Local teen signs with Western Hockey League

By Jonah Van Why

One thousand six hundred and thirty, two are the number of miles separating Langford Park and ShoWare Center in Kent, Wash., the two ice rinks that Kevin Wolf has, and will soon, call home. Born and raised in St. Anthony Park, 15-year-old Wolf is following a dream that started on the rinks at Langford some 13 years ago.

Wolf signed with the Western Hockey League's Seattle Thunderbirds in November and will move out West in April.

Growing up, Wolf was just like all the kids around him. He played baseball and soccer and was a Cub Scout for two years. The annual Winter Classic at Langford Park is one of his favorite hockey memories," he said. "I loved how everyone was always outside playing." He loves for hockey to steadily began to overtake the other sports, and the permanent switch was made in seventh grade. Since then, it has been full steam ahead.

In eighth grade, Wolf played in a tournament in Chicago where he was approached by a coach for the Chicago Fury U-16 Midget AAA team. He wanted Kevin to play for his team in Chicago. It was decision time for the family.

"We knew the competition and development he would receive there would be top-notch," said Marty Wolf, who doubled as Kevin's dad and coach until his Peewee years. Kevin agreed. "I wanted to go to Chicago," he said. "It isn't just about winning there. I know I would have the best chance of developing as an individual."

Leaving home at 14 to live with his parents and family, "his dad may have said it best: "It's hard to lose him when he's so young. Letting go is hard. But the choices just weren't as good here."

With the occasional struggles of homesickness, however, come rewards that Wolf has been working so hard for. "There was a night-and-day difference [in his play] when he came back from Chicago," his dad said. "Marty Wolf wants the only one

Kevin Wolf to 6

Six-foot, 6-inch 195-pound defenseman Kevin has signed with the Seattle Thunderbirds and will move out West in April. At left, Wolf's hockey career began on the outside ice rinks at Langford Park.
Falcon Heights welcomes new city administrator

Falcon Heights welcomed a new city administrator in January, installing Bart Fischer to replace Justin Miller. Fischer brings experience in economic development to the city, where he had served as assistant city administrator since February 2009.

Fischer’s experience in economic development will serve Falcon Heights well, as the city looks for growth in its local economy. Fischer expects to see improvement in the neighborhood, including the development of new businesses and the attraction of new residents.

Fischer attended Northwestern College in Roseville and Metropolitan State University, focusing on business administration. He said he is excited to work with the city council and other local leaders to achieve the goals of the community.

Fischer is a married man with three young children and live in the city. He said he is looking forward to working with the community to make Falcon Heights a better place to live.

Falcon Heights community is excited to welcome Bart Fischer to the team, and looks forward to his contributions to the city.
Good neighbors

Districts 10 and 12 announce their 2012 Neighborhood Honor Roll

Eight Como Park and St. Anthony Park residents and business owners have been placed on the city of St. Paul’s Neighborhood Honor Roll this year. Residents of each district in the city are encouraged to nominate neighbors who make their neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. The award recipients were honored at a celebration at the University of St. Thomas on Jan. 20. The honorees are listed below, along with each district’s description of why they were nominated.

District 10 (Como Park)

Jeanne Baumann has been a block leader for more than 15 years, connecting neighbors to each other in the West Como Park neighborhood. One of her more notable neighborhood accomplishments is leading a team of neighbors to design and complete a street mural on Albany Avenue. The group competed in a design contest, raised money, organized supplies and then held a Paint the Pavement event to complete the project.

Elaine Allen

Elaine Allen is a tireless block club leader, sharing communications, organizing crime awareness seminars in her home and coordinating National Night Out celebrations, book clubs, choir help and alley snowplowing. Allen opens her home for informational workshops and planning sessions on a variety of topics and local politicians. Following her model, other neighbors now do the same. Allen is a true humanitarian, and as her neighbors say, the glue that holds them together.

Mike MacDonald

Mike MacDonald has been quiet, but effective, leader and diligent volunteer in District 10. He chaired the district’s Environment Committee, obtaining funding for and spearheading rain barrel workshops to promote water conservation and quality. He has been active in public garden maintenance, garden tours, tree projects, a Como Lake turtle study, lakeshore planting and weeding projects, a Como Lake turtle study, nourishing readers and book clubs with discounts and special events. Every year they hold a book sale with a percentage of the sale going to the neighborhood school, St. Anthony Park Elementary School. They serve on the Capitol Region Watershed District’s Citizen Advisory Committee.

District 12 (St. Anthony Park)

Tom Blikenberg and Hans Weyandt

The owners of Mawber’s Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., run one of the most neighborly small businesses in the Twin Cities. Tom Blikenberg and Hans Weyandt consistently go above and beyond, tirelessly supporting local authors and publishers with readings and nourishing readers and book clubs with discounts and special events. Every year they hold a book sale with a percentage of the sale going to the neighborhood school, St. Anthony Park Elementary School. They have been a true humanitarian, and as her neighbors say, the glue that holds them together.

City repairs stormwater tunnel

Right around the time hockey boards went up for the winter at Langford Park, a small fenced-in area arrived on the park’s southwestern side. The site is the latest phase in rehabilitation work that aims to add a few decades to St. Paul’s storm-sewer system.

Built in 1974, the system has developed cracks and obstructions over the years, said Joe Mueller, the city’s Department of Public Works. “We’re working on rehabilitating the stormwater tunnel,” he said. “We’re working our way downstream.” He said they hope to add “at least another 50 years” to the existing structures.

Related work continues this winter at a site west of the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens on Robbins Street, where two large sewer branches join and carry stormwater to the Mississippi River. The Langford site allows access for workers to drop materials about 150 feet down to the main tunnel, which passes under streets and railroad tracks to join the other major pipe beneath the Robbins Street work site, Mueller said. Work near the corner of Como and Euclid over the past several years has repaired the other major branch arriving at Robbins Street.

The Langford site should be needed only this winter, Mueller said, although the project as a whole has several phases yet to complete.

The work must be done in cold weather, he said, and his department has been working with Langford Park Recreation Center staff to minimize the impact on skating and other winter uses of the park.

The equipment will be moved as the weather warms, probably in April, Mueller said, and the city will restore the area in time for baseball and other summer uses.

 Mueller, the city’s point person and park users should let him know if they anticipate problems.

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The St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2345 Como Ave., has reduced its hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

New hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

The schedules on other days have not changed. They are: Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays, closed.

The library will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, for President’s Day.
THE 2008 RECESSION ENDED URBAN SPRAWL IN THE MINNEAPOLIS METRO AREA, according to Tom Gillaspy, Minnesota state demographer. The Great Recession, as he calls it, put the brakes on a half-century trend of exploding suburban and urban growth.

Speaking at the Minnesota Newspaper Association’s annual convention on Jan. 26, Gillaspy said the desire for a sprawling home on 4 to 5 acres has fallen off significantly for many of the areas’ newest housing developments fell to the mortgage crisis several years ago. Long-term trends indicate less population growth and a significant aging population, along with more new generations of young adults to do without the double lots for a more dense, urban lifestyle and more personal relationships with the people who live in their communities, Gillaspy said.

“I love what we’re doing together,” Gillaspy addressed the demographic changes that will affect our state and economy in the coming years. It wasn’t an uplifting presentation, as he outlined how the growth is shifting to pay for more healthcare for the aging and fewer K-12 education, how homeowners may never recoup all of the losses in housing values from the recession, and how the state may not weather this New Normal if investments aren’t made in human capital (read: education), research or infrastructure.

And yet, despite the gloom, our optimistic takeaway is the part about young homeowners wanting to know their neighbors. The key to building resilient and livable communities is knowing the people who share your streets, your sidewalks, your institutions — the people who visit the same local businesses you visit, and their kids to the same schools, use the local recreation centers and libraries. Knowing your neighbors is not a new trend in the community participation and en-courage community participation.

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The raucous caucuses of St. Anthony Park

By Dave Healy

The caucuses dominated the news for weeks. Meanwhile, the St. Anthony Park caucuses were completely ignored by the media, thus leaving those citizens who couldn’t attend uninformed about how their neighbors exercised a solemn civic responsibility and paid tribute to the principles of democracy upon which our great nation was founded.

In keeping with tradition, separate caucuses were held in south and north St. Anthony Park. The south SAP event was a spirited affair, a raucous caucus, if you will. Two groups quickly formed: one for acrylic latex, one for silicone. These groups eventually broke into factions in favor of either white or clear caulk, and those groups were further subdivided by 10-year-, 25-year-, and 50-year-guaranteed caulk adherents.

In north SAP, after reciting a Pledge of Allegiance, caucusers immediately set about constructing a straw pole. Work was interrupted, however, when one participant voiced the suspicion that the straw had not been locally grown. Thence forth, the suspicion grew, and a straw pole, suggestive of racial origin, and the acrylic latex/silicone disputants traded charges of unsustainability.

As the evening progressed (or, in the opinion of some, regressed), tempers flared, and caulk-cussing became increasingly vociferous. In the end, though, cooler heads prevailed, and participants agreed to unite behind a single moderate candidate: 25-year clear silicone. In north SAP, after reciting a Pledge of Allegiance, caucusers immediately set about constructing a straw pole. Work was interrupted, however, when one participant voiced the suspicion that the straw had not been locally grown. Thence followed a lively discussion on the merits of oat straw vs. old-fashioned Timothy hay for pole construction, the economics of government straw subsidies, the geopolitical implications of importing from straw-rich countries, and the likelihood of achieving straw independence.

Rather than continuing to caucus, participants decided to form focus groups. Each group elected a moderator, assistant moderator, recorder, proofreader, media liaison and bailiff. Eventually, people realized that everyone in the group had an assigned position and there was no one left to discuss the issues. At that point, the meeting broke up and participants agreed to exchange email addresses and keep in touch.

Dave Healy is the former editor of the Park Bugle.

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Thursday, February 16, at 7 p.m., Join us in welcoming Andre Dubus III as he reads from his memoir “Townie.” Anita Shreve said, “Compelling, riveting, gritty and astonishingly moving, Dubus’ memoir achieves that rarest of qualities: It makes us love the boy who becomes the man.”

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Michael Russelle

In addition to service on the District 12 Council, Michael Russelle has been a major force in Neighbors for Peace, helping to organize several community speakers and other projects. He is now bringing a sustainability and resilience initiative into the community and district council discussions. He operates quietly but effectively on important causes, ranging from traffic calming to community energy campaigns to federal military policy. He often organizes people, then lets the group take credit. He’s long been a M urray’s garage to set a community example without any expectation of recouping all of the cost. Russelle stands up, speaks up and works for principles and causes that he believes in, in an effort to make this neighborhood a great place.

Kevin Wolf from 1

to take notice of Kevin’s improved play. Scouts began to catch on, and before long, the SeattleT Thunderbirds selected Wolf in the 10th round of the Western H ockey League (WHL). He signed a WHL contract and education agreement.

What does all this mean for Wolf moving forward? He will move to Seattle in April and live with another family who has ties to his new team. Looking into the future a few years from now, Wolf, a high school sophomore, is not sure what he will do after high school. By signing with a W H L team, he forgoes the opportunity to play Division 1 hockey for any college in the United States. But part of his education agreement states that if he does not sign a professional contract by age 20, the Thunderbirds will pay for five years of schooling at a college of his choice.

Marty Wolf touched on the topic of his youngest son going professional: “[K]evin signing in juniors is really the first time you start to think, could he go pro?” According to Kevin Wolf’s former Langford coach though, that’s still a long way away. “[K]evin has a lot of work to do if he wants to make it,” Marty Wolf said.

As one of only 150 juniors signed to a W H L contract in the nation, however, shows just how far Kevin has come. Throughout it all, Kevin Wolf remains grounded to the ideals that have given him this opportunity. During a visit home over winter break, he relived his Langford Classic glory days by skating with all of his old line mates outside, just like old times. There is no telling exactly where Wolf is headed after he reaches 19 and his professional contract ends. "[Kevin] has a lot of long ways away. “[K]evin] has a lot of reality.”

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The owners of Speedy M arket, 2310 Como Ave, Tim Faacks and Tom Sprigli, have enthusiastically supported neighborhood events and held numerous community events of their own. For many of our neighborhood’s young people, darkening at Tim and Tom is their first job. Not only do they provide a great selection of groceries at a good price, including organic products, they serve as the social networking spot for the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. Every neighborhood should have a Tim and Tom Speedy M arket.
Mrs. Schmider goes to Washington
Retirement eludes Mary Ellen Schmider as she takes the helm at Fulbright

By Judy Woodward

A t an age when many women have shifted their focus to grandchildren and retirement hobbies, St. Anthony Park resident Mary Ellen Schmider, 73, recently accepted one of the most stimulating organizational challenges of her long academic career.

Twice named a Fulbright exchange professor, the educator and entrepreneur was ready to leave Minnesota State University Moorhead and take on the challenge of the Fulbright Association. The 7,000-member organization offers educational exchange opportunities for U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.

Mary Ellen Schmider

"I was a girl growing up in Chippewa Falls, Wis., in the 1940s and '50s, the next-door neighbor of future computer visionary Seymour Cray. ‘As a kid, he was always in the basement working on his radio,’” Schmider says.

Schmider did her undergraduate work at St. Olaf College in Northfield before earning advanced degrees at the University of Minnesota and the University of Southern California. She says that much of her lifelong commitment to education and global understanding can be traced back to what she calls the “St. Olaf ideal.”

“If you have the opportunity to be educated,” she explains, “part of your responsibility is to share and create a meaningful life.”

In Schmider’s case, she began sharing her ideals almost immediately. She went to East Germany at age 21 in 1959 before the Berlin Wall was erected. By the time she was 23, she was part of the founding faculty of California Lutheran University. Founded in 1961, Cal Lutheran set its young English professor “teaching in the orange groves in a former chicken coop.”

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Silent Movie Night set for Feb. 24

Put Friday, Feb. 24, on your calendars and head over to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2300 Como Ave., for the annual Silent Movie Night featuring Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy and the world-renowned Norm’s Anderson, who will accompany the films on piano.

The event will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in the lower-level auditorium. The movies are free, but the pop and popcorn will cost 25 cents.

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Association with Dillinger
spells doom for local crook

By Roger Bergerson

In the 1930s, it was common knowledge in the neighborhood immediately east of the State Fairgrounds that one of Mrs. Margaret Green's sons, Eddie, had a history of trouble with the law. That didn't deter Lloyd Jacobson from asking Eddie Green what he was up to on an April day in 1934. Green was working on his car in the backyard of his mother's home at 1388 N. Snelling Ave., just north of Midway Parkway. The 21-year-old Jacobson lived with his parents next door.

Green's car was a snazzy, new black Terraplane 6, a popular model that was reviving the fortunes of the Hudson Motor Car Company. He told Jacobson that he was mounting Hudson Motor Car Company. He was reviving the fortunes of the black Terraplane 6, a popular model that was reviving the fortunes of the company. He said that he was mounting a high-performance tires on the vehicle to improve its speed.

A few weeks later, Green was ambushed and fatally wounded by federal law enforcement agents, who pumped a few bullets into the Terraplane for good measure so it couldn't be used in an escape.

The front-page newspaper coverage that followed prompted Jacobson to recall his conversation with Green and he told a neighbor boy, Paul Anderson, about it. "The talk in the neighborhood was how ironic it was that one of Mrs. Green's sons was such a bad fellow, while the one that lived with her was so upright and had a job at Montgomery Ward," recalls Anderson, a Como resident who occasionally shares his reminiscences with the Park Bugle.

Crime spree revealed

It took a while, however, for the full extent of Eddie Green's criminal activities to become known. Particularly startling was the revelation that, in the last few jittery weeks of his life, he had joined John Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson, two of America's most wanted criminals, and others in robbing banks in Sioux Falls, S.D., and M amendment Civic, Iowa. A short, slight man with a squat and a bad complexion, Harry Eugene Green probably looked more imposing holding a machine gun. His handsome nature earned him jail time at 17 and he served a lengthy sentence for holding up a bank messenger before being paroled from Stillwater State Prison in 1930 at the age of 31.

It is unclear when his widowed mother moved to St. Paul, but the first city directory listing for Green at 1388 N. Snelling was in 1933. Also listed was a son, James, the Montgomery Ward clerk, and Frank, a salesman, although Anderson has no recollection of the latter living there.

Green began to move into big-time crime in 1933. As a member of the Karps-Barker gang, he held up a Nebraska bank and later joined a Baby Face Nelson crew that snatched $32,000 from one in Brainerd, Minn.

Green became known as a person adept at identifying bank robbers that were ideal candidates for plundering. He also knew doctors who would treat gunshot wounds, as well as other ailments such as venereal disease.

Dillinger, soon to be designated "Public Enemy Number One" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI), Edgar Hoover, broke out of an Indiana jail in early 1934. With his original gang behind bars, he headed to the Twin Cities where a new one awaited, including Green.

"Dillinger's Second Gang," as it was known, was the subject of a public outcry. Hoover said, "This man has done his crime and is now in an inquest, but the FBI refused to provide anything useful -- Dillinger was long gone -- but Eddie never made a suspicious gesture, but that word subsequently crossed out and replaced with 'menacing.' Five bullets struck Green in the upper body and doctors offered little hope for his survival. His mother sat in vigil in his hospital room.

For days, Green drifted in and out of delirium. As FBI agents posing as doctors tried to pry information out of him, Margaret Green read loudly from her Bible. Eddie didn't provide anything useful -- Dillinger was long gone -- but Beth Green subsequently became a valuable informant. It turned out she disliked the Secret Service. Hoover prevailed once again and in August, he returned to prison. He had killed a messenger before being paroled from Stillwater State Prison in 1930 at the age of 31.

On learning of Green's passing, Hoover said, "This man has admitted that he participated in the gun battle with our men in St. Paul Saturday. That's going too far." Green, of course, had admitted nothing of the sort.

"In the 20-odd years of the existence of this division," Hoover continued, "no one has ever shot at any of our agents and gotten away with it. We run them to earth." Green may have been the first to go, but all six members of the Second Dillinger Gang were dead before the end of 1934.

He was back in the news once more, though briefly. The FBI was part of the Justice Department and as Hoover continued to accrue power, it ruffled feathers, particularly at the Treasury Department, home of the Secret Service.

In 1936, the head of St. Paul's Secret Service office, Grady Boatwright, was caught investigating the FBI's conduct in the Green case. Hoover prevailed once again and both Boatwright and his superior were demoted.

In reporting the incident, Time magazine described Green as a "minor Dillinger mobster," probably a fair assessment. He did drive a nice car, though, and the FBI kept it.

Roger Bergerson, a former newspaper reporter, is freelance writer and longtime Como Park resident who enjoys writing about local history. Visit the parkbugle.org archive for the January 2010 and April 2011 articles for more Paul Anderson reminiscences "Traffic stopped on Snelling when '32 Chevy ran wild" and "Sin on Snelling."
Woodpeckers stay low in winter

One fall a few years ago, my wife and I were birding north of Stillwater, when I saw a downy woodpecker unlike any I had seen before. The underside was buffy, definitely tan, but not white, like all the others I’d seen.

I was quite surprised and looked it up in my Sibley Field Guide when I got home. And there it was the Pacific subspecies of the downy woodpecker, buffy underside and all.

How had that Pacific downy made it all the way to eastern Minnesota? How had that Pacific subspecies of the downy woodpecker, buffy underside and all, made it up in my Sibley Field Guide?

But if you see just one black-and-white woodpecker, which one is it? With binoculars, or up close, you can see that the bill of the downy is shorter than the hairy’s bill. The rule of thumb is that the downy bill is about the same length as the distance from the base of the bill to the eye. The hairy’s bill is longer than that distance. In fact, the hairy’s bill is nearly as long as the head itself.

The downy woodpecker is our smallest woodpecker, about 6 inches long, weighing about 1 ounce. Both sexes are black and white with a white stripe down the middle of the back. The male has a red patch at the back of the head.

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Langford Park Winter Classic

Despite higher-than-average temperatures and some open patches of grass near one of the ice rinks, hockey was played outside under the lights at the 53rd annual Langford Park Winter Classic Jan. 5-8. The event, which includes both a hockey and basketball tournament, came close to moving the hockey games to North Dale Recreation Center, which has a refrigerated rink.

As the first day of the four-day event approached, a group of dedicated parents "did a phenomenal job of keeping up on the ice," said Scott Hamilton, tournament director. He gave kudos to hockey parents Andy Frisell and Derek Fried for heading up the ice maintenance. “And Parks and Rec did an awesome job of helping us shave the ice,” he said.

In the end, "we were able to fool Mother Nature," Hamilton said. Winter Classic organizers covered the south-facing rink boards with white plastic to slow the ice melt. It also helped that on the first day of the tournament weekend, the sky stayed overcast, and Friday’s cool wind prevented the sun from melting the ice.

The Winter Classic used to be held in late February, Hamilton said, but it was moved to early January to prevent situations like the one encountered this year: unseasonably warm weather.

“Having North Dale available was great, but it’s still Langford Park Winter Classic,” Hamilton said. “It’s been going on for 50-plus years and it’s great to keep that tradition. It’s a fun, community event.”

Organizers added to the fun this year by implementing Skybox seats: the chance to sit rink-side in one of four donated recliners complete with blankets and sleeping bags and complimentary coffee or hot chocolate served to the seated guests, all for $20 per game. The proceeds went to the Langford Park Booster Club and Langford Park Hockey program.

It took awhile for tournament-goers to catch on, Hamilton said, but by the championship game, “we sold out.” That game was played by St. Paul’s Edgecumbe team and Minneapolis’ City of Lakes. City of Lakes took home the trophy.

Ciaran Kelly flies toward the puck during a Langford Park Winter Classic game.

Photos by Lori Hamilton

Twenty bucks buys a tournament-goer a Skybox seat: a plush recliner with blankets and hot chocolate or coffee served rink-side.

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how many people use the library, which holds about two dozen books. “I had no idea,” Sylvia said. “The books have turned over quite a bit.”

They have seen a variety of books come and go from the stacks: from *The Art of Lucid Dreaming* to a book on musician Jimmy Buffett to classic reads and Harry Potter, much to the delight of 6-year-old Mathias.

A pile of bookmark-size fliers sits inside the Hokes’ library explaining what it is. They plan to add flowers and plants to the area come spring.

Anders and Julie Himmelstrup’s library went up on Commonwealth Avenue in St. Anthony Park shortly after Christmas. It was a gift from their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Himmelstrup and Dan Liljedahl.

Liljedahl learned about the Little Free Library movement through a friend in Portland, Ore., whose brother built one here in St. Paul. “He showed me photos of his and [I] drove by and saw the one at his brother’s house, and I was all in,” Liljedahl said. Both Liljedahl and Himmelstrup work in St. Paul Public Schools. Liljedahl is the librarian at Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet School and Himmelstrup is the ceramics teacher at Central High School.

“My wife and I have been putting our work together, her tiles and my woodworking, for about five years now,” Liljedahl said. “The Little Free Library was a perfect fit for what we do and what we love. It includes her tiles and my woodworking, it is community oriented [and] it includes books. What’s not to love, right?”

Andrew Carnegie built 2,509 libraries at the turn of the 20th century. The aim of the Little Free Library founders, Todd Bol and Rick Brooks, is threefold: to promote literacy and the love of reading, to build a sense of community and to beat Andrew Carnegie by building more than 2,510 libraries around the world.

You can find out more about the Little Free Libraries at www.littlefreelibrary.org. There, you can access plans for building your own library or order a ready-made library. You can also see a map that shows where many of the libraries that have been built are.
Music in the Park’s family concert series schedule announced

Music in the Park’s Family Concerts will feature Celtic music, a little Mozart, classical guitar and more during three concerts in February, March and April.

The first concert will be held Friday, Feb. 24, and will feature Ross Sutter, Laura MacKenzie and Irish dancer and fiddler Danielle Embrom. The concert will include Irish and Scottish songs performed on concertina, Irish bodhran, flutes and fiddle.

Friday, March 30, the Anicia Saxophone Quartet will perform variations on “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” by Mozart, Latin-tinged “Monk T uno” by Cuban composer Paquito D’Rivera and Jelly Roll Morton’s “Blackbottom Stomp.”

The Escher String Quartet will perform with classical guitarist Jason Vieaux on Friday, April 27. Their concert will be a movement-and-motion-themed program that will include “Pizzicato” by Vivian Fung, Dvorak’s “American” Quartet and “Fandango” by Boccherini.

The concerts are held at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., at 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $6 for each concert or $15 for the three-concert series. Season and single tickets are available by calling 651-292-3268. Tickets are also available online at schubert.org/musicinthepark/family.

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to theparkbugle.org by Feb. 13 to be included in the March issue.

1 WEDNESDAY
Open computer lab, every Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

2 THURSDAY
Basic computer class for people with little or no computer experience, every Thursday in February, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library. Sign up required.

3 FRIDAY
Preschool storyline (ages 3 to 5) every Friday (except Feb. 17), St. Anthony Park Library

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1. 74% of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week and prefer the printed copy to the online version.
2. Those readers, on average, share their paper with 2.323 persons.
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4. 73% say they read most or all of their community newspaper
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*2011 results of an annual survey conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism.
Local boy performs in “The Dragons Are Singing Tonight”

Henry Hansen, a fifth-grader at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, is the featured character in the Minneapolis musical “The Dragons Are Singing Tonight,” a tale about a nasty dragon, which opened Jan. 27 and will run through Sunday, Feb. 12.

The show is an adoption of poet Jack Prelutsky’s book of dragon poems, which are brought to life by aerialists from Circus Juventas, 12 singing boys, three dazzling poems, which are brought to life by voice to those left out with words of reassurance we should take to heart: “We’re all on this wild ride together.”

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Northwest Como Recreation Center, 1550 N. Hamline Ave., will begin spring sports registration for indoor soccer, volleyball and floor hockey on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

T here are still openings in the babysitting class on Saturday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 11. Tchino Crazy class begins Tuesday, Feb. 7. Volleyball-softball and soccer clinics and the class Get Set to Be a Vet will be held this week of M arch 5–8.

A Teen Dancer for ages 11 to 14 will be held Friday, Feb. 3, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is $5.

The adult field trips to the M innesota Swarm Lacrosse Game and Ichiban’s Japanese Steak House still have openings. Call the recreation center at 651-298-5813 for more information.

The Fireside Literary Series is H amline M idway tradition

The Fireside Literary Series will feature three readings by M innesota authors at the Hamline Midway Branch Library, 1558 W. M innepaha Ave., in February. The programs, which are free and open to the public, begin at 7 p.m. and include coffee, cider, cookies and book signings.

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Neighbors

Branch Library, 2300 Como Ave, as part of the Women's Human Rights Film Series. The film profiles Convicted Women Against Abuse (CWAA), the U.S. prison system's first inmate-initiated group. CWAA has worked to change laws for battered women, raised awareness for those on the outside of prison walls and educated the prison system about the complexities of domestic abuse. A discussion will follow the film.

The film is presented by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and the Advocates for Human Rights. For more information, visit www.cs.umn.edu/density.

St. Paul Aubud presents Protecting the Galapagos Hawk Julia Ponder, executive director of the Center, will present the talk “Conservation in Galapagos: Protecting the Galapagos Hawk” on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville.

Ponder will address a recent pilot project on the Galapagos Islands that aimed to remove invasive, non-native rodents to protect the native species in the area. Because the Galapagos hawks were identified as at risk for secondary, nontarget mortality, the Center at the University of Minnesota was asked to lead a plan to protect them during the project.

Ponder will talk about what happened during the project and the results Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Foundation partnered with various organizations, including the Raptor Center on this project. Ecological supplies for the hawk migration were provided by the 3M Foundation.

For more information about the project and island restoration, you can visit these partner websites: Galapagos National Park, galapagopark.org, and the Raptor Center, www.raptorcenter.org.

This St. Paul Aubud program is free and open to the public. A social time with refreshments begins at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Linda Goodspeed at 651-647-1452.

Music Under Glass concert series brings jazz, zydeco to Como Park The Café Accordian Orchestra will perform its lounge, eclectic mix of music at the M inneapolis M inneapolis Conservatory in Como Regional Park, Thursday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The concert is part of Music Under Glass, a free, Thursday-night music series that kicked off in January and will showcase local musicians.

Other concerts include the Rob Henry Trio, Feb. 19; Daddysqueezato, March 9; and Gnar, March 18.

The concerts include food, cocktails, beer and wine, which will be available for purchase.

M inneapolis Conservatory opens for Valentine’s dinner for two Como Regional Park’s M inneapolis M inneapolis Conservatory will open its gardens for a unique dining experience for three nights in February: Sunday, Feb. 12, Monday, Feb. 13, and Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Guests will dine at tables for two in a scandina-
vien setting in one of the three featured gardens at the conservatory. The Baroque Trio will perform each evening on the perfect mark.

There will be a 5:30 and 8 p.m. seating each evening. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 651-454-7405 or reserve online at comoconservatory.org.

The cost is $165 per couple, a portion of which is tax-deductible. You can see the menu at the website.

Glow-in-the-dark ping-pong! The 2 Puppets will present Gnip Grop Circus at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave, on Friday, Feb. 17, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The show is billed as a glow-in-the-dark ping-pong-ball circus. You will never look at table tennis the same way again. Recommended for ages 2 and up.

For more information, call the St. Anthony Park Branch Library at 651-642-0111 or visit www.spl.org.

Date Night Under the Stars Head over to the Roseville Oval, 2660 Civic Center Dr., for a romantic evening under the stars on Friday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening includes music, hors d’oeuvres and dessert.

The concert is part of Music Under Glass.

Show of ceramics and paintings opens at Raymond Ave. Gallery Parallel T Hemes, featuring the work of ceramic artist Wayne Branum and painter Peter Prezmal, will open at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., Friday, Feb. 17, and run through March 30.

An opening reception will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 17.

Raymond Avenue Gallery is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 651-644-9200.

St. Cecilia’s to host annual dinner The Church of St. Cecilia, 2357 Bayleys Place, invites friends and neighbors to its annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church basement.

The dinner will feature roast turkey and all the trimmings. Tickets for the dinner are $18, children age 8 and under eat for free.

The event will feature fun, food, a raffle and a silent auction.

The Church of Cecilia’s is located east of Highway 280, just north of the intersection of University and Cromwell avenues.

Support group offered to adults recovering from mental illness A peer support group for adults recovering from mental illness meets biweekly on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Methodist Church, 1524 County Road C-2, Roseville. The free group is sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota. Trained facilitators who are also in recovery lead the groups. For more information, contact Will at 651-788-3394.

Feast of the Golden Fork D inner An elegant seven-course dinner will be served in Buchanan Hall at Church of the Holy Childhood, 1435 Midway Parkway, Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m. T he cost is $25 per person, $65 of which will be donated to the Holy Childhood Choir Fund to pay for the orchestra’s M asses. Reserved tickets may be purchased at the church office by calling 651-644-7405; M onday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pauline Boss will speak at SAP Caregiver Group in March Pauline Boss will be the guest speaker on Thursday, March 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Caregiver Group meeting at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Dr. professio nal emi nent at the University of M innesota is well known for her work on amnibals, her recent book, Looking Someone Who Has - Dementia: How to Find Hope While Coping with Stress and Grief, has received wide acclaim for the proven strategies for managing ongoing stress and grief. While her book addresses dementia, the perspectives and suggestions apply to many ongoing conditions. For more information, contact Ted Bowman at 651-645-6058.

The Caregiver Group is a once-spon sored by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors and the churches of St. Anthony Park.

Co-op preschool hosts open house The St. Anthony Park Co-O p preschool, 2129 Commonwealth Ave, is accepting applications for new families for the fall of 2012. Prospective families are welcome to visit the preschool, meet the teachers and visit with current families at the open house, Friday, Feb. 3, from 9 to 11 a.m.

To learn more about the school, find contact information and download an application at the school’s website, www.sappc.org.

An open house two-for-one The Hartland Alexander Nature Center, 2350 W. 46th St., Roselle, and its neighbor, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, will both host open houses on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. Celebrate the Chinese New Year at the nature center, then head across the parking lot to the rehabilitation center’s once-a-year opportunity to peek behind the scenes at this busy animal “hospital.”

Call the nature center at 651- 765-4262 for more information.

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Mrs. Schmidt goes to Washington from 7

that students write individual critical responses to every assignment. That gave the students practice in formulating their own points of view, but it didn’t guarantee that they would see an individual work of literature in the same cultural context as their teacher. Schmidt learned that when she assigned a poem by an American feminist to the Chinese students, a meditation on the contrast between women’s inner and outer selves, the poem describes the writer’s reaction to a series of Japanese block prints she had seen, the elaborate makeup.

“I wonder what she’s thinking as she begins her work,” was Schmidt’s summation. However, when Schmidt asked the students for their written responses to the poem, she received the standard form responses to every assignment. That’s when she knew the students had not grasped the poem, “Never trust the Japanese,” Schmidt says.

“They might be smiling now, but behind their masks [they’re] planning Nanking Massacre!”

During her tenure at the Fulbright Association, Schmidt plans to maintain the organization’s high profile among Fulbright alumni by sponsoring an annual international conference and building a more diverse membership.

Fulbright scholars come from community colleges in the heartland as well as Ivy League institutions on the East Coast, she says, and it’s in America’s best interest for “people from all parts of the nation to grow in international understanding.”

Her immediate task is to oversee the selection and award of the Fulbright Prize for International Peace and the Uniformed Services University’s prestigious award that has honored major figures such as Bill Clinton, Diamond Dustu and Bill and Mimi Elsas Gates. “Four of our winners have become Nobel Peace Prize winners,” says Schmidt, “but we chose them first.”

In addition to her administrative duties with the Fulbright Association, Schmidt plans to continue her work as a distance-learning professor with the University of Maryland’s University College-Adelphi, using a lifetimes teaching skills in an online classroom.

And that’s not her only internet presence. Schmidt is likely the only Fulbright Association executive director in history who has ever embarked on an online modeling career in her seventh decade. “I think what’s been really exciting is that I can see Eau,Claire, Wisconsin,” she says, “and I can see satisfaction. “I can now be put in people’s online shopping carts”

Judy Woodward is a librarian at Roseville Library and a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.
We welcome news about students or schools in our readership area. Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony. The deadline for the Mar. issue is Wednesday, Feb. 15. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org or call 651-214-6526.

**Chelsea Heights Elementary**

1557 H unon St., 651-293-8790

www.chelseahights.spps.org

D o you remember what state was the epicenter of a 5.8-magnitude earthquake this past August? Do you know where Bristol, a great place to catch salmon, is located? How about which state has the Finger Lakes?

There are a few of the questions seven Chelsea Heights students were asked in the school’s final competition for the National Geographic Bee.

Quincy Allman clinched the victory by correctly answering that the state of C hiapas is in Mexico. He edged out Evan Walczak, who happened to know that Timbuktu was in M ali and placed second. Kieran Aus placed third. Other participants included Lilia Seeba, Theo Lucy, Andrea Konieczny and Joel LaChapelle.

Congratulations to the Chelsea Heights Elementary Lego Team, the LegoFanatics, second-place winner at the Sanford M iddle School First Lego League Tournament. The team advanced to the state tournament on Jan. 28 at W ashington-Technology M agnet.

The students competing on the team are sixth-graders Jackson Kerr, Abigail M ooseman, Andrei Konieczny, and junior high fifth-graders Cecilia W uff, Mya M in W ay, G ordiee A idkamni and Michael Smith; and fourth-graders Danny Smith and Eric Chace. The results of the state tournament were not known prior to press.

**Como Park Senior High**

740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800

www.comapark.spps.org

Como varsity debaters Dai’Quan Boys basketball begins Jan. 31. Theo Lucy clinched the varsity debaters Dai’Quan and Guleed Ali took fifth place. Both teams advanced to the Minnesota State Debate Tournament held at the LegoFanatics. second-place winners from 6 to 8 p.m. at 2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735

www.stanbury.spps.org

General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell’s Labels for Education programs provide much-needed funds to schools for enrichment programs and equipment. St. Anthony Park Elementary School has been collecting box tops and food labels for many years. Clipping box tops and labels is a simple way for the community to help support the school.

To participate, visit the computer lab, complete a project, read a book, work on a school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private school project or help with homework.

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**James Baker-Jarvis**  
James R. Baker-Jarvis, 61, of Longmont, Colo., died suddenly Dec. 31. Jim grew up in Ladera. Jim loved his work as a theoretical physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo., garnering many awards and authoring many publications. His passions were canoeing, camping, biking and hiking in the mountains and his beloved guitar. Although a man of so many great achievements, he remained humble, kind and caring, with a delightful sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Duff and Aurrine; four brothers; and five sisters.

His funeral service was held Jan. 7.

**Gordon Bassett**  

He was the son of Nancy and Gordon W. Bassett. His maternal grandparents, Mary, Pflau and Eblig Ford Steil, stayed on Carter Avenue. His paternal grandfather, Louis Bassett, was an influential figure on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus.

He attended Gutterson Elementary School on Como Avenue and graduated from Murray High School. He attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. We was a career Army man and retired in Colorado Springs in 1973.

In 1991, Gordon returned to St. Paul to attend his 40th Murray High School reunion, where he reconnected with Carolyn Vickerman, niee Andrews, also of St. Anthony Park.

They were married at the Old Miskip Church on the campus of Luther Theological Seminary in June 1992.

Gordon was the last male descendant of a long line of Bassets, a family that played an integral role in shaping the United States, from agitating during the Revolutionary War and defending the Union in the Civil War to contributing to the commercialization of air travel.

His maternal great-grandfather, Isaac Steil, was a lumber baron and was reported to be one of Minnesota's first millionaires. His paternal great-grandfather, Edward Henry Bassett, was a soldier in the First Minnesota Regiment in the Civil War; his letters home were a critical primary source in the book Last Full Measure, a comprehensive history of the regiment's contributions to defending the Union.

An avid historian, especially of American military history and the role of rail transportation in everyday life and commerce, Gordon was an authority on passenger trains in the West between 1930 and 1940. He was an active member of the Minnesota Transportation Museum and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Gordon is survived by his second wife, Carolyn; daughters, Susan Bassett and Mary Lekanjczyk; and son-in-law Mark Lekanjczyk, all of Colorado Springs.

In what seemed to be fitting, given his long-lived love for the St. Anthony Park and Minnesota in general, Gordon was laid to rest on Dec. 2, with a steady snowfall and temperatures barely breaking 20 degrees.

**Joseph Bitney**  
Joseph Patrick "Joe" Bitney, 59, died unexpectedly on Jan. 10. He is survived by his mother, Betty; sisters, Patricia and brothers, Jim (Gail), John, Michael, Terry (Judy), Tom (Cathy) and Dan (Michele).

His funeral service was held Jan. 16, at the Church of St. Cecilia in Como Park.

**Donald Fischer**  
Donald A. Fischer, 83, retired St. Paul fire captain, died Dec. 20. He was an avid golfer and longtime fastball pitcher.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Beverly McCulloch; he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bumell (nee Biege); six children, Theresa (Keith) Valle, Mark (Julie), Karen Kaminski (Jerry Anderson), Laurie (Ken) Wayendt, Sandra (Mike) Luger and Maramee (Fred) Peterson; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was held at St. Anthony Park Catholic Church.

Floyd Foslain  
Floyd F. Foslain, 89, of St. Anthony Park, died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on Jan. 11.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Evelyn Matson, Ray and John:

Floyd's service was held Jan. 26 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

**Thomas Grel**  
Thomas D. Grel, 54, died Dec. 30. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Grel; brothers, Wesley Grel and Rocky Grel (Lisa); and sisters, Robin Stronow (Mike) and Bunny Burdine (Tim).

The memorial service was held Jan. 19 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

**William Konopatzki**  
William Konopatzki, 87, died Jan. 11. Bill served with the U.S. Marines in the Central Pacific, Iwo Jima and Okinawa during World War II. He was elected to the St. Paul City Council in the 1970s and worked for the St. Paul Police Department for 30 years, retiring as a sergeant. He was also a longtime member of the American Legion and VFW.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; son, William Jr.; and brother, Robert. He is survived by daughters Debbie (Gary) Currier, Cindy (Chris) Snow, Sharon (Mike) McNulty and Verna (Mike) Nanneman; nine grandchildren; and special friend, Darlene Amlott.

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

Eunice Logan  
Eunice H anren Logan, 93, died in Terranta, Calif., while visiting relatives on Dec. 29. A petite bundle of energy, she devoted herself to others through a lifetime of volunteer work, care as an educator and as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) and, until the last few years, was active at Como Park Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry. Survivors include two sons, Robert and lan; two daughters, Marth a and Mar y; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Jan. 7, at Como Park Lutheran Church.

**Malcolm MacGregor**  
Malcolm MacGregor, 67, died of cancer Jan. 17. He was a lifetime resident of Ramsey County, including 38 years in St. Anthony Park. He graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School in 1962, the University of Minnesota and the University of Colorado School of Law. He maintained a private law practice for 42 years in both Minnesota and St. Paul.

Malcolm was greatly involved in the community and his children’s and grandchildren's lives, enjoyed running, biking and cross-country skiing. He was a longtime member of the American Legion and VFW.

**Malcolm MacGregor**
had certain things he truly enjoyed in his personal life, most reflecting his love of the outdoors. He loved being outside and taking in the beauty of the trees, flowers, mountains and landscapes.

Having a young family in the 1970s, he and Margaret enjoyed summer hiking and winter cross-country skiing in Minnesota, exploring a number of state parks, often with friends. This resulted in almost yearly trips to Glacier National Park, the Canadian Rockies and the West Coast.

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His memorial service was held at Wayzata Lake Chapel, Macauley College, on Jan. 22.

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Suka-Rama space is now Something New for local artists

By Kristal Lebrick

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ome New, a local artist gift shoppe, is opening in the Suka-Rama spot in the Healy Building, 2301 Como Ave., this month. Sue Rohricht, who opened the eclectic shoppe, "is opening in the Suka-Rama in 2006, closed the shop because it 'could not continue to make ends meet. We simply did not have the customer base that we needed to survive,' she said. "While our customers were loyal and liked what we were doing, we didn't have enough traffic. I am tied to this neighborhood having grown up here and with my parents [Joanne and Tom] still living here, I didn't want to give up on providing something of value to the community."

She says the building's landlord, Park Service owner Neil Weenenga, "deserves a lot of credit for being flexible and willing to work with me to give this concept a try. It is my hope that by providing a place for artists from the greater metro to showcase their work, we will succeed in bringing more people to our community, which in turn, will help all the businesses in the community, along with the artists at Something New."

Business briefs

Jeff Huff, owner of the little wine shoppe, is selling his business to Pam and Austin Johnson of Prior Lake. Huff says it's time for him to move to new ventures.

The new owners say they will not change the name and will continue to operate the store much the same as Huff did, he said. Pam Johnson, a retired educator, will manage the store.

The Source Comics and Games will move out of its current location at 1601 W. Larpenteur Ave., Falcon

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Classifieds

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Business Briefs from 18

Hlights, on March 1 and reopen at the former Hollywood Video site at 2057 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville, a much larger space. The new location is next to Erik’s Bike Shop and across the street from HarMar Mall. At 10,000 square feet, the new store will provide the Source with more room for its toys, games and comic books.

Carter Ave. Frame Shop has been awarded the 2011 Angie’s List Super Service Award, an honor given annually to 5 percent of the businesses rated on the list. Angie’s List Super Service Award winners have met strict eligibility requirements, including earning a minimum number of reports, an exemplary rating from their clients and abiding by Angie’s List operational guidelines.

Piano teacher Rebekah Richards has opened a new home studio in St. Anthony Park. Richards Piano Studio, 1271 Raymond Ave, offers lessons to students of all ages.

Birdman from 9

One unexpected place to find a downy woodpecker in the winter is just above ground level among goldenrod stalks. There’s an insect just waiting to be found by the woodpecker.

The cells at the tip of the woodpecker’s bill are arranged in such a way that the bill is self-sharpening. That’s very useful because a woodpecker uses its bill to excavate several holes. The most important is the nest hole where the downy woodpecker will excavate roosting holes in which they sleep throughout the year. The woodpecker’s head design allows it to whack into bark to get at the larvae and beetles that make up the bulk of the woodpecker’s diet. Once a bird has uncovered a larval tunnel, its specially designed tongue goes into action, with tiny barbs on the tip that allow it to “harpoon” a wriggly larva. The back of the tongue wraps around the back of the skull, giving it added length for probing. One unexpected place to find a downy woodpecker in the winter is just above ground level among goldenrod stalks. There’s an insect that lays its egg in the goldenrod stem, which causes the plant to form a ball around the larva. The downy woodpecker perches on that ball until it has extracted the larva.

So look low in the fields as you walk this winter for downies perched on goldenrod stalks. Just don’t call it a “Pacific” subspecies unless you see those spots.

You can read more of Clay Christensen’s musings on birds on his blog at www.richardspiano.com.