



A Neighborly Thing to Do

Writing the *Bugle's* obituaries each month is a labor of love for the paper's former editor, Mary Mergenthal.

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World War II memorial is restored at Como Park

Rededication of Joyce Kilmer Fireplace is May 19

By Sharon Shinomiya

Poetry, history, science and trees will all come together on Thursday, May 19, at the 75th anniversary rededication of the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Fireplace in Como Regional Park. Local elementary and high school students and their teachers, staff members from St. Paul Parks and Recreation and Forestry departments, a Joyce Kilmer biographer and Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom (CWOC) advisers will gather at 1 p.m. to celebrate the restoration and rededication of the memorial.

The large stone fireplace was built in 1936 as a memorial to the poet Alfred Joyce Kilmer, who was killed in action in France during World War I. Years of neglect and vandalism had left the fireplace in disrepair. CWOC advisers and St. Paul Parks and Recreation secured a \$242,100 grant from the Minnesota State Legacy/Heritage Fund for its restoration. Work began in mid-November 2010, and with the use of a plastic enclosure and portable heaters, continued throughout the winter months. Project manager Bryan Murphy, St. Paul Parks and Recreation, expects all restoration work to be done by May 19, though work on the stone wall encircling the fireplace is dependent on warmer weather conditions.

Two classes of fifth-graders from Chelsea Heights Elementary School and three classes of sixth-graders from Como Park Elementary School participated in poetry workshops sponsored by the CWOC last fall.

The one-hour workshops were led by poet and educator John Minczeski. Prior to each workshop, students took a walking field trip to the woodland to see the old fireplace and be inspired by the nature around them for their poems.

"The Kilmer Fireplace Rededication project has provided a wonderful opportunity for our Chelsea Heights kids to participate in a community project through our neighborhood school," said Chelsea Heights fifth-grade teacher Lynn Bartol. "Learning a variety of lessons—specific standards-based writing with the poet-in-residence, some history of our community, the biology of tree types—and volunteering to enrich our community, altogether provided such a rich experience for the fifth-graders." When students visit the area with their families, Bartol said, they can "proudly say that they were a part of keeping Como Park and the Kilmer Fireplace alive for all generations to enjoy."

Students will read their group poems during the May 19 event. Biographer John Covell will speak briefly on Kilmer, who wrote the famous poem "Trees," whose first lines many recognize ("I think that I shall never see/A poem lovely as a tree..."). The event will include a Native American blessing of the restored fireplace, and the planting of an oak tree nearby. Students and forestry staff also plan to plant 100

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Creative Enterprise Zone

Group's vision for Raymond-University area is a teeming mix of arts, industry, housing and more

Picture a thriving mixed-use neighborhood that is a center for the arts and creative enterprises, home to nonprofits and centrally located. Throw in a few sidewalk cafes, studios where artists live and work and a 100-year-old paper mill, and you've got the vision a group of stakeholders has for a 10-block stretch in South St. Anthony Park along the Central Corridor.

That group, the Creative Enterprise Zone Steering Committee, will unveil a detailed plan on how to achieve its vision at an event at the Lyric at Carleton

Place, 765 Hampden Ave. S., Thursday, May 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. The 25-member committee will be joined by the Midway Chamber of Commerce and city officials to release the plan at 5:30 p.m.

The Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ) committee was sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council and began its work in September. Armed with a \$19,000 grant from the Central Corridor Funding Collaborative, the group's task was to develop a small-area plan along the west end of the Central

Creative Enterprise to 8

Making tracks

A Chelsea Heights Elementary School runner rounds a bend on a recent afternoon. The school hosts a running club each spring after school two days a week. The club is led by parent volunteers and more than 100 students participate. St. Anthony Park Elementary School also has a running club. See School News on page 17. Photo by Lori Hamilton



McGuire jumps into Senate at midstream

By Anne Holzman

Two days after winning the April 12 special election for the state Senate seat being vacated by Ellen Anderson, Mary Jo McGuire had already appeared at a rally, met with constituents and sat in on a hearing of one of her two committees assigned so far, Energy, Utilities and Telecommunication.

Anderson resigned the seat in

March to become chair of the state Public Utilities Commission, precipitating a special election. McGuire bested two challengers in a March 29 primary and went on to win the election with 80 percent of the vote.

It was an unusually fast start to a Senate career, but McGuire's experience in the Minnesota House of Representatives gives her an edge at learning the ropes.

McGuire, 54, grew up in Falcon Heights and still lives there. She served in the House from 1989 to 2002, when redistricting combined her district with Alice Hausman's and McGuire decided to step aside.

She has served as both a minority- and a majority-party member, and now she finds herself back in the minority as Republicans wrested leadership from the Democrat-Farmer-Labor Party in the last election.

There's a change in tone from the Republican majority she once



District 66 Sen.
Mary Jo McGuire

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C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

The District 10 Como Community Council's 10th Annual **Neighborhood Garage Sale** is Saturday, May 21. Register your sale location by Friday, April 29, and District 10 will advertise in the weeks before the event, as well as distribute a map of the addresses and sale descriptions of all participants.

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It's time to nominate your favorite neighborhood tree for a **Como Tree Appreciation Award**. The District 10 Environment Committee is sponsoring the award as a way to treasure our valuable trees and promote tree planting. Nominate a residential tree—big or small, old or new, yours or a neighbor's—at district10comopark.org/nominateatree.html. Nominations will be accepted until May 28. Winners will be notified in late June.

A free **bike-safety rodeo** for children ages 5 and older will be held Saturday, April 30, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. Albans St. Safety helmet and bicycle checks will be available along with resource tables, a St. Paul Police Department Bike Patrol and a Safety Specialist.

The rodeo is sponsored by the District 10 Neighborhood Safety Committee. Register by calling the District 10 office at 651-644-3889 or go to www.district10comopark.org. You can also register the day of the event.

Falcon Heights

Falcon Heights' third **rain-barrel workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. For \$30 you can learn about how rain barrels work and leave with a fully assembled version for your house. Preference

will be given to Falcon Heights residents, but we have a long list of nonresidents who are eager to participate if there is room. To register, contact Justin Miller at justin.miller@falconheights.org or 651-792-7600.

Join the Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission at Spring Together on Thursday, May 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Curtiss Field, 1551 Iowa Ave. W., to **learn about the Somali culture**. Meet elected officials and neighbors. Enjoy Somali food and be entertained by live music from Somali musicians. Free henna tattooing will be available. This is a free family-friendly evening for all ages and will be held rain or shine.

A **bike-safety-awareness event** for students and families will be held Saturday, May 7, at the Falcon Heights Elementary School parking lot, 1393 Garden Ave., from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring bikes, helmets and family members to learn about proper hand signals, helmet fitting and general bike safety from University of Minnesota and Bike Chain experts. Following the presentation, participants will go on a bike ride to practice their new skills.

Regions Hospital will offer 30-minute **car-seat-safety classes** Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to noon, at City Hall, 2077 Larpeteur Ave. W. Experts will give hands-on instructions, so bring your car seat and vehicle. Call 651-792-7600 to reserve your time. If it rains, the event will be held in the fire department garage at the same location.

Volunteers are needed to help **clean**

up Curtiss Field and the adjacent holding pond on Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. No RSVP is required. Please help keep our parks clean.

The City of Falcon Heights is sponsoring an **Adopt-a-Crop program**, where citizens can bring garden-grown produce to City Hall and the city will take it directly to a local food shelf. If you have questions or would like to participate, email mail@falconheights.org or call 651-792-7600.

Lauderdale

Lauderdale's **citywide garage sale** will be held Saturday, May 21, beginning at 8 a.m. Lauderdale residents must call City Hall (651-792-7650) by Friday, May 13, to register their sale location.

Enjoy **Music Under the Trees** this summer at Lauderdale Community Park. The Fairlanes will play Monday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. The Roseville Community Band will play Monday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the music and ice cream treats. It's sponsored by Hamline Auto Body and Schwan's.

A free **senior exercise class** is offered Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. at the City Gables Apartments Clubhouse, 1611 Pleasant St. The class is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program. Call 651-642-9052 for other free exercise classes.

St. Anthony Park

The **Creative Enterprise Zone and Action Plan Launch** along with the

Hats Off to the Central Corridor Community Art Competition and People's Choice Awards will be held Thursday, May 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Lyric Apartments at Carleton Place, 2285 University Ave. W., St. Paul. Place your vote to name the neighborhood. The event will feature live music, food and an art competition by the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

The **Corridor Development Initiative (CDI) workshops** are coming to South St. Anthony Park. The CDI workshops will assist in the planning and development of mixed-use projects along major corridors, with access to transportation options, retail amenities, parks and job opportunities. The heart of the program involves an interactive block exercise facilitated by a team of design and development experts. This hands-on educational workshop allows residents, neighborhood leaders and other participants to develop their own housing or mixed-use development proposals and test them to see whether they are financially viable. Participants learn about costs and other considerations developers must address when putting together a proposal. Dates are May 24, June 7 (this will be the block exercise), June 28 and July 12. All workshops will be at Goodwill Headquarters, 553 Fairview Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit www.sapcc.org for more information.

The **St. Anthony Park Community Council is always looking for new voices** on its three committees. Check out www.sapcc.org to learn more about each committee, or stop by the South St. Anthony Recreation Center (890 Cromwell Ave.) and attend a meeting.

The Land Use Committee meets the first Thursday of the month (next meeting is May 5), Community Connections meets the third Wednesday of the month (next meeting is May 18), and the Environment Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (next meeting is May 25). All committees meet from 7 to 9 p.m.

You can weigh in on the University Avenue **light-rail construction** Monday, June 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center at the next contractor evaluation. Share your thoughts on the future development of the University Avenue corridor.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Board election results:

Gary Carlson, Brian Clark and Steve Yetter were elected in the north; Ranae Hanson, Jim Hunt, JoAnne Makela and Gregg Richardson have been elected in the south. Other members of the board who were not up for re-election this year are Brian Longley, Roger Purdy, John Seppanen and Joe Kelly. The new business delegates are Amy Brendmoen, Ray Bryan, Linda Hodge, Chaun Klemetsrud, Stephen Mastey, Paul Mix and Ferd Peters.

Falcon Heights youth awarded for outstanding leadership

Two Falcon Heights teens recently received the Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award from the City of Falcon Heights.

Kaitlyn Reasoner, 16, has completed the Falcon Heights Community Emergency Response Team training, participated in mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Mexico, distributed food and water to homeless men, women and children, initiated a diaper drive for the Women's Lifecare Center in Maplewood and volunteers at both United and Regions hospitals in St. Paul.

Ethan Wagner, 14, has served on the Falcon Heights Environment Commission for three years. As an active member of the Falcon Heights Community Garden, he became interested in how the garden came to fruition and sought an appointment to a vacant position on the Environment Commission. He has been active in the commission's activities and helped implement the recent switch to a single-sort recycling system.

Neal Kwong was a 15-year-old Falcon Heights resident who died of carbon monoxide poisoning. He was a volunteer in the Parks and Recreation Junior Leaders Program, an Eagle Scout and a great young citizen. In his memory, the city established this award 10 years ago to recognize people between the ages of 12 and 19 who display outstanding leadership, volunteerism or citizenship in the community.

Award winners were presented a certificate and their names were placed on a plaque that is displayed at Falcon Heights City Hall.



Kaitlyn Reasoner, Mayor Peter Lindstrom, Gary Kwong (Neal Kwong's father) and Ethan Wagner

A life well-lived

Obituary editor Mary Mergenthal's work keeps neighbors connected

By Judy Woodward

Like any loving grandma, St. Anthony Park resident Mary Mergenthal is always trying to find common ground with the younger generation. Happily, she and her 12-year-old grandson share an absorbing mutual interest.

They bond over the obituaries.

It may sound like a Charles Addams cartoon, but for Mergenthal, at least, it's all business. A petite, blue-eyed woman who likes to serve her guests tea and scones in the manner of her Welsh ancestors, she is the editor of Lives Lived, the memorial section of the Park Bugle. Her job requires gathering death notices for anyone whose passing should be brought to the attention of the *Bugle* readership. It's a painstaking job that calls for tact in her approaches to grieving relatives and dedication in the monitoring of church bulletins and several newspapers. Luckily, she has help.

When 12-year-old Jennings is in town for a visit, says Mergenthal, "He pre-screens the obituaries. 'Hey, Grandma,' he'll say, 'there's a 102-year-old today.'"

Of course, Jennings isn't Mergenthal's only assistant. There's also Lauderdale resident May Schmidt, who "reads the obituaries like you wouldn't believe," says Mergenthal. The two women have never met.

As a 43-year resident of St. Anthony Park, Mergenthal was personally acquainted with many of the subjects of her final notices. She regards her work as "an odd—but by no means unhealthy—connection to the neighborhood."

It's far from her only connection to the area—or to the *Bugle*.

Aside from some time off in the 1990s, Mergenthal has worked for the paper in one capacity or another, virtually since it was founded in 1974. "I wrote occasional articles from the beginning," she says. "In those days, the Bugle seemed like an old-time town crier put to print."

In the 1980s, she became the *Bugle* editor, after editor Mollie Hoben left to start the *Women's Press*. Mergenthal remembers those years with affection. There were the annual April Fools issues of the *Park Bugle*, for example. The hoax photo she remembers best was taken by local



Mary Mergenthal has worked for the *Park Bugle* in one capacity or another since it was first printed in the 1970s. She served as editor in the 1980s. Photo by Lori Hamilton

photographer Jeff Rohr. "He lay on the ground and shot the light-green electrical housing on the boulevard just north of the bank," she recalls. "We used the photo close up and said it was the model for a new high-rise going up in St. Anthony Park. That produced calls, let me tell you!"

She also remembers a couple of vivid letters to the editor. In one case, there was a heated exchange in print between a pair of dueling professors on the subject of liquor licenses. Back before Muffuletta cracked the liquor barrier, there had never been a restaurant in the neighborhood that served alcohol. One of the letter writers wanted to keep the neighborhood dry; the other advocated allowing a local restaurant

to serve beer and wine. What Mergenthal knew—but didn't reveal in print—was that the epistolary opponents were in-laws.

Another letter to the editor struck even closer to home. An influential local businesswoman was using the *Bugle* to promote a plan for an "all-white Christmas," urging residents to abandon conventional colored outdoor Christmas lights in favor of trendy white lights. This rubbed at least one resident the

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Man sentenced to 15 years for robbing Park Midway Bank

A 57-year-old St. Paul man was sentenced to 15 years in prison on March 30 in connection with the Aug. 4, 2010, armed robbery of Park Midway Bank on Como Avenue. U.S. District Court Judge Richard H. Kyle sentenced Robert Lee Russell Jr. to 151 months in prison on one count of armed bank robbery.

Russell was ordered to serve an additional 36 months for violating the terms of federal supervised release related to a previous crime when he committed this robbery. Russell admitted stealing \$1,457 from the bank and putting the life of another person in jeopardy by using a firearm during the robbery.

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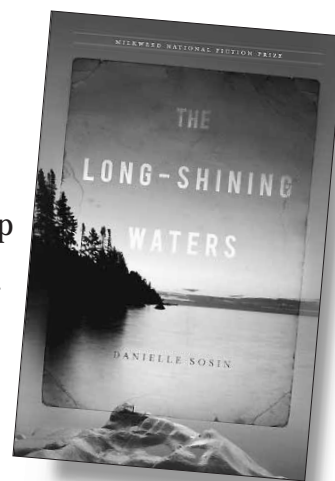


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EDITORIAL

We've got a few environmental leaders in our own backyard

Kudos to three *Park Bugle* neighbors who received 2011 Sustainable St. Paul awards from St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman on April 20.

The awards recognize businesses, individuals and organizations that demonstrate environmental leadership.

The Green Building Award went to the Lyric at Carleton Place just off University Avenue on Hampden Avenue. It was recognized for being “an early demonstration of quality sustainable market-rate housing on University Avenue and the new Central Corridor Light Rail.” The building incorporates elements that increase energy efficiency, infiltrate storm water, increase waste management, reduce noise and improve air quality.

The building consumes about 22 percent less energy per year than an average multi-family apartment building of the same size, according to the mayor’s press release. Its sustainable design has resulted in a 15 percent electrical-demand savings and more than 37 percent natural-gas-demand savings per year.

The Waste Reduction, Recycling and Composting Award was given to Warners’ Stelian Appliance. The company has recycled appliances for years. It has also incorporated energy-saving technologies at its St. Paul warehouse that include photo-sensing lighting, an energy-management system and an “economizer” cooling system. In the last few years, Warners’ Stelian installed a Styrofoam compactor—one of only two in the state—to help address packaging waste. Warners’ estimates that it recycles close to 85 percent of the company’s waste, including scrap metal, cardboard, wood pallets, steel banding and Styrofoam. In addition, Warners’ Stelian collects plastic wrap and donates it to Merrick Inc., a nonprofit that provides work to adults with disabilities. Merrick sells this material to another company for reuse.

St. Paul’s Parks and Recreation Department’s Operations Division received the Sustainable City Staff Award for its rain-garden installation. Last

year, Parks and Recreation resurfaced a quarter-acre parking lot at the Como Central Service Facility and implemented a way to manage storm-water runoff at the lot. The department partnered with the Capitol Region Watershed District and the Ramsey Conservation District and the result is that all water falling within the half-acre watershed is directed to the rain-garden and infiltrated on site. The water is intercepted before it enters the storm sewer, which helps protect the water quality of the Mississippi River.

The Sustainable St. Paul awards are meant to encourage residents, businesses, community groups and nonprofits in the city to implement similar projects.

Come on down to University Avenue

University Avenue is a mess in South St. Anthony Park due to the light-rail construction project. It’s easy to avoid the area by changing routes, but local artist Giesla Hoelscher wants locals to head on over and brave the dirt and debris. On Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, Hoelscher is conducting University and Raymond walking tours, which coincide with the St. Paul Art Crawl. Find out more about that on page 8 of this issue of the *Bugle*.

The University Avenue businesses are under deep financial stress with the disruption from the project. Remember to support them during the long process. To help offset the challenges created by the LRT construction, some businesses are participating in a free “Discover Central Corridor” perks card. It’s available at stores that are participating in the program. For more information and to find out which businesses are participating, go to centralcorridorperks.com.

If there was ever a time to be a good neighbor in the Central Corridor zone, it’s now.

LETTERS

Marketplace could use teens’ fresh ideas, boundless energy

When I was in eighth grade, one of my classmates asked our language arts teacher why she had become a teacher. She told us it was because eighth-graders have great ideas. Almost 20 years later, I am now on the other side of the desk as a high school English teacher immersed in the ideas of ninth-graders. At their best, my students are passionate and creative. They are bursting with energy and ideas.

They ask good questions like, how does this skill apply to the real

world? What do readers and writers in the real world do? They want to know who they are and how the world works.

It makes me think that maybe there is a missing connection between our youth and the marketplace. What would happen if the fresh ideas and boundless energy of high school students were applied to a marketplace hungry for innovation? What would this do for classroom engagement, achievement scores and college readiness if

students benefited from real life experience and training? What would this do for our economy if businesses and employers benefited from an influx of energy and ideas?

For example, what if journalists included stories from the adolescent perspective? What if St. Paul bookstores, restaurants and concert venues solicited and posted reviews from high school students? What if advertising agencies requested ideas from young people? What if companies ran contests for high

school students to pick the best “You Tube” presentations? What if newspapers occasionally ran editorials from youth?

If you would like to give high school students an authentic, real-world reading or writing experience in exchange for energy and ideas, email katherine.bruhn@spps.org.

*Katherine Bruhn
English teacher
Como Park Senior High School*

Bugle editor named

Park Press Inc., publisher of the *Park Bugle*, has appointed Kristal Leebrick editor of the *Bugle*, beginning with this issue.

Leebrick had been serving as the paper’s editor on an interim basis while the board developed a long-range strategic plan to ensure the continued viability of one of the region’s oldest, continuously published community newspapers.

“We are delighted with the editorial direction and focus Kristal has brought to the Bugle,” said Karen Lilley, chairwoman of the board. “We believe that the communities of Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park will continue to enjoy the *Bugle* under her editorial guidance.”

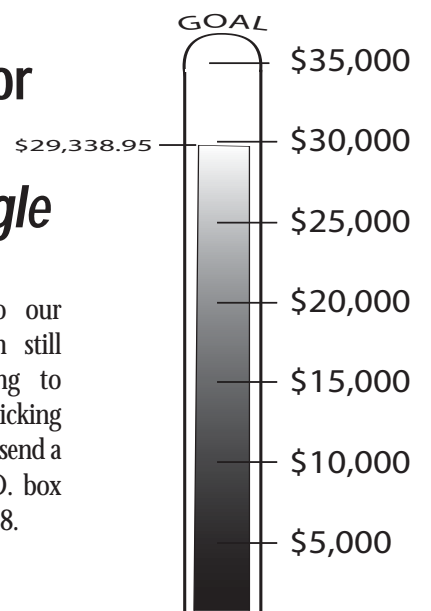
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McGuire from 1

worked with in the House and the current atmosphere in the Senate, McGuire said. She gave public transportation as an example of the shift: "It's not 'How much money will we spend on transit—it's, 'Will we have any transit?'"

As a minority-party member, she understands that her role will be to try to improve a bill that she disagrees with, or just vote against it (and, with a governor of her own party in office, hope for a veto).

Her second committee as of press time was Local Government and Elections, where she expects to debate voter identification and local government aid, among other issues.

The Republicans, she said, are "trying to make voting harder. That will be a huge battle."

Close to home, McGuire is concerned about tight budgets and loss of government aid. Her home city of Falcon Heights has the highest proportion of public land in the state because of the University of Minnesota and the Fairgrounds; St. Paul is close behind with its combination of state offices and college campuses. "These cities that host buildings of public good, we should help in some way," she said.

She supports the sharing of services among municipalities, such as the public safety contracts between

St. Anthony Village, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, and acknowledges that loss of local government aid will "push" cities to collaborate.

While she fits herself into her new Senate role, she's handing off responsibilities at Project Citizen, where she's been working for nearly a decade. The group brings students from across the state to the Capitol to present policy proposals that they've developed.

"Kids pick issues that they care about," she said, such as recycling in school cafeterias or combating racism in the schools.

This year's Project Citizen will culminate May 11 at the Capitol.

The group lost its federal support when Congress banned "earmark" funding of special projects in members' home districts, McGuire said. For the short term, at least, Minnesota's program will get help from the Legacy sales tax fund.

Civic education, a passion of hers, will be affected by social studies standards now being updated by the state education department, which will need Legislative approval, McGuire said. She'll watch not only for specific content, but also for the distribution of hours of instruction among the many fields under the "social studies" tent, she said.

One of McGuire's favorite

leisure activities is playing hockey with the Golden Seahorses, a loosely organized group of lawmakers and their associates, male and female, that she co-founded with Rep. Phyllis Kahn of Minneapolis. (Gov. Tim Pawlenty has played with the group.)

The seahorse is a treasured feminist symbol, McGuire said, "because male seahorses carry the babies."

Her hockey experience has heightened her interest in finding ways to reduce concussions in youth sports, she said.

McGuire also enjoys camping and said she has a Minnesota State Parks "passport" and is visiting as many as she can. She can be spotted early in the morning with her walking buddy, circling Como Lake, and she does triathlons, "slowly."

The Legislature's schedule should allow her to keep her commitment to teaching a class called "Leadership in the Public Forum" at St. Catherine University this summer, McGuire said. It's another activity that she described as "supplementary and complementary" to her new job as the senator from District 66.

Anne Holzman lives in St. Anthony Park and is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.

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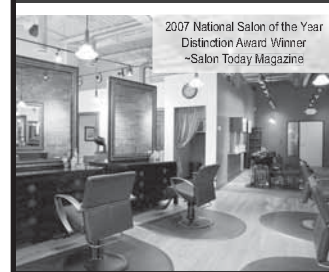
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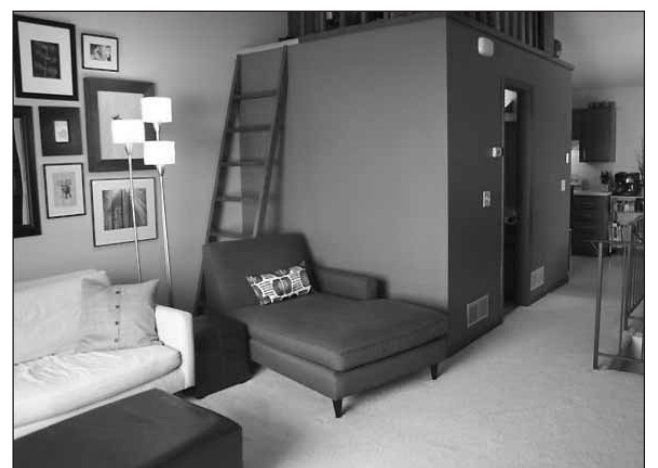
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The restoration of the fireplace completes Phase 1 of the CWOC master plan. A \$218,000 grant for Phases 2 and 3 has recently been awarded by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. This grant will fund the construction of trails and signage, the restoration and development of different study areas and several educator-training sessions.

The rededication will take place at the fireplace, which is located on the north side of Como Avenue across from McMurray Field, west of Lexington and the new Como Pool now under construction, and east of Beulah Lane. The public is welcome to attend the event. A commemorative booklet that includes the history of the fireplace, memories from local citizens and poems from the poetry workshops will be available in limited numbers at the District 10 office, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway, 651-644-3889.

Sharon Shinomiya lives in Como Park and enjoys historical research and writing.

The poem at right was written during one of the poetry workshops held last fall at the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom.

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By Anthony, fifth grade,
Chelsea Heights Elementary

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Farm Boy in the City

What started as a seventh-grade 4-H project is now a growing beef business for high school senior John Weber

By Natalie Zett

John Weber is one busy guy. Besides raising and selling beef cattle, the enterprising 18-year-old is senior winner of the 2010-11 Minnesota Beef Spokesperson Team and a 4-H ambassador. These achievements are doubly impressive considering that Weber is technically an urbanite.

Weber, who lives in St. Anthony Park with his parents and sister, said he started spending summers on the family farm in seventh grade (his grandparents, aunt and uncle run a 700-head beef cattle farm near Sanborn, Minn.) and that's when he decided to show beef cattle as part of a 4-H project. His dad loaned him money to buy two steers, which he named Kirby and OJ.

He eventually showed them at the Redwood County Fair and the Minnesota State Fair. "Kirby got a red ribbon!" he said. At the year's end, Weber sold the meat from his steers to family members and some neighbors. Working with animals from birth to slaughter can be hard, he said. "When showing cattle, you spend a lot of time with them, you're caring for them every day, and you do get attached. But it's part of the business. It's a way of life for us, and it's part of the life cycle of how things work. I've gotten used to it."

A senior at Highland Park Senior High School, Weber found his niche—and a great way to make money for college. (He will attend South Dakota State University in Brookings this fall with a plan to major in animal science and minor in agricultural economics.)

"After I sold my first two steers, I didn't make a lot of profit because I had to spend my money on getting set up," he said. "Then, the following year I got another loan and bought two more steers. Now, this year, I made enough of a profit that I was able to buy a couple of steers with my own money and I got my business rolling."

Weber markets his product as non-hormone-treated beef. "My customers like it that my cattle are raised individually. Each animal's fed properly, to its own specific need, so they have just enough fat and lean,"

he said. His customers buy a half, quarter or an eighth section of meat, and the price includes the processing at a facility in Sanborn, where the meat is dry-aged for two weeks. "This is probably one of the main factors why the beef tastes better," he said.

After collecting the meat, it's time for deliveries. "I use the family minivan," Weber said. "The meat is frozen when it's packaged, so we keep it in coolers covered with blankets so it stays completely frozen." Then Weber and various family members drive into the Twin Cities to make the rounds.

"With just two steers, there isn't a whole lot to sell," he said, "especially when my whole family buys some. My dad's co-workers as well as people in the neighborhood buy it, too."

Since starting his business, Weber has discovered that many of his neighbors are interested in locally grown food. "Lots of people in St. Anthony Park like to know where their food is coming from, and they're interested in having a more personal connection to it," he said.

When asked what his school



John Weber, at right, presented an award-winning heifer at the 2010 Minnesota State Fair. The Highland Park High School senior has made a business raising cattle and selling beef to neighbors and friends.

friends think about his "double life," Weber laughed and said, "They call me 'farm boy'! But I guess they're used to me wearing cowboy boots and such, and I've been doing it long enough where it's not really a big deal. I just say, 'I'm going to the farm for the weekend,' and it's like, 'Oh, of course!' It's a routine, so even I don't notice that I'm leaving all of the time." Weber often takes a couple of friends out to the farm each summer. "Most of them think it's kind of cool, but they're not ready to up and leave and start farming. But it's fun for them to see it."

Weber is understandably a big supporter of beef and the livestock industry. "Beef is part of the healthy diet," he said. "I have friends who are suffering from iron deficiency and I

tell them they have to eat more beef! Besides the health aspect, there are a lot of family farms that rely on these industries. It's really a fun thing to be a part of, working with your family on the farm. There are a lot of misconceptions about beef and food factories. I've seen them, and although they might be big, most are family-owned and operated and there's a lot of care that goes into the food being produced."

Besides his family, Weber credits his 4-H leaders as his major influences and recommends 4-H for

anyone. "Even if you're not interested in livestock, there are other opportunities," he said. "4-H helps you define your interests, especially when you're making college decisions."

Natalie Zett has been writing for the Park Bugle since the early 1990s. Her work has appeared in Metro Lutheran, Freethought Today, Villager, American Jewish News, Minnesota Monthly, Baton Rouge State Times, Twin Cities Daily Planet and Other Side magazine.

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Creative Enterprise from 1

Corridor that addressed the area's mix of industrial, commercial, residential and entrepreneurial activities, as well as its more recent history as a magnet for artists, creative start-ups and nonprofits.

"Older industries and the newer creative enterprises have much in common," said Catherine Reid Day, CEZ committee chair. "They share the need for inexpensive, flexible spaces that can be used for everything from welding, sawing and coffee-roasting to drafting, filmmaking and software development."

The group's plan recognizes the desire to keep the area's environment eclectic and friendly to residents and visitors. "One of the shared values we found was that people liked the mix of residential, commercial, industrial and creative activities," said Jon Schumacher, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, one of the funders of the planning process. The plan honors the area's centuries-old heritage of being a transportation hub where people lived and worked nearby, Schumacher said.

Nonprofit groups such as Gremlin Theatre, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, IFP-Minnesota and Forecast Public Artworks participated in the planning, along with residents, major property owners, small businesses, bankers, city planners and others.

The diverse group was pulled together "to ensure we are able to

maintain the character of the neighborhood," said Amy Sparks, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

The plan focuses on five goals. The first is to "stabilize and advance conditions in which creative enterprises, businesses, artists, nonprofits and residents flourish together." That includes finding ways to allow buildings such as the Dow, Triangle, Mattress Building and Carleton Lofts to continue to be used by artists and creative enterprises and finding other affordable buildings that can be acquired and adapted for those uses.

Additionally, the plan seeks to foster collaboration among the mix of neighbors, something Day said she hopes will attract more creative and innovative entrepreneurs, including artists. Third, the plan seeks improvements to physical spaces and walkability and to work with area groups to increase opportunities for

"... we want this part of St. Paul to be a creative hub for the metro area." — Amy Sparks, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council

locally owned retail, restaurant or grocery businesses.

The CEZ plan aims to promote the unique identity of the area, said Day. It's central location between the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul is its most important natural asset, she said.

"A creative, innovative economy is now commonly credited with being the key to future economic success and employment," said Sparks, "and we want this part of St. Paul to be a creative hub for the metro area."

The plan also calls for a growing coalition of existing partners who can work together to realize the group's vision, something that Day and Schumacher say has already begun.

You can see the plan and its action steps on the St. Anthony Park Community Council website, www.sapcc.org/CEZPlan.

Weekend walking tour will look at history of University-Raymond

Local digital artist Giesla Hoelscher wants art and history lovers to brave the light rail construction and join her for a University and Raymond history walking tour during the St. Paul Art Crawl, Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. The tours will start at noon each day and occur every hour until 5 p.m. Tours will begin at Studio at 795, located at 795 Raymond Ave.

The walks will focus on the historic commercial district of the

area, which includes more than 22 buildings in the South St. Anthony/West Midway area. They will also touch on some of the noncommercial buildings, such as Baker School and the businesses on Raymond Avenue.

Hoelscher said she's trying to put a positive spin to the area to get people to come to the St. Paul Art Crawl. "If anything, I'd like people to see it as an opportunity to come out and experience the construction

firsthand rather than just driving through," she said. "Put the frustrations of the traffic and potholes aside and really experience the neighborhood."

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Parking is free in the lot in the rear of the building. To learn more about the walking tour, visit the Studio at 795 website, www.studioat795.com or look for studioat795 on Facebook.

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Foundation grant gives local pastor time to recharge and reflect

By Michelle Christianson

A three-month sabbatical that includes a three-week journey to the Mediterranean to follow the path of the apostle Paul could be just what the doctor ordered for Glenn Berg-Moberg, pastor at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Berg-Moberg will begin this time of rest and learning in May, thanks to a grant he received from the Lilly Foundation and its National Clergy Renewal Program.

People in religious ministry eventually experience something they call “being nibbled to death by ducks,” Berg-Moberg said. That’s the constant nagging of responsibility and decision-making that hangs over their heads even when they are not at work, he said. They must write sermons and reports, counsel newlyweds and grieving families, attend meetings, administer their staff—the list goes on and on. Reports show that the rate of burnout in the clergy has been steadily rising since 1980 and stress-related health problems are increasing.

The Lilly Foundation established its renewal program in 2000 to combat clergy burnout. Each year, the Lilly Endowment provides grants of up to \$50,000 for pastors to take time off to follow their hearts’ dreams.

Berg-Moberg has been a pastor for 25 years, 10 of them at St. Anthony Park. He first applied for a grant three years ago, but was turned down because there was too much work involved in his project and not enough relaxation. Lilly stresses that the time should be used for “intentional exploration and relaxation, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make the pastor’s heart sing.”

While looking for something that would combine his love of sailing and interest in the Hagia Sofia (a centuries-old museum in Istanbul that has been a Christian church and a mosque), Berg-Moberg discovered a class offered by the Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, Va., called “The Christian Movement in the Mediterranean.” The class begins and ends in Athens, Greece, with a trip across the Aegean Sea to Turkey and back on the *Morning Star*, a 55-foot sailing yacht.

“My excitement for a sabbatical jumped when I discovered a professor who teaches about the sea travels of the apostle Paul,” Berg-Moberg said. The class focuses on the journeys of Paul and the explosive spread of Christianity in the port cities of the Mediterranean. Students will spend two-thirds of the three-week course aboard the *Morning Star*, which will serve as living quarters, transportation and classroom. They will read about and discuss the culture, politics, religion and economics of the first-century world and will visit numerous



Glenn Berg-Moberg

The Lilly Foundation’s renewal program stresses that clergy members use the time for ‘regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. . . .’

seaports and islands mentioned in the book of Acts. The students will also serve as crewmembers; they will sail, cook, clean and participate in all activities involved in living on a sailing vessel. The on-land portion of the class takes place in Athens and Corinth in mainland Greece, the island of Samos, and in Kusadasi, Priene, Melitus and Didyma in Turkey.

Berg-Moberg is the only class member who is not a seminarian at Eastern Mennonite and, in fact, was the last person admitted to the class (which he is auditing). He is doing all of his reading before leaving because he is the only one with previous sailing experience and is sure he will be needed on deck for his expertise.

The reading list consists of seven books about Paul, the first-century world and the spread of Christianity, with widely varied points of view. Using the latest scholarship and field research, the course explores how Paul’s journeys changed the course of history and seeks to relate these findings to the experiences and insights of Christians living in today’s world.

The professor, Dr. Linford Stutzman, and his wife, Janet, sailed their vessel, *SailingActs*, on a 14-month re-creation of Paul’s journeys. Stutzman chronicles their experiences in one of the textbooks, also named *SailingActs*. He has been teaching culture, religion and mission courses at Eastern Mennonite for more than 20 years and has authored three other books besides *SailingActs*.

The congregation and other interested people can follow Berg-Moberg’s journey on his blog at saplcpastor@posterous.com. In addition, a mural of the Aegean has been commissioned to be painted in the church, whereby parishioners can follow his path.

After completing the course, Berg-Moberg’s wife, Karen, will join him for eight days in Athens and Turkey, where they will spend time exploring the Hagia Sofia in Istanbul and traveling to Cappadocia. After returning to Minnesota, he plans to take an advanced charter sailing class on Lake Superior that will allow him to captain yachts of up to 55 feet. This will permit him to bring larger groups on sailing trips without hiring another skipper. The remainder of the sabbatical will be occupied with a family sailing trip, house projects and just plain rest.

The Lilly Endowment stresses that these sabbaticals are not vacations but a way of gaining life-giving experiences that benefit both the pastors and their congregations. This year, 149 congregations in 40 states will send their pastors on Lilly-funded sabbaticals. Some will travel, as Berg-Moberg is doing, to places as far as Antarctica and the holy land, for exploration, pilgrimages, mission work or archaeological digs. Some will spend their time writing, sculpting, composing or taking art classes. Many are taking the time to become more fit, walking the Appalachian Trail or training for a marathon. Several are learning to grow, prepare and cook healthy foods, and, of course, many are making spiritual retreats.

Berg-Moberg hopes that his journey will inspire the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church congregation to emulate Paul’s zeal for breaking down social barriers and to be more welcoming to those who are not “like us.” He plans to present a travelogue, with photographs, and would also like to lead a class on Paul’s journeys and ideas.

Michelle Christianson is a piano teacher, musician and writer who lives and works in St. Anthony Park.

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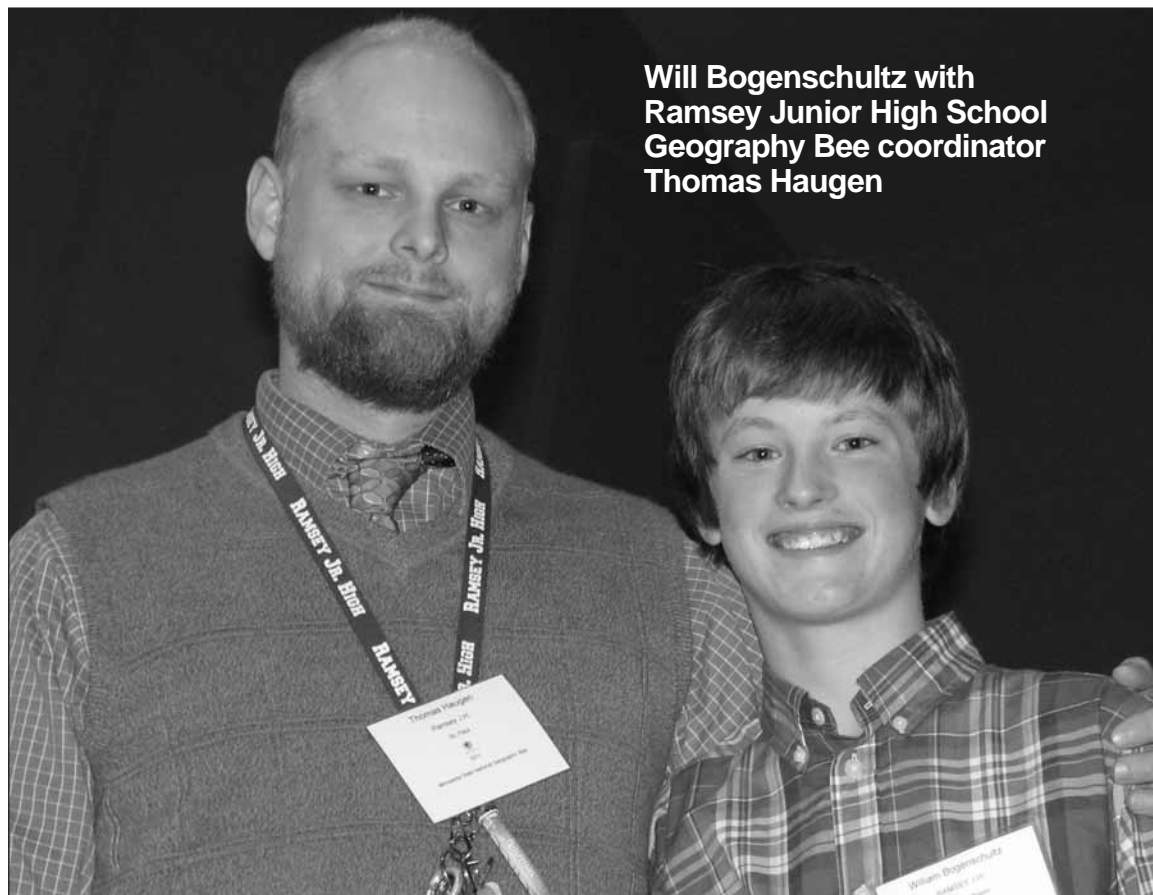
Local boy is State Geography Bee champ

Answer this: What Asian country lost its ranking as the world's second largest economy in terms of gross domestic product when it was surpassed by China in 2010?

That was the \$100 question on April 1 for Will Bogenschultz, a seventh-grader at Ramsey Junior High School in St. Paul. His correct answer, Japan, made him the winner of the Minnesota State Geography Bee and landed him a trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in

the National Geography Bee May 24-25. Bogenschultz also won \$100, a trophy, an atlas and a boxed set of DVD-ROMs of every *National Geographic* magazine published since 1888. The bee is sponsored by *National Geographic*.

Bogenschultz, son of Matt Bogenschultz and Jeanne Freiburg of St. Anthony Park, was one of 102 students in grades 4 through 8 who qualified for the state competition.



Will Bogenschultz with Ramsey Junior High School Geography Bee coordinator Thomas Haugen

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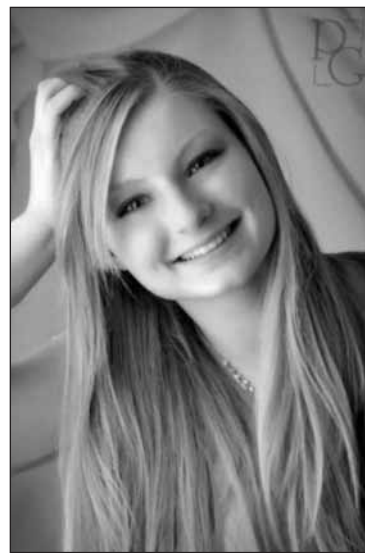
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Como Park High School senior receives Athena Award

Chelsea Preiner, a senior at Como Park Senior High School, is one of 39 St. Paul and suburban senior women selected to receive the St. Paul Area Athena Award for outstanding achievement in athletics. Preiner is captain of the school's volleyball and gymnastic teams and is on the track and softball teams. In addition, she has been a top 10 student in her class throughout her four years in high school and is an AP scholar with Distinction.

The Athena Award honors female athletes for their dedication and excellence in sports.



Chelsea Preiner

Spaghetti dinner to benefit Feline Rescue cat shelter

A benefit for the Feline Rescue no-kill cat shelter will be held Sunday, May 1, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Food will be catered by Fat Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant and there will be a silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Find out more at www.felinerescue.org.

Volunteer in the Gibbs Museum gardens this spring and summer

Starting mid-May, gardening volunteers are needed at the Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life (corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues). Help cultivate herb, flower and vegetable gardens reflecting these two cultures in the 1800s. Join the crew on a drop-in basis. The schedule will include some Saturday mornings and some Tuesday evenings. For more information, call Terry Swanson at Gibbs, 651-646-8629.

St. Anthony Park preschool holds annual garage sale

The St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool's annual garage sale will be held Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1352 Raymond Ave. Contact Barbara Burk, 651-645-2928, for more information.

Drum Center offers mother-daughter drum circle May 7

The Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., is offering a Mother-Daughter Drum Circle on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. The special Mother's Day workshop is for all generations of mothers and daughters at all experience levels. Adults: \$12. Youth 10 to 18: \$5. Youth 9 and under: free. Call 651-206-7617 or visit www.womensdrumcenter.com to register.

Help plant at College Park on Mother's Day weekend

Volunteers are needed to help plant new trees and shrubs in College Park

on Saturday, May 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers will assemble at the tennis courts on Raymond Avenue in the morning. A pizza lunch will be served nearby following the cleanup. Families, individuals and groups are encouraged to participate. Sign up at stpaul.gov/forms.aspx?FID=119.

How birds fly is topic of next St. Paul Audubon program

Carrol Henderson of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's Nongame Wildlife Program will give a talk about how birds fly at the next St. Paul Audubon Society program Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville. Henderson is the author of the book *Birds in Flight: The Art and Science of How Birds Fly*.

The event is open to the public. A social time with refreshments will begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Val Cunningham at 651-645-5230.

Celebrate spring migrants' return at Urban Birding Festival

The annual Urban Birding Festival, May 12-15, is four days of fun, free bird watching close to home. Celebrate the return of spring migrants and join a number of bird walks scheduled in metro area parks and open spaces, attend the Bird Expo at Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and meander around the almost-never-open Arden Hills Army Training Site, with its nesting sandhill cranes, osprey and trumpeter swans.

Jan Dunlap, author of the *Bob White Birder Murder Mystery* series, is



And the winner is . . .

This was a big year for Cub Scout Pack 22's Pinewood Derby. More than 40 scouts raced their handmade wooden cars on March 12. The winners are (from left): Jude Breen, Aiden Bachelor, Elliott Helmer, Kyle Abbas and Bruce Deal. James Carlson is not pictured.

the festival's Saturday noontime speaker.

All events are free and open to the public. Bird hikes are led by experienced volunteers and can be enjoyed by first-timers and the experienced. You can find each day's events, a schedule and maps of the locations on the St. Paul Audubon at www.urbanbirdingfestival.org.

'Clay Comrades' show opens at Raymond Avenue Gallery

The opening reception for the Raymond Avenue Gallery show "Clay Comrades: Three Potters Explore Functional Forms" will be Friday, May 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will feature the work of artists Peter Jadoonath, Joe Singewald and Jason Trebs and run through July 16.

Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Twin City Model Railroad show returns to fairgrounds May 14

The Twin City Model Railroad Museum will host its annual spring show and sale Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Model railroad layouts in a variety of scales will be on display. Admission to the show is \$6 per person for ages 5 and over and free for children under 5. Attendees to the show will receive \$2 off admission that day to the Twin City Model Railroad Museum at Bandana Square, 1021 E. Bandana Blvd., Suite 222.

Learn about Project SUCCESS

Project SUCCESS, a youth-development organization that works with students from middle school through high school to help them develop life skills, is expanding into

Murray Junior High School. You can find out more at a community meeting Tuesday, May 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Project SUCCESS combines in-class workshops, a theater program and one-on-one services to help students build confidence and self-esteem; develop goal setting, teamwork, communication and leadership skills; refine their post-secondary plans; find and share their own voice; and explore their dreams.

Annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival is Saturday, June 4

The 42nd annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival will be held Saturday, June 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More than 100 artists will display pottery, fiber arts, paintings, jewelry and more. Admission is free.

Neighborhood businesses will offer sidewalk sales, special menus and wine tasting. Family-friendly events include live music on two stages, a petting zoo, the St. Anthony Park Garden Club plant sale and a used book sale. Find out more at www.stanthonyparkartsfestival.org.

St. Anthony Park Fourth of July event planning is under way

There are a number of ways to be involved in the St. Anthony Park annual Fourth of July celebration.

Contact Brenda Hansen at bghansen55@msn.com if you want to march in the parade. Parade organizers are looking for veterans, floats, lawn-mower brigades and small groups of any sort.

Contact Cindy Thrasher, cbthrasher@comcast.net or 651-644-4794, if you can help stuff envelopes at Langford Park Recreation Center on Thursday, June 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to give a VIP a ride down Como Avenue in your

convertible or antique car during the parade, contact Judy Probst at eips@mninter.net or 651-644-0492.

There are many other ways to volunteer during the day. Contact Cindy Thrasher or Julie Glowka, julie.glowka@lawson.com or 651-647-9969, to find out more.

Summer program offered for immigrant high school girls

The Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE) Inc. is offering a free Empowerment Summer Program to immigrant and refugee high school girls at Hancock Recreation Center, 1610 Hubbard Ave., St. Paul. The program will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 20 to Aug. 5. Field trips will be held every Friday. To register, call Sarah Gerdes at 651-646-3268. Find out more at www.womenofwise.org.

Soccer Saturday is May 21

Soccer Saturday is May 21 at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Commonwealth Ave. The event is for children ages 5 to 14. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. for U5/6 with games beginning at 10 a.m. U7/8 players register at 10:30 a.m. and games begin at 11 a.m. U9-U14 players register at 11:30 a.m. and games begin at noon. For more information contact Langford Park Recreation Center, 651-298-5765 or info@stanthonyparksoccer.com.

Soccer Saturday is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Booster Club and Joy of the People.

Como cartoonist releases book

J.R.N. Eddy has published her debut book of comic drawings, Fooza Palooza, a collection of playful vignettes that feature hundreds of spindle-limbed ball-of-fur creatures called foozballs, which specialize in turning ordinary activities into a party of silliness and fantasy.

Eddy studied art at St. Olaf College in Northfield and now works as an independent artist and novelist. You can find out more about the book at createspace.com/3560021.



Community gardens turn 30

About 100 people ate cake and celebrated 30 years of community gardening in St. Anthony Park on April 2. What began as a plot of land covered with concrete, asphalt, rock and metals, is now a group of 96 plots tended by neighborhood volunteers who bring water to the site, plant flower beds and help make gardening available to urban households.

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If your walls could speak, whose tales would they tell?

By Judy Woodward

Every old house tells us a story. But if those walls could speak, would they talk about tragedy or farce? Or would their tale have a touch of irony of the sort that led a New Jersey homeowner to post a plaque reading, "George Washington might have slept here"? If, that is, the Father of His Country hadn't been otherwise detained Crossing the Delaware that night.

Minnesotans may never find a visit from George Washington in the story of their homes, but that doesn't mean area dwellings haven't had their own brushes with historic figures.

Three Minnesota governors lived in St. Anthony Park. In those years before Minnesota had a formal governor's mansion, the state's chief executive generally maintained his own residence. Nineteenth-century governors William R. Marshall and Andrew R. McGill lived in imposing Victorian residences that still stand in the Langford Park area. In the 20th century, Gov. Elmer L. Andersen built a distinctive modern home on Hoyt Avenue.

But political history isn't the only thing you might learn about your house. Across the street from the Andersen house is a big white colonial that offers a "two-fer" in artistic accomplishment. Built in 1933, several decades before the Andersen house, the colonial housed a mathematics professor at the University of Minnesota named Raymond Brink and his family.

A few years after the Brinks moved in, literary history was made in that house when the lady of the

house, Carol Ryrie Brink, produced the classic children's novel, *Caddie Woodlawn*, based on the pioneer adventures of her grandmother. Winner of the 1937 Newbery Award for excellence in children's literature, *Caddie Woodlawn* remains almost as popular today as when it was written. Mrs. Brink did her writing in longhand at a desk in the corner of the living room while her children were at school.

Decades after the Brinks had sold their house and retired to California, another artistic talent made his home in the white colonial. Greg Howard, originator of the *Sally Forth* comic strip, is said to have grown up there.

Howard and Brink were in good company. Other literary lights that have spent time in the area (however brief their stay may have been in certain cases) include Nobel Prize winner Saul Bellow, biologist/essayist Lewis Thomas and all-round Minnesota institution Garrison Keillor. And then there's the academic contingent. With its proximity to the University of Minnesota, it's not surprising that more than a few famous researchers and scientists have made their homes in the area. Psychologist B.F. Skinner, economist Walter Heller and Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug, founder of the Green Revolution, all lived in St. Anthony Park.

Learning that your house had a famous previous inhabitant is fun, but it isn't the only thing that makes a residence stand out. In fact, the term "conspicuous consumption" was invented by Minnesota sociologist Thorstein Veblen to describe the kind of opulent display found in a house on the corner of

Midway Parkway and Hamline Avenue. Known universally as the "house with the lions," it's one house that every visitor to Como Regional Park remembers. The green-and-white tiled mansion with the statuary lions guarding its gate was built by early 20th-century land developer Thomas Frankson for the princely sum of \$17,000 in 1914. It originally featured a conservatory surrounded by a moat-like body of water, as well as a seven-car garage.

In the early 1940s, the house became the headquarters of a most unusual organization, the Midwest Hebrew Mission. Led by Julia Solverud-Knutson, a highly accomplished woman who had been a rural superintendent of schools, a social worker, lecturer and occasional traveler to the holy land, the Mission was dedicated to the quixotic goal of the "conversion of the Jews of the Upper Midwest."

To the disappointment of Knutson and her colleagues, the Jews of St. Paul proved remarkably skilled at resisting the come-to-Jesus moments offered by the Hebrew Mission. A quote from the organization's 1945 annual report says it all: "... the fruit [of our work] among the Jews is so negligible that it can scarcely be seen at all, for hardly a Jew can be found on the church rolls in the entire Northwest."

Nevertheless, the Mission persevered into the early 1970s, when the house with the lions once more passed into the hands of a private family.

When you investigate the story of your house, there's no guarantee that you'll be pleased with what you learn. Not all history is sunny, and

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Above: An undated photo of the Andrew R. McGill house near Langford Park in St. Anthony Park.

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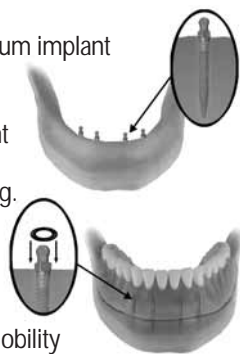


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not all stories end happily. Most murders, after all, happen in someone's house. You might even discover that your house is haunted.

That was the experience of several generations of owners of a certain tall, white house on Como Avenue. Some claimed to hear ghostly typing from an upper floor, harking back perhaps to the days when the house was rented to college students who never finished their assignments. All agreed that a certain blue velvet sofa—too large to be removed from the attic—could send shivers down the backs of those who sat on it, even on the hottest days.

It takes the right sort of homeowner to enjoy a resident ghost, but it helps if the spirit has a relatively benign obsession, like the ghostly typist.

Other ghost stories from the

past are more painful. These spirits never cause clanks in the basement or creaks on the staircase, but their stories can sometimes linger the longest, and echo with a warning to the happiness of all the residents that follow them.

One St. Anthony Park resident remembers being delighted when she unexpectedly encountered a longtime resident of the neighborhood who had every reason to know the history of her house. The older woman was the first cousin of the family that had lived there in the 1920s and 1930s. Asked if there were any stories about the house, the woman grew silent for a moment, and then responded, "Yes, but you may not want to hear the most unforgettable one."

As a little girl in the 1920s, the woman had attended her first

cousin's sixth-birthday party held in the dining room. Tragically, the birthday child's gauzy party dress caught fire and, in that era of primitive emergency medicine, she died of her burns. There were scorch marks on the dining room floor where the child had fallen.

The current owner already knew about the scorch marks, now long covered with carpet. She has never told her family about the tragedy, but every year she watches her own children leaning over to blow out their birthday candles and she thinks of the little birthday ghost, whose long ago party ended so differently.

Judy Woodward lives and writes in St. Anthony Park.

Want to research your home? Here's a step-by-step guide

By Mary Maguire Lerman

We can learn a great deal about the economic, cultural and social histories of our homes' lifetimes by doing a little research.

In 2009, I began a history search of our St. Anthony Park home. If you want to track your home's past, here are some tips for St. Paul, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights residents.

Getting started

If you are looking for building permits for a house built before 1976, contact the Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) Research Center at 651-222-0701, ext. 228, or email research@rchs.com. Permits often include names of the first property owner, architect and contractor; the year and cost of construction; and the permit number. The center may also have records of later permits that were issued. The permit will also list the building materials used in the home's construction.

You can get copies of these records for \$15.50, plus shipping and handling. You can also hire RCHS staff to do your house research for you. The Research Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take a look at their website, www.rchs.com, for more information.

Building permits issued after 1975 in St. Paul are stored at the city's permit office, 651-266-8989. It takes minutes to obtain that information by phone. If you live in Lauderdale or Falcon Heights, your city hall has the building permits.

After checking my home's original permit, I was told that the architect and contractor were the same: D.C. Bennett of 3323 Humboldt Ave. S., Minneapolis. Further research in the Minneapolis Tribune archives found at the Hennepin County Library noted that D.C. Bennett was Daniel Colfax

Bennett who lived in Minneapolis from 1901 to 1935. Bennett wrote a series of architectural articles for the Minneapolis Tribune in 1919.

I found that our home was built for \$5,000 in 1916 and five additional permits were issued between 1923 and 1936 for the construction of a single-car garage, insulation, plastering, re-roofing and electrical work. The property owner on the original building permit was E.C. Hall.

Your home's plans could be stored at the Northwest Architectural Archives (NAA) in the Elmer Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota. Before calling the archives (612-625-3550), get the name of the first property owner. Architectural drawings were prepared for the owner but often did not list an address. If you were given the architect's name by RCHS, be sure to give it to the NAA staff. If the NAA has drawings of your home or other plans by that architect, schedule a visit. You can get copies of the architectural drawings for a fee.

The Minnesota Historical Society library (651-259-3000) may have information on your home's architect.

At the NAA, I reviewed all of Bennett's plans, which were stored with the records for the firm Liebenberg & Kaplan. Architect Jacob Liebenberg worked for Bennett after serving in World War I while he taught at the University of Minnesota. Liebenberg later formed Liebenberg & Kaplan with Seeman Kaplan, and they became well-known for designing movie theaters throughout the Midwest.

Finding previous owners

Tracking down previous owners begins with a search at the Ramsey County Property Research Center, 90 W. Plato Blvd. There are two

types of records, abstract and Torrens. Our property has a Torrens record, which apparently is easier to find. In fact, in less than an hour I had searched through the microfiche files and found all the records of title for our home. You can get a copy of

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Events

The deadline for the June issue of the Park Bugle is May 18. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org.

3 TUESDAY

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

ESL class, 12:30 p.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30 p.m. business meeting, 7 p.m. "New and Underused Perennials" by Debbie Lonnee, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church

Jose Berdejo will lecture on how alpacas, llamas and vicunas have shaped Andean culture in Peru, 6-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. Contact: karisaintpaul@gmail.com

4 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., SAP library

6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Book Club, SAP library

5 THURSDAY

Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission's Spring Together, 6-8 p.m., Curtiss Field

SAPSA Plant Sale, noon-5 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School

6 FRIDAY

SAPSA Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

Spring Carnival, 5:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School

7 SATURDAY

St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool annual garage sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1352 Raymond Ave.

Bike-safety awareness, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Falcon Heights Elementary School

8 SUNDAY

"Toward a Minnesota Without Poverty" with Mark Rogosheske, 11:45 a.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Ice Cream Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Gibbs Museum. \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children; mothers free when they bring children

10 TUESDAY

ESL class, 12:30 p.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

11 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., SAP library

13 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

14 SATURDAY

Twin City Model Railroad Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Minnesota State Fairgrounds Education Building

Be Well as You Age Film Series: Dying With Dignity, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

17 TUESDAY

Baby storytime, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

ESL class, 12:30 p.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

18 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., SAP library

Park Square Theatre discussion: Opus, 7 p.m., SAP library

19 THURSDAY

Spring yard sale, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Sally Barris and Brandon Sampson, 7:30 p.m., Ginkgo Coffeehouse

20 FRIDAY

Spring yard sale, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

Cheetah Spring Celebration, 5-8 p.m., Chelsea Heights Elementary School

21 SATURDAY

Spring yard sale, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Como Park neighborhood garage sale

Lauderdale citywide garage sale

Northern Horticulture Club plant sale, 9 a.m.-noon, Corpus Christi School

Soccer Saturday, 9:30-1 p.m., South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromewell Ave.

Creating Pop-Up Books with Minnesota Center for Book Arts, 11 a.m., SAP library

22 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Reading Group, Cahokia by Timothy Pauketat, 2:30 p.m., Micawber's

24 TUESDAY

SteppingStone Theatre: Creative Dramatics for Preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

English as a Second Language class, 12:30 p.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

26 THURSDAY

Funtastic Carnival, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Como Park Elementary School

27 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., SAP library

Block Nurse exercise, 3:15 p.m., SAP library

31 TUESDAY

Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-7 p.m., St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Appointments at www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: 3269, or call Joy, 651-644-8833

Contact information:

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Como Park Elementary School, 780 W. Wheelock Parkway, 651-293-8735

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Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., 651-646-2681.

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these property titles for \$1 per record. The titles list the first and last names of all previous owners. Once you have this information, go back to the Ramsey County Historical Society and search city directories to get occupational data on the owners.

The RCHS has original St. Paul city directories from 1854 to 1998. In addition, the Magazine Room at the downtown Central Library has all issues of the *St. Paul Dispatch* and *Pioneer Press* on microfiche, which you can check for obituaries that may provide more information. U.S. Census records can also be of help, but only those prior to 1940 are available. Census records are not accessible until 72 years after the Census was recorded.

Begin with the city directory for the year your home was built and then check the directories for the time period noted on the title certificates. Why? Sometimes homes, like ours, were built on speculation and may not have sold the year they were built. I found that the first “owner” of our home was listed as E.C. Hall, Real Estate & Loans. He had offices at 2362 University Ave. W. (the former Specialty Manufacturing Building) and 2262 1/2 Como Ave. (now Milton Square). The St. Anthony Park Branch Library’s neighborhood history section has several copies of *The Community Study of St. Anthony Park* written by Frederic Steinhauer in 1969. It is loaded with historical information.

That study mentions Edward C. Hall first living with his family at

981 Bayless Ave. in South St. Anthony Park. Hall built the St. Anthony Furniture Co. at the intersection of Hampden and Baker. Apparently, he switched to real estate and loans and moved his family to 2153 Knapp St. in North St. Anthony Park. Of special note: His daughter Ethel Hall Stewart established the St. Anthony Park Association in 1944, which eventually became the Ramsey County Historical Society.

E.C. Hall is listed as the owner of our home in the city directories until 1920, when the title changed to John and Anna Langtry. John’s occupation was listed as yardmaster for the Great Northern Railroad. Other occupants included daughters Mildred, a teacher at the St. Paul Musical Academy; Monica, an instructor at the College of Agriculture; and Bernice, a student at the University of Minnesota. In 1956, the title shows that Deane and Ahda Millman purchased the home. The city directory listed Deane as a mining engineer for the State Department of Taxation and Ahda as a teacher; their daughter, Lana, was listed as a student. They sold the home in 1970 to Dr. Harold F. Wilkins, professor and extension floriculturist at the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. He was my adviser and mentor, and he sold the home to us in 1989.

Try an internet search

I now had the names of the owners and others residing in our home, but

I wanted specific information on them and a photograph of each family. I came up with a bonanza of information by doing an internet search of the name of each person on my list. Langtry daughters had a lot of hits from the University of Minnesota and the *Minneapolis Tribune* archive sites. Bernice, the youngest, was listed as pledging Pi Beta Phi on Oct. 17, 1919, serving as night editor at the *Minnesota Daily* and graduating from the university in 1924. She married and moved to the Washington, D.C., area.

Monica, the middle daughter, had more than 50 hits in the Historical Minneapolis Tribune database (search for *Minneapolis Tribune*), one indicating her efforts in the feminist movement. On January 18, 1917, the newspaper noted that a number of co-eds, including Monica, took over the offices of the campus newspaper, the *Minnesota Daily*. A sign read: “The female of the species is in charge of the *Daily* office today. All men, including male members of the staff, are politely requested to keep out.” Monica was the advertising manager and, with the other women, insisted that no cigarette or tobacco advertisements be permitted in the paper.

Monica graduated in 1919 and was hired as an instructor at the Central School in the College of Agriculture from October 1919 to March 1920 for a salary of \$690. She died in Los Angeles at the age of 64 following heart surgery.

I found Mildred Langtry, the oldest daughter, listed on the

Schubert Club site as a contralto performer for the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra sometime between 1911 and 1920. Mildred was also a music teacher at the MacPhail Center for Music and later lived in the Dinkytown area. She married and they moved to the Los Angeles area.

I found a genealogy of the Millman family by doing an internet search for Ahda Millman. A genealogy record listed the names of her two children. I took a chance and did a name search for their son. Bingo! I phoned and spoke with him about my project. Indeed, he had photos of the family sitting on the front porch, which he mailed to me. He plans to visit our home when he comes to the area this summer for his 60th reunion at Carlton College in Northfield.

Dr. Harold Wilkins is an internationally renowned floriculturist who developed a foolproof way to bring Easter lilies into bloom regardless of how early or late Easter falls each year. In the 1980s, he organized the American Specialty Cut Flower Growers Association. In his retirement he is growing unusual cut flowers at Goldfinch Farm in Baldwin, Wis. During the market season, he can be found arranging bouquets on Saturdays at the Mill City Farmers Market in downtown Minneapolis.

Pass it on to the next owner

I plan to assemble information about what was happening in the world in 1916, when our home was built.

When that is complete, I will create a folder of information and photos of the past owners to pass on to the next owner of our home. Our family information will be added at the end.

If anyone has information that could help me track down photos of E.C. Hall, the Langtry family or D.C. Bennett, please email me at magui011@umn.edu.

Ask your neighbors

Older neighbors may be of help in your research. Visit residents within several blocks of your home to see if you get any leads. Or take out a classified ad in the *Park Bugle* asking for help in your research.

What I have learned about the previous and current residents of 2161 Doswell Ave. is this: All the women were strong, all the men were good looking and all the children and most of the parents graduated from a major university.

Where to begin

Here are three links to help you initiate your research.

http://www.rchs.com/library_archives.htm

http://special.lib.umn.edu/manuscripts/HSEHIST_Complete.htm

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Ma Barker: The gangster next door

By Ruth Weleccki

There is no shortage of colorful yarns of the Dirty Thirties and the cast of shady characters who starred in the nation’s real-life dramas of murder, moonshine and money. St. Paul’s East and West Sides are gangster-rich in legends true and exaggerated. Amidst the color and noise ran a current of everydayness that did not make the history books, but provided the underpinnings of the stories that would eventually find their way to them.

By the time she was gunned down by federal agents in 1935, Kate “Ma” Barker was widely portrayed as the matriarchal mastermind of the infamous Barker-Karpis Gang.

That’s not how Marion (Harris) Hartwick remembers the “portly old woman,” who, with her young grandson, rented the house next door to Hartwick’s childhood home in St. Anthony Park during the summer of 1931. More interested in hopscotch than headlines, Hartwick didn’t appreciate until much later that Ma Barker had been hiding in plain sight.

“We called her ‘Grandma’ Barker because she was the grandmotherly type,” Hartwick says. “She looked how any middle-age woman looked at the time: She wore

dresses—prints as my memory figures it. Nobody wore pants in those days, goodness!”

Hartwick was 10 that summer. She lived with her parents and younger sister on Knapp Street across from Langford Park. St. Paul had become a notorious stop-off point for the era’s Public Enemies. Newspaper accounts of sawed-off shotguns, late-night escapes and machine-gun getaways captivated Depression-era readers.

By 1931, stories of the Barker-Karpis gang (and of Ma, who provided refuge) were legendary. Not long after serving time in Kansas, Fred, the youngest of the Barker boys, was implicated in a series of bank robberies and jewelry-store heists from Oklahoma to Minnesota. But there was no sign that the youngest Barker—or any of his gangster siblings—was seeking asylum in St. Anthony Park.

“Her little baby grandson, he was 3 years old. We used to call him ‘Johnny Bow-wow’ because his last name was Barker: Little Johnny Bow-wow,” Hartwick says. “We were teasing him. It was kind of a joke. At 3, he didn’t have much to do with us. We were playing outside and he was playing outside, but we didn’t play

together.”

It did not seem unusual that Barker was the sole caregiver of her toddler grandson, Hartwick says, because her own parents worked full time. “My mother was an employed woman—a career woman—a social worker for Ramsey County,” Hartwick explains. “We had hired girls who stayed with us.”

Barker lived a routine if unremarkable life during those few months in St. Anthony Park and gave Hartwick no reason to suspect something was amiss. “She always had the shades pulled, but of course it was summer—it was hot—so it wasn’t unusual to have your shades pulled,” recalls Hartwick, who is now 89 and living in Falcon Heights. “We did not socialize with her—no one did.”

But on one occasion—maybe her grandson was napping, maybe the next big heist was being worked



out—Barker asked a favor of the 10-year-old girl: Would she make a run to Harder’s, the corner grocery store (now State Farm/Realtor offices) on Hillside and Como Avenue? Her request was nothing remarkable, “basic staples—a bottle of milk or a loaf of bread,” Hartwick says. “I only went to the store for her once. It’s the only time I socialized with her. I suppose she saw that I was old enough to go to the store, so she

sent me.”

To show her gratitude, “she tried to offer me a tip,” Hartwick recalls. “But I couldn’t take a tip for going to the store for a neighbor! I suppose I was trying to be noble and said, ‘Oh, no, I don’t want a tip!’ ”

Just as quietly as they had appeared, they disappeared. Within months of making St. Anthony Park her home—and without warning—Grandma Barker and her grandson were gone.

“They left in the dark one night,” Hartwick says. “They came unobtrusively and they left unobtrusively.”

It was years before Hartwick made the connection between her neighbor and the infamous gangster matriarch. Still, she could not have guessed that her neighbor was mother to a “vicious, cold-blooded crew of murderers, kidnappers and robbers” as J. Edgar Hoover had described them. Says Hartwick: “I remember thinking, ‘Well, they didn’t seem very dangerous to me.’ ”

Ruth Weleccki is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle and one of the author’s of Minnesota 101 (MacIntyre Purcell 2010), where a version of this story first appeared.

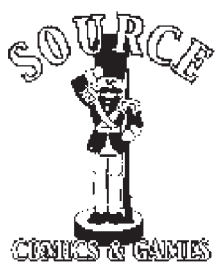
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Chelsea Heights Elementary

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www.chelsea.spps.org

The community is invited to the **Cheetah Spring Celebration**, an end-of-year party and fundraiser, on Friday, May 20, 5-8 p.m.

The party will include a barbecue dinner, jump castles, carnival games, face-painting, funky hair stations, the Fabulous Photo Booth, a raffle of great prizes and more. This end-of-year gathering is a "friend-raiser," so neighborhood families are welcome to join in the fun and get to know the students, families and faculty who make up Chelsea Heights, a community-oriented K-6 school. All proceeds from the event go toward playground equipment at Chelsea Heights and Northwest Como Recreation Center.

Chelsea Heights **Kindergarten Round-up** is Tuesday, May 3, 4:30-6 p.m. If you have not registered for next school year, contact the Student Placement Office, 651-632-3701.

The Chelsea Heights **Student Council** is hard at work. Formed at the beginning of the school year, its officers and classroom ambassadors have established a mission statement and begun projects that address their roles as school ambassadors to the wider community.

They sent their sympathies to the Mesa Verde Student Council in Tucson, Ariz., for the loss of Christina Green, a victim of the January shootings there. They also organized the "Coins for Christina" fundraiser among their classmates,

which raised \$500 for the charity Kids Helping Kids.

The Student Council established a **Game Club** to bring interested students together in a fun, creative, noncompetitive setting. The Northwest Como Recreation Center hosted a kick-off Game Day on April 2. Nearly 40 students came to play games. Many brought parents and siblings, and the high levels of noise and laughter indicated it was a great success.

The **Science Fair** had 315 participants and 40 judges. The judges came from a variety of backgrounds, including the St. Paul Police Department, Principle Financial, Adobe, Como Park Senior High School AP science students, Design 45 architects and a host of others.

Como Park Elementary

780 W. Wheelock Pkwy.
651-293-8735
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Como Park Elementary School's **Funtastic Carnival** will be held Thursday, May 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the school, 780 W. Wheelock Pkwy. The carnival will feature a raffle, games, bingo, face painting, crazy hair, inflatable castles and crafts. Proceeds go to maintain the school playground and equipment.

Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
www.comosr.spps.org

Prom was held April 16 at the historic Wabasha Caves. The theme was **All That Jazz**. Guests were able to have guided tours of the caves.

Advanced Placement testing will take place the first two weeks of May.

Students will take exams in 21 subject areas in hopes of gaining college credit.

The Como Park High School **Booster Club Kick-Off Event** on April 8 at the Klub Haus was a huge success. The club will meet the third Mondays of May and June at 6:30 p.m. at the Java Train. Check the Booster Club page on the school website (listed above) for details.

Students **Kathryn Yetter** and **Marshall Landrum** are finalists in the History Day Research Paper category. They are two of 14 students statewide chosen as finalists.

The spring play, **An Evening of Comedy ala Carol Burnett**, will be performed April 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. The music calendar is filled with performances in May. The jazz and intermediate band will perform May 13. The concert band and orchestra concert is May 20. The choir concert is May 27, and the vocal jazz solos and ensembles concert is June 3. All performances begin at 7 p.m.

Ken Freed, violist with the Minnesota Orchestra and conductor of the Mankato Symphony, worked with members of our senior band and strings recently.

Murray Junior High

2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murray.spps.org

Third-trimester **parent conferences** will be held May 3 and 5.

Students will hold their annual **talent show** on May 6. The **Murray Rock Band** will perform May 20, and the school's **spring music concert** is May 26.

Members of Murray's 8th-grade National Junior Honor Society visited **Willow Lake Nature Preserve** on April 8. The preserve is located near Murray's corporate partner, HB Fuller. Former farmland was purchased by the company to expand the nature preserve. This was the students' second trip this school year to the area to help remove debris in an effort to return the property to its natural state. Students dismantled and removed a shed, a fence and approximately 1,000 pounds of other materials left by the former occupant.

Murray's **drama department** will be represented in the SAP Fourth of July parade.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

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The annual **Spring Carnival** will take place on Friday, May 6, 5:30-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The **SAPSA plant sale** will be held Thursday, May 5, noon-5 p.m. and Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. It coincides with the May 5 spring barbecue sponsored by SPPS Nutrition Services (weather

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The March Read-a-Thon was so successful that **Principal Ann Johnson agreed to spend a day on the roof** on April 11. Children at recess were treated to the unusual sight of their principal waving and using a megaphone to greet them from overhead.

Grades 1, 5 and 6 will enjoy a day at the ballpark May 6, when they attend the **St. Paul Saints Baseball Education Day**.

Kindergarten registration will be held Thursday, May 12, at 6 p.m. for all accepted students. Families will learn about the kindergarten program and students will get a ride on a school bus.

The annual **Talent Show** will take place on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Murray Junior High School Auditorium.

Thirty fifth- and sixth-grade students will attend the 21st Annual **Young Authors' Conference** at Bethel University on May 25. This year's theme is Let Your Voice Be Heard.

The final **Site Council** meeting is May 23 and the final **SAPSA meeting** is May 17. The meeting agendas include planning for next year, election of new officers and SAPSA is planning a visit to the school by St. Paul Public Schools

Superintendent Valeria Silva.

A **Memorial Day program** will be held at the school May 27. The school band will perform, and there

will be a flag presentation, songs, readings and recognition of the winners of the annual patriotic essay contest. There will be no school on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.



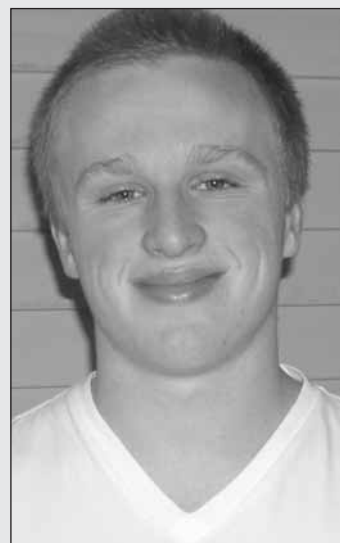
Running club is a 25-year-old spring ritual at SAP
Jonas Lundquist runs the mile during St. Anthony Park's after-school running club. More than 190 students participated in the 25-year-old club this year, according to sixth-grade teacher Judy Roe. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

SPORTS CORNER

Get the lowdown on high school sports in the area at the *Park Bugle* website. Central High School junior Jonah Van Why will feature athletes and sports teams throughout the school year. He'll also keep us updated with stats and upcoming games on the site.

First up: A feature on the Como Park Senior High School's baseball team, which has set its sights on winning conference this year.

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wrong way, so much so that he took pen in hand.

"My husband, Jennings, wrote a strong letter," says Mergenthal, "against conformity to other people's standards." Mergenthal published the letter without comment.

Perhaps her most indelible memory of her editorship came one summer when she was visiting friends in Wales. Mergenthal had left her assistant in charge, carefully listing all the stories in progress on a whiteboard that was set up in the *Bugle's* old offices above the Hampton Park Co-op on Raymond Avenue. When her daughter joined her in Europe, Mergenthal greeted young Rebekah with a perfunctory, "How are things at the *Bugle*?" Beka gasped, "I'm not supposed to tell."

Mergenthal was calm, insisting that all her instructions had been left on the whiteboard. "I don't think there's a whiteboard anymore," was the response, and that was how she learned that the *Bugle* office had burned down in her absence.

Office manager Kathy Magnuson had managed to rescue most of the files, but Mergenthal had other reasons to decide on a career change at that point. A few years earlier, in the winter of 1986, she had suffered a parent's worst tragedy

when her daughter Naomi was killed in an auto accident. Mergenthal was left in a coma in the same incident and underwent weeks of recovery from brain injuries afterward.

When the opportunity arose to buy the oldest continually published Welsh newspaper in America, Mergenthal decided it was time to reinforce her ties with her heritage. The daughter of a Welsh immigrant father who farmed in southern Minnesota, Mergenthal was raised on annual expeditions to the all-important *Gymanfa Ganu*, the traditional hymn-singing meetings where the Welsh express their ethnic pride in sturdy four-part harmony.

"*Gymanfa* was the only time my dad would get a substitute to milk the cows," she says. Mergenthal published *Y Drych* (*The Mirror*—pronounced Ah-Dreekh) out of her basement for nearly a decade, finally selling it in 2001, a few years before the death of her husband from a long illness.

It was at the funeral of Ann Bulger, the *Bugle's* previous obituary editor, that Mergenthal realized she was the right person to take over *Lives Lived*. "None of the current writers knew anything more [about the people of the area] than I did," she explains.

From her unique vantage point on the past and present of St. Anthony Park, Mergenthal has seen a lot of change over the years. "St. Anthony Park was much more conservative—both socially and politically"—in 1968, when she moved to the neighborhood, she says. Mergenthal well remembers when the area elected one of its first Democratic legislators in modern times.

Although the Legislature was officially nonpartisan in those days, representatives identified with either the DFL or the Conservative Caucus. DFL-er Neil Dieterich won the State House race in 1972 by defeating a previous incumbent, Jack Morris, who just happened to be Mergenthal's brother. "The neighborhood was really shocked," Mergenthal recalls.

In more recent times, she says, "Neighborhoods [like St. Anthony Park] have become less provincial. Small businesses have closed. We drive to the 'burbs for groceries, schools. We're more integrated with the city, the state and the world."

That's the upside. The downside, according to Mergenthal, "People don't know their neighbors so well."

It's that sense of increasing anonymity that Mergenthal tries to combat in her work. It's one of the secrets to a good obituary, she says. "Have some of their real life in it. Something about what they liked, what they said, how they got married."

Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at Roseville Library and a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.

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The Rev. Robert Anderson

The Rev. Robert L. Anderson, 85, of Moorhead, Minn., died March 30, in Fargo. He was born Jan. 18, 1926, in Morris, Ill. He graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, and later from Luther Seminary, St. Paul. On Aug. 28, 1948, Bob married Selma Berge. He was ordained on June 15, 1952.

Pastor Anderson served churches in Cameron, Wis.; Mitchell, S.D.; Moorhead, Minn.; and Kenosha, Wis.; and was pastor at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church from 1961 to 1970. Here, he was known for his sermons. He spoke without notes and directly to the congregation. During his tenure at St. Anthony Park, membership was at its highest, with three services each Sunday and Sunday school classes twice each Sunday morning.

After retirement in 1995, Bob and Selma returned to Moorhead. He was recognized by Luther Seminary in 1995 with the “Faithfulness in Ministry Cross.”

Bob is survived by his wife, Selma; a daughter, Deborah (Laan) Dommer; four sons, David (Diane), Mark (Ann), Daniel (Kim) and Stephen (Christina); a brother, William; and eight grandchildren.

Anderson’s funeral was held April 4 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead.

Floyd Bedbury

Olympian Floyd Curtis Bedbury, 73, of Falcon Heights, died from cancer on March 25. Floyd’s brothers, Alan and Meryl, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Janet Pankonin; daughter Gayle; and brother-in-law Bruce Pankonin (Nancy Darcy). The family extends a special thank you to friend Eric Oftedahl.

Floyd was a two-time Olympic speed skater. His passions were advocating the sport of speed skating, flying, music, photography, world travel, cycling, car racing and being a volunteer coach. He lived his life with charisma and was an inspiration to everyone who had the privilege to meet him. He could go anywhere in the world and find a friend in a complete stranger. His house was always open to those most at need, along with the international athletes he coached. Floyd’s dedication, skill and influence in coaching developed athletes who compete at the National, World Cup and Olympic level.

His funeral service was held March 30 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

James Glynn

James Michael Glynn, 83, died March 15. He was a Korean War veteran and received an Army Bronze Star.

James is survived by his children, Thomas, Karen (Jeff), David (Jean), Daniel, Larry (Debbie) and Merri (John); two brothers, Thomas (Barbara) and John (Donna); a sister, Eleanor; 15

grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering was held March 27 at Lauderdale City Hall, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Lorraine Huberty

Lorraine M. Huberty (née Andrews), 88, formerly of Como Park, died March 23. A World War II Navy vet, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and a brother and a sister. Lorraine is survived by her sons, Donald (Deborah), Richard, James (Bonnie) and Charles (Marie); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church March 28, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jerry Jenkins

Geraldine (Jerry) Schoech Jenkins, 87, formerly of Falcon Heights, died March 22. She was born Dec. 17, 1924, in Blakesburg, Iowa. Her

father was a roadmaster for the Milwaukee Railroad, which meant there were several moves throughout her childhood to various small towns in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. She graduated in 1942 from Liberty High School in Liberty, Mo., and went on to William Jewell College in the same town. Jerry graduated in 1946 with a degree in English and theater arts. (President Harry Truman was the speaker at her commencement ceremony.)

In August 1946, she married James Jerome Jenkins. They remained in Liberty for a year while James finished his bachelor’s degree and Jerry taught high school English. The couple moved to Minnesota, where James attended graduate school and Jerry worked in the Counseling Bureau at the University of Minnesota. They were lucky to live in a Quonset hut in the university’s Veterans Village during the post-World War II housing shortage. (The hut had a toilet; however, the laundry and shower facilities were communal and one had to tramp through the snow to

get there.)

The couple moved to a contemporary home on Folwell Avenue in the University Grove area of Falcon Heights in 1958. The birth of their first child rendered the new family home too small and they moved to a larger brick home down the street in the “older” section of the Grove.

Jerry served on the first Guthrie Theater Board of Directors in 1964, one year after the theater was founded, and had the opportunity to work with artistic director Sir Tyrone Guthrie. That same year, she served as president of the Falcon Heights League of Woman Voters. (Or, as the family used to call it, “The Leaky Women Voters.”)

Jerry ran for the state Legislature in 1968, when few women held or ran for office. She was endorsed by the DFL and ran against incumbent Bob Bell. Although she did not win the election, she blazed a trail for other women to be active in government and run for office.

In 1972, the family experienced a tremendous loss when Ricky (their

firstborn) died of Hodgkin’s disease. In spite of her grief and unbearable loss, Jerry forged on to achieve many great things.

In 1973, she received the League of Women Voters Hope Washburn Award.

While working for the league, she wrote the third edition of *Indians in Minnesota*. From 1975 to 1977, Jerry was the president of the state chapter of the League of Women Voters. During that time, she managed to squeeze in an acting stint with a Theatre in the Round production of “Waltz of the Toreadors” and served as president of the Alexander Ramsey High School PTA.

In the late 1970s, Jerry and James split up. It was at that time that Jerry became the community organizer for District 12. She held this position for several years and then was promoted to citizen participation coordinator for the City of St. Paul. She retired from that position, one she truly loved, in 1991.

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Area plant sales abound in May

By D.J. Alexander

If the mom in your life enjoys gardening, you're sure to find a special gift at the Friends School Plant Sale Mother's Day Weekend, May 6–8. This year, sale organizers have promised to improve the checkout snafu inside the State Fair Grandstand. Last year, they admit, they lost control of the line of shoppers, which snaked both ways for half a mile, wandering through four dozen varieties of heirloom tomatoes and countless potted herbs before turning left between the blooming jungles of perennials and annuals.

The largest plant sale under one roof in the Midwest, not to mention an outdoor annex of native exotics, fruit trees, berry bushes and more, the Friends School extravaganza will open Friday, May 6, at 9 a.m.—two hours earlier than last year—and run until 8 p.m. It will open Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and Sunday, May 8, noon–4 p.m.

If you plan to go to the sale, here are some suggestions: Take a look at the sale's plant-location map at www.friendschoolplantsale.com well in advance to plan your purchases.

Park free in State Fair lots or on fairgrounds streets and walk over (with your little red wagon, if you have one) to the Grandstand

entrance. That way, if you buy more than you had intended, you can always drive by the pickup area after you've checked out to load your Mother's Day booty in the car.

If you know Mom would love to go to the sale—but without you—it's possible to purchase gift certificates from the Friends School website this year in amounts of \$25 to \$100 (www.fsmn.org/plant-sale-gift).

An extra bonus for 2011: For the first time, the plant sale will take place the same weekend as the Living Green Expo. The Expo sprawls over several buildings near the Fairgrounds' east gate, filling the Fine Arts, Creative Activities, 4-H and Education buildings with loads of smart energy ideas, eco-business displays and a chance to win a deluxe "green wedding." The Expo will run two days, Saturday, May 7, (9 a.m.–6 p.m.) and Sunday, May 8 (9 a.m.–4 p.m.).

The Friends School sale is one of many plant sales in May that benefit area schools and nonprofits. Here's a list of a few others:

- St. Anthony Park Elementary School's parent organization, SAPSA, will sell a variety of plants outside the school on Thursday, May 5, noon–5

p.m. and Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and 5:30–8 p.m.

- Parkway Garden Club's annual perennial plant sale will be Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at 1407 Arundel St., St. Paul. The sale will feature proven plants from members' gardens. For more information, contact Nanette Boudreau at parkwaygardenclub@comcast.net or call 651-353-4284..

- ANSR, the Association for Nonsmokers–Minnesota, will hold its 28th annual plant sale May 20 and 21, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at 1647 Laurel St., St. Paul. The sale will feature heirloom tomatoes and a wide assortment of homegrown perennials for sun and shade. All proceeds benefit ANSR. For more information, call 651-646-3005 or go to www.ansrmn.org and follow the link to the Garage/Plant sale.

- The Northern Horticulture Club Annual Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m.–noon, at Corpus Christi School, 2131 Fairview Ave. N., Roseville. Hundreds of plants will be available. Call 651-482-0450 for more information.

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

St. Anthony Park Garden Club's sale and garden tour set for June

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club is planning a busy summer with a plant sale, garden tour and planting projects at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

The garden club will host its annual plant sale at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on Saturday, June 4. The sale, as always, will be located at Park Service on Como Avenue and will include hundreds of plants: annuals, perennials, natives, heirloom tomatoes and houseplants.

The club's semi-annual Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 25. This popular tour will feature a distinguished English garden, several rain gardens, a stylized, formal garden, a potager garden, a newly designed rock garden and a variety of others. Tickets will be available after

June 1 at Micawber's, the Bibelot Shop, and Tim and Tom's Speedy Market.

Funds generated from the plant sale and garden tour, along with member dues, help provide financial support for Arbor Day activities, the library plantings, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society Fairgrounds gardens, horticulture student scholarships, invasive species removal and the club's monthly program presentations.

Watch for garden club members working at the St. Anthony Park Library triangle garden (corner of Como and Carter avenues) and the window boxes and planters of the library. The members plan, plant, water, weed and dead-head plants throughout the spring, summer and

early fall.

Garden club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., refreshments are served at 7 p.m., and the program begins at 7:15 p.m.

The club will meet May 3 to hear Debbie Lonnee, a manager at Bailey Nurseries in Newport, Minn., discuss "New and Underused Perennials."

The fall 2011 programs are listed below:

- September 6: "The Safe Six" (how to identify edible mushrooms)
- October 4: "Minnesota natives and their herbal, medicinal, utility, and food uses"
- November 1: "Tis the Season—Holiday seasonal designs and bulb forcing"
- December 6: "Gardens and natural places Down Under"

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club is for gardeners at all levels of expertise. For more information, go to <http://sapcc.org/GardenClub>.

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Business News

Hope Chest for Breast Cancer

Area store marks 10 years of serving patients and families

By Harvey T. Rockwood

Barbara Hensley knew the odds were against her, so she decided not to play the game. She chose to fight back against breast cancer and help women on the same journey. The result is a remarkable fundraising effort that helps provide crucial services to cancer patients and their families.

In 2001, Hensley resigned her corporate executive position with Ceridian Corp. and founded the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer, where she chairs the foundation and is CEO of both Hope Chest Franchising and LeeRyan Corp. The not-for-profit foundation has provided \$1 million in support to more than 2,000 patients in the Twin Cities area in the last 10 years, Hensley said. "We are really making a difference."

Hope Chest raises critical funding by selling upscale furniture, accessories and designer women's clothing donated by individuals, wholesalers and retail businesses. These items are then sold through its company-owned retail stores—one in Orono and the other at 571 Snelling Ave., St. Paul. The company is planning to launch a franchise business.

For Hensley, Hope Chest for Breast Cancer is a deeply personal challenge: over a six-year period, she lost two sisters—one older and one younger—to the disease. She chose to have a double mastectomy as a preventive measure.

"It wasn't a hard decision," she recalled. "It wasn't a question of if I'd get cancer, but when I'd get cancer. At least now I know I'm not going to die of breast cancer."

Hensley and the foundation fight a daily struggle to aid women—and men, too—who face the challenge of living with breast cancer.

Hope Chest for Breast Cancer aids patients in maintaining an equilibrium while undergoing treatment. Many women need help with transportation, shopping and child care, as well as financial assistance for rent and utilities, Hensley said. Some are unable to work due to the side effects of breast cancer treatment.

Among other programs, Hope Chest for Breast Cancer delivers "Meals that Heal" for patients and their families so they can get the nourishment their bodies need during treatment. The organization strives to serve a diverse community that includes many who are under-insured or uninsured.

"For some patients it's almost as if they don't know where their next meal is coming from," Hensley said. Myriad obstacles keep many breast cancer patients from focusing their

full attention on battling the disease, according to Hensley.

"It's something we can do and feel joyful about," Hensley said of the many volunteers who staff the Hope Chest in St. Paul on Snelling Avenue just south of the Hamline University campus.

"I have dedicated my life to this cause," Hensley said. "I love this, I simply love it."

Many of the items displayed at Hope Chest for Breast Cancer come straight from the manufacturers, with the original tags still in place. Upscale shops on Grand Avenue in St. Paul have joined the effort and donated items.

Fine crystal, all types of furniture, artwork, clothing and tableware are prominent at the store. Cabinets and fine wicker pieces catch the eye.

Prices seem to be misprints. There's a top-of-the-line piece from Ethan Allan that was priced at around \$3,300 when it left the manufacturer's warehouse. At Hope Chest, the price is less than \$1,600.

"It's guilt-free shopping," said Hensley, a Texas native. "And we can match every taste."

About a quarter to half of the merchandise shown carries the original tags. In addition, the store's Snelling Avenue facility is available for small gatherings. A bridal shower and a wedding reception were among recent events.

Hope Chest for Breast Cancer will deliver purchases and pick up donated items.

Hensley, a mother of two sons and grandmother of three, has held upper-level management positions at Datakey and Honeywell and was a business instructor at the Wooster campus of Ohio State University. She is a 2003 recipient of Women Venture's "Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained" award, Minnesota Women's Press Change Makers Award and Minnesota Oncology and Hematology Foundation's Star Award. The list of honors is long and includes the 2009 National Trailblazer Award from Wells Fargo and the National Association of Women Business Owners. She was one of three women in the nation to receive it.

The Snelling Avenue store is open Mondays through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 651-642-2850.

Harvey T. Rockwood is a Twin Cities freelance writer.



In 2001, Hensley resigned her corporate executive position with Ceridian Corp. and founded the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer. Photo by Harvey T. Rockwood

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Jerry was on the board of directors for the St. Paul Area Council of Churches and the Stay at Home Block Nurse Program.

Her sons, Rick and Bob, died before her. She is survived by her son, Chris, and daughter, Lynn; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held April 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park, where she was a longtime member, choir member and the first woman warden. Luncheon for funeral guests will follow.

Lillian Koehn

Lillian Mae Koehn, 80, of Falcon Heights, died March 27.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; a son, David; and two brothers, Edward and Martin. She is survived by three daughters, Judith (Patrick Dolan), Janice and Jennifer; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a brother, Robert O'Connor; and a sister, Joan Bruggemann.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 31 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, with inurnment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Wayne Koford

Wayne Ennis Koford, 80, of Lauderdale, died April 4. He was born Sept. 13, 1930, in St. Paul. Wayne met and married Vivian Lundberg in 1950. They lived in Lauderdale, where they raised three sons and a daughter. Wayne retired from Hamm's Brewery after 31 years and worked for the City of Lauderdale in maintenance until he was 65.

In the past years, Wayne lived in Pine City, Minn., with his daughter Sharon, and his loyal dog Maggie.

He is survived by his sons, Terry (Betsy), David (Sandy) and Steve (Leanne); daughter Sharon; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Wayne was known as godfather to Jody, Jamie and Jeff Glauvitz.

The stories and memories of the camping trips, hunting and family get-togethers will be repeated and enjoyed for years to come.

A Remembering was held at the home of son Terry Koford on April 17.

Priscilla Knoblauch

Priscilla Genevieve Haas Knoblauch, 84, passed away March 29 surrounded by family members. She lived in Roseville at the time of her death but had been a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park.

Priscilla was born in Loyal, Wis., Jan. 16, 1927. Her family lived on a dairy farm but moved to St. Anthony Park in her senior year of high school. She graduated from Murray High School. She also attended the University of Minnesota and St. Agatha's Conservatory of Music and was a graduate of St. Catherine University. She served as organist for 60 years at the original Corpus Christi Church and then at St. Anne's Church in White Bear Lake.

Priscilla married Harry C. Knoblauch on Jan. 6, 1951, and raised 11 children in a house on Grantham Street, next door to Murray High School. She was known as "Mimi" to her 11 grandchildren.

She was a charter member of the Fatima Guild, served on the Corpus Christi Church worship committee and was an active member of the Women's Guild and St. Anthony Park American Legion Auxiliary.

Priscilla was a self-taught sewer. Her passion grew from making her own clothes to making all of her children and grandchildren's matching outfits for Christmas and Easter, which included dresses and coats. Later she expressed her love of sewing through her fleece "Mimi blankets and pillows."

She volunteered at the St. Anthony Park Leisure Center on behalf of Corpus Christi and provided faithful friendship with St. Rose caregivers and grief group. She loved her birthday group, formed 60 years ago. Priscilla shared her talent of playing the piano, making chocolate chip cookies and giving away many fleece blankets. She was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and supporter of her children's and grandchildren's activities.

Priscilla was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; her sons, Michael and two infants; her sister,

Patricia MacPherson; and her brother, Allan Haas. She is survived by her children, Mary (Larry) Schreifels, Mark (Joyce), Joan (Richard Day), Jean Mahowald, Anne, Sue, Sarah, John (Kathy), Julie, Joseph and Thomas (Amy); and 11 grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Pam Dolan and Penny (Kiyomi) Kochiya; a sister-in-law, Kathryn "Kitty" Felion; and a brother-in-law, Joseph (Margery) Knoblauch.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 4 at Church of Corpus Christi in Roseville, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Lois Lilygren

Lois Michaelson Lilygren, 85, died at her Newport News, Va., home on March 21, after a long battle with cancer. She grew up in St. Anthony Park and graduated from Murray High School in 1943. In 1939, as a freshman student there, she was elected homecoming queen. (After Lois won, the rules were quickly changed to state that only senior girls could compete.)

She attended the University of Minnesota and then joined Northwest Airlines as a flight attendant and flew Pacific Northwest routes for several years.

After her airline career, Lois was a stenographer for a law firm in St. Paul. She re-connected with her neighbor and high school classmate, Dick Lilygren, who had joined the U.S. Air Force and was about to move to South Carolina. They married in Sumter, S.C., on Armed Forces Day, May 15, and began a 46-year adventure through four states, three continents, four children, three dogs, three cats, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and ski slopes, golf courses and travels too numerous to mention. Lois packed and moved her family at least 14 times before she and Dick retired in Newport News in 1978, where she continued her active life.

Dick died in 2000. Lois is survived by their children, Molly (Bob) Sherman, Robert (Lindsey), Sara (Alex) May, Ric and David (Holly); and six grandchildren. She is also survived by three siblings, Jack Michaelson, Chuck (Weez) Michaelson and Marge McCarty. Lois lost her older sister, Jean Barneson, in 1994. Her life was celebrated March 25 at Denbigh Presbyterian Church in Newport News.

Lawrence Peterson

Lawrence Peterson, 82, "Grandpa Larry Jr.," of Como Park, died March 15.

Larry served two years in the U.S. Marine Corp. He worked for P.F. Collier and Sons Publishing, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and G&K Services. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, fishing, hunting, golfing and playing cards. He was preceded in death by his son, Brian; two brothers and a sister; and a stepson, James Simpson. Lawrence is survived by his wife, Theresa; four daughters, Gail Shannon of Coon

Rapids, Pamela (Murray) Marlette of Little Falls, Debra (Bob) Leitz of Wisconsin and Jacqui (David) Kaiser of California; a daughter-in-law, Linda Tank of New Brighton; 23 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; four brothers; and two sisters.

A Celebration of Life was held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church March 26, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Helen Pittelkow

Helen "Barbara" (née Henderson) Pittelkow died peacefully on March 22 after living 87 years to the fullest. She was born on July 30, 1923.

Barb was a graduate of Wilson High School. She joined the Navy during World War II and was a proud Wave Veteran. She was stationed in Washington, D.C. She returned home to marry her sailor, Don, and they made their home in Como Park, where she lived for 55 years.

Barb was a member and Past Worthy Matron of St. Anthony Charter O.E.S No. 212 and a member of Daughters of the Nile Mat Sha Temple No. 62 and the Minnesota Porcelain Artists Guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband and siblings, Grace Osgood, Leona Gilbert and Forrest Henderson. She is survived by her sons, James (Mary) Pittelkow and Larrie (Kathy) Pittelkow; three grandsons; and one great-granddaughter. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Bertha Henderson.

A memorial service was held March 27 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home.

Matthew Reither

Matthew Reid Reither, 25, of Falcon Heights, died unexpectedly on April 4. He is survived by his parents, Mark and Carin, and grandmother, Joy McKim. A memorial service was held April 9 at Roseville Covenant Church.

Elizabeth Rowe

Elizabeth Montgomery Rowe, of Brainerd, Minn., formerly of St. Anthony Park, died on April 5 at age 85. "Miss Betty" died from complications of advanced dementia and diabetes.

She graduated from Gilbert (Minn.) High School in 1943, and received her bachelor's degree from Carleton College in Northfield in 1947. In 1969, she received her master's degree from the University of Minnesota Graduate School of Social Work.

Betty achieved a rich career in social work, which included working for the Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Crow Wing County Minnesota Welfare, Brainerd State Hospital and serving as associate dean of students at Hamline University (1969-1984). Even in her final years in memory care Betty lovingly assisted her fellow residents and exhibited an administrative flair for running the place.

Betty and her husband, Rod, raised four daughters. Their home on Branston Street was always a welcome gathering place for their growing girls and stream of friends. She shared their retirement home on Gull Lake with her grown daughters, grandchildren and many friends.

Despite numerous personal tragedies, she always felt she was lucky. She was pleased that she had been able to do the things that she wanted: education, career, marriage, children, travel and retirement at the lake.

Betty was a renowned world traveler, touring the Americas and Europe extensively. Further destinations included China, Russia, Nepal, India, South Africa, Kenya, Australia and New Zealand. An avid bridge player and reader, she loved music and the arts. Betty was also an accomplished swimmer, Scrabble player, public speaker, poet, seamstress, knitter and home-renovator, who dabbled in duck hunting, fishing, golf, gardening and writing.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Maya Oakes; her husband, Rodney Rowe; and daughters, Roberta "Birdi," Rebecca "Becka" Rowe-Costello and Kathryn "Kayce" Bosch. Betty is survived by two sisters, Margaret "Mickey" Eggers and Nancy Linton; a daughter, Janet (Dan McIntyre); eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Norman Spooner

Norman "Bud" Spooner, 90, died April 6, at the St. Anthony Park Home. Bud was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Wabasha, Minn., the youngest child of Avery and Serelda Spooner's 11 children. His family moved to St. Paul when Bud was a boy. He attended Baker Elementary School in South St. Anthony Park.

In his early adulthood, he worked for Groff Paper Co., as did his father. He served his country honorably as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. He was a member of the 3rd Division, 30th Infantry Regiment.

Bud spent most of his adult life working as a mechanic and welder for Wheel Service Co., Trailmobile and Fruehauf Corp. Many residents in the Como Park area will remember him as the friendly face of helpful hardware advice and repair services at the Warner/King True Value Hardware Store in Lexington Plaza for more than 40 years.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, Dorothy (née Christensen); daughter Connie Christenson; son Lon (Rebecca); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was held April 16 at Roselawn Cemetery Chapel.

There is no charge for Bugle obituaries. Please alert the Bugle about the death of current or former residents of the area. Send information to Mary Mergenthal at 651-644-1650 or mary.mergenthal@comcast.net.

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Dining Out for Life

KARE-11 meteorologist Sven Sundgaard films his Dining Out for Life PSA at the Finnish Bistro. *Photo by Kristal Leebick*

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Local restaurants are part of Dining Out for Life April 28

KARE-11 meteorologist Sven Sundgaard visited Finnish Bistro April 13 to film a public service announcement for the April 28 Dining Out for Life, an event that raises money for the Aliveness Project. The project is a nonprofit group that provides onsite meals, food shelf and other services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

The Finnish Bistro, 2264 Como Ave., is one of 167 restaurants in the Twin Cities, Duluth and Rochester that will donate a portion of their proceeds on April 28 to the project.

This is the first year the Bistro has participated in the program. A platinum participant, it will give 35 percent of the day's proceeds to the project, said Tim Marburger, the

Aliveness Project's director of fundraising and special events. Muffuletta, which is across the street at 2260 Como Ave., is also participating in Dining Out for Life.

Last year, the Aliveness Project served 1,600 people—from infants to people in their 80s—who are living with HIV, Marburger said. Dining Out for Life raised \$161,000 in 2010; this year's goal is \$170,000. You can find out more at www.aliveness.org or call 612-822-7946.

message. In addition, the new space will have a lobby that provides a place where students can wait for a class to start, look at yoga books and have a cup of tea. The studio had planned to be using the new space by the first week of May. The current space will be maintained as a healing arts center.

Bliss Yoga Studio expands current space and its name

Bliss Yoga Studio, 1563 Como Ave., is expanding at its current location and changing its name to Bliss Yoga and Wellness Center. The new space will have a larger studio and a separate room for yoga therapy and

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