



New Books

Two authors with local connections have new books out. St. Anthony Park native Nate Ecklund has published “How Was Your Day at School? Improving Dialogue about Teacher Job Satisfaction.” Dara Dokas, who lives in the neighborhood and works at Micawber’s, wrote “Muriel’s Red Sweater,” a children’s picture book.

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Volunteering Matters

Como Park High School junior Sarah Davy spent a week in the arctic as part of Polar Bears International’s Leadership Camp. Since her return, she’s been active in a variety of environmental projects.

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School News

Schools are busy preparing for tours, showcases and open houses in February, when they will open their doors to prospective students and their parents. The application deadline for junior and senior highs is Feb. 27 and for elementary schools is Mar. 6.

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When words go public

Lauderdale artist Barbara Claussen explores the intersection between art and language

by Natalie Zett

Lauderdale resident Barbara Claussen has sometimes found herself in the middle of conflict even though the soft-spoken visual artist doesn’t actively court danger. It began in 1989, when she and her family — husband, Rand, and daughters, Anne and Stephanie — lived in China.

“My husband was teaching English at the South China University of Technology in Guangzhou and I was studying Chinese art and calligraphy,” she said. “Then the Tiananmen Square massacre happened. We left because it seemed dangerous.”

The family lived on an island in the South China Sea for a while but went back to mainland China when things settled down. They returned to the Twin Cities in 1990.

The contested nature of public and public expression, which was at the heart of the Tiananmen Square conflict, is a motif that has followed Claussen ever since.

Growing up in Kiester,

Minnesota, a rural town near Iowa, Claussen dreamed of being an artist. She moved to the Twin Cities in the early 1970s after graduating from Minnesota State University in Mankato.

“I went in for drawing and painting and came out an installation artist,” she said.

In 2001, she completed an MFA at the U of M, which took her art to a different level and resulted in a series of large-scale public art projects. Currently, besides being a practicing artist, she also teaches art at Northwestern College in St. Paul.

In 2006, Claussen became intrigued by the debate that erupted over DeLaSalle High School’s desire to build an athletic complex next to its building — and on public property — on Nicollet Island.

“This was a controversy between public and private space,” she said, “and it totally changed the atmosphere on the island.”

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Lauderdale artist Barbara Claussen’s most recent public art project was prompted by debate over the noise barrier currently being erected along the east side of Highway 280.

Public Art, Claussen created a project to provide a forum for people to express their opinions about the DeLaSalle proposal. She interviewed people and wrote “On the Edge,” a series of small pamphlets that included the interviews. These were placed in newsstands that she built and placed around the island.

“People wanted to tell their stories,” she said. “Others began using the newsstands to distribute

their own opinions about the project, which eventually was approved.”

Claussen found the experience exhilarating. “This is much different than painting a picture,” she said. “The controversy between private and public is where I see my art. In some projects I’ve had a strong voice, but mostly I create a forum where

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Noise variance hearing scheduled

by Anne Holtzman

Pile driving near the railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue, north of Energy Park Drive, originally scheduled to start in January, is now expected to begin Feb. 9, according to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad officials.

The St. Paul City Council will hold a hearing on the railroad’s request for a noise variance for the project at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 4, in Council Chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

The request is for operation of general construction equipment from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and pile-driving equipment from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, Feb. 5–July 31. For more information on the variance request, call Mark Kaisersatt, St. Paul environmental health specialist, at 266-1908.

The railroad plans to replace the existing bridge with a new one of approximately the same span, raising the track grade by three feet in order to comply with state standards. Trains will continue running throughout the construction project.

Once pile driving is complete, BNSF plans to close Raymond Avenue between Energy Park Drive and Blake for approximately four months while it demolishes the old bridge and builds a new one.

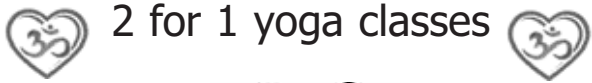
Because the Raymond bridge work would overlap with a MnDOT project on Hwy. 280 that will restrict traffic there, the St. Anthony Park Community Council has requested that BNSF delay its project by one year, according to Amy Sparks, council executive director. The council has also asked that the railroad increase the length of its work week from four days to five.

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The Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom Advisory Committee will give a Woodland Stewardship Award to Tami Limberg's class of junior high students from Great River School at the committee's Feb. 9 meeting. Last fall, the students worked on a variety of activities that benefited the Como Woodland, an environmental education project in Como Park. For more information, visit www.comowoodland.org.

The Environment Committee of the Como Community Council will begin a winter/spring lecture series on Feb. 5. The free session, "Saving Energy and Money in Your Home, the Easy Way," will be at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Region Watershed District office, 1410 Energy Park Drive.

"Buckthorn in Your Yard and What to Do with It" will be at 7 p.m. Mar. 5, in the Community Room at the Lyngblomsten Center, 1415 Almond Ave. For more information, call Mike MacDonald, 952-201-2845.

Falcon Heights

The University of Minnesota will hold public forums this month to present a draft of a Campus Master Plan, including a session from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 in Room 33 of McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford St. The Campus Master Plan will guide the University's use of current buildings and lands in the coming years.

Comments received during these forums will assist University personnel in preparing a final draft for approval by the Board of Regents this spring.

Falcon Heights Recreation Supervisor Lisa Abernathy received a meritorious service award in January from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association for her work chairing a summer leadership workshop, and serving as secretary for her programming section and the Women in Leisure Services.

Lauderdale

Lauderdale resident Jennifer Grimm and her band will be featured at Lauderdale's first Dance and Dessert Buffet for the 18-and-over crowd, 7-9 p.m., Mar. 5, at Lauderdale City Hall.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, visit www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us or call City Hall at 792-7650.

A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) disaster response training course begins Jan. 31 and is open to Falcon Heights and Lauderdale residents over the age of 12.

CERT members learn how to respond effectively in a disaster such as a tornado, flood or hazardous material incident, when professional emergency responders may be delayed and transportation, communication and utility networks may be interrupted.

The training runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. over six Saturdays at Falcon Heights City Hall. Cost for the entire course is \$25. To enroll, call 647-4419.

St. Anthony Park

Community members and neighborhood artists are invited to join the St. Anthony Park Community Council and Artspace to talk about space for artists in the area. The meeting will be Jan. 27, 7-9 p.m., at South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

The council's goal is to strengthen and expand the neighborhood's existing arts district by looking at ways to keep artists' living and working space in the area, and by exploring strategies to become a hub of arts activities for the Twin Cities.

Three neighborhood leaders have been named to the Community Council's neighborhood Honor Roll.

Matt Hass served as the liaison for the Environment Committee to the Rock-Tenn Community Advisory Panel.

Ray Bryan has been an outstanding neighbor and tireless volunteer. He was a founding member of the District Council and currently serves as a business delegate.

Mary Hamel has immersed herself in the work of the neighborhood: volunteering for the local PTA, planning the St. Anthony Park directory, organizing Backyard Talks and convincing her block to use a single garbage hauler.

Xcel Energy and the Neighborhood Energy Connection are offering two free, one-hour presentations on home energy efficiency. The first is at 7 p.m., Feb. 4, at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. The second is at 7 p.m., Feb. 10, at St. Anthony Park Library.

St. Paul residents can receive an energy audit from Neighborhood Energy Connection for \$35. To request one, call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will reimburse St. Anthony Park residents for the cost of their energy audit if they send a photo, along with a brief description illustrating one change they made as a result of the audit, to renee@sapcc.org or SAPCC, 890 Cromwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

The next in the Community Council's Green on the Screen film series will be "Sweet Land, A Love Story," at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 18, at the St. Anthony Park Library. The movie is a celebration of land, love and the American immigrant experience, shot on location in southern Minnesota. It's also the first carbon-neutral film made in the United States.

Ramy Selim, brother of the director, will introduce the film and answer questions about the environmental aspects of the production process. He owns Sunny Day Earth Solutions on Como Avenue just west of Highway 280.

A worm-composting workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 24, at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. An indoor worm bin can turn kitchen scraps into a potent natural fertilizer all year long. Registration is required.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will pay the fee for residents of St. Anthony Park who register through the council. Others can call Eureka Recycling (222-7678) to register and pay the \$5 fee. Workshop participants will be eligible to purchase worms and informational materials for \$45.

District 66

Sen. Ellen Anderson, Rep. Alice Hausman and Rep. John Lesch will hold a town meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 28 at the Lakeside Pavilion in Como Park. The purpose of the meeting will be to solicit citizens' views on education, jobs and economic development, health care, housing, energy and the environment, transportation, taxes and other issues of concern.

— Anne Holzman



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How was your day at school?

by Michelle Christianson

Nathan Eklund's book, "How Was Your Day at School? Improving Dialogue about Teacher Job Satisfaction," is a resource for educators, administrators and school staff. But it's also a concise guide for decent, productive human interaction of all kinds.

Eklund grew up in St. Anthony Park and says that his teachers at St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High, Minnehaha Academy and St. Olaf College inspired him to become a teacher. After teaching, coaching and chairing the English Department at Orono High School for 11 years, he decided to redirect his passion for education and took a job with Search Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to providing "leadership, knowledge and resources to promote healthy children, youth and communities."

As Eklund conducted seminars and spoke in schools, he became convinced that for teachers to stay committed to education and bring out the best in their students, they need guidance and support. His book is intended to help provide that.

"Schools are not just places where children go to learn," says Eklund. "They're places where adults go to work. If the workplace is unfriendly, unsupportive and negative, teachers can't do their best and may eventually leave the profession."

Research shows that 50 percent of new teachers leave within five years, and most say that salary and problem students are not the

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What's up with your sweater?

by Dave Healy

Dara Dokas describes her new children's book, "Muriel's Red Sweater," as a circle story: The main character starts and ends at home, and has adventures along the way. For Muriel, a distracted duck, the adventures result in the gradual unraveling of her red sweater — a state of affairs she is blissfully unaware of.

"I think it's fun in a children's story when the reader or listener knows something the main character doesn't," says Dokas.

Dokas knows a thing or two about children's books, since she oversees that section of the store at Micawber's Books in St. Anthony Park. Recently she started a new series at Micawber's called Second Saturdays, when a children's author visits the store. On Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, Nancy Carlson will read her book "Henry and the Valentine Surprise," and there will be treats and activities.

"Muriel" is Dokas' second book, and it marks a significant departure from her first one, "Remembering Mama," which was about loss and grief.

"I'm especially interested in writing for very young children," she says, while acknowledging that she's also been working off and one for several years on a young adult novel.

Dokas' life-long interest in children's books led to a class at the Loft 10 years ago. She's stayed in touch with some of those class members through a writers' group, all of whom have published at

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EDITORIAL

Over a century and a half after their first appearance on the American landscape, railroads continue to inspire the mixed reactions that greeted their debut. The American transcendentalists, among others, were ambivalent about the railroad, seeing it as a symbol of both progress and despoliation.

In 1842, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote in his journal: “I hear the whistle of the locomotive in the woods. Wherever that music comes it has its sequel. It is the voice of the civility of the Nineteenth Century saying, ‘Here I am.’”

Walt Whitman’s poem “Passage to India” envisioned the railroad, along with the Suez Canal and the transatlantic telegraph cable, as part of a vast network linking cities and continents:

*Lo, soul, seest thou not God’s purpose from the first?
The earth to be spann’d, connected by network,
The races, neighbors, to marry and be given in marriage,
The oceans to be cross’d, the distant brought near,
The lands to be welded together.*

Henry David Thoreau sometimes described the railroad in benign terms: “I watch the passage of the morning cars with the same feeling that I do the rising of the sun, which is hardly more regular.” Elsewhere, though, he depicted the locomotive as a sinister beast, a “devilish Iron Horse,” a “bloated pest,” corrupting and polluting the pristine wilderness.

In 1869, a golden spike driven at Promontory Summit, Utah, by officials of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific marked the completion of the transcontinental railroad. Today, 140 years later, it doubtless strikes many observers as surprising that we still depend so heavily on railroads to sustain the engine of American commerce.

Although it ranks near the bottom of industrialized countries in its use of passenger rail, the United States trails only China in its reliance on freight rail, moving in the neighborhood of 1775 million tons of freight a year. In this country, trains account for 38 percent of intercity freight transport, trailed by trucks with 28 percent.

Although railroads came into existence to serve existing towns and cities, new railroads in the sparsely settled 19th-century American West resulted in the creation of hundreds of new settlements, a process described by Jonathan Raban in his book “Bad Land”:

“As the line advanced across the land, it flung infant cities into

being at intervals of a dozen miles or so. Trains needed to be loaded with freight and passengers, and it was part of the essential business of the railroad company to furnish its territory with customers, to create ready-made communities of people whose lives would be dependent on the umbilical of the line. . . . The company said, Let there be a city: and there was a city.”

Today, railroads encounter not too little civilization but too much. When the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad announced plans to upgrade its 579-mile line between Wall, S.D., and Winona, Minn., it encountered fierce opposition, especially from Rochester, Minn., residents and businesses.

Closer to home, plans for a new LRT line between downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul have run up against objections from the University of Minnesota and Minnesota Public Radio, among others, on the grounds that trains will disrupt their business.

Although we’re dependent on railroads to deliver the goods we use, many of us rarely think about trains, and when we do it’s often with annoyance: stuck on a road transected by a track just when a train is coming by. If you’re an urban dweller who lives near a track — or, even more so, a switching yard — there is the more regular irritation of noise to contend with.

But set against these aggravations is the “romance of the rails.” Train use is up. Amtrak carried a record 25,850,000 passengers in 2007. While some of those riders might have been driven aboard by the high price of gas, others perhaps relished the convenience of boarding without having to remove their shoes and repack their carry-on bags. Or they may have been attracted by the fact that trains have a smaller carbon footprint than jets do. Or they might have appreciated the chance to see the countryside they were traveling through.

We still lag far behind Europe in our use of passenger rail. But as commuter rail and LRT continue to take hold in our large cities, that disparity lessens.

In the 1950s and 60s, Twin Citians made folk heroes of a couple of ersatz railroaders: TV stars Casey Jones and Roundhouse Rodney. Perhaps as we move ahead, some 21st-century counterparts will emerge to captivate our attention and draw us again to those mesmerizing words: “Board, board. Now arriving on track 11”

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biggest reasons for leaving. A leading cause is dissatisfaction with the workplace — a lack of collegiality and poor working climate.

“People won’t necessarily stay in the newest school, with the best salary, if they don’t feel supported,” says Ecklund. “Likewise, people can deal with problem students, in difficult schools, if they feel valued and supported. Ultimately, no amount of money is likely to outweigh a pervasive dissatisfaction with workplace climate.”

The book, including a CD-ROM with a PowerPoint presentation and reproducible handouts, uses humor, true stories and compassion to help improve the lives of teachers and students. It describes the internal and external assets teachers need

to thrive, and includes discussion topics and questions to stimulate action.

According to Ecklund, teachers need support, a sense of empowerment, clear boundaries and expectations, and constructive use of their time. They also need to develop a strong commitment to learning and teaching, positive values, social competencies, and a strong personal and group identity.

Ecklund says he can sense the climate of a school workplace within five minutes of entering the building. He knows immediately whether his work there will consist of building on

strengths or beginning the hard work of changing a bad environment.

“It’s emotional and intimate work,” he says.

Ecklund started writing the book nine months ago. He says the change from teaching adolescents and working with groups of educators to sitting quietly and writing was an adjustment.

He describes his book as a tool for conversation, and to that end he has created a Web site (www.howwasyourdayatschool.org) where teachers can share their stories and learn what others are doing to improve their schools.

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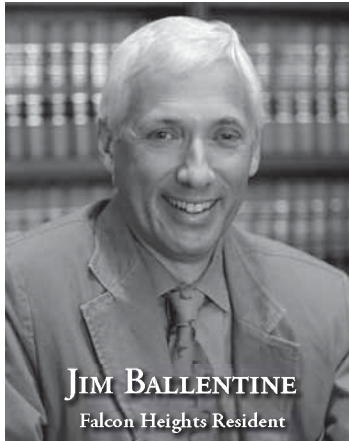
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Barbara Claussen from 1

people express their positions.” Claussen's most recent public art project was “Highway 280 Sound Wall.” In the first phase, she created large, orange, corrugated, plastic signs with single words — VIEWS, HEARING, CONTROL, VALUE — chosen for their multiple meanings. The signs were placed on the property of homeowners who lived near 280 and gave Claussen permission to put them up.

For the second phase, she made smaller lawn signs representing views expressed during a public meeting at Lauderdale City Hall.

“You couldn't read them without getting close,” she said, “and the idea was that people in this situation had a small voice that wasn't heard. They felt their opinion wasn't going to matter,

that government was going to make the decisions for them.”

Claussen describes her role as an artist in this project, not as taking a stand but as facilitating dialogue.

“Highway 280 Sound Wall” was about transformation,” she said. “After the 35W bridge collapsed, the highway was suddenly transformed into a freeway. Then the landscape was transformed with a sound wall. In some ways, people's ideas were transformed. Many didn't want the sound wall, but then they realized the sound was so loud that they needed it.”

Claussen's current public art project is “Imperative,” which is one of several she's undertaking with funding from a 2008-09 MCAD/Jerome Fellowship for Emerging Artists.

“This project is about taking

things people only say in private to people they know well and displaying them in a public situation,” she said. “For example, I might say to my husband, ‘Don't talk too much,’ but I wouldn't say that to someone I didn't know well.”

So far signs have been placed in New York, California, Canada, Bali, Indonesia, Rome, Bucharest and Germany. Claussen asks people she knows all over the world to put them up.

A German friend put up a sign saying “Don't interrupt” near the statues of Schiller and Goethe by the Bauhaus Museum in Berlin. Claussen is trying to get a restaurant to display a sign saying “Don't talk with food in your mouth.”

Another project is “Cell Phone Shields,” a miniature sculpture of toy people with clear domes on their heads.

“It's the public/private space issue again,” Claussen said. “The borders are changing between what is private and what is public.”

As part of her fellowship, Claussen will participate in an exhibit with other Jerome recipients at Minneapolis College of Art and Design next fall. One idea she has for that event is an installation with black and red text.

“Red has a lot of connotations,” she said. “In China, it's the color of protest, like in Tiananmen Square, whereas black is the color of authority.”

The artwork would display the dictionary definitions for truth and lies in different-colored text.

“Sometimes things we thought were true aren't,” Claussen said. “People may feel betrayed when something they held as true turns out not to be. I'm searching for new visual structures. I'm not certain exactly what it means yet, but I'm not interested in doing what's been done in the past.”

More information about Barbara Claussen's art is available at www.barbaraclaussen.com.



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Heart Disease

Natasha Fleischman, a survivor of heart disease, will speak at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ on Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. She will share her story and offer lessons to help women protect themselves from the dangers of heart disease. For more information, call 646-2861.

Community Art Show

Over 40 local artists will display their works in a juried show to be held Feb. 22, 6-8 p.m., at the **Undercroft Gallery**, 2136 Carter Ave. Applications to enter work in the show will be accepted through Feb. 5. Call 329-1601 for an application form.

Midwinter Feast

The International Institute of Minnesota will host an **international dining experience** on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Dinner includes an appetizer, an entrée — each from a different country.

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Spring sports registration begins Feb. 2-6 for volleyball, indoor soccer and floor hockey at all **St. Paul recreation centers**. Proof of residency, age and a birth certificate are required for registration. Register in person at any rec center or online at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

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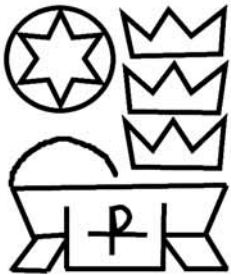
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by Lisa Steinmann

For Sarah Davy, a junior at Como Park High School, being chosen to participate in Polar Bears International's Leadership Camp last October was just the beginning of a life-changing experience.

In addition to studying polar bears, one task during her week in arctic Canada was to create an action plan to help educate her peers and create a new mindset on conservation issues.

Davy wrote in her PBI blog, "After my week on the tundra, I'd like to return to Como Park — my home — and tell everyone about my trip and 'bore' them with the hundreds of pictures I'm going to take. I'm hoping that I will get others excited about conservation, the Arctic and the future of the polar bear."

Since her return, Davy has spoken at schools and at her church, St. Timothy Lutheran in Como Park. She visited her former-fifth grade teacher Ms. Bartol's class at Chelsea Heights Elementary, and the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum.

In November, Davy introduced prominent polar bear photographer Steve Kazlowski at a student-organized event at the Bell called "The Last Polar Bear: Facing the Truth of a Warming World."

After she returned from PBI Camp, Davy also joined Como's Environmental Club and got involved with student efforts to reduce waste and energy consumption at the school.

She said one of the most eye-opening events of her week in the Arctic was a helicopter ride to a polar bear den where students were able to observe the melting and collapsing of the den's base on permafrost — a direct result of global warming.

She says, "I went into the whole thing with an awareness and general ideas about 'Don't waste energy' but without a deep idea of why."

Davy also maintains a close relationship with Como Zoo, where she got her first training as a speaker and advocate for environmental issues with the Nature Walk program. The program trains volunteers, ages 13-17, to share plant and animal knowledge with visitors during the summer months.

It was Davy's supervisor at Nature Walk, Lorrie Cashman, who told her about PBI's Leadership Camp. Como Zoo participates in PBI programs and PBI President Robert Buchanan was a featured speaker at Como Zoo last January.

Buchanan says, "By working closely with zoos, we can reach millions of people and inspire change."

Applying for PBI Leadership Camp required Davy to write an

essay and be interviewed about an issue in her community that needed to be addressed.

She decided to focus on educating the community about the environment, global warming and saving energy. She included her personal connection to Como Zoo, growing up just one block away, and as a volunteer with the Nature Walk program.

"It's a small neighborhood zoo," she says. "It makes you feel like you can make a difference — all the zookeepers know us (Nature Walk volunteers). It's a neat atmosphere."

Davy was one of 33 high school students and 12 teachers from around the world who were invited to participate in the camp last October. Camp took place in a five-car "tundra buggy train." From base camp, a tundra buggy, traveling at three miles per hour, drove students into the arctic terrain to search for polar bears.

Davy jokes that they suffered from "white rock syndrome." It was easy to mistake white rocks on the tundra for distant polar bears.

Late one evening, three polar bears — a mom and two cubs —

appeared near the tundra buggy. Campers were able to observe the bears from just a few feet away for a couple of hours.

Davy noted that they didn't behave like Como Zoo bears. They were curious about the tundra buggy and she had the feeling there was a sort of role reversal: "We were the ones being observed."

Davy smiles and her eyes flash with enthusiasm as she sums up her experiences.

"Working at Como Zoo has taught me that what you do as a kid impacts your community and the world," she says. "Polar Bear Camp opened my eyes to what is going on. And now I know that you can change things if you try."

In March, Sarah Davy will make a public presentation at Como Zoo about her PBI experience. For more details or to find out how to become a Como Zoo or Nature Walk volunteer, visit the zoo's Web site: www.comozooconservatory.org.

Sarah Davy's journal page for PBI Leadership Camp is at www.polarbearsinternational.org/student-journals/sarahdavy/.

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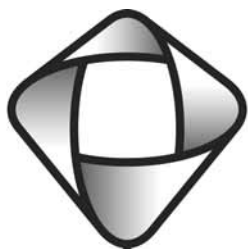
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School News

by A. E. Young

Murray Junior High

2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740
http://murray.spps.org

Murray students are working on **National History Day** projects. On Feb. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., the top 100 projects will be on display. Students who advance to the next round will attend the Regional History Day Fair on Mar. 14 at St. Paul College.

Prospective seventh graders and their parents can learn more about the school at the **Murray Showcase**, Feb. 9, 6:30–8 p.m.

Students and families are welcome to visit the school during February. A staff-guided tour will highlight the school's history, curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Two-hour tours geared toward current sixth graders and their families begin at 9 a.m. each Tuesday in February. No registration is required; simply check in at the front desk upon arrival. Call Gen Nakanishi at 293-8740 ext. 1012 with any questions.

Feb. 27 is the deadline for applications to St. Paul junior high and senior high schools.

Murray's **Music Department** will present the Dave Mitchell Jazz Quartet with special guest Irv Williams on Feb. 12, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Band Room. An apple pie and coffee reception will be held after the concert in the library. All proceeds go to send the eighth-grade jazz band to New York City in May. Tickets are \$20 each.

The school band will present its **Zoot Suit concert** Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The **Murray Parent Association** will hold a board meeting Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. The school's site council will meet at 4 p.m. on Feb. 2. The Hmong Parent Association will meet at 6 p.m. on Feb. 4.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

2180 Knapp St., 293-8735
www.stanthony.spps.org

The staff has been busy preparing for **school selection season**. A new application process now requires applications for all elementary students enrolling in a St. Paul public school.

Applications are available at www.enroll.spps.org or by calling Student Placement at 632-3701. The elementary school application deadline is Mar. 6.

On Jan. 10, St. Anthony Park Elementary was one of more than 120 schools that participated in the **2009 Parent Information Fair** at Saint Paul RiverCentre's Roy Wilkins Auditorium.

The presentation highlighted the qualities and programs the

school has long been known for, thanks to a staff that works hard to meet the academic needs of a bright and enthusiastic group of students.

Those interested in sending a child to St. Anthony Park Elementary next year should contact the school for a tour or plan on attending one of two upcoming **open houses**: Feb. 5 from 5:30–7 p.m., and Feb. 9 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet Principal Ann Johnson and to see classrooms in action.

Feb. 9 is also **National African-American Parent Involvement Day**. African-American parents are invited to spend the morning with their child(ren) experiencing the routines of a regular school day and then join them for lunch.

Sixth graders are preparing to attend a new school next year as they move on to junior high. In preparation for the Feb. 27 middle/junior high school application deadline, the parent-teacher organization **SAPSA** hosted a meeting on Jan. 26 with principals from local junior high schools.

Visitors to the school should be sure to visit the art room for evidence of a **recent residency** with artists from In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre. An original production created by students will be performed on Feb. 6.

Chelsea Heights Elementary

1557 Huron St., 293-8790
http://chelsea.spps.org

Fifth graders met with a visiting chemist from the **Kids-n-Chemistry** program on Jan. 6. Students used cross-linking polymers to create a chemical reaction that resulted in Jiggle Jelly, a viscous liquid that acts as a solid in cooler temperatures.

Grades 4–6 participated in the **National Geographic Bee**. Each classroom held a competition and determined a class winner, who then faced off in the school-wide bee. Classroom winners were Ethan Brudnak-Voss, Trenton Phillippi, Patrick Noren, Ryan Rogers, Jacob Graff and George Oakley. First place was awarded to Patrick Noren, second place to Ryan Rogers and third place to George Oakley.

Chelsea Heights will hold an **open house** on Feb. 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Parents and students can meet teachers and tour the building. Tours are also available on Thursdays; call the school at 293-8790 to arrange a visit.

Third graders celebrated the completion of their memoirs by having a **publishing party**. Each student read his or memoir to a group of adults. Bugle editor Dave Healy talked to the students about his work.

Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 293-8800
http://comosr.spps.org

Como's Showcase is a chance to see the school's students and staff in action. Prospective students and their families and guardians are welcome to visit the school on Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

In addition, tours will be given by National Honor Society students on Feb. 11, 18 and 25 at 7:40 a.m. and Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at 8:50 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students taking the tour must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Contact Sandi in the Career Resource Center (293-8800 ext. 5031) to schedule a tour. The school choice application deadline is Feb. 27.

The Student Council has been working hard to plan **Winterfest** this year. The theme is "Candyland." The Winterfest dance will be held Feb. 20 at the school.

On Feb. 17, a **parent forum** will discuss advanced placement, college in the schools and postsecondary opportunities for Como students. Parents, students and community members are encouraged to attend.

Como Park staff and college representatives will be on hand Feb. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library for **Financial Aid Night**. They will explain the details of applying for financial aid, including how to fill out the FAFSA.

Como participated in the largest ski meet in the Western Hemisphere at the **Mesabi Invite** at Giants Ridge. Emma Lee took 11th place out of more than 185 of the best Nordic skiers in the Midwest, missing 10th place by only 1.7 seconds despite having been slowed down by the near loss of a contact lens.

The girls' team placed 30th out of 74 schools and the boys' team placed 42nd.

Four Como students received **awards** for their **essays** in a contest sponsored by the Governor's Commission on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration and the Council on Black Minnesotans.

Receiving first-place awards were sophomore Earl Wilson and junior Christine Claiborne. Second-place winners were junior Bao Thao and sophomore Patience Zalanga.



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February

1 SUNDAY

• Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.

• Patterns of Femininity. Works by Sara Christensen-Blair and Sara Merkel-Jacobs, through Feb. 19. LAG.

2 MONDAY

• AA, 8 p.m. SAPLC. Every Monday.

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

• Como Park recycling. Every Monday.

• Lauderdale recycling.

• Chair Exercise Class, 12:30-1:30 p.m. SHR. Every Monday and Thursday. Free to seniors.

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.

• Chair Exercise Class, 3:15-4:15 p.m. SAPBL. Every Tuesday and Friday. Free to seniors.

• St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 7:15 p.m. SAPBL.

4 WEDNESDAY

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

• Leisure Center for Seniors, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. SAPUMC. Every Wednesday. Lunch reservations by Monday; call 646-4859. Free blood pressure clinic by St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

• Chair Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 a.m. SAPUMC. Every Wednesday. Free to seniors.

• St. Anthony Park recycling. Every Wednesday.

• Open Stage, 7 p.m. GC. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

5 THURSDAY

• 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.

• Chair Exercise Class, 12:30-1:30 p.m. SHR. Every Monday and Thursday. Free to seniors.

• PJ Storytelling, 6 p.m. CG.

6 FRIDAY

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

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

• Chair Exercise Class, 3:15-4:15 p.m. SAPBL. Every Tuesday and Friday. Free to seniors.

• Falcon Heights recycling. 1st and 3rd Fridays.

• Expressions of Stability and Change: Ethnic Dress and Folk Costume informal gallery tour, 6-7 p.m. Opening party, 7-9 p.m. GMD. Exhibit continues through June 14.

• Kessler and Nagel, 8 p.m. CG.

7 SATURDAY

• Publication party for "Muriel's Red Sweater," by Dara Dokas, 2 p.m. MB.

• Cajun Jam Session and Lessons, 10 a.m. CG.

• Spruce Top Review, 7 p.m. CG.

• Couples Yoga Night, 6-8 p.m. FHCH.

9 MONDAY

• Park Press, Inc., Park Bugle Board meeting, 7 a.m. SAPBL, 646-5369.

• St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board meeting, 7 p.m. SAPUMC.

• Cribbage and 500, the Falconers, 1 p.m. FHCH.

• Prober's Book Group. "The Echo Maker," by Richard Powers, 7 p.m. MB.

10 TUESDAY

• Lauderdale City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.

11 WEDNESDAY

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

12 THURSDAY

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

13 FRIDAY

• BLT, 8 p.m. CG.

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Calendar

14 SATURDAY

- Valentines Day Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.
- A Proper English Valentines Day Tea, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LETR. Reservations required.

16 MONDAY

- Lauderdale recycling.

17 TUESDAY

- District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m. CPCC.
- Monthly book discussion: "Last Standing Woman," by Winona LaDuke, 7 p.m. FHUCC.

18 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Community Connections Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- St. Anthony Park Booster Club, 7 p.m. LRC.
- Open Stage, 7 p.m. GC. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

20 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights recycling. 1st and 3rd Fridays.
- Movies on the Silver Screen with live piano accompaniment, 7-8:30 p.m. SAPBL.
- Light of the Moon, 8 p.m. CG.

21 SATURDAY

- Liz Rognes, 8 p.m. CG.

- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, starring actor Joshua Peterson, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LETR. Reservations required.

22 SUNDAY

- Sunday Afternoon Book Group. "The Nine," by Jeffrey Toobin. 2:30 p.m. MB.
- Sopranorama Hit Parade, 4 p.m. MPS.
- Community Art Show, 6-8 p.m. SMEC.
- Classic Klezmer, 7 p.m. CG.

23 MONDAY

- Cribbage and 500, the Falconers, 1 p.m. FHCH.

24 TUESDAY

- Lauderdale City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.

25 WEDNESDAY

- Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

26 THURSDAY

- Panel Discussion: "Retention of Traditions and the Immigrant Experience," 6 p.m., reception following. GMD (33 McNeal Hall).
- Roots Music Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.

27 FRIDAY

- Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.

28 SATURDAY

- Poor Benny, 8 p.m. CG.

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FHCH Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpeur Ave., 644-5050
FHES Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave., 646-0021
FHUCC Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., 646-2681
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LRC Langford Rec Center, 30 Langford Park, 298-5765
MB Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 646-5506
MJHS Murray Junior High School, 2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740
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Jacqueline Marie Baker died peacefully on Dec. 21, 2008.

Born in Paris, Jacqueline spent her youth in several countries, including Tunisia and Algeria, as her family followed her father's military career.

During World War II, she endured the German occupation in France, moving to Paris after the war, where she met a dashing young U.S. Army Air Corps Lieutenant named Donald Baker.

After their marriage in 1953 in Paris, they came to the United States and settled in St. Anthony Park. Before her son was born, Jacqueline was a sales representative for a French fashion house.

Jacqueline belonged to Alliance Francaise, Liaison Francaise and the St. Anthony Park Antique Club. Jacqueline and her "joie de vivre" will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Donald G. Baker; her son, William G. Baker (Mary); and grandson, James G. Baker, all of St. Paul. She is also survived by sister-in-law Janine Mouzel, and niece Pascale De Sparre of Paris, France.

Special thanks from the family to the staff at the St. Anthony Park Home for their kind care. Her funeral service was held Dec. 27, 2008, at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, with interment in Lexington, Iowa.

Joan Jones

Joan G. (nee Pflepsen) Jones, age 90, of Anthony Park, died Jan. 14, 2009, surrounded by her family, after a recent stroke.

Joan grew up and attended school in Montrose, Minn., a place of fond memories for her entire life. Following high school, she completed Normal School teacher training and taught in one-room schools for five years. In 1942 she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and was stationed with the Army Air Corps at Mitchell Field, Long Island, serving for the duration of WWII.

She then attended the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill, graduating with honors from the School of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics with a degree in home economics education.

She met David Jones soon after graduation. They married on June 29, 1949, settling in rural Minnesota to raise seven children. With most of their children grown, they moved to St. Anthony Park, and she worked 10 years for Ramsey County Human Services, retiring at age 65.

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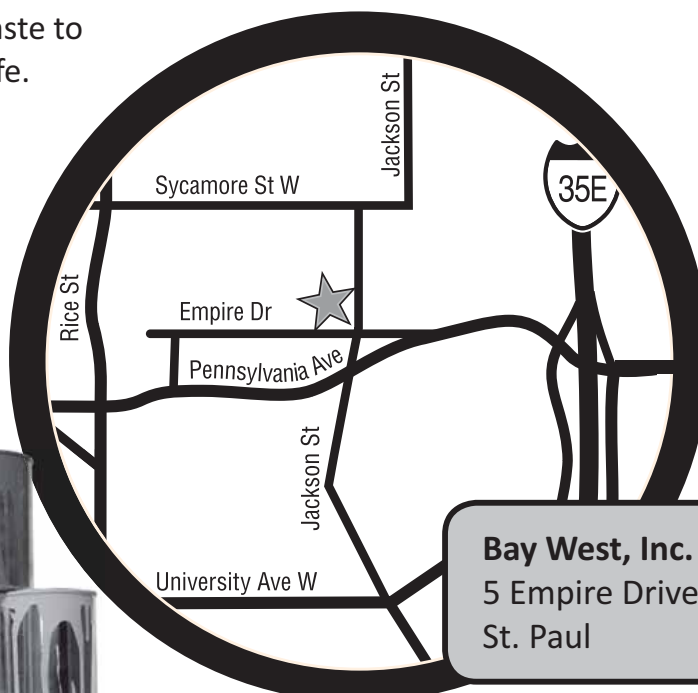
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Feb 5 7:00p.m. Taizé Candlelight Prayer (chants, readings & silence)

Feb 8 4:00p.m. Parenting with Love and a Journal with Tracey

Finck, followed by a potluck dinner at 5:30p.m.

Feb 15-March 27 St. Anthony Park Community Art Show in the

Undercroft Gallery (submissions due by Feb. 5)

Feb 25 10:00 a.m. and 5:30p.m. Ash Wednesday services

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Sunday Schedule: 9am The Great Story 10:00 a.m. Worship

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Feb 25 at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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Lives Lived from 14

years with St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace, opposing nuclear weapons and promoting world peace. Her other interests included gardening, playing the piano and reading on a wide variety of subjects.

She is preceded in death by her son, James. She is survived by David, her beloved husband of 60 years; sons Thomas (Clare), Robert (Patricia) and Larry (Ann); daughters Anne Jones (the late Daniel Bohnen), Helen Jones SSND and Barbara (Peter) Waksman; and 10 grandchildren.

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