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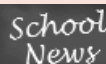
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Volunteering Matters

Sisters Pam Johnson and Lisa Smith are coordinating plans for the annual senior all-night party at Como High School. Over 50 parent volunteers help pull off the event.

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Como Park High School sophomore Bridgette Lovelace won second place at the Caponi Art Park teen poetry slam on May 10.

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Award caps Floyd Bedbury's six-decade holiday on ice

by Judy Woodward

The way Floyd Bedbury tells it, he didn't appreciate the full impact of what he'd done until he stood alone in the Oslo train station, an 18-year-old kid newly arrived from Minnesota, knowing no one, without a single word of Norwegian. He was terrified at the strangeness of it all, but he'd come this far on ambition and he wasn't going to turn back.

The year was 1957, and Bedbury had come to Europe to study the fine art of metric-style speed skating.

Over the next 51 years, Bedbury was to prove himself an exceptionally apt pupil. He set several national records, became the U.S. men's speed-skating champion and competed in the 1960 and 1964 Olympics. He was the first American to skate an indoor mile in under three minutes.

Earlier this year, Bedbury, 70, who lives in Falcon Heights, was inducted into the National Speed Skating Hall of Fame in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

It was the victory lap in a lifetime of skating that extends back to the mid 1940s, when

Floyd Bedbury to 10



U of M officials squelch rumors, say golf course will stay open

by Roger Bergerson

Although no one is offering any long-term guarantees, it appears that the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course will continue operating for the foreseeable future.

Rumors have been circulating in the local golfing community that the course on Larpentur Avenue in Falcon Heights is slated to close. Such a move would require approval by the University Board of Regents, and the chairman of the board's Facilities Committee said no such action is pending.

"I've been on the board for 11 years and the idea of doing something else with the golf course has never come up," said Dave Metzen, of Sunfish Lake. "There've been no proposals from the administration or anyone else. I'm not making any predictions about what might happen

eventually, but this is a public facility and there would be a full and open dialogue before any action was taken."

The office of U of M President Robert Bruininks referred an inquiry to the university's public relations department, where a spokesman stated that there are no plans to shut down the course.

Nonetheless, Bolstad patrons wonder what's going on. "We hear the rumors and we're concerned," said Dave Schuh, president of the Men's Club.

"I get questions about the possibility of the course closing on almost a daily basis," said Greg Jamieson, golf pro and course manager. "From everything I hear from my supervisors, these rumors have no credibility."

The unease probably dates back at least to 2002, when then-

University President Mark Yudof proposed budget cuts that included eliminating the men's and women's golf teams.

Fundraising by a boosters group

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Being green gets easier

by Kristal Leebrik

If you've been thinking about starting a compost bin or switching to LED lights in your home, or if you're just yearning to live a greener life but don't know where to begin, the answers might be right in your own backyard — or your neighbor's.

This summer, St. Anthony Park residents will gather in backyards throughout the neighborhood to learn about how to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle through the District 12 Community Council's Backyard Talks. The talks are part of the council's Green Neighborhood Project, a three-pronged program that includes Backyard Talks, Windsource Promotion and Environmental Movie Night.

Backyard Talks kicked off May 20 with the Kasota Pond Walk, where Karlyn Eckman of the University of Minnesota Water Resources Center (and St. Anthony Park resident) gave a walking tour of the area located west of Highway 280 on Energy Park Drive. Kasota Pond is the last remnant of a once-larger interconnected creek, pond and wetlands system in St. Anthony Park and home to a range of

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The 39th Annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival will take place Saturday, June 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. along Como Avenue between Luther Place and Carter Avenue. In addition to almost 100 exhibitors, the event will include food, entertainment, sidewalk sales, displays by community organizations, a used book sale and a plant sale. The insert in this paper lists specific festival information. Save this guide and bring it to the festival.

On Friday, June 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Northern Lights 4-H Club will host a pie and ice cream social at Luther Seminary (corner of Como Avenue and Luther Place). Music will be provided by the St. Anthony Park Community Band.

Vote in this month's Bugle poll at www.parkbugle.org: What have you done to go green?

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Longtime District 10 Community Organizer Sue McCall resigned on May 1. She has accepted a position coordinating crime-prevention efforts in District 2. McCall spent 14 years with District 10 in a variety of capacities, from volunteer to paid staff. The District 10 board of directors is currently seeking a replacement.

The Como Park Community Council's Environment Committee will team with the Capitol Region Watershed District for the annual Tree Identification Trek in Como Park, from 10 a.m. to noon on June 14. This free event is open to the public. Participants will gather at the carved black bear just to the west of the Como Park Pavilion. For more information, call guide Chet Mirocha at 646-4226.

Falcon Heights

The city is selling reusable grocery bags for \$2 each (limit two per household). These heavy-duty bags are a great way to reduce waste and help the environment. Residents can purchase bags at City Hall.

Many resources are available to help residents plan block parties this summer. The city can provide street barricades. Parties on National Night Out (August 5) can include visits from the fire department with a truck, and a police car and officer. City Council members would also like to meet neighbors at block parties. Call City Hall (792-7600) to request barricades, visits and other assistance.

Falcon Heights City Hall summer hours (May 27–August 29) are 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Thursday, and 7:30 a.m.–noon Friday.

Election judges are needed for the 2008 elections. Judges can work a half day or full day, and are paid. Judges must be at least 18 years old, U.S. citizens, and able to speak and read English. For more information or to sign up, call Stacey Kreuser: 792-7614.

The Falcon Heights Fire Department, which also serves Lauderdale, is recruiting volunteer, paid-per-call firefighters. For requirements, benefits and application materials, see the city's Web site: www.falconheights.org. Select Public Safety, then Fire Department, then Volunteer Opportunities. Or call City Hall: 792-7600.

Lauderdale

The Roseville Community Band will make a return engagement for Music under the Trees, 7:30–8:45 p.m. on June 16 at Lauderdale Community Park (Roselawn Avenue between Pleasant Street and Fulham Street). Bring lawn chairs or blankets. All are welcome to attend this free event. Ice cream will be provided. If there is rain or severe weather, the event will be cancelled.

The Rice Creek Watershed District will hold four public meetings to discuss the Southwest Urban Lake Study. This study was initiated to address water quality on 24 lakes in the southwest portion of the district. For times and locations of meetings concerning specific lakes, contact Matthew Kocian, Rice Creek Watershed District: mkokian@ricecreek.org, 763-398-3070.

St. Anthony Park

On May 2, the St. Anthony Park Community Council co-signed a landmark Good Neighbor Agreement with Globe Tool, a

manufacturer of metal parts for medical implantation devices.

The Southeast Como Improvement Association, which represents the neighborhood where Globe Tool is located, led the effort to reach an agreement between Globe Tool and the Como, St. Anthony Park and Prospect Park neighborhoods.

The agreement includes measures to reduce the company's trichloroethylene emissions by approximately 70 percent, as well as steps for increased cooperation and communication between the neighborhoods and Globe Tool.

The final draft of the Como 2030 plan (a small area plan for Como Avenue) will be presented to the public at 7 p.m. on June 3 at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Since the last community meeting, the Como 2030 Task Force has added a number of recommendations, including a plan for rezoning Como Avenue.

The draft is available online at www.sapcc.org. To comment on the draft, attend the meeting or e-mail Amy Sparks: amy@sapcc.org.

A Backyard Talk at 6:30 p.m. on June 10 will be hosted by Marcie O'Connor. The session will include a tour of a native wetlands garden and a presentation on the value and methods of growing native plants.

A second Backyard Talk will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 17, when University of Minnesota Soil, Water and Climate Professor Tom Halbach will speak about backyard composting.

A third Backyard Talk will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 24. University of Minnesota agronomy professor Nick Jordan will talk about garden experiences here and around the world.

Free refreshments will be served at all talks, and a prize will be given to the first 10 people to register for each talk. For all events, RSVP to green@sapcc.org or 649-5992.

The Rock-Tenn Community Advisory Panel will meet June 2 and 16 at the Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Parkway N. More information is available at www.rtdadvisory.org or by calling Nina Axelsson: 612-788-4151.

A National Night Out Kickoff picnic will be held May 29, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Mayor Coleman and Police Chief Harrington will speak. There will be free food, face painting, music, door prizes and materials to help plan and host. The event will be held at the Como Park Pavilion, just off Lexington Avenue and Horton Street, across from the Como Pool.

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Gerald Nolte's wide world of teaching

by Michelle Christianson

Many people, when they reach retirement age, decide that they've worked enough. They're ready for golf, reading, putting around the house. Not so for Gerald Nolte.

After his retirement from teaching agricultural economics for 30 years at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Nolte, a St. Anthony Park resident, decided to volunteer as a consultant to Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA). On April 30, he received the President's Volunteer Service Award and the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) Impact Award in Washington, D.C., for his work overseas, particularly for his assistance to a nascent farmers' cooperative in Sudan.

Nolte's work in Sudan began after the Natabo farmers in southern Sudan started working together as a loose band of friends practicing traditional agriculture. They received technical assistance from ACDI/VOCA volunteers, who taught them to view farming as a business and helped them with agricultural marketing.

When they were ready to officially form a cooperative association, Nolte flew to Sudan. He taught them about gardening on a large scale and encouraged them to get bigger. He advised them about how to set up a co-op and develop a set of by-laws, policies and objectives. He helped them with cash-flow and net-income projections.

Thirty members signed on to uphold the constitution of the Natabo Farmers Association, and a month later the association was formally registered. Because the enthusiasm and hard work the

farmers exhibited during Nolte's visit continued after he left, the farmers and their families have experienced great economic success and an improved standard of living.

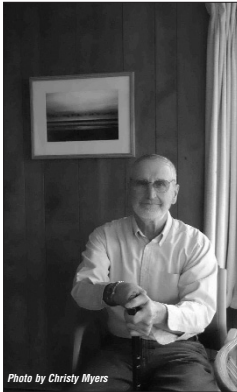


Photo by Christy Myers

St. Anthony Park resident Gerald Nolte received awards for his volunteer work.

They now have a steady income because they grow more than one crop, with planting staggered to provide a continuous harvest. In just one year, total member earnings tripled and more than half the group doubled their net returns. Some members have been able to renovate their

homes and provide further education for their children.

Nolte, a graduate of the University of Illinois with a doctorate from the University of Minnesota, taught farm financial management, commodity marketing, cooperative enterprise, statistics and other related subjects.

His first foreign assignment was as a representative of the U.S. Department of Labor to post-Franco Spain in 1980. There he helped increase the U.S. presence and promote democracy by meeting with leaders of producer and consumer cooperatives in many cities. After that he traveled about once a year, holding seminars or leading student study tours.

When he retired in 2000, Nolte jumped into volunteer work. He travels at least twice a year for up to four weeks, teaching cooperative principles and practices, small business management and how to improve existing practices. He has visited Ethiopia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guyana, Paraguay, Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, Spain, Germany, Indonesia, Vietnam, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and, of course, Sudan. He

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Assigning colors to decades is an interesting exercise. The 1930s, dominated by the Great Depression, might rate a label of black. The 1940s, when WWII created widespread patriotic fervor, could be considered red, white and blue, while the 50s, with anti-Communism at its peak, was probably just red. The 60s were tie-dyed, of course. And so it goes.

There's little question that the current decade is green. Although ecological awareness did not suddenly dawn with the new millennium, the amount of attention given to environmental concerns in recent years is unprecedented. These days, only the most determined misanthrope or self-styled curmudgeon cultivates an anti-green persona.

A good indication of the extent to which an issue has pervaded public consciousness is its presence in advertising. We Americans are what we buy, and if the marketers latch onto something, it must be important. Light bulbs, laundry soap, toilet paper, coffee, even water — a bewildering variety of products can be judged not only by price and quality but also by their effect on the earth, sea and sky.

Today, almost no decision facing the American consumer falls outside the green shadow. From what we drive to what we wear to where we live to what we eat — everything, we're now given to understand, has environmental consequences. Every breath we take is fraught and every move we make leaves a carbon footprint.

When Kermit the Frog sang "It's not easy being green," he was making an implicit observation about self-concept, perhaps metaphorically about racial identity. Today the same lament reflects a realization of the inherent complexity attending any attempt to live an environmentally responsible life.

In short, it's hard to know whether we're doing the right thing.

We dutifully put out our recyclables every week or two, but the sense of accomplishment that accompanies sorting glass from paper from plastic may inure us to difficult and far-reaching questions about the consequences of depending on others to get rid of all the stuff we discard.

Worse, a painfully heightened consciousness of how difficult it is to live consistently can lead to despair. How much difference can one person make, after all? If we're only buying a little time, maybe it's not worth it. Plus, what about all the big polluters over in _____? Why should we make sacrifices if they're not going to?

Of course, part of our problem is seeing green choices as necessitating sacrifice. A better approach might be to think of trade-offs. Riding mass transit might take longer, but it could reduce stress and create more time for reading. Adding insulation results in an immediate expense but will pay for itself over time. Buying more locally grown food reduces the variety in your grocery bag but may inspire greater creativity in the kitchen.

Being able to see trade-offs is also a corrective to over-simplification. Nuclear energy is cheaper than some alternatives, but its waste creates storage problems. Burning biomass does not deplete a finite resource but may result in more pollutants than burning natural gas. Designating state funds for mass transit might advantage urban dwellers over their rural counterparts.

But although seeing choices as trade-offs means complicating one's world view, it's also an antidote to cynicism, despair and unproductive guilt. You can't do everything, but you can do something, and that something can make a difference.

Kermit was right: It's not easy being green. But his song ends optimistically, and ours can too: "I think it's what I want to be."

LETTERS

Clarify Port Authority

I would like to object to Anne Holzman's story ("Whose Authority is it?") in the May Bugle. She implied that the Port Authority works outside the normal checks and balances required of public agencies. What frustrates me and other Port Authority employees is a continuing lack of understanding of the very public nature — and benefit — of the St. Paul Port Authority.

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*Tom Collins, director of marketing and communications
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Community Council thanks everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Kasota Ponds cleanup.

In addition to over 70 volunteers, the cleanup received generous donations from Speedy Market, Dunn Brothers on Como Avenue, Bruegger's Bagels on Energy Park Drive, Subway on University Avenue and Rock-Tenn.

*Renée Lepreau, community organizer
St. Anthony Park Community Council*

Golf course from 1

saved both teams.

Later that same year, the men's team moved to the Tournament Players Club of the Twin Cities in Blaine because the Bolstad course wasn't long enough.

"That led to some internal conversations about the future of the course," said Liz Eull, senior associate athletic director and chief financial officer of Gopher Athletics. "But I'm not aware of any such discussions in the last three or four years."

More recently, items in local newspaper sports columns about Bolstad's possible demise have fueled speculation. And the nearly 80-year-old clubhouse clearly is showing its age. The athletic department would like a new one to boost food and catering sales.

Lurking in the background is the fact that the game of golf is declining in popularity. Across the country, fewer rounds are being played each year, and the same is

true locally.

Steve Walters, manager of Gross National Golf Course, the busiest of Minneapolis' municipal links, said that rounds there have decreased from 51,000 in 2003 and 2004 to 43,000 last year. In St. Paul, the downward trend is similar, with the three public courses losing a collective \$4 million in the past five years.

Ironically, 2007 play at Bolstad was up slightly to 32,000 rounds, the best in 10 years, and both Jamieson and his boss, Scott Ellison, associate athletic director for facilities, are looking ahead with guarded optimism.

Although the general public won't be allowed to use it, university officials point to the \$500,000 renovation of the practice center for the men's and women's golf teams as an investment in the course's future.

"Some people say, 'well, the men's team doesn't even play there anymore,'" Ellison said.

"They may not compete here, but they're here almost every day practicing. And the women both compete and play here. Now we've got one of the best practice facilities in the country."

Professional golfer and Gopher alumnus Tom Lehman designed the new facility and donated \$50,000 to its construction. Said his agent and brother, Jim Lehman of SFX Sports, Minneapolis, "I think it is fair to say that Tom's contribution was unconditional, although I am sure the university would have brought it to Tom's attention if there was any thought that the course might close."

The university continues to benefit from the driving range adjacent to the course, Ellison said. "Unlike the par-3 course that was on that site previously, the driving range is a very important income generator for us," he said. "It's very low maintenance and very

profitable."

Both Jamieson and Ellison take heart from President Bruininks' response to a letter from Prof. Terry Cooper, a faculty member on the St. Paul campus and active member of the Men's Club at the course. Cooper wrote expressing his thoughts on the important role that the golf course plays in campus life.

"The president didn't make any long-term commitment, but he said he valued the course as a resource for teaching and education, and I'm satisfied with that," said Cooper, who passed that message on to the athletic department.

"I think there are people on campus that look at the golf course as a huge tract of land that could serve the university in other ways," said Ellison. "That's why the president's response to Professor Cooper was very welcome."

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says he'll do it "until they put me in the box."

Nolte believes strongly that we don't do enough for and with other countries. Nonetheless, he is pleased to see that there are many well-educated, professional and talented people willing to volunteer their time through the umbrella of the United States Agency for International Development. VEGA, the agency Nolte is involved with, is a consortium of 16 economic growth volunteer organizations that collectively have assisted over 140 countries by sending out over 67,000 volunteer experts to help promote economic growth in developing and transition economies.

Nolte also values the relationships, some ongoing, that he establishes with people in other countries. One such relationship has facilitated his neighbor's adopted sons' visit to their native country of Paraguay this summer, where they will help out with a music program.

Nolte's most recent trip was to Russia on May 25. What will you do with your retirement?



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wildlife, including snapping turtles, salamanders and herons.

Nine additional talks are scheduled, and coordinator Mary Hamel said there could be more by fall. Renee Lepreau, District 12 community organizer, said the Backyard Talks are a "great opportunity for neighbors to share their knowledge with other neighbors."

Hamel's lineup includes sessions on native planting and native insects, composting, eco-friendly housekeeping, green remodeling, organic gardening on the boulevard and switching a home over to LED lights. Most of these talks will take place in a resident's yard on a Tuesday evening and will include refreshments.

Program organizers want people to register for the talks and are offering incentives for those who respond first. For example, the first 25 to register for the Kasota Pond Walk received free field guides. The first callers to commit to the talk on kitchen composting will receive a countertop compost bucket.

The Green Neighborhood Project is being funded with a \$3,000 grant from the

St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and a \$2,000 grant from Park Midway Bank.

Amy Sparks, District 12 executive director, said she and Lepreau got the idea for the project at the Neighborhood Sustainability Conference in March at Augsburg College, where they learned about activities in other metro neighborhoods. Conversations with Jon Schumacher and Glen Skovholt of the Community Foundation led to the development of the program.

Lepreau said the goal is to get neighbors to share their knowledge about environmental matters. "I know people in District 12 are doing great things," she said. "This is an opportunity for them to share what they are doing."

"The speakers are all experts in their fields," Hamel said, "and they all either live here or are connected to the neighborhood in some way."

Environmental Movie Night is patterned after a similar program offered by the Hamline-Midway Coalition Environmental Group, which is showing movies with environmental themes this summer. District 12 will begin with a showing in July at the St. Anthony Park Library and another in August at an outdoor venue. Specific dates and films are still being planned.

The third part of the Green Neighborhood Project is Windsource Promotion, which is being coordinated by Brandon Wiarda, a member of the District 12 Environmental Committee and a representative to the Capitol Region Watershed

District. Windsource is a voluntary program offered by Xcel Energy that allows customers to buy monthly "blocks" of 100 kilowatt-hours or request 100 percent Windsource from Xcel.

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Windsource Promotion is a work in progress. Wiarda will spend the summer creating promotional materials, and the District 12 Environment Committee is discussing incentives to encourage people to sign up.

A master calendar of Backyard Talks and Environmental Movie Nights will be available soon, Hamel said. She suggested signing up for the District 12 e-newsletter to stay informed about the project. To find out more about the talks and their locations or to sign up for the e-newsletter, call 649-5992 or e-mail renee@sapcc.org. Reservations for a specific talk can be sent to green@sapcc.org.

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June 24, Organic Boulevard Gardening, with Nick Jordan, U of M professor of agronomy and plant genetics.

July 8, Kids Event: Storm Drain Stenciling and Storm Water Runoff, with Friends of the Mississippi River.

July 29, Eco-friendly Housekeeping, with Naomi Jackson and Lisa Steinmann.

August 5, Green Remodeling, with architect Lucas Alm.

August 12, Native Plants and Safe Bird Migration, with Mark Johnson.

September 9, Insects, with entomologist Margot Monson.

September 16, Replacing Household Lights with LEDs, with resident Al Torstenson and electrician Wade Nelson.



Volunteering Matters

by Lisa Steinmann

For many people, volunteering is something that begins in earnest when their child enters school. A dozen years after kindergarten, parents find themselves preparing for high school graduation and an end to their career as school volunteers.

However, there's one last volunteer gig that's truly a labor of love offered by parents before their children exit the high school doors for the last time. It is the senior all-night party.

Parent volunteers Pam Johnson and Lisa Smith are leading the effort this year to run the all-night party at Como Park High School on June 4. The two are sisters who live just ten houses apart in the Como neighborhood.

Older sister Johnson has put in 25 years as a school volunteer, both as a parent and aunt. She has three children who've graduated from Como and has been involved with all-night parties since 1993. This year she's serving on behalf of her nephew, graduating senior Matt Smith.

The senior party traditionally follows commencement. "It's such a special night for them," says Smith. "They could be out having their own parties, drinking and driving. This provides kids with a safe night and the last time for them all to be together."

These parties compete with private events that might not be chaperoned. To persuade teens to come, Johnson and Smith conducted a survey in January to find out what students wanted at an all-night party.

The planning committee used experience with previous parties and this year's survey results to set the ticket price at \$35 and to guide arrangements for food and activities.

Students will spend the night (10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.) enjoying video games, poker and other casino-type games, a live version of The Price is Right, open pool time, a hypnotist and an inflatable bungee relay game.

Gift certificates and prizes are awarded throughout the night. The menu, in keeping with students' requests, includes tacos, pizzas, hot dogs and pop.

One challenge for volunteers is raising money for the event. This year's budget is \$13,300, part of which is covered by ticket sales and the rest through donations from parents and community members. Two police officers are hired to assist in monitoring the lock-in and checking students for drugs and alcohol.

Johnson, Smith and the planning committee have also raised some money by running the varsity baseball snack shack and holding a garage sale in May. At least 50 parent volunteers work shifts during the all-night party, running games, serving

food and cleaning up.

Community members also help out. Conny McCullough, owner of Conny's Creamy Cone at Dale and Maryland, has been a longtime community supporter of Como's senior party.

"A number of Como kids work for me," she says. "We've always donated prizes in the past. This year I heard they were having trouble getting funds, so we're stepping it up to help them raise money."

McCullough donated a portion of sales from afternoon business on May 13 and 27.

The all-night party at Como has been a popular and well-attended event. Senior advisor and chemistry teacher Jeffrey Gosse

says, "Como Park's all-night party is something that all seniors look forward to. It is the one event that really speaks to their success and hard work."

Johnson and Smith, often known as "the sisters" during their many years volunteering together in neighborhood schools, won't be among those parents getting a good night's sleep on June 4, knowing that their teenagers are having a safe and fun time the night after graduation. The sisters will rest later. They are happy to pull this special all-nighter.

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Former resident's dream becomes reality

by Marilyn Grantham

On Sunday, June 1, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (2136 Carter Ave.) will hold an African service at 9 a.m., dedicated to the memory of Beatrice Garubanda. Garubanda, who founded the Blue House orphanage in rural southwestern Uganda, was an active member of the church from when she first arrived in St. Anthony Park in 1987. The service will launch a capital campaign to raise the \$83,500 needed to build the first

dormitory, to house up to 44 children, on the 8.7 acres of land Beatrice and her husband, James, purchased in 2004 for a permanent orphanage.

Beatrice and their three eldest children followed James, who came here in 1986 to study nursing. She became active at St. Matthew's, serving as Missioner to International Students, Immigrants and Refugees. Meanwhile, she earned an M.A. at Luther Seminary and an M.S. in home economics education at the U of M. The family lived first in university student housing and then in the Hampden Square apartments in south St. Anthony Park.

In 2001 Beatrice was able to return to Uganda for the first time to visit her family. She saw first-hand the devastation caused by AIDS and other diseases. There were already more than 1 million AIDS orphans, an estimated 200 just in Kazo, Beatrice's home parish.

Without government-supported social services, orphans

in Uganda are the responsibility of next of kin, but families were overwhelmed with the number of children needing care. Many were without food, shelter, clothing and medical care, as well as being unable to attend primary school.

When Beatrice returned in 2004, the situation was even worse. She bought an empty store with her own money and the Blue House orphanage became a reality, with 12 girls and a house mother. The following year, the Garubandas bought land for permanent orphanage site.

Then Beatrice died suddenly in September 2005, leaving her family, friends and church to carry on her work through Hope Multipurpose, Inc., the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization she had started.

The coffee hour following the June 1 service will feature African foods, as well as an opportunity to learn more about plans for the new orphanage. The public is invited. For more information, visit www.hopemultipurpose.org.

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St. Anthony Park Library

The St. Anthony Park Library's summer reading program, "Look What's Cookin' At Your Library," will kick off with sidewalk painting on June 9 at 10:30 a.m. June 9-13 is a chance for kids grade 3 and up to plant a summer reading vegetable garden.

On June 11 at 7 p.m., director Peter Moore and actors Steve Hendrickson (Holmes) and Bob Davis (Watson) will discuss Park Square Theatre's production of "Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure."

Family Chess Club will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 27.

On Saturday, June 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Minnesota chapter of the American Chemical Society will present **Chemists in the Library**, hands-on science activities for all ages.

For more information about any of these activities, call 642-0411.

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On June 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the Capitol Region Watershed District will host **Bugs' Night Out** at Como Lake. Bug expert Brandon Burns will talk about invertebrates living in the lake.

The event is free, but registration is required. Contact Elizabeth: 644-8888, elizabeth@capitolregionwd.org.

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Summer Solstice Workshop

Running Tiger Shaolin Kenpo, 783 Raymond Ave., will host a Summer Solstice Workshop presented by the Midwest Universal Healing Tao Institute. Sessions will take place Friday, June 20, through Sunday, June 22.

For prices and registration information, contact Bryan Bertsch (612-388-7667, bertschbryan@hotmail.com) or www.midwestuniversaltao.com.

Research Project

A University of Minnesota research project is looking for African Americans who are nonsmokers but live with someone who smokes, or who smoke cigarettes but live with a nonsmoker. Participants will be compensated. For more information, call 612-626-3899.

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Bedbury learned to skate on the outdoor rink at Langford Park near his boyhood home on Raleigh Street. At age 11 he wrote down his life's ambition.

"I wanted to win the city, state and national championship," he said. "I didn't know about the Olympics or I would have put that down, too."

Bedbury knew that to gain the proficiency he was seeking he would have to master the European system, which pits solitary skaters racing against the clock rather than a herd of competitors elbowing each other at the starting line.

"In metric skating," said Bedbury, "you're out there on the ice all by yourself."

Although his goal on that first European trip was strictly athletic, Bedbury found himself engaged in some impromptu one-man diplomacy as well. It was during the darkest days of the Cold War, and even as a skating race was viewed as a go-for-broke contest between the Free World and the Soviet Menace.

Bedbury, who had attached himself temporarily to the Finnish skating team, suffered an injury on the ice. The only doctor available was a Soviet team physician.

"The Russian doctor took care of me," Bedbury said. Gratitude ripened to friendship when one of the Russian players offered the injured youth a soft drink.

"I said 'Spasiba' (thanks)" — the one word of Russian he knew. "From then on we became friends," he said. "If you learn the language and treat people with respect, you can get along anywhere."

Later on, when the Russian skaters visited America for the 1960 Olympics, Bedbury was on hand to show his new friends some of America's more interesting native folkways.

"We took them down to Reno and ditched their security," he says. "It drove the KGB crazy."

Bedbury won his greatest laurels at skating, but he's by no means a one-sport athlete. He's also a five-time state bicycling champion who's logged over 163,000 miles on his bike. He's a runner, and he's raced autos and flown planes, as well. In 1995, he won the National Inline Skating championship in the over-50 class. What it amounts to, he said, is "68 years of racing."

Nowadays, Bedbury gets much of his satisfaction from guiding the skating efforts of others.

Retired after working 42 years as a lithographer for a local printing company, he has become the elite coach of Twin City Speed Skating, an organization he helped found in 1964. He spends about 235 days a year at the John Rose Oval in Roseville, working with hockey players and top-flight speed skaters.

According to Bedbury, age has its advantages, even in so youth-oriented an endeavor as speed skating.

"The kids have got all this go-power," he said, "but they don't have the brain power to use it. I can blast away because of my knowledge."

Not that his criticism is targeted at the skaters that he himself coaches. He described his students as "hard workers and smart."

A hip replacement operation five years ago barely slowed Bedbury down. "I was out riding again 10 weeks after the operation," he said.

A few months ago he suffered an even more serious setback with an episode of total liver failure. True to character, he was back on the ice in record time.

"I just want to keep teaching," he said. "There's nothing more rewarding. A student comes out to the ice rink and she can't even stand up. Two weeks later she's skating. I get more excited than she does."

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School News

by Antonie Young

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Students and teachers are busy with end-of-year celebrations, tidying and planning for the coming fall. Outgoing principal **Andrea Dahms** reports that enrollment for next year is healthy and few staff changes are anticipated. The name of the new principal will be announced soon.

May was a busy month. It included a **used book sale** held by Lena Mayer's third graders on May 12 to raise money for Ethiopia Reads, a program devoted to bringing literacy to Ethiopian children. The class hopes to raise enough money to assist in building a library.

Field Day events on May 29 and 30 gave students a chance to get outside and run around in the late but welcome spring weather.

Sixth graders have been busy making plans for junior high. They will be honored with a Celebration Dinner on June 2 at 6:30 in the gym.

School patrols enjoyed a parade in their honor in downtown St. Paul on May 13, followed by a picnic at Como Park.

The May 16 **Talent Show** was an evening of dance, comedy, music and magic that took place in the Murray Junior High School auditorium.

New **Site Council** and **SAPSA** members and officers were elected in May. Those completing two-year terms include Deb Bordsen, SAPSA co-chair, and Joyce Holoubek, the teacher co-chair on Site Council.

The Site Council is a team of parents and teachers who work with the principal for school improvement. Site Council is sponsored by the school district, unlike the parent-teacher organization SAPSA that raises funds and provides volunteers for the school. The Site Council discusses such things as budget, student performance and building maintenance.

Next year, Site Council co-chairs, parent Betsy Van Hecke and teacher Jim Schrankler, will work with the new principal and 11 other members. Newly elected members include teachers Katie Stammer and Justin Terrones, and parents Jim Hedges and Lisa Steinmann.

The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) is devoted to supporting learning at the school by providing volunteers and funds. SAPSA is responsible

for recruiting hundreds of volunteers who put in thousands of volunteer hours and raise money for materials and programs at the school.

New officers for the coming year will be Doreen Theverapperuma and Julia Cross, co-chairs; Katie Vo, secretary; Gene Crawshaw, treasurer; and John MacLean, fundraising chair. Mary Hamel, Misty Havens and Deena Anders will edit SAPSA News, the school community's monthly newsletter.

The recent **donation** of over 40 new playground balls by Tim & Tom's Speedy Market is just one example of the kind of community support that makes a difference at the school. The school wishes to thank all its supporters in the community.

The **school office** will remain open until June 13 and will reopen for the 2008-09 school year on August 11. However, the school building will be busy during the summer with activities.

Summer school will take place June 16-July 18. Community Education also offers classes for children during June and July. This includes the daycare program Discovery Club.

The back-to-school Open House is scheduled for August 28. The first day of school next fall is September 2 for first through sixth grades. The first day of kindergarten will be September 8, with parent teacher conferences preceding that date.

For information about the school during the time the office is closed this summer, call the St. Paul Public Schools Student Placement Center: 632-3670.

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Paige Norman, an eighth-grader at Murray, is heading to a **National History Day** competition in June in Maryland. She won honors in the junior paper category for her paper, "Living through Treatment: The Conflict and Compromise of Treatment in Mental Hospitals."

Murray was well-represented at State History Day at the University of Minnesota in April, with 12 students competing against 1,500 others from around Minnesota. Four students received honorable mention awards: Anastasia Macey, Anna Krieger, Elena Anderson and Hannah Brady.

About 70 seventh-graders were inducted into the **National Junior Honor Society** on April 22. Selection is based on five criteria: citizenship, service, leadership, scholarship and character. Members must maintain a high grade-point average (the national minimum is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) and participate in service projects. The NJHS at Murray requires each student to complete 30 hours of service work each school year.

The students who joined NJHS are Kristina Abbas, Samirah Al-ahad, Lydia Barrett, Sydney Beecham, Jack Berndt, Hannah Brady, Samuel Brady, Harry Broderick, Keenan Smart-Cashen, Scott Chase, Rachel Dedrick, Courtney Fitschen, Mackenzie Fjetland, Kara Forde, Keyn Gress, Madeline Hickel, Kalie Hines, Hildie Hoeschen, Janine Huynh, Jacob Johnson, Madeline Johnson, Dylan Koltz-Hale, Kyle Kottke, Anna Krieger, Joseph Krivit, Adain Kronmiller, Curtis LaChappelle, Katja Lange, Alexander Langer, Nils Larsson, Eileen Lee, Sey Lee, Madeleine Lerner, Aaron Levin, Nathan Lockhart, Anastasia Macey, Ian Mesick, Natasha Miller, Heather Moenck, Evelyn Moran, Madeline O'Meara, Ian Olesak, Lyric Pruitt, Tyler Redden, Jessie Rodgers, Emma Skilbred, Tara Solvang, Adam Sowards, Hannah Stadler, Tom Stinar, Medora Sweet, Eleanor Swenson, Ellen Taube, Ryan Thrasher, Bjorn Trail-Johnson, Andrew Turner, Natalie Van Why, Pa Y Vang, Evan Wall, Mai Xiong, Sheila Xiong, Gao Yang, Kia Yang, Mai K. Yang, Pa-Chang Yang, Rina Yarosh, Elizabeth Young-Townsend and Sammy Zinkl.

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Sixteen St. Paul Public Schools seniors have received scholarships from the **Wallin Scholarship Program**, which annually awards about 150 scholarships to students who demonstrate financial need, academic ability and the motivation to attend college and graduate.

Three Como Park students were honored for their achievement at a reception on May 13 at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus School in St. Paul. Andrew Burnes was named a 2008 Wallin Scholar. Jasmine Erickson and Ashleigh Hayes were named Holman Scholars.

Como's **girls' softball team**, under coach John Fischbach, won their second straight (and first outright) conference title.

The **boys' golf team**, under coach Dave Katz, won the City Conference meet at Keller Golf Course. Seniors Mike Denison (79, medalist), Dave Katz (80) and Brian Chasensky (85) helped clinch the third conference title in four years and the second consecutive championship.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press named senior **Greg Morse** as a finalist for the Lions Male Amateur Athlete of the Year Award. The St. Paul Lions Club has sponsored this program since 1943.

Como Park senior **Jackie Dooley** won an Athena Award, given to student athletes for athletic and academic achievement.

Advanced Placement exams were administered during May. Over 250 students were tested in 18 subjects. This is one of the largest AP programs in Minnesota.

Como's environmental club **Green Eyez** completed several projects this year. Students Larissa Sage, Dan Worku, Jennie Duchscher, Roz Anderson, Audrey Smebakken, Lars Johnson, Luke Dauner, Amelia Kahn, Mary Scott and Sarah Brant were assisted by adults Kathy Kahn, Sue Roegge and Josh Leonard.

Special thanks go to Como Northtown Credit Union and Menard's for helping fund the

Power Strip Project, and to Bob Prifrel, shop teacher, for making a secure area for the recycled paper that will now be used in the copy machines.

The Donna di Cantare Choir received an "excellent" rating and Concert Choir earned a "superior" rating from the Minnesota State High School League in May. **The Solo and Ensemble Contest** was held at Mahtomedi High School.

Alicia Bonebright, Holly Rodriguez, Janelle Plinner, Leah Kutschke, Sam Krall, Sam Woodman, Paul Lee, Cher Tong Her, Alex Callais, Samantha Wilson, Lauren Nelson, Sadie Arvidson and Demetrius Brazil received "excellent" ratings. Josephine Reece, Charlie Moos, Qiaodan Jin-Sone, Erivict Ly-solo, Jane Schumacher and the Sound Reinforcement Vocal Jazz Ensemble received "superior" ratings.

Senior **Adrianne Ngam** (cellist) was a second-place finalist in the 2008 Schubert Club Solo Competition in the Senior Strings category. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for her music studies at Cornell University this fall.

Sophomore **Bridgette Lovelace** won second place at the Caponi Art Park teen poetry slam on May 10.

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3 Tuesday

- Free Internet, word processing and Excel instruction, 7-8:30 p.m. SAPBL. Every Tuesday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), 10 a.m.-noon. LRC. Every Tuesday.
- Neighbors for Peace planning meeting, 7 p.m. 1489 Hyline St., 647-9341.

4 Wednesday

- Leisure Center for Seniors, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. SAPUCC. Every Wednesday. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- Open stage, 6 p.m. sign-up. CC. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
- English conversation classes, 4-5:30 p.m. SAPBL. Every Wednesday.

- St. Anthony Park recycling. Every Wednesday.

5 Thursday

- Brian Miller & Norah Rendell, 7:30 p.m. CC.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), 10 a.m.-noon. LRC. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

6 Friday

- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), 9:30-11:30 a.m. SSAPRC. Every Friday.
- An Answer in the Echo, 8 p.m. CC.
- "Shibori Cut Loose" exhibit opening reception, 6 p.m. Keynote address by Yoshiko Wada, 7 p.m. TCM.
- Falcon Heights recycling.

7 Saturday

- St. Anthony Park Art Festival, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Como Avenue.
- Open House, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Complimentary fair exchange coffee and chocolate chip cookies. SAPLC.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club plant sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 2277 Como Ave.
- The Swallows, 8 p.m. CC.

8 Sunday

- Susan Marie Swanson book signing, 2 p.m. MB.

9 Monday

- Park Press, Inc. board meeting, 7 a.m. SAPBL, 646-5369.
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board meeting, 7 p.m. SAPUMC, 642-9052.
- Rock-Tenn Advisory Panel, 7 p.m. WC. 612-788-4151.
- Cabbage and 500, the Falconers, 1 p.m. FHCH.
- Sidewalk painting: Summer Reading kickoff event, 10:30 a.m. SAPBL.
- Lauderdale recycling.

10 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.
- Native plantings workshop, 6:30 p.m. 649-5992.

11 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.
- Transportation Study Task Force, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- Music with Ross Sutter, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. SAPBL.
- Book discussion: "The Sweet Hereafter," by Russell Banks. New members welcome. 7 p.m. SAPBL.

12 Thursday

- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- Bug's Night Out at Como Lake, 6:30-8 p.m. 644-8888.
- Bob Frenke, 7:30 p.m. CC.

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Calendar

13 Friday

- Glory Muse, 8 p.m. CC.

14 Saturday

- Tree Identification Trek, Como Park Pavilion, 10 a.m.-noon. 646-4226.
- Carol Jean and the Bluegills, 8 p.m. CC.

17 Tuesday

- Book discussion: "Water for Elephants," by Sara Gruen, 7 p.m. FHUCC.
- Backyard composting workshop, 6:30 p.m. 649-5992.

18 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- St. Anthony Park Booster Club, 7 p.m. LRC.
- Ten Penny Tunes, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. SAPBL.

20 Friday

- Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CC.
- Falcon Heights recycling.

21 Saturday

- Curtis St. Marie, 8 p.m. CC.

22 Sunday

- Sunday Afternoon Book Group: "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse," by Louise Erdrich. 2:30 p.m. MB.

23 Monday

- Rock-Ten Advisory Panel, 7 p.m. WC. 612-788-4151.
- Cabbage and 500, the Falconers, 1 p.m. FHCH.
- Lauderdale recycling.

24 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.
- District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m. CPCC.
- Boulevard gardening workshop, 6:30 p.m. 649-5992.

25 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- Bluesgrass and Oldtime Jam Session, 7 p.m. CC.
- Salvi Greg, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. SAPBL.

27 Friday

- Matt Larson, 8 p.m. CC.

28 Saturday

- Chemists in the Library, 1:30-3:30 p.m. SAPBL.
- Don Fitzwater, 8 p.m. CC.

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CPES Como Park Elementary School, 780 Wheelock Pkwy., 293-8735
CPHS Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 293-8800
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FHES Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave., 646-0021
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GC Ginkgo Colledgehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647
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HC Holy Childhood School, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 644-2791
LAC Larson Art Gallery, U of M Student Center, 612-625-0214
LCH Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 671-0300
LETR Lady Elegance's Tea Room, 2230 Carter Ave., 645-6676
LRC Langford Rec Center, 70 Langford Park, 298-5765
MB Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 646-5506
MJHS Murray Junior High School, 2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740
MPS Music in the Park Series, St. Anthony Park UCC, 645-5699
RAAG Raymond Avenue Art Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., 644-9200
SAPBL St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 642-0411
SAPCC St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., 649-5992
SAPES St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 293-8735
SAPLC St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 645-0371
SAPUCC St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 646-7173
SAPUMC St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 603-8946
SHR Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.
SMEC St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 645-3058
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Bryant Dunshee

Bryant Ray Dunshee, 87, died peacefully in Durham, N.C., April 24, 2008, after a long and full life.

After attending Carleton College and the University of Michigan, Bryant received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, where he met his wife, a fellow chemist. He came to Minnesota to teach in the University of Minnesota Medical School, but soon began a career of 31 years as a food research chemist at General Mills. Bryant and Marilyn made their home in St. Anthony Park for 38 years, on Hillside Avenue.

Bryant was active at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, and in the St. Anthony Park Men's Association, where he organized the Fourth of July celebration for three years. He sang tenor in church choirs, with the Fireside Fellows and the Northstar Barbershop Chorus.

He camped extensively with his family and was troop leader for Boy Scout Troop #17 for eight years. He loved to back-pack, sail and ski, and was active in the Sierra Club and the North Star Ski Touring Club. He had a special love for the Voyageurs National Park area and the family cabin on Lake Kabetogama. He enjoyed his passion, photography, until the end.

He is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 58 years; children, Linda (John) McCormick, Melanie (Randy Magee) Dunshee, Kevin (Nancy) Dunshee; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A service was held in Durham, N.C., and a memorial gathering followed in St. Paul.

and was proud to have attended three Democratic national conventions.

She and her husband, Ralph, retired to Mesa, Ariz., in 1980 and enjoyed spending summers between Minnesota and Alaska visiting friends, family and grandchildren. After Ralph's death in 1995, Betty returned to Minnesota to live near friends and her son Jim and his wife Joy. She moved to Anchorage in 2007 and lived at Providence Horizon House in Spruce Cottage.

She is survived by her daughter, Jana Hayenga, of Anchorage; daughter, Jo, and her husband, Peter Michalski, of Anchorage; son, Jim, and his wife, Joy Hayenga, of Lakeville, Minn.; son, Jeff Hayenga, and his partner, Michael Bellanger, of New York City; three grandchildren; and sisters, Jean Lewis, of Berkeley, Calif., and Marilyn Gieske, of Winona, Minn.

A memorial service will be held this summer in her hometown of George, Iowa.

Jerome Hoppert

Jerome E. Hoppert, age 67, of south St. Anthony Park, died suddenly on April 23, 2008.

His family has said that "with him the mold was broken; there will be no more of his kind."

His conversations will be greatly missed by his five daughters: Theresa (John) Griffin, Laurie (Fuat) Kerkinni, Jody (Stuart) Grote, Kathy (Jeff) Wolfbauer and Jennifer (Barry) Devine; and his 15 grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Evelyn, and brother, Curt (Debra) Hoppert.

A memorial service was held at the Church of St. Cecilia on April 30, 2008.

Carl Koehn

Carl W. Koehn, age 81, of Falcon Heights, died April 4, 2008.

His family remembers him as a simple man who loved simple things: his home, his family, his yard and his pipe. The family had lived in Falcon Heights since 1965.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Lillian (née O'Connor), and by his children, David (Lori), of Eagan; Judith (Patrick Dolan) Koehn, of Falcon Heights; Janice (Charles) Keaproph, of St. Paul; and Jennifer Koehn, of Vadnais Heights; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

His funeral was April 8, 2008, at the Funeral Chapel, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Oscar Lipke

Oscar A. Lipke, age 86, of Roseville, died peacefully on April 6, 2008, surrounded by family. He was a Marine Corps Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Marge; sons, Mike (Kathy) and Jim (Sandi); daughter, Janet (Dave) Lonetti; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

His memorial service was held April 14, 2008, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Lorraine Perry

Lorraine "Jackie" Perry, age 78, of Finlayson, formerly of Lauderdale, died peacefully on April 10, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil Perry, on December 7, 2007; son, Craig; and four brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her children, Marcia (George), Eric (LeAnn) and David (Marcia); three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Francis "Frankie" (Jay).

A memorial service was held April 14, 2008, at Finlayson United Methodist Church, with interment in Bloomer, Wis.

Florence Preus

Florence C. Preus, described by her family and friends as a "gracious matriarch," died peacefully April 26, 2008, at age 100. She was born in Vergas, Minn., and considered nearby Detroit Lakes her home.

She was the youngest of four daughters. At a time when few women got further education, her parents sent all four daughters to college. She graduated from the University of Minnesota.

Shortly after graduation, she married Herman Preus, at that time pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. In 1936, Herman accepted a position at Luther Seminary and the couple moved to St. Anthony Park, where Florence lived until moving to Lyngblomsten Apartments in Como Park a few years ago.

She and Herman were founding members of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in 1949. She remained active there until her death.

Florence had a special interest in the Goldstein Gallery at the University of Minnesota. As a young mother, she took a class from the Goldstein sisters, who lived in St. Anthony Park and for whom the gallery is named. She continued to enjoy outings to art events well into her 99th year.

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Florence was preceded in death by her husband, Herman A. Preus; son, Sam; and her three sisters. She is survived by daughters Suzanne (Erno) Dahl, of San Antonio, Texas, and Mary C. (Jonathan) Preus, of Lauderdale; daughter-in-law Bette Rae Preus, of St. Paul; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and numerous family and friends.

Her funeral service was held April 29, 2008, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Herman Strehlow

Herman Strehlow, who left his family's farm in southwestern

North Dakota to become a leading taxi cab company owner in St. Paul, returned to his farming roots after selling the cab firm. Strehlow, who grew wheat and raised cattle in Reeder, N.D., died March 18, 2008, in St. Paul of cancer. He was 87.

When Strehlow was 17, his father died. The Depression had nearly ruined his family, but with Strehlow's help, the family managed to stay financially afloat. In 1938, he graduated from Hettinger High School. By 1948, the farm was paid off.

Pneumonia, caused by dust, and the lack of marriageable women led him to work for an uncle in St. Paul, who had a few taxi cabs. Strehlow bought the small operation, and little by little he accumulated licenses and vehicles, eventually running all of St. Paul's Yellow Cabs. There were 82 of them, plus 12 limousines, with headquarters at Western and Selby Avenues. Nearby, the family also ran a filling station and garage.

Strehlow found his bride,

too: Sarah (Sally) Magdal of Minneapolis. Together they raised nine children and, for many years, helped feed all those mouths by growing vegetables on a 40-acre plot in Centerville, Minn., occasionally raising livestock.

"It was good for us," said his daughter, Carol Kelly of Mounds View, who once worked at the cab company. "He taught us how to weed, how to plant, and it kept us out of trouble," she said. Sally canned vegetables, and the kids would sell some, pulling a wagonload of squash and tomatoes around their Como Park neighborhood.

In the late 1970s, Strehlow sold the cab company, telling his family he was tired of fighting with the Teamsters Union and the city licensing authority.

"He was kind of homesick" for Reeder, said his son and farming partner, Delmar, of Reeder. Herman returned to work the family farm, splitting the year between St. Paul and Reeder.

Strehlow, who fought cancer for 15 years, broke his leg last spring wrangling cattle. "He knew how to work hard," said his son.

His wife of 41 years died in 1990. In addition to Carol and Delmar, he is survived by sons Lynn, of Chicago, and Russell, of St. Paul; daughters Sandy Strehlow, of Reeder, Jane Marah, of Mounds View, and Jean Strehlow, of St. Paul; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Austin C. Wehrwein

Austin C. Wehrwein, whose loves included newspapers, family and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, where he lived for the past 30 years, died at home on April 29, 2008, of congestive heart failure. He was 92.

Born in Austin, Texas, and raised in Madison, Wis., Wehrwein won the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for a series of articles he wrote about Canada for the Milwaukee Journal. He was the Chicago

bureau chief for the New York Times from 1957 to 1966 and an editorial writer for the Minneapolis Star from 1966 until he retired, in 1982. While at the Star, he wrote an award-winning column called Judging the Law.

Wehrwein was editor of his high school newspaper, worked for the Wisconsin State Journal during vacations after graduating, and was the Milwaukee Journal's University of Wisconsin campus correspondent while he was a student there.

Wehrwein graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1937 and from Columbia Law School in 1940. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943, waiving his 4F deferment, and reported for the Stars and Stripes newspaper in Shanghai in 1945 and 46.

After the war, he worked as information officer on the Marshall Plan in London, where he met his future wife, Judith (née Oakes).

His memoir describes an idyllic boyhood in Madison and compares his early passion for newspaper work to infection with a "reckless virus."

Survivors include sons Sven (Mary Ann Dorsher), of Minneapolis, Paul, of St. Paul, Peter (Pam Ozaroff), of Newton, Mass., and Joanna (Dave Logan), of Seattle; grandchildren Zachary, Frances, Lucas, Tim, Neal, David, Johnny, Anna and Ethan; and nieces Ann and Kathy Lindbeck.

A memorial service was held May 24, 2008, at the Lakewood Cemetery Chapel in Minneapolis.

Virginia Wickstrom

Virginia Wickstrom, age 86, of Lauderdale, died April 18, 2008. She married Lloyd Wickstrom in 1947, and they lived in Lauderdale since then.

She and Lloyd were walkers. Since there were few businesses in Lauderdale, they walked to the bank and other businesses and services in St. Anthony Park. She worked for several agencies in St. Anthony Park as well.

Over the years, she and Lloyd welcomed a number of young people into their home. She loved gardening.

She is survived by her husband, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held April 24, 2008, at Rose Hill Alliance Church, where she had been a faithful member.

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