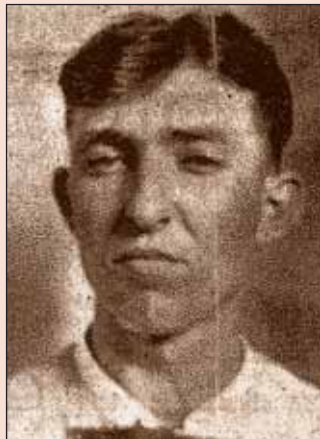




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## Local teen signs with Western Hockey League

*High school sophomore Kevin Wolf learned to skate on Langford Park's homemade outdoor ice rinks*

By Jonah Van Why

One thousand six hundred and thirty. Those 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." His love for hockey steadily began to overtake the other sports, and the permanent switch was made in seventh grade. Since that switch, 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

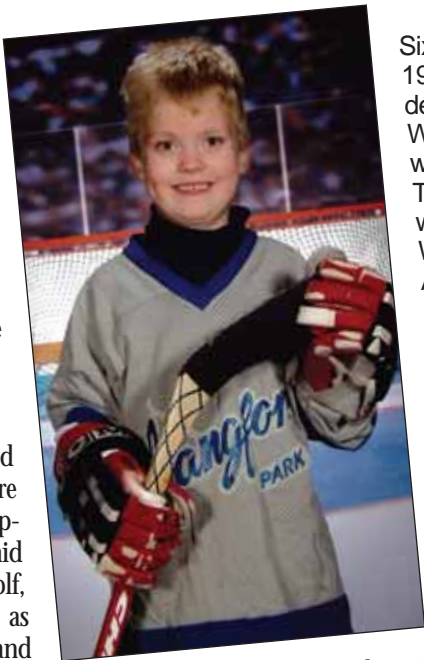
wanted Kevin to play for his team in Chicago. It was decision time for the family.

"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 all about winning there. I knew I would have the best chance developing as an individual."

Leaving home at 14 to live with a different family for the majority of the year, however, can take its toll. The youngest of Marty Wolf and Mary Ryan's three sons, Kevin said, "The hardest part is definitely being away from home. I miss time with



Six-foot, 6-inch 195-pound defenseman Kevin Wolf 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.



my 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 wasn't the only one

Kevin Wolf to 6



Little Free Libraries are popping up all over. This diminutive book stand went up in the Hoke family's Como Park yard in November.

## A neighborly exchange

*Program builds community one little library at a time*

By Kristal Leebrick

Two new libraries have quietly opened in the Como Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods since November. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and you don't need a library card to check out a book.

The approximately 2-by-2-foot wood-and-Plexiglas birdhouse-like structures are part of the Little Free Library initiative that began in 2009 in Madison, Wis. The program aims to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.

Sylvia and Robert Hoke installed their Little Free Library in November after moving into their newly constructed home on Chelsea Street in Como Park. A friend had posted a link to an article about the libraries on her Facebook page, Sylvia said. She liked the idea and "kept it in my head."

After they moved into their new house, the Hokes and their two sons, Mathias, 6, and Andreas, 4, got to work. They ordered plans from the Little Free Library website (www.littlefreelibrary.org), and Robert searched a nearby construction site for recycled materials to use in the library's construction. Mathias helped paint the library to match the color of their new home, and Andreas' passion for wires helped him land the job of assisting with the solar lighting his dad added to the project. "It gets dark early," Sylvia said, so the library lights up in the evening for neighbors whose evening walks happen after the sun goes down.

Sylvia first stocked their library with books she bought at the Roseville Library's annual used book sale in October. The family has been surprised at

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## A Park Bugle fundraiser at Micawber's

Join us for an evening in support of our independent community newspaper at our independent community bookstore.

The event, "Love of the Written Word," will feature delicious appetizers donated by Bliss Gourmet Foods, wine, friends and a book talk by Hans Weyandt, co-owner of Micawber's. Hans will give us his picks of good reads for the coming year.

Thursday, Feb. 9 \* 7:15–9:30 p.m. \$25 (but more if you can!)

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### Como Park

#### Tips to prevent vehicle theft

There has been a recent increase in thefts from vehicles in the Como Park neighborhood. It takes minutes, sometimes seconds, for thieves to steal property from a vehicle. Here are some tips on how to prevent vehicle theft:

- Never leave laptops, purses, wallets or any personal property in your vehicle, even for a few minutes.
- If you do take items of value with you, place them in your trunk before leaving home.
- If you have not placed items in your trunk and decide to park somewhere, stop along the way, place them in a trunk and then continue to your parking destination.
- Record the serial numbers of all property, especially electronics. This will make it more likely for you to get items back if police recover your property.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked.

Call 911 to report a theft in progress or if you observe suspicious people hanging around parking lots or in your neighborhood.

#### District 10 has board openings

Subdistrict 2 and subdistrict 3 board positions are open on the District 10 15-member, volunteer board of directors. All residents and business owners residing in subdistrict 2 or subdistrict 3 are eligible to serve. For more information on how to apply, contact the District 10 Office at [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org) or call 651-644-3889.

#### Como community garden planning meeting is Feb. 2

The District 10 Como Community Council is looking to start a community garden in the neighborhood this spring. A kick-off planning meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Java Train Cafe, 1341 N. Pascal St.

The planning committee will work together to find and secure a garden location and will contribute to the initial design, development and maintenance of the garden.

Please contact Jessie at [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org) or 651-644-3889 if you are interested in helping.

### Falcon Heights

#### Free AARP tax preparation

AARP volunteers will provide free tax-preparation assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 7 through April 10, from 9 a.m. to

noon at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Trained volunteers will assist with state, federal and property tax or rental credit returns. Appointments will not be taken; only walk-in service will be available. This service is provided for senior citizens, low-income and handicapped taxpayers. Complicated tax returns will not be prepared. Please bring a copy of last year's return. Tax returns cannot be prepared without Social Security identification.

#### Lions Club offers scholarships

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club is sponsoring its annual \$1,000 college scholarships for one female and one male 2012 graduating senior from Roseville Area High School. Recipients must be residents of either Lauderdale or Falcon Heights. The scholarship winners will be selected by the Roseville Area High School Scholarship Program committee. Eligible high school seniors should apply by contacting their RAHS guidance counselor.

#### City park facilities are for rent

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation rents park facilities to residents and nonresidents all year round. City Hall, Community Park and Curtiss Field are available to rent. Go to [www.falconheights.org-Parks](http://www.falconheights.org-Parks) and Recreation-Facility Rentals for information on cost, location and amenities.

### St. Anthony Park

#### District 12 needs board members

The St. Anthony Park Community Council has several seats open on its board of directors. Board members represent north, south or the business

community of St. Anthony Park. The Community Council's mission is to promote active citizen involvement in local issues, ensure the neighborhood has an effective voice in government decisions and help build connections in the community. In addition to the monthly board meeting, board members also are part of the Land Use, Environment or Community Connections committees.

Board applications can be found at [www.sapcc.org/boardapplication](http://www.sapcc.org/boardapplication). Applications must be returned to the St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., by noon Monday, March 12. They can be emailed to [lauren@sapcc.org](mailto:lauren@sapcc.org). The board election will take place in mid-April.

#### Leaf and Kasota Pond cleanups are being planned in District 12

The District 12 Community Council received a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to organize a leaf debris cleanup in early spring, followed by a neighborhood-wide educational campaign in fall 2012 to work toward cleaner streets and waterways the following year. The date for the cleanup is still to be determined, but when finalized it will be posted at [sapcc.org](http://sapcc.org) and on the District 12 Facebook page.

The council will also sponsor the annual Kasota Pond Cleanup to celebrate Earth Day in late April. Details will also be posted on the website.

Many volunteers are needed for both cleanups. Contact Lauren ([lauren@sapcc.org](mailto:lauren@sapcc.org) or 651-649-5992) if you'd like to volunteer or want more information on either of these events.

# 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 several metro-area suburbs, most recently in Chaska, 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 landowners and tenants, especially along Larpenteur Avenue, he said.

"I feel that's one of my strengths," he said, citing emphases on economic development in his city government roles in Chaska, Newport and Oakdale.

He said he hopes to strengthen partnerships with the Minnesota State Fair and the University of Minnesota, proximity to which makes Falcon Heights "a great location," Fischer said.

He will also seek connections with Met Council, state officials and other regional development bodies.

"A lot of economic development is being out there, being in front of



**Bart Fischer**

people," Fischer said.


Fischer attended Northwestern College in Roseville and Metropolitan State University.

He and his wife, Tammy, have three young children and live in Cottage Grove.—*Anne Holzman*

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# 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*

Jeanne Baumann has been a block leader for more 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 district communications, organizing crime awareness seminars in her home and orchestrating National Night Out celebrations, book clubs, chore help and alley snowplowing. Allen opens her home for informational gatherings, inviting experts 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 a 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 sessions and much more. MacDonald is still an active member of the Environment Committee and



**Mike MacDonald**

serves on the Capitol Region Watershed District's Citizen Advisory Committee.

## District 12 (St. Anthony Park)

*Tom Bielenberg and Hans Weyandt*

The owners of Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., run one of the most neighborly small businesses in the Twin Cities. Tom Bielenberg 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 sales going to the neighborhood school, St. Anthony Park Elementary School. They

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**Jeanne Baumann**

*What's going on behind that fenced-in area near Langford Park's ice rinks?*

# City repairs stormwater tunnel

*By Anne Holzman*

Right around the time hockey boards went up for the winter at Langford Park, a small fenced-in area arrived on the park's southwest 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 of 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 Eustis 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 removed 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 for the project, can be reached at 651-266-6149. He said work schedules can be flexible, so neighbors and park users should let him know if they anticipate problems.

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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.





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## E D I T O R I A L

### Neighbors: your key to a resilient, livable community

The 2008 recession ended urban sprawl in the Twin Cities metro area, according to Tom Gillaspy, Minnesota’s state demographer. The Great Recession, as he calls it, put the brakes on a half-century trend of exploding suburban and exurban 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 with an easy commute to work, shopping and entertainment came to a screeching halt when many of the area’s 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 a new generation of young adults eager 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. “Our children want to know their neighbors.”

During his talk, “Minnesota and the New Normal,” 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 state’s economy is shifting to pay for more healthcare for the aging and less for 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 homebuyers 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, send their kids to the same schools, use the local recreation centers and libraries. Knowing your neighbors is not a new trend in the communities of our readership area.

To show how integral their roles are to a community’s vitality, the City of St. Paul’s district councils each year select neighbors who have worked to make their neighborhoods better places to live, work and play. These are people who are working to make our communities livable and able to adjust to environmental and societal changes, from helping neighbors connect through block clubs and informational gatherings to working on water conservation issues and launching conversations about sustainability to running a business that provides more than just goods to a neighborhood. You can read about the Como Park and St. Anthony Park honor rolls on page 3.

#### Bugle delivery dates

One of your longtime neighbors, the Park Bugle, has changed its delivery dates slightly. The paper will now be delivered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during delivery week, rather than Monday and Tuesday. If you have not received your paper by Thursday afternoon of that week, please email editor@parkbugle.org. You can find our delivery dates and other delivery information at www.parkbugle.org.

## L E T T E R S

#### December’s Shop Home is a good way to shop local

The Dec. 3 Shop Home event was a fun and festive way to find unique

handmade gifts in the Milton Square market, and a great way to prompt visits to our neighborhood businesses. As a lucky winner of one

of the raffle gifts, I want to thank the businesses and artists who contributed so generously. After I use my gift certificates, I will continue to

“shop local” to help sustain our vibrant business district.

*Arlene West  
St. Anthony Park*

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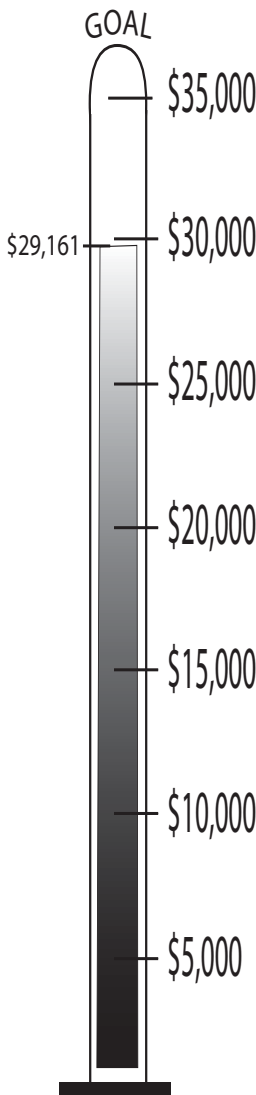
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## C O M M E N T A R Y

# The raucous caucuses of St. Anthony Park

By Dave Healy

The Iowa 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 camps 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.

Those in the 50-year camp preached the advantages of long-term stability, but other caulkers argued

that given the prospects of global warming offering temperate Januaries, the tax burden of more expensive caulk and the absence of legislative mandates for caulking, 50 years would be overkill. The clear group claimed the moral high ground by avoiding terminology 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 Malfeasance, 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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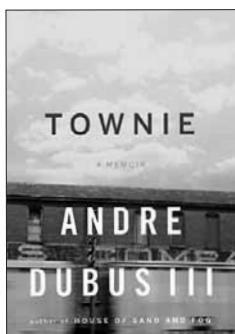
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### Kevin Wolf from 1

to take notice of Kevin's improved play. Scouts began to catch on, and before long, the Seattle Thunderbirds selected Wolf in the 10th round of the Western Hockey 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 about college. By signing with a WHL 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: "[Kevin] signing in juniors, this 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 ways away. "[Kevin] 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 WHL 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 Seattle, but he offered the best advice he has received, "There are many different ways to going. Don't try and do what everyone else is trying to do."

Obviously, Wolf is not living the stereotypical teenage lifestyle. Make no mistake, however; he is on the right path to making his dreams a reality.

*Jonah Van Why is a senior at Central High School who lives in St. Anthony Park and has spent the year writing an online sports column for the Park Bugle.*

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# Mrs. Schmider goes to Washington

*Retirement eludes Mary Ellen Schmider as she takes the helm at Fulbright*

By Judy Woodward

At 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 emerita graduate dean at Minnesota State University Moorhead moved to Washington at the beginning of this year to become the executive director of the Fulbright Association. The 7,000-member organization for alumni of the 66-year-old Fulbright Program is the nation's best known program for international academic and cultural exchange.

Schmider calls her new Fulbright appointment "the capstone for my career," but she is one grandma who isn't about to let important responsibilities prevent her from tending her own knitting. Literally. Schmider is an avid knitter, who is proud to sell her creations at the annual crafts show at the University of Minnesota retirement complex at 1666 Coffman on Larpenteur Avenue. That's typical of a woman who has never seen any contradiction between her work as a scholar and administrator and her enthusiasm for a domestic life that has grown to include several granddaughters.

But it's an attitude that has confounded some in her long academic career, never more so than when she was named the first female Fulbright scholar at Lanzhou University in Gansu Province, China, in 1997. "I had the grant, not my husband," she explains, "and I was knitting my first grandchild a blanket." To put it mildly, Schmider was not what the Chinese—whose ideas of American culture were presumably based on Hollywood action films, she says—expected as either a distinguished scholar or an expectant grandma.

But then, Schmider has been



Mary Ellen Schmider

surprising those whose vision wasn't as broad as her own ever since she 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 to "teaching in the orange groves in a former chicken coop." By age 24, she'd taught every English course the department offered, and she began to widen her horizons. "That set me to see the

overview as well as grading English papers one-on-one," she says, "My career has been to move from beyond the classroom to management of an institution."

Her administrative skills were tapped at Minnesota State University Moorhead and through service as the chair of the Minnesota Humanities Commission and on several Lutheran boards, but some of her most interesting international experiences came in the classroom setting. At times, she learned as much as she taught. By "simply imbedding oneself in the culture," she says, "one learns a lot." One important lesson? Never assume that standard American assumptions about classroom behavior will prevail.

In China, says Schmider, she "learned how people are acculturated in other contexts" when she taught a group of six young female students. "They lived together, ate together, took turns at the communal hot-water tap" and subsisted on modest student allowances. They also apparently studied and thought together. When Schmider tried to engage the women in oral discussion, one student spokeswoman answered for the group.

"The senior woman of the six was the conduit of the group consensus on the topic," says Schmider. It wasn't that the women were shy or unoriginal. They were simply following Chinese educational tradition.

"In China, students stay silent and write exams on their professors' ideas," explains Schmider. "None had any experience of thinking critically and coming up with their own ideas."

Schmider addressed this particular lack of skill by insisting

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Professor, dean, executive director: Schmider also adds online clothing model to her resume.

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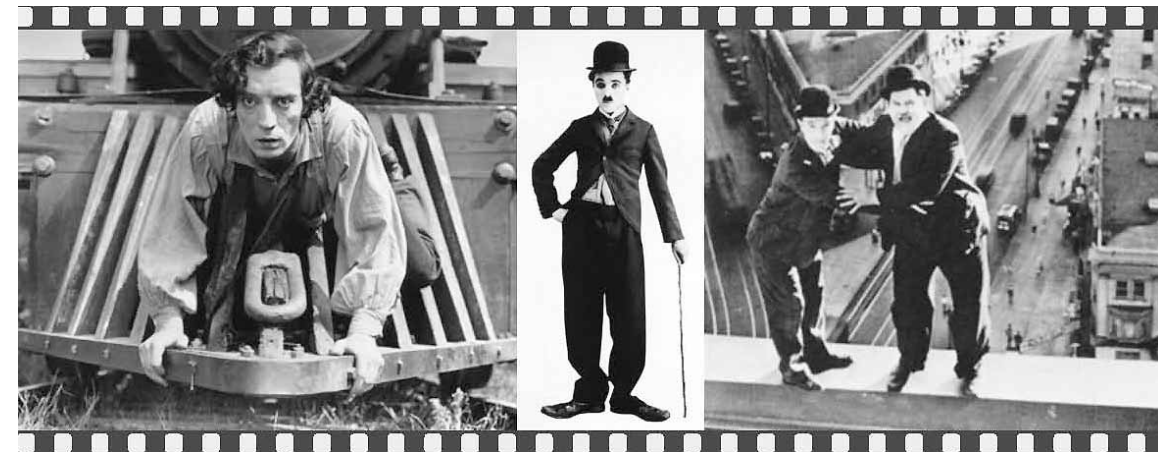
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The event will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in the lower-level auditorium. The movies are free, but the pop and popcorn will cost 25 cents.

Silent Movie Night is sponsored by the St. Paul Public Library and the SAP Library Association.



*Two-bit crook's sharp car raises eyebrows*

# 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 a March 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 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 upstanding 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 Mason City, Iowa.

A short, slight man with a squint and a bad complexion, Harry Eugene Green probably looked more imposing holding a machine gun. His larcenous 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 Margaret Green at 1388 N. Snelling was in 1933. Also listed were 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 Karpis-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 banks that were ideal candidates for plundering. He also knew doctors who would treat gunshot wounds, as well as other assorted ailments, such as venereal disease.

Dillinger, soon to be designated "Public Enemy Number One" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) J. 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 became known, hit the Sioux Falls, S.D. bank on March 6, 1934, and struck in Mason City, Iowa, a week later.

Although Green welcomed Dillinger's participation in the heists, he also worried that the gangster's notoriety would generate unwelcome attention.

## Beginning of the end

Dillinger and his girlfriend, Evelyn "Billie" Frechette, were staying—under false names, of course—at the Lincoln Court Apartments, 93 S. Lexington Parkway, in St. Paul. On a tip from the landlady, wary of their suspicious habits, agents from the local FBI office came calling on March 31, 1934. A wild shootout ensued, with the wounded Dillinger and Frechette escaping through an unguarded rear door and another gang member, Homer Van Meter, getting away, as well.

The news of Dillinger's escape made headlines from coast to coast and Hoover fumed, because the accompanying ridicule jeopardized his efforts to get more funding to



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expand his agency. He poured 50 agents into St. Paul, steamrolling the local constabulary.

In the Lincoln Court apartment, a phone number on a slip of paper was traced to a Marshall Avenue apartment. Green had hired a housekeeper to pick up some belongings at the apartment and take them to her home on Rondo Avenue, later demolished for the construction of I-94.

When Green drove his Terraplane to the Rondo address on April 3, his common-law wife, Beth, at his side, federal agents were waiting. The initial FBI report said that Green made a "suspicious" gesture, but that word subsequently was 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 never provided anything useful—Dillinger was long gone—but Beth Green subsequently became a valuable informant. It turned out she disliked many of Eddie's associates intensely.

Green died after nine days. When it turned out that he had been shot in the back, the Ramsey County Coroner's Office called for an inquest, but the FBI refused to cooperate and it never occurred.

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 a 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 editions for more Paul Anderson reminiscences: "Traffic stopped on Snelling when '32 Chevy ran wild" and "Moonshine on Snelling."*

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The Birdman  
of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

## 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's 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? What a find.

Over the years I've looked for another specimen but never saw one until this fall when I was on the phone with my birding buddy, Val, and a Pacific downy came to the feeder right outside my window. "Wow!" I said. "Val, I've got a downy woodpecker right here with a buffy underside! Have you ever seen that?"

"You've probably got a juvenile," she said, a bit too calmly for me. "They tend to have a buffy chest and belly." So much for my musing on

the Pacific subspecies. In fact, in my check of the field guide, I had failed to note that the Pacific subspecies has spots on its chest just inside the shoulder.

I decided to research the downy woodpecker and find out more about this regular year-round resident. I turned to *Wild Bird Guides: Downy Woodpecker* by Gary Ritchison (Stackpole Books, 1999), a rich resource, with lots of downy photos, including ones of juveniles with buffy bellies.

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.

The downy is often confused with the hairy woodpecker, which is not related but patterned much the same. If the two birds are near each other, you can easily see that the hairy is much larger.

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.

Like most woodpecker heads, the downy's head is uniquely designed to handle the shocks it endures when pounding on a limb or the trunk of a tree.

There are plates in the woodpecker's skull that direct much of the shock to the lower part and back of the head and to the neck, relieving some of the stress on the brain. The skull also has little cerebrospinal fluid around the brain, which reduces the amount the brain rebounds on each stroke.

Woodpecker eyes have a third eyelid to protect them during

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## Track winter's active animals on free Como Woodland tours

*By Deb Robinson*

Learn about the Como Woodland's animals by searching for their tracks during a free one-hour educational tour in February. Join Lisa Held, interpretive naturalist and Como Woodland adviser, on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom in Como Regional Park.

Meet Held at the Kilmer Memorial Fireplace, just off Como Avenue between Beulah Lane and Lexington Parkway, and learn more about the woodland animals that hibernate during the winter months and those that stay active, including fox, opossums, deer and many others. You will learn about animal tracks and other signs of critter life in this small urban forest.

Tours are free, but there is a 25-participant limit, so reservations are recommended. To RSVP or for more information, contact Held at 651-373-0028.

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Opossum tracks are as distinctive as the animal itself.  
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# Langford Park Winter Classic

*Unseasonably warm weather threatens last-minute venue change for annual St. Anthony Park hockey tournament*

By Kristal Leebrick

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 Edgumbe 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



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### Little Libraries from 1

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 read: “If you see a book that interests you, please take it. Borrow, donate, trade—this is a community effort and we look forward to the collective exchange of ideas and interests as the contents of this library evolve.”

The Hokes also placed a bench in front of their library for neighbors to use. 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



Sylvia, Mathias, Andreas and Robert Hoke (above) hope their Little Free Library will promote the exchange of ideas and interests in their community.

Below: Lisa Himmelstrup, Dan Liljedahl and their daughter, Sila: Lisa and Dan combined their woodworking and ceramic skills when making the library for Lisa’s parents, Anders and Julie Himmelstrup. Photos by Kristal Leebrick



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# 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 Enblom. The concert will include Irish and Scottish songs performed on concertina, Irish bodhran, flutes, bagpipes and fiddle.

Friday, March 30, the Ancia Saxophone Quartet will perform variations on "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" by Mozart, Latin-tinged "Monk Tuno" 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](http://schubert.org/musicinthepark/family).

# FEBRUARY Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to [calendar@parkbugle.org](mailto:calendar@parkbugle.org) by Feb. 15 to be included in the March issue.

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

English conversation circle, every Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "A Visit From the Goon Squad," by Jennifer Egan, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

The St. Paul Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals monthly meeting, 5 p.m. networking, 6 p.m. dinner, Oak Marsh Golf Clubhouse. \$22 members, \$24 guests. RSVP, 651-325-4238

**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 storytime (ages 3 to 5) every Friday (except Feb. 17), St. Anthony Park library

**7 TUESDAY**  
Baby storytime: rhymes, stories and songs for birth-age 2, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

Women's Human Rights Film Series: "Sin by Silence," 7-8:30 pm, St. Anthony Park library

**13 MONDAY**  
Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall

**14 TUESDAY**  
St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30-7 p.m., business meeting; 7-8 p.m., "Native Plants for Dry Shade, Dry Sun and Hardiness," by Nancy Schumacher of the Vagary, free and open to the public, St. Matthews Episcopal Church

**17 FRIDAY**  
Gnip Gnop Circus, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**18 SATURDAY**  
Feast of the Golden Fork, 6:30 p.m., Church of the Holy Childhood, \$75 per person

**19 SUNDAY**  
Church of St. Cecelia's annual dinner, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**20 MONDAY**  
President's Day, public libraries and schools are closed

**21 TUESDAY**  
Baby storytime: rhymes, stories and songs for birth-age 2, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

**25 SATURDAY**  
St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Find out more at [sapcc.org/progressivedinner2012](http://sapcc.org/progressivedinner2012).

**27 MONDAY**  
Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall

**26 SUNDAY**  
Sunday Afternoon Reading Group, "Cannery Row" by Mark Kurlansky, 2:30 p.m., Micawber's Books

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Wednesdays, SAP United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
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## Neighbors



Henry Hansen

### Local boy performs in "The Dragons Are Singing Tonight"

Henry Hansen, a fifth-grader at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, is performing with the Minnesota Boychoir in a collaboration with the choir, Puppet Farm Arts and Circus Juventas at the Southern Theater in Minneapolis. The musical "The Dragons Are Singing Tonight," a tale about a nasty dragon, opened Jan. 27 and will run through Sunday, Feb. 12.

The show is an adaptation of poet Jack Prelutsky's book of dragon poems, which are brought to life by 30 singing boys, three dazzling aerialists from Circus Juventas, 12 top-notch musicians and countless puppets, giant and small. Shows are Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1 and 5 p.m., and Sundays at 1 p.m. For more information, go to [www.tigerlion.org](http://www.tigerlion.org) or call 612-670-7771.

### Northwest Como news

Northwest Como Recreation Center,

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

There are still openings in the babysitting class on Saturday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 11. Techno Crazy class begins Tuesday, Feb. 7. Volleyball-softball and soccer clinics and the class Get Set to Be a Vet will be held the week of March 5-8.

A Teen Dance 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 Minnesota Swarm Lacrosse Game and Ichiban's Japanese Steak House still have openings. Call the recreation center at 651-298-5813 for more information.

*The Smurfs* is the featured movie at the Friday, Feb. 17, Movie Night. Activities begin at 6 p.m. and run through 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

### Falcon Heights girl is 2012 ambassador for diabetes walk

Emma Bontrager, a sixth-grader at Falcon Heights Elementary School,



Emma Bontrager

is the walk ambassador for the 2012 Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Mall of America Feb. 25.

Emma has had type 1 diabetes since she was 22 months old. She checks her blood sugars eight times a day and has used insulin since she was 2 years old. As the walk ambassador, Emma enjoys sharing her story to promote the awareness of the disease and the importance of finding a cure. This is the 10th year that Emma's walk team, Emma's Endeavor, has participated in the fundraiser. Emma has been featured on TV public service announcements and will be appearing on KARE 11 in late February.

### Fireside Reading Series is Hamline Midway tradition

The Fireside Literary Series will feature three readings by Minnesota authors at the Hamline Midway Branch Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha 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.

On Feb. 1, Ed Bok Lee will read from his new poetry collection, *Whorled*, a piece that strives to give a voice to those left out with words of loss and longing, confrontation and celebration.

Peter Smith will read on Feb. 8 from his book, *A Cavalcade of Lesser Horrors*, a series of funny, honest and moving pieces in which Smith explores a few messy episodes from his own life and uncovers a simple reassurance we should take to heart: We're all on this wild ride together.

Diane Wilson closes the series on Feb. 15 with a reading from her book *Beloved Child: A Dakota Way of Life*, in which she explores the work of several modern Dakota people who are continuing to raise beloved children: Gabrielle Tateyuskaskan, an artist and poet; Clifford Canku, a spiritual leader and language teacher; Alameda Rocha, a boarding-school survivor; Harley and Sue Eagle, Canadian activists; and Delores Brunelle, an Ojibwe counselor.

Sign interpretation is available with advanced notice. For more information, call 651-222-3242 or visit [www.thefriends.org](http://www.thefriends.org).

### Anglican church opens at former St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Church of the Redeemer, an Anglican church, has moved in to the former site of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1031 Como Ave. The church branched off from the Church of the Cross in Hopkins.

Nathan Dickerson, the church pastor, said the church began as a small group of people who were

attending the Hopkins church but lived in the east metro area. They began meeting Sunday afternoons at Advent Lutheran Church in Roseville a few years ago.

As the church grew and needed a larger space, the church found that the St. Andrew's church site was available to rent. Church of the Redeemer signed a lease in January and moved in.

Dickerson was hired as pastor of the church in October. He and his family moved to Minnesota from Raleigh, N.C.

"We are very excited about being in the Como area for several reasons," Dickerson said. "First, this location is close to many of the families in our congregation. Second, we are excited about being at St. Andrew's itself, because it provides such a beautiful sanctuary for our worship services. And finally, we are also excited about learning about the ways we can serve the community near the church."

For more information, go to [www.oftheredeemer.org](http://www.oftheredeemer.org)

### Film spotlights prison group that raised awareness of domestic abuse

The movie *Sin by Silence* will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park

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## Neighbors

### Neighbors from 13

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. Please note: Some graphic images of abuse appear briefly in photographs during the film.

#### St. Paul Adubon presents

##### Protecting the Galapagos Hawk

Julia Ponder, executive director of the Raptor 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 Raptor 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. Medical supplies for the hawk mitigation were provided by the 3M Foundation.

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

This St. Paul Audubon 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 Cafe Accordion Orchestra will perform its loungy, eclectic mix of music at the Marjorie McNeely 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 Robb Henry Trio, Feb. 19; Daddy Squeeze Trio, March 8; and Gnarl, March 18.

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

#### McNeely Conservatory opens for Valentine's dining for two

Como Regional Park's Marjorie McNeely 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 candlelit setting in one of the three featured gardens at the conservatory. The Baroque Trio will perform each evening.

There will be a 5:30 and 8 p.m. seating each evening. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 651-487-8250 or reserve online at comozooconservatory.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 Z Puppets will present Gnip Gnop 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 651-642-0411 or visit www.sppl.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 event includes candlelight dining on hors d'oeuvres and desserts and skating under the stars.

Cost is \$46 per couple. Call 651-792-7110 to register.

#### Show of ceramics and paintings opens at Raymond Ave. Gallery

Parallel Themes, featuring the work of ceramic artist Wayne Branum and painter Peter Presnail, 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.

#### Mrs. Schmider 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. Schmider 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 of a geisha donning her elaborate makeup.

"I wonder what she's thinking as she puts on the perfect mask," was Schmider's summation. However, when Schmider asked the students for their written responses to the poem, the answers were as uniform as they were jarring to an American sensibility. "Every single student said the meaning of the poem was, 'Never trust the Japanese!'" Schmider says.

For more information, call 651-644-9200.

#### St. Cecilia's to host annual dinner

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

The dinner will feature roast turkey and all the trimmings. Tickets for the dinner are \$9; children age 8 and under eat for free.

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

The Church of Cecilia 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 National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota. Trained facilitators who are also in recovery lead the groups. For more information, contact Will at 651-578-3364.

#### Feast of the Golden Fork Dinner

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. The cost is \$75 per person, \$65 of which will be a donation to the Holy Childhood Choir Fund to pay for the orchestra Masses. Reserved tickets may be purchased at the church office by calling 651-644-7405 Monday through Friday, 8.30 a.m. to 1 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. Boss, professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota, is well known for her work on ambiguous loss. Her recent book, *Loving 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 service co-sponsored by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors and the churches of St. Anthony Park.

#### Co-op preschool hosts open house

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

Learn more about the school, find contact information and download an application at the school's website, www.sapcp.org

#### An open house two-for-one

The Harriet Alexander Nature Center, 2520 N. Dale St., Roseville, 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.

become Nobel Peace Prize winners," says Schmider, "but we chose them first."

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

And that's not her only internet presence. Schmider is likely the only Fulbright Association executive director in history who has ever embarked on an online modeling career in her seventh decade. "I model for a Details Direct store in Eau Claire, Wisconsin," she says with 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.*

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## School News



### Champions

Chelsea Heights geography bee winners are Andrei Konieczny, Evan Walczak, Joel LaChappelle, Quincy Altman, Lila Seeba, Kieran Aus and Theo Lucy.

We welcome news about students or schools in our readership area: Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park. The deadline for the March issue is Wednesday, Feb. 15. Send your news to [editor@parkbugle.org](mailto:editor@parkbugle.org) or call 651-214-6526.

**Chelsea Heights Elementary**  
1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790  
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Do you remember what state was the epicenter of a 5.8-magnitude earthquake this past August? Do you know where Bristol Bay, a great place to catch salmon, is located? How about which state has the Finger Lakes?

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

Quincy Altman clinched the victory by correctly by answering that the state of Chiapas is in Mexico. He edged out Evan Walczak, who happened to know that Timbuktu was in Mali and placed second. Kieran Aus placed third. Other participants included Lila Seeba, Theo Lucy, Andrei Konieczny and Joel LaChappelle.

Congratulations to the **Chelsea Heights Elementary Lego Team**, the LegoFanatics, second-place winner at the Sanford Middle School First Lego League Tournament. The team advanced to the state tournament on Jan. 28 at Washington Technology Magnet. The students competing on the team are sixth-graders Jackson Kerr, Abigail Moseman, Andrei Konieczny and Jared Czech; fifth-graders Cecelia Wulff, Mya Min Way, Goodness Adekanmi and Michael Smith; and fourth-graders Danny Smith and Eric Chase. The results of the state tournament were not known at press time.

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Como **varsity debaters Dai'Quan Robinson and Stryker Thompson took second place** at the Section IV debate tournament, and Maci Bekele and Guleed Ali took fifth place. Both teams advanced to the Minnesota State Debate Tournament held at the University of Minnesota.

**FAFSA nights are Feb. 15 and March 20** from 6 to 8 p.m. Counselors and college admissions staff will be on hand to help parents fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and get their student ready for college.

Spanish teacher Kathy Herrema-Johnson will hold an informational meeting about a **June 2013 home-stay trip to Costa Rica** on Wed., Feb. 1, at 2:15 p.m. If you have questions, contact Herrema-Johnson at [kathy.herrema@spps.org](mailto:kathy.herrema@spps.org) or 651-293-8800, x 45383. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting.

The **Como Park Senior High School Showcase** is Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is a great opportunity to see the Como Park community in action. Check out Advanced Placement, band and orchestra, clubs and organizations, athletics, world languages, JROTC, and much more.

**Thirty-one students are Bigs for 31 Como Elementary Littles.** Every Thursday during the school year, these ambitious students volunteer their time by doing activities with their Littles, such as play in the gym, visit the computer lab, complete a craft project, read a book, work on a school project or help with homework. Bigs are not private tutors but simply good friends and mentors. These students filled out an application, had good references, were interviewed and completed training before being matched with a student at Como Elementary. Yangmee Lor of the Big Brothers Big Sister Program of the Greater Twin Cities matched students from the two schools based on shared interests and similar personality traits. Activities are designed for not only enjoyment and academic achievement for the Little but to also build leadership skills in the Bigs.

**Murray Junior High**  
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[www.murray.spps.org](http://www.murray.spps.org)

**Murray's Showcase for prospective seventh-graders** is Thursday, Feb. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parents and sixth-graders will go to six classrooms to hear about the core and elective curriculum. Every Tuesday in February at 9 a.m., parents and sixth-

graders can have a guided tour the school, visit the classrooms and see the school in action. Sixth-graders can also shadow a Murray student any Wednesday or Thursday in February. Go to Murray's website to sign up a student for shadowing: [www.murray.spps.org](http://www.murray.spps.org).

**Murray's conferences** will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The school **science fair was held on Jan. 17**, and approximately 45 students will go to the regional competition in the 15 different categories.

**Murray's One-on-One class has 48 students** who receive academic help in their core subjects from about 70 tutors. Because the students are in the class every day of the week, Cindy Thrasher is looking for more tutors to come to Murray. She makes arrangements with the teachers so the tutors have assignments to work on with their student. They may have a student review missed items on a test, read through a history assignment or catch up on homework. Tutors come for one or more days of the week for one, two or three periods to be with the student. The classes are at 11:20 a.m. to 12:14 p.m., 12:15 to 1:10 p.m. or 1:10 to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to be a tutor, contact Cindy at 651-293-8740.

**Winter season sports wrap up:** Murray student athletes are in the midst of another successful sports season. The girls' basketball team was 9-0 at press time.

The girls played their Jan. 17 game against Battle Creek at the main gym of the campus of Como Park Senior High School. Coaches Pearson and Cornelius have a squad of nearly 30 girls and the program remains strong year after year.

The Murray wrestling team is sporting its largest roster of players in many years. New coach Kirby Scull has a team of 17 boys who improve with every match.

Boys basketball begins Jan. 31. The boys will defend their championship year from last season.

The school's **History Day competition is Tuesday, Feb. 21**. This year's topic is Revolution,

Reaction and Revolt in History. Students work individually or as teams to create a play, build a museum board, write a paper or make a website or documentary. Judges are needed. Contact Gen Nakanishi at 651-744-5233 or [gen.nakanishi@spps.org](mailto:gen.nakanishi@spps.org) if you'd like to be a judge.

Students may receive a surprise on Valentine's Day. **Roses are being sold as a fundraiser for the Murray play "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,"** which will be performed March 23-25. Students be selling the flowers during lunch periods and the roses will be delivered to recipients on Feb. 14.

In the first trimester, **97 seventh-graders made the A honor roll** and 78 made the B honor roll. In the eighth grade, 63 made the A honor roll and 87 made the B honor roll. Way to go.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary**  
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[www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). Be sure to clip the UPC symbol when cutting labels. Every label helps. Thanks for your support.

February is I Love to Read month and St. Anthony Park kids love to read. The school's **Read-a-Thon fundraiser kicks off Thursday, Feb. 2**. The goal is for the students to read 240,000 minutes from Feb. 2 to 13. Students will seek pledges in hopes of raising \$11,000 for the school. If the student body reaches its 240,000-minute goal, Principal Ann Johnson will dress up as a storybook character (chosen by the students) for the entire school day on Feb. 16.

Monday, Feb. 13, is **National African-American Parent Involvement Day**. All parents and extended family members are invited to spend time at the school that day. If you want to visit and have lunch, let your child's teacher know so the school will have enough lunches prepared for visiting families.

The school's **open house is Thursday, Feb. 9**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is a good time for prospective parents to visit the school. New parent tours will also be conducted every Tuesday and Thursday in February. Call the school at 651-293-8735 to schedule a tour.

Other **important February dates** at the school include an early release day on Friday, Feb. 3; no school on Friday, Feb. 17, or Monday, Feb. 20; site council meets on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 5 p.m.; SAPSA meets on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.; and Davanni's Pizza Night is Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Roseville Davanni's, 1905 W. Perimeter Drive. Tell the Davanni's servers that you are with the school and the school will receive a percentage of the proceeds from the evening.

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### James Baker-Jarvis

James R. Baker-Jarvis, 61, of Longmont, Colo., died suddenly Dec. 31. Jim grew up in Lauderdale.

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 Aquene; four brothers; and five sisters.

His funeral service was held on Jan. 7.

### Gordon Bassett

Gordon Bassett, 78, died peacefully in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Nov. 23. Bassett grew up on Dudley Avenue in St. Anthony Park.

He was the son of Nancy and Gordon W. Bassett. His maternal grandparents, Mary Pfau and Elbridge Cole Staples, lived 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. He 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, née Andrews, also of St. Anthony Park. They were married at the Old Muskego Church on the campus of Luther Theological Seminary in June 1992.

Gordon was the last male descendant of a long line of Bassetts, 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 Staples, 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 Lekarczyk; and son-in-law Mark Lekarczyk, all of Colorado Springs.

In what seemed to be fitting, given his long-lived love for 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; sister, Patricia; and brothers, Jim (Sue), John, Michael, Terry (Judy), Tom (Cathy) and Dan (Michelle).

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 fast-pitch softball pitcher.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Beverly McCulloch. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Burnell (née Bugge); six children, Theresa (Keith) Valle, Mark (Julie), Karen Kasmirski (Jerry Anderson), Laurie (Ken) Weyandt, Sandra (Mike) Luger and Maureen (Fred) Peterson; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was held at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park on Dec. 23, with interment at Elmhurst Cemetery.

### Floyd Foslien

Floyd F. Foslien, 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 Mattson, Ray and Don. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Joanna; eight children, Nancy (David) Cudlipp, Dana, Keith (Bonnie), Kathie, Floyd Jr. (Sarah), Mark (Kjerstie), Ian and Hannah; and four grandchildren.

His memorial service was held Jan. 28 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

### Thomas Grell

Thomas D. Grell, 54, died Dec. 30. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Grell; brothers, Wesley Grell and Rocky Grell (Lisa); and sisters, Robin Strelow (Mike) and Penny 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, Nagasaki 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, Cindi (Chris) Snow, Sharon (Mike) McNulty and Verlee (Gene) Nanneman; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and special friend, Darlene Amlotte.

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

### Eunice Logan

Eunice Hansen Logan, 93, died in Torrance, Calif., while visiting relatives on Dec. 29. A petite bundle of energy, she devoted herself to others through a lifetime of volunteer work, career 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, Largey. Survivors include two sons, Robert and Ian; twin daughters, Martha and Mary; and three grandchildren.

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

### Malcolm MacGregor

Malcolm Dean 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 Minnesota School of Law. He maintained a private law



**Malcolm MacGregor**

practice for 42 years in both Minneapolis 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, as well as golf and great conversations with friends. Malcolm



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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.

Malcolm discovered a real love for cross-country skiing in the early 1990s. As enjoyable as immersing himself in skiing was, he enjoyed the many friendships he developed with his ski classmates and training partners.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. John and Irene MacGregor of Falcon Heights. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Mary; children, Dr. Kelly MacGregor (Dr. Justin Revenaugh) and Julie MacGregor Farris (Jason), all of St. Paul; and four grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Gary MacGregor (Heather) of California, and sister, Dr. Ellen Ward (Robert) of Rochester, Minn.; Margaret's siblings, James (Mary) and Kathleen; and brother-in-law, Joe.

His memorial service was held

at Weyerhaeuser Chapel, Macalester College, on Jan. 22.

## Edith Wegscheider

Edith Wegscheider, 81, died Dec. 17. She was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by her brother, Vince Booty Jr., and sisters, Jeanette Lence and Kathleen (Bob) Kissner.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 22 at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park.

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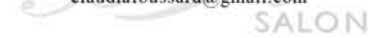
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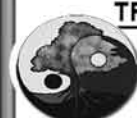


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## Business News

# Como Lake Bed and Breakfast offers an in-town getaway

By Roger Bergerson

There's a new nest high above the shore of Lake Como, but it's not for the bald eagles or other raptors sometimes seen there.

Rather, the Como Lake Bed and Breakfast's Aerie Suite is a cozy accommodation for human beings seeking a unique getaway right in the middle of the city.

Carla Solberg Sherman opened her B&B in early 2011 and her guests rave about the antique charm of the century-old home at 1205 W. Como Blvd., its creature comforts and hearty breakfasts.

"People really seem happy up here," said Sherman, as she gave a tour of the nearly 800-square-foot, third-floor suite, which features a bedroom with a king-size bed, full

bath with Jacuzzi, living room, kitchenette and library/office. Then there are all the attractions the Como area has to offer, including recreational opportunities, so Sherman has skates, skis and bicycles available for guest use.

The home in which Sherman lives with her teenage son was built in 1915 by Elov Ericsson. He owned a creamery on the hill above Lexington Avenue at Jessamine Avenue that eventually was converted to condominiums.

She and her then-husband bought the badly neglected house in the mid-1990s and a long process of restoration and renovation began.

"I think maybe in the back of my mind I always had the idea that

this might be the perfect setting for a B&B," she said. Sherman did a lot of the work herself and, whether remodeling or redecorating, has

emphasized the use of reclaimed or recycled materials whenever possible. Rezoning was not required to start the B&B, but she describes the

inspection process that the city's licensing department required as "rigorous."

It's not as though Sherman has a

Como B&B to 20

# Suka-Rama space is now Something New for local artists

By Kristal Leebrick

Something 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

Suka-Rama in 2006, closed the shop on Dec. 24. The new store will feature 50 metro-area artists, Rohricht said, who will sell handmade clothing, repurposed

furniture, jewelry, pottery, paintings, prints, drawings, wood carvings, cards, blown glass and more.

At press time, Rohricht was planning a soft opening on Feb. 1 with a grand opening the first weekend in March.

When Rohricht sent out a call for artists for her new endeavor in late December she got a big response. So far, she hasn't turned any artist away, but the store will ultimately be a juried shop, she said, with the participating artists deciding on the art that will be sold in the store.

Rohricht closed Suka-Rama 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 Ned Wesenberg, "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 will, in turn, 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 on 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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# Community Worship Directory



## ❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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9:35 a.m. Adult Education and Sunday School

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Rides available for 10:45 a.m. worship; call before noon on Friday.

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February 26: Steve Gentile from the Church of St. Helena, Mpls.

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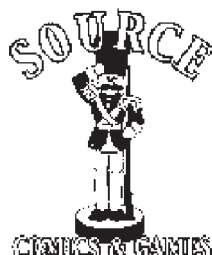
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## Como B&B from 18

lot of time on her hands, because she's also majoring in hospitality management and culinary arts at St. Paul College, working as an agent for Lynden Realty of St. Paul and

helping coordinate the host program for international students attending the St. Paul Preparatory School.

Business at the B&B has been slowly building, she says, although

she's starting to get repeat guests and the benefit of a great deal of word-of-mouth advertising. The Aerie Suite has been booked solid during graduation times at Macalester College and Hamline University, the car shows at the State Fairgrounds and during the Minnesota State Fair itself.

"I'm thankful that my neighbors have been so supportive of what I'm doing," says Sherman, "and I think it's in part because of how considerate my guests have been in their use of this place."

For photos of the Aerie Suite and more information about the Lake Como Bed and & Breakfast, go to [www.comolakebnb.com](http://www.comolakebnb.com).

*Roger Bergerson, a former newspaper reporter, lives in the Como Park neighborhood.*



Carla Solberg Sherman with Albert, her Irish terrier, who she describes as "the perfect B&B dog," friendly, well-mannered and hypoallergenic. Photo by Roger Bergerson

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## Business Briefs from 18

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**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.

Richards and her husband, Mike Hvidsten, moved here in August from St. Peter, where they lived for 23 years. In addition to her private practice, Richards teaches piano pedagogy as an adjunct instructor at Concordia University-St. Paul and at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. She is an active member of the Minnesota Music Teachers Association. You can find out more at [www.richardspiano.com](http://www.richardspiano.com).

## Birdman from 9

excavation. And they have tufts of feathers over each nostril to reduce the chance of wood chips flying in.

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 downies will raise their family.

Downy woodpeckers also 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 hangs on to the stem and pecks away at 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.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org).*

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