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A Technology Information Educational Services (TIES) trainer works with elementary school students. TIES recently moved into the old Harvest States Building at Snelling and Larpenteur in Falcon Heights.

TIES links schools, technology

by Amy Causton

If you've driven past the old Harvest States Building at Snelling and Larpenteur and wondered what the sign saying "TIES" in big letters is all about, wonder no more. TIES, a recent addition to the neighborhood, is a cooperative that, in the words of its motto, helps bring education and technology together.

TIES (Technology Information Educational Services) is a cooperative owned by 36 school districts. It was formed in 1967 through a grant project at the University of Minnesota to provide a cost-effective way to enhance technology in public schools.

TIES is controlled by a governing board made up of two representatives from each of the member districts. Its mission, says co-executive director Lee Whitcraft, is "helping districts use technology to enhance student learning." He adds, "Our belief is that technology is a tool to be used where it meets a curriculum goal, not to replace teachers or be the overwhelming tool of choice."

There are two main ways TIES supports technology in schools. One is through its ability to perform record keeping, accounting, payroll and human resources functions for its members (nonmembers can use TIES' services for a fee). TIES processes about 1,000,000 payroll checks and 2,000,000 financial transactions each year. It also maintains a database of nearly 250,000 students—about one-third of the students in the state's public schools.

The other main work TIES

does is helping districts stay current with technology use. TIES is the largest Internet provider for K-12 schools in the state. The company also trains 9,000-11,000 teachers and educators in the use of technology each year, both at its training center and in schools. In addition, TIES helps with tech support to keep systems up and running and with curriculum reviews to see where technology fits in.

Whitcraft believes that all the pieces work together. "The teachers need to be trained, technology needs to be supported, and we need to have integration of technology into the curriculum where it makes sense," he says.

As an example, students can use geographic information system (GIS) data to understand the nesting habits of eagles in Voyageurs National Park, or use the Internet to study sites along the Underground Railroad—like taking a field trip without leaving the classroom.

One advantage TIES offers is the ability to bring expertise from their contacts in the national and educational communities to local school districts, giving even small and rural school districts access to the latest in technology know-how.

"The big thing today is the sharing of people expertise," says Whitcraft.

TIES' move to the Harvest States Building came in stages, beginning last February. Previously, TIES was located in Roseville, and the employees were not all at the same site. They wanted to look at

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Talking trash: Where does our garbage go?

by Suzanne Garfield

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is considering a countywide garbage collection system that would give the county more control over where garbage is hauled. Currently, haulers have the option of taking trash to the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) in Newport or hauling it to a landfill.

The RRF was established by the two counties to help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and to recover non-renewable resources. Garbage taken to the RRF is sorted for burnables, which are then converted into fuel packets for use by Xcel Energy plants in Mankato and Red Wing.

Officials in Ramsey and Washington counties would like to ensure that more of the counties' garbage goes to the waste-to-energy plant. Currently, the two counties are together contractually obligated to deliver 280,800 tons of garbage per year to the Newport facility. But because they do not control collection, they cannot control delivery.

For many years, more than enough solid waste was delivered to the RRF to meet the counties' contract. But that is no longer the case, and the counties are liable for the shortfall.

The counties are considering changing from an "open collection" system to a "public collection" system. Under the current open collection system, homeowners choose a private hauler and pay the hauler's listed rate.

Over 60 private haulers are

licensed to do business in Ramsey County, 29 in St. Paul. Six of the licensed haulers serve St. Anthony Park. Of those, four have signed agreements with the county

waste management service charge assessed to taxpayers—\$42 per year for single-family households.

"Garbage taken to landfills is often a visual and nasal

Officials in Ramsey and Washington counties would like to ensure that more of the counties' garbage goes to the waste-to-energy plant in Newport.

committing them to deliver 100 percent of the refuse they collect to the RRF. The other two haulers have made no such commitment. (See sidebar on p. 11 for hauler information.)

Under a public collection system, certain private haulers would be selected by the city or county to provide garbage collection services at a negotiated rate. Ramsey County is not considering providing services directly.

In 1985, 97 percent of the two counties' trash went to landfills, compared to 20 percent in 2000. In 2000, 77 percent of the county's garbage was processed into fuel that provided energy for the equivalent of 28,000 households for a year. Another 3 percent was "ferrous recoverables," which were recycled.

In the past year, however, more haulers have been taking their loads to landfills instead of the Resource Recovery Facility, where they would pay \$35 per ton. The tipping fees are less expensive at landfills—about \$22 per ton. Indeed, some haulers own their own landfills.

The true cost to process materials at the RRF is \$67 per ton, but Ramsey County subsidizes the difference through a

nuisance, can be environmentally hazardous, and takes many years to decompose," said Jay Johnson of the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Environment Committee.

"The Environment Committee would like St. Anthony Park residents to consider this when they choose a hauler."

Currently, it appears that many of the smaller haulers are taking all of their waste to the RRF, while the larger haulers are trucking refuse to landfills both in and out of the state.

Rich Nelson, a member of SAPCC's Housing and Human Services Committee, is concerned not only about waste going to landfills but also about "the amount of truck traffic in our alleys."

"Where I live," Nelson said, "we had four or five different garbage trucks going up and down. That caused a lot of wear and tear on the pavement and was noisy. I talked to my neighbors and suggested that we get together and have one truck."

Nelson researched available haulers and then negotiated a contract with Gene's Disposal Service, which delivers

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St. Anthony Park Community Foundation increases grant funding for third year

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation has announced the recipients of its third annual grants cycle. A total of \$17,500 will be distributed to five community organizations. The Foundation's total grants have increased in each of the first three years of its existence, bringing the total grants awarded since 1999 to \$38,700.

Five organizations were awarded grants this year:

Arts Off Raymond received a \$3,000 grant for software and equipment to develop a database and maintain financial records. The grant will also help pay for a historic trolley car and driver to

improve accessibility for visitors between participating sites during the annual November art crawl.

Arts Off Raymond, a four-year old organization based in south St. Anthony Park, sponsors an annual art studio tour in the neighborhood.

Murray Junior High School received \$1000 toward scholarships for students in financial need to attend an environmental camp in northern Minnesota. This program sends a representative group of Murray Junior High School students to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center every year. The program teaches teamwork,

leadership and self-confidence and includes a multicultural component. Students work together to overcome challenges through rope courses, orienteering, rock climbing, human relation activities and living together in dorms. The program encourages students to bring the human and environmental understanding they've gained at Wolfridge back to share with the Murray student body.

Music in the Park Series received \$3500 in support of its Family Concert Series and educational activities at

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St. Anthony Park

Children's Home Society plans to move their Ramsey County Crisis Nursery to their Como Avenue site. The older of the two Como Avenue buildings (the old bank building) will be removed and replaced by green space and a playground for children who stay in the nursery. —Susan Conner

The St. Paul City Council approved a Large Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant for renovation of the Minnesota Diversified Industries building at 1700 Wynne Avenue, just southeast of the Snelling and Como intersection. MDI will receive \$250,000.

—Jane McClure

Como Park

A pedestrian-bicycle trail extension for Como Park and neighborhoods to the south moved a step nearer to completion with a November 7 vote by the St. Paul City Council to obtain a permanent easement south of McMurray Field.

The property in question includes privately owned land, which necessitated condemnation proceedings and award of damages for property that fronts 1125 Energy Park Drive. The value of the easements is \$25,800, which is a local match for a federal grant.

The extension is intended to connect existing bicycle and pedestrian paths in Como Park

with neighborhoods to the south. The high volume of traffic on Lexington Avenue made it impractical for a bicycle lane to be added to that road, although the city's Parks and Recreation Commission and Bicycle Advisory Board had advocated for a Lexington trail in the past.

The trail extension will also provide a connection to the newly refurbished Como Park streetcar station, which was opened to the public in October after extensive renovation. The stone station building at the corner of Lexington and Horton served for many years as parks offices. It is now open to the public on a limited basis and will be available for rent to groups for meetings and events. —J. MC.


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St. Paul

The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding St. Paul district councils and the citizen participation system on December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 40, City Hall.

The hearing was prompted by several well-publicized problems with district council operations and by the fact that no comprehensive review of councils has taken place for 26 years, according to commissioner Steve Gordon. The hearing will address several issues:

- Accountability, both in programs and finances.
- Representation. There have been concerns about a lack of membership on district councils from renters, minorities and other groups.
- Staff training, compensation and city support.
- Financing.

The Commission encourages participants to bring examples of successes as well as comments on pertinent issues and proposals for improving the system. Written comments are also welcome. They should be submitted by December 5 to:

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St. Paul, MN 55102 or
Joel.Spoonheim@ci.stpaul.mn.us
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— S. C. and J. MC.

A proposal to restrict use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus was the topic of a St. Paul City Council public hearing on November 28 and will be presented for final adoption December 5 at City Hall.

Two ordinances have been proposed. One regulates the application of fertilizers containing phosphorus. This

provision would be waived for newly established turf or for areas with a demonstrated phosphorus deficiency. The ordinance also exempts naturally occurring phosphorus in "unadulterated natural or organic fertilizer products such as yard waste compost."

A second ordinance would amend existing regulations affecting companies licensed to apply lawn fertilizers in St. Paul. These companies would have to follow the same restrictions placed on home owners.

The City Council also adopted a resolution that urges the Minnesota Legislature to enact statewide legislation regulating the sale and use of phosphorus lawn fertilizers. It notes the relationship between the use of phosphorus fertilizers and the degradation of water quality.

— J. MC.

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the Harvest States Building early in their search process, but it wasn't on the market; a developer hoped to convert it to condos.

When that plan fell through, TIES stepped in and snapped it up. Not only was the building's \$3.7 million price tag less than the \$5 million many other sites were going for, but its size would allow all the employees to work in one location, with room for expansion as well as extra space to lease out.

Currently, the National Youth Leadership Council is TIES' only tenant, but two other groups have signed letters of intent. Whitcraft says the goal is to make the building a sort of "educational hub" for organizations related to K-12 schools.

One of the things that most impressed them about the building, says Whitcraft, was how well it had been kept up. Built in

1946 and renovated twice, the building was originally the home of the Grain Terminal Association, a cooperative organization for grain farmers. In fact, the letters "GTA" are still embossed on the elevator doors.

"So it's gone from an agricultural co-op to an educational co-op," Whitcraft notes, adding that "we're investigating whether to have it registered as a historical landmark."

There are several striking aspects to the building, including marble tiling on the walls and a cafeteria with walls of glass brick. Aside from using portable walls to define their training center and replacing some carpet, TIES has no plans for drastic changes to the building.

Asked about the future of technology and education, Whitcraft says that a big concern

will be the so-called "digital divide" between kids with computers at home and those without. Down the road, he envisions students getting laptops and hand-held computers on which to do their homework and tests, and wearable computers with voice recognition and GPS (global positioning system) technology so they can track their field trips.

"Wireless will play a big role," he predicts. In addition, e-books might replace standard textbooks, with the books a student needs simply being downloaded on a portable reader.

To learn more about TIES, come to their holiday open house on Saturday, December 15 from 1-3 p.m. There will be photos with Santa and tours of the building. Call 999-6000 for more information. ■

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EDITORIAL

Who knows where the trash goes?

Garbage is our dirty little secret.

All of us generate trash, but most of us take care to keep it hidden. In the kitchen, the waste basket is under the sink. The trash cans are back behind the garage.

We keep our garbage out of sight because we're polite. Other people don't want to look at our refuse, we reason, so we do them the favor of hiding it.

Conveniently, keeping our garbage under wraps also means that no one knows how much of the stuff we generate—unless, of course, you're one of those unlucky souls who doesn't have an alley and has to drag your trash cans out to the front curb once a week, where your rubbish is on public display for at least a few hours, until someone picks it up and hauls it away to . . . to where, exactly?

How many of us know where our trash goes?

It's a commonplace that urbanites don't know where their food comes from. City kids think lettuce grows in produce departments and milk comes from plastic jugs. But we're equally ignorant about where the empty jugs go when we're done with them.

Garbage is one of those things you only have to think about once in a great while. You move to a new place. You've filled out the change-of-address cards. Then you get the phone hooked up and order the newspaper. You make the choice: cable or satellite dish? DSL or broadband? You're feeling like you've got things pretty well under control—until it's time to take out that first load of trash. Suddenly it hits you: You don't have a trash hauler.

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The editor is in

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Letters

Thanks to buckthorn bashers

On October 27th, buckthorn, mulberry and honeysuckle brush was picked up from 18 private properties, College Park and the Raymond Avenue curve near Manvel as part of the second annual St. Anthony Park buckthorn roundup. Participating residents removed everything from small quantities of buckthorn up to a 160 foot hedge.

Thanks go to the many volunteers who assisted residents with buckthorn cutting and stacking: Ron Dufault, Sherm Eagles, Otto and Terri Gockman, Dave Lee and Marty Wolf. Jerry Wallace and the Boy Scouts from Troop 17 did a very thorough job removing buckthorn of various

sizes from the west and south sides of College Park and helped plant bur oak seedlings.

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club will partially fund the roundup for the next eight years. If you have not yet participated, check the Bugle late next summer for information on how you can have buckthorn removed from your property at a relatively low cost next October.

Also, a survey of St. Anthony Park properties will be completed next summer, and a flier explaining the roundup will be left at your home if buckthorn is spotted on your property. Thank you to all who participated!

Mary Maguire Lerman
Chair, SAP Buckthorn Roundup

Red Cross fundraiser a success

Thanks to all those who made the Red Cross fundraiser at Ginkgo in the Park a successful event. Over \$1200 was raised in contributions from those who attended. Everyone enjoyed the free beverages and food, the drawings for coffee and gift certificates, and the wonderful bluegrass music provided by Backroads Junction. Donations for the event were provided by Ginkgo, Alakef Coffee, Coffee & Tea Ltd, Four and Twenty Blackbirds Bakery, Clark Paper Products and Schroeder Dairy.

Kathy Sundberg
Ginkgo owner

A letter to the community from the Bugle board

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news about our communities.

Many of you have received letters from our board of directors asking for your support. Unfortunately, our mailing list does not include every reader in the Bugle's distribution area of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Northwest Como and St. Anthony Park, nor does it include the readers who look forward to getting their monthly issue from one of our many neighborhood distribution sites.

If you have not received a letter, please consider this your invitation to contribute to the Bugle's future. With a need

of \$23,000 in community contributions toward operating expenses in fiscal year 2001-02, every reader's support is essential.

If you can help with a donation of any amount, please clip and mail the form below with your contribution to the Park Bugle. Every tax-deductible donation goes directly toward producing another great issue of the Bugle.

Thank you.

Mark Olson
Fund Drive Chair

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St. Anthony Park Elementary and Murray Junior High. The Series will provide three family concerts at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church featuring premiere local artists performing music grounded in the folk tradition. The grant will also provide for residency activities with internationally acclaimed artists for local elementary and junior high school students.

St. Anthony Park School Association received \$5000 for an ongoing art enrichment program at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. The program will conclude the second three-week

residency of In the Heart of the Beast Puppet Theater, this time for first, third, and fifth graders. The grant will also support a residency with poets Dana Jansen and Carrie Pomeroy for third and fifth graders, and a first-grade theatrical or dance/creative movement residency.

The St. Anthony Park Library Association received \$5,000 for landscaping of an "outdoor room" next to the library along Como Avenue, the most visible and decorative section of a proposed final landscaping plan to complement the library's new addition.

"There were many outstanding grant applications again this year," reported Foundation Executive Director Jon Schumacher. "We tried to identify those that had the potential to make the greatest impact on all the residents of St. Anthony Park. While we weren't able to fund all grant requests, we will continue to work with all neighborhood nonprofits to address their needs. The fact that we were able to increase our grant awards in these challenging economic times says a lot about the confidence we have in the charitable conscience of this community." ■

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Butch Thompson to appear in February

Concert with Duke Heitger will benefit local groups

Music in the Park Series and the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation are teaming up again to host the 11th Annual Gus Donhowe Memorial Jazz Concert on February 3, 2002.

The popular event will feature favorite son Butch Thompson on piano and New Orleans' own Duke Heitger on trumpet. The duo will perform two concerts in the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ at 4 and 7:30 p.m.

Between shows, barbecue box dinners from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will be available for \$8.

Heitger, one of the brightest stars of a growing number of younger musicians who play traditional jazz, hooks up with local and national legend Butch Thompson for a fresh look at

classics by Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington, Eubie Blake and other pioneers. In the spirit of the originals, Thompson and Heitger are spontaneous, improvisational jazz musicians. Masters of traditional style, they play not as historians but as interpreters.

Thompson and Heitger have worked together often since Heitger's 1996 Minnesota debut with Thompson's Jazz Originals band in Minneapolis. Heitger has also appeared with Thompson several times on the nationally syndicated public radio show "A Prairie Home Companion."

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Should Ramsey County implement a trash collection system county-wide?

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is considering the implementation of a county-wide trash collection system. Because this change would have important effects on St. Paul residents, community input is needed. To help encourage public discussion, the St. Anthony Park Community Council will be hosting a public meeting to discuss these possible changes.

Date: 12/13/01

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Alternative medicine available in St. Anthony Park

by Amy Wendland

Jill Johnson admits she is afraid of needles. When a doctor wants to take a drop of blood from her finger, she's liable to faint. Despite this apparent occupational hazard, Johnson, a former bond trader at Piper Jaffrey, is an acupuncturist and currently operates the Shen-Men Acupuncture Center at 2395 University Avenue in St. Paul.

About five years ago, Johnson sought acupuncture treatment after being sent from one doctor to another and finding no relief from the pain she was suffering.

The needles used in acupuncture are very thin, she discovered, and there was no pain when they were inserted—only a small prickling sensation.

Nevertheless, Johnson was skeptical during and immediately after her first acupuncture session. After returning home, however, she experienced remarkable relief.

In Minnesota, acupuncture practitioners must be licensed by the state Board of Medical Practice, which requires practitioners to display their license in their office. To receive a license, an acupuncturist must be certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists.

Acupuncture is one form of alternative medicine that is moving into mainstream practice.

Practitioners must also have a degree from an accredited school for acupuncture. To maintain their license, they must continue to take classes.

Johnson received her degree from the Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in Bloomington. They are the only accredited school in the state and offer master's degrees in both acupuncture

and Oriental medicine.

In 1997, the National Institute of Health hosted a conference to present available scientific and medical information in the field of acupuncture. A panel of experts from various medical fields concluded that acupuncture could be effective in treating nausea and pain, including ailments such as carpal tunnel syndrome, addiction and asthma.

Acupuncture involves inserting small, sterile needles into the surface of the skin at specific locations. According to practitioners, the needles correct disruptions in the flow of energy caused by illness.

Acupuncture is one form of alternative medicine that is moving into mainstream practice.

Because many people use so-called alternative medicine in combination with traditional medical treatment, the terms "complementary" and "integrative" medicine are increasingly being used to describe therapies such as acupuncture.

Before seeking complementary medical treatment, many people first consult their regular doctor. If they decide to pursue any kind of alternative medicine, such patients would do well to find out a prospective practitioner's attitude toward mainstream medicine and whether he or she is willing to work with the patient's regular doctor. It's also best to keep one's regular physician informed of any other treatments one is using.

In the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, there are several resources for those seeking more information on complementary medicine.

Jill Johnson operates the Shen-Men Center, which provides acupuncture, herbal and shiatsu therapy. More information can be received by calling 649-1605 or by visiting the Shen-Men Center Web site, www.shen-men.com.

Open Hands Therapeutic Massage is located at 2265 Como Avenue. Staffed by six licensed and certified practitioners, Open Hands offers a variety of massage therapies. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 645-7414.

The Holly House Center, also at 2265 Como, offers a variety of treatments including massage therapy, acupuncture and lifestyle educational assistance. They have a fully-licensed staff with expertise in varying fields who aim to treat a patient's total health and lifestyle. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 645-6951. ■

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YOUNG JOURNALISTS REPORT



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Oda Eiane, Michela Dimond, Rose Wright and Jennifer Duchscher confer at a strategy session.

School patrols at St. Anthony Park School like their job

Have you ever seen an orange vest or flag proudly announcing that the person is a St. Paul School patrol? The patrols are an important part of school safety at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. They are out there rain or shine. It is not an easy job.

There are a few perks, like the annual patrol picnic and hot chocolate on days when it dips below zero. Mostly, though, patrols volunteer their time and effort. They help keep all students safe, whether they ride the bus, walk or get dropped off at school.

Patrols differ in their jobs, but they all have safety in their hearts. Patrol captains Jamie Fritts and Nancy Dietman keep everyone in line. "So far, mostly everyone is doing well," reports Jamie.

Walking patrols play a major part in maintaining safety. Matt Clausen and Emily Baird are just two of the many walking patrols. When asked what they enjoy most about patrolling, Emily replied, "I think patrolling is very rewarding."

One cool thing is that

Matt's two uncles and his dad once patrolled at his stop on Raymond and Brewster, too.

Bus patrols are chaos stoppers. Bus patrol Mai Lor Lee said, "If the sixth grade were not patrolling, the bus would be chaotic." Bus patrols also organize the hectic lines after school as students prepare to board the buses.

Chong Xiong said, "All I have to do is keep children out of trouble and keep them safe." Bus patrol Bee Vang added,

"I like being a patrol because I want kids to be safe and respect each other."

Last but not least are the kindergarten patrols. They walk the morning session kindergartners who live in the neighborhood home and they pick up the afternoon kindergartners. Kindergarten patrol Porcha Bankston says that her favorite thing is "seeing her kindergarten buddy in the hall. She always waves and smiles at me."

Author visits Murray Junior High

Do you know of someone who sits in the park two days a week and lets the pigeons perch on her while she writes fantasy novels for young adults? Well, students at St. Anthony Park Elementary and Murray Junior High School do after an October 23 visit from popular author, Tamora Pierce.

Pierce spoke to fifth-through eighth-grade students at Murray Junior High's auditorium

about how she goes about writing her books. She has written seventeen books including the popular quartet "The Song of the Lioness."

Pierce was introduced by St. Anthony Park Elementary sixth graders Nancy Dietman and Amanda Muehlbauer. The two fans dressed as pages for the event, because in many of Pierce's books young girls hoping to train as knights start out as pages.

—Jennifer Duchscher, Nancy Dietman, Michela Dimond and Rose Wright
6th graders at St. Anthony Park Elementary School

Como playground fundraising continues

Here at Como Park Elementary School we've been working hard and getting lots of support from Ms. Stachel, the principal. In October we had a Papa John's pizza sale, and the second graders sold pop to help raise money for a new

playground. We raised \$310 in pizza sales and \$115 in pop sales. Our former principal gave a generous donation of \$500 dollars. The current grand total is \$1,165 dollars for a new playground. We are trying to raise more money.

Holidays provide learning opportunities

At Como Elementary we are getting into the holiday spirit because there are a lot of kids at our school who celebrate different holidays during the months of December and November.

Two teachers told us what they would be doing to teach about all these holiday traditions. Ms. Petering's music class will stroll through the halls singing songs from different holiday traditions.

Ms. Sullivan, a kindergarten teacher, said she focuses on various winter holidays. In December her class works on

a program called "Holidays from Around the World." They learn about Asian, Hispanic and Hmong New Year's celebrations to represent the different cultures of students in her class.

Ms. Sullivan says it's important to learn about other cultures so students can have a better understanding of other people. Kids who don't celebrate holidays can celebrate things such as reaching the 100th day of school. Her class also makes a holiday museum that contains books and artifacts about holidays like Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

—Mia Lott, Brandi Fredericks and Ciara Kunert
6th graders at Como Park Elementary School

Local students to appear in "The Hobbit"

This year Parkview Center School in Roseville is presenting "The Hobbit," a play based on the well-known book by J. R. R. Tolkien. This exciting play is filled with dragons and gold and is very intriguing.

The cast, directed by Hillevi Peterson-Hirsch, includes St. Anthony Park resident Ben Huth as Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who likes to stay home and drink tea but goes on an adventure to save his family name. Como Park resident Zina Mbaugata is Gollum the sea creature and the troop of dwarves, elves and goblins includes Falcon Heights resident Katie Howard, Catlin

Hemstad and Abby Morrisette from Como Park, and Lucy Steinmann from St. Anthony Park.

There will be two performances, November 30 and December 1, in the Parkview Center School cafeteria. The school is located at 701 West County Road B in Roseville. Performances start at 7 p.m.

For ticket information, contact Beth Willinger at Parkview Center School, 487-4360. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for students and seniors. Also, don't worry about getting hungry during the play: We serve delicious treats.

—Lucy Steinmann
6th grader, Parkview Center School

The authors on this page are part of the Bugle's Young Journalists program, an effort to encourage journalism among area elementary and secondary students. Any students interested in learning more about this program are encouraged to contact program coordinator Lisa Steinmann at lsteinmann@excite.com or 645-0135.

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Dispensing comfort: Local coffeeh

Along with everyone else on
September 11, I worked through
an array of emotions—shock, rage, grief—
until I ran out of descriptors for my
feelings. I became totally disoriented
when I tried to go to my office in St. Paul's
World Trade Center, only to find the
building closed, sealed tight. I had the
day off, I guess.

Driving up Summit Hill on the
way home, the traffic jam foretold that
the St. Paul Cathedral must have been
packed to overflowing. I entertained a brief
thought of stepping in there but reasoned
that I never ran to church or temple in
times of crisis before, so why start now?

Instead, I headed to my favorite
coffeehouse, the place where I've gone for
several years to share time with friends,
work on writing, read, listen to music or
poetry readings or just hang out. It's my
home away from home.

The owner glanced at me and asked
gloomily, "the usual?" "Yeah," I responded.
Claiming "my" chair at the counter, I
whiled the afternoon away drinking lattes,
trying, along with other customers, to
make sense of the unimaginable.

There were no coffeehouses when I
was growing up, only coffee shops—dingy,
depressed joints where menus stuck to
tables, silverware was encrusted with food
particles, and gum-chewing, hostile
waitresses dared you to order something,
then shooed you out as soon as possible.
And the coffee—well, it tasted like two
parts metal, one part sludge.

I didn't know it at the time, but what
I was missing in these places, besides a
decent cup of coffee, was the numinous
quality called ambience.

Thankfully, in the early 90s, the
coffeehouse-phenomenon blossomed in
the Twin Cities, with chains like Starbucks,
Dunn Brothers and Caribou establishing
outposts on nearly every other block.
Despite fierce competition, independents



Prairie Star owner Kristina Gronquist

have grown and flourished as well. The
reasons for the plethora of coffeehouses
are many: inviting atmosphere, strong
customer following, convenient location
and good coffee, to name a few.

The Bugle area is home to several such
neighborhood coffeehouses, where you can
get a decent cuppa joe (or tea or chai), great
baked goods and sometimes sandwiches and
soups. The living room décor of many of
these fine establishments (including
couches, coffee tables and easy chairs)
encourages patrons to make themselves
at home. The board games, video games,
books and, sometimes, live entertainment
also draw people in for extended periods.

Beyond that, these coffee cafés vary
in mood, interior and clientele. For a
cultural adventure, not to mention major
caffeine buzz, try visiting a handful of them
in a day and you will find a treasure of
fine and funky places guaranteed to suit
your fancy.

(A new establishment recently opened
in St. Anthony Park, too late to be included
in this issue: Taste of Scandinavia Bakery
and Dunn Brothers Coffee at the corner
of Como and Carter.)

Ginkgo in the Park
2300 Como Avenue
644-7699

The express version of the original
Ginkgo on Snelling Avenue keeps
St. Anthony Park denizens caffeinated with
great drinks and well fed with delicious
sandwiches and assorted baked goods.

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Ginkgo the ideal spot to grab a quick java
hit or just to hang out after running errands
at nearby businesses.

Though indoor seating is limited,

Ginkgo has several
chairs, making it a
weather permitting
and to take in the
Como Avenue.

Roasting Stones
2388 University Ave
644-1645

Former Stonehenge
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Prairie Star Coffee
2399 University Ave
646-7827

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the chatter and fun atmosphere, seem to
enjoy the diversity as well as the great coffee
and snacks.

Lori's Coffee House
1441 Cleveland Avenue
647-9007

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Although "Lori" sold the place a while
ago, her spirit (as well as her name) has
been retained by the present owners—two
entrepreneurial, affable Palestinian brothers.
Lori's does a bustling business, thanks to
University of Minnesota students, faculty
and staff; parishioners from the St. Andrew
Kim Korean Catholic Church across the
street; and devoted neighbors. (An added
plus: The staff remembers your favorite
drink—even if you haven't visited for a
couple of years!)

Though it can be somewhat chaotic at
times due to its size and popularity, you will
feel welcomed and, if you hit it just right,
will even find a chair (outdoor seating is
available also in the summer). Your only
challenge will be selecting from the vast
array of drinks, soups and baked goods.
Remember to sit back and enjoy the brew,
the food, and take a look at the latest
rotating artwork.

Fireball Espresso Cafe
1532 Larpenteur Avenue
917-2820

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done a thriving
years serving
ness people and
ony Park locals,

Located on the southeast corner of
Snelling and Larpentuer, the lively
Fireball Espresso, the newest kid on the
block, has kept the sound stage, along with
couches, chairs, tables and video games of its
previous incarnation, the Coffee Shock.

Although coffee and sandwiches
are available, Fireball Espresso, open since
July 2001, also proclaims that "pseudo-
intellectual ambiance is included at no
charge." It opens "whenever," but once
the doors are unlocked, it remains open
well into the next day—sometimes with
music, poetry readings, films and other
performance art helping make this a popular
venue.

Though the laid-back student lounge
look lends itself to the obvious clientele of
teens and 20-somethings, the customers vary
considerably (some locals, but many from all
over). Much of that audience is based on the
type of entertainment.

"We have a lot of variety in music—
punk, blues and jazz. We only try to avoid
country bands," said one of the owners,
"but sometimes they get in anyway."

If you don't mind paying the cover,
it's worth visiting for great local bands and
interesting people watching. Oh, and
smoking is allowed.

**Black Bear Crossings
Coffeehouse and Community Circle**
831 Como Avenue
488-2327

Black Bear Crossings on the Lake
1360 Lexington Parkway
488-4920

Maybe it's the Native American flute
music that gently wafts through the
spacious cafe, or the wonderful, dark roast
coffee, but no matter what my state of mind,
I always leave Black Bear Crossings feeling
much more tranquil.

Even if java is not your thing, make a
point to visit Black Bear Crossings, either
at its original location near the northeast
entrance to Como Park, or at Como
Pavilion, which opened this past Memorial
Day. Both places are akin to sacred lodges
or retreat centers, with exquisite Native
American artwork everywhere reflecting the
Ojibwe heritage of the owner.

Wonderful coffee and tea concoctions
await you as well as sumptuous baked goods
(pumpkin-spice muffins with cream-cheese
frosting seem to be the best sellers) and
delicious sandwiches that are all made on-site.

The original location at 831 Como has
breathed new meaning into the phrase "the
other side of the tracks." Literally right next
to railroad tracks where trains sometimes go
by every few minutes, this area could have
slipped into disarray. But the presence of this
coffeehouse has not only given it a face-lift
but has elevated the location to something
other than "some place off the beaten path."

The Como Pavilion location is another
story of space redemption. Although the
pavilion had been in use for years, the food,
quality of service and vibes were uneven at
best. Since Black Bear has taken over, the
change is dramatic. They have recovered the
original beauty of the location by decorating
it with flowers, Native artwork and cheerful
borders, making the most of the light, airy
and open space overlooking Como Lake.

Because of the owners' emphasis on
Black Bear Crossings being a community
circle as well as coffeehouse, both locations
attract people from all over. There are also
ample meeting rooms that offer free meeting
space to various groups. In addition, both
places host book readings and musical
performances, adding to their popularity.

All that aside, one reason Black Bear
Crossings on Como is special is because of
those incessant trains that arrive
unannounced, rattling the floorboards and
drowning out conversations. That delicious
vibration whisks me away momentarily to
childhood, where that sound was my lullaby.
The whirring trains were sometimes the
only constant and always brought with them
a sense of security that all would be well in
the world when I woke up the next day.

Since September 11, I've needed to
hold onto simpler, safer and more secure
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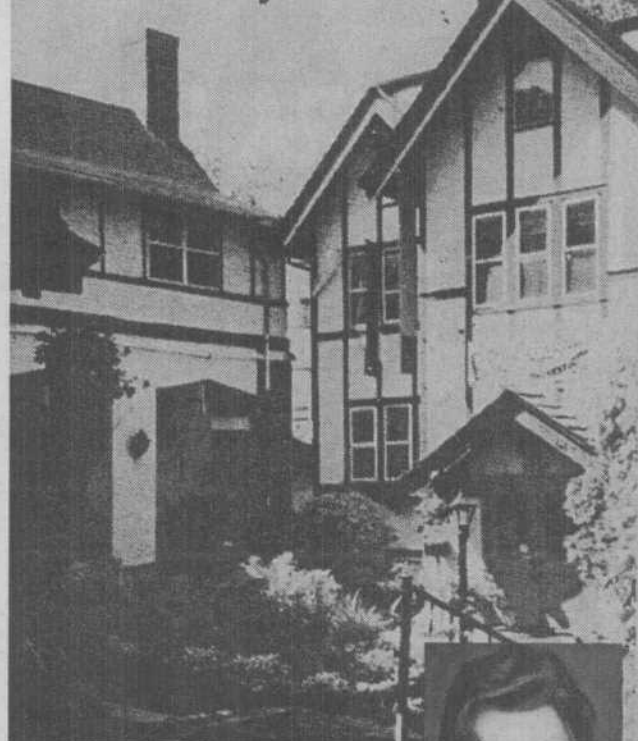
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Gardening

At the December 4 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, **Bob Bulthuis** will discuss raising orchids at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the St. Anthony Park Library.

Sales

Ginkgo Coffeehouse and **Ginkgo in the Park** will host two art and craft sales in December. Metro-area artists will sell jewelry, pottery, cards and other items.

Sales are December 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Avenue, and December 15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Ginkgo in the Park, 2300 Como Avenue.

Micawber's Bookstore sponsors its annual St. Anthony Park

Elementary School Book Sale Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Ten percent of the proceeds from all books sold that day will be donated to the school. At 4:30 p.m. that day, local author Lisa Bullard will read from and sign copies of "Not Enough Beds."

The women's group from **St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church** will hold a bake sale, lefse making demonstration and coffee hour on December 1 from 9 a.m.-noon.

A 60-year-old memory quilt from the church's early years will be on display. Neighbors, friends and relatives as well as church members are invited.

Volunteers

Como Zoo is seeking volunteers interested in learning and sharing information with visitors about zoo animals. A five-part training series for new animal interpreter volunteers begins January 23.

Volunteers must commit to a three-hour daytime shift weekly or twice a month for at least one year. For more information, call 487-8252.

The **Adaptive Recreation Program** of the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteer musicians/vocalists for a continuing sing-along event.

The program provides musical entertainment for individuals with physical and

mental disabilities. It meets at Wilson Middle School, 631 N. Albert Street, every second and fourth Monday from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Anyone who can sing or play an accompanying instrument is encouraged to apply. For more information, call Mary Livingston at 266-6366.

Volunteers are needed to help serve a **noon meal** on Wednesdays to seniors in the St. Anthony Park area. Volunteers receive a free lunch. For more information, call Robert Shoffner at 645-1373.

Awards

The **St. Anthony Park Branch Library** and **EDS Consultants and Construction Managers** were honored recently by the Construction Management Association of America at CMAA's national conference in New Orleans. EDS received an award for a public project with a construction value of less than \$10 million.

Lyngblomsten recently received a \$250,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation to be used toward the renovation of their nursing care center. The renovation is part of a three-year \$4.7 million "Focused on the Future" campaign that includes the care center renovation, additional senior housing and expanded community services. ■

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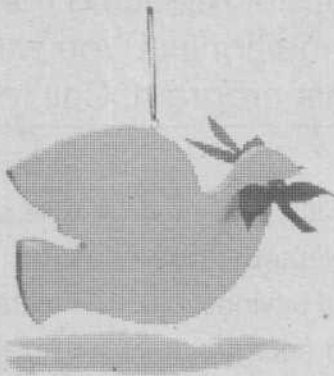
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Hoe hoe hoe—finding holiday gifts for gardeners

by Mary Maguire Lerman

It's that time of the year when lists are being made and checked twice prior to the annual holiday shopping experience. And it's that time when gardeners are already dreaming of next spring.

If you're like me, you probably have some gardeners on your to-buy-for list. And if you're like me, you can't stand the large crowds at shopping malls.

To meet the needs of others like me, I've prepared a list of gift suggestions that can be found locally in non-mall stores or ordered by mail or from a Web site.

To begin with, an interesting new shop is arriving in Milton Square at Como and Carter. Scheduled to open the day after Thanksgiving, Crescent Moon is relocating from cramped quarters at 58 Hamline Avenue South. Owner Marsha Holdhusen is looking forward to her spacious new quarters in the space formerly occupied by Lincolnshire Larks.

Holdhusen says her shop will feature "an eclectic mix of old and new items" including furniture, antiques and seasonal

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Another possibility is a gift certificate
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Perennials: Ambergate Gardens (952-443-2248,
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 Saturday

■ St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church bake sale, 9 a.m.-noon.

3 Monday

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
 ■ Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.
 ■ St. Anthony Park Elementary Benefit Book Sale, Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

4 Tuesday

■ Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
 ■ Toastmasters (645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7:40-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.
 ■ St. Anthony Park Writers meet at Black Bear Crossings, 831 Como Ave., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. 645-1345.
 ■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

5 Wednesday

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Christmas dinner. Lunch reservations by Monday.
 ■ Women's Connection, a job networking organization (481-6925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

6 Thursday

■ Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
 ■ Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
 ■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

7 Friday

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
 ■ Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.
 ■ Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. 642-0411.

8 Saturday

■ Langford Teen Night (7th through 9th grade), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required. Cost \$3.
 ■ Holiday art/craft sale, Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

10 Monday

■ Hanukkah
 ■ Como Park recycling.
 ■ Park Press Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.

■ Book talk by Warren Gore. "Blood: Stories of Life and Death from the Civil War" edited by Peter Kadiz. St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.
 ■ Northern Lights 4H meeting (645-7280), Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 6:45-8 p.m.

11 Tuesday

■ Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
 ■ Holly House Director, Dr. Patricia Lawler, will share natural strategies to improve digestion. Free workshop, 6 p.m. Call 645-6951 by Dec. 10.

12 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.
 ■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
 ■ Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday.

13 Thursday

■ Judge Mark Munger reads from his novel "The Legacy." St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.
 ■ Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
 ■ Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.
 ■ King Webster Toastmasters (763-717-1666), Pippins Restaurant, 2905 N. Snelling Ave., 6-8 p.m. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday.

14 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.
 ■ Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. 642-0411.

15 Saturday

■ FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-8833), 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 ■ Holiday art/craft sale, Ginkgo in the Park, 2300 Como Ave., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

16 Sunday

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.

18 Tuesday

■ District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m., Blackbear Crossings on the Lake, 1360 Lexington Pkwy.

19 Wednesday

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.
 ■ Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Birthday celebrations. Lunch reservations by Monday.

21 Friday

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

24 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.
 ■ St. Paul Schools: Dec. 24 - Jan. 4, Winter Break.

25 Tuesday

■ Christmas
 ■ Editor's birthday

26 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.
 ■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.

28 Friday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.
 ■ Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (Fourth Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.)

31 Monday

■ New Year's Eve

Items for the January Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, December 14.

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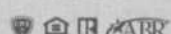
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Richard R. Martin

Richard R. Martin, a longtime resident of Hoyt Avenue in University Grove, died October 26, 2001, in Green Valley, Arizona, his recent home. He was 70 years old.

A professor of communication disorders at the University of Minnesota, he received degrees from the College of Idaho and the University of Iowa, and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He was chosen a Fellow of the American Speech and Hearing Association in 1971 and received the Council of Editors' Award in 1985 for "meritorious articles published in the field of speech-language and hearing." His primary research was in the area of stuttering. He was selected as a Distinguished Teacher of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota in 1979.

Born in Caldwell, Idaho, Mr. Martin served 10 years in the Air National Guard of Idaho, Iowa and North Dakota, leaving as a captain in 1960. He was on active duty with the 190th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the Air National Guard of Idaho during the Korean War.

Preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Martin, he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Glenda Martin of Green Valley, Arizona; a daughter, Corinne (Tom) White of Arlington Heights, Illinois; a son, Douglas (Julie) Martin of Tempe, Arizona; two grandchildren, Avery and Campbell White of Arlington Heights, Illinois; and a brother, John (Jean) Martin of Clarkston, Washington.

A celebration of his life will be held December 8 from 3-7 p.m. at the Student Center on the St. Paul campus of the University.

Patricia M. Nelson

Patricia M. Nelson died at the age of 76 on October 14, 2001. She made her home in Falcon Heights.

Mrs. Nelson was a member

of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Alfred Nelson; two daughters, Karen (Chuck) Littlefield and Marcia (Ken) Luther; five grandchildren, Holly (John) Enright, Craig (Lauren) Luther, Heather (Robert) Brown, Brad Luther and Nicholas Littlefield; three great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Paul (Sue) Beithon and Bruce (Darlene) Beithon. A memorial service was held October 17 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Gretchen Ann Moos Schampel

Gretchen Ann Moos Schampel died on November 1, 2001, at the age of 91. She was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park.

A parishioner at Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, Mrs. Schampel had taught in the St. Paul Public Schools, including Roosevelt Elementary, Mechanic Arts High School and Highland Park High School.

Preceded in death by her husband, Howard Schampel, her son, Grant Schampel, and her brother, Malcolm Moos, she is survived by a daughter-in-law, Joyce Schampel, and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Southeast Minneapolis.

Fredis F. Trence

Fredis F. Trence, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died on October 25, 2001, in Bellevue, Washington. He was 80 years old.

Born April 25, 1921, in Riga, Latvia, Mr. Trence emigrated to the United States after World War II and spent his professional life in St. Paul, working in the University of Minnesota Civil Engineering Department and later at St. Paul Technical Vocational School. His home was on Commonwealth Avenue.

Survivors include a daughter,

Dace (Claude) Benavides; two sons, Martin (Alison) Trence and Peter (Barbara) Trence; and four grandchildren, Marija, Nathan, Elizabeth and Laura Trence.

Richard L. Tyson

Richard L. Tyson, age 74, died on October 22, 2001. He was a former resident of the Como Park neighborhood on Hoyt Avenue.

A graduate of Murray High School in the Class of 1945, Mr. Tyson was active in the St. Paul Osman Temple, St. Paul Lodge of Perfection, Como Park Lodge #324, and in many community organizations, including Lino Lakes Little League (where he was a co-founder), Lake Region youth hockey, Mound View Booster Club, North Suburban Lions Club, University of Minnesota Williams Scholarship and the Northwest Branch of the YMCA.

He attended the College of St. Thomas before enlisting in the U. S. Army paratroopers during the postwar occupation of Japan. Following his service, he attended Macalester College. He took over his father's meat delivery business in the 1950s and built Tyson Trucking into a successful regional concern. Mr. Tyson served on the board of directors at Midway National Bank.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Audrey Grove Tyson; two daughters, Terri (Tim Bennett) Tyson and Elizabeth (John) Kratz; three sons, Timothy Tyson, Lawrence (Debbie) Tyson and Daniel (Caroline) Tyson; nine grandchildren, Richie, Dustin, Tyson, Tony, Jack, Sarah, Tommy, Charlie and Willie; and two sisters, Joyce (Jack) Michaelson and Eleanor (Don) Grant. A memorial service was held October 26 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview.

Margaret Van Zanden

Margaret (Peg) Van Zanden died at age 87 on October 21, 2001. She lived for almost 50 years on Valentine Avenue in St. Anthony Park. Her most recent home was at Eaglecrest in Roseville.

She was active in the community and in the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Van Zanden was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Van Zanden. Survivors include a son, Pieter (LeAnn) of Winchester, Oregon; two daughters, Gretchen (John) of McMinnville, Oregon, and Susan (Dale) of Roseville; six grandchildren, Pieter (Connie), Steven (Michelle), Kristin (Dave), Jodi (Scott), Jaakje (Don) and Daren (Charlene); two great-grandchildren, Mya and Connor; and a sister, Betty Harless of Oneonta, New York. A Celebration of Life took place at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ on October 27.

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St. Anthony Park Elementary School — Arts Enrichment — \$5,000

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Murray Junior High School — Wolfridge Environmental Scholarships — \$1,000

Working with you to nurture the unique community assets of St. Anthony Park to secure a strong and vibrant neighborhood for future generations.

November marks the start of our annual campaign. Please give generously to support our neighborhood!

Gifts for gardeners

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gifts. I also know from visiting the shop when it was on Hamline that it has one of the best selections of ornamental garden iron in the Twin Cities. Stop by to select an unusual container, trellis, gazebo, garden sculpture or topiary for your favorite gardener.

Be sure to check out the offerings at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's garden shop at 1755 Prior Avenue, just north of the Falcon Heights Fire Department. The shop's hours are MWF 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and TTh 8 a.m.-8 p.m. During December they will also be open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

This store features a huge selection of books, clothing, garden gloves (the cotton gloves dipped in rubber are superb!), gift items and tools. One specialty item that will make gardening and other tasks much easier is the Upper Hand—a universal tool handle that can be attached to any long handled tool, including snow shovels. Adding another handle to a tool will result in fewer blisters, better leverage and control and reduced backaches. Finally, a subscription to the "Northern Gardener" magazine is another great gift available from the society. Check them out at www.northerngardener.org.

Several fine nurseries and garden centers are located along Larpenteur Avenue between Fairview Avenue and Rice Street. Consider a gift certificate for a traditional gardener at Hermes, Lebens or Linders. Or, if your gardener prefers to grow native plants, something from Landscape Alternatives (located just north of Larpenteur at St. Albans) may be just the answer. ■



St. Anthony Park Buckthorn Roundup chair Mary Lerman pauses reluctantly from her buckthorn eradication efforts. Next October, plan to remove your buckthorn, and have your stumps treated for free.

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Summer Worship 10 am

Pastor Bruce Petersen

Filipino-American Worship 11 am

Pastor Sanny Olojan

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1376 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-646-7127 Handicapped accessible

CPL Contact Ministry 651-644-1897

December Sunday Schedule:

8, 9, & 11 am Worship

10 am Adult Education & Sunday School

(Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays, nursery care provided)

Rides available for 11 am worship; call the church office before noon on Friday for ride.

Wednesday Evening Advent Vespers: 7 pm, Lyngblomsten Chapel

Saturday, Dec. 15: Children's Christmas Program - 4 pm

Sunday, Dec. 16: Children's Christmas Program - 9 am

Sunday, Dec. 23: Christmas Music Festival - 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Services: 3, 4:30 & 10:30 pm

Christmas Day Service: 10 am

Pastors: Martin Ericson and David Greenlund

Visitation Pastor: Leonard Jacobsen

Director of Youth and Family Ministry: Amy Dorumsgaard

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Saturday Mass: 5 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Advent Reconciliation Services: Wed., Dec. 5, 7 pm and

Sun., Dec. 23, 7 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day this year;

Celebration will be at the usual Sat. Mass on Dec. 8 at 5 pm

Christmas Eve Masses: 3 pm, 5 pm (Carols at 4:30), 10:30 pm

(Carols at 10)

Christmas Day Mass: 9:30 am

Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day;

Masses: Mon., Dec. 31, 5 pm; Tue., Jan 1, 9:30 am

◆EMMANUEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am

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1795 Holton St., (at Garden) Falcon Heights 55113

651-646-2681; (FAX) 651-646-1677

Daily Devotion Line: (952) 903-4037

Worship Schedule:

8:30 am - Service of Word and Sacrament

10:30 am - Public Worship

Faith Education for all ages: 9:15-10:15 am

Mid-week Program: Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Office Hours: 9 am -5 pm Monday-Friday

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Sunday Worship: 9 am

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am

Pastor Drew Flathmann

◆ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH

Roselawn at Cleveland. 651-631-0173

Sunday: English Worship - 9:30 am, Japanese Worship - 9:15 am

Sunday School - 11 am

Wednesday: Int'l. Women's Culture Class - 1 pm (Oct.-May)

Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Meeting - 6:45 pm, AWANA - 6:45 pm

Adult Prayer & Bible Study - 6:45 pm

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Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am, Fellowship: 11 am

Nursery Care provided - 10:15 am

Sun., Dec. 9, 10 am - Christmas Pageant

Sun., Dec. 16, 10 am - Choir & Organ Concert

Sun., Dec. 24, 4 pm - Family Service

11 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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2200 Hillside Ave (at Como) 651-646-4859

Pastor Deb Walkes

10 am Worship Celebration

10:20 am Sunday School

11:15 am Fellowship, Adult Forum

Wednesdays: 9 am-1 pm Leisure Center (Senior fellowship, activities, and noon meal)

Monday, Dec. 24 at 5 pm - Family Christmas Eve Service with candlelight

◆ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 651-644-4502

Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church

Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and

8:15 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 am Mass at the Parish Center

◆ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 651-645-3058

Sunday Services:

8 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. 1

8:45 Breakfast

9:15 Education Hour All Ages (Bible Study) (Adult Forum)

Wednesday Services:

10 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. 2 (No Eucharist Dec. 26)

11:30 Coffee Hour

December Events & Worship Schedule:

Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30 pm - Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.

St. Matthew's Choir and readers

Freewill offering will be taken for: Our Savior's Housing

(Homeless Shelter), Reception following

Monday, Dec. 24, 4 pm - Children's Pageant & Eucharist (Rite II). Traditional Christmas Story in costume, Christmas Hymns with organ.

10 pm - Festive Christmas Eve Eucharist (Rite II).

St. Matthew's Choir, Handbells and Instruments

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 11 am - Traditional Christmas Day Eucharist

(Rite I). Christmas Hymns with Organ

Saturday, Jan. 5, 6:30 pm - Epiphany Celebration. Traditional

Story of the Three Kings in Costume, Procession of Stars,

Inter-generational Instrumental Ensemble, Reception

following.

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion with us and no person seeking a deeper relationship with God in Christ will be turned away from our Lord's table.)

Ministers of the Church: All the baptized members

Clergy Who Support the Ministers: The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector, and the Rev. Lyn Lawyer, Deacon

4 pm Prospect Hill Friends Meeting (in the Library)

◆WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1040 Como Ave. at Oxford. 651-489-6054

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)

Rev. Timothy Held, Minister