff and the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department, put together a blueprint for restoration.

Central to the plan was master gardener Matsuda, who consented to return to Minnesota and oversee the rebuilding of the garden. Thompson described the cultural collision that occurred when Matsuda tried to supervise city workers who didn't necessarily understand the aesthetic principles involved in the painstaking placement of the granite boulders which are essential to the look of the Japanese Garden. She said, "Imagine American workmen working with Mr. Matsuda, this tiny, elderly Japanese man who would tell them that, no, each of these huge rocks had to be moved precisely a quarter-inch to achieve his vision."

Fortunately, Matsuda was patient as well as visionary. After several summers' labor, a replanted and re-engineered Japanese Garden was formally opened in July of 1992. One addition was the small teahouse which now sits in the heart of the garden, surrounded by its own tea garden. Here, in a simple wood-and-stucco structure built to resemble a traditional, rustic Japanese retreat, small groups of visitors can enjoy the timeless ritual of the Japanese tea ceremony. Participation in the tea ceremony itself is available only by reservation. Thompson said the ceremonies are fully booked through the end of the summer season. Other visitors must content themselves with imagining the experience as they enjoy the peaceful, secluded atmosphere of the tea garden, which is set off from the rest of the grounds by a bamboo and cedar fence.

One lesson learned in the revival of the garden was the importance of ongoing maintenance. Joan Murphy, staff horticulturist of the Japanese Garden, presides over the detailed upkeep of the area. She explained how everything about her work, even the pruning, is designed to reinforce the spiritually calming aspects of Japanese landscape. "Trees in the garden are pruned into a horizontal rather than a vertical plane," she said. "We strive for the essence of Japanese style with Minnesota plant materials."

Murphy confessed that the garden is not only her workplace but also helps her keep in touch with her own spirituality. "When I'm here by myself," she laughed, "I feel as if it's my garden then."

Joan Murphy is not alone, it's often because she's being assisted by one or more of the many volunteers. Long-term volunteers like Mary Dressel, a resident of Como Park, are the backbone of the garden organization. Dressel, who teaches chemistry at Metro State University in the wintertime when the garden is closed, said about her volunteer role, "It's like peeling an onion. The longer I volunteer, the more I understand about the Japanese Garden."

Dressel described the garden as an emblem of Japanese culture. "I think the garden encapsulates some aspects of Japanese history and culture in the way baseball does for America. Baseball means community, competition and fun for Americans, so it unites us as a culture. For the Japanese, the garden embodies 900 years of Zen philosophy and cultural appreciation of nature. The garden is a metaphor for the wider beauty of nature in Japanese society."

In her years as a volunteer, Dressel has thought considerably about the differences between Western and Japanese gardening philosophies. "Western gardeners love bright colors. They want a riot of color, cascades of flowers. That's the not the Zen ideal. The Japanese will use a single bloom to set a focal point for meditation," against the subtle variety of shades of green.

Fortunately, for those who might prefer to make a gradual transition from appreciation of the vibrant Western gardening ideal to a starker Japanese aesthetic, Dressel pointed out that there is one time of year when the Japanese garden does show off a bit of color. "In late May, the Korean lilacs, azaleas and irises will all come to bloom," she said.

The Japanese Garden is open 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Labor Day. On Tuesdays, it stays open until 8 p.m. For information call 487-8200.

Photo by Ivan Shih
Lori's Coffee House: New owners, same good coffee

by Laura Pitchott

A n afternoon cup of steamy café mocha at Lori’s has always been a favorite treat. Lori's is also the first place I went to when I moved to this area, looking for a break from the unpacking and frenzy of settling in. I'm not the only fan of this popular café. Several classes from the St. Paul campus regularly gather there, and professors hold their office hours at Lori's. Graduate students meet with their advisors and cab drivers stop in late at night for a good cup of Joe. Philosophical debates are likely to be going on in one corner, a chess game in another. And outside on the patio, customers gather to people-watch and enjoy the sun. While Lori's popularity is no surprise, some residents might be interested to discover that Lori’s is no longer owned by Lori. The business was purchased by Mahmoud Shahn, and is now operated with his partner and brother, Mohammad Shahn. They bought the store in March of 1996 from Lori, who left the business to pursue other interests. One of her stipulations of sale, however, was to maintain the high-quality of products and service. “She wanted us to purchase the same kind of coffee beans, and to make sure we took good care of the customers,” Mahmoud said. So besides ownership, not much has changed at this popular café.

The Shahn brothers are from Palestine originally and came here in 1986 to pursue their education. Mahmoud received a degree in physics and left a teaching job in order to dedicate time to the operation of Lori's. He is also the owner of another small local business, the Al-Carwan Grocery and Deli, which is a few doors down, and which will be serving middle-eastern deli foods by summer. His brother, Mohammad, has a master’s degree in English literature. Despite their varied backgrounds, they agree on their interest in and affection for Lori's.

As was true in the past, Mahmoud Shahn, one of two owners of Lori's Coffee House, stands outside the coffeeshop on Cleveland Avenue. This is his first day.

Lori's sponsors several events, perhaps the most popular being the free live music performed on some weekends. The café also sponsors art shows called “Expressions at Lori's,” a forum for display of art by or about the people and the life of the St. Paul campus and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. Currently, a fascinating series of photos by Jim Perry, a professor of water quality, are on display at the café. Poetry readings are also welcome events — although there is no formal reading time, the Shahn brothers encourage others to organize poetry readings and other activities at Lori's and welcome customers' ideas regarding events.

In fact, customers are the best part about Lori’s, Mahmoud noted. Both brothers know most of their customers by name and describe them as being “loyal, friendly, and polite.” The customers keep returning, Mahmoud said, because the brothers buy the highest quality coffee beans. The café’s success is also due to the excellent foods. Besides wonderful coffee, they also serve homemade soups and sandwiches, pastries and ice cream, all delivered with a smile. Lori's is open until 11 p.m. every night, but the shop will stay open until the last customer feels like leaving. "Customers are never kicked out," Mahmoud noted. So take a moment to stop by Lori's, located at 142 Cleveland Avenue North, and enjoy a cup of coffee — I recommend the mocha.

The most important part of our job is listening to you.
Meet the spirited Emma Beyer

by Barbara Clausen

Emma Beyer ran her campaign for the St. Anthony Park Community Council from Sweden — and won.

"I was very fortunate," said Beyer, age 17, in a recent telephone interview. "I was able to fax information and keep up with the issues by e-mail."

No stranger to challenges, Beyer flew to Europe in January to attend school in Klippan, a town on the very southern tip of Sweden. She returns home on July 21 to teach at Concordia Language Villages and begin her community council term.

Despite her political inexperience she was eager to bring a young person's insight to the council. "I thought it would be a good learning experience to work with adults in this type of setting," Beyer said.

Her older sister, Kerstin, was also successful in running for a council position while a student.

Beyer's goals for her tenure include maintaining community spirit. Beyer describes the St. Anthony Park community as a unique neighborhood that works together, citing examples of recycling, the annual clean-up and July 4 celebration.

Children's safety in the neighborhood is another priority. Adalant about the importance of kids being able to go outside to play, she wants to see the present atmosphere continue. "I'm surprised at how many families you see outside in their yards compared to other areas of the city," she observed. "That makes us special."

She voiced concerns about how the traffic flows through St. Anthony Park and children's safety would be impacted by the proposed University of Minnesota parking lot.

A junior at St. Paul Central High School, Beyer participated in a number of diverse activities before leaving for Europe. Saturdays Beyer volunteered at the American Swedish Institute's

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Youth registrations
- Registration for Langford Park activities — charcoal and pastel drawing, Ten-to-One Card Club, tennis lessons and preschool tumbling — continues through June 6 at Langford Park.
- Registration for South St. Anthony Park activities — creative claywork and Games-N-More — continues through June 6 at South St. Anthony.
- Mark the calendar for upcoming athletic registrations — fall soccer, July 14-August 1; hockey, September 22-October 10; basketball, October 6-24.
- Call 298-5765 for information.

Como day camps
Como Park is sponsoring several day camps this summer, including the Adventure Camp, Safari Zoo School, Way to Grow Garden Camps and Arts Camps. Call 487-8270 for registration information.

Summer day trips
Langford Park and South St. Anthony Park rec centers are sponsoring trips to Crystal Caves and Wild Mountain Water Slide on June 20 and June 27 respectively. Call 298-5765 for information.

Learderdale Scouts stage successful food drive
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1926 — Peggy, the black bear, becomes part of the zoo’s furry family.
1930 — Visitors welcome new cement walkways.
1932 — Seal Island (formerly Monkey Island) opens as the first of the zoo’s WPA projects.
1934 — Exotic animals join zoo after the closing of the Longfellow Gardens in Minneapolis.
1937 — Main zoo building opens.
1951 — Zoo welcomes Sparky, the performing seal lion.
1953 — Rabbitville opens.
1954 — Northern Pacific steam engine rails into the grounds.
1955 — Officials recommend closing.
1959 — Casey, the gorilla and grandfather of the current Casey I, moves to town.
1969 — Officials recommend closing, again and citizens rally to save the zoo.
1972 — Whitney, the male polar bear, shot by keepers to save the life of a midnight visitor who fell asleep in the bear grotto.
1976 — Legislature approves $8.5 million master plan.
1982 — New cat exhibit opens.
1986 — Victor Camp becomes director.
1994 — Casey escapes.
1996 — One million people visit.

Exactly 100 years ago, the City of St. Paul walled off its neighborhood's most special popular attractions — is celebrating. With the bears and the tigers and the zoo's resident monkeys and gorillas, The Como Park Zoo, and served as a warm winter's day and night haven for people and animals alike. In 1912, the Como year, and served as a warm winter's day and night haven for people and animals alike.

As the animal population grew, so did the number of visitors. In 1959, Casey the gorilla was moved to town and the zoo became a popular attraction. In later years, the zoo continued to grow and attract more visitors, with new exhibits and improvements made to the park.

Despite its growing popularity, the zoo has faced challenges, including the closure of the zoo in 1969, as plans for the Minnesota Zoo developed. However, citizens rallied to save the zoo and are happy, no doubt, to witness the 100th birthday celebration.

Holiday celebrations have been held each year, and each year, the zoo has featured a special performance, such as the concert, magic show, theater and

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In 1993, the Como Zoo housed only
as elk, moose and foxes,
air of Mexican red birds, and
most notable was the
human donation for the
zoo. Several of the
animal species are
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new.

An interesting project is "Night Oats," which are held
August. Each night will
the Zoo Amphitheater,
and it's all free.

Throughout the summer the "Natural World Lecture Series" will be
ongoing as well. And in August, the annual Como Zoo Golf Classic
will be held.

Some of the birthday celebrations started earlier this year, with the
ic "petting" zoo at Rice Park during the Winter Carnival, and Como
Zoo volunteers in costume in the Grand Day Parade.

In addition to all the events, there are several projects underway.
One of these is the Gorilla Forest, which will increase the gorilla's
space by 800 percent. It will also increase the viewing area and provide
additional sleeping quarters. Victor Camp, the zoo director, noted that
they are still looking for funding, but are cautiously optimistic that
work will begin this fall.

This is not the first improvement to be made to the gorilla pen.
One renovation was made after Casey, the largest male gorilla, escaped
in May 1994. He leapt from the wall and climbed up and out, and
though his escape was uneventful in that no one was hurt,
renovations were made to ensure that he would not be able to
escape again.

Another major project is "Tropical Encounters," which will be a
new space for animals from the tropics, including an anaconda. The
construction of a Donor Plaza — an area to recognize those who have
helped to support zoo — is also in the works.

But the additions are not all man-made: several new animals have
arrived, or will be arriving shortly. There are currently two new lion
cubs romping around, which were born to the resident parents. A new
group of snow leopards will be arriving soon, and the miniature horses
will both be giving birth this spring.

The old favorites are still around, too. Sparky the Sea Lion will
begin his show on Memorial Day, and will perform every day of the
week except Mondays. You can see all these animals 365 days of the
year — in fact, Como Zoo is open as many or more hours than any
other zoo in the country. And it is one of the few free zoos in
metropolitan areas in the United States, and the only free one in
Minnesota. Como Zoo is visited by nearly a million people annually
and houses 103 species and 320 specimens of animals — quite a set of
distinctions for a place with such humble beginnings.
Buckley's beat — Irish step dancing at Odd Fellows' Hall

by Judy Woodward

If there had never been a Riverdance, Brenda Buckley would still be an Irish step dancer, but she probably wouldn’t have nearly as many students. The internationally successful Irish dance extravaganza has made step dancing a household word and brought waves of new students to the Scoll na d’Tri (pronounced “skull-nah-dree”) dance school. The name of the school is Gaelic for “School of the Three,” and Buckley runs it with two partners.

On a recent evening, class was in session at Scoll na d’Tri’s practice studio on the top floor of the Odd Fellows’ Hall in South St. Anthony Park. Visions of ramrod-straight bodies “stepping” in precision to the strains of traditional Irish reels and jigs had propelled would be dancers up a long, dizzy flight of linoleum stairs to a large, sunny room with scuffed wooden floors and dusty windows. Leftover cooking smells from the cafe below chased the students three-quarters of the way up, but at the top of the stairs awaited Buckley, a compact mound of a woman of 39. Today she was clad in a purple t-shirt and white shorts, her brown hair pulled back in a ponytail, and her only concession to traditional Irish costuming, the elaborately laced, black leather “ghillies” or soft leather dance shoes on her feet.

Buckley, who spends her days working as a dental hygienist, was introduced to step dancing by one of her patients. “I’d always enjoyed dancing,” said Buckley, who had previously studied ballroom dance and ballet, “but the first time I heard the Irish music, my feet just started going. Step dancing just gets in your blood.”

While she waited for her students, Buckley showed a visitor the difference between the soft-shoe ghillies and the “hard” or tap shoes. With a fiberglass sole and a leprochaun’s silver buckle on the sole, the “hard shoe” is responsible for the spectacular percussive effects which have been wowing Riverdance audiences on several continents.

This evening’s lesson was devoted, however, to the subtle charms of the soft soled ghillie. As the class began, Buckley ran the young, mostly female, beginners through the “sevens and threes,” the traditional patterns of forward and side stepping which make up the basics of Irish dance. Buckley assumed the traditional stance of the Irish dancers. Her back was rigid and her arms were clamped firmly at her sides. But her legs flashed like steel pinsions, as she kicked from the knee to a giddy elevation which must have impressed the judges back when she placed fourth in the Ladies Midwest Irish Dance Championship in 1994.

At Buckley’s side, firmly gripping her teacher’s hand, was Como Park resident Abigail Settlesworth, whose Irish dance career had begun just two weeks earlier, when she was given dance lessons for her 5th birthday. Her pink hair has been hobbling with exertion, Abigail attempted to follow the intricate patterns set by her teacher. A foot shorter than any other dancer, Abigail hopped and jigged to the Irish beat, all the while pointing her toes as much as humanly possible, considering they were encased in sneakers.

On the sidelines, Abigail’s grandma, Marilyn Eberlein, explained that the little girl’s inspiration was, of course, Riverdance. “We have the video and the music for it,” said Eberlein. “Abigail’s been dancing around the front room to Riverdance for months. Lessons just seemed like the next logical step.”

“Meanwhile, Abigail’s big brother Noah Settlesworth, age 8, locked up from his Goosebumps paperback and demonstrated that a theoretical interest in Irish dance, anyway, runs in the family. “In the old days,” he pronounced, “girls weren’t allowed to do the dancing. Only boys could.”

Keal O’Neill, Deven Tookesy and Clara Ruthke dance on Irish step.

Ked O’Neill, Deven Tookesy and Clara Ruthke dance on Irish step. (Photo by Deanne Hedberg)

Riverdance was clearly a dominant influence on many of the young students’ imaginations. Standing in the middle of a knot of bystanders, watching the coordinated kicks of her 14-year-old twin daughters, Raelea and Raashela, Ranel Jones sounded almost awestruck as she described the effect the musical has had on her girls. “They’ve had saxophone, ballet, and tap lessons, but I’ve never seen them take such an interest in step dancing. They actually practice this all on their own. And it all started after seeing Riverdance.”

Riverdance, and maybe a little Irish blood for good measure. “Four or five generations back,” explained Jones, “there was a Fitzpatrick in the family—a big man with red hair.”

The Scoll na d’Tri offers classes for children and adults from 5 - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Odd Fellows’ Hall at Hampden and Raymond. Those who wish to get in touch with their inner Irishman can contact Buckley at 780-3885 for more information.

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PEOPLE


Kristin Peterson and Nicole Wynn, both of St. Anthony Park, won Athena Awards, honoring outstanding achievements in athletics. Peterson, who recently graduated from Minnehaha Academy and plans to study at Cornell College, excelled in basketball, track and volleyball. Como Park High School graduate Wynn won accolades in soccer, basketball and softball and is entering the U of M this fall.

Kent Nelsensten, formerly of St. Anthony Park, is a qualified instructor of physics at the Navy Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida.

Sue Davern is the executive director of the St. Anthony Park Business Association. She brings to the job over 14 years experience with non-profit organizations plus four years of knowledge acquired as a partner in Visible Ink, a communications business.

St. Anthony Park resident Fred Steinhauser recently returned from the Antarctic Continent after a two-week marine expedition. The expedition took place on the Russia exploration ship, Alla Taravosa. The purpose of the trip was to study the world's greatest scenery, including glaciers, icebergs and wildlife from whales to penguins.

Jon Skaaalen of St. Anthony Park is the executive director of the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres.

Lauderdale resident Cadet Dan Kieza of the University of Minnesota's Army ROTC received the Colonel Arvid Newhouse Scholarship.

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Shelom Home dedication

The Shelom Home is set to dedicate the Harry H. and Sarol Dworsky Shelom Foundation Walls of Honor on Sunday, June 22, 9:30 a.m., at the care center.

North Carolina ceramic artist Norman Schulman is designing the Walls of Honor, which will be comprised of hand-crafted multi-colored ceramic tiles in a variety of sizes. He has chosen Jewish symbols, including the shofar, menorah and tree of life.

Block Nurse receives money

The Como Park Living at Home/Block Nurse Program has been awarded a $5,000 grant by the Allina Foundation’s Project Reach. Selected from over 200 applicants, the Como Park program is one of 34 organizations to receive the grant for technical assistance in program planning and evaluation. To request services or to volunteer call Kim Railns at 642-1127.

Tom Thumb robbed

A thief wielding a buck knife robbed the Tom Thumb convenience store at 1546 Como Avenue, between Snelling and Arona in Como Park. The robbery occurred at 5:09 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. Two employees were in the store and gave police a description of the suspect as a black male, possibly in his late 20s, 5-feet-10 inches tall with a slender build. The suspect was wearing a green, checked flannel shirt, blue pants and a blue cap. “He pulled a knife and confronted the manager,” said Commander Stephen Roscoe, of the St. Paul Police Department. “The suspect reached into the safe and pulled out a moneybag” with an undetermined amount of cash. Roscoe said a videotape of the suspect was taken, but wouldn’t reveal if the suspect’s face was visible on the tape. — John Marino

FALCON HEIGHTS

Sundays at Gibbs Farm Museum

Experience the country at the Gibbs Farm Museum on summer Sundays, when a variety of programs will explore life on a Minnesota farm around 1900.

Sunday programs include Dairy Day on June 1, Woodworking Day on June 8, Antique Cars and Transportation Day on June 15, Wedding Day on June 22 and Household Chores on June 29.

The Gibbs Farm Museum is located at Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues. It is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. Admission fees — adults $3, seniors $2.50 and children $1.50.

Open house for gardeners

Visit the Center for Northern Gardening on Sunday, June 1, from noon to 4 p.m. The afternoon open house celebrates gardening and features advice and demonstrations on planting and plant care. Radio personality and garden writer Fred Glaccio will offer tips. Besides Glaccio’s talk, find a choice selection of everlasting flower crafts, garden accent statuary, perennial plants and garden books at the center located at 1755 Prior Avenue. For information call 646-3596.

UCC summer schedule

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ summer Sunday summer worship service meets at 10 a.m. A program for children — Time for Discovery — coincides with worship. The church is located at 1795 Holton Street. For more details call 646-2681 or visit the church Web site at www.mnn.org/uccdove.

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Ecumenical worship on June 8
Prayer, music by the Twin Cities Lazy River Jazz Band and a salute to the Rev. Greg Renstrom highlight the first ecumenical worship of several St. Anthony Park congregations on Sunday, June 8, 9:30 a.m., at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. The worship service includes the United Church of Christ, Episcopal and Methodist churches. Call 646-7173.

Kasota Pond clean-up
Join in cleaning Kasota Pond on Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a wheelbarrow or garden cart, if you own one. Clean-up materials are being donated by the St. Paul Parks Department and refreshments by Bruegger’s and the Hampden Park Coop. Parking is available in Sparta Foods lot on Kasota Avenue on the western edge of Kasota Point. Call 649-1606 for information.

Library auction
Because of the upcoming addition and remodeling project at the St. Anthony Park Library, several items will be available for sale by a closed bid auction between June 4 and June 10. Items include a 12" x 20" wood-framed garage, interior and exterior doors, stone panels from bathrooms and ornamental trees. Viewing is set for 7 p.m. on June 4 and 5 and bids are due on June 10. Proceeds benefit the building project. Call Philip Boursard for information at 311-0560.

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Quarter century of volunteering — Monica Kline

by Cheryl Rushenberg

Children’s Home Society volunteer Monica Kline should have joined Bill Clinton, Colin Powell and Oprah Winfrey at the President’s Summit for America’s Future, a three-day extravaganza convened to light the fuse for a new era of volunteering. Indeed, the St. Anthony Park resident and 25-year volunteer at the Children’s Home Society (CHS), probably would have been the most qualified to speak about unselfish volunteering, even in the company of the nation’s leaders and celebrities.

During her volunteering tenure, Kline has seen the CHS change from being a nonprofit international adoption agency to becoming a leading social service agency that provides 19 nonprofit day care centers, five crisis nursery sites and adoption from 19 countries. Now, she is one of over 2,000 volunteers that help children thrive, build loving families and provide opportunities for individual growth.

It’s a credit to both Kline and the CHS that they have maintained such an enduring relationship. Everyone knows and appreciates Kline and she definitely enjoys celebrity status. In 1993 the Aging Opportunity state agency recognized her 22 years of volunteering at a Minnesota State Fair ceremony. Today, the plaque she received proudly hangs prominently in her living room, a symbol of the high priority volunteering and the CHS has in her life.

Kline began volunteering as a favor to a church friend who needed help with the newsletter back in the bygone days of ditto paper. She helped that day and many following, but remembers how she came home with blue ink all over herself. Even though Kline has moved up in her administrative support duties, she still has an affinity for making copies. On Tuesdays she is known as “the pink lady” because she now uses pink paper for the “News and Notes,” the in-house newsletter. She said she likes making copies because she loves to push the machines to their maximum capacity and finds it fascinating what the copy machines can now do. She’s come along way from the blue ink days.

When the staff is overloaded due to special circumstances such as illness, staff changes or special events, Kline has been known to work all day and four days of the week. Help like that is hard to find. Many people would think if you work that hard you should be getting paid. Some even express to Kline that it is stupid to give such a great amount of time away. Kline is nonplussed by such judgements and her response is that she wouldn’t be so appreciated and valued if she was doing it as a job. She likes all the smiles she gets and the cooperative spirit that volunteering brings. It may be work, but it is all done with a generous and giving spirit.

Kline and her husband moved to St. Anthony Park years ago because of its close proximity to schools and shops and because they wanted to be landlords. When her husband took a job in Savage, Kline opposed a southwestern move on the grounds that there would have been nothing for her four children to do. Then, there’s Kline’s passion for walking, which isn’t an easy pursuit in sidewalkless suburbs.

Walking has always been a way of life for she never has taken the time to learn to drive. Kline walks a mile to the CHS and a mile back home; some would call that a power walk, especially if you are 77 years young. Because of good health and history of walking, Kline finds it strange that staff is always insisting on giving her a ride home. She enjoys the walk and that is when she switches over to her other volunteer job — a community watchdog.

If she spots a dangerous pothole or faulty street light she calls city officials immediately after getting home. Kline gets results too. "They usually get right to it because they know I will keep calling," said this ardent community activist. For Kline, she eventually rang up the city about her property taxes being too high. The complaint was brought up to the finance department, where her son Ron works. The complaint messenger inquired, "Is this your mother?" And her son replied, "Is mother at it again."

When she isn’t volunteering at CHS, Kline’s landlord duties and travel fill her days. In the past she has visited Alaska, Australia, Nova Scotia and Israel. She offers a travel tip — if you are considering going to Australia, "Don’t go at Christmas time if you want to have a Christmas ... they don’t celebrate it!"

Then, before closing our conversation, Monica Kline presents another tip for good living: no television watching. She prefers the real world and she means the world!}

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TOTAL ASSETS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

31 SATURDAY
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park Rec. Center, 7-10 p.m.

1 SUNDAY
- Daisy Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 West Larpenteur, Falcon Heights.

2 MONDAY
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 770-2546. Every Monday.
- Boys Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Call 644-4175. Every Monday.

3 TUESDAY
- St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como High band room, 7:30 p.m. Call 642-1529. Every Tuesday.
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park Rec. Center, 7-10 p.m.

4 WEDNESDAY
- Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Every Wednesday.

5 THURSDAY
- Last day of school — St. Paul.
- Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue, 10 a.m. - noon. Every Thursday.
- Physical Planning Committee, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

6 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.

7 SATURDAY
- The Raging Grannies and St. Anthony Park Community Band perform at the 4-H ice cream social. ParkBank drive-in, 7 p.m.
- Youth Activity Night, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7-11 p.m. Every Friday.

8 SUNDAY
- St. Anthony Park Arts Festival.
- Jim Bogenlechbge celebrates State Farm's 75th anniversary with an open house, 2190 Como Avenue.
- Teen Night, Langford Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

9 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling day.
- Park Press, Inc. — Park Bugle Board meeting, ParkBank, 7 a.m.
- Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

10 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

12 THURSDAY
- Summer Reading Program — Kit and Kaboodle with music — St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30 p.m.

13 FRIDAY
- Summer Reading Program — Kit and Kaboodle with music — St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

14 SATURDAY
- Kasota Pond Clean-Up, parking in Sparta Foods or Kasota Avenue, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 649-1806.
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

15 SUNDAY
- Father's Day
- Antique Cars and Transportation Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 West Larpenteur, Falcon Heights. Homemade ice cream and fathers free with their kids.

16 MONDAY
- Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

17 TUESDAY
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m., call 644-3889 for location.
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling day
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park Rec. Center, 7:30 p.m.

19 THURSDAY
- Summer Reading Program — Gary Vice juggles plus music — St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30 p.m.

20 FRIDAY
- Full Moon
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.
- Summer Reading Program — Schüelleri Puppets — St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

21 SATURDAY
- Summer Begins
- Como Zoo 100th birthday party, noon-5 p.m.
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

22 SUNDAY
- The Harry H. and Sarah Dowsky Sholom Foundation Walls of Honor dedication, Sholom Home East, 9:30 a.m.
- Como Zoo 100th birthday party, noon-5 p.m.

23 MONDAY
- Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

24 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

25 WEDNESDAY
- Housing and Human Services Committee, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
- Environment Committee, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

26 THURSDAY
- Summer Reading Program — ventriloquist David Sleeper — St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30 p.m.

27 FRIDAY
- St. Anthony Park Bank Diamond Club visits Pirates Cove. Call Marvin or Gloria at 647-0331 to register before June 10.

28 SATURDAY
- Summer Reading Program — Gary Vice juggles plus music — St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

29 SUNDAY
- Household Chores, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 West Larpenteur, Falcon Heights.

Items for the July Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, June 13.

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OBITUARIES

Burnette Andreasen
Burnette J. (Burns) Andreasen died on May 8. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Burnette was a registered nurse and a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Norris Carnes
Norris K. Carnes, a prominent figure in the livestock industry and former superintendent of the Minnesota State Fair, died on May 11. He was 102 years of age. Carnes was general manager of the Central Livestock Association for 44 years. In 1951, he was awarded the University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award in Agricultural Affairs. His portrait was placed in the university’s Livestock Hall of Fame in 1969. He served on livestock advisory committees convened by every administration from Franklin Roosevelt to Richard Nixon.

He was also a member of the Board of Managers of the Minnesota State Fair and was inducted into the Minnesota State Fair Hall of Fame in 1977. Carnes Avenue in the fairgrounds is named for him.

Preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, he is survived by children, Norris, Jean McMillan, and Constance Wittle; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Clinton Erwin
Como Park resident Clinton B. Erwin died at age 85 on April 11. Erwin was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Survivors include niece, Karen Horns; grandchildren Kevin Tschida, Barbara Wrobleski-Brenna and Lori Horns; great-grandchildren and nephews Susan, Brian, Michael, Krista, Braumo, Amanda and Edeline.

Arlys Denzel Gustafson
Word has been received of the death of Arlys Denzel Gustafson in Tucson, Arizona, in early December. She was 89 years old.

The former Arlys Denzel taught vocal music at Murray High School from 1940 to 1945. She also directed the choir at the St. Anthony Park Congregational Church. On June 21, 1996, Gustafson was honored at a reception at Midland Hills Country Club. Among the 200 or so former students she led there in singing several of their old favorite songs.

At the age of 60, in 1967, Denzel married Les Gustafson and went to California. They moved to Tucson in 1991.

Julie Kirchner
Julia Kirchner, a native of Hungary, died on April 11. She was 91 years old, and had lived at Lyngblomsten Care Center. Kirchner was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eben, and son, Paul. Survivors include daughter, Eva Rogness; son, Peter Kirchner; and six grandchildren Maria Whelan, Paul Rogness, Jonathan Rogness, David Kirchner, Annette Kirchner and Julie Kirchner.

Rev. Joseph Wong
The Rev. Joseph C. Wong, pastor of the Twin City Chinese Christian Church in Lauderdale for 20 years, died in California on April 14, the day before his 60th birthday.

Besides serving the local church, Wong also founded Gospel Operation International for Chinese Christians, a group that sends missionaries around the world. He recruited new missionaries and spoke at numerous conferences, after moving to Petaluma, California, in 1990.

Born in Zhejiang, China, he and his older brother often accompanied their mother into the countryside to participate in preaching rallies. He received his first training at a seminary in Chung-Chung, Sze-Chuan, and later at a seminary in Shanghai.

With his wife, Margaret, and his wife, Margaret, immigrated to the United States in the 1960s, he continued his education at the St. Paul Bible College. When the Twin City Chinese Church was established in 1970, he became its pastor.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; son, Jonathan Wong, and daughter, Josie Lia.

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