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Meet the 2011 Minnesota Book Artist Award winner

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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 pure Rs 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 and the medium that goes at the right pace for their thinking and feeling, and I think this is true for me and bookmaking.”

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Jill Gebke, principal at Como Heights Elementary School in Como Park and a former middle-school principal at Anthony Park Elementary School, said the transition would be difficult. Gebke, a 1977 graduate of Como Park High School, said some students have a hard time transitioning from elementary school to middle school.

“It’s a shock for some students,” Gebke said. “Some parents don’t want the change.”

Students at Como Heights and Anthony Park Elementary School have the opportunity to experience a middle-school setting two years before the change is implemented, Gebke said. Sixth-graders at both schools will attend Murray Middle School in the fall.

“I feel like the middle-school transition is better for students and their families in Como Park,” Gebke said.

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Como Park

The 2010 Como Park Honor Roll recipients are Mary M. Jocik, Matt Schmitt and Sharon Shinomiya. The three neighborhood activists were honored at a special event Jan. 21 at the University of St. Thomas. Mary M. Jocik served on District 10’s board from 2007 to 2010. M. Jocik 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 videos. 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 Free-Tree Workshops for 139 children and planning the reinstallation 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, volunteerism 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 and nominations are due by March 4.

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 great 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 Sankiham at fariba.sankiham@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.

St. Anthony Park

It’s not too late to save money and energize this heating season, come to one of several workshops to learn about the Energy Squad and sign up for a free visit. Area workshops include:

- Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2500 W. 45th St., St. Anthony Park.
- Saturday, March 12, 1-3 p.m., Como Park High School Library, 2200 Hillside Ave., St. Anthony Park.
- Thursday, March 31, 7-9 p.m., Central High School auditorium

RSVP for the Feb. 8 workshop to lauren@sapcc.org or 651-649-5982.

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 W. Knap St. Falcon Heights Elementary School.

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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

Harold William 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 drove away in his 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 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 M'Donough 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 passion for cars, no one employed by the company ever found a few blocks away, near Timberlake Road and Jackson Street.

Schroetter never missed a day of work, says 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.

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), which assists local law enforcement in handling investigations. BCA senior special agent Drew Evans says that days passed before Schroetter's disappearance. When middle-age men vanish, "they don't attract the attention" that a missing child would attract, Evans says.

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EDITORIAL

The heart of a community

The Park Bugle is a nonprofit community newspaper serving St. Paul, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights and Como Park. The Bugle reports and analyzes local news and promotes 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 team 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 (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.

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 team 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.

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 Edgumbe 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.

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. For over a decade, John Silva has done a great job in recent years of providing increased support to our volunteers in maintaining outdoor city rinks. Acknowledging the Langford Park hockey program is a direct beneficiary of the community support and involvement that drives this corner of our city. 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

LETTERS

In a time of flat or diminishing school funding, cutting transportation expenses that our ad revenue doesn’t cover. So far, contributions have totaled $23,792.75.

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. Click on DONATE NOW. Or send a check to Park Bugle, PO Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Thank you!
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 days 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. If Iaving the brains of the outfit along helped immeasurably and, in a gesture of appreciation, I agreed to 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 Mrs. 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 tedious tasks was because they had 17 million people in the working class doing everything for them but tweeting their nose hairs. And even then, Lord Chiswick—well, never mind. The point is that they spent much of their abundant spare time lying out.)

Now, this is a rather trite sermon about Americans not knowing how to relax. Rather, it’s a reflection on our perception vs. our reality, as regards opportunities to relax. Of 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 logic, it’s possible that we are in the process of doing nothing simultaneously in love and at arm’s length, with a dash of disapprobation thrown in: it’s an unattainable but perhaps desirable grail.

My St. Paul neighborhood has more porches and decks than Scoop Mc-Doack’s dollars, but I never see anyone using them, including us. We haven’t had these areas visible to passersby and their families here, and for the nonce, doing nothing. The same with the coveted but generally seldom-used fireplace. I tend to go up against reality and intent losing.

What’s going on? Well, several things. First, we are legitimately busier than our forebears. They had no orthodoxist appointments, soccer games, shopping malls or samba classes. Oy vey, it had run the hounds, fumared their childbirths and lit Jeanette Isabella’s torch (none of which takes long, really), there was nothing left to do but daze out or M. Darcy’s furrowed brow for days.

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

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A third factor is a sense of 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, than how are we to achieve this? Cancel Caitlyn’s soccer? Let Tanner’s gym 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 nonproductive reflection. (The secret there 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 planetxel.

Although we may not have time in our schedules for these delays, there are, and what are you going to 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 Henry Ford’s Model T, he couldn’t even contact the rest of his cohort by wireless during the voyage. Talk about a dacker.

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

Adam Granger has written for the National Lampoon, Rendel Gearing and Garrison Kelli, and has performed on Prairie Home Companion more than 150 times. He lives in S. Anthony Park (in the shadow of the trestle).
disappearance. Authorities are 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, 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 “lonely” following his divorce and moved in with his sick mother, 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 explains, 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 “Luc,” 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 know that he was a really 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 presumptive murder, the police at this point have no idea where the crime may have 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.

Nastierwise, 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.


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

Falcon Heights from 3

"Our family is nothing like this."
Precious Waters

Film explores impact of BWCA mining proposal

By Anne Holzman

Fearing jobs may soon trump wildlife in the Boundary Waters 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 Mn 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 compelling values. “You have people on both sides of the issue” at the screenings, he said.

Betsy D. A. is a consulting 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.

D. A. 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, D. A. said. The high-sulfate levels 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, D. A. said, it has that power, and it did recently quash a mountain-top-removal plan in West Virginia. “I’m sure nobody in [Minn.] 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 assurance 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.

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By Judy Woodward

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North St. Anthony Park Home Sales 2010 Real Estate Update

Number of Homes that Sold 2010 2009
Lowest Home Price $41,000 $121,500
Highest Home Price $650,000 $467,000
Average Home Price $295,974 $294,383
Average Market Time 90 days 112 days

• The average sale price was 91.4% of the list price.
• The average sale price increased by 0.5% this year.
• At the end of the year, there were 7 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 160 days.
• 9 homes failed to sell.
• This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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Jupiter String Quartet kicks off Music in the Park Family Concerts

Find out what chocolate chip cookies have in common with one of the finest young string quartets in America when Music in the Park Series presents the first in its 2011 season of Family Concerts.

The Jupiter String Quartet—Nelson Lee and Ming Fei Vogel, violins; Liz Freivogel, viola, and Daniel M O’Connor, cello—will hold two “Musical Conversations” at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2336 Carter Ave. 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 kids’ play.

The group’s stay in Minnesota will include a special concert for students at St. Anthony Elementary School on Feb. 28. Other Family Concerts this year include the Minneola Percussion Trio on March 18, and Etaner’s Klezmer on April 29, with performances at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew’s.

Family series concert tickets are $6. You can purchase them online at sbch.org/musicinthepark/tickets/ or call 651-645-5699.
You can blame Shakespeare for the large U.S. starling population

New York businessman Eugene Scheiffelin thought he had a "wonderful" idea back in 1890. He wanted to introduce 60 of the large U.S. starling population 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, Scheiffelin’s actions led directly to federal laws restricting the introduction of other wild exotics.

Monotone, drab, and unassuming, the European starling is a chubby black bird about 8 inches long, with a short tail. When they’re flying right at it, in an attempt to get through a farmhouse window, their new feathers are still so soft 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 notorious 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 can stand the onslaught of a determined group of starlings for a nest site. Because starlings are the earliest to nest in the spring, they get first pick over 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 an excessive 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 nestling period, the nest cavity has become a solid, smelly, “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 chirping 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 not to nest at all. Starlings often roost by the thousands and their roost sites can leave a mess of foul whitewash below.

What hath Eugene Scheiffelin 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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A winter tradition

How do you spell January down at Langford Park?
W-I-N-T-E-R-C-L-A-S-I-C.

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 Squir, 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

Have you noticed... the days getting longer and the weather starting to warm up?

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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.
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 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."

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

A little hockey in their own backyards
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 of silence make sense to me,” she says. “I think printing work I do is also quite contemplative. I love people and I love working with them.”

It’s clear, as she rattles off a litany of names, how well connected Russell 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, M.C.B.A. and Augsburg College (where she teaches papermaking and book art), Russell 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?”

These 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 Minnesota Center for Book Arts and the Minnesota Book Artists Association.

“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. “I feel so much lucky human being can ask of any work.”

Natalie Zatt is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.

For See Russell’s work at Open Book, Central Library A reception showcasing the work of Minaehe 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 Russell’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/artistsprog-nams/bookartistaward.html.

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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, 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 born with a grandmother’s fill-in-the-blank “memory book.” She also loved drawing 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 seemed like a great way to return to manual work without having to abandon everything I still find inspiring from college,” she said.

Shepard took a class in bookbinding at the Minaehe 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, 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 M.C.B.A. that can offer workshops in printing, bookbinding techniques, papermaking and writing,” she said.

Robert O’Connor is a lifelong resident of St. Anthony Park. He is a co-editor at 3AM 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 by Feb. 16 to be included in the March issue of the Park Bugle.

1 Tuesday

- 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library: English conversation group
- 1:30 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

- 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: English conversation group
- 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Children’s storytime
- 7–8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Choices,” SAP Garden Club

3 Thursday

- 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: English conversation group
- 11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Preschool storytime
- 10 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Open house

4 Friday

- 9–11 a.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ: Jazz Worship, with Cory Wong Jazz Quartet
- 10:30 a.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ: Quartet

5 Saturday

- 8 a.m., Gingrich’s Coffeehouse: WomenVenture Group for Women
- 10:30 a.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ: Love of Car, Be Well as You Age film

6 Sunday

- 2:30 p.m., Micawber’s Books: Sunday Afternoon Reading Group: My Name Is Asher Lev
- 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Block nurse exercise program

7 Monday

- 7 p.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ: AHA Art Show (Art, Hobbyists, Artists) featuring work of parsonishers, 7–9 p.m., Falcon Heights UCC

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- 5 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: WomenVenture

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

16 Thursday

- 5 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: WomenVenture
- 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Baby storytime

17 Friday

- 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: WomenVenture

18 Saturday

- 10 a.m., Como Park Zoo: Kids Fest!
- 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library: WomenVenture

19 Sunday

- 2:30 p.m., Falcon Heights UCC: Heritage of Hymns worship service
- 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Block nurse exercise program
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20 Monday

- 8 a.m., Micawber’s Books: Potok

21 Tuesday

- 3:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Career Employment Transition Group for Women
- 4:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library: Career Employment Transition Group for Men

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- 9:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library: WomenVenture

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- 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library: WomenVenture

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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. These 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 town hall resident said his wife fell in love with the neighborhood. He was an early member of the St. Anthony Park Association and served as chairman 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 his tenure, including the Wabasha Bridge, Shepard Road, North Dale and Jimmy Lee community centers, and the Paul and Sheila Wallstone Center for Community Building.

Savage said he introduced the resolution that initiated the street-repair project.

Paul Savage

Upcoming events at Luther Seminary

FRIENDS WINTER RETREAT
Feb. 12, 2011
8:30 a.m. - Noon
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Join us to rediscover the Bible.
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Neighbors

Paul Savage

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 nearly 2 feet of snow on the city.

Marty Johnson, who was head of the Budget Committee.

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Paul Savage
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 completing list 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, 651-645-2926 or visit the website, sappcp.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.

Troupe 17 and Pack 22 will host the event. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mike Smith, Troupe 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.

Music in the Park Series

Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
The Jupiter String Quartet with Jose Franch-Ballester, clarinet

3:00 p.m. pre-concert discussion

Nelson Lee & Mag Feitogl, violins; Liz Feitoglu, oboe; Daniel McDonough, cello

The Jupiter will play quartets by Webern and Schumann.

Spanish-born clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester will join them for a performance of Mozart’s Quintet for Clarinet and Strings,

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Clicks, Claps & Clunk!
Saturday, March 12 - St. Anthony Park United Church

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Music in the Park Series is now part of The Schubert Club
Strong Schools from 1

teacher and administrator, said the change to a 6–8 model is a good idea. Current middle-school students 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.”

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Chelsea Heights Elementary

3557 Huron St., 651-293-8790
www.chelseapeaks.org

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-in-Chemistry program Jan. 4. Using real-world polymers, students introduced cross-linking polymers to create a chemical reaction that resulted in Jiggly Jello, 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 Jiggly Jello 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-in-Chemistry class in March.

February is I Love to Read Month. Students will compete in a reading challenge, write book reviews and exchanges 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 Mar 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Chelsea Heights has a new T-shirt design courtesy of Kyndra Plowman and Andrea Anderson. Students submitted 83 entries in the annual contest. Kierah design, featuring the Chelsea Heights logo, was chosen by a student vote.

Chelsea Heights hosted the National Geography Bee on Jan. 13. Class A held preliminary rounds with the top student from each class going on to the school-wide Bee. Mison M. Oddy won, with Claire M. lorison in second place and Leonardo K. Rutman in third. Other participants were: Neo Lucy, Do-Yun Park, Bjorn Pederson and Trenton Phillippe.

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, Kindest Year Round 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.

Como Park Senior High

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Como students Sasha Sanchez and Abdrahman Hassan, have received the competitive Beat the Odds Scholarship. Of the 71 M inneapolis and St. Paul students who applied, only four students from both cities received the five scholarships.

D’Quan Robinson and Guileed Alli’s second-place award qualifies 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 helps 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 Mar 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 Piaggesi’s class will attend the King Tut exhibit at the Science Museum on Friday, March 6 to see first-hand the treasures of Egypt.

Como Park’s Open House Show-Alls is Saturday, Feb. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Prospective students, parents and guardians are invited to 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 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 and on Friday, Mar. 2, 11, 18 and 25. To schedule an appointment, call Sandy Smith at 651-293-8800.

Murray High School

2200 Buford Ave, 651-293-8740
www.murraypps.org


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

Activity Day on Jan. 21 took students to Grand Slam and Grand Rondo Math Camp. Keith was chosen by Vincent Altbelbel-Velazo to be canceled because of cold temperatures. Some students stayed at M urray 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. M ore information is on the website, www.murraypps.org.

Fifty students are participating in the play "Statistical Performance," which will be performed Mar 12-13. The annual History Day Fair is on Feb. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. Murray is looking for community members to judge the event. To volunteer, call G en e Nakanishi at 651-293-9470 ext. 1012 or gen.nakanishi@pps.org.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

2180 N. Klapp St., 651-293-8735
www.stanthonyelps.org

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. SPC Principal Ann Johnson, SAPSA, and theSt. Anthony Park Elementary School Council have been having 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 Jan. 18 with Nelson M. Morkun, a seventh-grader and former SAPSA student, and Jayne Williams, Student Placement Center supervisor for St. Paul Public Schools. The application deadline for all schools is Mar 12.

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 with Kenna Sorge.

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 second-year students to Mar 22. The due date changes as families time to complete the application process following the Mar 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.pps.org.

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Fred Morlock was a founder of St. Anthony Park Association. He spent most of their summers at the St. Anthony Park Association and, at Betty’s coinciding 100th birthdays, after graduating. He was married to Betty Bowler. While changing trains in Minneapolis 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 are traced back to that moment.

Wile he was at the university and working at Shrinel 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 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 at the university raising 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 Davenport, Mni. There, too, he had a large vegetable garden. It was not unusual for him to pick 100 pints of raspberries in a season. At age 60, he took up sailing.

Fred was active member of St. Anthony Park Luthern Church. After living in their home on Carter Avenue for more than 40 years, Fred and Betty moved to the Luter Place condominiums adja-cent to the church. For several years heerved as president of the condo-minium 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 76 years, Elizabeth; sons, Frederick B. (Lynda), Paul (Marylyn) and John (Fay); daughter, Anna (Glen) Skovholt; grandchildren, Peter (Kris Hackett) Morlock; Brian Morlock; Leslie (Jim Davd) Morlock; Daniel (Laural Morlock; Sara (Daniel Fisher) Skovholt; Karla Skovholt; Jonathan (Kelly) Skovholt; David (Joy) Morlock; Susan (Stephen) Ellis; Karen (Scott) Eiler; Bryan M morlock; Paul M Morlock and Carl M; 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.

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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 Hula), 95, died Dec. 18. She was preceded in death by her husband; Edward, an infant son; and siblings, Agnes, John Hrus and Catherine Estle. She is survived by siblings, Michael Hrus, Maria Kohnfer, George Hrus and Josephine (Robert) Dyer.  
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church Dec. 21 with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Eileen Lishtejm  
Eileen Lishtejm (Emmonds) Lishtejm, 97, died on Dec. 11, the anniversary of her birth, at Lysbionamon 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 her sons, James (Mary Etta) and John (Paula); daughter, Jean Holm; 24 grandchildren; and 10 great-grand-children.  
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 husband; two grandsons; 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 Camp Program.  
He is survived by his wife, Irene; his children, Jan (Mark) Thonon, Judy (David) Carman and Jim (Julie); six grandchildren; step-children, Kristin (Robert) Roan and Cynthia (John) Varan; 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; second husband, Paul McCloskey; daughter, Susan Johnson (Heinz); son, Nick; siblings, Frank (Nancy) and Nancy (Pat) Joyce; and brother-in-law, Dick McCloskey. Genes sense of humor and kind heart will be deeply missed.  
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 27 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Muriel Wieser  
Muriel Rae Wieser, 75, died unexpectedly Dec. 31. She was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey McCloskey. He is survived by his wife, Patti (née Dovrak); son, Nick; siblings, Frank (Nancy) and Nancy (Pat) Joyce; and brother-in-law, Dick McCloskey. Genes sense of humor and kind heart will be deeply missed.  
His funeral was held Dec. 21 at Holcomb-Oerry-Burrow-Furman Funeral Home with interment in Leesburg, Ohio.

Eugene Strohmayer  
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