Local scouts brighten the season with handmade holiday wreaths
by Lisa Steinmann

welcoming wreath of freshly cut evergreen branches hung with shiny pine cones and bound with a red velvet ribbon is a popular holiday decoration. In Minooka, a wreath is dedicated to the celebration of the bounty of balsam fir that grows here and brings rich color and scent to the sparse background of our winter season. In St. Anthony Park, wreaths also mean that Boy Scout Troop 17 has been busy. Both the younger Cub Scouts and the older Boy Scouts sell wreaths in the neighborhood to raise money for their activities.

Three years ago, Troop 17 leader Mark Hansen decided that rather than simply ordering wreaths from the manufacturers for the scouts to sell, he would teach the scouts how to make the wreaths from scratch.

Hansen’s background makes him uniquely qualified for the undertaking. He knows all about Minnesota’s evergreen trees — he works as a research forestier at the University of Minnesota’s forest area. While growing up in St. Anthony Park, he often joined his forestry professor on outings into the forest. His father also established Hansen’s Tree Farm, a cut-your-own Christmas tree business that Mark Hansen now runs with his brother Dave Hansen. Hansen traces his interest in wreaths making back to his grandfather. He remembers helping him “hand-tie” wreaths to decorate their family home for the holidays.

For the Scouts of Troop 17 the first step and biggest part of the process is to cut the boughs by the end of October. According to scouts Otto Gokman and Dillon Bernstein, “cutting down trees with axes” is part of it. For the past few years troop leaders Hansen and Rob Lagueon have taken the Scouts up to Sugar Bush, a maple syrup farm near Grand Rapids. The farm is owned by south St. Anthony Park resident Beth Collins. Armed with clippers, hand saws and axes, the Scouts spend the weekend cutting out the balsam trees from among the maples. Most of the trees are cut down for branches. Several are left intact and are donated to neighborhood churches. One will go up in front of the St. Anthony Park Library. After trucking the load of trees and branches back to St. Paul, the scouts set up shop in Hansen’s garage. Over the next couple of weeks, scouts pull on well-fitted hats and gloves and work with the various aspects of wreath assembly. The scouts have streamlined the process of tying the branches to the hoop frames with the purchase of a machine that operates by foot pedal. First the branches must be trimmed and gathered into bunches to prepare them for the machine. Pine cones are touched up with a bit of paint to give them a snowball look before they are wired on. Finally the red velvet ribbons are tied into bows by hand and added as the crowning touch to the finished wreaths.

Once the Cub Scouts in the neighborhood are finished, the door-to-door sales, the older Scouts begin their wreath sales. They sell to anyone who is interested. For Cab Scouts. Wreaths come in two sizes, two and three feet in diameter. They sell for twenty-five and twenty-five dollars respectively. If a Boy Scout doesn’t knock on your door, they also sell through neighborhood churches and Hardware Hank at 2290 Como Ave.

This year the Scouts made 160 wreaths. With their supply runs out they do supplement with wreaths purchased from a local retailer.

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Success for Como neighborhood’s Tilden Park
by Laurel Ostrow

Like many of us, Wendi Schurav and Amy Marshall used to see Como Park as government as a big system that was difficult to access. However, when a park near their homes seemed to be changing from a playground and recreational area to a hangout for drinking and smoking juveniles, they decided to do something about it. A grass roots movement began to “take back Tilden Park.” This effort was initiated by a few residents and supported by many others, who became involved in the St. Paul budgetary process, which makes Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) funds available every other year. The application for funds is arduous and involved, requiring persistence and commitment. Moreover, there are hundreds of worthy applicants. The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Board was very involved in the project. William Peake, a landscape architect with the Board, worked intensively with the neighborhood group. Schurav says Peake’s patience and cooperation, and the support of the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Board, were outstanding. Peake modified the plans according to the needs and desires of the neighborhood group, and was extremely responsive to people, despite the work he was also doing on the Como Park Conservatory. The Tilden Park group lobbied the St. Paul City Council for CIB funds over a two-year period.

The effort became known as the Tilden Park Renovation Project and the first cut of applicants, placing ninth on the list. The Tilden Park lobby was persistent in placing key individuals and attending meetings in which decisions were made. When a bus load of decision makers arrived at the park, a rally was held, during which people shouted, “Tilden. Tilden.” Finally, CIB money in the amount of $294,000 was awarded in order to renovate the park. On October 10 of this year, a picnic was held and a ceremonial groundbreaking took place. This was a festive event, during which music was played, speeches were delivered and sand was turned. Also, many area businesses had booths and offered games for kids with prizes, balloons and free food and drinks. The plans for the new park were made available.

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Looking for a homeland

Bosnian family forges a new life in St. Anthony Park by Judy Woodward

he Potacis fled to Germany. Then came the long wait to find a refugee organization that would sponsor their entry into the United States. Help finally came in June of this year when Park resident Mary Griffin and her family agreed to co-sponsor the Potacis with the help of a refugee agency of the Episcopal Church. The family lived in Griffin’s attic until they found their own apartment, and she has become an enthusiastic booster for her former tenants. “I was thinking of Ellis Island [before they arrived], but what we got was a family of five European types. They came on June 25, and by August 1, they were in their own apartment and had found jobs. They’re not afraid of hard or

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dirty jobs, either. I love people who are not afraid to go out and find things for themselves."

When asked why they chose to settle in Minnesota, the family mentions close friends from Bosnia, now living in Richfield, who helped pave the way. But Maria can't resist adding a reason that will appeal to all true Misericords. Speaking English for the first time, he laughingly explains, "We knew there is beautiful winter here, I like more winter than summer."

Maria Pozicai is a thin, wiry man with a neat brown ponytail and prominent laugh lines that even years of refugee status have not been able to erase. His son Lenny is a thirty-year-younger version of his father. Facing each other across the coffee table, their blue jeans-clad knees almost touching, father and son present identical sharp-nosed profiles. Maria moves restlessly in his chair as his son attempts to translate into English the impassioned volleys of his father's Serbo-Croatian.

Meanwhile Zlata, a slender, brown-haired woman, turns her armchair at an angle to her husband and son. She interjects an occasional remark as Maria explains that the family was quickly able to locate jobs and an apartment with the help of Griffin and other members of the congregation of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Although she is resolute in her appreciation of "Bosnia no longer exists in the way we had known it. Perhaps it never did."

the family's recent good fortune, her eyes fill with tears when she is asked directly about the difficulties of starting life again in a new country and a new language.

Father and son pause in their antithetical responses to a visitor's question and turn identical, wary glances on Zlata. "Manja, no tears," says Maria gently in English. Maria and Zlata, who both worked as accountants in Bosnia, say their immediate ambition is to perfect their English. Then comes what they call their "special wish." "We want," says Maria, "to give Lenny the opportunity to go to college, to give him a better future."

Lenny, who speaks fluent German and English in addition to Serbo-Croatian, plans to start college next year with the possible goal of someday becoming a professional translator. For now, he's working at a local bagel shop while he explores the intricacies of American society.

Music dominates the Pozicai's small apartment, Maria's CD and cassette collection covers one wall of the living room, and there's no generation gap in the family's musical tastes. Father and son share enthusiasm for everything from classical music to heavy metal. Maju says that someday he'd like to own an apartment with a basement that could accommodate the huge LP collection he had to leave behind in Bosnia.

Meanwhile, there's an even more pressing goal. Recounting a funny incident that happened at his new workplace, Maria reflects, "Americans can laugh about things like local Scouting with a large box in his arms tripping over a chair."

Lenny explains that his father could laugh. "Maybe it's lost his sense of humor after all these years."

In the last few years," says Maria, "We were seldom really laughing from our hearts."

Then he pauses a moment and adds, "Maybe we'll laugh again. I hope so."

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Billboard restrictions approved

Special district sign plan approved by St. Anthony Park Community Council

by Dave Healy

Billboards may become a less prominent feature of the local landscape if current efforts by the St. Anthony Park Community Council are successful. At its November 11 meeting, the Council unanimously approved a Special District Sign Plan for the St. Anthony Park neighborhood that would impose sign restrictions, prohibit the construction of nonconforming signs, and eliminate existing nonconforming signs over the next 10 years.

St. Paul's Zoning Code allows communities within the city to apply for special district status, which permits a neighborhood to adopt its own provisions regarding signage within its borders. Currently, the Highland Village, Grand Avenue, and Smith-Dodd neighborhoods have special districts. St. Anthony Park would become the fourth special district in St. Paul if the Community Council's request is approved by the City Council. At present a city-wide moratorium on the construction of new billboards is in effect. It will expire in December 1999, or earlier if the Legislative Advisory Commission so recommends and the City Council acts on such a recommendation. The Commission is a group set up by the City Council to study the billboard issue. St. Anthony Park Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington served on the Commission for six months.

"I think people are visually tired of billboards, especially along Highway 280."

— Heather Worthington

Achieving special district status would allow St. Anthony Park to impose its own signage requirements even after the billboard moratorium expires. The proposal would prohibit all advertising signs but would permit signs that 'identify the name, logo and nature of the business carried on in the premises.' It would not affect billboards on I-94, which is federally controlled, nor on signs built before 1971 on Highway 280.

The Community Council's proposal is a response to citizen complaints about billboards. Currently there are 41 billboards in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. "I think people are visually tired of billboards, especially along Highway 280," said Heather Worthington.

Worthington noted that local efforts to reduce or eliminate billboards reflect increasing attention to them internationally. "What many people are saying is that while billboards may be appropriate in some places, they don't want them in residential areas," she said.

Worthington stressed that the Community Council's Sign Plan is not content driven. "We're reacting to the structures themselves, not to the message on any particular billboard. We see billboards proliferating, and we don't want to see a net increase in our neighborhood," she said.

Worthington also emphasized that the current proposal has the full support of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, which was represented on the committee that drafted the plan. St. Anthony Park's plan was initially drafted by attorney Bob Streibing, a local resident. Streibing contends that the most controversial part of the plan is its 10-year amortization period, during which all nonconforming signs in the special district would have succeeded because they believed in the system and took responsibility for the welfare of their communities. ■

A celebration and ceremonial groundbreaking was held at Tilden Park on October 10.

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Trees, park benches and new playground equipment are included in the plans. An important aspect of Tilden Park is its history. From 1889 to 1974, Tilden was the site of an elementary school. Eventually, the school building became dilapidated and the school population combined with that of Chelsea Elementary.

Residents have become unified because of the park renovation project, and that sense of purpose has brought the community together. Schimmy says that each individual must ask "What can I do?" Fred Clark, who was the principal of Tilden School in 1956, echoes Schimmy's sentiment. He once said, "Citizens must not only be aware of the ideals of service, but they must also be willing to assume responsibility. Citizens must acknowledge that acceptance of privilege implies the acceptance of responsibility as well." These words are appropriate in light of the achievements of those who
A hard gift to give

Physical presence is the finest gift one human can give another in their time of need. This sentiment is expressed by Erica Lepp, who monitors human rights violations in Guatemala (page 7), but it is also the theme of so many stories in this issue. While it’s often appropriate to help others financially, sometimes the gift of time is the most valuable — and most difficult.

This article is 2,500 words long, only so many hours in the day. And we’re asked to do so much with any extra moments we do find — spend time with our families and children, stop to smell the roses, exercise, better our minds. It is difficult to do more, I’m not sure what the solution is, but I do know I love hearing how others manage to rearrange their lives or priorities to do exactly that. Such stories offer me a chance to examine how moments can be carved out of a day; how I can move beyond my own sphere and do more.

Soon, Erica Lepp will return to Guatemala; caregivers will be singing (page 10), the participants in Becfriender will help young people (page 13), and Mary Griffin will visit the refugees from a war torn land (page 1). All of these people have chosen to give their time to — give the gift of their physical presence.

If you’re in town sometime, or more to offer, check out the list of volunteer opportunities on page 7. Time and physical presence are hard gifts to give, which is why they’re so precious.

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— Gerald McKay

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Santa takes the stand
by Warren Hanson

While flipping through the channels late one night, something on C-Span caught my eye. It was one of those dreary senate hearings they have on that channel so often. A short-haired senior senator with a southern drawl was asking very pointed questions of a beagled-looking man hunched over a microphone at a table in the middle of the room. The man had an unmistakably familiar look. The full white beard. The nose like a cherub. Why, it was Santa! Being grilled before a senate sub-committee.

It seems that the jolly old elf is of the center some kind of anti-trust investigation. The Federal Trade Commission is involved. Allegations have been made. Can you believe it? The word "Santa" and "allegations" shouldn't even appear in the same sentence together. Yet here we are. This is late twentieth century America, and this is the way it is going to go.

As I understand it, Santa is being accused of monopolizing the holiday gift distribution market. Apparently a small start-up company called YuleScape is alleging that Santa, as the head of a gigantic multinational organization, has a strangle-hold on the industry. They are asking that all of Santa's proprietary data, such as good kid/bad kid databases, global routes and flight information, chemistry schematics and the like, be made public, in order to encourage an environment of fair competition. What really hurts is that YuleScape was started by a couple of Santa's own elves, who left his organization to start their own operation out of their garage just south of the North Pole. Their big break came when they were able to woo Donner and Blitzen away from Santa's stable, by offering substantial tax incentives and better working conditions. By utilizing the very latest technology, YuleScape was able to promise the reindeer lighter loads and shorter hours in the air.

The main issue being discussed in the senate hearings was Christmas cheer. The accusation is that Santa has exclusive rights to the world's chimneys. Without equal access, there can be no competition. And without competition, there is no place for new ideas to be brought into the industry. We are stuck with having our toys delivered the same way they have been for centuries.

You see, Santa is still tied to old technology. Toys made by hand. A very labor-intensive delivery system. But YuleScape poured most of its initial capital into one of those new Japanese sleighs, with a deck aerodynamic design, lightweight materials, and greatly increased hay mileage. The cost of drug is practically nil. Thus the cargo capacity is increased substantially, without requiring any increased deeppower.

Santa, on the other hand, still insist on using his original sleigh. It is increasingly difficult to find parts, or to find mechanics who know how to work on his vintage vehicle. In addition, the reindeer and many of his elves are nearing retirement age, and their own interest jobs market, it is extremely difficult to find skilled help.

YuleScape also promises speedier delivery. They make their children know that no one will have to wait until morning for their Christmas deliveries. By leveraging all the very latest technology, including satellite-based global positioning systems, a web site where children can place toy orders up until the last minute, and their own interest search engine called HoHoHo, YuleScape promises to have all the toys delivered by midnight on Christmas Eve. Guaranteed.

But there is a snag. This promise doesn't take into account that most homes are still operating with old chicmey technology. In order to make good on the midnight delivery guarantee, a home has to have the latest, fastest chimney available, in order to maximize throughputs. But public seems reluctant to invest in new chimney technology, fearing that, by next Christmas, their expensive new chimneys will be woefully out of date.

Still, even with public sentiment on his side, Santa faces hurdles going into the new century. Current environmental issues make it increasingly difficult to operate in the traditional way. Last year, Santa was forced to install emission control devices on all the reindeer. And this year a group of government scientists has been trying to determine just why the hole in the earth's ozone layer is located directly above Santa's chimney.

So, facing a new era of deregulation, increased competition, and mounting environmental restrictions, will we be seeing a new, leaner, meaner Santa? I don't think so.

As the senate hearings broke up, and Santa stepped outside to face reporters, his eyes were still twinkling, his dimples still merry! He answered the rapid-fire questions from the press, his droll little mouth was still drawn up like a bow! He has been told by the TV cameras and his round little belly still shook when he laughed, like a bulb of jelly.

I was relieved. It was clear that, despite the onslaught of modern technology, corporate takeovers, bear bulls and bears, Santa will always be the same.

I turned off the TV and headed upstairs to bed. But just before I drifted off, a familiar figure passed across the moon, and a deep and cheerful voice was heard to exclaim, "To a all a good-night!"
Falcon Heights pharmacist Julie Johnson
takes more than a minute with customers

by Lisa Steinmann

I n a confident and reassuring voice, local pharmacist Julie Johnson advises hundreds of thousands of people every day on subjects ranging from antibiotics to vaccines. Last April she became the host of a national radio show called "The Pharmacist Minuet." The show, broadcast daily on 1100 stations nationwide in both English and Spanish, provides information on drugs and health issues. "The Pharmacist Minuet" is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association and grant money from Johnson and Johnson, whose product PediaCare is the advertised sponsor of the show.

Johnson broached the topic while teaching in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota. Although she had no prior broadcast experience, she read the audition script over the phone and got the job. She now travels to a sound studio in New York every few months to record the shows. Johnson is very pleased with the quality of writing that goes into the show. The scripts are prepared by folks at the American Pharmacists Association, the main national, professional organization for pharmacists. According to Johnson, "The scripts emphasize good communication between doctor, patient and pharmacist." She adds that "doctors are receptive to pharmacist suggestions because we see patients and there are so many brand choices, and herbal and vitamin alternatives add complexity." Recent topics on the radio show have included a look at "Doctors and Pharmacists Working Together" and "Nutritional Supplements." Julie Johnson's main job is as pharmacist and partner at Blomberg Pharmacy in Falcon Heights. She and partner Norma Nisic have owned the store for the past ten years. The pharmacy has been there for 70 years and has had only three owners since the business was started by Robert Blomberg.

Johnson and her partner are currently remodeling their store and have planned a better arrangement of the pharmaceutical and retail aisles as well as the busy post office substation within the shop. In Johnson's experience people value the services offered by a small, community pharmacy such as Blomberg's. For example, the pharmacists at Blomberg offer customers "Pharmaceutical Care Work-ups." For a fee and by appointment, one of the pharmacists will go over all the drugs — prescription and over-the-counter, vitamins and even cosmetics — a person may be using and make sure that they are all safe in combination for that particular person. Johnson confirms that being a pharmacist "is a busy profession and we're not doctors, but we offer customers time and attention."

To catch The Pharmacist Minuet, tune into local station WLOL-AM. The spots run randomly throughout the day. The American Pharmacists Association has a Web site at wwww.pharmacist.org which lists other radio stations that broadcast the show. For pharmacist advice in person and

Besides hosting a national radio program, Julie Johnson's job is as pharmacist and partner at Blomberg Pharmacy in Falcon Heights. The pharmacy has been there for 70 years and has had only three owners in that time.

Billboards . . . from page 3 have to be removed. Such a requirement would be unique in the city of St. Paul. Without an amortization requirement, Strahan notes, all a neighborhood can do is hold the line.

Achieving special district status would allow St. Anthony Park to impose its own signage requirements even after the billboard moratorium expires.

against the construction of new signs. "If the intent is to reduce the number of signs, you don't have a mechanism without an amortization period," he said.

Now that the Community Council has approved a Special District Sign Plan, it will be sent to the St. Paul City Council, which will refer it to the Planning Commission, which will hold a public hearing on the proposal at a yet-to-be-determined date. Local residents interested in testifying at that hearing may call Heather Worthington at 649-5992.
Park resident monitors human rights violations in Guatemala

Erica Lepp, a St. Anthony Park resident, recently returned from a six-month stay in Guatemala. In the small village of Santa Elena, she worked as a volunteer Human Rights Accompanier for the National Coordinating Office on Refugees and Displaced of Guatemala (NCOORD). She lived in a remote rural community of indigenous Kekchi, one of 22 Mayan ethnic groups in Guatemala.

"My job was two-fold," she said. "To provide a measure of security against human rights violations, and to publicize the reality of Guatemala to people in the United States. My presence meant security for Santa Elena because the Guatemalan government knew I was there, and that I would report any violations to the international community."

She quit her job as a computer programmer when she heard about Guatemalan refugees asking for volunteers. What she found was quite different than life in the Twin Cities. "The people live in thatched roof homes and cook over open fires. They grow their own food — mainly corn, beans and squash. They enjoy farming and living in the lush Incan jungle, but they struggle for food money. In many ways, they are worse off than when they fled in 1981."

When Guatemalan refugees living in Mexico decided to return to their country in 1993, they asked the international community to provide Human Rights Accompaniers to live with them in communities. If the Army or Guerrillas threatened or committed any violence against the community, the Accompanier would report it to influential bodies.

Currently, there are Accompaniers in thirteen villages, and NCOORD will continue to place them until the communities say they are no longer needed. Dora Mata, an elder in Santa Elena, expressed her fears. "Cuando no hay acompañante con nosotros, tenemos miedo. Nos sentimos solos. La zona militar 22 siempre es peligroso, y ellos hacen llenar de'esquinas'." ("When there's no companion here, we're afraid. We feel alone. The 22nd Military Zone is close by, and they can do whatever they want.")

Lepp plans to go back this January. "What she finds may not be so pleasant — the state Santa Elena is located in is one of areas hardest hit by Hurricane Mitch. The need will no doubt be great. But Lepp will be there: "I've learned that the greatest gift we can give is our presence," she noted. She stressed that money and material contributions are important too, but it is a person's physical presence in times of need that can be most valuable.

Guatemala is a complex nation, and the story of Santa Elena is one of the threads in the tapestry that weaves its rich fabric. It's important that we learn about the struggles others face, and how our lives are interconnected," she concluded.

Lepp is available for slide show presentations you can reach her at 647-6462.

Local volunteer opportunities

Children's Home Society seeks volunteers

Children's Home Society, located at 2230 Como Avenue, needs 500 community volunteers to make their winter campaign a success. Individuals can volunteer to accept phone-in donations and answer general questions about Children's Home Society's evening weekdays at WCCO's downtown Minneapolis studio. Volunteers are also needed to join the Children's Home Society staff, WCCO talent and Mall of America shoppers to help kick off the "Gift for Children" campaign. Other opportunities are available as well. Call 646-6093 to help now.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Last year, Neighbor to Neighbor and their volunteers served more than 1,500 local families with food and toys. They serve low income families living in Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville, and other local communities. Donations of food, toys or funding are welcome at Neighbor to Neighbor's office at 1021 Marion Street in St. Paul.

They also need volunteers to help organize the program and assist with fundraising, and more volunteers will be needed in December for the distribution. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, contact Margaret Yach at 651-6057, ext. 129.

Coaches needed

St. Paul Parks and Recreation needs volunteers for its youth basketball programs. Coaches are responsible for teaching youths, age 10 to 17 years, basic basketball skills. Sportsmanship and team work are to be emphasized. For more information, call 266-6400.

Meals on Wheels

St. Anthony Park needs people who could give an hour or two of time to deliver Meals on Wheels to neighborhood residents. They have openings on the first Wednesday and first Friday of each month. There is also a need for volunteers who could give rides, grocery shopping, or do small errands and tasks for older residents. If you're interested in helping, call Judy Frothe at 642-9052.

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Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.
Micawber's new book club off to a splendid start
by Barbara Claussen

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e of literature and intellectual discourse attract people from all over the Twin Cities to Micawber's new book club.

"Book clubs are so overwhelmingly popular," said Mary Weitzman, the bookstorian's liaison person. "They're a real thing of the 90s. Half the people I know are in a book club.

Micawber's Bookstorian was getting a lot of calls, asking if they had a club. After publishing an inquiry in their newsletter, they received an overwhelming response.

"We had our first meeting in October," reported Weitzman. "People drove from all over — Champlin, Wayzata, Brooklyn Center, Fridley, Shoreview, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Some of them heard about it by word-of-mouth.

The club meets the first Wednesday of every month. An afternoon session meets at 2 p.m. at Taste of Scandinavia, just three doors down from the bookstorian, and an evening session meets at Micawber's at 7 p.m.

"It's very informal," said Weitzman. "My feeling for a book club is that it should be fun and interesting. You should go away learning something. The club should stretch us towards books that we would not normally gravitate towards."

She admitted that on her own she consistently reads the same flavor of books, and several other participants felt the same. They also wanted to be stretched.

There were mixed reviews about the first book. Some liked it and some didn't. Weitzman admitted that she probably wouldn't have finished it if she wasn't committed to reading it for the book club.

Members like to read a variety of literature, including fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, biography, historical fiction and history. For the first meeting Weitzman compiled a list of diverse titles.

Micawber's choice The Agua Sisters, a book by Cuban author Cristina Garcia for their first selection.

A volunteer coordinator presents a sketch about the author and keeps the discussion on track. "We want it to be casual, but have some direction," said Weitzman.

She describes the group as social, but stimulating. "It has intellectual merit. People take something away."

The club itself is diverse: stay-at-home moms, professionals, retired people. They love for books and reading draws them together.

Anne Kloosig, Micawber's manager and book club participant, had a great time at the first discussion. "It's so fun to talk about books with people who don't know. It was really focused on the book. With friends you get off the subject."

"It was a lively discussion with some very acute observations," Kloosig continued. "We discovered so much about the other people had such insights. You received more than if you had read the book on your own."

Lynna Cumaris, a professional rosematar, got involved because she likes the bookstorian itself. "It has such a friendly atmosphere. They really have, good ideas if you describe what you are interested in reading."

She liked the idea of the book club. "I love to read. It's surprising the number of people who do love to read. I'd gotten the impression we were a dying breed. I was mistaken."

She continued, "I just hated the first book, but I read it through because I was committed. I was interested in finding out what other people thought. It was good to talk about it."

Beverly Hanson, a retired librarian, likes independent bookstores and belongs to several other book clubs. "When you get with a different combination of people, you come up with an interesting discussion," she observed.

She admits to prejudices about certain books. "I've never been a best-seller person. I look for books not in the popular mainstream. I like to try ethnic, books and books by women."

Kathy Wackaman describes the book club as "going to class rather than teaching yourself." She likes the option of attending one of the two sessions.

"In this group the book should be State of Minnesota confer its legitimacy on this highly questionable practice."

Tim Walker

Our Congressional delegation deserves praise

On behalf of Minnesota's hospitals, I would like to publicly recognize the leadership of our congressional delegation for their efforts to maintain the state's share of federal funding used to care for low-income and disabled Minnesotans. Thanks to their hard work, legislation was approved in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 to correct a reporting error that threatened to reduce the amount the state receives in 1999.

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Stephen Regness

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Christmas caroling: a neighborhood tradition

elle Christianson

The tradition of caroling could be said to have begun the first Christmas night with the angels singing. There are records of the bishop of Rome ordering people to sing carols as early as 129 A.D. St. Francis of Assisi is usually credited as being the “Father of the Christmas Carol” as he led his followers in song of praises at his nativity scene in 1224. Later carols were set to folk melodies and sometimes had a completely secular theme, as in “Here We Come a Wassailing” (which tells of the custom of going door-to-door with glass in hand asking for some of the mulled wine kept simmering over the fire at Christmas time) and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.” That is why caroling came to be done outdoors instead of in churches — it was less “holy” music.

But “holy” may just be a relative term. Certainly Mergenthal and her charges felt that awav caroling for the deaf and blind woman. I also had an experience caroling that his always stayed with me. Some of our friends used to meet and carol at the St. Anthony Park Home (Commonwealth Nursing Home at the time). One year they just had too many visitors so we had to find another place to go at the last minute. The only place that hadn’t had too many carolers was the floor at Lyngholmsten that housed those with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. Most of us were really young and hadn’t had much experience with the type of people to whom we were going to sing. But for most of us the reality was transforming. We saw faces brighten at melodies from their youth. Restless bodies calmed at the touch of a gentle hand on their shoulders. In a way it was the best experience we had ever had caroling.

The joy of caroling may just be the nostalgia and sentimental feelings it evokes. But it is also about making others forget their cares and relax for a few moments because you took the time to come to their home and sing to them. What an inexpensive yet significant gift to give anyone! *

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Holiday crafts at Family Fun Nights
Community Education is offering two special classes for those interested in creative preparations for the holidays. St. Anthony Park Family Fun Nights is the name of a special series of Friday evening classes for families to take together. The next offering is planned for Friday, December 4. The people who run the St. Paul shop ArtScraps will come to St. Anthony Park and guide families through the process of creating holiday decorations from scraps and bits that are usually found around the house.

On December 11, there will be a printmaking class for families using both traditional and non-traditional techniques to make cards and gift wrap. Classes run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the cost is $10 per family. For more information or to sign up, call Community Education at 293-8738.

Instructional Basketball
Instructional basketball registration at the Langford and South St. Anthony Rec Centers will end on December 11. This program is for boys and girls ages eight and under. Call 298-5765 for more information.

Talent Show
Langford and South St. Anthony Rec Centers’ winter holiday talent show will take place in January. This is open to all area adults and children. Call 298-5765 if you’d like to sign up.

Local youth to perform in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development brings back a holiday tradition with "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Charlie Bevis, 12, plays Leroy Herdman; Lily Bevis, 14, is the assistant stage manager; and PaviElle Frisch, 14, plays Maxine. All three attend Murray Junior High. Derek Ankland, 12, who attends school in Falcon Heights, plays Elmer Hopkins.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" previews on December 4 and opens December 5 and runs through December 23. All performances take place in the E.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium in the landmark Center in St. Paul. For tickets and information, call 651-225-9265.

Talking to Santa
Santa Class will take a break from his North Pole duties to appear live on CTV Channel 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on December 9. Youngsters can watch Santa on television while they talk to him live on the telephone. Parents, set your VCR to record. Santa can be reached by calling the studio at 481-9554 only on December 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no charge for the call. CTV Channel 15 is public access community television in the cities of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville and St. Anthony.

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The Befrienders Program — friends indeed for mothers in need

by Judy Woodward

They are two women, enjoying hot chocolate on a cold fall evening at a neighborhood café. Clearly, they’re closely connected to each other and to the towheaded little boy seated between them. Between sips of hot chocolate, she’s drawing careful pictures, which he holds up for their inspection and unfailing approval.

An onlooker might wonder at their relationship. Are they sisters? Their obvious intimacy hints at it, and their blonde hair and similar near features suggest a family tie.

Susan Paisley is in her late thirties; Jessica Williams is in her late teens. They are not relatives, but they share almost everything else in common. They are both single mothers with steady, practical outlooks on life: they share a common enthusiasm for expeditions to restaurants and movies; they’re joined in admiration for each other’s honesty and courage in dealing with the obstacles that life has from time-to-time put in their paths. And, oh yes, they’re both crazy about little Ignatius, the near-teenage-old son whom Jessica bore when she was a high school dropout of fifteen.

Paisley and Williams might never have met except for the Befrienders Program, a mentorship opportunity developed by Children’s Home Society. Soon to celebrate its 10th year, the Befrienders Volunteers Program matches young single mothers in one-to-one relationships with community volunteers who agree to help the new moms navigate the sometimes stormy seas of parenthood. The Befrienders offers emotional support and regular contact of a mature adult to a young woman who has often been thrust with little preparation into one of the most stressful and vulnerable experiences of her life.

Dealing with the consequences of unplanned parenthood is never easy for anyone, and the Children’s Home Society carefully screens potential Befrienders volunteers to make sure the women have the right mixture of empathy, maturity and commitment to the program. Befrienders are required to undergo about 18 hours of training and orientation before they begin the program. Then they must agree to devote at least two hours a week for a year to the young mother with whom they’re paired.

A Befriender can function as an early warning device, to help a stressed-out young mother realize that she needs to take constructive steps to resolve a child-care problem before it reaches crisis level. The Befrienders program works closely with the Crisis Nursery, another Children’s Home Society program, which offers immediate respite childcare for parents who find themselves at the breaking point.

Mostly, though, the task of the Befriender is more mundane. She acts as a friend, a receptive ear, and a source of maternal wisdom for young women who are distanced from their own extended families and have no other guides through the maze of motherhood in which they find themselves.

Paisley, a north St. Anthony Park resident, volunteered for the program after having “been a single mother most of my life.” When her son, now 14, began to grow up, she found she missed having a toddler in her life. “People supported me a lot when my son was younger,” she said, “and I thought this would be an important thing I could do to give something back.”

Paisley thinks that empathetic listening is the most important thing she does as a Befriender. She calls it “listening with your heart.” She says, “You validate the young mother’s experiences when you listen.”

Williams adds, “I think what makes a good Befriender is being flexible and open. The volunteer should come in without expectations and be prepared for anything.”

In the case of Paisley and Williams, that “anything” has meant deep, abiding friendship. Although they are not officially linked by the program any longer and although Paisley has agreed to befriend another young mother, the ties between the two women are strong and are likely to endure. Williams says, “She is out of my only friends. Thanks to her I learned that I can really make friends,” Paisley responds. “Jessica is extremely intelligent. She always has an interesting take on things. I made a good friend in her. She’s an extraordinary young woman.”

Thanks to Paisley’s support and her own ability and resilience, Williams will receive her high school diploma in the spring. She’s already taking college courses at a local community college and has considered pursuing an accounting degree in the future. Her long-term career goal, though, which she describes as a “calling,” is more unusual. “I want to be a medical examiner,” she explains laconically. And then, in case the questioner has not completely understood her response, she adds, “The kind of doctor who does autopsies. After all, I’m not really a people person.”

It’s a self-description that an observer, seeing her deep in animated conversation with her good friend Susan and carefully attentive to her sunny-tempered little Ignatius, might well dispute.

The next training session for the Befrienders Volunteer Program will be offered in the spring of 1999. For more information, contact Judie Basell at the Children’s Home Society at 686-4116.

Susan Paisley, Jessica Williams and little Ignatius have become close friends as a result of the Befrienders Program. Photo by Judy Woodward

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MICAWBER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 3 – Micawber’s is hosting the 4th annual St. Anthony Park Elementary School BOOKFAIR. This is a perfect day for holiday book buying, as a percentage of the day’s sales will be donated to SAPSA.

Friday, December 4, 7 PM at the Prairie Star Coffee Shop, 2999 University Avenue in St. Paul, Tony Hougland will be reading from his new book Donkey Gospel, the 1997 recipient of the James Laughlin Award of the Academy of American Poets. Hougland currently teaches at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Co-sponsored by Graywolf Press.

Saturday, December 5, 1-3 PM, Micawber’s is pleased to be hosting Sarah Susanka, author of THE NOT SO BIG HOUSE: A Blueprint for the Way We Really Live. A book about smaller houses designed to accommodate the lifestyles of its occupants, Susanka examines living spaces with a fresh perspective. Susanka is a principal with the architecture firm Mullingers, Susanka, Malaby & Partners, and lives in the Twin Cities.

Friday, December 18, 1-2:30 PM, Micawber’s is pleased to be hosting Jon Hassler as he reads from his new book, Underground Christmas. The third in Afton Historical Society Press’ series of annual Christmas books, Underground Christmas is the story of Jay who, nearing fifty, has come late to a midlife crisis, and how he comes to terms with change on a Christmas Day spent with his son.

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Garden Club
The St. Anthony Park Garden Club has changed its meeting place. Due to the construction at the St. Anthony Park Library, the Garden Club will now meet at Luther Seminary in the Olsen Campus Center, Seminar Room 1 on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:45 p.m. Mike Zins will discuss woody plants, and refreshments will be served afterward. New members are always welcome. For more information, call 651-7017.

Graduation standards
The St. Paul Public Schools are offering several opportunities for parents and community members to learn about the state’s new graduation standards. The next meeting will be held on December 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Como Park Senior High, 740 W. Rose Ave. Sessions will be held on other dates as well — call 651-293-3162 for more information.

Alzheimer’s study
Regions Hospital is hosting a study of a new investigational treatment for persons with mild to moderate forms of Alzheimer’s. All study participants will recover: free, regular medical evaluations. Call 1-877-STUDY-33 to find out more.

The Linconshire Experiment
A one-day festival showcasing England’s most rural country will be held on December 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Milton Square in St. Anthony Park. There will be a photography exhibit, antiques and cottage gifts, slide shows, lectures, teas and games and a sweets shop. Admission is $2 per adult and $1 per child or $5 per family. (Call 651-1112 (day) or 651-5209 (eve) for more information.

IN BRIEF

Farewell and a hearty thanks to Midway Clean Team
As we bid farewell to a wonderful summer and fall, it is now time to bid farewell to a great new Midway tradition — the Midway Clean Team, which for the past six months has spent part of each week picking up trash along University Avenue. The Midway Clean Team is made up of young adults and teens with development disabilities who participate in programs of Transition to Independence or Midway Training Services. The Clean Team was created through a partnership between those programs and the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Major funding for this program was provided by Dakota Bank. Additional funding was provided by Cub Foods and Liberty State Bank.

Businesses and residents alike have welcomed the work of the Clean Team, which has worked hundreds of hours picking up trash, sweeping sidewalks, and generally helping make the Midway a little cleaner place to visit, live or work.

— Eileen Watters

Como Park’s Carousel
Come Park is where the CaféCino’s Carousel horses will be stabled next year. St. Paul Parks and Recreation staff are now working with the carousel volunteers on a Pavilion to house the 68-horse attraction.

The carousel pavilion will be located at a site between the Como Conservatory and the large parking lot. The move of the carousel to Como Park will bring it near its old home at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Many area residents who visit the fair regularly no doubt remember seeing or even riding on the carousel during its years as a State Fair attraction. If all goes as planned, carousel and city officials say they’d like to get the ride up and running by August 1, not long before the 1999 fair starts.

Riders will be able to take a spin from Memorial Day through Labor Day, plus weekends only from April 15 to October 31. The ride would be closed Mondays. Each ride will cost $1.50.

The new carousel pavilion has an estimated cost of $900,000. Carousel benefactor and namesake Gerald Caesfian, the city and Ramsey County will share in the costs of the new pavilion.

The decision to locate the carousel at Como Park ends many months of uncertainty about the popular attraction’s fate. The carousel operated at the Minnesota State Fair from 1914 to 1989. When its previous owner threatened to close the ride down and sell the carousel in pieces, Our Fair Carousel formed to save the
Carol Metzger and Joe Borman stand in front of Como neighborhood's most popular new sign. Borman built the sign in his basement last summer for the first annual Como Days held this past August. Because the sign was too tall to be housed at the District 10 offices, the sign has been placed on the boulevard. "People like the sign so much," says Metzger, "that we can't take it down!" Metzger is the Community organizer for District 10. Borman organized the Como Days celebration and is a lawyer and resident in the Como neighborhood.

_Gale McClure_

Como Greek holiday dinner to benefit Community Gardens

Who can turn down an opportunity to meet friends and neighbors, feast on sumptuous Greek cooking, and while being serenaded by musicians — and at the same time, make a great contribution to our community? This wonderful occasion is the St. Anthony Park Association Christmas Dinner, scheduled for December 8 at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church parish hall. Proceeds will help fund the new Railroad Park and Community Gardens.

Music and entertainment will be provided by neighborhood musicians including Adam Granger, who is frequently heard on Prairie Home Companion. Delicious home-made Christmas cookies, baked by Heather Worthington, will be for sale (she's looking for volunteers to help — call 649-5992 if you're interested). A silent auction of goods and services will give everyone an opportunity to experience something wonderful and make a contribution to the park. Forms for donating silent auction items can be obtained at the Babelot, the library, Micawber's Bookstore, and Hampden Park Co-op.

One of the main attractions of this festive gathering is the delicious food, cooked by chefs Kiki and Warren Gere and crew. Kiki and Warren's SAPA dinners were famous in the 1970s, when their Greek dinners became a tradition which everyone looked forward to. Kiki and Warren hope to gather as many members of their old "crowd" together once again, to make this a truly memorable occasion.

Wonderful Greek cooking just comes naturally to Kiki, who hails from a traditional Greek household in Evanston, Illinois. Her immigrant parents brought

up their two daughters in a family where the dinner table was the center of activity. "My mom was the best cook in the world," Kiki exclaimed. "We always had people over, especially on Sunday. It's easy to love Greek food when you grow up with it!"

But wait! Who's the Greek here? Warren is a 'v-s in cold. He absolutely loves the idea of using fresh herbs and garlic — while cooking on their bright red enamelized gas range (circa 1940), the oven lined with fire brick.

"Food doesn't have to be expensive," remarks Kiki. "Delicious cheeses, olives, oil and greens were always a part of every meal. I believe it was the Ancient Greeks who formulated The Golden Mean: moderation in all things. In food, . . . and even politics!"

The price for the dinner is $10 for adults and $5 for children. Reservations are essential and must be made by December 5 (call 646-2929).

**Greek Holiday Dinner Menu**

_Roasted Greek Chicken (lemon, garlic and oregano)_

_Rice Pilaf with herbs_

_Spinach/potato (spinach pie)_

_Greek Salad_

_Greek Desert_

The St. Anthony Park Association will donate the proceeds for the dinner towards the purchase of land and development of the new Railroad Park and Community Gardens located in south St. Anthony Park. The highway of land is up for sale, by its owner, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The community has submitted an offer to buy the property, which the railroad has rejected as too low. Another offer is in the works.

The park plans include a sheltered area for train watching and information about the railroad's past in the historical development of the area, plantings of native grasses and wildflowers, and a continuance of the community gardens.

_Abby Marion_
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- Tag Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 286-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Writers’ Group, 1486 Raymond Avenue, 7:30 p.m. 645-1354. Newcomers welcome.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center, Seminar Room 1, 6:45 p.m. New members welcome.

2 WEDNESDAY
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday, 370-8924. Every Wednesday.

3 THURSDAY
- Tag Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.—noon. Every Thursday. Call 286-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Elementary's fourth annual bookfair, Micawber's Bookstore. A percentage of the day's sales will benefit SAPSA.

4 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- Tony Hoagland reads at Prairie Star Coffeehouse, 2399 University Ave., 7 p.m.

7 MONDAY
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

8 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- Holiday meal and tunes from neighborhood musicians to benefit the Community Gardens, St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 5:45 p.m., social hour: 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program.
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9 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- Talk with Santa from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on CTV Channel 15. Youngsters can watch Santa on television while they talk to him live on the telephone. Call 481-9554.

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- Hanukkah.
- Como Park recycling.

15 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.
- Falcon Heights La Leche Group meeting, 7 p.m. Call 646-2978 for meeting location and more information.

16 WEDNESDAY
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

18 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- St. Paul Schools — last day of school before winter vacation.
- Jon Hasler reads from his new book Underground Christmas at Micawber's Bookstore, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

19 SATURDAY
- Lauderdale "500" Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.

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Cello Beatrice Baulk

Cello Beatrice Baulk died on October 15 at the age of 80 in Palo Alto, California. She was a former resident of St. Anthony Park from 1936 to 1970. The Baulk family lived in three different houses in the Park, including their home on Brewer Street.

"Cello" Bonnie was born on November 29, 1917, in New Prairie. She was a graduate of Morris High School in 1934, attended St. Olaf College and the Minnesota Business School, then went to work in the Twin Cities.

On August 18, 1940, she married Magnus "Mag" Baulk. They lived in Starbuck, where they began raising their five children. After moving to St. Anthony Park in 1956, Baulk began a job as an office administrator. The Baukels were active parishioners at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. In 1970, they moved to California to be near their children. She worked for the Bank of America. In 1982, she died in death by her husband of 48 years, Magnus Baulk, and her daughter, Monica Baulk. The Baukels are survived by their two sons, Michael and Kim Baulk; two daughters, Kathleen Griffin and Mucia Barnott; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a sister Mildred Schneider.

Roy Benz

Roy F. Benz, a Falcon Heights resident, died on November 6. He was 86 years old.

Benz was a certified dental technician and owner of Northwest Dental Laboratory for over 50 years. He was president of the Minnesota Dental Lab Association, past councilman for the National Dental Lab Association, and a 56-year member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, where he sang in the choir for over 40 years. He was also a member of the Teamsters and the St. Paul Musicians Union.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Addie; a daughter, Sue Con; a son, Fred Benz; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

David Christensen

David Christensen, a former resident of Como Park, died at age 56 on October 21 in Mankato. He was a long-time banking leader in the Twin Cities and had recently lived in New Brighton. He was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Christensen was a graduate of Murray High School in the class of 1940. He served in the navy from 1942 to 1946. He became a banker in Minneapolis and served as vice-president for an Mankato bank, from 1967 to 1972, when he returned to the Twin Cities.

In 1981, he began conceiving on rural banks and owned or managed many until his death. He was also an instructor at the Minnesota School of Banking in Northfield.

Christensen is survived by his wife, Connie; children, David and Darin Christensen, and Leslie Murphy; and brothers Phil and Peter Christensen.

Alfred Fortmyer

Alfred H. Fortmyer, a longtime Como Park resident, died at age 97 on October 29. He was a 50-year member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Fortmyer was a member of Tisdale-Sunlit Lodge #263, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the American Legion Post 34. He was a longtime member of the Minnesota State Senate and was a member of the Minnesota State Senate from 1956 to 1974. He was also a member of the Minnesota State Senate from 1956 to 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Monica; a son, David; and two daughters, Mary and Susan.

Mildred Guibranson

Mildred Guibranson died on October 23. She was 92 years of age and a resident of Lyngbytonn Care Center.

Guibranson retired in 1973 from Hormel-Waldorf Corporation. She was a member of the Korean War Veterans Association.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Guibranson, and several nieces and nephews.

Harry Knoblauch

Harry C. Knoblauch, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on October 21 at age 75. He grew up on Scudder and in Roosevelt Avenue, then lived with his wife and children on Grand Street, next to the University of Minnesota. In 1954, he moved to Roosevelt Avenue, where he lived for 25 years.

A graduate of Murray High School, in the class of 1942 and the University of Minnesota in education, he was a World War II veteran of the Navy stationed on the USS ICI (RO) 1030. He retired after 15 years of teaching supplies schools throughout Minnesota for Farmhand and J.S. Latta Store. He was a member of the St. Anthony Park American Legion Post 34.

As a coach of four different women's softball teams, he led them to several national tournaments. Knoblauch also served on the St. Paul Municipal Athletic Softball Board. He was a charter member of Corpus Christi Church and was an altar boy at the first Mass in 1939.

Precious in death by three children, his wife of 47 years, Priscilla; 11 children, Mary, Schrievels, Mark, Joan, Jean Mahowald, Anne, Susan, Sarah, John, Julie, Joe, and Thomas; nine grandchildren; sister, Kathlyn Felson; and a brother, Joseph.

Evelyn Carol Bailey LeMay

Evelyn M. Carrol Bailey LeMay died on October 28 at the age of 92. She was a resident of Lyngbytonn Care Center and a founding member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. LeMay was born in St. Paul on June 9, 1927.

She is survived by her husband, Robert LeMay, and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth Molin

Ruth M. Molin, age 100, died on November 9. She lived at Lyngbytonn Care Center.

Molin was born in death by her husband, Edward, and two great-grandchildren, Brett Meidlinger and James Lind.

Survivors include a son, John Molin; a daughter, Phyllis Steen; six grandchildren; Betty Meidlinger and James Lind; and two great-grandchildren.

Loretta O'Donnell Pemble

Loretta Ann O'Donnell Pemble, a longtime resident of Como Park, died on September 27. She was 97 years of age.

O'Donnell was born on January 20, 1920, in Dallymount, Minnesota. In 1929 she married Earl Pemble, her husband for 55 years. They had three children, Colleen, Clyde, and Diane. She was noted for her traditional Sunday dinners.

Pemble is survived by a daughter, Diane Carlson of Feliz; seven grandchildren; Steven Pembel, Elizabeth Spillman, Kimberly Carlson, Kathleen Brainard, Lynn Schell, Jennifer Schmitz, and Garrett Carlson, Jr. and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rose Priddy

Rose M. Priddy, who lived in the Lyngbytonn Apartments, died on November 6. She was 90 years old.

Priddy was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, eight sisters, and a brother. She is survived by a daughter, Janie Priddy of Alexandria, Virginia; a son, Gerald Priddy of Ramsey, Minnesota; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Adella Wardrum

Adella Wardrum, a lifelong resident of St. Paul, died on November 5. She was 101 years old and had lived recently at Lyngbytonn Care Center.

Wardrum was a former employee of the W.S. Dougherty, Bumble, Bunn, and Butler Law Firm. She was a member of the Minnesota Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a brother, Leonard Wardrum, and nephew, Earl Wardrum.

Elsie Wiesen

Elsie Wiesen, age 92, died on October 18. She was a longtime resident of Lauderdale and mother of the former mayor.

Wiesen was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Wiesen. She is survived by a daughter, Rosalyn Wiesen; two sons, Robert and William Wiesen; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marian barrel.

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7:30 pm Youth Nite  
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