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Como names four award-winning trees

By Sharon Shinomiya

For too long Como Park resident Val Cunningham witnessed what she considered too many mature, healthy trees being cut down in her neighborhood. So in 2010, the avid birder and environmentalist, along with other members of District 10’s Environment Committee, launched the Como Tree Appreciation Awards program.

This spring the committee solicited nominations from area residents and in June selected four neighborhood trees to honor.

The program aims to draw attention to the outstanding trees in the Como Park neighborhood, to encourage residents to value their trees and to inspire them to plant new trees, especially when an old tree has been removed due to disease or damage.

“It’s always depressing to see a ring appear on a tree and then to see the city crew show up and a big, old tree that provided shade and food for birds for decades falls to the ground,” Cunningham said. “We lost a big, old elm in our own backyard last year, and it really was a loss. We’ve planted a pin oak near the same spot, and it’s so wonderful to watch that little tree grow, and to anticipate the

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Beth Eckhardt, Eric Korbach and their children, Evelyn and Henry, stand before their award-winning Eastern cottonwood. Photo by Sharon Shinomiya

LGA cuts hit hard in Lauderdale

City looks at opening municipal liquor store, reducing police services

By Kristal Leebrick

When Lauderdale residents gather for the annual city celebration A Day in the Park on Saturday, Aug. 20, something will be missing.

The storied parade that wound through the residential streets of this inner ring suburb of 2,364 people each August for years has been canceled due to budget cuts.

City Council member Mary Gaasch’s 7-year-old daughter cried when she heard the news, Gaasch said. “She wanted to bring her piggy bank to City Hall,” to help with the city’s budget crunch.

Eliminating a summertime parade that took staff time to organize is a mere nod to the belt-tightening the city has experienced in the last four years, as the state cut local government aid (LGA) to cities.

Between 2008 and 2010, Lauderdale, with a city budget of about \$1.13 million—more than half of which goes toward public safety—saw its state aid cut by \$208,524. The state budget recently signed by Gov. Mark Dayton cuts an additional \$214,848 from the city’s

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Voyageur Skies

New book chronicles the seasons at Voyageurs National Park, looks at climate change in state’s wilderness

By Judy Woodward

Is there anything that stirs the blood of a true Minnesotan faster than the prospect of a weekend in an idyllic wilderness locale like Voyageurs National Park? Even better, a weekend equipped with a brief but memorable weather event of the sort that confers bragging rights. (The kind that makes one want to wear a T-shirt that says, “I survived the Big Freeze”—or the Big Blow or the Big Heat Wave—take your pick.)

For those without a thrilling weekend plan in the works, two longtime area residents have put together the next best thing: *Voyageur Skies: Weather and the Wilderness in Minnesota’s National Park* (Afton

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When Don Breneman decided to publish 40 years worth of photographs from Voyageurs National Park, he knew he wanted it to be more than a coffee table book. Photo by Don Breneman

C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

The District 10 Land Use Committee is asking for community input on a **variance request submitted by the Java Train Cafe**, 1341 Pascal St. The restaurant has applied for a beer and wine license but needs a parking variance before the application can be considered.

Residents are encouraged to attend a meeting on Monday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. at Java Train to be part of the discussion.

For more information, contact Jessica at 651-644-3889 or district10@district10comopark.org.

District 10 is looking to fill a **subdistrict 3 board position**. This is a great way to be a voice in your neighborhood and to play a part in fostering a friendly, active and safe community.

All residents and business owners residing in subdistrict 3 are eligible to serve. Subdistrict 3 is bordered by Victoria Avenue on the west, Dale Street on the east, Larpenteur Avenue on the north and Maryland Avenue on the south.

Falcon Heights

The city of Falcon Heights is one of seven Minnesota cities that have achieved the designation of Step Two in the **Minnesota GreenStep Cities** project. GreenStep is a voluntary program that helps cities achieve sustainability through implementing actions that focus on cost savings and energy-use reduction and encourage innovation. Falcon Heights was one of five pilot cities in 2010. Now, 25 cities statewide have joined the program.

Step Two is the highest designation to date. For a status report on the city of Falcon Heights' efforts, visit the GreenSteps website, greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/cityInfo.cfm?ctu_code=2394738.

The city has also begun to measure the carbon footprint of the entire city and is analyzing the amount of trash collected, number of vehicle trips within the city, amount of water used and other items. The analysis will allow the city to focus sustainability efforts on areas where improvement can best be measured and implemented. For more information, contact Justin Miller, the city administrator, 651-792-7611 or justin.miller@falconheights.org.

The third annual **Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family 5K Fun Run** is back this summer. Take pleasure in some morning exercise and neighborly conversations and support your local park system on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8 a.m. at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. Race day registration and check-in will begin at 7 a.m. The fee is \$15 for an individual or \$40 for a group or family of up to four people. Registration can be done online at www.falconheights.org or by calling Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation at 651-792-7617. Stay after the run to enjoy complimentary fruit and bagels.

Lauderdale

Lauderdale's annual **A Day in the Park** is Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon to 3 p.m. Food, games and activities begin at noon. Music by Lazy Does It begins at 12:30 p.m. There will be speakers at 1:15 p.m. The Roseville

Parks Puppet Wagon Show will perform at 1:45 p.m., and Lazy Does It will perform again at 2:15 p.m. Hamline Auto Body is sponsoring the music.

Due to city budget cuts there will be no parade this year. (See page 1 of the *Park Bugle* for more information.) Past parade participants are invited to be involved in the event in other ways. Contact City Hall, 651-792-7650, to see how you can participate in the summer festival.

Lauderdale and the city of Falcon Heights have teamed up for the third annual **Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family 5K Fun Run**. See the column at left for more information.

St. Anthony Park

The St. Paul City Council will hold a public hearing on the draft **St. Anthony Park Como 2030 Small Area Plan and Zoning Study** on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council chambers at City Hall, Room 300, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd. The study includes all parcels within 150 feet of Como Avenue between Highway 280 and the University of Minnesota transitway. To see the plan, either download it at www.sapcc.org or call Allan Torstenson, principal city planner, 651-266-6579.

After seven community forums sponsored by the Como 2030 Task Force and District 12 Community Council, recommendations were given to the city for adoption into the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The public is invited to comment on the draft plan and zoning study at the public hearing or submit written comments to Office of the City Council, 310 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W. St. Paul, MN 55102.

If you have complaints or concerns

about construction along University Avenue, call the **Central Corridor Construction Hotline** at 651-602-1404. The appropriate person, company or agency to remedy the problem will be contacted.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), in coordination with the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, is holding community forums to discuss a **unified housing strategy for the Central Corridor**. This is an important opportunity for residents, business owners and other stakeholders along the corridor to talk about their vision for future housing development. The second forum will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wilder Foundation, 450 University Ave. W. Attendance at the first forum is not required to participate. All are welcome. You can find out more at <http://www.funderscollaborative.org>. Click on Affordable Housing.

Free recycling bags for renters: Ramsey County has given the St. Anthony Park Community Council recycling bags to give to residents who cannot use the curbside blue bins. If you would like free bags for you or your neighbors, you can pick them up on Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 890 Cromwell Ave. More pickup times will be available in the future. Email amy@sapcc.org if you are interested.

Would you like to be in on decisions affecting the future of St. Anthony Park? **Two seats are available on the St. Anthony Park Community Council Board**. Call Amy at 651-649-5992 or go to www.sapcc.org to learn more.

The **Raymond Avenue Traffic Calming Task Force**, along with community members, met to review

comments from attendees at the community meeting on June 22 and settle on a revised plan. Items addressed at the task force meeting included parking, road configuration, bus stops and assessments. A final community meeting about the proposal will be held Monday, Aug. 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell.

If you are unable to attend the community meeting but would like to provide feedback on the plan, email your comments to lauren@sapcc.org by Monday, Aug. 8. You can also stop by the Community Council office to view the wall-sized map of the project plan (please call first to be sure someone is in the office at 651-649-5992). Visit www.sapcc.org for more information.

A group of community members is meeting monthly to implement a strategy for a **Creative Enterprise Zone** in the Raymond and University area. The vision is a livable, mixed-use neighborhood recognized and sustained as a center of creativity and enterprise. If you are interested in seeing the plan, go to www.sapcc.org/CEZplan.

Recognizing that creative arts and enterprises are one of the foundations of Raymond and University area, the District 10 Community Council is working on many fronts to prevent further displacement of these businesses. We are **surveying local artists and creative enterprises** this summer to get a more complete picture of the type of innovative people and businesses that are working and living here. If you are an artist or work in a creative business, we want to hear from you to help us support our neighborhood's development. Find the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C98MXCH>.



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Area residents quiet as new Sholom Home project progresses

Buyers to build an assisted-living complex with memory-care units

By Harvey T. Rockwood

Neighborhood concerns about plans for a 170-unit assisted-living complex on the site of the former Sholom Home East in St. Paul appear to be abating.

Fewer than a half-dozen residents showed up for a July 19 community discussion at the Historic Streetcar Station, which was sponsored by the District 10 Como Community Council. This, after neighborhood notices were placed for three blocks in each direction from the site at 1554 Midway Parkway, said John Knox, chairman of the community council.

"I really think [the buyers] did a good job of keeping people informed," Knox said.

The building, a familiar one to State Fair-goers who pass it en route, was purchased in June by Traditions LLP Land LCC.

At one time a drug rehabilitation facility was proposed for the site. Fears of parking problems have also been addressed, Knox said.

The building, which offers about 118,000 square feet of space in all, had been unused for more than a year, he said.

The Sholom Alliance sold the Sholom East site building on June 6 to Traditions SP Land, LLC, which plans to establish a 170-unit senior housing facility at the location.

About 19 units will provide specialized memory and dementia

care, while the other units will be devoted to assisted-living services, Knox said.

Issuance of a demolition permit from the city is likely the next and possibly final hurdle to beginning work on the project, Knox said. Work could begin within a month and a half, he said.

The city Planning Commission approved a conditional-use permit in July. You can find out more at www.district10comopark.org or by calling the District 10 Community Council Office, 651-644-3889.

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Commercial solar brightens businesses' balance sheets

Incentives shorten payback time for expensive investments

By Anne Holzman

A combination of tax incentives, grants and plain old market demand is turning solar power into a good business investment and offering another opportunity to “buy local.”

Although purchase and installation of photovoltaic panels is still too expensive for most businesses to swallow, Xcel Energy has been offering a rebate, Minnesota has offered a tax credit, municipalities offer their own incentives, and at least one local solar-installation company says in some circumstances it will trade services for advertising.

As the city of St. Paul rolls out demonstration projects in the next few months, a St. Anthony Park business has already decked its roofs with photovoltaic panels and begun reaping the savings on utility bills.

Wellington Management has installed the panels on four commercial buildings, including its offices on Energy Park Drive just west of Snelling Avenue and recently bought a largely solar-powered building, the Green Institute's former headquarters in Minneapolis.

While the new equipment hasn't taken them off the electrical grid, Wellington has seen savings on utility bills in the year since installation, said project manager Dave Bergstrom.

Those savings would take a long time to cover the cost of installation if it weren't for state and federal tax incentives, which reduce the payback

The city of St. Paul's emerging solar program includes a heating system at the new Como pool and a roof panel soon to be installed at South St. Anthony Recreation Center.

period from perhaps 20 years down to “five to eight years,” Bergstrom said.

The incentives—many of them still relying on federal economic-stimulus funds—are designed to bring demand to the point where solar power becomes a sensible investment, according to Anne Hunt, St. Paul mayor's office environmental policy director. She thinks that time is near.

“The price of solar is coming down,” Hunt said.

The city's emerging solar program includes a heating system at the new Como pool, which will open in 2012, and a roof panel soon to be installed at South St. Anthony Recreation Center.

The new electric car-charging station to be installed in the south parking lot at Como Lakeside Pavilion will also be solar-powered.

“We're trying to demonstrate on our public buildings the great potential of solar,” Hunt said.

The South St. Anthony Recreation Center project will be paid for by federal stimulus funds allocated by the state to develop the Central Corridor area, Hunt said, and Xcel's \$2.25-per-watt rebate covered almost half of the \$35,000 cost.

The St. Paul Planning Commission has been reviewing the city's zoning specifications for their effect on solar installations and will likely recommend changes to the

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National Children's Study recruiting new mothers

By Judy Woodward

Mothers-to-be, if you live in the *Park Bugle* readership area (St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Lauderdale or Falcon Heights), are pregnant or may become pregnant in the near future, researchers at the University of Minnesota want to talk to you.

The team at the U is part of a national task force that is recruiting participants for what will be the largest and most extensive study of children's health and development ever undertaken in the United States. The National Children's Study (NCS) will establish a database containing a statistically representative sample of families from all over the nation. Families are being sought from more than 100 counties nationwide, including 16 neighborhoods in Ramsey County.

Children who take part in the study will be followed from their prenatal days until their 21st birthdays—and perhaps beyond—in what scientists hope will be a landmark study of factors affecting children's health and development. Families will be asked to fill out questionnaires; blood and urine samples may be collected; and the

children's growth and development will be tracked in many different ways.

Nationally, the NCS plans to enroll more than 100,000 children in a decades-long examination of the interactions between children's health and their family and neighborhood environments.

Eventually, data from the study may be used to untangle medical mysteries ranging from asthma to attention deficit disorder to the relationship between environmental factors such as air and water quality and children's susceptibility to certain health problems. The range of potential areas of study is enormous and limited only by the researchers' individual academic interests. The University of Minnesota team includes experts in fields as diverse as maternal postpartum health, health-plan design and environmental-risk assessment.

Como Park resident Wendy Hellerstedt, associate professor of epidemiology and community health and a co-investigator of the study, says her interest is reproductive epidemiology: “How does the quality

of the fetal environment affect adult risk for disease?” Someday, Hellerstedt may draw on the study to determine the relationship between occupational and psychological stressors in pregnant women and health outcomes for their children in later life, but for now, she says, “We're collecting basic, but critical, data.”

What are the benefits to signing up for the study? The modest payments being offered to participants should not be considered the main incentive, Hellerstedt says. “People need to know that they're making a contribution. The study has the potential to make life better for future generations,” she notes, but not unless it can attract participating families. She would like to tell potential participants, “We need you.”

There is no question that longitudinal studies like the NCS can be of inestimable benefit to research. The University of Minnesota is famous for another longitudinal research project, the Minnesota Twin Family Study, which has been

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EDITORIAL

First the good news, then the bad news

It's been one hot, turbulent summer—and we're not just talking about the tornadoes, floods and record-setting dew points. Most of the summer has been taken up with the state budget debate, and for those of us in the Central Corridor area, road construction. And then we have the Minnesota Twins. Here is our take on the good, the bad and the ugly of summer 2011.

The good:

Minnesota state employees are back to work and our rest areas and parks are open again!

The bad:

The state lost millions of dollars in the 20-day shutdown, including lost revenue from lottery sales, tax audits and state park fees. The full cost isn't expected to be known for some time.

The good:

The University of Minnesota will receive \$545.3 million, about \$50 million more than it was to get under the bill passed during the regular legislative session.

The bad:

That puts state support of this land-grant university back to 1998 funding levels, according to University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler, who took office July 1.

The bad:

MnSCU—the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System comprising 31 state-supported technical colleges, community colleges and state universities—is in line to receive \$545.4 million a year for the next biennium, a cut of \$120 million. It is the fourth straight year of budget cuts for MnSCU, whose appropriation will be lower than the one received in 1999. Since then, the number of students served by the system has risen by nearly 51,000.

The ugly:

What we just said.

The good or the bad and the ugly:

Republicans in the Legislature succeeded in blocking Gov. Mark Dayton from raising income taxes on the top earners in the state. Whether you deem that good or bad depends on your frame of reference—and your income. Now we can expect to see a rise in local property taxes in response to state spending cuts.

Those living on fixed incomes are hit especially hard by property tax hikes, yet it appears Minnesota is continuing a trend of shifting the tax burden from income tax to the property tax. An article on MinnPost.com last year citing the Minnesota Department of Revenue noted that the income tax is projected to make up 35 percent of all state and local taxes we will pay in 2013, down from 37.4 percent in 2006. Meanwhile, property taxes are

making up a good share of the difference: projected to rise to 33.1 percent of our tax burden in 2013, up from 30.1 percent in 2006.

The bad:

Close to home, the Legislature's decision to cut local government aid is hitting the city of Lauderdale particularly hard. The city is asking its residents to attend a public meeting Thursday, Aug. 24, to address ideas to increase revenue and cut the budget. (See story on page 1.) The city of about 2,300 has a very small industrial and commercial tax base. This means it is hard for the city to raise enough property tax income to pay for city services, many of which are mandated by the state. Lauderdale is considering opening a municipal liquor store to raise revenue and reducing its contracted police services.

The bad, the ugly and more:

Once again the Legislature has kicked the education budget can down the road. The central provision of the state's \$13.6 billion K–12 education budget bill is a \$700 million delay in state aid payments for schools. That means, once again, school districts will need to borrow money to meet their obligations. And borrowed money comes with interest payments. The beneficiaries? The institutions that give out loans.

The state did add \$50 for every student to help offset those interest payments that the banks will be charging the schools, but 40 percent of that new money will be delayed as well. Last year, 30 percent of state payments to the public schools was put on hold.

The bad:

Matt Capps.

The good:

Joe Nathan.

Again, the bad:

Light-rail construction along University Avenue is not going away anytime soon, but we still need to complain about it. The traffic is aggravating. The clogged road and lack of clear signage are deterrents enough to turn many of us away from the area, and that is hurting the businesses. If there is a business you cherish along the Central Corridor, it's now or never. Support them. Now.

The good:

We end our list on a high note.

Fireflies, or lightning bugs (as some of us who grew up in other parts of the country call them), have been seen twinkling in our backyards in the last month, something many Twin Cities dwellers haven't experienced in years.

We see the return of these luminescent beetles as a harbinger of better days to come.

LETTERS

Take my lawnmower or rescind the tax cut I bought it with

Ten years ago, Governor Ventura pushed for a tax cut because Minnesota had a budget surplus. I received a refund of \$400 and bought a new lawnmower. That was the last we heard about state surpluses and we have been cutting school budgets, health care and our infrastructure ever since. While I liked my new lawnmower, I now regret the tax cuts and plan to return the lawnmower to the State Legislature. Maybe they could sell it at a garage sale to help with the budget deficit.

If the Legislature can't use the lawnmower, I'm asking them to rescind the tax cuts I have received over the years.

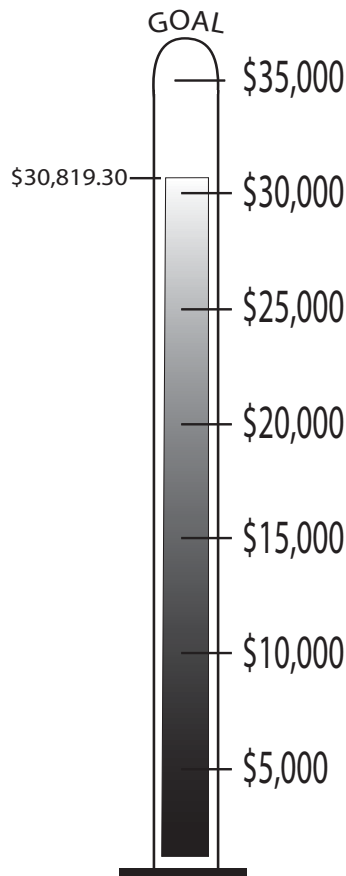
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Celebrate Community Garden Day

The St. Anthony Park Community Gardens will celebrate Community Garden Day Saturday, Aug. 6, with live music, a tomato tasting and a pie potluck from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the gardens, located at Robbins Street and Raymond Avenue in south St. Anthony Park.

Coat Pocket Whiskey, a local folk and bluegrass band, will perform. Finnish Bistro will donate desserts for the event.

The St. Anthony Park Community Gardens are one of more than 40 community gardens hosting events to celebrate Community Garden Day.

Gardening Matters, a nonprofit group dedicated to sustainable community gardening and neighborhood-based urban agriculture, has an online map of participating gardens and information about activities at each site that day. Contact information for individual gardens is posted with each garden's map entry. Go to www.gardeningmatters.org to see the map.

Other area gardens hosting celebrations that day include:

• **Eleanor Graham Community Garden**, 1335 Ashland Ave., St.

Paul, will have gardeners available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **Peace Garden**, 1744 Walnut St., Lauderdale, will celebrate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with music, a storyteller, food preservation demonstrations and more.

• **The U of M Comercochia Student Organic Farm**, west of Dudley Avenue at Field Road N, Falcon Heights, will have student interns sharing produce samples and food-production information from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fringe returns to Gremlin Theatre

The Minnesota Fringe will return to the Gremlin Theatre, 2400 University Ave., Aug. 4-14, with 11 plays and four to seven performances each day. The Gremlin is the only St. Paul venue in this year's festival.

The Minnesota Fringe is a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization that hosts an 11-day theater festival each August. The Fringe does not judge, jury or censor the work that's performed during the festival. Applicants are selected by lottery.

All plays are no more than 60 minutes long and can range from comedy to drama to spoken word to dance. After purchasing a \$4 admission button, single adult tickets are \$12. A five-ticket pass is \$50; a

10-ticket pass is \$100.

Each of the shows scheduled at the Gremlin will be performed a number of times throughout the festival. Go to the Fringe website, www.fringefestival.org/2011, to find out more. Click on "locations" to find out the schedule for a specific venue.

Gremlin theater-goers can use the parking lot behind U.S. Bank, across the street and kitty-corner from the theater.

The Fringe opens at the Gremlin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, with "The Duties and Responsibilities of Being a Sidekick," by the Barkada Theater Project. Other shows scheduled for the Gremlin include:

- "Recovery," by Michael Loretta Productions
- "Change Your Underwear, Change Your Life," by Swell Gal Shows
- "Four Clowns," by 4 Clowns
- "Nightmare Man," by Studio Alethea Productions
- "Green Eyes," by Anna Sundberg and Matt Rein
- "Primordial Dreams," by Gayatri
- "The Silent Room: A Worker's Musical," by New Proletkult
- "Word. The Urban Musical," by Pirtlean Entertainment
- "YARRH! The Lusty, Busty Pirate Musical," by Fortune's Fool Theatre
- "Box and Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung," by TheGonzoGroupTheatre

Cut home energy costs this summer

There are a number of ways you can keep your energy bill low during the hot summer months, according to Megan Swenson of Warners' Stellan appliance stores. Swenson lists these energy-saving tips:

- Stop rinsing dishes. Rinsing dishes before putting them in the dishwasher wastes up to 20 gallons of water.
- Use fewer dishes. Cook and serve in the same dish. You'll use your dishwasher less often.

- Switch to warm or cold water in the wash. Water heating consumes approximately 90 percent of the total energy it takes to operate your clothes washer. Cut your energy use in half by switching from hot to warm; washing with cold water reduces it even more.
- Use the "right-sized" cooking pot. By using pots that completely cover your stove burners, your kitchen will stay cooler and your food cooks faster.
- Move your refrigerator away from

heat. Placing it away from the stove, dishwasher or heat vents allows it to stay cooler. Always make sure your fridge is sealed airtight; keeping it stocked also cuts down on energy use.

- Use your oven wisely. Microwaves use half as much electricity as regular ovens. Save even more by defrosting frozen food in the refrigerator, instead of the microwave.
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Trees can help reduce home-cooling costs and serve as windbreaks to help reduce winter heating costs. They also increase property values.

One of this year’s award-winning trees belongs to Eric Korbach and Beth Eckhardt, who

bought their home at 1340 E. Como Blvd. six years ago. The massive Eastern cottonwood in a beautifully landscaped back yard was a positive selling point for them. Its base measures a whopping 16 feet around. It is likely the tree was growing there before the house was built in 1938. During a storm four years ago, the couple lost nearly a quarter of the old cottonwood. It remains attractive to the neighborhood bald eagle that frequents nearby Lake Como and settles in the tree to eat its catch, leaving fish scraps and muskrat tails for the couple to clean up below. The tree was nominated by Rick Thomas, who has been watching the tree grow since he was a youth.

Dawn Lamm and Bill and Adelle Niebur admire the mature Northern catalpa in their neighbors’ front yard. In their nomination of that tree, they said it “shouts a northern spring” to them as it “spirals to the sky with its large orchid-type blossoms” and sweet scent. The tree belongs to Rosa and Warren Poole, who have lived in the 1904 farmhouse at 795 W. Arlington Ave. for 27 years. The tree, which was there when they moved in, is one of many mature trees on the broad sloped lawn leading up to the house.

The majestic white pine that stands near the property line in Jerod and Jen Klava’s front yard at 1565 Chelsea St. played an indirect role in bringing them together with their new next-door neighbors after they moved in six years ago. Jerod Klava summoned them for help when the ladder he was using to clear pine needles from his gutters fell away. The tree was nominated by Susan Jane Cheney, who admires this uncommon residential tree as she passes by on her walks.

The fourth award-winning tree was nominated by Cunningham. The tree, a towering spruce, is an anchor for the neighborhood and wildlife, Cunningham said, and she finds it reassuring to look out and see it standing there. Neighbors have watched the little spruce at 1362 McKinley St. grow since it was planted long ago as a 25th wedding anniversary gift to previous homeowners from their children. Ruth Myers has owned the house and huge tree for 12 years.

Cunningham hopes these awards will increase people’s awareness and respect of their trees and inspire them to plant more trees.

Sharon Shinomiya lives in Como Park.

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2011 and 2012 budgets.

“I’m gravely concerned about the cuts to LGA and the future of small cities and big cities in Minnesota,” Gaasch said. If the city does not find a way to raise revenue, she said, “Lauderdale will not be able to survive.”

The Lauderdale City Council is asking residents to attend an Aug. 24 meeting to give feedback on some cost-cutting and revenue-generating actions that include opening a municipal liquor store, reducing the number of hours of police patrol services or consolidating with another city—an option “almost too horrible to contemplate,” Gaasch said. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

“I was shocked to see that one of the options is consolidation,” said State Rep. Mindy Greiling, whose district includes Lauderdale, Roseville and the city of St. Anthony. “That tells me how very serious it is. They only have one police officer. They really have nothing left to cut. My other two cities, St. Anthony village and Roseville, are flusher and bigger and don’t even get LGA, and now Lauderdale is squeaking by.

“There needs to be a fair way to give police and fire services and maintain roads for people in all towns without having the people living there absorb it all with property taxes,” Greiling said. “I am a strong believer in local government aid.”

LGA began as a property tax-relief program in the 1971 “Minnesota Miracle,” a series of legislative reforms that changed the way state government was financed.

It was established to provide fairness in property taxation across the state. The underlying philosophy of the program is that all

communities have the right to basic services such as police and fire protection, libraries, parks and recreation programs and safe roads. Cities pay for these services through a combination of property-tax revenue and state LGA payments. The state distributes LGA to cities based on a formula that identifies a city’s ability to raise revenues. Cities with higher property wealth, like Roseville and the city of St. Anthony, do not receive LGA. Municipalities with little industrial or commercial property, like Lauderdale, can’t cover the costs of public services through property tax revenues alone. LGA helps cover those costs.

The city of Lauderdale budgeted for potential 2011 and 2012 cuts through spending cuts and staff wage freezes. Yet, in 2012, even if the city eliminated all non-mandated services, such as city events, staffing at the ice rink warming house, park and recreation programming, the city newsletter and one of its five city staff members, a significant budget gap would remain.

“We can raise our levy, but we can’t raise it enough to cover all the different potential costs,” said Gaasch. “If we had no LGA at all and tried to raise the levy we could never raise it enough to provide the services that the state mandates.”

Those mandates, which include stormwater management and election administration, take up an estimated 50 percent of staff time.

“Cutting staffing is not always an option,” Gaasch said. “The only way to cut costs is to cut police services.” Public safety is the largest chunk of the city’s budget: 56.4 percent or \$637,787. Lauderdale contracts with the St. Anthony Police Department for one 24-hour patrol

(at a cost of \$605,278 per year) and the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department (\$32,500 per year).

And the only option for revenue generation is the municipal liquor store, she said. “I myself don’t drink. I never imagined I’d be in the position to say let’s try this out.” Bringing a municipally run business to the Larpenteur and Eustis area could bring other business to the area, Gaasch said.

She knows that some residents on Larpenteur Avenue are concerned about development along that street, “but it’s been zoned [for that type of development] for many years.” The positive aspect of having a municipal liquor store is the city can control and influence the kind of business that develops there, Gaasch said.

Concerns that a liquor store would bring more crime to the area aren’t warranted, Gaasch said.

St. Anthony Police Chief John Ohl said that crime is not an issue, she said. “Bars are a problem, not liquor stores.”

“Not one of the fixes would solve the entire problem,” Gaasch said. “If we had some combination of the three, maybe we could become financially independent.”

Greiling would like to see reform in the LGA program. “Some cities are getting more than what they need and some aren’t getting enough. If it’s more fairly distributed you’d get more support for it, but to get rid of it all together is criminal and very, very unfair,” she said.

“We are a rich enough state to be able to afford LGA for those who need it. The governor really fought hard to have it not cut more than it was. It could have been a lot worse. For some cities this is small potato money, but for Lauderdale this is a catastrophe.”



The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

On the trail of the redheaded woodpecker and other racy stories

I went into the woods with a couple of women this past June, and at my age, that's as close as I'll get to a racy story. Bonnie, Val and I were conducting a redheaded woodpecker nest survey at the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, a University of Minnesota study area near East Bethel.

An intern had been to the site to film redheaded woodpecker nestlings and marked the nest areas with little black circles on a satellite image map. There were six such circles in our assigned section of the map. Our goal was to locate the specific nest trees, gather data about the tree and its surrounding habitat and see if there were other nest sites nearby.

Cedar Creek is in the Anoka Sand Plain. The access roads and trails are all sand, so getting close to the marked areas wasn't much of a challenge. Getting near a nest tree itself, however, was a different matter.

Redheaded woodpeckers seem to prefer nesting in oak savannahs: groups of trees in the midst of shorter undergrowth, witch hazel bushes, willows, poison ivy and the like. Navigating this undergrowth is where the hiking gets interesting.

Adding to the challenge is fallen timber concealed beneath more than 3 feet of dense growth. You have to really watch your step. You often step over a large limb only to discover there's another just as large right where you were going to plant your foot. Bonnie calls them ankle-breakers. Those branches and limbs have been charred by prescribed controlled burns, so you'll get charcoal streaks on your pants at least. All in all, there's a lot of stumbling around on my part.

Redheaded woodpeckers are cavity nesters. They seem to favor half-dead oak trees or totally dead standing snags. The nest hole can be anywhere from 8 to 80 feet up in a tree that usually has short understory growth beneath it. This may be so

the birds can see potential predators, or so they can exit the nest hole and drop down a good ways to gain speed before they have to level off and flap their wings.

From the entry road, we had seen a redheaded woodpecker fly toward one of the survey spots on our map. We wanted to get close to where that little black circle was marked on the map and wait and watch. After walking north about a quarter mile into our territory, Bonnie and I left the road and headed to the west, cross-country. Val had it easier. She just went farther up the road to another potential site.

The site Bonnie and I headed toward was about 500 feet away through waist-high brush.

There were a number of potential nest trees in the clearing, so we watched and waited to see the bird return, hoping to see which tree it visited before it left again.

Was the adult carrying food on the way in? Did it crawl into a nest hole or even just stick its head in? If not, maybe it's another tree; can we find a potential nest hole in any one of those trees?

In this case, we saw the redheaded woodpecker enter the stub end of a limb that had broken off high up in the tree.

Once we saw evidence of an active nest site, I bushwhacked over to the base of the tree and took a GPS reading. I then tied a shiny purple ribbon around the tree trunk to enable easier spotting next time we're there.

Bonnie recorded more data, including the tree species, tree status (living, some percent dead, totally dead snag), tree height, cavity height, the direction it faced and description of the understory. And finally, she took a photo of the tree.

We labored back to the road and caught up with Val. She had seen a redheaded woodpecker come in, but it was unclear which tree it was

visiting. We moved back to a side road where we could still see the group of trees.

Soon, a redheaded woodpecker came in to a nearby tree, looked around for a while, then headed right toward a specific tree in the cluster and disappeared into a nest hole just out of our line of sight. Another hit!

Then we went farther north, hiked west again along the edge of a meadow (avoiding the damp slogging through underbrush for a while), then eventually back south to another oak cluster in a clearing. Again, we saw an adult come in, saw it enter a nest hole and repeated our documentation process. We were really getting good at this.

Then it was back south to the southern edge of our territory where three black circles awaited us. With a bit of patient watching (actually hearing the peeping of some nestlings waiting for Mom or Dad to return with some breakfast), we successfully marked the remaining three nest trees, although we had run out of purple ribbon, so we'll have to rely on Bonnie's photos next time.

Our score: six for six. We were all pleased and looking forward to seeing those fledglings on our next visit.

You can find out more about redheaded woodpeckers and learn about the recovery project at www.redheadrecovery.org.

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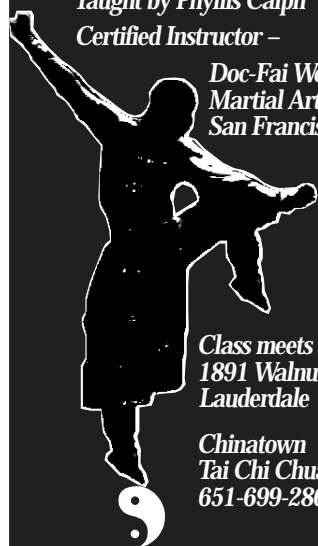
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Voyageur Skies

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Historical Society, 2011), by Don Breneman and Mark Seeley. The book brings a glimpse of the wilderness to even the most hardened urban couch potatoes.

Breneman, a retired University of Minnesota photographer and photo instructor, has been taking pictures since he received his first box camera at age 7. For longer than that, he's been an enthusiastic observer of the changing face of the wilderness area that was designated in 1975 as Voyageurs National Park. Growing up, he spent most weekends at a cabin he and his parents built near Kabetogama Lake. As an adult, he spent countless hours photographing the landscape and wildlife of the park at all times of the year.

When Breneman decided to publish a selection of 40 years worth of photography, "I decided to organize the pictures by season, but I wanted it to be more than just a coffee table book," he says.

Breneman needed a collaborator, and he knew just who to ask. He and University of Minnesota climatologist and St. Anthony Park resident Mark Seeley have known each other since the days when the Breneman family lived on Chilcombe Avenue and "our children played ball together." Seeley, who is well-known to Minnesota audiences from his weather commentary on Minnesota Public Radio, makes the science go down easy with explanations of the meteorological phenomena illustrated by Breneman's sumptuous photos. Seeley also gives an introduction to the park's climate, which offers enough weather extremes, violent storms and rapid temperature changes to delight any weather-watcher.

"Voyageurs is the only place in the state," he says, "where it can be 106 degrees in the summer and 52 below in the winter."

Ask the two if the landscape of

Voyageurs has changed over the decades, and the answer is no—and yes. "If the original French voyageurs returned, they'd feel quite at home in the park," says Breneman. "The landscape has changed very little. And that's a good thing."

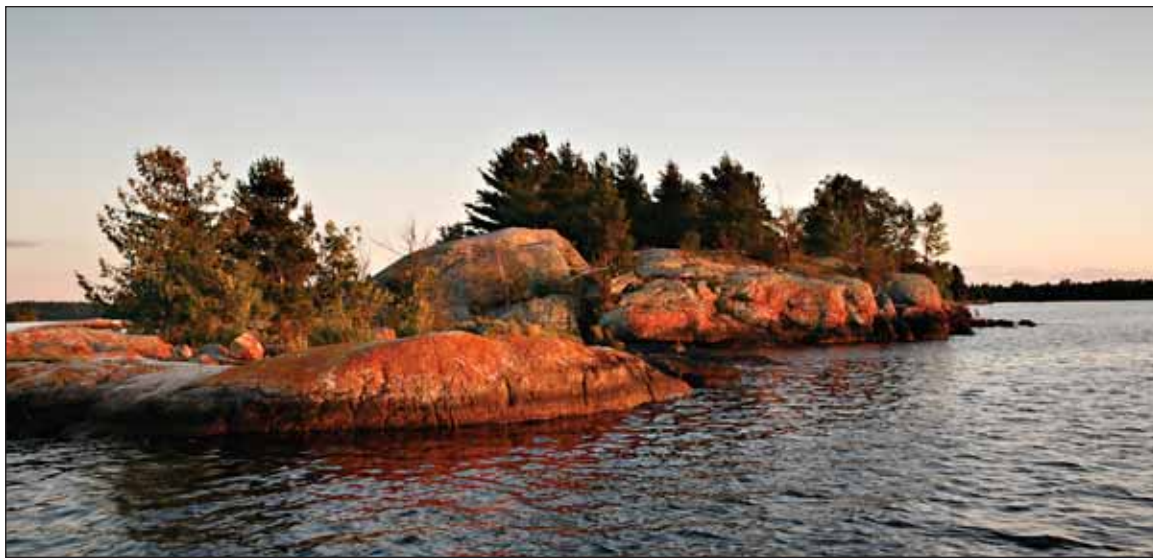
Yes, says Seeley, but "there's



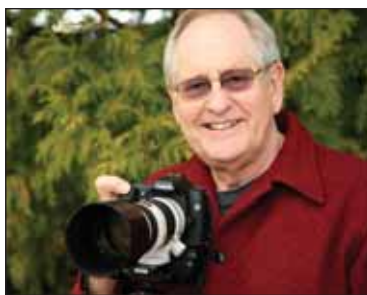
Mark Seeley

more precipitation and higher humidity now. We'll see how the biological consequences in terms of insects and wildlife will play out." Already, he notes, algae forms earlier in lake water in summer and there's been a drop in the moose population, "which may have a climate connection if there's a pathogen involved [that] survives because winters are becoming milder."

Nature photos and climate talk may seem like a natural pairing, but that's partly because the subject is Minnesota, where talk of the weather dominates the conversation to an extent unknown in other regions. "Minnesota is a weather paradise," says Seeley, who grew up in the relatively mild, unchanging climate of Northern California. "It has everything Mother Nature can deliver. Our culture [in Minnesota] has been shaped by the weather. If



Evening sun illumines this orange lichen-covered rock island. Photo by Don Breneman



Don Breneman

you ask people about a wedding or Grandma's funeral, sooner or later they'll describe the weather."

Seeley recalls an episode in April 1982, where in the space of 24 hours, there was a tornado watch followed by a severe thunderstorm warning, and the temperature fell from a balmy 71 to 7 degrees. "You can't dress for weather like that," Seeley says.

When asked to recall a historic weather event that he would like to have witnessed, Breneman answers promptly, "My dad went through the Armistice Day Blizzard [on November 11, 1940] on Kabetogama Lake." The senior Breneman had been duck hunting and, although he made it safely back to the cabin, "the next morning the entire bay was frozen." Unable to use his boat to get back to civilization, he had to walk out. It took him two

days before he was able to reach a telephone to let his family know he was safe.

Seeley's choice of a favorite day betrays a more temperate approach. "About two years ago in October, I was up in the park with the Weather Service. You couldn't roll the dice and come up with a better day. It was like this," he says, as he points to one of Breneman's pictures from the book. A panoramic photo of the shoreline of Sphunge Island on Kabetogama Lake, the image catches a blaze of red and yellow foliage mirrored in the still waters of the lake.

As a professional climatologist, Seeley's description of an ideal day in Voyageurs tends to be a touch quantitative. "A perfect day," he says, "has about 30 percent relative humidity, 75 degrees with light winds. But, for me, a perfect day is cloudy. Chaotic sky with six different cloud forms is perfect. A pure blue sky is boring."

Breneman's version of perfection betrays his photographer's eye: "Early spring when the ice is just going out. The light is bright and there's a proliferation of birds." Then, he adds a practical afterthought. "I also like late summer, because the fly and mosquito population is down."

Part of the thrill of being in the wilderness is the possibility of severe

weather. "Because Voyageurs Park must be enjoyed from the water and because the waterways are so expansive, it's extremely important to be aware of the weather," Seeley says. Breneman recalls once seeing a funnel cloud pass overhead while he was out in a boat. Fortunately, the tornado didn't touch ground until it reached the other side of the lake, but, says Breneman, "It happened so fast that we didn't have time to think."

With the advent of sophisticated weather-tracking equipment, battery-operated weather radios and smart phones that work even in the wilderness areas of northern Minnesota, it's harder now to be caught unprepared by a storm. But what exactly should one do if you're outside and a tornado threatens? "Get off the lake," admonishes Breneman. "Find the lee side of an island, get behind a big rock." But don't seek the shelter of a tall tree. "Lightning is probably the biggest danger," he points out.

And that brings up one other unrelated but irresistible question. When they're back home and the tornado sirens blow, do men as fascinated by the play of weather on the landscape as Breneman and Seeley really seek shelter? Or can Breneman be found outside with his camera, seeking the perfect shot? And is Seeley staring upward into the skies, noting with satisfaction the classic wall-cloud formation?

The answer to the first question is yes, they seek shelter.

"We have a family room with a TV in our basement. We watch it from there," Breneman says.

Seeley's reason for taking shelter? "I fear that headline that reads, 'Seeley killed by tornado while outside watching.'"

You can meet the authors on Thursday, Aug. 18, during the Park B4 Dark celebration in St. Anthony Park. They will be talking about their project and signing books from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Park Midway Bank lobby, 2300 Como Ave. The bank, which was one of the underwriters of the book, will offer light refreshments, and Micawber's Books will be selling copies of the book.

An exhibit of the photos from *Voyageur Skies* is also slated to open at the Bell Museum in Minneapolis on Oct. 1 and will run through the end of the year.

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Lisa Erickson created 28 sumi-e-style paintings to illustrate the Japanese poem "Strong in the Rain."

Local artist's book sales to benefit tsunami victims

St. Anthony Park artist Lisa Erickson has created a 14-page booklet with 28 sumi-e-style paintings to illustrate a famous Japanese poem that has been circulating around Japan after the March 11 tsunami and earthquake.

All profits from the sales of the booklet will go to Ashinaga, an organization that provides healing programs for children who have lost parents due to disaster. The group is currently focused on building a "Rainbow House" in the Tohoku region, where children can receive grief counseling.

A friend who had taught and lived in Japan sent Erickson the poem "Strong in the Rain" by Kenji Miyazawa in March, stating that the

poem was being sent around the country as a positive reminder of Japan's inherent strength. Translator Roger Pulvers gave Erickson permission to publish his translation with her paintings.

A show of Erickson's paintings will open Thursday, Aug. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the 3rd Place, 2190 Como Ave. Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., will be selling the booklet.

Several people helped Erickson in getting the book published. Tom Bielenberg, co-owner of Micawber's, helped her find Pulver's publisher. And neighbors Alice Duggan and Jenny Stevens helped her with public domain issues and the book's graphics.

Each book is signed and numbered and sells for \$10. You can find out more about it at Erickson's website, www.apapersnowflake.com.

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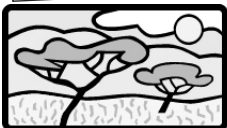
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City Council within months. "The solar industry is still in its teenage years," Hunt said. "We just haven't had a lot of projects."

City staff members are also being trained to streamline the permitting process, she said.

Although Minnesota has strong solar potential (St. Paul compares favorably with Houston, Tex., Hunt said), Xcel won't lose its customer base to photovoltaic panels.

On a sunny summer Sunday, with no one in the building, the Wellington panels generate excess power and pump it back into the grid, Bergstrom said. But most of the time, the buildings are still drawing power from the lines—just a lot less of it.

Jon Kramer of Sundial Solar in Minneapolis, which installed equipment on three of Wellington's buildings, said he's outfitted everything from small homes to acres of industrial roofing.

The company has national clientele, he said, "but we've been lately doing most of our work here in Minnesota."

His latest project is outfitting Will Steger's environmental education center near Ely to replace gas and propane generators with solar power.

Minnesota currently has "the best incentives in the country," Kramer said, but noted, "it isn't going

to last long." Those incentives depend on a complex mix of decisions at various levels of government as well as in private industry.

The downside of incentives is the appearance of "carpetbaggers" trying to get in on the business, Kramer said. He'd like to see local and state government adopt licensing requirements, including certification by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners, he said.

Kramer noted that the equipment he installed for Wellington was made just a few miles away, by tenKsolar in Bloomington. And he's not just buying local for ideological reasons, he said. "It's the best system on the market."

The shifting array of incentives has required Kramer to become a finance expert.

"We've managed to create incentives, too," he said, citing a farm in southern Minnesota where the local electrical cooperative didn't have an incentive program when Kramer and the farmer started the project.

Kramer offered an "incentive" of his own, forgiving part of the installation cost in return for permission to put a prominent sign on the property.

The utility found out about the project and expressed interest in getting on board. It offered an

"education" grant, turning the project into a regional model and helping Kramer cover his costs.

Not every site, however, is appropriate for solar, Kramer said, and he's not willing to cut down trees in order to reduce shade. Property owners interested in solar can call an installer for help figuring out whether it's viable, he said.

Bergstrom praised Sundial and the other company they've used, Solarflow Energy, also of Minneapolis.

"With both these groups, it's relatively simple," Bergstrom said. "You can find out what it's going to cost you."

Wellington Management owner Steve Wellington said he's green-minded and happy to save on utility bills, but there's also a market incentive. As a property manager, he pays attention to what prospective tenants want.

"There's a sense that there are an increasing number of tenants that want as green a building as possible," he said.

Bergstrom said anyone interested in solar power should start with an energy audit of their home or business. "Utility companies offer really good energy analysis," he said. "That's a great first step."

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

Children's study from 3

exploring the interactions between genetic and environmental influences in human development since 1983. The gold standard for all long-term

efforts is the Framingham Heart Study, which has tracked three generations of residents of a small Massachusetts city since 1948 in a quest to discover the causes of heart disease and stroke. Over the years, Framingham led to such fundamental milestones in cardiac research as establishing the links between coronary illness and smoking, high blood pressure and obesity. U researchers hope the NCS will have a similar impact on

children's health issues in the years to come.

You can learn more about the NCS at the study's website, <http://RamseyKids.nationalchildrensstudy.gov>. To volunteer for the study, call toll-free, 1-866-315-7126, or email info@ncs.umn.edu.

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

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Two Emmas win July 4 Fun Run

Two women who share the same first name were the top runners at the Fourth in the Park's 2-mile and 4-mile Fun Run July 4 in St. Anthony Park, besting both the women's and men's categories. Emma Lucken was the top runner in the 2-mile category with a time of 12:41. Emma Lee was the overall winner of the 4-mile run with a time of 22:29. The top men's finishers were Fred Holmly in the 2-mile with a time of 13:08 and Allen Broderius in the 4-mile with a time of 23:34.

JOTP scores soccer grant

Joy of the People has been awarded a U.S. Soccer Foundation planning grant that includes the services of CHA Sports, the foundation's partner for soccer-facility design and planning services. One of six recipients of the foundation's planning grants, JOTP will receive concept plans for its soccer-field construction projects, bringing it closer to its vision of having a multi-surface, soccer-training and free-play facility. The six grants are valued at a total of \$48,000 and went to urban soccer programs in Hoboken, N.J.; Detroit; Newburgh, N.Y.; Oxnard, Calif.; Trotwood, Ohio; and St. Paul.

Local girl walks tightrope in Circus Juventas' summer show
St. Anthony Park resident Ame Smith is one of several stars in the Circus Juventas show *GRIMM—Happily Ever After*, which opened July 28 and runs through Aug. 14.

Smith will perform on the tightrope in this performance, which is based on popular Grimm Brothers fairy tales: Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and the Frog Prince.

The performance will feature traditional circus acts performed by more than 70 advance-level students at Circus Juventas' Big Top, 1270 Montreal Ave., St. Paul.

Circus Juventas is the largest youth circus school in North America. For ticket information, call the box office, 612-343-339, or go online, www.ticketworks.com.

NW Como Rec Center offerings

There are still openings for youth soccer and flag football at Northwest Como Recreation Center. Call 651-298-5813 for space availability for children ages 3-14.

Youth 10 years and older can attend a field trip to the Highland Park Aquatic Center on Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.



And the band plays on

Band director Paul Husby and the St. Anthony Park Community Band perform at Langford Park during the St. Anthony Park Fourth of July festivities. If you missed them, you can still catch a summer performance of the band at Alden Park (one block south of Como Avenue and one block east of Raymond Avenue) Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m., or see them in the Minnesota State Fair Mall Parade on Friday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. This is the band's 30th year performing in the area. To find out more, go to the band's website at www.stanthonyparkband.org. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

Cost is \$5.

Youth ages 10 to 15 can attend a field trip to Lilli Putt Family Entertainment Center Tuesday, Aug. 9, from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$5. Participants must register ahead of time and provide permission slips for all field trips.

Children ages 7 to 14 can participate in the free program Carpe Diem Aug. 8 to 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be different activities each day, including Wiffle ball, kickball, game day, football training, drawing, a super soaker shoot out and more.

Pre-register for fall classes at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

LSS refugee support group seeks volunteers

LSS Refugee Services is seeking volunteers for its Friday Morning Citizenship Class for a group of senior Bhutanese refugees. The group also helps refugees learn basic English skills, exposes them to U.S. customs and lifestyles and gives them time to socialize.

Volunteers do not need to know Bhutanese. Volunteers are needed to help with transportation, assist with the class and most of all, provide a smiling face.

Call Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, 651-642-5990, for more information.

Gibbs Museum hosts craft fair

Gibbs Museum will host a craft fair Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local artisans will demonstrate how to make crafts from days gone by. Many demonstrations will be hands-on, so guests can make and take crafts home. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children. All crafts, activities and food are included in the cost of admission.

Bluegrass jam and jam-making contest in Roseville Aug. 7

Enter your hot and spicy jams and jellies in the Hot and Spicy JAMboree Sunday, Aug. 7, during the Mosquito Bluegrass Jam at the Frank Rog Amphitheater in Roseville's Central Park. The jams will be judged by attendees who can pay \$1 to sample the jams.

The contest is a fundraiser for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center.

Register at the Roseville Parks and Recreation desk at City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive. In addition

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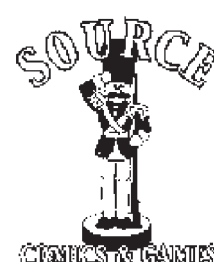
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Events

Contact information is at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Aug. 17 to be included in the September Park Bugle.

2 TUESDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

St. Anthony Park Book Club, 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Lotus Eaters by Tatjana Soli, St. Anthony Park library

3 WEDNESDAY
 English Conversation Circle, 4 to 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

4 THURSDAY
 Summer Reading Program: Brodini Comedy Magic Show, 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

5 FRIDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

6 SATURDAY
 Craft fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gibbs Museum

7 SUNDAY
 Mosquito Bluegrass Jam, 3 to 8 p.m., Frank Rog Amphitheatre, Central Park, Roseville

8 MONDAY
 Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., 500, Cribbage, Falcon Heights City Hall

9 TUESDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to

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to the \$5 entry fee, entrants are required to submit two unlabeled half-pint jars of their jam or jelly for the contest. Registration ends at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5. No late entries will be allowed.

The Mosquito Bluegrass Jam begins at 3 p.m. with performances by Bill Cagley, the Wild Goose Chase Cloggers, Sawtooth Bluegrass Band and the Barley Jacks with Brian Wicklund. The last performance is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Briscoe, Torborg featured at Raymond Avenue Gallery
 "Texture," an exhibit featuring work by potter Bob Briscoe and photographer Wayne Torborg will open Friday, Aug. 12, at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. that evening. The show will run through Friday, Sept. 23.

4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

10 WEDNESDAY
 English Conversation Circle, 4 to 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

11 THURSDAY
 Reading Program: Bookcrobatics, 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

12 FRIDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

"Texture" opening reception, 6 to 8 p.m., Raymond Avenue Gallery

13 SATURDAY
 St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Be Well As You Age Film Series, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Hospice: Everything You Should Know" with speaker Jane Hagstrom from Hospice of the Twin Cities. St. Anthony Park library

16 TUESDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

17 WEDNESDAY
 English Conversation Circle, 4 to 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

18 THURSDAY
 Summer Reading Program: Ten Penny Tunes, 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

19 FRIDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

Drop-in Drum Circle Aug. 20
 The Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., invites women to a Drop-in Drum Circle on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 at the door. Find out more at www.womensdrumcenter.org.

Meet St. Paul City Council and School Board candidates
 The League of Women Voters of St. Paul will hold a meet-and-greet event for candidates running in the St. Paul City Council and School Board races on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wilder Center Auditorium, 451 N. Lexington Parkway. For more information, contact Ami Wazlawik, 651-270-7986.

Cultural Art Imbizo is Aug. 26
 Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE), a St. Paul nonprofit with the mission of

22 MONDAY
 Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., 500, Cribbage, Falcon Heights City Hall

23 TUESDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

24 WEDNESDAY
 English Conversation Circle, 4 to 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

26 FRIDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise class, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

30 TUESDAY
 Block Nurse Exercise, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

31 WEDNESDAY
 English Conversation Circle, 4 to 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

Contact information:

Central Park, 2540 N. Lexington Ave., Roseville

Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 651-644-5050

Gibbs Museum, Larpenteur and Cleveland, 651-646-8629

Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., 651-644-9200

St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411

empowering immigrant women and girls to succeed, will celebrate its fourth annual Cultural Art Imbizo Friday, Aug. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hamline Park Plaza, 570 Asbury St.

The event will feature artists, art workshops, international food, entertainment from cultural performing organizations, a silent auction and games for children.

For more information, visit www.womenofwise.org.

Lutheran Social Service hosts night of music and stories
 Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota will host an evening of stories and music by the Grammy Award-winning Steele family on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Ave. .

Tickets are \$90 each (\$60 is tax-deductible), or \$900 per table of 10 (\$600 is tax-deductible). For more information, visit www.lssmn.org.

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Marie Abraham

Marie C. Abraham, 94, died July 14. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland, one grandson and all of her siblings and their spouses. Marie is survived by three children, Robert (Hyang-hwan Kim), Jeanne (David) Schafer and Richard (Carol Lien); 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held July 18. It was originally scheduled to be held at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, but because of the extreme heat, the service was moved to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Interment was at Roselawn Cemetery.

Marjorie Ammann

Marjorie J. Ammann, 88, died July 7. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin. She is survived by her children, Tom (Mary), Robert (Janet), Linda Metz, Christine Leitner, Rich and Gloria (Dennis) Richie; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Lyle Hillstrom and Roger Koch; and two sisters-in-law.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church on July 13, with interment at Elmhurst Cemetery.

Rolland Atz

Rolland A. "Rollie" Atz, 72, died at home on June 30, after an eight-year battle with progressive supranuclear palsy. He was born May 5, 1939.

Rollie was a native of Como Park and a current resident of Eagan. He was a 1957 graduate of St. Thomas Academy and a 1961 graduate of St. Thomas College. He worked for many years for Ramsey County and the state of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Laurent. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carolyn; children, Tom (Janet), Terry (Jenny) and Tim (Brenna); nine grandchildren; and sister, Lynn (Ed) Ferguson.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 6 at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Elizabeth Daley

Elizabeth (Tellefson) Daley, 79, of Lauderdale, died peacefully at home on July 4. She is survived by six children; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Her funeral was held July 8 at Redeemer Baptist Church in Oakdale, with interment at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery.

William Duddleston

William Lee Duddleston, 82, of Falcon Heights, died June 28.

He served in the U.S. Army in 1946 and 1947. He received a master's degree in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His career in the dairy business spanned more than 55 years, taking him to all parts of the world.

He was active in the Wisconsin Alumni Association, Kiwanis and the International Dairy Association. He

will be remembered for his ready laugh, hearty chuckle and love for his family.

Bill is survived by Mary, his wife of 61 years; sons, Paul (Pam), Peter (Cindy) and Doug; daughter, Kate (Ralph) Rinehart; eight grandchildren; and brother, Joe (Judi), of Albuquerque, N.M.

A memorial service was held July 2 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Grace Flaten

Grace M. Flaten (née Mathre), 81, died peacefully in her sleep on July 8, after a short illness.

Grace was born in 1930 in Minot, N.D., one of twin daughters of the Rev. Gerhard and Esther Mathre. She married Donald Flaten in 1952. After his ordination in 1956, they served as Lutheran missionaries in West Africa for 38 years.

The Flatens served parishes in Lodgepole, Neb.; Dazey and Rogers, N.D.; Grafton, N.D.; and Wykoff, Minn.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Donald Flaten; sons, Dale (Janet) and James (Carol); daughters, Joan Holliman and Jeanne (Glenn) Ferguson; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Sidney Giefer

Sidney L. Giefer, 86, died June 21. He was a World War II Army veteran, an avid long-blade skater, a golfer and a lover of cats.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor. He is survived by a son, Gregory (Sandy) Giefer; daughter, Cynthia (William) Amadick; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

His funeral service was held June 27, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Marion Hagen

Marion Burton Hagen, 89, died in Claremont, Calif. She grew up in Falcon Heights and graduated from St. Paul Central High School and the University of Minnesota. She is survived by four daughters and their families and a brother, Robert A. (Jeanne) Hagen of Richfield.

Lucille Halverson

Lucille Grace Halverson, longtime St. Anthony Park resident, died peacefully on June 6 at the age of 91. She will be remembered for her passion for walking, her love of children and animals, and her servant's heart toward all. Her love of

chocolate was evident in her baking and no one has yet to duplicate her molasses cookies. Those who knew her will miss her whistling as she worked, her beautiful smile, her tenderheartedness to all living things and her ability to see beauty all around her, especially in the skies toward the end of her life.

Born Lucille Grace Jenkins on Feb. 8, 1920, near Worthington, Minn., Lucille was orphaned within days of her birth when both parents succumbed to the influenza epidemic. She was raised in St. Paul by her aunt and uncle, Lottie and

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Lives Lived from 13

Burt Kratz, in their home on Bourne Avenue. She graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1939 and married Clarence Halverson April 12, 1947.

They lived in the family homestead until they moved up the street to 2342 Bourne Ave. She made her home there until she moved to her daughter's home in Wimberley, Tex., in 2003, following a pedestrian accident. It was suggested she may not walk again, but she proved them wrong and continued to be an avid walker, even in the heat of Texas, until she was stricken with pneumonia in April of this year.

She is preceded in death by her

husband, Clarence. She is survived by her daughter, Lynda Marie Halverson Edone; four grandchildren and their spouses; and eight granddaughters.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church at 3:30 p.m., with visitation beginning at 2:30 pm.

John Hustad

John O. Hustad, 57, Falcon Heights, died July 13.

He is survived by his wife, Nan Knutsen; children, Karis and Christian; mother, Aldora; a sister, Kathy; and brothers and sisters-in-law.

John was a man of great hope, humor, faith, courage and dedication to his family. A native of northeast Iowa, he received his bachelor's degree from Luther College and a master's degree from Luther Seminary. His many years in public policy included serving as deputy director for two state agencies, council member for the city of Falcon Heights and lobbyist for health concerns.

His funeral service was held July 19 at University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis.

Leonora Sherman

Leonora C. Sherman, 87, died

suddenly on July 4 at Lyngblomsten Care Center. She was born Aug. 27, 1923, in Minneapolis. Leonora was a mother of eight children; co-founder of Our House of Minnesota, a St. Paul nonprofit residence for people with developmental disabilities; a founding member of a food cooperative on Front Avenue; and a lifelong activist in support of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

She was active in St. Andrew's Catholic Church in St. Paul.

In the 1980s, she cooked the senior meals at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. Every August she was in the Creative Activities building at the Minnesota State Fair clerking for judges and recommending the canned goods entries.

In later years, she was active on the board of the Phoenix Residence, a group facility where her daughter Rita lived. Leonora attended every DFL precinct caucus she could and never missed voting in an election until her final year.

Leonora grew up in Detroit and Chicago and spent summers with her Austrian-born grandparents on a farm near Winsted, Minn. In 1947, she married Eugene (Gene) Henry. They moved to the Como Park area in 1955, where Leonora lived there until moving to Lyngblomsten in 2009.

Her oldest daughter, Mary, drowned at 16 in a swimming accident. The youngest, Rita, had cerebral palsy and needed constant

care. In 2004, Rita moved to the Phoenix Residence, where Leonora visited her weekly until Rita's death in 2004.

Besides Mary and Rita, Leonora was preceded in death by her husband and her daughter-in-law, Denise Iverson. She is survived by her brother, Richard (Gertrude) Schlagel; children, John (Phyllis), Mark (Shelley), Leo (Elnora Bracey), Paul (Susan Stokes), Rose (John Wilson), Therese and her former in-laws, Carla Sherman and Richard Foley; 18 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. Her neighbors on Burgess Street, Marcia Mederious and Marilyn Cassellius, were very helpful to her in her final years there.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 8, at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, with interment at Holy Trinity Cemetery, Winsted.

Rhonda Wellner-Chiodo

Rhonda R. Wellner-Chiodo, 51, of Como Park, died suddenly on June 15. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Glenn; children, Meghann Devon and Nathan; and mother, Jean Wellner.

Celebration of Life was held June 21, at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

Albert Swanson

Albert Randall "Joe" Swanson, 88, born Feb. 18, 1923, died on July 10.

Joe is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lois; brother, Winfield (Margaret); sister, Leone Beneke; son, Tom (Linda); daughter, Joy (Shawn); three grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Preceding Joe in death were his daughter, Barbie, and brothers, Harlan and Alan.

A memorial service was held July 12 at the Falcon Heights Town Square Apartments.

Anna Emma Zibell

Anna Emma Zibell, 104, a Roseville Pioneer, died July 2. She was born April 3, 1907, at home in Roseville at Larpenteur and Fernwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto E.; son, Richard; a great-grandson; and three siblings. She is survived by two sons, Donald (Luella) and Les (Julie); eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held July 6, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, with interment at Elmhurst Cemetery.

There is no charge for Bugle obituaries. Obituaries are compiled by Mary Mergenthal, 651-644-1650 or mary.mergenthal@comcast.net.

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Business News

Irish pub to open on Larpenteur

That construction activity at the former Chianti Grill site on the northwest side of the intersection of Snelling and Larpenteur avenues is a prelude to the opening of Stout's Pub, scheduled for late September.

The property, vacant since the Chianti Grill moved to the Har Mar Mall area in Roseville several years ago, is being developed by Superior Concepts. The company owns the Roseville Chianti Grill and one in Burnsville, as well as Porterhouse Steak and Seafood restaurants in Little Canada and Lakeville.

Prior to the Chianti Grill, the Falcon Heights location was occupied by Ciatti's Italian Restaurant and, before that, the Lido Café.

There will be more information about Stout's Pub in an upcoming issue of the *Park Bugle*.—Roger Bergerson



Park B4 Dark

The Ted Olsen Trio performed at Park B4 Dark in St. Anthony Park on July 21. The jazz group includes Darren Sterud, trombone; Matthew Buckner, drums; and Ted Olsen, bass. This is the second year that the Como Avenue business community has hosted Park B4 Dark, which is held on the third Thursday in the months of June, July and August. The event features live local music and shopping and dining specials. The next Park B4 Dark is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18, from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

Aug. 10, you will get an extra 10 percent discount.)

Kari Neathery has been hired as the **new general manager at Hampden Park Co-op**, 928 Raymond Ave. She replaces Matt Hass. Neathery has 23 years of experience working for nonprofits, including serving as executive director of the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association in Minneapolis. Her position begins Sept. 1. She and her two daughters live in the Hamline Midway neighborhood.

The 10-bed **Anna Westin House-Adolescent**, a residential treatment program exclusively for adolescents with eating disorders, opened in July

at 2230 Como Ave. The facility will also house outpatient treatment for patients and their families. The facility is the third building purchased by the Emily Program in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, including its headquarters at 2265 W. Como Ave. and the Anna Westin House at 1449 Cleveland Ave.

The program will offer individual and group therapy; education from licensed St. Paul Public Schools teachers; art, music, recreation, movement and other therapies; and services and support for family members.

The Emily Program purchased the former Toogood building from Children's Home Society and Family Services in 2010 and remodeled it.

Business Briefs

Suka-Rama is closing. The boutique at 2301 Como Ave. will close its doors when the business's lease expires at the end of August. In her email newsletter, proprietor Sue Rohricht urged her customers to come into the store for a fire sale that includes new inventory that has been in storage. This month, the store is offering a progressive sale that includes a 30 percent discount, along with an additional discount that corresponds to the date the customer is in the store. (If you shop there on

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