

Park Bugle

St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale & Northwest Como Park

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In Como Park flower shop, creativity blooms

by Sabra Waldfoegel

When she began her career as a marketing manager 15 years ago, Christine Finnegan never dreamed she'd spend her days surrounded by flowers.

It happened gradually, first as a creative outlet in her spare time. She took one class on flowers and flower arranging, then another and another, until she ended up accredited by the Institute of Floristry.

"Being a marketing manager was great," she says, "and it was creative to an extent, but I realized it wasn't fulfilling enough for me. The floral classes fulfilled a creative outlet."

At the same time, her husband, Steve, a telecommunications manager turned real estate broker, found the perfect building in Como Park. Once a grocery store, then a barber shop and most recently an office building, it needed work to become a new retail space.

The Finnegans took down walls, moved the stairs, stripped decades of floor covering away

and took out the 1920s furnace to update the heating and plumbing. After 18 months of renovating, Fighting Iris opened its doors on April 12 of this year.

Why "Fighting Iris"? Steve Finnegan is almost 100 percent Irish. As they thought about a name, Christine says, they realized that "this area is known for its Irish background, and 'Fighting Iris' just came out."

Fighting Iris isn't your grandmother's flower shop. The interior is painted in bold retro colors—cool greens and warm reds. Finnegan says, "We try to have more of a contemporary feel, different from a typical flower shop."

In addition to a cooler for flowers and displays of unusual vases, the store has a display of flip-flops decorated with feathers and sparkles, and on the wall behind the cash register hang brightly striped tote bags.

Even though 70 percent of her business comes from flowers, Finnegan says, "we also wanted

to have a nice variety of gifts—things you can buy on a whim."

Earlier in the season, there were ceramic frogs for garden ornaments, but they were such a hit that they're all gone. They became something of a neighborhood phenomenon.

"It's fun to see what ends up in the neighborhood," Finnegan says. People come in and say, 'My friend has one and I had to come here to see.'"

When it comes to flowers and arrangements, Finnegan's own taste is contemporary too. You won't find carnations in her arrangements.

She says, "I use different things that people aren't seeing on a daily basis." She likes new and fresh designs and colors, using tropical flowers, topiaries, branches, and even wire and beads in designing and arranging flowers.

Fighting Iris offers more than fresh flowers and gifts. Finnegan has a freeze-drying machine, and she's one of only



Photo by Sabra Waldfoegel

Christine Finnegan, owner of Fighting Iris in Como Park, takes an order. Christine and Steve Finnegan opened their flower shop in April. They plan to open a coffee shop next door this month.

five people in Minnesota who can freeze-dry flowers. The flowers retain 90 percent of their form and appearance, she explains, and they can last almost a decade.

She likes to experiment. "Every week I put something else from the cooler into the freeze dryer to see how it works."

Finnegan also holds classes. With a background that includes

coaching and teaching, the classes came naturally.

"I did a class with the St. Paul Junior League, teaching them the first steps in arranging. When it was over, they said, 'I can't believe what a difference it makes to do that.' It was fun to show people that."

Fighting Iris also has a service of special interest to

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Local salon owner to teach hairdressing to impoverished women in Guatemala

by Susan Triemert

Beauty may not have borders, but titles do. In order to avoid legal issues, an organization formerly called Beauty Without Borders recently changed to All For One when they discovered that their previous name was already in use.

All For One was started last year by Louise Gangelhoff, a Minnetonka hairstylist. In June of 2004, Gangelhoff traveled to Antigua, Guatemala, in hopes of creating economic opportunities for the women there. She taught basic hairdressing skills, which the women were then able to use to barter with and earn money.

Belinda Escalante, owner since last summer of Perfect Little Spa and Salon in St. Anthony Park, recently became involved with All For One. Escalante, who has been in the beauty industry for eight years, plans to join her friend Gangelhoff when she travels to Guatemala next February.

In addition to teaching hairstyling, All For One will add skin care and massage to the curriculum. Escalante, who is bilingual, will also help translate.

All For One was founded through the aid of Common Hope, a nonprofit organization that has been providing educational opportunities,

housing and other resources to Guatemalans for nearly 20 years. Common Hope will help arrange the beautician classes. Last year, 35 women participated in the program; more are expected in 2006.

According to Escalante, the initial trip was a success. Gangelhoff, the group's founder, spent two and a half weeks in Guatemala. The first week, with the help of six translators, she taught basic haircutting skills.

The remainder of the time the women practiced and traveled to a neighboring village to cut hair.

While visiting the village, Gangelhoff's students styled hair in an old schoolhouse, with old-fashioned desks functioning as salon chairs. Often without electricity and running water, the local women had to be creative in order to provide services.

"The ladies would use spray bottles to remove color from the hair," said Escalante. At the end

of Gangelhoff's stint, the local women and their hair models participated in a fashion show.

A long-term goal of All For One is to create a spa directed at

tourists. Not only would the spa create jobs but it would also give the women an even better chance of becoming independent.

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Car-sharing program adds hub at Park Midway Bank

by Dave Healy

HOURLCAR is coming to St. Anthony Park. The new car-sharing service, which has hubs in downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis as well as Uptown in Minneapolis, will soon add a hub at the Park Midway Bank drive-through location at Como and Doswell Avenues.

HOURLCAR is a program of the Neighborhood Energy Consortium, a nonprofit organization that seeks to conserve resources, reduce pollution and improve energy efficiency for Twin Cities homes and businesses.

Car sharing allows people who only need cars occasionally to reserve vehicles by the hour. Members make reservations online or by phone, pick up a car at their neighborhood hub and return it to the same reserved

parking space.

Cars have onboard computers to record trip information, and members are billed monthly. HOURLCAR pays for gas, insurance and parking.

The new hub will start with one car, a 2005 Toyota Prius, which is a gas-electric hybrid that gets better mileage and produces fewer emissions than regular vehicles.

Park Midway Bank is HOURLCAR's first business hub sponsor, providing parking space as a community service.

HOURLCAR members must meet basic requirements, including holding a valid driver's license for five years and attending a new-member

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A young Guatemalan has a little taken off the top. A program called All For One trains Latin American women in hairdressing skills.

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Como Avenue sees business departures

by Dave Healy

The northwest corner of Como and Doswell Avenues continues to change. In February, Salon in the Park opened in space formerly occupied by a homeopath and before that by Park Barber. Now Hearts and Vines, which has been on the corner for five years, is leaving. The store, which sold cards, gifts and antiques, will close July 31.

Two other tenants in that building have recently moved. Dan Bane, a CPA, has been at the Como-Doswell location for 35 years, and Ellen Luepker for four years. Luepker operated a private psychotherapy practice,

as well as Living Portraits, a business that creates videotaped memories.

Bane and Luepker have relocated to the Baker Building at the corner of Raymond Avenue and Territorial Road in south St. Anthony Park, where they will be in Suite 310. Their phone numbers stay the same: Bane, 999-0123; Luepker, 999-0111. Information about Living Portraits can be found at www.livingportraits.com.

Hearts and Vines was owned by sisters Karen Watson and Beth Dahl. Dahl's husband, Forrest, also worked at the store. The

three have been in the retail business for 11 years—five years at the current location, four in Milton Square and two in Minneapolis.

Forrest Dahl said that Hearts and Vines was well-supported by the community. "We made a lot of friends here. But all of us have other jobs besides the store, and we're grandparents now, so we decided it was time to move on."

Dahl will continue to sell antiques and collectibles out of his workshop. Anyone who wants to be on a mailing list for those sales should call the store (659-9438) by July 31.

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orientation. Individual, household and business memberships are available.

Park Midway Bank President Rick Beeson expressed confidence that the new HOURCAR hub will be a good location.

"We're proud to be the first business hub sponsor for HOURCAR," he said. "This program will bring affordable, environmentally sound transportation to the neighborhood we call come."

Kurt Fischer, HOURCAR program manager, said they hope to have the new hub operational by early August.

For information on hub locations, rates or to join online, visit www.hourcar.org.

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, September 17th
9:00 to 4:00 rain or shine

Host a garage sale. Ads, signs and maps are all handled by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Applications will be in the August Networker Newsletter or call Nina at 651-649-5992.

Neighborhood Clean Up

Saturday, September 24th
North End of the State Fairgrounds (Camel Lot),
8:00 to 2:00

Appliances, building materials, electronics, tires and small engines and other materials will be accepted. Watch your mail for the flier with info on gate fees and items accepted.

Discovering where babies come from

by Jean Larson

When asked why she doesn't look like her mommy, six-year-old Ronnie Qian explains to her friend, "Oh, my mom looks like me. She has brown hair, too—well, brown and gray." Ronnie was adopted from China.

When she overheard a family friend talking babies, Ronnie instantly offered her help, saying she'd "get a baby" for her from China (kindly offering the second option of choosing one from Target.)

After all, she helped her parents get her a little sister—Caiden Zhen—from China, too. She has a favorite photo to prove it. In it she is three and holding a picture of a delicate-looking infant girl, a first glimpse of sister Caiden Zhen.

Ronnie and Caiden actually helped their parents get married. Jim Bright and Muree Larson wanted to create a family together through adoption, and China required that they be wed. So they did.

On the first day of spring in 1999, Muree and Jim said their vows in New Mexico. A few weeks later, they celebrated their launch into family-hood by hosting a family party/baby shower in Minnesota.

Serendipity often settles for no less than fireworks. Nine months later, Muree and Jim received word of their meant-to-be daughter in China—Ronnie Qian—born the very day of their shower: May 29, 1999.

While they had celebrated with cake, loving friends and baby gifts, Ronnie Qian was busy being born for them. Muree and Jim agree, "We were supposed to be Ronnie Qian's parents."

So in May 2000, Muree and Jim found themselves checking into the White Swan Hotel in Guangzhou, China. Before they could toss their bags on the bed, they heard that Ronnie Qian had arrived.

"As soon as we saw her, she was great," says Jim. "Her nanny pointed to us, and she turned around and gave the biggest bounce and laugh. She's always been engaged, always really adventurous—fearless."

Despite having lived her first 11 months in an orphanage, Ronnie had no problem settling into being daughter #1 in her new family.

That's not to say that a child's experience of being institutionalized doesn't have consequences. Muree wants adoptive parents to be clear about this. "It's totally worth it, but there might be unexpected consequences," she says.

For Ronnie Qian, one of



Ronnie Qian and Caiden Zhen, daughters of Jim and Muree Larson-Bright, were adopted from China. The family lives in St. Anthony Park.

these was that her ears contained "persistent fluid," not infected and so undetected by doctors, both there and here. Therefore, her eardrums are scarred. Having had that fluid, Muree thinks, affects how Ronnie processes sound.

"Adoption is totally worth it, but there might be unexpected consequences."

—Muree Larson-Bright

In China, birthmothers have access to good prenatal care, so the babies tend to be healthy. But with controls on family size and boys being preferred, girls are often given up for adoption.

Jim and Muree have a clear picture of what Ronnie Qian's first months at an orphanage were like because Muree traveled to the semi-tropical locale, located five hours from Guangzhou. Little girls, 12 to 24 months old, ran around a large playground. A pond edged the facility. The adults were caring.

The climate of northern China, birthplace of Caiden Zhen, created a different kind of first year for her.

Muree and Jim believe the lack of orphanage resources and colder environment near the Mongolian border meant Caiden was likely swaddled and left in a crib for much of her first year of life.

Jim says that when they received Caiden Zhen at 11 months, her more cautious personality was evident, and developmentally, she was behind.

"She couldn't sit up, and we were really worried we'd gotten

into a special needs situation. She didn't walk until 18 months."

But this was part of her "bouncing up" to developmental normalcy, explains Jim.

"She'd squat, stand up slowly, then squat back down."

She never even crawled, but then one day while moving into a new house, Jim and Muree both turned their heads to check on Caiden Zhen where she sat on a blanket in the front yard. There she was, walking toward them up the sidewalk.

At 2 she began gymnastics, and now at 3 she loves to ride her bike and counts to 10 in English, Chinese and Spanish. She likes to make breakfast with her dad and has come out of her shell, with big sis giving daily lessons in all-out exuberance.

A couple of things drew the family back to St. Anthony Park from the San Francisco Bay area. There they'd sought ethnic diversity but didn't see many transracial families.

Here, Ronnie and Caiden see families like theirs all around. Minnesota has the highest rate of international adoptions in the United States.

"After moving back to Minnesota," says Muree, "I remember going to a convenience store. A mom and her adopted son came through the door, and I felt like 'Yes! I'm home!'"

There are plenty of opportunities to affirm Chinese cultural identity in the Twin



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EDITORIAL

Balancing rights and responsibilities

The forms have been filled out. The references have been solicited and collected. The home study has been completed. Now it's a matter of waiting for a phone call.

Let's make this a couple. Let's make them first-time adoptive parents. Let's make it an international adoption. Let's watch them wait.

If they're lucky, the wait will be measured in weeks, but it could be months. The gestation of an international adoption is governed by much more than biology. It can be slowed by politics, by red tape, by a host of forces outside the would-be parents' control.

The process is unpredictable, but the culmination is dramatic. Eventually the phone call comes. We have a girl. She's 11 months old. When can you pick her up?

Before there was a couple. Now they are a family. How did that happen? What does it mean?

Of course, this last question is not unique to adoptive parents. First-time birth parents also confront the newness of familyhood, and they too have months to anticipate their new status. But progenitors vary considerably in how much forethought they give to the prospect of parenthood, while all adoptive parents are forced to think about it at length and in detail long before it happens.

Two people don't necessarily have to be intentional to make a baby. To make a family by adoption, on the other hand, people have to want it. Births may be unintended; adoptive families are never accidental.

What if everyone who wanted children had to have a home study? What if everyone had to state their intentions, fill out forms, find people to attest to their fitness as prospective parents? What if everyone had to demonstrate seriousness and resolve in order to become a family? What would the world be like if every child had a family and every parent was committed?

What if everyone who wanted to be a citizen had to answer questions and swear a loyalty oath? What if citizenship were not a birthright but had to be earned? What if everyone had to demonstrate seriousness and resolve to become a citizen? What would the world be like if every country had a citizenry that was intentional, well-informed and committed?

Americans are self-professed lovers of liberty. We expect to be free—free to live and work where we want, to marry whomever we choose for however long we choose, to have as many children as we want. We're not used to anyone telling us what we can and can't do. We cherish our Bill of Rights.

What if we also had a Bill of Responsibilities? What if we were to amend the U.S. Constitution to include a list of obligations as well as privileges?

If we were to draft such a list, we could do worse than assign the task to a team of adoptive parents.

Farewell to a Master Gardener

There is a place that we go in the woods of Wisconsin. In that place there is the stump of an old, old white pine tree. Around the stump, radiating out in all directions, are younger pine trees. They range from 40 or 50 feet tall to 6 inches tall. All, of course, come from that original old pine.

Since I learned of the death of Joe Keleher on June 30th, I keep thinking of that woods and its pines.

Joe has been such a core part of the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens that it is difficult to imagine it without him. He was there at the beginning, when it was a lot full of rubble. He has been gardening and working to build community there ever since, about 25 years.

Almost every gardening morning one could see him in his plots early in the day. He was always interested in the plots of others, too, and always had good words for people's efforts.

He loved to share his knowledge with others. He was a Master Gardener and was always available to answer questions.

He annually offered workshops for new gardeners about soil, mulch, compost, plants, pests and how to get the most out of your garden. Along the way, he also taught many of us how to get a skunk out of a live trap.

If there was a need for a volunteer for anything, Joe was right there. And every spring at our drawing, he presented some lucky gardeners with his enormous, homegrown tomato plants.

His smile, his positive energy, his humility and his enjoyment of life were gifts to all who knew him. He was a true mentor to us all. He will be deeply missed and well-remembered with love and gratitude.

Sue Conner, on behalf of the St. Anthony Park Community Gardeners

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Cities.

Thanks to an electronic bulletin board maintained by the University of Minnesota's Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars, Muree found a caregiver for Caiden Zhen just two blocks away.

So three days a week, Muree has time to work on her dissertation in public health, while Caiden Zhen learns Chinese from her special friend or attends a Chinese day care in Roseville.

Additionally, both girls have friends who were adopted at the same time from their Chinese orphanages.

As their parents talk about adoption, Ronnie and Caiden dance with color-coordinated umbrellas, stripped down to swimsuits in summer heat.

"Umbrella heads," shouts Ronnie (and Caiden imitates) as they parade around the porch.

When asked how they plan to expose the girls to adoption as they mature, Jim says they've been doing that since their arrival.

Right now, Ronnie is more concerned about tornadoes. How to calm those fears seems a more pressing concern, adoption being a part of the family's everyday vocabulary.

When Jim and Muree initially discussed having children, he was determined that there were enough people in the world already—he didn't want to add more. Muree hopes more people expand their parenting options to include adoption.

"After moving back to Minnesota, I remember going to a convenience store. A mom and her adopted son came through the door, and I felt like 'Yes! I'm home!'"

—Muree Larson-Bright

"Right now adoption still seems like something that's done only if having children biologically isn't possible," she says. "Parenting our girls is an amazing journey. I highly recommend adopting to anyone."

Perhaps their journey to become a family began in China when Muree traveled there to study in college.

She remembers looking out a

bus window at rolling hills and the Great Wall, and experiencing a sense of connection. She now believes that intuitive tug was to the girls who would come to be her family.

Muree, Jim, Ronnie and Caiden have newly settled in an 1880s house in St. Anthony Park.

While bricks were being laid for their home's foundation, across the field Reverend Savage conferred with Dr. Cyrus Northrop about building a place to facilitate the new concept of placing homeless children in homes with families—"child-saving"—rather than filling up orphanages.

And so the Children's Home Society became a neighboring building.

Perhaps Caiden Zhen and Ronnie Qian's journeys began back then in the late 1800s. There is no doubt that, as Muree says, "the only way we could meet up with our children was through adoption."

Just as certainly, this family is exactly as it is meant to be.

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Community resources for Chinese-adopted persons

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Opportunities to learn about Chinese culture and learn Mandarin

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*Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) operates a language school and a Chinese dance/culture school in the Twin Cities. www.caam.org

*Center for Chinese Culture (CCC). http://mn3c.org

*The Twin Cities area has many Chinese language programs. See www.chinainsight.org for a current listing.

*A Mandarin-English bilingual immersion elementary school is being planned for the metro area.



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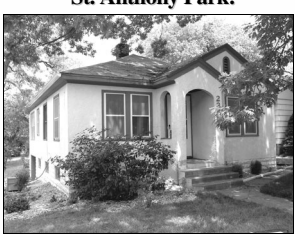
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Finnegan asks people who rent space to buy the wedding flowers at her shop. She says that brides often bring their bridesmaids and friends and that the groups have a good time putting the flowers together.

Finnegan tries to keep the business local. She buys from flower wholesalers in the neighborhood, and many of the gift items are made by people who live close by.

Most of the customers are neighbors, too. One regular from Red Wing, it turned out, has a daughter who lives in the neighborhood.

Between the Shalom Home down the street and the school at the Church of the Holy Childhood just opposite the shop, the neighborhood is full of people who walk. Finnegan has been pleasantly surprised by the amount of foot traffic.

Besides Fighting Iris, the Finnegan will also operate a coffee shop called Java Train. That wasn't part of their original plan. According to Christine, neighbors suggested it.

When they were renovating, passersby stopped to ask if they were opening a café. They decided to offer the neighborhood coffee as well as flowers, and remodeled their building's second storefront accordingly.

They hope to finish the Java Train by August and to be open for the State Fair.

For the long term, Finnegan wants the business to thrive but doesn't want to see it grow as big as the corporations she left behind. Instead, she wants to keep it scaled to fit her family and the neighborhood.

Above all, she wants it to continue to be a fun place to work. "You have to do something you love," she says.


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Peace Lutheran celebrates Christmas in August

by Dave Healy

Members of a local congregation have found the perfect antidote to the dog days of summer. This month, Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale will hold their second "Christmas in August," when church members do free household repairs for neighborhood residents.

According to David Greenlund, pastor at Peace Lutheran, last year about 25 church members worked on four houses in Lauderdale. This year, he expects more volunteers and more requests.

The church sends a flyer to every house in Lauderdale, inviting people to submit requests for household repairs.

"Our only criterion is whether a project is something we can handle," Greenlund said. "Last year we were able to meet all the requests."

"We don't do new construction," he added, "but we can do many kinds of renovation and repair—fixing, painting and so forth."

The congregation includes several people with renovation experience, Greenlund said, and "a lot who are just eager to help and willing to learn."

Last year, church members

donated only their labor. This year, a \$1700 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will enable the church to supply some materials as well.

Peace Lutheran is a small congregation, Greenlund said, but one that believes in the importance of outreach to the community. About 40 percent of church members live in Lauderdale.

"We reach out to Lauderdale not so much to help ourselves grow," he said, "but simply because we should. It's for our benefit as much as for the community."

Greenlund cited the inspiration of Habitat for Humanity in providing a model for Peace Lutheran's August venture, along with a Christmas in April project he heard about in San Francisco. Homeowners are welcome to work along with church members, but that's not required.

"Like Habitat volunteer Jimmy Carter, we believe the real work of the Gospel is in our hands and feet," Greenlund said.

For Peace Lutheran, renovation isn't just something to do in the surrounding neighborhood. Church members have also

worked on their own building.

To accommodate a smaller group on Sundays, they cut up the pews and altar, and now the group meets in the round. They also added a wall to create a smaller space that could be better insulated and heated.

Next on the list of church construction projects is to fix up the floor by painting a labyrinth over the asbestos tile. Greenlund, an artist, sees this as a way of acknowledging church history and creating something beautiful.

For Pentecost, he led the entire congregation in kite-making, and the church's worship space is regularly used as a gallery.

For Greenlund, whose undergraduate majors were art and anthropology, having church members involved in making art is a natural outgrowth of a theology that stresses the creative impulse.

"Art can make us more receptive to change," he said. "Churches, like most institutions, often resist change. But the question we should be asking is not 'Why do we have to change?' but rather 'What new thing can we do next?'"

Vacation Bible School takes to the marketplace

St. Anthony Park Lutheran VBS involves over 100 children

by Mary Mergenthal

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church was filled with music, drama and action June 20-24. Over 100 neighborhood children and nearly half that many teacher/helper volunteers experienced the flavor of a biblical marketplace and met Jesus, some of his disciples, Roman guards and tax collectors in biblical dramas performed in the center of the busy marketplace each day.

In the popular marketplace, which supplemented traditional classroom learning, students ground spices, wove fabric and constructed wood projects. When some were busy with those activities, others were outside at glorified "recess," designed to give some hint at the activities of young shepherders and Holy Land village children.

Each day, a lively half-hour singing and learning time for all ages was led by Pastor Amy Thoren and the VBS Band, composed of church members. Thoren visited the Holy Land in January. As she reviewed the events of Holy Week and Easter, she showed images of those places today.

Thoren also related the plight of Augusta Victoria Hospital, a ministry the Lutheran



Lee Gauthier, Jack Van Hecke and Signey Oslund were among more than 100 children who attended Vacation Bible School June 20-24 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

World Federation (LWF) owns and operates in mostly Arab East Jerusalem. For more than 50 years, the hospital has provided medical care to Palestinian refugees in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. It's the only hospital available to many Palestinians with Leukemia and other cancers.

The hospital is in trouble, though, because in 2002 the Israeli District Court in Jerusalem revoked its tax exemption agreement with the LWF, which

dated to 1967. The LWF appealed the ruling, but the nonprofit hospital's tax-exempt status has yet to be restored, limiting its ability to continue serving the Palestinian population, most of whom have few resources and lack insurance. To help, VBS students contributed \$275 in daily offerings, and parents were encouraged to write to members of Congress about the situation.

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In order to cover some of the trip's cost, Escalante will hold a fund-raiser at her salon's first anniversary celebration. On August 12 from 3-8 p.m., guests can enjoy mini-spa services for a suggested donation or participate

in a raffle. She also plans to include Latin American cultural elements such as food and music at the event.

Escalante said there is no guarantee that all of the trained women will be employable, but she believes that the program has other benefits, too. "The training has an impact on their self-esteem," she said. "They are then role models for others, too."

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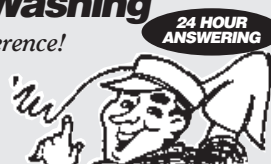


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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

I've always wanted to be the one to discover a new bird in Minnesota, either an unexpected wanderer or denizen of a secret habitat, never before recorded in the state.

I thought my opportunity had arrived when a canoeist recently reported what he thought was an American dipper in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

The dipper is a robin-sized bird found in the Rocky Mountains and western states. It's endowed with longish legs and very long toes with sharp toenails that allow it to grasp slippery rocks in fast-flowing streams.

The dipper has the unusual habit of walking below the surface to pry nymphs, larvae and other invertebrates from the rocks. It even uses its wings to "fly" underwater to catch crayfish and small fish.

I had heard rumors for years that there might be dippers living in the fast-moving streams of northeastern Minnesota. I thought no one had actually seen one in the state. My theory was that the streams were too difficult to explore or that people who had seen a dipper didn't know it was noteworthy.

Unfortunately, I hadn't done my homework. American dippers had in fact been reported in streams along the North Shore of Lake Superior in the 1970s, but there had been no documented sightings since then.

The canoeist's report was in response to an article by Jim Williams in the Minneapolis Star Tribune about the dipper, urging visitors to keep an eye out for the bird.

Williams posted the canoeist's sighting on the Minnesota Ornithologists Union

electronic bulletin board. Randy Frederickson, a birder from Willmar, asked if anyone was interested in mounting an expedition to look for the dipper.

I responded to Randy and we began to plan our dipper quest. I was excited. Maybe I could still be part of documenting a confirmed sighting of an unusual bird in Minnesota.

Randy and I had never met so we did our planning by e-mail and an occasional phone call. As the departure date approached, he asked me how old I was.

"I'm 66," I replied.

"Are you in pretty good shape?" he asked.

"No! I weigh over 200 pounds."

Randy, who is 48, said, "Dra! I was hoping you'd haul my sorry butt across the portages."

The Dipper Quest got underway in late June. Our base was a cabin at Tuscarora Lodge, 47 miles up the Gunflint Trail from Grand Marais and close to our set-in point on the Cross River.

We started out after a quick breakfast, paddling and portaging through several lakes to Cross Bay Lake, where the dipper had been reported by the canoeist in May.

The first portage was the longest—50 rods, or about 800 feet. But that doesn't do justice to the topography. It was up, down, through mud, up some more and down to the next lake, with the usual assortment of tree roots and rocks to negotiate.

Then there were two shorter portages with timbers set to retain the soil on the climb up from the lake, but the "steps" sometimes had a rise of two feet.

Not so bad for me, with a pack, paddles and other miscellaneous gear, but Randy had the 70-pound canoe on his back. Stepping up a "staircase" of two-foot steps was no easy task for him.

As we reached Cross Bay Lake, a loon appeared near our canoe. It appeared to be in a threat posture, head down and forward, looking right at us.

As we glided past, it went into a shallow dive. I watched that beautiful black and white back come at me just below the surface, pass underneath and reappear on the other side of the canoe. What an incredible welcome to Cross Bay Lake!

We paddled to the south end of the lake, where a stream comes in from Rib Lake and ends in a waterfall. The stream cascades with a vigorous flow about 10 feet over rock ledges and spans some 50 feet.

We spent a fair amount of time examining each rock, log, ledge and ripple, looking for a sign of the blue-gray bird. No luck.

Randy hiked the stream to look for a dipper or likely habitat, a possible nest or potential nest sites. I kept an eye on the falls, scanning them for another two hours. Neither of us saw a dipper.

A week before our trip, my brother Ed had given me a gag gift for my birthday. It was a blue-gray ladle. He told me it was a "dipper" in case we didn't see one up north. I showed it to Randy before we left home, and he insisted we take it with us.

We finally decided to call it a day in our search, but first we paddled up to the falls, propped the plastic dipper on a rock and took a couple of photos. Then we retraced our route back across those same lakes and portages.

We spent the next day visiting outfitters and lodges, handing out posters picturing the American dipper and asking folks to contact Audubon Minnesota if they see one.

We also scouted for possible locations for nest boxes, which dippers out west seem to adapt to nicely. Not far from Tuscarora Lodge, along a snowmobile trail and spanning a rapids on the Cross River, we found a bridge that shows some potential for placing a nest box.

Randy predicted that I'll be back up north again this year, looking for the dipper. I hope he's right. You'll be among the first to know if I see one!

After a taxing trip to the Boundary Waters in search of the American dipper, this was the closest the Birdman of Lauderdale came to finding the elusive bird.



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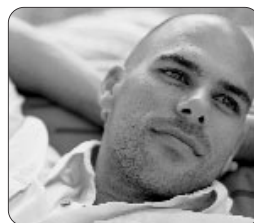
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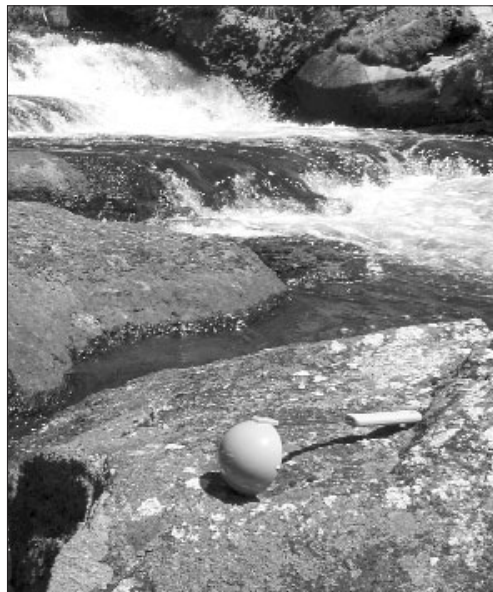
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Recently installed administrators will try to nurture a sense of community

by Judy Woodward

When classes begin next month, there will be new leaders at a couple of local educational institutions. Dr. Richard Bliese won't be formally inducted as the president of Luther Seminary until later in the fall, but he's been on the job since July 1. At Como Park High School, long-time St. Paul Public School administrator Dan Mesick will take up his duties as principal in early August.

Bliese, 49, is no stranger to the leafy north St. Anthony Park campus of the nation's largest Lutheran seminary. For the past two years, he has lived on campus while serving as the institution's academic dean.

Bliese couldn't be more pleased with his Minnesota home. He says living in St. Anthony Park is like "living in Europe. You walk to the bank, sit outside to have a cup of coffee, say hi to the students you pass. It's a great feeling."

Educated in Ohio and St. Louis, Bliese previously worked in church-related positions in Zaire and Chicago, an experience he describes as "moving from one jungle to another." Before that, the newly ordained Bliese and his wife served as missionaries in Germany in the early 1980s.

If you're surprised that the national homeland of Martin Luther was in need of missionaries, then you probably could benefit from listening to Bliese discuss the challenges of modern Christianity. While Germany is nominally Christian, he explains, "it's a nation where nobody goes to church. No one is engaged by the church. Less than 2 percent of the population attends services regularly."

Despite an initial German vocabulary that he'd picked up from "Hogan's Heroes," Bliese offered the German pastors assistance in skills that the American church excels at: evangelism and outreach.

Bliese says the same missionary spirit that took him to places as different as Germany and Zaire is what he hopes to foster among the students at Luther Seminary. "Missionary work doesn't necessarily mean going to Africa," he says. "Most of our students will cross cultural barriers and serve in completely different neighborhoods without leaving North America. We want to train leaders who are able to present a clarity of ministry and yet know how to deal with different cultures."

One challenge that any Christian leader must deal with comes from the politically active forces of modern evangelicalism. While the Lutheran church has not suffered as drastic a decline in membership as some other mainline denominations, Bliese recognizes the strength of the evangelical appeal. "Many of the evangelicals are converts," he notes. "They have excitement and bring a sense of renewal."

Bliese stresses that he doesn't think in terms of "opposition and competition" with other Christian groups, but he poses a question. "How can a community focus on Christ and have their faith lead them to witness, but not become mono-directional? We want a fellowship that includes Republicans and Democrats. Politics shouldn't be the thing that unites us."

Bliese has a vision of the kind of community he hopes to maintain at Luther. "We want to create a safe place where theological discernment can take place." That might involve disagreement on the hot-button social issues of our times, but not rancor. "What we don't want here is 'Crossfire,'" he explains, referring to the disputatious television talk show. "That doesn't lead to anything constructive."

Dan Mesick is also a man with a vision of forging a community that tolerates disagreement. The 43-year-old newly appointed principal of Como Park High School will begin his tenure in the wake of a year of strife and dissension that culminated in the mid-March departure of his predecessor, Sharon Eichten.

During the year-long process that attempted to resolve tensions and conflicts at the school, Mesick served as the head of one of the staff/parent committees that Superintendent Pat Harvey created. He developed an abiding appreciation for the people involved.

"I had been fearful that some parents would be really hard to work with. But not so. Yes, they have definite ideas, but they are vocal about the needs of all kids, not just their own."

Mesick says he plans to start modestly as incoming principal. "My plan is to get everyone to talk to each other. After all, we're all there for the kids, so we should be able to find common ground. My only specific goal is to listen to people and to make sure they're heard."

A native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Mesick earned degrees from the University of Minnesota and Temple University in Philadelphia. He's a 20-year veteran of the St. Paul School District and was previously an administrator working with scheduling and technology for the district office.

Earlier, he was an assistant principal at Highland Park High School and a middle school classroom teacher. Mesick says he welcomes the chance to return to a school site. "I wanted to get back to working with people rather than computers."

Mesick says that his major goal at Como High is to focus on "getting every student ready for post-high school achievement. Education is about relationships and making kids feel as if they can succeed."

He believes he has some ready-made support in the cohesive sense of identity that can be found in the neighborhoods that surround Como. "It still has that sense of community about it. They have a great program at Como High, and kids don't have to leave the neighborhood to find it."

Mesick already has some first-hand knowledge of the neighborhood. Although he lives in Minneapolis "with no kids but two big dogs," he has relatives in the Como Park area. In fact, in a couple of years his brother's children will be enrolled at Como High. Mesick reports that the kids are a little uncertain about the prospect of having "Uncle Dan" as the school principal.

"But, at least by the time they get there, people will know how to pronounce their last name."



Lauderdale city administrator is seasoned veteran of government

by Caroline Daykin

While Brian Bakken-Heck is a newcomer to his position as the Lauderdale city administrator, he is no stranger to governmental posts of all levels. For the past 15 years, he has been involved in government at the state, county and city level. He has served as the county coordinator of Pine County, director of Vehicle Services for Minnesota, special projects administrator for Wright County and administrative analyst

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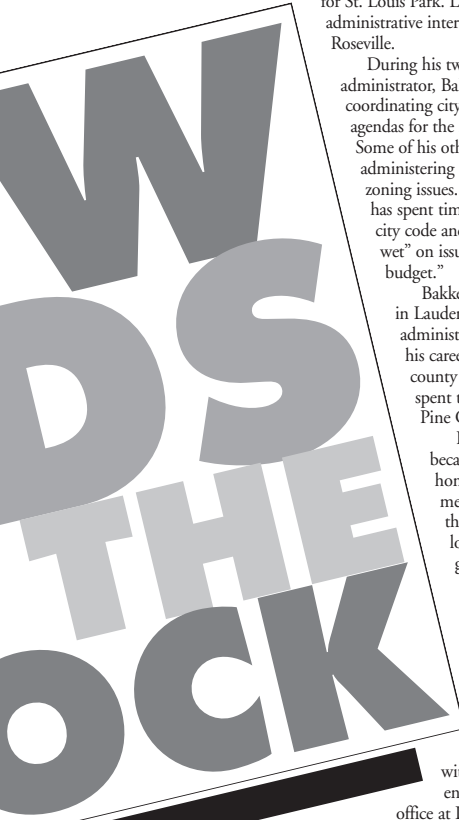
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During his two months as Lauderdale's city administrator, Bakken-Heck has kept busy coordinating city council meetings, compiling agendas for the meeting and keeping minutes. Some of his other duties include preparing and administering the city budget and working with zoning issues. As a neophyte to the position, he has spent time familiarizing himself with the city code and ordinances, "getting his feet wet" on issues, and "delving into the budget."

Bakken-Heck said he took the position in Lauderdale to "try my hand" at a city administrator position. When he began his career, he knew he wanted to be a county or city administrator, and he spent time as a county administrator in Pine County.

He said he chose Lauderdale because it's an easy commute from his home in Plymouth, it's located in a metropolitan area and it affords him the opportunity to be involved in local government. Local government appeals to him because it allows people more opportunities for participation, compared to the county or state level.

This personal connection is key to Bakken-Heck's enjoyment of the job. As city administrator he has opportunities to interact with the public. He said he also enjoys the casual atmosphere of his office at Lauderdale City Hall.

As city administrator, Bakken-Heck said, his main goal is helping the Lauderdale City Council achieve its goals. The council deals with everything from potholes in city streets to rental housing issues. Currently they are trying to determine whether redeveloping the southeast quadrant of Lauderdale along Larpentur Avenue is feasible. They're also working on improving city ordinances and long-range planning.

Bakken-Heck said Lauderdale's greatest challenge will be continuing to provide high-quality services to its citizens despite the current state budget crisis, as well as maintaining the city's identity and small-town atmosphere within a large urban area. (Lauderdale's motto is "The Island in the Metro.")

For Bakken-Heck, the future holds at least five more years in his current position, followed by a possible move to a larger city in order to continue his work in local government.

New executive director hopes to spark District 12 Council

by Caroline Daykin

For someone who had "no idea" what she wanted to do as an undergraduate majoring in classics at Macalester College, Amy Sparks, the new executive director of the District 12 Community Council, has had a productive career.

Her resume includes work as a legislative assistant to the State Senate majority leader, service as the community organizer for the District 17 Community Council, four years on the City Council in St. Anthony Village, and a stint with the small nonprofit group ACTION (Adults and Children Together In Our Neighborhood), which focuses on healthy kids.

Sparks' interest in politics was piqued while she was working as a waitress during a year-long hiatus from college. One of her regular customers was a state representative, who asked her opinion on an issue that was currently being debated. Sparks told him her view, and he used it on the floor of the House.

The incident allowed Sparks to see the influence she could have in politics. Shortly thereafter, she took the opportunity to work for the District 17 Community Council.

Despite her extensive involvement in politics, Sparks' knowledge and experience extend beyond the political realm. She has a master's degree in counseling psychology, which she obtained because she is interested in "change at all levels." She never had the opportunity to use this degree, however, because she became a mother.

Parenting a son, now 16, and a daughter, now 13, afforded Sparks the opportunity to further her experience in politics. Having children interested her in issues that had previously seemed less compelling, such as schools and parks.

Campaigning for a quality park was the issue that propelled her into St. Anthony Village politics. "We ended up with a great park," she said. In turn, her involvement in politics has enhanced Sparks' parenting since it has made her children more politically aware.

As executive director of the District 12 Council, Sparks will coordinate the council's programs, including the chore program, which links volunteers with senior citizens who need chores done so the seniors can stay in their homes. She will also have myriad administrative duties and work with committees.

Sparks was drawn to the position because of her interest working for a small nonprofit and her belief in the concept of citizen participation. In the district council system, board members are elected by community voters. Nongovernmental citizens may also volunteer to serve on committees. The system enables people to wield influence over happenings in their neighborhood, Sparks said.

During her time as executive director, Sparks' main goal is to bring information to board members and the community so they can make informed decisions. While her political experience has taught her that conflict is inherent in all community decision making, she sees the St. Anthony Park Community Council as "a great group of people" that she is "thrilled" to be working with, and is confident that the conflict she will encounter will be "healthy" and lead to "creative solutions."

Since assuming her new duties, Sparks said she has enjoyed meeting the staff and board members of the council. She is confident that her partiality to "being in the midst of things" will serve her well in her new position because at the council there is "a lot to be involved in."

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Vacation Bible School

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School August 15-18 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the church, 1795 Holton Street.

"Road Trip: Journey to Understanding" will study the biblical story of Abraham and Sarah, as well as four modern countries: Taiwan, Zimbabwe, Guatemala and Northern Ireland.

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Special events during August:

August 6 & 7: Textile Day
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August 13 & 14: Children's Day
 A day of storytelling, games and toys of pioneer and Native American children.

August 20 & 21: Garden Tours
 View the museum's heritage landscape restoration. Learn about prairies, orchards, heritage trees, Dakota medicine teaching gardens, and pioneer and Dakota crop gardens.

Ice Cream Social

The city of **Falcon Heights** will hold its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 28, at Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. and include sports challenges, a

fishing pond, face painting, crafts, tug of war, food and musical entertainment by Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade.

People

Caitlin Durkee has been selected to the United States Youth Soccer Region 2 Olympic Development Program Pool team in her age group. Regional and national coaches selected her at a regional camp held in DeKalb, Illinois.

Caitlin will be a junior at Como Park High School. She is a member of the St. Croix Eclectic soccer team, coached by Tim Magnuson, and co-captain of the Como varsity soccer team, coached by Steve Cox. She is the daughter of Kim and Paul Durkee of St. Anthony Park.

John S. Borden has been appointed executive director of the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Avenue. Borden joined the institute in 1979 as a caseworker. He became casework supervisor in 1993 and was named associate director in 2004. He assumed his new responsibilities June 1, and will continue to lead the casework department.

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No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

Hey there, dinosaur fans! I'm scrambling this month's "No bones" off as I fly home from Madagascar, where I've been hunting for dinosaurs for the last couple of weeks.

What a fantastic trip it has been! I arrived in Madagascar's capital city, Antananarivo (also known as Tana) on June 30 after two solid days of flying. I met up with many of the other members of our team on the flights, and had layovers in London and on the island of Mauritius to get out and stretch my legs.

Our work in Madagascar actually began, not with dinosaurs, but instead with kids. In 1998, the group of paleontologists I work with founded a nonprofit organization aimed at improving the health and education of Malagasy children. In Madagascar, we headed south of Tana to the forest where lemurs still live to inaugurate a brand-new school building that our organization (www.ankizy.org) built.

It was amazing. Not only did we get to participate in a huge celebration that included dancing and singing, but we also were able to get into the forest with a researcher and track lemurs through the dense vegetation.

It was great, and I found that all the Malagasy lessons I took back home over the last year

paid off. I could speak and actually be understood!

After the school inauguration we drove for 13 hours to the northwestern part of Madagascar, to an area called the Mahajanga Basin. This is the small field area where many of our team have spent years of their careers, and it's one of the most astounding fossil localities ever found.

There are dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes, seven different crocodile species (including one that is a vegetarian), lizards, birds, snakes, frogs, turtles and mammals. My favorite dinosaur, the long-necked herbivore that I named *Rapetosaurus krausei*, is also found there.

We spent our days doing several different things:

- Prospecting, where we hike around to little areas of exposed rock and look for bones

- Digging test pits, where we identify areas we think will be particularly productive because of the quantity of bone eroding on the surface, and then dig small pits to see what the density of bones inside the hill might be

- Excavation, during which we expose a large surface that yields a number of bones, map them carefully and then remove them from the rock in a plaster and burlap jacket.

In the short time I was in Madagascar, we identified more than 10 new sites, many of which

contained the remains of a new species of long-necked plant eating dinosaur that I'll be naming in the next year or so. One site included one of the rarest fossils of all: a skull of one of these long-necked dinos!

We also explored some interesting new field areas to the south and west, and found fossils in all of them. I'm now on my way home so that I can be with my daughters, Lucy (2), and Katie (15), and so that my husband, Ray, who is also the project geologist, can get over and collect some new geological data.

Stay tuned for September's installment of "No bones," where I'll fill you in even more on the amazing fossils that we recovered this summer. Until then, "veloma" (that's Malagasy for "bye").

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Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasor

In a few short months, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program will be 25 years old. There have been many changes in our community and our society during the past quarter of a century, and we've tried to adapt to continue to fulfill our mission. Have we succeeded? We want you to let us know.

Almost 25 years ago, a program model used to provide ongoing home health services for disabled children was adapted around a St. Anthony Park kitchen table to provide the same kind of assistance to adults so that they could age in their homes rather than in a nursing home or similar facility.

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We here at the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program believe that we still fill a niche no other agency can. We provide coordination of client care and volunteer services along with home health services, and we think this makes a difference.

But we may be too close to what we are doing to see it clearly, so we are asking for your point of view.

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If you have not used our services but have ideas how we could help older residents of our community to live independent lives, we want to hear from you. Call or e-mail us and let us know what you think.

Has the Block Nurse Program outlived its usefulness in this community? Are there things we should be doing that we are not doing? We want to know what you think! Please take a few moments to let us know, so we can continue to provide the best services possible to our community.

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers services to support caregivers. We hope that Aging Gracefully is helpful to older adults and those who care about and care for them. We welcome ideas and feedback for this column at 642-9052 or sapbnp@bistream.net.



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"Ordinary Wolves" by Seth Kantner. This is just out in paperback, and although it comes from Alaska and its very cold temperatures, it is a nice summer read. The characters truly inhabit

a different and mesmerizing place—an Alaska that is sliding away from us. Kantner's use of the Inupiaq language accentuates the wonderful differences in sound and meaning between cultures. It is a dazzling first novel. (Hans)

"No Country For Old Men" by Cormac McCarthy. McCarthy grabs you by the throat and throws you back in your chair. The violence and the plot in the first quarter of the book call to mind a B movie, but a surprisingly contemplative tone takes over toward the end and resonates even after the book is done. (Dallas, super store customer)

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AUGUST CALENDAR

1 Monday

• AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.

• Como Park recycling. Every Monday.

2 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, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.

• Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Seal High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

• Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to pre-register.

3 Wednesday

• Cardmaking for children 9-14. Two sessions, 2 and 3 pm. Pre-registration required; limit of 12. Free at the St. Anthony Park Library (642-0411).

• Women's Connection, a women's networking organization (603-0954), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

• Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11-11:45 a.m.

• St. Anthony Park recycling. Every Wednesday.

4 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.

• Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St. every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to pre-register.

• St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

5 Friday

• Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (First Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 9-10 a.m.)

• Falcon Heights recycling.

6 Saturday

• Nocturnal Bowling (612-625-5246), 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Copher Spot, St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave, St. Paul Campus. Every Saturday.

8 Monday

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

• Lauderdale recycling.

9 Tuesday

• Circus Mandulaj, 7 p.m. Free family fun at the St. Anthony Park Library.

• Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

10 Wednesday

• Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.

11 Thursday

• Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

16 Tuesday

• Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Seal High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1:15-2:15 p.m.

• District 10 board meeting, call 651-644-3889 for details.

17 Wednesday

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• Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

19 Friday

• Falcon Heights recycling.

22 Monday

• Lauderdale recycling.

23 Tuesday

• Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

24 Wednesday

• Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.

• St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

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Jerry Alexander

Gerald T. Alexander, Sr., 74, died peacefully on July 2, 2005. Jerry can be remembered as a man with deep faith and a sense of humor who loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed reading, RV traveling and following Minnesota sports.

A follower of the writings of theologian Emanuel Swedenborg, Jerry welcomed discussion of his writings. He was retired from the electrical contracting industry after 40+ years in various capacities. Very important was his life in AA, which helped him celebrate 22 years of sobriety.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ruth; children, Tom (Sue) of Minnetonka, Denise of St. Paul, David (Deanne) of Champlin and Robert (Cindi) of Apple Valley; seven grandchildren, Cynthia, Patrick, Stephen, Erik, Andrew, Lauren and Dane; step-grandson, Charlie; and great-grandson, Christopher.

A memorial service was held July 8 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Glennye Cox

Glennye Harriet (Toenges) Cox, age 67, died July 3, 2005, after a long illness. She was born in Alden, Minn., on Dec. 8, 1938. She and her husband, Daryl, moved to Kansas City, Mo., after their marriage, where Daryl attended refrigeration school. Glennye worked as a medical lab technician there. After several years, they moved back to the Alden area and later to St. Anthony Park.

Here Glennye first worked in downtown St. Paul, making many friends on the bus ride to and from work. Later she worked as a lab tech closer to home, first at Group Health on Como Ave. and then at St. Anthony Park Clinic, where she served local patients for 28 years.

Many remember Glennye as a generous person who always had an extra spot at her table—a person who extended a helping hand, a kind word or a kick when needed.

She was preceded in death by her son, Darwin, killed in a work accident in 1984. This event changed the Cox family forever. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Daryl; two daughters, Darlette (Dan) Luke of

Shoreview, Minn., and Danielle (Patrick) Steffan of North Branch, Minn.; and three grandchildren, Christina Luke, and Donovan and Zachary Steffan.

Glennye and Daryl were members of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church for 39 years. Her funeral was held there on July 7.

Joseph Keleher

Joseph J. Keleher, age 86, of St. Anthony Park died on June 30, 2005. He died suddenly in the midst of a very active life of love and service to others, with a strong personal faith in God that sustained him more every year.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Janet; children, Kathy (Tom), Paul (Barbara), Lou Ann (Greg), Patrick (Suzie), Maria, Frances (Andy) and Al; 11 grandchildren; a brother, Arthur, and sisters, Geneva ("Nita"), Anna, Magdalyn ("Toots") and Teresa.

Joe was born in Tracy, Minn., and grew up on a farm nearby. He served in WWII, met and married Janet Otter, and they both attended the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill while raising the three oldest of their seven children.

After receiving his degree in agricultural economics, Joe taught high school in southwestern Minnesota for several years before moving back to St. Paul, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Joe taught at Anoka Vo-Tech for the last 15 years of his professional life and then had 20 years of delightful retirement to devote to the Master Gardener program and other volunteer projects that continued his passion for teaching and shared his fascination with plants, gardening, science and the natural world.

He deeply loved and lived for his family, friends and gardens, including the St. Anthony Park Community Garden, which he helped develop and nurture for many years. He was also actively involved in his church and senior groups and was an avid golfer, bowler, fisherman and hunter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 6 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Roseville. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jim Rust

James Fred Rust died June 24, 2005, of colon cancer, at age 54. Jim graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School in 1969, became involved with theater at Carleton College, spending the next decade as an actor and director, and founded the Open Door Summer Shakespeare Company in Boston. But he had developed a special love of Greece ever since his fifth-grade teacher loaned him Edith Hamilton's "Greek Mythology," and he planned to eventually become an archaeologist.

In 1985, Jim received his B.A. in anthropology at the University of Minnesota, followed by his masters in classical archaeology at the State University of New York, Albany. He did additional graduate work at Boston University, was a Keck Fellow and received a research fellowship at the University of Western Australia, Perth.

During his graduate studies he contributed to archaeological research in Jordan, Egypt and Greece. Upon returning to the U.S., he wanted to share with others his passion for the Minoan civilization of Bronze Age Greece, and began Beyond Travel, taking a small group of people to Crete.

Later this idea developed into Earth Odyssey for Youth, a nonprofit organization he created in 2000, dedicated to taking at-risk teens to see the wonders of the world. The realities of making a living instead led him to begin a cultural resources management firm, 4G Consulting, and his focus turned to North American archaeology.

Wherever and whatever Jim did, every moment of his too-short life was always flavored by his deep love for his family, his wife and home, his humor, enjoyment of the arts, and most especially for all things baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Moyer Rust, of St. Paul; parents, Richard H. and Laura E. Rust, Falcon Heights; sister, Deanna Rust, Lincoln Neb.; brothers, Richard, Falcon Heights, Mark (Joyce), Minneapolis, Robert, Willernie, Minn.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins in and around Bunker Hill, Ill.

A memorial service was held June 29 at Emmaus Lutheran Church.

Warner Shippee

B. Warner Shippee, 89, died July 7, 2005. He was born in Providence, R.I., on May 27, 1916. Warner graduated from University High School and the University of Minnesota (1935), where he was a member of the Jacobin Club and Phi Beta Kappa. He was a Neiman Fellow at Harvard University in 1935-36.

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He collected books, old glass and other antiques that he and Elizabeth offered for sale at Courtyard Antiques in Milton Square from 1989-1994. Warner supported the ACLU, Citizens League, St. Anthony Park Community Council and Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul. He was a long time member of The Informal Club of St. Paul. He also served on the board of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for six years.

He enjoyed camping, mostly in the West, and had a 75-year association with Star Island in Cass Lake, Minn. Sailing, fishing, and hiking occupied his time.

His family and friends will miss this bright, kind, witty and principled man who chose reading first, but also wrote poetry and painted with watercolors.

Warner was preceded in death by his son, David, and sisters, Margaret Kennedy and Elizabeth Templer. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth; sons, John (Margaret Blevins), Atlanta, Ga., and Douglas (Lynn Francis), Kingston, N.Y.; daughters, Lisa (Leonard) Duhl, Berkeley, Calif., and Susan, Minneapolis; four grandchildren, Aurora (Paolo Guidicci) Ortiz, Rebecca, Sam and Logan Shippee; two great-grandchildren, Francesco and Giacomo Guidicci; and one step-great-grandson, Jesse.

There will be a memorial service in early August, details to

be announced. The family requests memorial gifts (in lieu of flowers) to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Interact Center for the Performing Arts or the University of Minnesota Foundation (David Donhowe Shippee Memorial Scholarship).

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