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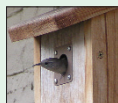
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Ben Quie goes to war —

his great-grandfather's war, that is

by Judy Woodward



later, in 2001, four of his great-grandsons decided to honor Halvor's memory by taking part in a re-enactment of the Battle of Antietam. All of them enjoyed the event, but one found an avocation.

St. Anthony Park resident Ben Quie, 46, says he was never

much of a history buff, but "I found it fascinating to live the daily life of a Civil War soldier — eating the same food, sleeping as they did, trying not to have modern things."

Ben Quie to 10

St. Anthony Park resident Ben Quie is a sergeant in the 2nd Minnesota Volunteer Regiment of Civil War re-enactors.

But it's all right now, in fact it's a gas

by Dave Healy

And the winner is . . . the microbes. After more than a year of study, the St. Paul Port Authority has recommended that the Midway area's Rock-Tenn plant pursue anaerobic digestion (AD) as a fuel source for its paper recycling operation.

AD is a process whereby microorganisms break down organic material, turning it into biogas, which consists of methane and carbon dioxide. The resulting product can be used to generate heat and electricity. AD occurs naturally, and the process can be harnessed with special equipment designed to capture the gas that would otherwise escape into the atmosphere.

An AD plant, according to the Port Authority's recommendation, would be located somewhere in outstate Minnesota, near a source of organic waste — most likely an ethanol plant. The biogas generated there would not be used directly by Rock-Tenn, which would continue to burn natural gas at its St. Paul facility. Instead, the production of biogas would enable the company to qualify for a reduced price on natural gas, making that relatively clean fuel more economically viable.

Nina Axelson, who coordinates public outreach for Rock-Tenn's

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Music in the Park Series begins its 30th season

by Dave Healy

Julie Himmelstrup wanted people to know she was for real. What better way, she thought, then to book the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for the second concert in

a new venture called the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum.

Himmelstrup was undaunted by the fact that the SPCO's fee represented 75 percent of her annual performance budget. She figured the fledgling organization would come up with a way to complete their first season in 1979. She was right.

Himmelstrup has been right about a lot of things over the years, and as the enterprise she founded — now called Music in the Park Series — embarks on its 30th season, she looks back with pride on the unqualified success of one of the most distinctive arts



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Como Park

The city of St. Paul is considering options for the site that includes the Como Park pool, which is unlikely to be opened next season without major repairs or replacement. A city task force is expected to be formed this fall to assess options for the pool, ranging from renovation to replacement with a new facility. The Como Community Council will participate in the task force.

To participate in a survey about plans for the pool, visit www.comoparkalliance.org/projects.html. The survey is being conducted by the Como Park Alliance, an independent nonprofit organization.

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission is sponsoring a human rights poster contest for all school-aged children in Falcon Heights. Each year, the state of Minnesota and the Human Rights Collaborative sponsor a statewide contest, and for the first time Falcon Heights will hold a local contest.

Entries must be at Falcon Heights City Hall by 4:30 p.m. September 15. Entries will be judged by the Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission, and local winners will be announced at the September 24 City Council meeting. For entry requirements and other information, visit www.falconheights.org, or call 792-7600.

The Falcon Heights citywide garage sale will be September 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents can register at www.falconheights.org or by calling City Hall (792-7600) by 4:30 p.m. on September 5. The city will publish a list and map of participating locations. Neighborhood cleanup day follows, on September 20.

September 7 will be Falcon Heights Day at the University of Minnesota women's soccer game. Game time is 1 p.m. at the ERL Soccer Stadium, on Cleveland Avenue, just north of Larpenet. Residents can show an ID with a Falcon Heights address and receive free admission to the game.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. a free youth soccer

clinic will be held. Clinic participants will compete in a half-time game. Advance registration is requested for the clinic. For information and to register, call Lisa Abernathy at 792-7616.

The city of Falcon Heights has announced mid-year openings on the Planning Commission and the Human Rights Commission.

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month and advises the City Council on matters related to planning, zoning and land use, as authorized by Minnesota statute.

The Human Rights Commission's goal is to secure for all citizens equal opportunity and full participation in the affairs of the community and to advise the council on these matters. This commission meets on the first Monday of the month.

Commissioners are appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council.

The term of service is three years. Application forms are available at City Hall or www.ci.falconheights.mn.us. For more information, contact Justin Miller, 792-7600 or justin.miller@falconheights.org.

Lauderdale

Work on the Highway 280 sound wall is expected to start in early September. The first week will focus on grubbing, tree removal and mobilizing the equipment. The equipment will be staged on the north end of Walnut Street. Direct questions regarding the sound wall to acting City Administrator Heather Butkowski: 792-7657.

St. Anthony Park

Residents will receive a postcard describing the St. Anthony Park directory, which the Community Council plans to publish in December. The goal is to have all residents and businesses listed in the directory. Those who agree to be listed will receive a free copy. For more information, call the Community Council at 649-5992 or e-mail amy@sapcc.org.

Entomologist and longtime St. Anthony Park resident Margot Munson will speak at 6:30 p.m. on September 9 at the

St. Anthony Park Library about the importance of common insects in our environment: recognizing them, learning about their feeding strategies, increasing habitats for birds and insects, and choosing native perennials that attract insect pollinators. This event is part of the Backyard Talks series.

Another Backyard Talk will take place at 6:30 p.m. on September 16, when local resident Al Tontenson and electrician Wade Nelson will explain the process and benefits of LED lighting in one's home.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Ambassador Program will present bike commuting and other ways of becoming multimodal, at 6:30 p.m. on September 23. Maps and other resources will be available.

For more information and to register for these Backyard Talks, contact the St. Anthony Park Community Council: 649-5992 or green@sapcc.org.

Residents can learn how to organize garbage collection and minimize the number of trucks visiting each block at a training session with Todd Seabury Kolod, who has organized many blocks in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood. The session will take place September 17 at 7 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. Contact Amy (649-5992, amy@sapcc.org) for more information.

The second Green on the Screen program will be at 7 p.m. on September 30 at the St. Anthony Park Library, with "King Corn," a documentary about two friends, one acre of corn and the subsidized crop that drives our fast-food nation. Free, with refreshments.

Volunteers are needed for a buckthorn cleanup at Kasota Ponds on September 13 with members of the St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee. The Kasota Ponds are the last remnants of a much larger creek, pond and wetlands system. The area supports wildlife ranging from snapping turtles to salamanders to herons. For more information, including time and place to meet, contact Renee at 649-5992 or renee@sapcc.org.

Volunteers are needed for the annual neighborhood cleanup, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., September 20, at the State Fairgrounds. Volunteers get free drop-off, plus breakfast and/or lunch. Contact Renee (649-5992, renee@sapcc.org) to sign up.

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Taking the Big Apple by storm

by Michelle Christianson

Vicci Johnson, band director at Murray Junior High School, always aims high. She doesn't just play a few instruments proficiently; she plays them all. She not only has a B.S. in music education from Mankato State but an M.A. in education from Hamline University and another in arts administration from St. Mary's. So when she decided to take the Murray Jazz Band on a road trip, she looked for the best venue: New York City.

The Eighth Grade Challenge Jazz Band and Eighth Grade Challenge Orchestra will arrive in New York next May 13, and will visit the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Ground Zero that day.

The next day they plan to tour Rockefeller Center and Lincoln Center, where the band will perform. That evening, after dinner at the Hard Rock Café, the group will see a Broadway play.

On Friday morning, a sightseeing tour is scheduled, after which the group will tour the United Nations, with performances there for both the band and orchestra. Then they visit Central Park and depart for home that evening.

Six string players and 42 band members have committed to the trip. Ten parents, Murray

principal Dr. Winston Tucker, orchestra director Dr. Barbara Land, and Johnson will accompany them.

"I hope this trip will really expand the kids' horizons," said Johnson. "Some of them have never been out of Minnesota, and this will show them where they can go and what they can do with music."

Of course, a trip like this costs quite a bit. Without fundraisers, each student would have to pay \$890, which is beyond the means of many.

Three fundraisers are planned, the first two in September. From September 11 to 25, students will take orders for pizza, cookie dough, candy and cheesecake, with delivery scheduled for October. On September 18, at 7 p.m. in the Murray auditorium, the Pig's Eye Jass Band will perform traditional New Orleans jazz in the Louis Armstrong and King Oliver style. Tickets will be \$10 per person.

"We hope to fill the whole 700-seat auditorium," said Johnson. "That would mean \$7000 would be distributed evenly among all the participants in the trip."

The third fundraiser will be a recital on January 30 by members of the Challenge Jazz Band. The evening will include a chili dinner

and silent auction; the price of the event will depend on how much more money needs to be raised at that point.

Johnson has high standards for the band. She requires theory work and skills practice, as well as a level of classroom etiquette and discipline not always seen these days. No matter at what music level students begin, they leave Murray at a ninth- or tenth-grade level. In return, they get an experience few other junior high students can claim.

"I want to do something awesome for the kids every year," Johnson said. Last year the students did an intensive workshop with musicians at Mankato State University, and the band has played at the Dakota Jazz Club in Minneapolis for several years.

Although Johnson is qualified to teach at a high school, she prefers to work with junior high students.

"They're still people you can talk with and have an effect on their character," she said. "Nothing is set in stone yet; they're halfway between kids and adults."

For more information about music at Murray, contact Vicci Johnson at vicci.una.johnson@spps.org.



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Where there's smoke, there's fire. Burn, baby, burn.

Civilization as we know it depends on combustion. Most of us, though, rarely see the actual burning that fuels our lives. The cars, trucks, trains and buses in which we ride have internal combustion engines. Power plants don't have open flames.

City dwellers of a certain age can remember burning garbage and leaves in a trash can out by the alley, but those days are long gone. In winter you might watch logs burn in a fireplace; in summer you might watch charcoal burn on the grill. If you have a gas stove, you see flames all year long.

But that's just piddly stuff. Gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, jet fuel, coal — the substances we depend on for transportation, heating, cooling and manufacturing — get burned out of sight.

Out of sight doesn't necessarily mean out of mind. With steadily rising prices, few of us have the luxury of forgetting about fuels. But it's altogether too easy to disregard the other consequences of our continuing dependence on burning things.

A year ago, when the Rock-Tenn Company announced that it was exploring alternative energy sources, green signs began appearing in front yards. Neighbors Against the Burner. The organization was inaptly named on two counts.

For one thing, unless Rock-Tenn decided to shut down, it was going to continue needing steam to power its paper recycling operation, and that steam would have to be produced by burning something. Previously, the company got its steam from Excel Energy, which created it by burning coal at the High Bridge Plant. Now that steam would have to come from somewhere and something else, but the need for steam wasn't going to disappear. So to say you were against a burner was to say you were against Rock-Tenn continuing to do business as usual.

The other thing wrong with NAB's name was the hypocrisy in its opposition to "the" burner, as if its members were not — as all of us are — daily users of a host of burners. The fact that some of these are located far enough away so that we don't encounter them regularly

doesn't negate our complicity in the vast enterprise of burning.

Now it looks as though Rock-Tenn will continue to use what it's currently burning: fuel oil and natural gas. However, an anticipated price break for natural gas could enable the company to reverse its dependence on those two fuels: from the current 75/25 percent fuel oil/natural gas ratio, to a 75 percent reliance on natural gas. That's better for everyone because natural gas is the cleaner fuel.

Even better would have been if Rock-Tenn had found an economically feasible way of running its operation without burning fossil fuel at all. They came close. Current plans call for the construction of an outstate anaerobic digestion facility that would produce biogas, a renewable resource. As a large energy user, Rock-Tenn qualifies for carbon credits, which would enable it to apply the production of biogas toward its use of natural gas, resulting in a price break on the latter.

But there will still be a burner at Rock-Tenn, one of millions around the globe that help light our nights, cook our food, produce our widgets, get us from point A to point B — and foul the air and overheat the atmosphere. Isn't there a better way?

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The problem, of course, is that no one owns the sun or wind, whereas oil fields, coal deposits, corn fields and other fuel sources belong to someone. It's easier to see the logic of selling something you own than harnessing the power of something nobody owns.

Still, there's money to be made on wind turbines and solar collectors. But to get serious about pursuing those energy sources, we have to be cured of our collective pyromania. It's easy to find something that will burn and toss a match at it. Too easy.

Rock-Tenn from 1

fuel study, compared the use of biogas generated for Rock-Tenn's energy needs to that of electricity generated by wind power.

"If you 'buy' electricity that's been generated by wind, there isn't a power line that goes from the wind turbine to your house," she said. "Instead, that power goes into the grid, where it replaces electricity you use that would otherwise have been generated using fossil fuels."

Some of the biogas produced at an AD plant would be used to fuel the organic processing operation at that site — for example, an ethanol plant, which turns corn into a product that can be mixed with gasoline and burned in cars and trucks.

Waste from the plant would undergo AD to produce biogas. The excess gas, which is about 60 percent methane and 40 percent CO₂, would be "cleaned" so that it's the same quality as natural gas. It would then be put into the network of gas pipelines. Thus, the amount of natural gas used would be decreased by the use of biogas.

The facility would not change at Rock-Tenn, which has been burning natural gas and fuel oil in its on-site boilers since losing its source of steam heat from Excel Energy's coal-powered High Bridge plant a year ago. What would change is the financial picture, according to the Port Authority's Pete Klein.

Generating biogas to offset the use of fossil fuels (natural gas and fuel oil) would qualify an AD

facility for "carbon credits."

These credits would be used to reduce the cost of energy to Rock-Tenn, enabling the company to use natural gas as its primary source of energy, with fuel oil as a backup.

Rock-Tenn has been looking at alternative fuels for the last year. That effort was underwritten by the Minnesota legislature, which appropriated \$4 million to study the matter and appointed the St. Paul Port Authority to direct the study.

One component of the legislation was the creation of a community advisory panel to assure broad input in decision making. The panel — RCAP — has been meeting for a year.

RCAP and the Port Authority assessed the viability of a wide variety of renewable fuel sources, including solar, wind and biomass. The latter category includes agricultural residue (e.g., oat hulls, corn stover and cobs, straw), energy crops (e.g., willow, perennial grasses), urban and manufacturing wood waste, and processed garbage, or refuse-derived fuel (RDF). RDF created the most controversy, and it does not appear in the Port Authority's final recommendation.

That recommendation is actually three-fold. In addition to AD, the Port lists two other viable options: a co-generation facility at Rock-Tenn that would use natural gas to fuel the company's burners and would also generate electricity, and gasification of renewable biomass.

Even after substantial energy conservation efforts, Rock-Tenn's fuel needs are considerable, and the AD facility being planned would be the largest in the United States. According to Klein, the plant would cost \$40 to \$70 million to build. That kind of capital outlay would require federal assistance, he said, and the Port plans to submit an application for financing to the U.S. Department of Energy by the end of September.

AD works with a variety of organic materials. The leading candidate for a Minnesota processing facility, according to Klein, is residue from the manufacture of ethanol, though a manure treatment plant is also being considered. He added that AD, in addition to cutting methane emissions at an ethanol plant, would reduce water consumption by up to 50 percent.

Regardless of the fuel Rock-Tenn uses, the company's boilers produce a significant amount of waste heat — enough, said Klein, to accommodate as many as 300 buildings along the Central Corridor. One hoped-for outcome of the study is capturing and redirecting much of this waste heat.

Bob Carpenter, Rock-Tenn's assistant general manager, said that when the company was purchasing steam heat from Excel, it paid a flat rate. By using its own onsite boilers, which burn natural gas and fuel oil, Rock-Tenn is subject to market fluctuations in the price of those

fuels. That reality has prompted the company to increase its energy efficiency, Carpenter said. Rock-Tenn will spend \$800,000 this year and \$2 million next year to improve the plant's efficiency, efforts that so far have resulted in a 23 percent decrease in peak energy demand.

Klein stressed that much work remains to be done to bring a new AD plant online. Talks have begun regarding potential sites, but there are still many details to work out. The biggest challenge, he said, will be arranging financing.

At its final meeting on August 18, RCAP discussed the Port Authority's proposal and offered full support for the AD option. RCAP's recommendations are included in section 9 of the Port's report, which is available for review at the St. Anthony Park and Merriam Park libraries, as well as at www.tradvisory.org, where other relevant documents can be found.

Before the Port Authority submits its final report, it will host two public meetings, on September 6 and 15, at the Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Plwy. (on the SW corner of Lexington and University). Public comments, limited to three minutes, will be invited.

Written comments are also welcome and can be sent to info@tradvisory.org or Energy Recommendations, St. Paul Port Authority, Suite 1900, 345 St. Peter St., St. Paul, MN 55102.



In one form or another, the Hampden Park Co-op has occupied space at Hampden and Raymond avenues since 1979. Recently the co-op signed a purchase agreement to buy the building.

Co-op plans to buy building

by Dave Healy

Hampden Park Co-op, a fixture in south St. Anthony Park for almost 30 years, has signed a purchase agreement for the building in which it has leased space since 1979. The building, on the corner of Hampden and Raymond avenues, is currently owned by the Minnesota Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The agreement is contingent on the co-op's ability to secure financing. The co-op is governed by an elected board of directors.

According to co-chair Gregg Richardson, the board approved the decision to purchase the building and is in the process of soliciting financial support from its members. The co-op has up to a year to complete financing and close on the property.

Last April, when another tenant in the building — the Parkview Cafe — moved out, the co-op decided to lease the area

vacated by the Parkview. They began renovating the additional space in May and hope to begin using it this fall.

Ramsey County records indicate the estimated market value of the building is \$575,000 for 2008, projected to increase to \$632,500 in 2009. The terms of the purchase agreement the co-op signed, which include the building and the parking lot (separately assessed), have not been released.

Richardson said the purchase agreement gives the Odd Fellows the option of occupying their current office on the building's first floor for up to two years after closing. Additional space on the second floor is currently rented by several folk dancing groups. Richardson said the co-op has no plans to get rid of any tenants.

"We're certainly looking at rental income as part of our cash flow," he said.

The building at 928 Raymond Ave. was built in 1902. Over the years it housed a drug store, grocery store and dry goods store. It became the state headquarters for the Odd Fellows around 1980.

Hampden Park Co-op was originally called St. Anthony Park Foods, which was located on Cleveland Avenue near the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus.

In 1979, that store acquired Green Grass Grocery, located in the Hampden building, and renamed it SAP Too. The Cleveland store later closed, and in 1990 the business became Hampden Park Foods, then reorganized as Hampden Park Co-op in 1993.

The co-op currently has about 2,500 members, some 1,500 of whom are considered active.

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Fine arts series will have varied lineup

by Michelle Christianson

The St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Fine Arts Series begins September 7 with an exhibition of photographs that St. Anthony Park resident Pat Connolly took during a recent Habitat for Humanity trip to Vietnam. From October 19 to November 23, paintings by St. Paul artist Ryan A. Stadler will be on view.

In late November, the Prevailing Winds Quintet will perform works by African-American composer William Grant Still ("Folk Suite #7" and "Miniatures"), arrangements of spirituals by Valerie Coleman, Jeff Scott's "Homage to Duke" and other works.

Kirsten Malcolm Berry, a member of Christians in the Visual Arts, will present New Testament Images from November 30 to January 4, and St. Anthony Park artist Andy Hall will display his nature photography from January 11 to February 15.

On January 18 at 4 p.m., the Saint Paul Vocal Forum will return with Christmas A Brief History of the Western World. The program is a survey of choral music from Gregorian chant through the 20th century and shows how music was influenced by political and social events. It will feature music by Britten, Bach, Palestrina, Schütz, Poulenc and Lauridsen.

From February 25 to March 29, Claire Anne Thoen will display her color pencil, acrylic and pastel Norwegian folk art. Thoen, a St. Olaf graduate, sold her pictures at the St. Anthony Park Art Fair last June.

Also in March, the Encore Wind Ensemble returns with SYMPHONIA, the Sounding of All Voices Together. This program includes an early instrumental work of Giovanni Gabrieli, chamber music of Mozart, musical transcriptions by Shostakovich and Wagner, original music by H. Owen Reed, and music written in 2008 by a young composer from the New England Conservatory, Kathryn Salfelder, which honors Gabrieli. The concert is on March 1 at 4 p.m.

On March 29, join soprano Lisa Habeck in a celebration of spring. She'll sing everything

from opera arias and art songs to popular melodies, with special guest Frank Steen. Both singers have been members of the Plymouth Music Ensemble Singers, and Habeck has performed with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, as well as with her group, Virgin Ground. The program is at 4 p.m.

Another member of Christians in the Visual Arts, Chillon Leach, will display recent paintings from April 19 to May 24.

The Saint Paul Vocal Forum will present its second concert of the year, After Life: A Choral Forum on What's Next, on May 3 at 4 p.m. The concert will include an eclectic requiem comprising movements from requiem masses by Faure, Bach, Rutter, Howells and others. Speakers from various faith traditions, including Native American, Christian, Buddhist and atheist, will summarize beliefs about death and the afterlife.

The final visual exhibit is photography by David Hansen, an audio visual producer at the U of M. Pictures will be displayed from May 31 to July 5, and the church will hold a food drive to accompany the exhibit.

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Churches pool resources to help more of those in need

by Roger Bergerson

The long tradition of St. Anthony Park churches working together continues with a collaborative effort to serve the needy more effectively.

"We knew that we were all seeing more and more people coming for help, and it was frustrating," said Rev. Donna Martinson, of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. "We don't have a way of accurately assessing need. Yet we want to help, and it's not right that people have to spend all day on the phone for one-time assistance and then have to start all over again."

So it was that Martinson and her fellow pastors at the Church of St. Cecilia, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church helped found Keystone Congregations last year.

Through Keystone Congregations, pastors' discretionary funds are pooled and administered by Keystone Community Services, a community-based human service organization covering the Midway and North End neighborhoods of St. Paul and several suburbs. Keystone is the result of a 2004 merger between Meridian Park Community Services and Neighbor to Neighbor.

Through their partnership with the social service agency, a dozen area churches now have a place to refer those seeking help. In addition to access to its own food shelves and support services, Keystone provides qualified individuals and families with assistance that may include rent and utility payments, car repair, and medical and moving expenses.

"Collectively, we are asking, 'Why not go beyond dealing with the symptoms of poverty, dig deeper and learn what God is calling us to do?'"

—Rev. Blair Pogue

"For some churches, the direct appeals they were receiving had become a problem," said Christine Pulver, director of Keystone's Basic Needs Program. "They knew that some people were going to multiple churches with their appeals and, without social workers on staff, they wondered if they were serving the needy in an appropriate and effective way."

Rev. Blair Pogue, of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, said the partnership with Keystone reflects the closer look the churches are taking at a growing social problem. For example, last year, the congregations offered a four-part

study course on poverty, moving it from church to church.

Collectively, we are asking, "Why not go beyond dealing with the symptoms of poverty, dig deeper and learn what God is calling us to do? How do we help these people get on their feet?" she said.

Keystone Congregations is looking beyond its original service area, with the program now open to any congregation in the Twin Cities that wants to join.

"Our dream is to keep building this effort so that more and more people receive help," said Keystone's Pulver. "It's clear that we wouldn't be where we are today without the St. Anthony Park churches."

The sense of partnership among those churches goes back many decades, including the Living Room Dialogues of the 1960s and the Leisure Center for senior citizens that began in the early 1970s and continues to this day.

And meeting and collaborating across denominations continues, said Rev. Pogue, to a degree that she has not encountered elsewhere.

"The more things we do together, the energy grows and the relationships and trust builds," she said.

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Music in the Park from 1

organizations in the Twin Cities.

What is now Music in the Park Series began in 1979 with a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to COMFAS, an agency of the St. Paul Ramsey Arts and Science Council.

St. Anthony Park was one of three St. Paul neighborhoods chosen by COMFAS for an artist-in-residence program. About 15 local residents formed the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum and selected three artists for the program. Himmelstrup, a classically trained musician, was

one of them.

The forum's first event was to introduce the three artists to the community. It was held April 29, 1979, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, a venue that was to prove hospitable for the next 30 years. Himmelstrup and guest flutist Susan Hedding performed Kuhlau's Sonata for Flute and Piano.

That wasn't Himmelstrup's last performance for the forum. Indeed, she drafted her husband, Anders, a cello player, to join her, a violinist and an oboist for a concert that fall. But her role as artist in residence quickly shifted from performer to impresario, and now she presides over a concert series that brings some of the most accomplished chamber musicians in the world to St. Anthony Park.

Anders, meanwhile, became one of the organization's most important behind-the-scenes players. Over the years he's done a little bit of everything, from picking up musicians at the airport to putting up posters to searching for extra extension cords.

Other St. Anthony Park residents were instrumental in getting the organization off the ground, including Garvin Davenport, a neighbor of the Himmelstrups, who served on the executive committee of the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum.

"We saw these events as more than just concerts," he said. "They were, and continue to be, neighborhood gatherings."

The neighborhood quality of Music in the Park Series is something Julie Himmelstrup cherishes.

"It's hard to imagine any other place where this series could have flourished like it has here,"

she said.

Though it may have been tempting to seek out larger venues for her series, Himmelstrup believes strongly that chamber music should be intimate.

"People love being close," she said, "and so do the performers," noting that choir left seating at the UCC, began as emergency overflow, now is the first choice for many concert-goers.

In the early years, the work of organizing a concert series was done primarily by Himmelstrup herself, much of it from her dining room table.

"I used to do everything," she said, "from selling tickets to writing grants to typing up programs."

More recently, the organization has acquired an office and another staff member, and Himmelstrup works with several outside consultants to pull off each season's schedule.

Still, the series seems inextricably connected to its founder, and it's difficult to imagine it continuing without her oversight. That's a prospect the current board has contemplated, and recently they decided to begin planning for Life After Julie.

"I want Music in the Park Series to continue after I retire," she said.

The 2008-09 season will begin September 28 at 4 p.m. with a concert by violinist Chee-Yun and pianist Jeewon Park. All performances are at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Complete concert and ticket information is available at www.musicintheparkseries.org or 645-5699.

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Volunteering Matters

by Lisa Steinmann

First the good news. In the past 15 years, St. Paul's annual neighborhood cleanups, sponsored by the city's 17 district councils, have collected 12,000 tons of recyclable materials. That amounts to a reduction of 7,000 tons of CO₂ emissions.

Now for the bad news. There are endless tons of stuff to dispose of: broken or outmoded appliances and electronics, balding tires, shabby furniture, abandoned bikes, etc.

Even worse news is that some of that stuff, especially the electronics, contains hazardous materials that can't be put in the trash. As of July 2006, residents are required by law to recycle electronics containing a cathode ray tube (CRT), most commonly found in TVs and computer monitors.

Neighborhood cleanups are a great opportunity to responsibly dispose of the stuff that sits in the dusty corners of garages, attics and basements. The cooperative events, staffed by volunteers, offer city residents a low-cost alternative to recycling at waste transfer stations and through private businesses.

The neighborhood cleanup for St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Falcon Heights, Union Park and Hamline Midway will take place Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the State Fairgrounds in the Camel Lot (entrance on Larper Avenue).

Residents receive a flyer in the mail that is also a voucher. The mailing provides a list of acceptable items (appliances, electronics, tires, etc.) and items that are not acceptable (brush, batteries, curbside recyclables, etc.).

Residents pay a gate fee and nominal fees to dispose of specific types of items. There is no charge for some things (bikes, small engines, reusable goods).

Renee Lepreau, District 12 community organizer, said the councils work hard to make sure recycling and disposal are done

responsibly. They are selective in contracting with vendors who take the items that are collected.

Last year, Asset Recovery (ARC) on Teritorial Road in St. Paul to dispose of electronic waste. ARC was one of the first companies to sign the Electronics Recyclers' Pledge of True Stewardship, which discourages the export of e-waste and provides other criteria for sustainable and socially responsible electronics recycling.

New this year is the opportunity to recycle carpet. Bro-Tex Inc., located in St. Anthony Park, has been recycling rags and converting textile waste since 1923. The fiber division recycles over 40 million pounds of textile waste every year.

Cynthia McArthur, a bike mechanic and a volunteer who collects bikes at events like the neighborhood cleanups, collaborates with the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT). She refurbishes bikes and gives them to clients at the CVT.

She said that when a CVT client receives a bike, "it really is a gift of human rights. The bikes are not just transportation to them but freedom, too."

McArthur works with the Sibley Bike Depot, a nonprofit biking and walking organization that promotes healthy transportation and maintains a community education, repair and retail

facility on University Avenue in St. Paul.

Last fall, McArthur and the Sibley Bike Depot worked with 16 of their own volunteer recruits at the cleanup. They took in 150 bikes plus a lot of parts. About 60 bikes were salvaged for reuse. The rest were stripped and separated by volunteers for parts and recyclable plastic, rubber and metal.

Because the cleanup is such a well-attended event, Lepreau said she is out to recruit even more volunteers than last year. The target number is 30 people for each of two shifts.

In addition to having a good time helping neighbors clean up, volunteers working three or more hours get free entry. Breakfast and lunch are also provided.

To sign up, contact the St. Anthony Park Community Council office (649-5992) by Thursday, September 18.

The Neighborhood Senior Chore Service also needs volunteers to help seniors (60 and older) and disabled individuals transport items to the cleanup. Last year Scout Troop 17 from St. Anthony Park and Troop 43 from Como Park visited seniors in their homes and helped haul materials for the cleanup.

For free pick-up the day of the cleanup or to volunteer, contact Carole Livingston at the St. Paul Senior Chore Service: 649-5984, clivington@sapcc.org.

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Ben Quie from 1

Seven years after that first re-enactment, Quie is still at it. He's a sergeant in the 2nd Minnesota Volunteer Regiment of Civil War re-enactors.

Several weekends a year, he assembles his kit — the reproduction uniform, the musket, the wool blanket, the canvas "gum blanket" ground sheet, and all the other items that would have found their way into the knapsack of a Yankee soldier — and reports for duty at sites all over the Old South and beyond.

Although Quie's regiment frequently takes part in events sponsored by school districts that want to give their students some unforgettable lessons on the Civil War, the real point of their existence is simulated battle. Reliving, that is, the famous battles between Blue and Gray.

When he and his comrades re-enacted the 1st Minnesota charge at the Battle of Gettysburg, the scene was typical. There was "lots of smoke and cannons" to establish the feel of the event, and the men were issued "fate cards" that assigned them a specific historical role.

"I got the first sergeant of the company, who was shot in the left leg," says Quie. "During our advance down the hill, I took a hit and then I crawled back to our lines" — just as his real counterpart had done a century and a half earlier.

Quie estimates he has invested close to \$2,000 in his gear. The emphasis is on authenticity. No polyester, no plastic, no comforting anachronisms like air mattresses or beer-filled coolers.



Above: Soldiers re-enact the Battle of Gettysburg.

Right: Re-enactment is a family affair for Ben Quie (left), his son Cameron, and brothers Joel and Dan.

Food rations are the Civil War equivalent of MREs: salt pork, coffee and hardtack biscuits, although unlike the 19th-century original, the hardtack is not weevil-infested. Some things are beyond even the uncompromising standards of the 2nd Minnesota.

Quie locates himself on the "hardcore progressive" end of the authenticity spectrum.

"The true hard-core re-enactors exclude themselves from everybody else," he says. "They look down on others. Some of them even starve themselves to look like they've been living on the real Civil War diet."

Progressives like Quie "set standards but we don't exclude the mainstream."

The mainstream — also known, for murky reasons, as the "farbs" — are the well-fed sunshine soldiers of Civil War re-enactors, wallowing in their ignorance of 19th-century mores and generally having a grand old time at playing soldier in — gasp — polyester uniforms and modern footwear.

Mainstream re-enactors retaliate by calling warriors like Quie "stitch-counters" because of their painstaking attention to details such as the appropriately hand-stitched quality of their uniforms.

For Quie, though, the pleasure lies in the small moments of historical re-creation. He relishes activities like "de-farbing your gun" when he files off the modern serial numbers on his reproduction musket.

"I'm not the theatrical type," he explains. "I don't like the parts where you perform in front of the public. I prefer the camaraderie, struggling together, learning to live like the real soldiers lived."

Quie says one of his all-time favorite re-enactment moments came in 2002 before the replay of the Battle of Antietam.

"Reveille was at 4:30 a.m.," he recalls. "A little later you were marching in the morning darkness to the file and drum. You got to thinking about the fear and trepidation that those men felt facing battle. It was a moment when you almost felt you were there with them."

Re-enactors are drawn from all walks of life and range in age from 17 to nearly 60 — far past the age of genuine Civil War troops. Some re-enactors have served in the military; others, like Quie and his brothers, are veterans only of the Civil War they fight in their imaginations.

Quie says there are re-enactors for other American wars,



including World War II, whose role players sometimes go into "battle" carrying Thompson submachine guns. Still, the Civil War attracts more enthusiasts than other conflicts.

Maybe, Quie theorizes, "that's because in the South there's an attitude that the war is not yet over. The Southerners feel surrounded by history because most of the battles took place down there."

Usually, says Quie, Confederate reenactors will outnumber Yankees at a weekend battle. When the imbalance is too great, it may be necessary to "galvanize" a few units, requiring them to switch sides temporarily to even out the manpower.

For Quie, re-enactment is a family affair. His brothers — Joel, Fred and Dan — still play an occasional role, but meanwhile Quie has also recruited two of his four children.

His teenage son, Cameron, portrays a regular foot soldier, one of the few re-enactors who is close

to the age of most actual Civil War participants. Quie says the average re-enactor is around 40. Daughter Savannah, 15, plays the role of a hoop-skirted "civilian."

But not everyone in the family is equally enthusiastic.

"My wife isn't antagonistic," says Quie, "but she's uncomprehending." After a recent re-enactment weekend, for example, Quie returned covered in tick bites. "My wife asked me, 'How was it?' She was mystified when he responded, 'Great!'"

No doubt Quie's wife isn't the only one who can't understand his tick-ridden enthusiasm. Going off to fight a war that ended more than a century ago isn't everyone's idea of rational fun. Especially since bug spray is hopelessly "farb." But Quie remains fascinated with his weekend visits to the Civil War.

One wonders what his great-grandfather Halvor would have made of it all.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

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We've never had a wren house at our place until this year. It didn't start out as a wren house. It's a chickadee roosting shelter, where chickadees can get out of the wintry blast at night. It was never used for that as far as I could tell.

A roosting box has the entrance hole at the bottom of the front panel, with pegs inside for the chickadees to perch on. So I was very surprised to see twigs sticking out the hole this spring.

Could a wren be trying to build a nest in this roosting box? The male starts the process by shoving sticks into a nesting cavity.

It didn't look like a good choice. The sticks couldn't be piled very high before they would block the entrance.

His zeal persuaded me. I reversed the front panel so the entrance hole was at the top and took out the roosting pegs. I thought it would be great to have wrens nesting right in our backyard.

The wren was ecstatic. He began in earnest to stuff the house full of small sticks. He'd arrive with a stick crosswise in his bill, grab onto the edge of the hole and then turn his head, trying to poke one end into the nest box.

The stick was usually too long, but he kept bumping it, sliding the stick through his beak until he could aim the shorter end into the hole. But he didn't just drop it into the house; he carried it in through the hole. I'm sure he was arranging it just where he wanted it.

It looked to me like our nest box was filling up. Was he preparing a nest for a future mate, or was he just jamming sticks in there to keep another wren from using it?

I took a flashlight, got out the ladder and pecked in the entrance hole. The sticks were stacked toward the front of the house, right up to the entrance, but there seemed to be an open space behind them. In fact, I learned that this is the way a wren usually builds its nest, with sticks in front that it crawls over to reach the nest cup behind them.

One function of all those sticks in the nest box may be to divert any rain water that comes in the entrance hole, letting it run down the sticks and avoiding the nest itself. The nest cup becomes like a house on stilts.

Before, during and after getting the nest box filled with sticks, the wren spends nearly every free moment singing his heart out. His song is like tinkling water, a bubbling warble, which rises in pitch and volume and then falls at the end. It lasts just two or three seconds. Not too bad if that were all. But after only a brief pause, a wren will start right back up again. You could get 10 to 15 repetitions a minute. You really have to love that song or you'll come to hate it!

When I'm with a group of birdwatchers in the spring and we hear a house wren singing, I gently warn them about putting up a wren house in their yard. They need to make sure they really enjoy that song, because they're going to be hearing it . . . all . . . summer . . . long.

I've even seen one singing with a big green caterpillar clenched firmly in its beak.

The male's singing is intended to advertise that this is his territory and to announce to any passing females that it's really a great spot to set up housekeeping. So far, I've seen no takers at our house.

For the first few days of July, I heard very little wren song and had very few wren sightings. So I figured we'd have no wrens in our wren house this year.

Then, in the second week of July, I saw a wren putting sticks into the house again. Where had he been?

A few minutes later, I saw him sitting on the telephone wire above the bird house, singing away with a fledgling next to him, begging for food. The baby kept edging closer and closer to the adult, with its mouth wide open, fluttering its wings. But all the adult offered was song.

The baby seemed to be saying, "That's pretty music, but I can't live on song alone. What happened to those juicy green caterpillars?"

So it's clear that wrens did not breed in our nest box, but it appears a pair raised at least one youngster someplace nearby. Maybe in my neighbor's garden jacket.



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Foundation tends trees and music

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation recently announced two efforts that will contribute to the neighborhood's long-term vitality.

The foundation's Keep it Green Fund has donated 23 irrigation bags to help College Park's newly planted trees survive the dry summer. The "tree gators" hold up to 20 gallons of water, which is delivered gradually and directly to a tree's root system.

With the organizing help of the District 12 Community Council, College Park neighbors have volunteered to refill the gators regularly. Once the gators

have done their work this year, they will be available for use on future tree plantings in the neighborhood.

The Keep it Green Fund was started by the foundation with support from neighbors interested in helping replace trees damaged by last summer's severe storm. Contributions to the fund can be sent to the Keep it Green Fund, P.O. Box 8038, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Another of the foundation's funds got a boost when the estate of Gerald R. McKay donated \$30,000 to the Gerald McKay Family Music Endowment Fund, which was established in 2006 by

the family of Gerald and Mary McKay in honor of their years of service to St. Anthony Park.

Gerald McKay was a founding member of many local institutions, including the St. Anthony Park Association, Park Bugle, St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and St. Anthony Park Community Band.

McKay, who died in 2007, had a lifelong involvement with bands, especially at the University of Minnesota, where he played as an undergraduate and later helped found the Alumni Band.

In partnership with his five children, McKay created an endowed fund to provide permanent annual grants to the music community. The fund "honors the harmony of living enjoyed by the McKay family during their time in Saint Anthony Park and seeks to ensure the future quality of community life by guaranteeing music will always be a treasured part of the Saint Anthony Park neighborhood."

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Energy Recommendations Drafted for Rock-Tenn

Community meetings scheduled for September 6 and 15, 2008

After a year of study and deliberations with the Rock-Tenn Community Advisory Panel, the Saint Paul Port Authority has released draft recommendations and a draft of the renewable energy report.

Two public meetings are scheduled for September. Community members are invited to attend a brief presentation and share their comments and questions on the draft report and recommendations.

September Public Meetings

When: **Saturday, September 6th beginning at 10 AM**
Monday, September 15th beginning at 6:30 PM
Where: **Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Pkwy North**
St. Paul, MN 55104 (SW corner of University and Lexington)

All comments are welcome. All attendees will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to this project and these recommendations. In the interest of time, comments should be limited to 3 minutes each. Written comments can be sent to info@rtadvisory.org or Attn: Energy Recommendations, SPPA, Suite 1900, 345 St. Peter St., Saint Paul, MN 55102. **Written comments will be accepted through September 19th.**

More information on these recommendations and other Port Authority findings can be at www.rtadvisory.org. Copies will be made available for review at the St. Anthony Park and Merriam Park libraries and select District Council offices. Meeting materials, research, and technical memos are also available online.

Contact Information

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The public meetings are sponsored by the Saint Paul Port Authority, Hamline Midway Coalition, St. Anthony Park Community Council, Union Park District Council, and Macalester-Groveland Community Council.

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Arts Events

Music in the Park Series presents Chae-Yun, violin, and Jecwon Park, piano, in concert on September 28 at 4 p.m. The program will feature sonatas by Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms.

The concert will take place at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For ticket information, visit www.musicintheparkseries.org or call 645-5699.

The St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Fine Arts Series begins September 7 with an exhibition of photographs that St. Anthony Park resident Pat Connolly took during a recent Habitat for Humanity trip to Vietnam. The church is located at 2323 Como Ave.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 22 will hold a fall roundup event, FireUp, at 7 p.m. on September 15 in Langford Park. The event is for boys in grades 1-5. In case of rain, the event will be held at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. For more information, call Clay Helmer, 603-6987.

Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held September 2, from 3 to 8 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. To schedule an appointment, call Michelle at 647-9926 or the church office at 645-0371.

Garage Sales

A St. Anthony Park neighborhood garage sale will take place on Saturday, September 13. For more information, call Ken at 659-9134.

The **Falcon Heights** citywide garage sale will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 13. Residents can register at www.falconheights.org or by calling City Hall (792-7600) by 4:30 p.m. on September 5. The city will publish a list and map of participating locations.

Recreation

Registration for Langford Park hockey — Mini-Mites, Mites, Squirts, PeeWees, Bantams — will take place September 23, 6:30-8 p.m., at Langford Rec Center. Contact Scott Hamilton (scott@srhamilton.com, 329-8609) with questions.

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation will offer several classes that start in September.

Youth fall soccer will run on Saturday mornings from September 13 to October 25. **Music classes** for ages birth to 4 and a parent or guardian will take place on Tuesday mornings, September through December.

A **craft class** for children ages 2-5 and an adult will be held September 19, 1:15-2:15 p.m., at Falcon Heights City Hall.

For more information about

these classes, including times and fees, visit www.falconheights.org, stop by City Hall (2077 W. Larpeur Ave.) or call 792-7616.

Preschool

The **Garden Play Group**, a preschool program at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, is accepting registrations for two- and three-year-olds.

The fall semester runs September 9-December 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$10/session.

The teacher is Margie Fabyancke, a former elementary school teacher with 17 years experience teaching kindergarten, first grade and Montessori.

An open house will be held in the church nursery on September 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. The church is located at 1795 Holton Ave. For more information, call 426-5358.

Fall Festival

A Taste of Como will be held September, 5-9 p.m., at Holy Childhood Church, Pascal and Midway Parkway. The event will include German music, beer and wine. No one under 18 will be admitted. For tickets and other information, call Larry McMahon, 489-2428.

Discussion Series

This fall, **Hampden Park Co-op** and the Northwest Earth Institute (www.nwei.org) will

sponsor discussion courses on a variety of topics: sustainable living, raising healthy children, global warming, voluntary simplicity, deep ecology and others.

Class size will be 8-12, and classes will be scheduled when registration reaches 8 people. Classes are open to the public. For more information or to sign up, stop by the co-op (928 Raymond Ave.) or contact Michael McKenna at hampdenparkcourses@hotmail.com.

Book Club

The Sunday Afternoon Book Club, which meets monthly at Micawber's Bookstore, is extending an open invitation for its September 28 meeting, when the group will discuss "The Late Homecoming," by Kao Kalia Yang.


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No bones about it

by Kristi Garry Rogers

Hello No Bones readers!

This month's installment finds me gazing for a few minutes of air before diving back into the paleontological morass. It's been a busy summer filled with exciting new research in interesting places, and there's only more ahead!

My summer started back in May, when my husband, Ray, and I headed to the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Along for the ride and the research were three Macalester College undergraduates and, of course, our 5-year old daughter.

We spent a week working in the paleontology collections at the museum. My students were researching the long-necked sauropod bones that we've collected over the last 15 years in Madagascar.

Nora Catalio spent her time learning the details of sauropod anatomy while helping me characterize the collection.

Her undergraduate research is focused on understanding how Rapetosaurus grew during its lifespan, and we ended up carting a whole load of bones back to St. Paul so that she could continue her analysis and thin-sectioning of bones during the school year.

Owen Rudloff spent his time in the collection working with the tail vertebrae of all the sauropods from Madagascar. We think that there might be two different species of sauropods there, and Owen's research is key to figuring out the answer.

He digitized 32 distinctive points on each of the tail bones in the collection, and over the next school year he'll be processing that spatial data to try

and understand how different or similar the tails of the sauropods in Madagascar might be.

Jeff Dobbins undertook the study of beaks, scrapes and scratches in the Madagascar bones. He's trying to understand what happened to those bones on their way to becoming fossils.

After our trip to the museum, Ray and I took our family on a research trip to Europe, with stops in London at the Natural Museum of Natural History, in three different museums in three different cities in Romania, and finally at an archeological site in Greece.

London and Romania both have amazing collections of small sauropod bones that were first collected in the early 1900s by a Romanian noble named Franz Nopcsa.

The bones were eventually deposited in London, but since then my Romanian colleagues have been collecting more bones of these small sauropods, and we now have a good understanding that many of these sauropods were dwarfed and living on ancient islands.

My colleague Zoltan Csiki provided great access to the collections in Romania, and a lot of fun. We even saw the house where the real Dracula once lived, and hiked through gorges in the Carpathian Mountains.

After Romania it was off to Greece, where I met with zooarchaeologists to talk about how dwarfism happens in more recent island animals. (Did you know that there are dwarf hippos, rhinos and elephants on the Mediterranean islands?)


Meanwhile, Ray worked with Jackie Baker, another Macalester undergrad, on understanding the burial and looting histories of ancient coastal tombs and graves.

After we came home for a few days to collect our thoughts and data, we set off on our next big adventure: the Missouri Breaks of Montana. With canoes, five students, our fishing poles and one pirate flag, we went on a fossil-collecting float trip down the Missouri River.

Stay tuned for next month to hear what we found. Of course, the tally includes dino bones galore, but also a few other unexpected things.

Until next time, happy dino hunting!

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School News

by Antonio Young

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School begins at 7:30 a.m. on September 2. This year Como will switch to **quarter grading**. All teachers will give final grades at the end of each quarter instead of each semester. This shorter grading period should help students stay on top of their work without falling too far behind.

After a quarter ends, students will not have the opportunity to change their grade for the completed quarter. With the change to quarter grading, Como will also switch to parent/teacher conferences every quarter. Conferences for the first quarter will be October 7, 4 to 7 p.m.

The first **Site Council** meeting will be September 8 at 6 p.m. in the school library. The **Hmong Parents Group** will meet September 9 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Como's **parent forum** will meet four times this year. The forum is an opportunity for parents to learn about issues that students face and a chance to bring concerns to school personnel.

The first parent forum, "Surviving and Thriving at CPSHS," will meet in the library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on September 16.

Cougars Catch-Up continues this year. This after-school homework help session meets every Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. in the library. A light snack is provided and bus tickets are available.

September 16 is school picture day in the auditorium.

Homecoming will be celebrated the week of September 22. The football game against Central will take place at Griffin Stadium on September 25. The Homecoming dance follows in the school gym at 7 p.m.

Murray Junior High

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The 2008-2009 school year kicks off for St. Paul public schools on September 2. At Murray, **school hours** have changed: The new starting time is 7:50 a.m., and the end of the school day is at 2:30 p.m.

September events include a Site Council meeting at 4 p.m. on September 8. Also on that day, the Murray Parent Association will host its first dinner and parent forum from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The forum, "How to Thrive in Junior High School," will present useful tips for new students and their parents. September 10 is picture day. On September 18 at 7 p.m., the Jazz Band will hold a fundraising concert.

All St. Paul Public Schools students will have an **early release day** on September 24 for teacher training. Murray students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

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St. Anthony Park Elementary welcomes a new principal, Ann Eaton Johnson, this fall. She comes with a wealth of experience in the St. Paul Public Schools, where she has worked for the past 28 years. She was a kindergarten teacher for most of that time and has also been an administrator at Wellstone and Expo schools.

The school day begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. Kindergarten students will start school on September 8. On **early release day**, September 24, students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m.

A Site Council meeting will be held September 8 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) will

meet that same evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SAPSA's purpose is to support learning experiences by providing volunteers and raising funds. Last year, it raised over \$35,000 through individual tax-deductible contributions and fundraisers.

Activities that SAPSA helps pay for include field trips, classroom supplies, library books, programs such as Destination ImagiNation and Continental Math, school publications, student council, school patrols and the annual artist-in-residence program.

The first fundraiser of the year is the annual wrapping paper sale. Students will be selling wrapping paper and candy from September 12 to 26.

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Como Park Elementary will host a **Parent Night Open House** on September 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Families of students in kindergarten or the 4-year-old/PEK program are invited to visit classrooms and meet with the teachers for important information they will need to support their child's learning this year.

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2 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.

Red Cross blood drive, 3-8 p.m. SAPL.

3 WEDNESDAY

English conversation class, 4-5:30 p.m. SAPBL. Every Wednesday.

Computer class, 7 p.m. SAPBL.

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.

St. Anthony Park recycling. Every Wednesday.

Open stage, 6 p.m. sign-up, CC.

4 THURSDAY

Tot time (for 5-year-olds and younger), 10 a.m.-noon. LRC. Every Thursday.

Chair exercise class, 12:30 p.m. SHR. Every Monday and Thursday. Free to area seniors, but preregistration is necessary.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

5 FRIDAY

Senior Center Fun Group (gym, bowling, and dance), 9:30-11:30 a.m. SSAPRC. Every Friday.

Preschool story time with puppet show, 10:30 a.m. SAPBL. Every Friday.

Falcon Heights recycling.

Chaos for all ages, 1-3 p.m. SAPBL. Every Friday.

6 SATURDAY

Picnic and ice cream social, 6 p.m. FHUCC.

7 SUNDAY

Falcon Heights U of M Soccer Day, 1 p.m., ELR Stadium, Lippert and Cleveland. Kids clinic, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 792-7616.

8 MONDAY

AA, 8 p.m. SAPLC. Every Monday.

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. SAPUCC. Every Monday.

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Como Park recycling. Every Monday.

Landshare recycling.

Park Press, Inc. board meeting, 7 a.m. SAPBL, 646-5369.

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board meeting, 7 p.m. SAPUCC, 642-9052.

Cadbury and 500, the Falcons, 1 p.m. FHCH.

SAP Neighbors for Peace meeting, 7 p.m. 1495 Raymond Ave., 644-6861. Everyone welcome.

9 TUESDAY

Landshare City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.

Backyard Talk: entomologist Margaret Monson, 6:30 p.m., 649-5992.

10 WEDNESDAY

Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.

Investigation Study Task force, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

Computer class, 7 p.m. SAPBL.

11 THURSDAY

Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

12 FRIDAY

Preschool musical storytime, 10:30 a.m. SAPBL.

13 SATURDAY

Falcon Heights citywide garage sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Anthony Park neighborhood sale.

Keweenaw Pond backhoes cleanup, 649-5992.

14 SUNDAY

Rally Day cookout and games party. Cookouts 12 p.m.; games party 1-2:30 p.m. FHUCC.

15 MONDAY

Landshare recycling. Cub Scouts Pack 22 FundUp, 7 p.m. LRC.

Trace your family's heritage, 1:45 p.m. SAPBL.

Library Association Meeting, 7 p.m. SAPBL.

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16 TUESDAY

Dinner 10 seated seating, 7 p.m. CPCC.

Monthly book discussion: "Souls in the Heeds of a Tender God," by Cécile Rivecourt. 7 p.m. FHUCC.

Backyard Talk: LED lighting in one's home, 6:30 p.m., 649-5992.

17 WEDNESDAY

Training session on organizing gallery collection on your block, 7 p.m. SSAPRC.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Community Connections Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

St. Anthony Park Booster Club, 7 p.m. LRC.

Computer class, 7 p.m. SAPBL.

Library Book Club discussion, 7 p.m. "Pact Like a River," by Laila Engle. SAPL.

Open sing, 6 p.m. sign-up, CC.

19 FRIDAY

Falcon Heights recycling.

Preschool storytime with puppet show, 10:30 a.m. SAPBL.

20 SATURDAY

Neighborhood cleanup, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sun. Fairgrounds.

22 MONDAY

Calabogie and 500, the Falcons, 1 p.m. FHCH.

23 TUESDAY

Lac du Lac City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.

Lewiston Park hockey registration, 6:30-8 p.m. LRC. 729-8609.

Backyard Talk: Bike commuting, 6:30 p.m. 649-5992.

24 WEDNESDAY

Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

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26 FRIDAY

Test of Condo Obligation, 5-9 p.m. HC.

Preschool storytime with puppet show, 10:30 a.m. SAPBL.

28 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Group, 2:30 p.m. "The Last House on the Corner," by Koo Kolla Yoo. MB.

29 MONDAY

Lac du Lac recycling.

Trace your family's heritage, 1:45 p.m. SAPBL.

30 TUESDAY

GREEN on the Screen: "King Corn," 7 p.m. SAPBL.

Items for the October Community Calendar should be submitted to calendat@parkbugle.com, by September 17.

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"Long Term Care Planning and Insurance"

October 4, 2008

"Vision and Hearing Loss in Older Adults"

October 18, 2008

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CPCC Como Park Community Council, 1224 N. Lexington, 644-3889

CPES Como Park Elementary School, 780 Winlock Place, 293-8735

CPHS Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 293-8800

FHCH Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Lupton Ave., 644-5050

FHES Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave., 646-0321

FHUCC Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Helton St., 646-2681

GC Gekko Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647

GMD Goldstein Museum of Design, 240 McNeil Hall, 1985 Belmont Ave., St. Paul Campus, 612-624-7434

HC Holy Childhood School, 1435 Midway Place, 644-2791

LAG Larson Art Gallery, U of M Student Center, 612-625-0214

LCH Lac du Lac City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 631-0300

LETR Lady Elbert's Tea Room, 2230 Carter Ave., 645-6676

LRC Loveland Rte. Center, 30 Loveland Park, 298-5765

MB Mendenhall Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 646-5506

MHS Murray Junior High School, 2200 Belmont Ave., 293-8740

MPS Music in the Park Series, St. Anthony Park UCC, 645-5699

PLC Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Weber St., 644-5440

RAAG Raymond Avenue Art Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., 644-9200

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SMEC St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 645-3078

SSAPRC South St. Anthony Rte. Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 298-5770

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Harold Arthur "Bud" Baker, Jr., age 92, of Lauderdale, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on August 10, 2008.

Bud served in the Army during WWII in North Africa and Italy. He was a 41-year employee of PPG Industries. He will be lovingly remembered as a steadfast and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by wife, Lucille; grandsons, Michael, Gabriel and Jesse; brother, Donald; and sister, Louise. He is survived by his children: Dave

(Mary Jo) Baker, Bill (Gwenn) Baker, Tom (Carmina) Baker, Jim (Karen) Baker, Anne (Dave) Johnson, Rose (John) Nuckols, Barb (Kurt) Stonieser, Mary (Dave) Kaufenberg, Joe (Joni) Baker and Parti (A.J.) Rice; 28 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sisters, Marg Menge and Jo West; and many other cherished relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated August 14, 2008, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Patricia Copa

Patricia Copa, a former St. Anthony Park resident, died in a single-car accident July 17, 2008. She was born on November 4, 1944, in San Mateo, Calif. She married George Copa on June 11, 1966, in Excelsior, Minnesota. They raised two children: daughter, Kristin, and son, Vincent. Pat grew up in Chanhassen, Minn., and attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School and Minnetonka High School. She was in 4-H for 12 years and her projects included raising chickens

and vegetables. Besides her own prize-winning sewing projects, she helped younger siblings with theirs.

She received bachelor's and master's degrees in home economics education and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Minnesota.

She served on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Western Oregon University. She worked at the Minnesota Department of Education and Oregon Department of Education, was dean at St. Paul

Technical College, and principal for one of the first charter career and technical high schools in the nation.

Along the way, she served on the staff of the American Vocational Association in Washington, D.C., where she worked with congressional staff to develop federal legislation for career and technical education across the nation.

She spent the last 10 years of her life breeding and raising award-winning Pygora goats.

Pat relished spending time with her family and all will cherish the memory of her recent trip from Oregon to Minnesota to deliver her goat kids to new homes and visit with old friends and neighbors in Langford Park on the 4th of July. She spent a week of fun with George, Kristin, Vincent and their families at the family cabin.

Pat was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Edward Murphy. She is survived by husband, George; daughter, Kristin, and her husband, Philip, with grandchildren Emma and Owen, from Portland, Ore.; son, Vincent (Alicia), with grandchildren Grace and Nathan, from Minnetonka, Minn.; mother, Anita Murphy, who was being cared for by Pat in her home; four sisters, Mary Lou, Linda, Joanne and Claudia; and brother, Tom. She will be missed profoundly by family and her many friends.

A memorial service was held at Mission Mill Museum in Salem, Ore.

Katherine Harris

Katherine E. Harris, age 95, died on July 28, 2008. She lived in Lyngblomsten Care Center in her final years.

Katherine was a lifelong member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, a volunteer for the FTA and an avid Minnesota sports fan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, and sister, Ellen. She is survived by her children, Dennis (Mary) and Shelley of Roseville; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held July 30, 2008, at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, with interment at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Melva Ivers

Melva Mydland Sulerud Ivers, age 94, died August 3, 2008, in Chanhassen, Minn.

Melva grew up in St. Anthony Park and was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church from its inception at Wartburg Chapel in the seminary. She began her vocal

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music at church and continued at St. Olaf College, where she trained to be an English teacher. During the Depression she taught at Upham and Trenton, N.D.

In 1937 Melva began teaching in Halstad, Minn., where she married her first husband and raised her family for the next 25 years. During this period she also taught English and vocal music in Hendrum, Minn., and had many private vocal students. In 1966 she was named Minnesota Mother of the Year.

During her 25-year marriage to her second husband, they lived in Fargo, N.D., where she continued her lifelong interest in and support for the church and its vocal music. The later years of her life were spent in Minneapolis and Chanhassen.

She is survived by sons Jim (Cher) Sulerud, Chanhassen, and Peder (Mary) Sulerud, Silver Spring, Md.; three granddaughters; sister Grace (Karl) Vollmer, Houston, Texas; sister-in-law Eleanor Sulerud, Minneapolis; stepchildren Lois Altenberg, Fargo N.D., Joyce Bush, Dunster B.C., and Marty Ivers, Nordland, Wash. She was preceded in death by brothers Dennis and James, first husband John Sulerud, second husband Ralph Ivers, son John Sulerud III, and step-sons Bob and John Ivers.

A private family service was held.

Patrick J. Mulligan

Patrick Mulligan, formerly of Lauderdale, died August 2, 2008, at the age of 65.

He was preceded in death by grandson, Corey J. Triemert, and is survived by sons, Patrick, Derrick and Gregory; daughters, Lisa Lottom, Tammy (Steve) Tannen and Teresa Mulligan (Bill Bergstrom); 13 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; sister, Barb (Ralph) Mike; and former wife, Bonnie Mulligan Nelson.

A funeral service was held August 4, 2008, at Holcomb-Henry-Boom in Shoreview, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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