Prairie roofs make a comeback

by Anne Holzman

In the days of Laura Ingalls Wilder, folks traded in a sod roof for shingles as soon as they could afford to. The reverse seems to be happening now, as homeowners trade shingles for astum, even though they can’t necessarily explain why they did it.

Joe Wild Crea built his new garage to accommodate a green roof because “it made sense to me.” Mary Mergenthal put a green roof on the newer, flatter addition to her home after her grandson suggested it. Diane Norris thought it sounded fascinating, so she attended some meetings sponsored by the Capital Region Watershed District and persuaded her husband, John, to build their new garage to support vegetation.

The Watershed District recently announced a fresh round of grants to homeowners and organizations for installing green roofs, rain gardens and other water-protection projects. Information can be found at the St. Anthony Park Community Council Web site: www.sapcc.org.

What's so great about putting plants on your roof? According to Roofbloom, an organization encouraging Minnesotans to green their roofs, the benefits of green roofs include reducing wear and prolonging the life of roofing materials; reducing heating and cooling costs (not only by insulating the roof when not in use but also by cooling through evaporation in summer); reducing stormwater runoff; a roof can absorb as much as an inch of rain, and the water that does run off into sewers and creeks; improving air quality; mitigating climate change, specifically the “urban heat island” phenomenon; adding to urban green space; and providing habitat for birds and insects.

And, of course, the roofs can be beautiful. Ivan Swenson, of Swenson’s Workshop, designed and installed Mergenthal’s roof. In addition to all the environmental benefits, “We wanted it to look cool from the street,” he said.

On all three St. Anthony Park roofs — Mergenthal’s, the Wild Crea family’s and the Norris’s — sedum prevails, sometimes mixed with grasses or a few other prairie natives. Already the young transplants show off a rainbow of shades in stems and leaves, and as they fill in, the roofs will become carpets of blended color.

Unlike the sod roofs featured in pioneer tales, roots don’t dangle from the ceiling under today’s green roofs, which are installed atop a watertight membrane, a root barrier and insulation. Over that goes a drainage layer, a filtration system and a pumice-based growing medium that’s lighter than dirt and carefully balanced with just enough organic matter to keep desirable plants alive without encouraging weeds.

It’s not a job to be done in a weekend, at least not until more contractors get comfortable with the systems. All three projects took one summer of construction and the next spring to finish and plant, and that was after a year or two of research.

One possible surprise awaits in the city’s permitting process. Swenson said that while the city treats a green roof as a heavier load, requiring beefed-up structure, “it weighs less than shingles do.”

Wild Crea said when he applied for a permit to build a garage, the city took one look at the green roof idea and sent him back to the drawing board, this time insisting on a structural engineer’s imprimatur.

Jim Bloom, building official and senior plan examiner for the city of St. Paul, said the city treats a green roof as a garage in the way it might treat a second story or any other deviation from the typical two-car garage.

Fourth fêtes-ers go forth

St. Paul’s only Fourth of July parade will take place again this year on Como Avenue at 11 a.m. The Saturday parade will be followed by day-long festivities in Langford Park: speeches, children’s contests; pony rides, horseshoes, volleyball and tennis tournaments; door prizes; musical entertainment.

Donations are needed to sponsor this event. They may be dropped of at Park Midway Bank or mailed to:

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The city will hold its annual Ice Cream Social July 30, 6-8 p.m., at Falcon Heights Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland avenues. Root beer floats, ice cream, cake and beverages will be available. Activities include a moon walk, fishing pond, face painting, crafts and tug-of-war. Entertainment this year will be John Steiner and band.

The event is free, with small fees for food and some activities. Details and a video of last year’s event can be found at www.falconheights.org, or for more information call 792-7616.

Lauderdale

The Rosville Community Band will perform at the annual Music Under the Trees event, 7:30 p.m. on July 9, at Lauderdale Community Park (Roselawn and Fulham). All are welcome to attend this free event. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the music and ice cream treats. The event will be cancelled if weather is inclement.

Roswell Park and Recreation will offer two programs at Lauderdale Community Park (Roselawn and Fulham) this summer. Free puppet shows will be held Wednesday, June 24 and July 8-Aug. 12. Passport to Play camps will be held 1-4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, July 13-30. For more information, visit www.ci.roseville.mn.us/parks or call 792-7610.

Lauderdale will observe M innesota Night to Unite (also known as National Night Out) on Aug. 4, 4-6 p.m., with a "go-away-party" for crime and drugs. Blocks registering parties by July 27 can arrange for visits from public safety officials and receive a five-gallon pail of Kamps ice cream from Cub Foods. For more information, call Sgt. John Mangseth, 612-782-3366.

The Lauderdale/Falcon Heights Family 5K Fun Run/Walk will start at 8 a.m., Aug. 15. Entry fees are $15 (individual), $40 (group of up to four. Register online (www.falconheights.org) by July 23 to receive an event shirt. The run kicks off Day in the Park, with a parade at noon, followed by music with Denny and the Dawgs, a 60th anniversary commemoration, puppet shows, food and games.

St. Anthony Park

Changes in the schedule for replacing the railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue north of Energy Park D River now mean that Raymond will be open until Labor Day, except for closure June 29-July 1. After the State Fair, the bridge will be closed for 2-3 months for the final phase of construction. A passageway for bikes and pedestrians will be available for most of the project.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church will sponsor a rain-barrel workshop at 7 p.m., July 14, at the church, 2200 H Illiside Ave. Participants will receive materials to make their own rain barrels and will learn about proper use and the environmental benefits of harvesting rain water. Cost is $10 per barrel for St. Anthony Park residents. To register, contact greenc@aspcc.org or 649-5992.

Expert gardener Lois Braun will explain how to get the most out of a late-season garden at 7 p.m., July 21, at the St. Anthony Park Community Garden, on Robbins Street just west of Raymond Avenue. The event is free, but registration (green@aspcc.org) is encouraged.

The Community Council is looking for 200 neighbors to sign up for renewable energy in Xcel Energy’s Windsource program. For an average St. Anthony Park household, going 100 percent Windsource will add about $3.50 a month to their monthly bill. A new Windsource customer is required to make a one-year commitment. To join, visit aspcc.org/windsource.

To encourage residents to switch from gas-powered lawn mowers to environmentally preferable electric or person-powered ones, the Community Council, with the support of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, is offering $50 grants. Households can pair up to purchase and share a reel or electric mower and receive $50 towards the cost of a new mower. At least one household has to retire their gas mower. There are also coupons for free disposal at the September Neighborhood Cleanup. For more information, e-mail green@aspcc.org or call 649-5992.

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Steinhauser is Spirit of the Park winner

by Michelle Christianson

Sometimes when you think you’re standing on your own two feet, it’s good to look down at the base under them. The foundations of our lives were built by those who came before us, and without them we would not stand so tall.

One of the people who helped build the structure of St. Anthony Park (and the city of St. Paul) is Fredric Steinhauer, who will be awarded the St. Anthony Park Foundation’s Spirit of the Park Award on July 4.

The Spirit of the Park Award is an annual recognition given by the foundation on behalf of the community to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to St. Anthony Park. Steinhauer will receive a framed plaque, and the foundation will donate $500 to the Fourth of July Committee in his honor. Past recipients of the award are Fred Morlock, Gale Frost, Gerald McKay and Andrew Boss.

Perhaps Steinhauer’s contributions can best be summed up in the words of his colleague Norman Moen, writing in his citation for Faculty Member of the Year 1970 at the University of Minnesota: “The word in any summary of Dr. Steinhauer’s career is service: service through education, military service, and community service. Loyal, dedicated, diligent, effective service.”

Steinhauer grew up in Lamberton, Minnesota, during the Depression and learned to do his own plumbing, carpentry and electrical work because, as he said in an interview with the Minnesota Historical Society, “you didn’t hire anybody else because you couldn’t afford it. So, we learned to do everything.”

He helped out in his father’s general merchandise store until he was drafted into the Army in 1941, right before the Pearl Harbor attack.

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STAFF WRITERS

JULY 2009 ■ PARK BUGLE 3
A written word is the diastole of relics . . . Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations — Henry David Thoreau

A relic, minimally, is a physical object. For Thoreau, the written word meant only one thing: inscribing or printing on paper or some other physical medium. Today, in addition to being a thing, writing can occupy a more earthly realm, existing as a coded series of ones and zeros that live a virtual life . . . where, exactly? Somewhere over the rainbow, perhaps.

Writers of a certain age, most of whom have made some kind of peace with computers, have had to adjust to the fact that what appears on their monitor has only a tenuous existence. Its status can be partially substantiated by "saving," a process that assigns it to some storage medium, typically a hard drive or server.

But what are those things, actually? What kind of magic spectacles does one need to peer into a hard drive and discern its mysteries?

When writing went virtual, our means of describing it retained the language of print. We still create "documents" or "files," which we store in "folders." The illusion of physicality is enhanced by computer interfaces that give these creations a familiar appearance on the screen. But it really is an illusion. Any writer who uses a computer has experienced the impermanence of his or her creation. Indeed, we have had to become armchair theologians in learning that computers, or the programs they run, can "crash" (another linguistic refugee from the world of physical objects), and when they do, anything that hasn't been saved is lost.

Impermanence takes another, particularly devilish form when one attempts to retrieve a document created years ago using software that no longer exists. You can see the icon on your screen, but you can't access it. Its "presence" mocks you, in a way that no missing piece of a physical medium does one need to peer into a hard drive and discern its mysteries?

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Impermanence takes another, particularly devilish form when one attempts to retrieve a document created years ago using software that no longer exists. You can see the icon on your screen, but you can't access it. Its "presence" mocks you, in a way that no missing piece of paper can.

The truth, of course, is that even printed things can be lost. Children sometimes experiment, or at least try to use, with disappearing ink. But all ink will disappear eventually. And paper deteriorates. It rots and falls apart. It crumbles in your hand.

But the very physicality of print lends its demise a certain pathos. It's a drama — even a tragedy, at times. Where would filmmakers be without the stock scene where someone strikes a match and sets fire to a piece of paper — a love letter, perhaps, or an incriminating piece of evidence. Hitting delete on a keyboard just doesn't have the same evocative effect.

Still, even lovers of print have to admit that it does have limitations. One compelling argument for a digital world is access. Shelf space is finite, and accessing printed materials one doesn't own takes time and transport. But if the words one seeks are digitized, they can be summoned in an instant. Indeed, if efforts undertaken by Google reach fruition, most of the world's extant published texts will one day be accessible by computer — or whatever we're calling our reading machines by then.

When that day comes, will there still be room for print? Will sixth-grade students still turn in their essays on pieces of paper? Will that paper go into a box somewhere and be kept by the writer's child or grandchild, to be retrieved decades later and held, passed around the room? Will those essays still be enshrined in newprint and delivered to front doors?

Publishing companies are consolidating and they're printing fewer titles. Bookstores are closing. Some newspapers have stopped publishing print editions. The written word's days as a relic may be numbered.

But the word's status as a fit inheritance should not be compromised by digitization. What one wrote in sixth grade should be preserved, somehow. As long as there are generations and nations, we will need to know what others have thought, and the process of writing those thoughts into written language must be honored and treasured.

If you're reading these words in print, by all means recycle the paper when you're done with it. But feel free to cut out a few things first and put them in a folder — a real one.

Steinhauser from 3

He served in communications and intelligence until 1947, spent another four years during the Korean War as chief of strategic intelligence for the U.S. Joint Command in Tokyo and would have been sent to Vietnam had the war not ended when it did. Altogether, Steinhauser served in the National Guard for 32 years, rising to the rank of brigadier general.

After returning from World War I, Steinhauer received a bachelor's degree in geography from Marquette State, a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, where he taught for 30 years, receiving many awards for excellence in teaching. He also served in executive positions in the M. Innesota Academy of Science and in the National Council for Geographic Education.

It would seem that Steinhauer had enough to keep him busy during those years, especially after marrying and raising a family of four children, but his move to St. Anthony Park in 1957 began a rich and productive period in his civic career.

Early on, Steinhauer reorganized the St. Anthony Park Association as a powerful tool for community action. Soon after, he joined the chair of the Planning Commission and joined the elementary school PTA, combining the efforts of both organizations to improve the community's park and playground areas, and working to close two streets that had cut off the elementary school and the park grounds. He was also instrumental in maintaining green space around the school when a gymnasium was added. One of Steinhauer's many community positions was coordinator of the Fourth of July fireworks display for 10 years.

One project he takes great pride in is a community study undertaken in 1965 with Steinhauer as its chairman. He was a member of the door contacting 97 percent of those all who lived in the area at the time.

The study charted topography, population, zoning, traffic patterns, vegetation, commerce, building distribution and even the occupations of many residents. It was recognized at the time as the most complete community study done by volunteer citizens anywhere.

Based on the study, the association prepared a comprehensive plan for the community. A follow-up study in 1975 reflected newly released census data.

Steinhauer was also involved in improving the commercial district along Como Avenue and the library. He worked to allow tree planting in sidewalk cut-outs and getting business owners to pay for the improvements. Association members did the planting.

Realizing that all community organizations would have more clout with St. Paul government if they banded together, Steinhauer spearheaded the Association of St. Paul Communities, becoming its first president and writing its by-laws. The 22 community representatives that made up the group advised the St. Paul City Council about community programs, and the organization later evolved into the present district council system.

Though he is now retired and tarred from leadership activities, Steinhauer still enjoys serving others. He helps other residents plant gardens at the Luther Place condominiums and visits friends in nursing homes. He is involved in his children's and grand- children's lives and is happy they will be at Langford Park on July 4 to see him get the award.

If St. Anthony Park stands tall today, the neighborhood can thank those, like Fred Steinhauer, who helped build its foundation.

ETTERS

Thanks from the board

Everyone knows that times are tough. Nevertheless, this year's Bugle fund drive was an astounding success.

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Why law?
I was a dairy farmer for nine years in Clayton, Wisconsin. When that became too difficult financially, I decided to go back to school. Law school at William Mitchell felt right from the very beginning.

I worked in a downtown Minneapolis law firm for awhile, then decided to go into general practice. I enjoy helping people get through the legal system. I do probate and estate planning, some civil litigation and family law, including divorce, child custody and child support, adoption and unmarried couple dissolution.

Why here?
I live in Prospect Park and like the fact that I can bike to work. Also, my mom lives in St. Anthony Park, so it’s nice to see her occasionally during the day. This has been a great location for me. It’s nice to be part of a neighborhood.

How long?
I’ve been practicing law for 25 years and have been at this location for 7 years.

Who else?
My partner here is Liz Richards. She still maintains a few clients in our office, but now she spends most of her time working for the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

What else?
I also have an office in Grand Marais, so I spend some time up there. I volunteer at my church. Most of my time outside work is spent with my two sons, especially watching them perform. Garvin, 18, is a ballet dancer. He’ll be a freshman at DePaul University in the fall. Morgan, 15, is an actor and jazz piano player.
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Or you can watch for birds constantly carrying food to their hungry, noisy youngsters.

I did just that in late May, when I was on a St. Paul Audubon field trip to the Ramsey County Open Space, near Dale and Larpenteur. It was my second trip in there in 10 days.

I first looked for a completed nest I had seen earlier. That was a patch on a robin land in a muddy area and thought perhaps it was nest building. Ruby throats finish the insides of their nests with a thin layer of mud.

So I watched as it flew to a nearby tree. There were no leaves or bark on the tree, so the nest was very visible in the main crook of the tree. There were four hungry baby bird mouths sticking out of the nest. The robin hadn't been gathering mud but rather some tatty tidbits for its babies.

When I found the nest on this second visit, it wascocked to the side, empty and quite disheveled.

It's possible that it was too exposed and was raided by a predator, but a more hopeful explanation was that the young had fledged. They're usually ready to leave their nest in 14-16 days after hatching, so they could have flown by this time.

Then we began to find other nests. The first, and one of the most dramatic nests, belonged to a ruby-throated hummingbird. One of our field trip members spotted a hummingbird and watched it fly right to the nest, sitting on the top of the branch, some 30 feet up in a box elder tree.

The nest looked like it had been plastered to the branch. Ruby-throated hummingbirds start with little fragments of plant material and fashion them into a cup, a cup less than two inches in diameter. The nest is thickly lined with feathers, wool and moss. Again, a wool snatcher; watch those sheep.

Finally, we saw one of the truly classic bird nests of summer, that of the Baltimore oriole. It was hanging from the end of a cottonwood branch, high in the tree, with the male perched atop it. He attracted our eye and left no doubt whose nest it was. The female oriole does most of the nest building, weaving a deep pendant pouch from long fibers that she pulls from plants and vines. She uses hair, string, yarn and any other fibrous material that humans have left lying around.

The rim of the nest is attached to forked twigs. Sometimes twigs extend down the side and are woven into the structure. The six-inch-deep cup is lined with hair, the down from plants, wool (again) and fine grasses. She usually completes the nest in 4-8 days.

This one field trip showed us a variety of nest structures and locations. There was the larger nest that I mentioned, in the crook of a tree (robin), the tiny nest plastered to a branch (hummingbird), nests in cavities (white-breasted nuthatch and starling) and the spectacular free-swinging nest pouch of the Baltimore oriole. These nests are made and then furnished by a bird using just its beak and feet, shaping it with its body. All that knowledge is instinctual, hard-wired.

They’ve never seen it done before they built their last nest. Now...that’s amazing!
Since 1978, sixth-grade students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School have participated each spring in an essay contest that was started by neighborhood resident Robert Hahnen. The winners ride in the annual Fourth of July parade on Como Avenue and read their essays at Langford Park. Here are this year’s four contest winners.

Rachel Carson: Nature Writer

I t was silent — the world around us — a strange stillness. The stream didn't run as quickly as it once had, the tree trunks didn't bend as much and the bird song was a whisper. It was a screaming silence.

For 15 years Rachel Carson had been noticing the world of nature was getting dimmer and quieter. Only very rarely did she see a bald eagle or hear an osprey's cry. She knew something bad was causing this. She just had to figure out what. And she did.

Rachel Carson was born May 27, 1909, and died April 14, 1964. She was a marine biologist, ecologist and nature writer. She went to Pennsylvania College for Women and majored in biology. In 1936, she was the first woman to take and pass the Civil Service test. After she passed it, she became the chief editor of all the publications of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After many years of that, she quit to become a full-time nature writer.

First she wrote a trilogy about animals and plants under the sea. Then she wrote a book called “Silent Spring.” “Silent Spring” is about Rachel Carson’s observations about how the nature around her was getting smaller and quieter. Especially the raptor birds because of an insecticide called DDT.

DDT was highly effective and used against malaria and body lice on soldiers. Then people started using it on their fields and as bug spray. It is estimated that in the early 1700s, before DDT was being used, there were 300,000–500,000 bald eagles. In 1950, about 10 years after DDT was being used all over, the population was 412 bald eagles.

Benjamin Franklin

M any of us have probably heard of Benjamin Franklin. You know, the guy who stood outside in the middle of a thunderstorm flying a kite with a metal key tied to the end to prove that lightning was electricity. Remember? Yes that’s him. But he had done more than that in his lifetime. Franklin’s achievements fit neatly into three main categories: science, politics and citizenship.

Franklin was very interested in science. He was the one who conducted the experiment to see if lightning was electricity. Franklin was also a great inventor. He invented bifocal, the glass armonica (a musical instrument different from a harmonica), the odometer and the lightning rod, among other things.

Franklin was also well-known in politics. He helped write the Declaration of Independence in 1776. In 1787 Franklin was the oldest man to sign the Constitution. Throughout his life Franklin also served his colony in the Pennsylvania Assembly.

Franklin’s accomplishments as a citizen include creating the first volunteer fire station in Philadelphia. The first public lending library in the colonies was also established with the help of Franklin. For a portion of time he was even the postmaster of Philadelphia. He created more effective postal routes using the odometer he invented.

I chose Benjamin Franklin as the person who impacted my life, perhaps not directly, but in the way all of us live in this country today. He was a man who had many interests and talents, some of particular interest to me, such as scientific discoveries and unique inventions. His inventions and discoveries inspire me to experiment with science and...
Imagine this: You are on the verge of death in a hospital, sharing a bed with five other people. You’ve been your friend’s die, and you won’t survive much longer because you can’t afford your two pills a day. Every day, more than 12,500 people are dying from malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. These are treatable diseases. But the people who suffer from them often don’t have the money to pay for treatment. But there are many people with the means to help. A rock star is urging us to pitch in and try to save some of the 12,500 people that are dying every day. His name is Paul Hewson, but more people know him by his band name, Bono. Bono has received three nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize and was knighted in 2007. He has supported over 20 charities and over 25 causes, including AIDS, kids with mental challenges, hunger and a lot more.

Bono has not only supported these charities, he’s also founded one. It is called ONE. It has more than 2 million members who are committed to fight extreme poverty and preventable diseases, particularly in Africa. At ONE, members achieve change through advocacy. They make sure that world leaders keep their promise to fight extreme poverty.

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**Dr. Dennis Slamon**

by Quinn Huff

Dr. Dennis Joseph Slamon has inspired me in many ways. Who is he? He is an American oncologist and a UCLA professor. Dr. Slamon and his colleagues had been studying and testing to find a drug to cure breast cancer. After 12 years of testing and studying, Dr. Slamon finally came up with the drug Herceptin (trastuzumab). This was the key in curing breast cancer.

At first the government did not believe Dr. Slamon. He then had to take part in many activities that finally convinced the government in publishing the drug. The drug helped many women survive who had breast cancer. Dr. Slamon was given many medals in honor of Herceptin.

Dr. Slamon has inspired me in many ways. First off, my mom had breast cancer in 2007. If the drug Herceptin was never invented, she would not have been a survivor like she is. I would not have a mom like I do now. Every year at the Mother’s Day walk around the Mall of America, I think about how lucky I am to have a mom like I do now. And I stop to think how grateful I am that Dr. Slamon invented the drug Herceptin. How he has changed many lives and has saved many women.

When my mom told me she had breast cancer, I cried in my room for a long time. But after a while I knew that she was feeling better. She became more tired, which meant more work for me. But all I wanted was my mom to get better, which she did. Dr. Slamon studied and tested for 12 years to find a cure for breast cancer. But somehow he knew that he could find the drug.

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**Paul Hewson**

by Keagan McCully

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Prairie roofs from 1

“If you go to an alternate design,” he said, “and stop going to ask for a second drawing,” unless the original demonstrates a clear understanding of the adjustments that need to be made for load, stability and other concerns.

So Wild Crea hired an engineer, who took the green roof drawings and the expected load of the materials, ran it through the usual formulas and sent Wild Crea back to the city with a successful proposal.

“They’ll learn a little bit too,” Wild Crea said of the city’s permitting process.

Wild Crea also contracted out the structural work, up to and including the roof membrane. “That’s just a black rubber roof that you see anywhere,” he said, but it’s not a job for an amateur. He hired an experienced roofer to put it on.

He added the layers that would make the roof “green” and ordered plants from Gertens’ 1,600 of them to cover 840 square feet of roof.

Like her came the fun part. He decided to make a neighborhood project out of it, so he typed up an invitation to anyone wanting to help finish the roof and posted it on several e-mail lists.

“It was so much fun,” he said, “I’m still pinching myself.” He guessed about 50 people came to help, and when there were problems getting a rented conveyor belt started, folks loaded planting medium in buckets and started passing them up the ladder.

“They bucketed up more than we got with the machine,” Wild Crea said.

And the crowd included lots of kids, he said. “That was the best part — the kids that were here. They got to climb ladders and play in the dirt.”

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Mergenthal and Wild Crea both have rain barrels and plans to pump water from those back up onto their roofs. Wild Crea also has rain gardens to solve some drainage problems around the house and garage.

Wild Crea said green roofs are common in parts of Europe, and he hopes to see more catch on here. “In 15 years, maybe it won’t be so new,” he said.

Asked by a visiting five-year-old why she had plants growing on her roof, Mergenthal boiled it down to the simplest terms. “I’m trying to make my house real cool,” she said, “and they’re going to look pretty and they’ll put good things back into the air.”
push mowers, which are entirely person-powered.

St. Anthony Park residents interested in trading a gas mower for an electric or reel machine can take advantage of a new program through the District 12 Community Council. If two households team up to buy a new mower and at least one retires a gas mower, they’re eligible for $50 toward the purchase.

To find out more about the program or to learn more about mower options, contact the District 12 office 649-5992 or green@sapcc.org.

8:30 a.m.  LANGFORD PARK DISTANCE RACES
Registration 8:30 at the Recreation Building (small registration fee). Races start at 9:00. 4 miles: Divisions for men, women, and masters (40 and over). 2 miles: Joggers and juniors (12 and younger).

10:30 a.m.  GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLES
Children’s bikes, trikes, wagons, etc. assemble at Park Service. Bands, vehicles and marching units assemble on Luther Place. Get your free American Flag!

11:00 a.m.  GRAND PARADE BEGINS
Proceeds from Luther Place and down Como Avenue to Langford Park. Parade includes color guard, neighborhood units, bands, floats, VIPs, music, kids and much more! Program follows the parade at the bandstand in Langford Park.

12:00 noon  REFRESHMENT STAND OPENS
Get your hotdogs, Middle Eastern fare, pop and ice cream by the tennis courts until 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Booster Club.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
Registration from 12:00 to 1:00. Pre-register by calling 651-298-5765. Doubles tournament begins at 1:00.

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Registration from 12:00 to 1:00. Pre-register by calling 651-298-5765. Tournament begins at 1:00. Two tournaments include a power tournament and a recreational tournament. Sign up individually or as a team.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Registration from 12:00 to 1:00. Pre-register by calling 651-298-5765. Tournament begins at 1:00. Parent-Child doubles tournament. 12 and under, 13 and over.

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  PONY RIDES
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.  LOCAL MUSICAL TALENT AT THE BANDSTAND
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  CHILDREN’S RACES AND CONTESTS
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Dr. Dennis Slamon from 9

So he kept on fighting and finally came up with the drug Herceptin.

This has inspired me because now I feel that I can accomplish anything I want. I just have to keep trying and never give up, like Dr. Slamon did. If I want to accomplish anything but soon give up, I won't get anywhere. I'll just sit there and feel like a loser. But if I keep on trying I can accomplish anything that I want to.

It bugs me to see someone who is about to accomplish something extraordinary but they just give up because it's too tough or they're too tired. That's life. Trying your best and your hardest is the only way that you're ever going to accomplish anything.

That is why Dr. Dennis Slamon has contributed so much to my life and has inspired me in so many ways. He has changed many lives, including me and my family's. Breast cancer can be tough, but you just have to be strong and never give up. That way you can accomplish anything you want. You just have to keep on trying and be as strong as you can be.

Paul Hewson from 9

2005 he got 600,000 new members for his campaign because he was telling people about them at U2's concerts.

If we help the people in other countries that are in need — like South Africa, with 5,700,000 living with HIV/AIDS; Nigeria, which has about 2,100,000 people living with HIV/AIDS; and India, which has about 2,400,000 people living with HIV/AIDS — it can promote health and stop wars from breaking out throughout the world. People in every country of the world are affected by HIV/AIDS. We can be patriotic, but we can also love other countries and donate our resources to help. Bono is urging us to help. We should help, we need to help.

If Bono has inspired me to join his campaign. He has inspired me with his music and earned my admiration by using his fame and wealth to help others in need. It is amazing seeing a rock star that isn't ostentatious and doesn't just care about himself! So think about who you could help save, instead of buying the newest, most hip and coolest Abercrombie shirt for $90. Just think about it, and donate money. That is what Bono is inspiring us to do. Bring an end to AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. Save the 12,500 people that die each day.

Rachel Carson from 8

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In the U.S. Rachel and many other scientists knew that DDT was the cause of this. The pesticide wouldn't actually make the birds sick, but it would block the eagle's enzymatic processes that transfer calcium to the developing eggshells, making the eggs extremely thin. So when the eagles would try to sit on the egg just to warm it, it would crack beneath them.

Rachel Carson was one of the first to write about this. The book was a huge success and thousands of people read it, including President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy banned DDT and other harmful pesticides and insecticides from the U.S. Once DDT was banned, the population of bald eagles in 1989 was up to about 115,000. Rachel Carson helped save the bald eagles.

Rachel Carson has made a big impact on my life. If it wasn’t for her, I would never have seen the nation’s birds, the bald eagle. She stood up against the big pesticide companies. She was clever and made a scientific issue a public issue. She showed that one person can make a difference. She has also made me think about choosing a career path as a nature writer. People who read her books realize that keeping the environment healthy is important. In her first three books about the sea, Rachel Carson wrote about how pollution was killing ocean animals. And in “Silent Spring,” she wrote about how pollution and the pesticides were not only hurting the animals but how people see the world too. I know that our country will be more careful in the future.

Benjamin Franklin from 8

also have fun with it. Franklin's view of civic society and doing good for the community is also an immense inspiration. He believed in teamwork. He thought citizens should help each other whenever they could. Forming the first public library and later the first volunteer fire department are great examples of the way he impacted our democracy and the kind of person he was. Both are examples of how Franklin aimed at helping his community.

We seem to take a lot of public services for granted today, services Franklin influenced and valued. Without the Constitution we would not have as much freedom as we do today. Finally, without the Declaration of Independence we would not be an independent country.

Of course these are not things that Franklin created alone. But he certainly played a major role in making them happen. I think that Franklin would like the St. Anthony Park community I live in today. It seems to reflect many of his ideas of what a community should be like.

Without Benjamin Franklin's accomplishments and commitment, it is hard to imagine that we would have the same society as we do today. He did so much for our country and the people around him. Franklin knew that without teamwork, we would be nowhere. All of his interests contributed to that idea. As Franklin said, “We must all

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From the beginning of her first book to her last, Rachel Carson inspired me to do more for the world. She showed me what I can achieve with hard work and devotion. I would never have read her books if it wasn’t for her voice. It is a shame that the world is just now starting to understand her work. It is her voice that is needed today.

I am inspired by the way she wrote about pollution and the pesticides were not only hurting the animals but how people see the world too. I know that our country will be more careful in the future.
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Events

1 WEDNESDAY
• Works by Tom Raggie, through Sept. 17. LAG.
• Lonnie Knight hosts a live radio show every Wednesday in July, 7 p.m. CG.

4 SATURDAY
• Fourth in the Park Celebration, Como Avenue and Langford Park, all day.

5 SUNDAY
• Ice Cream Sundays Sundays featuring a patriotic tribute, noon-4 p.m. GM.
• 0 pen mic, 6 p.m. CG.

7 TUESDAY
• Café Para La Vida Digna (coffee for a life with dignity), a presentation on Café Para La Vida Digna (coffee for a life with dignity), a presentation on the connection between politics and coffee production in Chiapas, Mexico.
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9 THURSDAY
• 7 p.m. SAPBL.

11 SATURDAY
• Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m. Lyngblomsten Courtyard.

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• Ice Cream Sundays Sundaes all day.

16 THURSDAY
• Roots music series, 7 p.m. CG.
• Random Acts, 7:30 p.m. AT.

17 FRIDAY
• Kesler and Nagel, 8 p.m. CG.

18 SATURDAY
• Country Festival, noon-4 p.m. GM.
• Cajun jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.
• Bill and Kate Iles, 8 p.m. CG.

19 SUNDAY
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• 0 pen mic, 6 p.m. CG.

21 TUESDAY
• Book discussion: “Relax from Cuba,” by Rachel Kushner, 7 p.m. FHUCU.

23 THURSDAY
• Gorgeous Grandmas Day special luncheon tea, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. LETR.

24 FRIDAY
• Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.

25 SATURDAY
• Jill Holly, 8 p.m. CG.

26 SUNDAY

27 MONDAY
• Roots music showcase, 7 p.m. CG.

28 TUESDAY
• Ice Cream Sundays Sundaes all day.

29 WEDNESDAY
• Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.

30 THURSDAY
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31 FRIDAY
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Marian Raup
Marian G. (Getter) Raup, age 92, of Falcon Heights, died on June 9, 2009. She was past president and board member of Alliance Française, as well as past president of the University of Minnesota Women’s Club and long-time mentor of spouses of U of M foreign students. She was preceded in death by her grandson, David Raup. She is survived by loving husband of 68 years, Philip; children, Philip M. Raup Jr. (Marjorie Stamberg), Martha J. Raup (Dianne Joseph) and Gordon E. Raup (Sandra); two grandchildren and their mother, Judith Raup; one step-grandson; and a great-granddaughter. Her funeral service was held June 13, 2009, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, with interment at Lakewood Cemetery.

Louise Vickers
Louise R. Vickers, age 94, died May 18, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil M. Vickers. She is survived by sons David (Linda) and Douglas (Barb); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held May 22, 2009, at Mound OLive Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

For obituaries of Virginia Farnham, Jean Johnson, Carol Kirkwood, Neal Lindberg and Bertha Martinson, go to www.parkbugle.org.

There is no charge for Bugle obituaries. Please alert the Bugle about the death of current or former residents of the area. Send more complete information if you have it. Obituaries are compiled by Mary Mergenthal; 644-1650, mary.mergenthal@comcast.net.

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