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Two years after a Falcon Heights man disappeared, no body has been found and no arrests have been made.

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## Meet the 2011 Minnesota Book Artist Award winner

By Natalie Zett

Regula Russelle can't remember exactly when she took her first letterpress class, but one thing this year's winner of the Minnesota Book Artist Award is sure of, bookmaking changed her life.

"It was either 1996 or 1997, and I was at Hamline [University in St. Paul] to get my M.A. in liberal studies," says the longtime St. Anthony Park resident.

"I was also taking bookmaking classes, which included papermaking, letterpress and bookbinding, at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts [MCBA]. During that time, our granddaughter was born, and I wanted her to be a person in possession of a story from the start of her life, so I made her a book. My husband, Michael, wrote the text and I did the illustrations and created the physical book."

Russelle's speech is lightly peppered with purred R's and her voice is mellifluous with lots of rises and falls. The accent is hard to pinpoint. "It's Swiss-German," she explains. "I was born in Zurich."

For her final graduate school project, Russelle completed a handmade book. Soon she was lecturing to other classes about the bookmaking process as she continued studying at MCBA in downtown Minneapolis.

"The book arts community is quite inclusive and similar to the tradition of the old apprenticeship models," she says. "When I was learning how to do it, I was at the center five days a week, working with other people. I wouldn't be where I am without the Center for Book Arts."

Those who have never seen a handmade book are in for a visual and tactile treat. Too diverse to categorize, these books are various shapes, patterns, textures and colors, but the centerpiece may be the type that's pressed into the paper, making the text part of the design, as well as the vehicle of the message.

Russelle established Cedar Fence Press in 1999, which publishes limited-edition books and prints. For her, bookmaking became both a passion and a calling. "I just fell for it and knew early on that I could do this for the rest of my life." She spent a year learning all aspects of the art and soon grew proficient in it. "I just

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—Regula Russelle, 2011 Minnesota Book Artist Award recipient.

Photo by Lori Hamilton

felt like I was in the right city, knew the right people, and was open to this direction," she says. "At certain times in your life, you become like a magnet and things come together."

She paces and gestures as she talks. Kinetic, yes, but not frenetic. "I feel sometimes that I'm slow-paced compared to most Americans—and

bookmaking is very slow-paced. A professor friend said that people naturally gravitate toward the medium that goes at the right pace for their thinking and feeling, and I think this is true for me and bookmaking."

Russelle came to the United States in the early 1970s. "Being

from an older culture like Europe, you grow up surrounded by things that have been made slowly with great care and they communicate over centuries," she says. One of Russelle's earliest memories is of her grandmother. "My parents owned a

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## Get ready for lane changes: Light rail is here

Xcel Energy, Qwest and St. Paul Regional Water will begin pre-construction work on the west end of University Avenue in the coming weeks in preparation of the Central Corridor light rail transit project.

Xcel will begin relocating utilities in mid-February.

The work is in advance of heavy construction work, which is expected to start in mid-March and last about four weeks, according to Laura Baenen, communications manager for the project.

Here is a description of the work

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## Strong Schools, Strong Communities

St. Paul school district's proposed plan would move to a grade 6-8 middle-school program and limit citywide busing

By Kristal Leebrick

Are sixth-graders ready for middle school?

The jury's out among parents at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, according to Principal Ann Johnson. Families at the school have given a mixed response to the St. Paul Public Schools' proposal to move sixth-graders out of elementary school and into middle school programs in the district.

"Some are happy about it," Johnson said, and some are not.

Implementing middle-school programs across the district is one part of Superintendent Valeria Silva's proposed plan to reorganize the district in an effort to cut costs, increase student achievement and create greater consistency among schools.

Called Strong Schools, Strong Communities, it would divide the

city into six attendance areas and end citywide busing for many of the district schools in hopes that students will attend schools closer to home.

The district claims that data show low-income and students of color do better at their neighborhood elementary schools than at magnet schools outside of their community.

Schools in the Como Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods would be part of Area E, which includes five elementary schools that would become "community" K-5 schools. Students at those schools (St. Anthony Park, Chelsea Heights, Como Park, Galtier and Hamline-Hancock) would move on to Murray Middle School in sixth grade and Como Park Senior High in ninth grade.

Jill Gebeke, principal at Chelsea Heights Elementary School in Como Park and a former middle-school

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## C I T Y F I L E S

## Como Park

The **2010 Como Park Honor Roll** recipients are Marcy Micek, Matt Schmitt and Sharon Shinomiya. The three neighborhood activists were honored at a special event Jan. 21 at the University of St. Thomas.

**Marcy Micek** served on District 10's board from 2007 to 2010. Micek helped build organizational capacity by encouraging sound financial policies. Her experience in accounting was valuable to a small

council with limited resources. She contributed hundreds of hours, never asking for recognition, while showing remarkable patience with both people and paperwork. Her expertise has professionalized District 10, and her cookies are legendary.

**Matt Schmitt** has contributed to the Como Park community for more than 20 years. A District 10 board member from 2007 to 2010, Schmitt implemented an outreach strategy that revitalized the council newsletter, designed a new content-

rich website and added the council's weekly eNews. He has played key roles in the Como Water Festival, the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom, the Como Buckthorn Busts, neighborhood cleanups and National Night Out.

**Sharon Shinomiya** has made the Como Park neighborhood a better place in many ways, including organizing Poet-tree Workshops for 139 children and planning the rededication of the Kilmer Fireplace, tutoring Chelsea Heights Elementary students, maintaining the Como shoreline and three public gardens, monitoring the Como Park bluebird trail, participating in bird surveys, launching a tree-appreciation program, and researching and writing a Como history tour for District 10 and Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom's websites.

## Falcon Heights

AARP volunteers will provide **free tax-preparation** assistance to senior citizens and low-income and handicapped taxpayers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Falcon Heights City Hall. The volunteers will assist with state, federal and property-tax and rental-credit returns. This service will begin Tuesday, Feb. 1, and end on Tuesday, April 12. Appointments are not taken; this is a walk-in-only service. Volunteers are trained by the IRS and Minnesota Department of Revenue. Complicated tax returns will not be prepared. Please bring a copy of last year's return and your Social Security card(s).

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking nominations for the 10th annual **Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award**. Kwong was a Falcon Heights resident who died of carbon monoxide poisoning at the age of 15. He was a volunteer in the Parks and Recreation Junior Leaders Program, an Eagle Scout and a great young citizen. The award recognizes people between the ages of 12 and 19 who display outstanding leadership, voluntarism or citizenship in this community.

Awards will be given in two age groups, 12 to 15 and 16 to 19. The award recipients' names will be engraved on a permanent plaque in the lobby of the Falcon Heights City

Hall. Nominees need to live in Falcon Heights or have done volunteer work in Falcon Heights. A nomination form is available at [www.falconheights.org](http://www.falconheights.org) and nominations are due by March 4.

Spice up your Valentine's Day celebration at **Valentine Couples Yoga**, Saturday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 3 p.m.

The class includes couples yoga and refreshments following the class. Bring a yoga mat and a towel. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$40 per couple. Pre-register at Falcon Heights City Hall by Feb. 4. Call 651-792-7617 for more information.

**Spring-Inspired Messy Art**, a class for preschoolers and early elementary students, will be held Saturday, March 12, at Falcon Heights Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave., from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Register by March 7 by calling 651-792-7617.

## Lauderdale and Falcon Heights

The **Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club** is sponsoring **\$1,000 college scholarships** for one female and one male 2011 graduating senior from Roseville Area High School. Recipients must be residents of either Lauderdale or Falcon Heights. Scholarship winners will be selected by the Roseville Area High School Scholarship Program committee.

High school seniors should apply by contacting their guidance counselor. Applications are due Thursday, April 7.

The North Suburban Communications Commission and Comcast are accepting applications for their **annual scholarship awards**. Scholarships will be awarded to residents of the Comcast viewing area in several communities, including Falcon Heights and Lauderdale.

Applicants must have completed at least one year of college or vocational training, with a primary field of study in mass communication, journalism, television production, video engineering or similar course of study. Find out

more at [CTVNorthSuburbs.org](http://CTVNorthSuburbs.org) (click on NSCC) or by calling 651-792-7500.

## St. Anthony Park

It's not too late to save money and energy this heating season. Come to one of several workshops to **learn about the Energy Squad** and sign up for a visit. Area workshops include:

- Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Branch Library
- Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m., Como Park High School library
- Thursday, March 31, 7-9 p.m., Central High School auditorium

RSVP for the Feb. 8 workshop to [lauren@sapcc.org](mailto:lauren@sapcc.org) or 651-649-5992.

Learn how to be an energy-efficient family at our **after-school Energy Carnival** Monday, Feb. 28, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St. Families will learn how to save energy and be able to sign up for a discounted Energy Squad workshop.

Consider running for the **St. Anthony Park Community Council Board of Directors**. Candidates must submit an application by March 14. For more information and to download a board application, go to [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org). The election will take place on Tuesday, April 12, with ballots at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library and Hampden Park Co-op from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

## City of St. Paul

The St. Paul Senior Chore Service is looking for new clients (age 60+), as well as volunteers to help with the program. The service provides help with chores such as shoveling snow, cutting grass, raking leaves, gardening, small painting or handyman projects, cleaning garages and basements, and minor housecleaning. The service works with seniors throughout the city, including Como Park and St. Anthony Park. For more information, call 651-649-5984.

## SAP Progressive Dinner set for March 5

Join your St. Anthony Park neighbors Saturday, March 5, for the 25th annual

Progressive Dinner. It's a good opportunity to meet people, enjoy a meal and have great conversations. Come alone or with a friend.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., where participants can eat appetizers and receive their schedule for the evening. People then move on to the salad and bread course, main

course and dessert course at different homes.

Sign up for the dinner by contacting Fariba Sanikhatam at [fariba.sanikhatam@comcast.net](mailto:fariba.sanikhatam@comcast.net). You will be asked to sign up to serve one of the courses at your home or you can choose the appetizer course, which is served at the church.

The deadline to participate is Feb. 25.

Someone will call on or before March 3 to confirm the course and the number of people you will host.



## Falcon Heights man's 2009 disappearance remains unsolved

*Authorities are offering a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction*

By D.J. Alexander

Hal Schroetter was 56 when he disappeared. He never met his son's first child. His house at 1368 Larpenteur Ave. in Falcon Heights is still for sale, the sign half-buried in a snow bank.

Nearly two years have passed since Harold William Schroetter vanished from his home. A crime of passion or greed has been strongly suspected, yet no body has been found. No one has been arrested.

Schroetter, a white man of medium build with brown hair and green eyes, was last seen wearing a red sweater, white shirt, blue jeans and a brown leather jacket. As he left his house in the early morning hours of Feb. 26, 2009, he was driving a red 2004 Chrysler Crossfire, a sporty car he apparently loved.

Bonnie Schroetter, who was married to Hal for 20 years before they divorced 10 years before he went missing, says her ex-husband would not have voluntarily abandoned his beloved Chrysler in the neighborhood where it was found, unoccupied, a few days after his disappearance.

The car turned up near McDonough Homes, St. Paul's oldest public-housing project, just east of where Schroetter worked as a mail carrier at the Rice Street Post Office. While Schroetter had a parking pass to the employee lot, his vacant car was found a few blocks away, near Timberlake Road and Jackson Street.

Schroetter never missed a day of work, say people who knew him, but he missed work that Thursday in February. He also missed an appointment with his lawyer, whom he had reportedly contacted wanting to change his last will and testament. Schroetter's lawyer has refused to comment on the case because it's an active investigation.

Schroetter's absence was reported to authorities a day after he disappeared, Feb. 27, by his live-in girlfriend, Jacqueline Dubay, who has been identified as a person of interest in the case, along with her brother, Jay Dubay.

Two years after the fact, there is no shortage of opinion and speculation about what happened to Schroetter. What is certain is that Schroetter joined the sad tally of officially "missing persons" on March 1, 2009.

Missing persons are a rare occurrence in small municipalities like Falcon Heights, where police are usually called upon to solve burglaries, car break-ins and the like. Violent crimes and cold cases become the province of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), which assists local law enforcement in handling investigations.

BCA senior special agent Drew Evans says that days passed before anyone began a serious investigation of Schroetter's disappearance. When middle-aged men vanish, "they don't

attract the attention" that a missing child would attract, Evans says.

Police reports say that on March 17, 2009, Schroetter's blood was identified on the trunk latch of Jacqueline Dubay's car. Dubay's brother allegedly replaced the car's trunk liner a week after Schroetter's

Authorities say any information about this missing-persons case could provide the missing piece in a larger puzzle.

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Up to \$50,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the disappearance of Harold Schroetter.

**Harold William Schroetter**

On February 26, 2009, Harold Schroetter, 57, went missing from his residence in Falcon Heights, MN. He was a postal worker in St. Paul and had never missed work unexplained prior to his disappearance. Harold was in the process of ending his relationship with his live-in girlfriend and changing the beneficiaries of his estate at the time of his disappearance. He was also excited to recently find out he was to become a grandfather. Authorities located Schroetter's red Chrysler, pictured above left, under suspicious circumstances in the area of Arlington Ave. and Jackson St. in St. Paul on March 1, 2009. Authorities believe foul play was involved in the disappearance of Harold Schroetter and he is believed to be deceased at this time. Through extensive investigation, authorities have been unable to locate Schroetter. Blood from Schroetter was found in the trunk of his girlfriend's car, which is the white Chrysler 300, pictured above right. A new trunk liner was found to have been purchased and replaced shortly after his disappearance.

**Please help bring closure for the family and friends of Harold Schroetter, and bring the killer(s) to justice**

Please call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at **(877)996-6222**  
[www.spotlightoncrime.org](http://www.spotlightoncrime.org)

Spotlight on Crime is a fund that provides cash rewards for information that helps solve violent crimes. It is a partnership between Minnesota businesses and public safety officials.

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## New parks plan says city will work with public before making changes

By Anne Holzman

The version of a citywide parks plan adopted by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission in January includes revisions that strengthen its commitment to working with the public before carrying out any changes to buildings or other major amenities, according to parks department project leader Robert Smith.

"If there's a building that we're investing in or divesting from," Smith said, "there will be further community discussion and input through community councils and booster clubs."

That includes buildings that have been turned over to "community partners" for staffing and programming, such as the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, which is still owned by the city but is

managed by the Joy of the People soccer program, Smith said. "If there would be any change there, we'd work through district council." An example would be, if the soccer program pulled out and the city needed to find an alternative for the space.

The system plan does call for negotiating permanent deals for those "repurposed" recreation centers, which could involve sales of land and buildings.

Smith said the parks system plan, revised after a series of public hearings in late 2010, also acknowledges the value of volunteer groups. He cited Langford Park Hockey as an example. "There's a strong volunteer base and that is an asset," Smith said. "We need to continue to work with them."

While city budgets leave little

room these days to carry out improvements, Smith said, it is possible for volunteer groups to raise money for amenities in local parks, as long as they are willing to work closely with city staff.

The Friends of St. Paul Baseball group has raised money for ballfield improvements at Dunning Field in the Midway neighborhood, he noted, adding, "they're approaching \$2 million."

Documents associated with the St. Paul Parks and Recreation System Plan can be found at [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov).

The site allows visitors to sign up for system plan updates by email. Smith said the best way to keep tabs on neighborhood parks is to monitor agendas at district council meetings.

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## EDITORIAL

### The heart of a community

Two of our local elementary school principals, Jill Gebeke of Chelsea Heights and Ann Johnson of St. Anthony Park, describe their schools with the exact same words: “We are the heart of the community.”

These traditional neighborhood schools are institutions in their St. Paul communities and have been for decades. Dedicated neighbors continue to support the schools whether or not they are parents of school-age children.

St. Paul Schools Superintendent Valeria Silva says she wants that for all St. Paul students. Her sweeping new plan, Strong Schools, Strong Communities, aims to bring more kids back to their neighborhoods by limiting citywide programs and restricting busing to attendance areas.

Silva maintains low-income and students of color—75 percent of the district’s enrollment—do better academically at schools close to home than they do at magnet schools a long bus ride away.

In a time of flat or diminishing school funding, cutting transportation costs makes sense. And bringing children back to their neighborhoods could

result in more neighborhood support of local schools. Parents might find it easier to attend school functions and be a part of their children’s education if they have easy access to their kids’ schools.

No doubt there are glitches that need to be addressed, but the plan has merit.

The district isn’t abandoning choice for its students. Parents who want their children to attend specific magnet programs would still be able to do that. High school students could still attend a school outside of their attendance areas, as long as there is room and parents are willing to provide transportation.

St. Anthony Park’s Ann Johnson says the plan manifests “a true desire to build strong community schools.”

Bringing learning closer to home could help narrow the achievement gap, Silva said.

Let’s hope it works.

## LETTERS

### Hockey program benefits from community support

It was fun to see an article in the December issue of the Bugle profiling the Langford Park hockey program. What differentiates the Langford Park hockey program isn’t the relatively low cost. Other programs, including those offered by Edgcumbe and Johnson/Como, do an extremely good job of working to keep hockey affordable for families that want to participate. And while we’ve certainly led the pack with our long-held focus on using outdoor ice, others have come back around to this approach and now do this too.

From my perspective, what sets our program apart is the high level of community involvement that drives the participatory nature of the program—from our program’s emphasis on giving every kid, regardless of skill level, equal playing time; to the countless parents that help coach and manage the teams with this focus in mind; to the willingness of friends and neighbors (whether they have kids in the program or not) to volunteer their time to make ice; to the kids that ask to get dropped off (and the parents that drop them off!) at the park just to skate and have fun.

Of these items, the volunteer icemakers are truly incredible. Over 40 people volunteer every year to help maintain the ice at the Langford Park rec center that the hockey program uses and the entire community can enjoy.

The City of St. Paul has done a great job in recent years of providing increased support to our volunteers in maintaining outdoor city rinks.

The Langford Park hockey program is a direct beneficiary of the community support and involvement that exists in our little corner of St. Paul. The same spirit of community that brings us the traditional St.

Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration, high commitment and involvement at our neighborhood schools and an active SAP Community Foundation, park booster club, and community council helps make the hockey program a success.

The Langford Park Winter Classic, started by Jack Pearson, couldn’t have carried on for over 50 years without this community effort. A big thank you to everybody who helps our community thrive is certainly warranted.

*Scott Hamilton,  
Langford Park Hockey*

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We’re making our way to our \$35,000 goal in this year’s fund drive. Thanks to these readers for their support.

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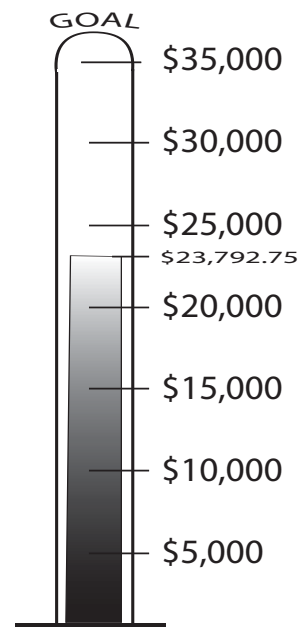
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We thank all of you who have contributed. If you’ve been meaning to do it, it’s not too late. You can donate online at [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org). Click on DONATE NOW. Or send a check to Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.





## C O M M E N T A R Y

## On Relaxation

By Adam Granger

Last summer, my wife generously agreed to accompany me on a drive from St. Paul to Tennessee for a week's worth of work. I am a full-time musician and, in my early dotage at age 61, I care less and less for the romance of getting in a car alone and driving all over creation to play gigs.

Having the brains of the outfit along helped immeasurably and, in a gesture of appreciation, I agreed to listen to Jane Austen's Victorian masterpiece *Pride and Prejudice*—all nine CDs of it. Along about Champaign-Urbana, when protagonist Elizabeth Bennett has spent the afternoon—hers and ours—agonizing over the fact that Mr. Darcy had furrowed his brow during a visit the week before, I finally said (not too plaintively, I hope), “These people never DO ANYTHING!”

Indeed, the most dramatic thing that happened between St. Paul and Cincinnati was when Miss Bennett walked a couple of miles to a neighboring manor, on Disc 5, and got her petticoats dirty. (Of course, the prole in me can't ignore the fact that the reason the English nobility were able to chill with their buds was because they had 17 million people in the working class doing everything for them but tweezing their nose hairs. And even there, Lord Chiswick—well, never mind. The point is that they spent much of their abundant spare time lying out.)

Now, this is not another sermon about Americans not knowing how to relax. Rather, it's a reflection on our perception vs. our reality, as regards opportunities to relax. Over the last century and a half, we Yankees have fought for fewer working hours and more leisure time, but we tend not to use that hard-won time doing nothing, if you follow my syntax. The fact is, we hold the act of doing nothing simultaneously in awe and at arm's length, with a dash of disapprobation thrown in: It's an unattainable but perhaps undesirable grail.

My St. Paul neighborhood has more porches and decks than Scrooge McDuck has dollars, but I never see anyone using them, including us. Whoever had these added, or bought houses that already had them, imagined themselves the contented couple, sitting outside, watching the world going by, waving at the neighbors and, for the nonce, doing nothing. The same with the coveted but generally seldom-used fireplace: Intent goes up against reality and intent loses.

What's going on? Well, several things. First, we are legitimately busier than our forebears. They had no orthodontist appointments, soccer games, shopping malls or samba classes. Once they had run the hounds, flounced their crinoline and lit Jeanette Isabella's torch (none of which takes long, really), there was nothing left to do but obsess over Mr. Darcy's furrowed brow. For days.



Adam Granger

Another factor was mentioned earlier: Somewhere along the line, we (Americans, especially) came to equate doing nothing with shiftlessness and failure. Kicking back on the porch for an hour after a hard day's work became conflated with being a ne'er-do-well who has nothing better to do than to hang out and wait for trouble to come sauntering by. Idle hands and all that.

*Somewhere along the line, we (Americans, especially) came to equate doing nothing with shiftlessness and failure.*

A third factor is a sense of fair play: My wife is constitutionally unable to do nothing if there is something to be done. The problem with that is that there's always something to be done. She comes from a large family, and by the time they'd all gotten everything done it was usually so late that their attempts, finally, to kick back would result in their falling asleep uncomfortably upright in their chairs in front of Jay Leno. While this is in one sense admirable, it has to be said that, by this system, no one ever gets any guilt-free down time.

On the seventh day, God rested. Was there nothing left for God to do or was God trying to tell us that we are supposed to spend 14 percent of our lives in true repose and reflection, undone chores notwithstanding? And, if that's the case, then how are we to achieve this? Cancel Caitlyn's soccer? Let Tanner's gap tooth go uncorrected? Of course not. But in a typical day, mini-moments to smell the roses often present themselves. Here are a few personal examples:

A local big-box hardware store has a sloped moving ramp that carries me between levels. This trip takes 90 seconds, which is a good chunk of time, actually, enough for a quick reverie. (I just need to snap out of it before reaching the end of the ride. Don't ask me how I learned this.)

Delays at a railroad crossing near

my house afford opportunities for nonspecific reflection. (The secret here is to put the car in park first. Don't ask me how I learned this.)

Waiting for my number to be called at the license bureau? Another opportunity for compulsory inactivity. Ditto driving through Chicago. And let's not forget plane travel.

Although we may not have time in our schedules for these delays, there they are, and what are you gonna do? Race the train? Run up the ramp? Jump the license bureau line? No, you're there for the duration, as the army used to say, so all I'm suggesting is that you might want to try turning gasket-pressure tests such as these into dollops of relaxation.

And besides, these delays are nothing compared to what our ancestors faced. We may have to endure a seven-hour transoceanic flight, but even the busiest 19th-century Type A robber baron had no choice but to veg for a full week if he wanted to get to Europe. Before 1900, he couldn't even contact the rest of his cohort by wireless during the voyage. Talk about a slacker.

So practicing what I'm trying not to preach, I hereby pledge to listen again, on my next long drive, to the story of Miss Bennett and her soiled petticoats and Mr. Darcy and his furrowed brow. There's an opportunity for personal betterment that I missed the first time around, and I aim to carpe the diem.

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## Correction

The article “Hockey interest grows at Langford,” which appeared in the December issue of the Bugle, incorrectly stated that a new competitive youth soccer program would begin in the fall at Langford Park. According to Scott Hamilton, the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association-approved program will begin this spring.

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### Falcon Heights from 3

disappearance.

Authorities seem convinced of a worst-case scenario. "We're very confident that foul play was involved," Evans says.

### 'Made-for-TV movie'

"He's not missing; he's murdered," insists Schroetter's older sister, Diane Mosier, who calls their family's situation surreal.

"I can't believe this has really happened. I can't believe the two years. I have to tell you, this is a made-for-TV movie," Mosier says. "Our family is nothing like this."

Schroetter was on his way to his attorney the day he disappeared to remove Jacqueline Dubay's name from his will and other legal documents, Mosier says. "He was supposed to go to a meeting and never showed up. And that's not my brother."

Mosier says her brother was "lonely" following his divorce and moved in with his sick mother to take care of her. Schroetter met Jacqueline Dubay at the post office where he worked and they began

dating. According to Mosier, Jacqueline Dubay moved in with Schroetter after their mother died—and eventually so did Dubay's brother, her dying father, her three kids and several dogs.

### Who was Hal Schroetter?

"He was a very hard-working man," says Bonnie Schroetter of her ex-husband. He was a career Navy man, spending 20 years working on submarines.

On the phone, Bonnie Schroetter sounds deeply distressed by what happened. During the decade following their divorce, Schroetter called her frequently, she says, but he never shared information about Jacqueline Dubay.

Despite implications of early police reports, it was unlikely Schroetter had a gambling problem. St. Anthony Police Detective Tim Briski downplays this rumor. Schroetter likely gambled "about as much as the average Minnesotan," Briski says. A suggestion that Schroetter had gone to a casino and never returned home originated from

Schroetter's girlfriend, police say.

Gene Dudeck, a friend of Schroetter's from the Rice Street Post Office, acknowledges that Schroetter enjoyed gambling, but "he didn't have a problem," Dudeck claims, adding that Schroetter was "really a nice guy." As for Schroetter's red Chrysler, Dudeck recalls, "He treated that car like it was gold."

Schroetter grew up in a Catholic family and was named after his father. His mother, Lucille or "Toots," was active in church and community groups. She died in January 2008. Jacqueline Dubay apparently moved in with Schroetter the day of the funeral.

Schroetter disappeared a little more than a year later, the same month that full ownership of the Larpenteur house was deeded to Harold Schroetter, according to property records filed at Ramsey County.

Mosier wants to set the record straight about her brother: "I want you to show that he was really a very well-educated man," she says. "He came from a good family and did have a good heart. Like all of us, we don't make the best decisions sometimes. . . . Unfortunately, he paid an extremely high price for his bad decision."

### A \$50,000 reward

Local law enforcement finds itself caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

The rock is that without a victim, it's hard to prosecute an apparent homicide, not to mention the sticky issue of legal jurisdiction. Even with a presumption of murder, the police at this point have no idea where the crime may have been committed.

The "hard place" is double jeopardy. If a criminal case based on circumstantial evidence does not result in conviction, our constitution prevents an accused person from being tried for the same offense a second time.

Nevertheless, the BCA calls Schroetter's case an active investigation, "open to leads until we have a resolution," according to Evans.

Any information could provide the missing piece in a larger puzzle. Authorities encourage anyone in the public with information or leads to come forward by calling 651-793-7000 or toll-free at 877-996-6222. There is a \$50,000 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction.

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*D.J. Alexander lives and writes in Falcon Heights.*

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*Precious Waters*

# Film explores impact of BWCA mining proposal

By Anne Holzman

Fearing jobs may soon trump wildlife in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area, St. Anthony Park residents have arranged a second screening of the film *Precious Waters*, which explores the potential impact of the copper-nickel extraction proposed by PolyMet Mining Co. near Babbitt, Minn. The proposal is now under review by state and federal agencies.

*Precious Waters* will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Filmmaker John Whitehead, who created *Precious Waters*, said he hopes the screening will spark discussion about the competing values. "You have people on both sides of the issue" at the screenings, he said.

Betsy Daub is policy director for Friends of the Boundary Waters, which produced the film. She said the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency gave the project's draft environmental impact statement "the equivalent of an F" and demanded a supplement, which is now being prepared and might be ready this summer.

Daub's group is concerned about the pollution that comes with the proposed mining operation, which involves discharging "high levels of sulfates," she said.

The sulfates can free up mercury, turning it into a toxic form that then gets into fish, Daub said. The high-sulfate levels can also affect the health and quality of wild rice, which is why some Indian tribes are also involved in the debate.

While the EPA rarely vetoes a project once it's been through environmental review, Daub said, it has that power, and it did recently quash a mountaintop-removal plan in West Virginia. "I'm sure nobody in [Minnesota] wants to get to that point," she said.

But more than beautiful scenery is at stake, according to state Rep. Alice Hausman. "One hundred percent of mining companies say they'll do no damage," she said. "Seventy-five percent of them are wrong. Taxpayers get left holding the bag."

Hausman, who appears briefly in the film, said she will renew her efforts this legislative session to tighten up existing DNR "financial assurances" for nonferrous mining by covering long-term water treatment. In the past, Hausman has unsuccessfully introduced measures specifying allowable forms of insurance, making the financial assurances part of the environmental review and increasing opportunities for public comment.

Hausman is frustrated that the state's political leaders won't risk votes in the Iron Range to protect the environment.

"It's hard to find a legislator who

will lead on this," she said.

"This type of mining is different from taconite mining," according to Kevin Reuther, of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. "In other areas of the country, copper-nickel mining has led to acid mine drainage, causing water-quality and habitat damage that costs millions and millions of dollars to clean up.

"Strong financial assurance requirements help make certain that the companies that profit from exploiting these mineral resources won't leave Minnesota taxpayers to foot the bill for future cleanup," Reuther added.

St. Anthony Park resident Margot Monson, who is helping organize the Feb. 22 screening, said financial assurances don't mean much.

"As an entomologist who works in aquatic habitats, I can tell you that wetland ecosystems have evolved

over eons and one cannot simply recreate them after such degradation, so such assurances are meaningless," Monson said. "However, if we are able to demand high enough assurances, then perhaps they will give up and look elsewhere."

Past work on the Twin Cities Public Television project *Minnesota: A History of the Land* helped prepare Whitehead for *Precious Waters*, he said. "I kind of immersed myself in the ecology of Minnesota."

Whitehead, who also lives in St. Anthony Park, said he enjoyed working on an advocacy piece, because it was a change from his usual detachment in storytelling.

"When people hear 'mining,' they think, 'iron mining—we've been living with that for years.' But this is a whole different ball of wax."

*Anne Holzman is a freelance writer who lives in St. Anthony Park.*

## Voices

## Ken Chin-Purcell

By Judy Woodward

This month, the Bugle begins *Voices*, a new feature designed to capture the words of some of the interesting people who live among us. We start with Ken Chin-Purcell, a man who has truly explored the right-brain/left-brain dichotomy. As a computer professional, Chin-Purcell designed software for multi-million-dollar projects for science and industry. He is now a potter with his own studio, Bungalow Pottery, at Milton Square at the corner of Carter and Como avenues in St. Anthony Park.

In the months ahead, we'll introduce you to other lively individuals in our area. If there's someone whose voice you'd like to hear, let us know.

**Chin-Purcell:** When I was a kid, the school system had an enormous arrow pointing at science and math, and I was really good at it. I started with mechanical engineering, but after a few years I decided not to go the university route and get a Ph.D. Then I did something entrepreneurial for a couple of years. I was writing user-interface software for the financial services industry and I heard about "toxic assets" almost 10 years ago, but it was just a term to me then.

That's when I got into pottery and started taking classes at the Northern Clay Center. Since then, my boat has been tacking the other way toward the arts.

The real turning point was when my wife, Michele, got an offer to go to Ireland and help set up an industrial plant. Our kids were young, and I went with her as the trailing spouse, telecommuting at the end of the dot-com boom.

That was the start of me handling a lot of the home front, shopping and taking care of the kids. We realized that it was well worth the sacrifice of one of us getting off the career track. For about two years I had a small pottery studio in Ireland, but I had no idea it was going to cascade into what it has become.

When we came back to Minnesota, I had a decision to make: Do I go back into computers? We were talking about it at the dinner table, and my kids said, "Please, no! We like the *new* dad."

If you're a studio potter like me, it's a profitable business, but somebody [else] in the family needs a "day" job. It helps that I have a spouse with a good job. That's the reality. It took a while to get used to it, maybe especially because I'm a



Photo by Lori Hamilton

guy. You're used to having that feeling of importance that comes with a good salary, an organization and letters after your name. Sometimes I think, "Oh, God, I really should get a real job." But there's something that always calls me back to pottery. I'm really into the chemistry of it. I like constructing a formula for an artistic end. Because of engineering, I'm attracted to line, surface and glaze.

In 2006, I moved into the studio and shop at Milton Square, and it's great. The only thing I'd change? Well, I'm 6 foot, 6 inches, and I'd prefer about a foot more headroom.

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- The average sale price increased by 0.5% this year.
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The Jupiter String Quartet—Nelson Lee and Meg Freivogel, violins; Liz Freivogel, viola; and Daniel McDonough, cello—will hold two “Musical Conversations” at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church,

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The youthful Jupiter members use games and high spirits to introduce children and their families to the intriguing chamber works of Beethoven, Schubert and Shostakovich. From rounds of “hot potato” to imaginary cookie-baking, the musicians collaborate with their audiences to turn a love of classical music into child’s play.

The group’s stay in Minnesota also will include a special concert for

students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School on Feb. 28.

Other Family Concerts this year include the Minnesota Percussion Trio on March 18, and Eisner’s Klezmorim on April 29, with performances at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew’s.

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### Light Rail from 1

that will affect the University Avenue–Highway 280 area in the coming weeks.

### Traffic signals

Temporary traffic signals will be installed at 11 intersections along University Avenue. This activity is not expected to result in road closures; however, there may be brief traffic interruptions when crews string the span wire across the street.

### Qwest

Qwest will locate underground utilities along University between Franklin and Hamline by digging approximately 60 two-foot holes in the sidewalk. That work will start at the west end of University and move east. Most of the holes will be on the south side of University, except between Cleveland and Prior and Snelling and Hamline.

Sidewalks will be restored the same day the hole is opened.

Qwest expects to complete this work within one week. There are no anticipated traffic lane closures; however, there will be short-term removal of on-street parking.

Qwest will also relocate the utility line along the east side of

Vandalia through the intersection with University in coordination with Xcel Energy’s work. This work will take approximately two weeks.

Impacts include reducing University Avenue to one lane of traffic in each direction, closing the westbound left-turn lane onto southbound Vandalia, possible restriction of some right-turn movements and closing the sidewalk on the east side of Vandalia south of University.

### Xcel Energy

Xcel will relocate existing gas lines that run across University Avenue on the east side of Cromwell Avenue and Eustis Street. The work will take up to four weeks and is expected to have these impacts:

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  - On-street parking will be eliminated in the construction zone.
  - Access will be maintained to all businesses and parking lot entrances.
- Xcel will also locate under-

ground electrical utilities in Snelling Avenue by digging small holes in the middle of the intersection of University and Snelling to provide visual confirmation of the utility lines.

Temporary impacts include reducing northbound Snelling to one lane for five days and reducing westbound University to one lane for three days. Southbound Snelling and eastbound University will not be impacted and left turns lanes will be maintained.

A gas line along the east side of Vandalia will be relocated through the intersection with University in coordination with Qwest’s work.

This work will take approximately two weeks and is expected to have these impacts:

- University Avenue will be reduced to one lane of through-traffic in each direction.
- The westbound left-turn lane onto southbound Vandalia will be closed.
- Some right-turn movements may be restricted and the sidewalk on the east side of Vandalia south of University may be closed

### St. Paul Regional Water

The water company will be doing preliminary work along University from Emerald to Cleveland and along north and south side streets that includes locating and cleaning out all the valve boxes to ensure that the valves work. Water supplies to area buildings should not be affected.

### Area business owners to meet

District 12 has scheduled a meeting for area business owners for Friday, Feb. 18, 9-9:30 a.m., at the Rock-Tenn cafeteria, 2250 Wabash Ave.

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## The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

# You can blame Shakespeare for the large U.S. starling population

New York businessman Eugene Schefflin thought he had a "wonderful" idea back in 1890: How about bringing all 60 of the bird species mentioned in Shakespeare to America? So he released 60 European starlings in Central Park that year and 40 more the next year.

I don't know how far he got with the other 59 species, but those 100 starlings succeeded spectacularly. Estimates put today's starling population at more than 200 million in North America. In fact, Schefflin's actions led directly to federal laws restricting the introduction of other wild exotics.

Starlings had an inglorious introduction to Minnesota. Thomas S. Roberts, preeminent naturalist and birdwatcher, reported the first starlings in the state in 1929 in Fillmore County. Two starlings tried to get through a farmhouse window, flying right at it, in an attempt to get at a caged canary. Today they cover the state and are found even in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

The European starling is a chubby black bird about 8 inches long, with a short tail. When they're flying, they look like jet fighters with triangular backswept wings. They fly direct and fast, often in flocks that change direction suddenly like a school of fish being pursued.

Starlings appear heavily speckled in winter because their new feathers have dots on the tips. As the feather tips wear, most of the dots disappear. By spring their bodies show an iridescent blue-black sheen. The bill also changes from black in the winter

to yellow in the spring.

You've probably noticed that when starlings are at your feeder tray, they tend to spread seed all over the place. Their bills pop open like a pair of scissors, seeming to scatter more seed than they gather. They have more highly developed protractor jaw muscles than most other birds. That reverse bill action is called gaping.

Gaping helps starlings find food in the soil. They forage by poking their closed bills into the soil. Then they snap their bills open, prying soil and grass roots apart, hoping to expose hidden, winter-dormant grubs. They eat beetle larvae, ants and earthworms.

Starlings are renowned copycats. They can mimic up to 60 different bird calls, including the calls of killdeer, meadowlarks, house sparrows, robins and crows, plus the sounds of dogs, cats and machinery.

They can even mimic human speech. "Arnie, the Darling Starling" is a true story about a rescued starling that lived with humans and learned to "talk" with its benefactors.

Starlings are cavity nesters and this leads to one of their negative traits. They compete for nest cavities with many of our native birds. Because starlings are the earliest to nest in the spring, they get first pick of available cavities. Few native birds can stand the onslaught of a determined group of starlings for a nest site.

Starlings lay four to six bluish or greenish-white eggs, which hatch in about 12 days. Starling parents start

out keeping a tidy nest, carrying away the nestlings' fecal sacs, but as the nestlings grow, they produce excessively wet fecal matter. The adults quit the sanitation process, relying on the little ones to make it to the edge of the nest hole and defecate out the opening. That doesn't always work well. By the end of the nesting period, the nest cavity has become a sodden, swarming, "pest-ridden compost," as one observer noted, rendering it unfit for any other bird to use for the rest of the season.

The fledglings don't look like their parents. They're sleeker-looking, gray on top, lighter gray on the underside, with a whitish throat and chin. The first time I saw a couple of these mousey-looking birds chasing a shiny black starling around the yard, I couldn't figure out what they were. It took some searching of field guides to get the answer.

As a successful invader, the European starling has a mixed record. It eats the larvae of nasty beetles and moths, but it competes with native cavity nesters, forcing them to lesser sites or to not nest at all. Starlings often roost by the thousands and their roost sites can leave a mess of foul whitewash below.

What hath Eugene Schefflin wrought? I doubt that he had any idea they'd spread over the whole continent. But I do think European starlings are pretty and talented. Then again, they haven't roosted in my yard yet or tried to attack my canary.

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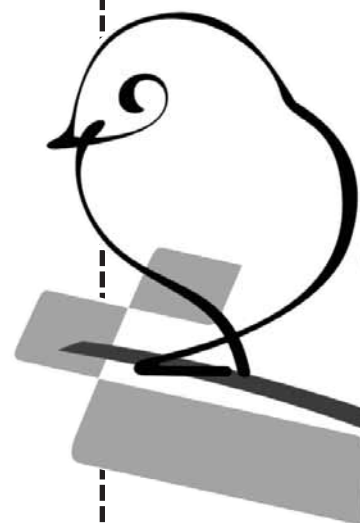
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# A winter tradition

How do you spell January down at Langford Park?  
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For 52 years youth hockey and basketball players have converged on the park the second weekend in January for the Langford Park Winter Classic: three days of tournaments, food and fun. Here are some highlights from this year's event.

This 10-year-old Squirt, who goes by the name of Freak Show (don't worry, we cleared this with her mom), just got a hat trick.

Photos by Lori Hamilton



Langford Park Mini-Mite Luke Williams heads to the net during the Mini-Mite Scramble.



A Langford Park U10 team makes the tying basket with less than a minute left in the game. The team went on to win by one point in overtime.

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## A little hockey in their own backyards

Move over Langford Winter Classic, there's a new tradition in town: Pond Hockey in the Park.

The event took place on Jan. 17 on the backyard ice rinks at two homes on Chelmsford Street in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. The low-key tournament began last year, according to Scott Hamilton, the proprietor of the tourney's North Rink.

Hamilton and friend Mark Lundquist, who are both involved in the Langford Park Hockey program, came up with the idea as they built their home ice rinks to help their sons (Lundquist has three; Hamilton has two) overcome the "there's-nothing-to-do" syndrome in the dead of winter, Hamilton said.

As Hamilton helped Lundquist put up the boards for Lundquist's rink (which tournament participants now call the Ice Palace), he said Lundquist remarked, "Wouldn't it be neat if . . ."

Last year, Langford Park hockey

Bantams Elliot Moormann and Nick Brady battle for the puck at the North Rink during the Jan. 17 Pond Hockey in the Park tournament. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

players were recruited. This year, the tournament was extended to players' siblings. Sixty-six players, from Mites to Bantams, and 60 families participated, Hamilton said.

"Everybody seems to have a good time," Hamilton said. "It's really fun to see everybody pitch in

and help in some way, whether helping to shovel the ice in between games or shuttling kids between rinks.

"All-in-all, it has turned into a great way to spend a winter day and really seems to have turned into a community event."



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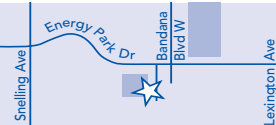
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### Book Artist from 1

grocery store and worked constantly, so in the summer, I stayed with my grandmother in the country. Her home was several hundred years old with no running water or indoor toilet. I would tend fields and harvest potatoes or beans alongside her, and it was a time of almost no language and it was fantastic. I think in part that made me who I am. I think I'm very internal."

She later became a Quaker. "The silence and the religious experience coming out of silence make sense to me," she says. "The printing work I do is also quite contemplative. Still, I love people and I love working with them."

It's clear, as she rattles off a litany of names, how well connected Russelle is.

"Do you know him?" or "How about that person?" she asks. From the St. Anthony Park neighborhood to peace groups to a poetry collective and to Hamline, MCBA and Augsburg College (where she teaches papermaking and book arts), Russelle traverses a diverse range of social circles.

"In my teaching, I show how to make beautiful books with very simple tools that cost under \$100," she says. "These books can even be

made on a kitchen table or desk. I always tell students that if you do this right, you will carry your book out of a burning house."

When describing her work, she says, it "has two strands in it: I'm interested in what people do together and what happens in many different kind of communities. I'm also interested in spiritual questions: Why do we do what we do?"

Those strands are represented in the books she collects and makes. "The books I make are very low editions. Sometimes I'll make one, sometimes 100. The impact of the work is smaller because there are fewer copies, but they're going out into the world."

Russelle's first solo exhibit runs from Jan. 21 to March 6 in the second-floor Cowles Literary Commons of the Open Book building, 1011 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis. This exhibit is in conjunction with the 2011 Book Artist Award, which is coordinated by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, sponsored by the Lerner Publishing Group and presented by the MCBA and the Minnesota Book Awards.

"I feel like I won the lottery,

actually! I'm doing what I love to do and I am privileged to share it," Russelle says. "That is as much as any human being can ask of their work."

*Natalie Zett is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.*

### See Russelle's work at Open Book, Central Library

A reception showcasing the work of Minnesota Book Artist Award recipient Regula Russelle will take place Friday, Feb. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Open Book, 1011 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis. There will be a brief program and presentation at 6:30 p.m.

The reception is free and open to the public and will feature live music, hors d'oeuvres and wine. Exhibits of Russelle's work will also be featured at other venues throughout the state this year, including St. Paul's Central Library from late March through April.

For more information, go to [www.mnbookarts.org/artistsprograms/bookartistaward.html](http://www.mnbookarts.org/artistsprograms/bookartistaward.html).

## For SAP native, bookbinding seeds were planted in sixth grade

by Robert O'Connor

The North Bennett Street School in Boston sits just down the road from the Old North Church, where Paul Revere began his famous midnight ride. For the last 125 years, the school has been training craftsmen and craftswomen in the fields of carpentry, furniture making, locksmithing and bookbinding, among other crafts.

And Anna Shepard, of St. Anthony Park, is there in a two-year bookbinding program, an apprenticeship-like setting with eight other students. Shepard is in the middle of her first year.

Shepard began practicing binding at a young age. "I have always enjoyed creative projects and working with my hands," Shepard said. Her father, John, thinks she was inspired by her grandmother, Jeanne, who wrote a memoir when Shepard was born. She had been given a grandmother's fill-in-the-blank "memory book." She also loved making cards and posters.

One of her first creations was an autobiography Shepard wrote as part of a sixth-grade assignment, her father said. "[She] documented her 12 years with stories, poems, drawings and photos put together in a three-ring binder."

When Anna went to college, she majored in religious studies with an interdisciplinary emphasis in Asian studies at the University of Puget Sound. "Once I graduated, I longed

for a break from the cerebral academic world, and book arts seem like a great way to return to manual work without having to abandon everything I still find inspiring from college," she said.

Shepard took some classes in bookbinding at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in Minneapolis, and last year took a letterpress class at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. She also interned at the Highpoint Center for Printmaking in Minneapolis and that inspired her to apply to North Bennett.

What kind of work does one find after an apprenticeship in bookbinding? Most graduates find work in the conservation labs of libraries and museums, Shepard said. The program she's in focuses on two kinds of bookbinding: binding from scratch and repairing older books. Some binders establish their own bindery where they are privately commissioned to do these things. Family albums, newspaper clippings,



One of Anna Shepard's first book projects was an autobiography documenting her first 12 years of life. Photo by Robert O'Connor

poetry chapbooks and gifts are some examples of books built from scratch.

But Shepard would be most interested in teaching these skills to others, perhaps at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts. "Boston doesn't have anything nearly as cohesive as MCBA that can offer workshops in printmaking, binding techniques, papermaking and writing," she said.

*Robert O'Connor is a lifelong resident of St. Anthony Park. He is a co-editor at 3:AM Magazine and has written for the Twin Cities Daily Planet, KFAI, How Was the Show and Hero Magazine.*



# FEBRUARY

## Events

Addresses and phone numbers for the venues listed here are at the end of the calendar of events. Send your events to [calendar@parkbugle.org](mailto:calendar@parkbugle.org) by Feb. 16 to be included in the March issue of the Park Bugle.

### 1 TUESDAY

Baby storytime, 10:30 a.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

The Best Place to Start, 11:30 a.m.,  
WomenVenture

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

Women Can Do It!, 5–6 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

“Gardening for Diversity: Minimize Turf and Maximize Your Planting Choices,” SAP Garden Club, 7–8 p.m. Business meeting 6:30–7 p.m.,  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

### 2 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

St. Anthony Park book club, 6:30 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

### 3 THURSDAY

The Best Place to Start, 6:30 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

Juncture One, alternative worship service, 7 p.m., Falcon Heights UCC

### 4 FRIDAY

St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool open house, 9–11 a.m.

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.,  
St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park Branch Library

Curtis & Loretta and February Sky,  
8 p.m., Gingko's Coffeehouse

### 5 SATURDAY

Peter Mulvey, 8 p.m., Gingko's Coffeehouse

### 7 MONDAY

Boy Scout Troop 17 and Pack 22 Scouting and Community Bonfire, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church parking lot

### 8 TUESDAY

Career and Employment Transition Group for Women, 9:30 a.m.,  
WomenVenture

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

### 9 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

### 10 THURSDAY

Get Hired! (two-day seminar), 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., WomenVenture

Career and Employment Transition Group for Women, 6 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

### 11 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

Silent Movie Night, 7–8 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

### 12 SATURDAY

*Love of Car*, Be Well as You Age film, 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

### 13 SUNDAY

Jazz Worship, with Cory Wong Jazz Quartet, 10:30 a.m., Falcon Heights UCC

### 15 TUESDAY

Baby storytime, 10:30 a.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

The Best Place to Start, 11:30 a.m.,  
WomenVenture

Women Can Do It!, 12:30 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

### 16 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

Pursuing Your Passion and Purpose, 6 p.m., runs five Wednesdays,  
WomenVenture

### 17 THURSDAY

Women Can Do It!, 5 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

The Best Place to Start, 6 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

### 18 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

The Memory of Architecture: Paintings & Drawings by Margit Schmitt and Kim Tschida Petters, opens 6 to 8 p.m., Raymond Avenue Gallery

### 19 SATURDAY

Kids Fest! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat.–Mon., Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

### 22 TUESDAY

Career and Employment Transition Group for Women, 9:30 a.m.,  
WomenVenture

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

*Precious Waters*, 6:30 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

### 23 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

### 24 THURSDAY

Career and Employment Transition Group for Women, 6 p.m.,  
WomenVenture

### 25 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.,  
St. Anthony Park library

Block nurse exercise program,  
3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

### 26 SATURDAY

AHA Art Show (Art, Hobbyists, Artificers) featuring work of parishioners, 7–9 p.m., Falcon Heights UCC

### 27 SUNDAY

AHA Art Show, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Falcon Heights UCC

Heritage of Hymns worship service, 10 a.m., St. Anthony Park UCC

Sunday Afternoon Reading Group: *My Name Is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok, Micawber's Books, 2:30 p.m.

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## Neighbors

# St. Anthony Park man honored for 21 years on city budget committee

By Kristal Leebrick

After serving seven three-year terms under five mayors, Paul Savage has ended his appointment on the city of St. Paul's Capital Improvement Budget Committee.

The 89-year-old St. Anthony Park resident was the longest-serving member in the history of the committee. He was honored Dec. 9 for his two decades of work.

Savage stayed a couple of terms longer than he intended to, he said, because the committee needed members who "remembered the mistakes of the past and why past decisions were made."

"I was the historian," he said with a laugh.

The Capital Improvement Budget Committee reviews requests for structural items "that have a shelf life of more than 10 years," Savage said. Those items include libraries, playgrounds, streets and bridges.

Each community council in the city has a representative on the committee. Savage was chair of the District 12 Land Use Committee when he was recruited to serve on the budget committee by Bobby Megard, who was head of the District 12 Community Council at the time, he said.

Savage was director of Latin American logistics at Medtronic when he moved to St. Anthony Park with his wife, Arla, and two children in 1967. The Iowa native said he and his wife fell in love with the neighborhood. He was an early member of the St. Anthony Park Association and served as treasurer of the Block Nurse Program.

Looking back over the 21 years, Savage said the city is in better shape than it was two decades ago. He's particularly proud of specific public works projects that happened during



Paul Savage

his tenure, including the Wabasha Bridge, Shepard Road, North Dale and Jimmy Lee community centers, and the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building. Savage said he introduced the resolution that initiated the street-repaving project.

## Block Nurse program founder honored in China

By Mary Mergenthal

Professor Ida Sather Martinson recently received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The honor recognized Martinson's significant role in hospice care for children and in care for the elderly. She was the second woman and first nurse to be so honored.

A world-renowned scholar, consultant and author on dying and bereavement, particularly relating to children, Martinson is known in her profession as the "Grandmother of Pediatric Palliative Care."

Martinson began her education at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Duluth and obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota in the 1960s. In 1972, she earned a doctorate in physiology from the University of Illinois. That same year, she became assistant professor in the U of M School of Nursing and was promoted to professor in 1977. In 1979, she was selected as one of the top 50 scientists by the American Cancer Society.

Martinson joined the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing's Department of Family Health Care Nursing as chair and professor in 1982.

That same year marked the start of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Martinson's brainchild. The program helps elderly people live independently at home with community support. It has been replicated in many communities, including Como Park.



Dr. Ida Sather Martinson

Between the mid-1980s and early 1990s, Martinson held visiting professorships at universities in Beijing, Guangzhou, Seoul and Taipei, where, in 1987, she became one of the founders of the Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Between 1996 and 2000, she took a leave of absence from UCSF to serve as head of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Among the many professional and public awards Martinson has received, the prestigious Audrey Hepburn Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children stands out. In her acceptance remarks at that award presentation ceremony, she cited her experience in helping two boys to die at home and concluded that enabling one of the boys to reconcile with his parents before his death was one of the most daunting challenges for her as a nursing professional.

Martinson and her husband, Paul, are two of the founders of China Service Ventures (CSV). CSV offers back-to-school assistance to impoverished children in rural

Henan province. Its work has expanded to include health-care initiatives, English language instruction and other ventures on the Chinese mainland. The CSV headquarters is on Cleveland Avenue in St. Anthony Park.

## Hydrant heroes

Three young St. Anthony Park residents answered the St. Paul Fire Department's (and their parents') call to adopt a fire hydrant, or three, after the Dec. 12 blizzard that dumped nearly 2 feet of snow on the city. Frances Fuller, Kyle Struthers and Richard Thompson cleared paths to the hydrants on the block bordered by Cleveland, Commonwealth and Raymond avenues and Knapp Street. They have continue to keep snow cleared around those hydrants each time it snows, Kyle's dad, Steve



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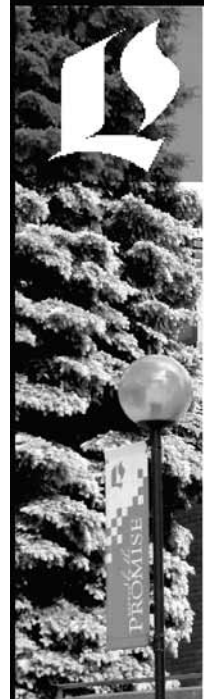
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### Former Bugle editor to read new book at Micawber's

Former Park Bugle editor Dave Healy will read from his book *Above the Fold* at Micawber's Books Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. Healy edited the Bugle from 2000 to 2010, and his book consists of selected editorials he wrote during that period.

### Teen dance set at Langford

A Valentine Teen Dance for students

in grades 6 to 8 will be held Friday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per student.

### Register now for park and recreation center programs

Spring sports registration runs Feb. 1 to Feb. 12 at both Northwest Como and Langford Park recreation centers.

Contact Darcy Rivers at darcy.rivers@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call 651-293-5813 for a complete listing of programs at Northwest Como.

Contact Langford at 651-298-5765 for more information.

### Preschool hosts open house

St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., will host an open house Friday, Feb. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Barbara Burk, 651-645-2928 or visit the website, sapcp.org

### Scouts host annual bonfire

The second annual Scouting and Community Bonfire will be held Monday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. in the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church parking lot on Como

Avenue between Hillside and Commonwealth avenues.

Troop 17 and Pack 22 will host the event. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mike Smith, Troop 17 committee chair at johnmichaelsmith@comcast.net or call 651-647-1148.

### Silent Movie Night Feb. 11

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library is hosting its annual Silent Movie Night Friday, Feb. 11, with 25-cent popcorn and pop and music by Norris Anderson. The event is free.

### SAP UCC to highlight church's historical hymns

As part of the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ's 125th anniversary, the church is hosting a Heritage of Hymns worship service to highlight the hymns of the church's forbears. The service will be held Sunday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m., at the church, 2129 Commonwealth Ave.



## Business News

After more than four years of sitting empty, the lights are back on at the former hardware building at 2290 Como Ave.

**Peapods**, a natural toys and baby store, opened Jan. 6. The store, which is owned by Dan Marshall and Millie Adelsheim, had been at Snelling and St. Clair avenues for the last 12 years. That store closed on Dec. 26.

The move to the St. Anthony Park neighborhood was instigated by two key things, Marshall said. "We wanted to own our own building and that means we are able to fix it up and maintain it and make it as green as possible. And more than that, we were by ourselves on Snelling Avenue. We were next to the St. Clair Broiler, but we wanted to be part of a neighborhood of more compatible businesses. That's what drove us here."

Peapods' customer base comes from all over the metro area. Being

able to visit other stores or a restaurant in the area is a plus for those driving from a distance, Marshall said. "They have more than one reason to come and visit us. They can visit Bibelot, Micawber's, the wine shop, the coffee shop. We are really enjoying that."

Marshall said Peapods takes "the natural and environmentally friendly route on everything we sell. All the things you can't find at Toys 'R' Us

or Walmart, we have them here."

**Park Midway Bank** has hired **Elizabeth Lambrecht** as vice president—Small Business Administration loans. Lambrecht has experience as a commercial banking relationship manager and holds a bachelor's degree in both accounting and business administration from Augsburg College and a law degree from Hamline University.

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teacher and administrator, said the change to a 6–8 model is a good idea.

Currently, students who attend the district’s K–6 schools head to junior high school for seventh and eighth grade. “Two years is not enough time to work with the students,” Gebeke said. “You just get to know the families and the students, and they are gone. Three years makes sense.”

Tim Williams, principal at Murray Junior High, agreed. “Overall, the three years of having students will be a benefit. Having them here for sixth grade will help staff get to know them and better prepare them for the transition to high school. That two-year time span doesn’t work as far as developing relationships with kids and families.”

Why a 6–8 model rather than 7–9? Moving sixth-graders to middle school would be easier than taking ninth-graders out of a four-year high school program, said Superintendent Valeria Silva.

In the new program, sixth-graders would not have the same structure as their seventh- and eighth-grade middle schoolmates, Silva said. Sixth-graders would be with the same teacher or team of teachers for most of the day, rather than change classes every hour.

Sixth-graders who need after-school daycare could bus to a Discovery Club program at a nearby

elementary school or take advantage of after-school programs at the middle school, Silva said.

Area E

The move to middle school is one of many changes to school programs and locations that will affect nearly every student in the district if the school board approves the proposal at its March 15 meeting.

Sixteen of the district’s existing magnet elementary schools would lose their citywide buses. Some would become “community schools,” which would offer busing only within their areas. Current neighborhood schools would become community schools that could draw students from the entire attendance area.

“The idea of areas does make sense,” Gebeke said, “but it’s not going to be that different for us. Our area just gets larger to draw from.”

That larger attendance area could help Chelsea Heights increase enrollment. The school has 450 students—most of whom live in Como Park—but could enroll 600, Gebeke said.

That’s all part of the plan, said Silva. Moving the sixth-graders to middle school would free up space in the elementary buildings to accommodate children moving from other schools.

“We need to have less

elementary schools and more students in each elementary school,” Silva said. “We can’t afford schools with less than 300 or 350 students anymore.”

But that choose-any-community-school-in-your-area plan has some parents concerned that if a popular community school is at capacity, students who live close to that school may not be able to enroll there.

That won’t happen, Silva said. Students who live near a community school will be able to attend that school, she said. “It would make no sense if you lived close to Chelsea you couldn’t attend Chelsea, and this plan is about making sense.”

Another worry that area parents have is that Murray Junior High School will lose its status as a math and science magnet. Murray’s math and science emphasis is not mentioned on the district’s information sheets that publicize the proposed plan.

Murray has not been a magnet school for years, Silva said, but it is a school with a math and science focus, and that will continue.

“We are not going to take away anything that is working,” she said, noting Murray would retain its science and math emphasis as a middle school. In fact, “we are trying to replicate and expand programs that are successful,” Silva said.

In the long term, Silva’s goal is to provide the same quality across the board at all schools “so people don’t have to shop around for things that a public school should offer at its core,” she said. All elementary schools should have art instruction, music, science and librarians, she said. Her goal is to provide the same staffing opportunities at every school. She’s hoping that the savings that will come from limiting busing and having a smaller number of elementary schools will help pay for that.

“The changes are necessary because we have to live our new reality,” Silva said, “and our new reality is we have to invest our resources differently.”

Choices

Students would still be able to enroll at any school in the district if there is room and if the family provides transportation. The district will continue to use the lottery system it uses now for students applying to high schools outside of their area, Silva said.

No decision has been made regarding sibling preference at schools outside a family’s attendance area. Any changes to sibling-preference rules will be announced this fall, according to the district website.

Eleven elementary magnet schools, including Capitol Hill’s gifted and talented, the language-immersion schools, Farnsworth aerospace and others, would retain the right to bus from the entire city.

High schools would begin to limit busing in the 2012–13 school year. Students who are currently attending a high school outside of their area would continue to receive busing through graduation, Silva said. “We are not disrupting the life of students who have already started their high school career.”

The proposed plan would make Como Park Senior High School a stronger school, according to principal Dan Mesick. “It’s going to strengthen our partnerships with these elementaries and junior highs in the area,” he said, “and kids will feel more a part of the community.”

A series of public meetings on the proposed plan is scheduled over the next month. The Area E meeting will be held at Como Park Senior High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., Monday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free childcare will be provided.

If approved in March, the plan will be implemented over three years. The majority of changes at the elementary and middle schools would happen in the 2013–14 school year.

Traditions and transitions

St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s current third-graders would be among the first sixth-graders at Murray Middle School.

Those students are looking forward to it, Johnson said. “Parents and I have talked about keeping it super positive for the kids’ great adventure,” she said. “They will be the first class to pave the way.”

There are many traditions associated with being a sixth-grader at that school that hang in limbo if the proposed plan is passed: serving as school crossing guards, being the targets of the sponge throw at the school’s spring carnival, and perhaps the most hallowed rite of passage, the annual sixth-grade trip to Wolf Ridge, an environmental learning center in northern Minnesota. The seeds for that trip were planted nearly 40 years ago.

Johnson said she’s not sure what will happen if the board approves the plan. “We’ve got a couple of years to plan,” Johnson said. “The parents and I will work closely together and work with Murray to figure out what to do to keep some of the traditions and to transition some to Murray.”

If the plan is approved, the district’s current attendance areas will remain for the 2011–12 school year.

Overall, Johnson said she is impressed with the proposal because it represents a “true desire to build strong community schools.” Johnson worked in district magnet schools before coming to St. Anthony Park three years ago. “I now see the power of the community caring for a school,” she said. “We are the heart of the community. We’re a wonderful place, and I know it’s very special here. I wish this for all neighborhoods.”

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Chelsea Heights' students and families started the New Year by raising more than \$7,500 for the American Heart Association by participating in **Jump Rope for Heart**. The students collected pledges and dedicated a morning to jumping rope in the gym. The PTO Wellness Committee also helped sponsor a Family Fitness Night for students and families to enjoy fun fitness activities and challenges. This was the kickoff event for the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) program at the school.

Fifth-graders at Chelsea Heights met with the visiting chemist from the **Kids-n-Chemistry** program Jan. 4. Using real-world polymers, students introduced cross-linking polymers to create a chemical reaction that resulted in Jiggle Jelly, a viscous liquid that acts as a solid in cooler temperatures. Students learned that chemical reactions can cause interesting changes in some states of matter. "The Jiggle Jelly was cool," said Elizabeth, one of the participants. "I liked how it expanded when you slowly stretched it, but broke if you pulled too fast." We look forward to the next Kids-n-Chemistry class in March.

**February is I Love to Read Month.** Students will compete in a reading challenge, write book reviews and exchange books at the PTO Book Swap. Students and families are invited to attend Camp Read A Lot, a fun night of reading activities and storytelling, on March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Chelsea Heights has a **new T-shirt design by first-grader Kiera Andersson**. Students submitted 83 entries in the annual contest. Kiera's design, featuring the Chelsea Heights' Cheetah, was chosen by a student vote.

Chelsea Heights hosted the **National Geography Bee** contest on Jan. 13. Classes held preliminary rounds with the top student from each class going on to the school-wide Bee. Madison Moody won, with Claire Mortenson in second place and Leonardo Knudson in third. Other participants were Theo Lucy, Do-Yun Park, Bjorn Pederson and Trenton Phillippi.

Kudos to the 27 Como Park High School National Honor Society members who spent a day as facilitators at Chelsea Heights for the **Youth Frontiers, Kindness Retreat**. The senior high students facilitated small-group conversations surrounding bullying, provided energy and enthusiasm, and were great role models for our fifth- and sixth-

graders. The event was co-sponsored by the Chelsea Heights PTO.

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Como students Sasha Sanchez and Abdirahman Hassan, have received the competitive **Beat the Odds Scholarship**. Of the 71 Minneapolis and St. Paul students who applied, only four students from both cities received the \$5,000 scholarships.

**Dai'Quan Robinson** and **Guleed Ali's** second-place win and **Stryker Thompson** and **Yassin Ahmed's** fourth-place award qualified the two Como debate teams for the state debate tournament. At the Urban Debate League Championships, Como took home nine trophies, including two first-place honors in the novice division, which were awarded to **Kyndra Plowman** and **Samantha Etienne**.

The students in the **Academy of Finance** at Como worked with the St. Paul Federal Credit Union to run a fundraiser for their group. Academy of Finance offers high school students an opportunity to study international trade, leadership and the use of technology in preparing for a career in finance.

The **Como Park student trip to Washington, D.C.**, led by history teacher Eric Erickson, will take place March 6-11. This long-established Como tradition is part of the national program Close Up. Students from all over the country visit the nation's capital for a week, which includes tours of national monuments, the Smithsonian, the Supreme Court, the Capitol and meetings with our U.S. senators and congressmen.

Pre-Advanced Placement World History students in Nancy Plagens' class will attend the **King Tut exhibit** at the Science Museum to see first-hand the treasures of Egypt.

**Como Park's Open House Showcase** is Thursday, Feb. 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Prospective students, parents and guardians are invited see what Como has to offer. Students can shadow a ninth-grader on Jan. 13, 19 and 25. Shorter school tours are also available on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 and on Fridays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 11, 18 and 25. To schedule an appointment, call Sandy Smith at 651-293-8800.

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The **Murray Science Fair** was Jan.

18 with 256 projects by 253 students judged by 96 volunteers. Students moving on to the regional competition are Vincent Altobell-Velasco, William Anderson, Sarah Bordsen Bailey, Lexi Bottern, Isak Bowron, Simon Brown, Alayna Carrier, Maddie Caruso, Keith Eicher, Alex Forstrom, Frances Fuller, Richie Gulner, Stefan Hankerson, Stella Hewett, Evan Hulick, Paul Ihlenfeldt, Zack Inskeep, Mikayla Klein, Anton Konieczny, Calvin Lane, Avery Larsson, Pahnna Lee, Ann Leimbach, Ethan Levin, Alyona Link, Clapp Lucas, Nelson Moroukian, Philip Moulton, Lili Pavlicek, Alex Penn, Tessa Portuese, Ellen Purdy, Sunanda Rajput, Morgan Riddle Kimm, William Rose, Lila Scher, Fiona Steen, Lisa Torstenson, Amber Walker, Hannah Weissman, Tou Xiong, Samantha Yang and Micaela Yarosh.

The annual **Scripps Spelling Bee** took place with 34 students advancing to the second round on Jan. 25. Results will be listed in the March Bugle.

**Activity Day** on Jan. 21 took students to Grand Slam and Grand Rios. The trip to Green Acres had to be canceled because of cold temperatures. Some students stayed at Murray and had use of the gym, videos and games.

February is busy with evening conferences on Feb. 2. **Murray's Showcase** is on Monday, Feb. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone can tour the school on any Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Students can shadow a seventh-grader on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout February. More information is on the website, [www.murray.spps.org](http://www.murray.spps.org).

Fifty students are participating in the play *Saussur*. Performances will be March 11-13.

The annual **History Day Fair** is on Feb. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. Murray is looking for community members to judge at the event. To volunteer, call Gen Nakanishi at 651-293-8740 ext. 1012 or [gen.nakanishi@spps.org](mailto:gen.nakanishi@spps.org).

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St. Paul Public Schools' proposed

three-year strategic plan, **Strong Schools, Strong Communities**, will affect St. Anthony Park Elementary School if it is approved by the School Board on March 15. The school will become part of Area E, one of six busing areas in the city. SAP Principal Ann Johnson, SAPSA, and the site council have been hosting meetings with the school community to discuss the impact of these changes. See the story on Page 1 of the Bugle to find out more about the plan.

If you are interested in sending your child to St. Anthony Park Elementary School next year, contact the school for a tour or plan to attend the **open house Thursday, Feb. 10**, from 6 to 7 p.m. Prospective families are invited to meet teachers and parents and visit classrooms. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about the school.

SAP elementary **sixth-graders are preparing to attend junior high** next year. The parent-teacher organization, SAPSA, hosted a meeting on Jan. 18 with Nelson Moroukian, a seventh-grader and former SAP student, and Jayne Williams, Student Placement Center supervisor for St. Paul Public Schools. The application deadline for all schools is March 22.

Feb. 14 is **National African-American Parent Involvement Day**. African-American parents are

invited to spend the morning with their children and experience the routines of a regular school day.

The **Artist-in-Residency** program is one of the most exciting enrichment activities at SAP. During January, fourth-graders explored theater movement with Aimee Bryant. In February, second-graders will learn West African and Hip Hop dance steps with Kenna Sarge.

This month's conversation and **coffee with parents and the principal** will be Feb. 10 and 24 at 9:15 a.m. Parking and traffic issues at the school will be the focus of the Feb. 24 meeting.

#### District extends school application deadline

St. Paul Public Schools has extended the application deadline for elementary and secondary students to March 22.

The date change allows families time to complete the application process following the March 15 school board meeting, where the board is expected to take action on the new district strategic plan.

For more information about the application process, go to [www.spps.org](http://www.spps.org).

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## L I V E S L I V E D

**Fred Morlock was a founder of St. Anthony Park Association**

Frederick J. Morlock, 100, of St. Anthony Park, died Jan. 12 at St. Anthony Park Home after a brief illness. Morlock was born in Good Thunder, Minn., on Sept. 9, 1910. He was the youngest of Frederick Henry and Rosaelia Juergens Morlock's four children.

Fred's ancestry was primarily German and German was spoken in his home during his early years. He celebrated his German heritage with a great fondness for sauerkraut and German sausage. Fred was a second-generation American. His Grandfather and Grandmother Juergens emigrated from Switzerland.

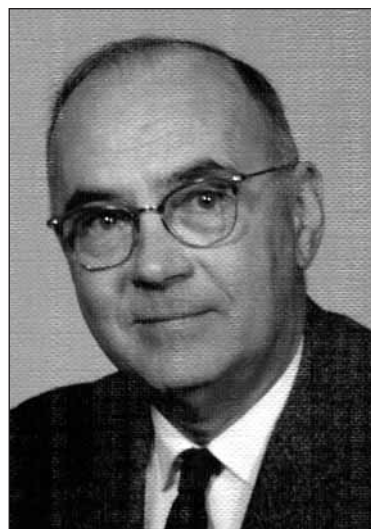
After graduating from Good Thunder High School, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota and majored in business administration.

A defining moment in his life occurred in 1929, while he was a student at the university and considering joining his father's bank after graduating. While changing trains in Mankato on his way home to Good Thunder, he was asked if he had heard the big news in Good Thunder, which was that the town's bank had failed. His parents lost everything. Fred's conservatism and thriftiness can be traced back to that moment.

While he was at the university and working at Shevlin Hall cafeteria, Fred met Betty Bowler. They were married in 1936; the couple was looking forward to celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary in June. In a September 2010 Bugle story about Fred and Betty's coinciding 100th birthdays, he offered this advice on marriage: "Number one, don't go to bed angry. Get it settled before you go to bed or you just continue it the next day."

Fred served as president of the St. Anthony Park Association and, at the time of his death, was its last surviving charter member. He spent his free time gardening, growing a significant amount of food for the family.

After retiring, he and Betty spent most of their summers at the family cabin on Serpent Lake in Deerwood, Minn. There, too, he had a large vegetable garden. It was not unusual for him to pick 100 pints of



Fred Morlock

raspberries in a season. At age 60, he took up sailing.

Fred was an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. After living in their home on Carter Avenue for more than 40 years, Fred and Betty moved to the Luther Place condominiums adjacent to the church. For several years he served as president of the condominium association.

In 2005, he and Betty moved to the St. Anthony Park Home. He was a regular attendee at the weekly chapel services and was, by far, the group's loudest singer, sometimes singing on key and in the same measure as the pianist. He was accustomed to Betty's cooking, so when he didn't find favorite foods (such as rutabaga and kohlrabi) on the dining-room menu, he requested them. The home, mostly, complied willingly, though they never served tomatoes as good as the ones he grew.

Fred is survived by his wife of 74 years, Elizabeth; sons, Frederick B. (Lynda), Paul (Marilyn) and John (Fay); daughter, Anna (Glen) Skovholt; grandchildren, Peter (Kris Hackbart) Morlock, Beth Morlock, Leslie (Jim Davis) Morlock, Daniel (Laura) Morlock, Sara (Daniel Fisher) Skovholt, Karla Skovholt, Jonathan (Kelly) Skovholt, David (Joy) Morlock, Susan (Stephen) Jelks, Karen (Scott) Esler, Bryan Morlock, Paul Morlock and Carl Morlock; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family thanks the staff at St. Anthony Park Home for the love and care they showed Fred for more than five years.

A memorial service was held Jan. 15 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Interment will be at Lake-wood Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

**Alan Alshouse**

Alan B. Alshouse, 92, died Jan. 11. He was a salesman for 3M in St. Paul and Indiana, owned the first Dairy Queen in Wisconsin (Menomonie) and was a broker for Paine Webber (UBS) for 28 years. He served on the Como Park Lutheran Church board and was a member of the Downtown St. Paul YMCA and Y Service Club. He sang in the 3M Male Chorus for 50 years.

Alan is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dorothy; children, Craig (Mary Fran), Diane, Gary (Susan) and Mark; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his brother, Bruce. He was preceded in death by brothers Frank (Ethel) and Roger (Rose); and sister-in-law Shirley.

His funeral was held Jan. 18 at Como Park Lutheran Church with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**Eleanor Andersen**

Eleanor Johnson Andersen, wife of former Gov. Elmer L. Andersen, died Jan. 12. She and Elmer lived in St. Anthony Park for many years.

Andersen was born in Minneapolis on March 28, 1911.

She attended Minnesota College and completed a University of Minnesota undergraduate history degree in 1939 with a minor in music.

After her wedding on Sept. 1, 1932, Andersen was a constant, intellectual partner with her husband. During each of her husband's phases in business, government and organizational leadership, she assisted him to the degree that he often said that he accomplished what he did in his life because she was his wife.

Andersen served as first lady of the state of Minnesota from 1961 to 1963.

She was a board member of the Children's Home Society, the Schubert Club and ECM Publishers. She was also a member of the Weavers' Guild from its earliest years and an accomplished weaver. She also valued her membership in the educational service sorority, Philan-

thropic Educational Organization.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years and son, Anthony. She is survived by son, Julian (Jamie), and daughter, Emily; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Jan. 21 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, where she had been a member for many years.

**Marge M. Anderson**

Marge M. Anderson, 88, died Jan. 10. She was a former resident of St. Anthony Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence. She is survived by daughter, Rochelle (Jon) Kohagen of Lakeville; sons, Scott (Kim) of Shoreview and Clark (Carol) of New Hope; and nine grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Jan. 15 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mounds View, with interment at Fort Snelling.

**Jan Bienhoff**

Jan Lenore Bienhoff, 47, born May 31, 1963, died suddenly on Jan. 6 in St. Paul. She grew up in St. Anthony Park and graduated from Como Park High School.

She earned degrees in music and Germanic studies at St. Olaf College and a master's degree in Germanic studies at Indiana University, Bloomington.

She spent time in Germany as an exchange student and made many visits to her German host family, Peter and Inga Griem. She worked as a consultant for IT companies for most of her career.

Jan suffered from and overcame alcoholism, struggled with bipolar disorder, and was loved and supported by her family and friends in her battles with these crushing afflictions.

She was the daughter of Dave and Elli Bienhoff and sister of Paul (Alisoun), Lisa Livingstone Kramer (John) and Estelle Batal.

A memorial service was held Jan. 13 at the Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home in St. Paul.

**Donna Bulger**

Donna Bulger, a St. Anthony Park resident most of her life, died Jan. 13. She was active at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and PEO, an education service society. Her husband, Bob, was an owner of Miller Drugstore.

She is survived by daughters Chris, Katie and Sue. A service to celebrate her life will be held Feb. 19 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park.

**Adelaide Christenson**

Adelaide Christenson, lifetime resident of Lauderdale, died Jan. 14. Adelaide loved her family, fishing and the Minnesota State Fair.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Juleen, and all of her siblings, Donald Jensen, Helen Lovas, Art Jensen, Warren Jensen, Howard Jensen and Dorothy Forster.

Adelaide is survived by her

children, Ron (Gloria), Jerry (Debbie), Peggy (Steve) Beck and Jeanne (Bruce) Sventek; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Jan. 18 at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

**Michael Clarkin**

Michael D. Clarkin, 56, died suddenly on Dec. 28. He was a retired volunteer Falcon Heights firefighter and a 30-year employee of Thomson Reuters.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Patrick. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; son, Michael II; mother, Beverly; and sister Margaret.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 3 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville.

**Martha Cutkomp**

Martha Jaques Cutkomp, 93, of Shelton, Wash., formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 31.

Martha was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She earned a bachelor's degree in applied art at Iowa State.

Martha raised her four children (Kay, Terry, Kent and Lee) in St. Anthony Park from 1948 to 1968. She was a nationally recognized potter and was a charter member of the Minnesota Crafts Council. An oral history of her life and a collection of her works are at the Minnesota Historical Society. She was still making pottery into the last year of her life.

She is survived by her children, Kay (David) Bahan, Mechanicville, N.Y.; Terry (Esfandiar) Ostovar, Asheville, N.C.; Kent (Deborah), Minneapolis; and Lee (Daniel) Ross of Hovland, Minn.; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and two sisters. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

**Frances Gregory**

Frances A. Gregory, 85, died Dec. 19. She was preceded in death by her son, Capt. Kenneth Gregory. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Gabe; son, Antone (Mary); and two grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park on Dec. 23, with interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Trygg Hansen**

Trygg John Hansen, 65, originally of St. Anthony Park, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on Jan. 9 in Jim Falls, Wis. He was born Sept. 28, 1945, in Jacksonville, Fla., son of Henry and Charlotte Hansen.

Trygg was a 1963 graduate of Murray High School, where he lettered in football, hockey and tennis. In 1967, he graduated from St. Olaf College, where he majored in history and played hockey. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1969. He was publisher of the Cornell (Wis.) Courier and the newspaper in Cadott, Wis.,

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A memorial service was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cornell on Jan. 13. The following day, a memorial service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

#### Marie Krzyzanauk

Marie T. Krzyzanauk (née Huss), 95, died Dec. 18.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; an infant son; and siblings, Agnes, John Huss and Catherine Estle. She is survived by siblings, Michael Huss, Marcia Kelnhofer, George Huss and Josephine (Robert) Dyer.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary

Catholic Church Dec. 21 with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

#### Eileen Litsheim

Eileen D. (Emmons) Litsheim, 97, died on Dec. 11, the anniversary of her birth, at Lyngblomsten Care Center in Como Park.

She was born in Minneapolis and graduated from Central High School. She was a former president of Hope Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Obert, and daughter, Eileen Radunz. She is survived by sons, James (Mary Etta) and John (Paula); daughter, Jean Holm; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held Dec. 17 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church with interment Fort Snelling.

#### Clara Loeffelmacher

Clara Loeffelmacher, 103, died Jan. 12, 2011. She was preceded in death by her siblings and is survived by her son, Harold (Virginia); two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Jan. 17 at Como Park Lutheran Church with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

#### Stanley Meinen

Stanley R. Meinen died Dec. 17.

He was an associate professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service, with expertise in 4-H Youth and Volunteer Leader Development. He was a key figure in the development of the National 4-H Aerospace Program. He also provided leadership in the International Youth Exchange Program and the Minnesota Camping Program.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; his children, Jan (Mark) Thorien, Judy (David) Carmein and Jim (Julie); six grandchildren; step-children, Kristin (Robert) Roan and Cynthia (John) Verant; and five step-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Jan. 8 at North Como Presbyterian Church.

#### Margaret McCloskey-Heinz

Margaret M. McCloskey-Heinz, 95, died Dec. 18.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Vincent Heinz; second husband, Paul McCloskey; daughter, Susan Johnson (Heinz); son-in-law, John Johnson; step-son Terry McCloskey; and grandchildren, Gregory and Emily Heinz.

She is survived by her three sons, Michael (Barbara), Joseph (Margaret) and Thomas (Louise); four step-children, Paul McCloskey Jr., Joannie McCloskey (Neil Keuhnl), Kay Stead and Cathy McCloskey (Bill Frothingham); 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church on Jan. 3.

#### Donald McVey

Donald V. McVey, 88, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 16. He was born Feb. 1, 1922, in LaFayette, Ind. He

graduated from Champaign (Ill.) High School, Howe Military School, Purdue University (B.S., M.S.) and the University of Illinois (Ph.D.).

He played basketball for Purdue, where he was the starting center until entering the Army Air Corps. He served in the Pacific theater as a corporal during World War II.

A Minnesota resident since 1965, Don and his wife also lived in Liberia and Puerto Rico. He retired in 2001 from the USDA after 45 years. A plant pathologist, he worked at the Federal Experimental Station in Puerto Rico and the Cereal Disease Lab, housed at the University of Minnesota. He collaborated with scientists all over the world to develop wheat varieties.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arnetta F. (McKinzie). He is survived by his children, Anne McVey (Barrett Moffatt), Warren (Kay), Duncan, Vance (Christine) and Alistair (Elizabeth Brine); and nine grandchildren.

His funeral was held Dec. 21 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home with interment in Leesburg, Ohio.

#### Eugene Strohmayr

Eugene Strohmayr, 61, died unexpectedly Dec. 23.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Audrey McKelvey. He is survived by his wife, Patti (née Dvorak); son, Nick; siblings, Frank (Nancy) and Nancy (Pat) Joyce; and brother-in-law Dick McKelvey. Gene's sense of humor and kind heart will be deeply missed.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 27 at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park.

#### Muriel Wamstad

Muriel Rae Wamstad, 75, died unexpectedly of natural causes Dec. 31.

She enjoyed her time at the cabin with her family, loved the outdoors and enjoyed all the seasons in Minnesota. She was an avid traveler and recently returned from a trip to Egypt. She enjoyed golfing, playing bridge and campfires. She loved life and cherished her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David, and her sister, Sharon; and is survived by her children, Lynn Wyman (Al) of Macon, Miss.; Larry of Roseville; and Andy (Jackie) of Brooklyn Park; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held Jan. 5 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

#### Darryl Wieser

Darryl C. Wieser, 65, died at home on Dec. 31. Darryl proudly served in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne, as well as the Army and Navy Reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Grambsch; daughter, Jackie Wieser (Justin Ross); three grandchildren; former wife, Kathleen Wieser; and daughter, Caroline.

A memorial service was held Jan. 8 at St. Matthew's Episcopal in St. Anthony Park.

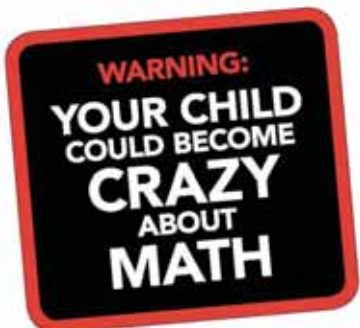
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