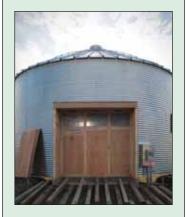
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## **Barley genome? Done**

U professor makes news as genome-mapping is completed, opening doors to drought- and disease-resistant crops and tastier beer

By Judy Woodward

St. Anthony Park resident was in the news recently for a discovery that could potentially influence things as seemingly unrelated as the health of the world's fourth-largest cereal crop, agriculture's response to global warming and the taste of beer.

Prof. Gary Muehlbauer, 49, who holds the Endowed Chair in Molecular Genetics Research and Education at the University of Minnesota, was part of an international team that completed the sequencing of the barley genome. Published results of their research "provide a detailed overview of the functional portions of the barley genome, the order and structure of most of its 32,000 genes," according to a university statement.

To put things in perspective, Muehlbauer says that, although the humble barley genome contains about the same number of genes as the human genome, it's twice as big as ours. And if that isn't enough to cut our anthropocentric pretensions

down to size, Muehlbauer adds that barley is far from the most complex plant genome. In fact, for plant science, you could say that completing the barley genome is something of a warm-up act for the real brass ring of crop sequencing.

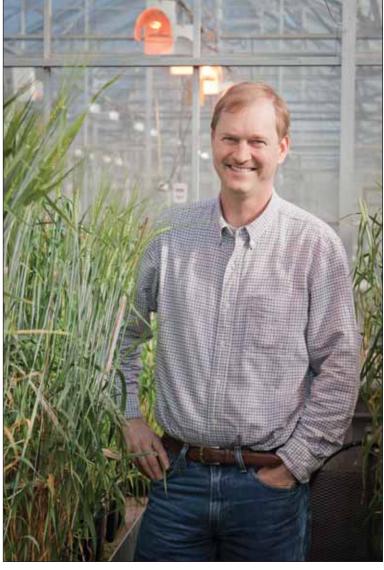
"The barley genome is only one-third as big as the wheat genome," he notes.

Why wheat and barley have so much more genetic material than humans is a mystery of science.

"There's more repetitive DNA between the genes," Muehlbauer. "No one really knows yet what these redundancies mean."

Meanwhile, there's lots of work to be done in applying the discoveries of barley sequencing to crop improvement. Muehlbauer is the organizer of a large-scale project designed to develop wheat and barley varieties suited to our changing climate. There are 55 scientists at 18 research institutions working on the Triticeae Coordinated Agricultural

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Prof. Gary Muehlbauer was part of an international team that completed the sequencing of the barley genome. Photo by Lori Hamilton

## A wonderful life

Banker, arts advocate, community-builder, Andy Boss's long career has touched all corners of the city

By Kristal Leebrick

That's the key to good V leadership? "Get to know people," says Andy Boss. And over his long career as a bank president, arts supporter and community leader, the 80-year-old Boss insists that it is the relationships built between people that gets things done.

Boss—the former president of St. Anthony Park Bank (now Park Midway Bank), founder of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and the guy who in 1974 initiated the newspaper you are now reading—was honored on Oct. 23 at a celebratory event for a fundraising campaign for Park Square Theatre's new 200-seat Andy Boss Thrust Stage. A longtime Park Square subscriber and donor, Boss

Stage" campaign.

campaign, but for many of Boss's arts to many institutions in the St.

the theater's \$4.2 million "Next friends and colleagues in St. Paul, it Anthony Park neighborhood, Boss's was a tribute to a career that touched home for most of his life. The event was billed as part of nearly every corner of the city—from the last leg of Park Square's capital public housing, education and the



serves on the steering committee for Andy and Linda Boss in a family photo taken about three years ago.

Held at Park Midway Bank on Como Avenue, the event's guests included three past St. Paul mayors and the current mayor, Chris Coleman. During the party, a scroll was unrolled from the bank's second floor that contained the names of nearly 60 nonprofits where Boss served as a founder, director, officer or funder, and sometimes, all four. That two-story resume spanned education—Minnesota Colleges and Universities, Voyageur Outward Bound School, Friends of the St. Paul Public Library government—St. Paul Public Housing Agency, St. Paul Port Authority, St. Paul Riverfront Corp.—and St. Anthony Park

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#### Como Park

The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Como Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.

#### New board members join council Four incumbents and three new

board members were elected to District 10 on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Chris Harkness, an at-large board member, was elected as vice chair of the council.

Ted Blank, an at-large board member, was elected as treasurer.

Kim Moon, a sub-district 2 board member, was re-elected for his position, and Kate Wilinski, a subdistrict 3 board member was re-elected to her position.

New board members are Jackie Gulbranson, Ted James and Mary Michalski.

Board members who stepped down from the council are Panod Klongtruatroke, vice chair; Penny Spence, treasurer; and Ron Edlund, Jody McCardle and Betsy Wehrwein, all at-large.

#### Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

#### City Hall has new solar panels

Join the City of Falcon Heights in celebrating City Hall's new solar panel roof on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 9 a.m. The ceremony, which will take place at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave., will include remarks from elected officials, a solar panel demonstration and refreshments.

#### **Solar panel workshop**

Immediately after the solar panel celebration, residents can attend a solar panel workshop at City Hall at 10 a.m.

Cooperative Energy Futures (CEF) works with Applied Energy Innovations (AEI) to provide residents with great deals on solar electric installations by buying in bulk.

Learn more about the bulk-buy savings, financing options and how to reduce the costs and streamline the process at the workshop.

To attend the workshop, please RSVP your name and number of people attending with you to michelle.tesser@falconheights.org.

Space may be limited. If you have questions regarding the details of the workshop please email contact@cooperativeenergyfutures.c om or call 612-568-2334.

For more information email St. Anthony Park Bart.fischer@falconheights.org.

#### Lauderdale

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

#### Lions Club Christmas tree sales benefit community organizations

The Lions Club of Falcon Heights/Lauderdale will celebrate its 26th year of selling Christmas trees this year. Visit the club at Community Park at the corner of Roselawn and Cleveland. They are open evenings and weekends starting Friday, Nov. 23. Proceeds from the sale go to supporting many community organizations.

#### **Park & Community Involvement Committee needs new members**

Join the Lauderdale Park and Community Involvement Committee (PCIC) and help plan city events such Snow\*Commotion, the city's winter festival in January, the citywide garage sale in May, Music Under the Trees in June and July, and more.

The committee meets the first or the third Monday of the month. Contact City Hall, 651-792-7650, to find out more.

The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Cromwell Ave. The district's Land Use Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at SSA. The Energy Resilience Group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Email erg@sapcc.org to find out the location each month. The Environment Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month at SSA.

#### **Get involved**

Want to know the latest about St. Anthony Park and help clean up our air and watershed, plan our transportation options or bring creative enterprises to neighborhood? Join one of the St. Anthony Park committees or task forces. All you need to do to become a member is attend three meetings.

Find the full list of opportunities at http://sapcc.org/getinvolved.

#### **Photos wanted**

What images do you think represent St. Anthony Park?

Send your photos (high resolution—at least 300 dpi; .jpg, .tif or .eps) to be added to a photo library and perhaps selected to help visually represent the community within the Raymond Avenue or Westgate

Station (Green Line) signage.

Photos will become the property of the St. Anthony Park District Council but any use will include photo credit for the photographer. Email your photos to Lauren at lauren@sapcc.org.

#### **Snow emergency information**

The program "Understanding Snow Emergency" educates viewers on what to do with their vehicles when emergency snow declared. Viewers can learn about the different rules that the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have so they can avoid getting their cars ticketed and towed.

The information, provided in eight languages, is available at http://www.echominnesota.org/libra

ry/understanding-snow-emergency.
To receive the program on DVD, contact Dave Hunt at Dave.Hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

#### Don't leave packages in your car

It's holiday season again, which means gifts galore. Please remember to move your packages to the trunk when leaving your car on the street to prevent break-ins. The St. Paul Police Department offers more holiday-safety tips on its website, mnstpaul.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NI D=2309.







Cutting the ribbon to celebrate the finished project are, from left, Jamez Smith, program assistant for Transit for Livable Communities; Steve Sanders, alternative transportation manager for the University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation Services; Debra Bloom, engineer and assistant public works director for the City of Roseville; Barb Thoman, executive director for Transit for Livable Communities; Roseville Mayor Dan Roe; Falcon Heights Mayor Peter Lindstrom; and Bri Whitcraft, special projects coordinator for Transit for Livable Communities. Photo by Lori Hamilton

## New bike paths connect communities

Falcon Heights, Roseville and Lauderdale residents celebrated the opening of new bicycle and pedestrian pathways at a ribboncutting ceremony on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus on Nov. 1.

The \$1.5 million project includes wider sidewalks on both sides of Fairview Avenue (between County Road B2 and County Road

B) and new on-street bike lanes on Fairview Avenue (between County Road B and Larpenteur Avenue), along Larpenteur Avenue (past the Gibbs Museum) and along Gortner Avenue (between Larpenteur Avenue and Dan Patch Avenue, which is part of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds). The project also provided new traffic signals, street trees and benches.

The project was funded through

\$1.3 million from Bike Walk Twin Cities, a program of Transit for Livable Communities, and \$330,000 of local funding.

The Nov. 1 community celebration included local food and beverages from Mim's Café, the St. Paul Classic Cookie Co. and Peace Coffee. Attendees also participated in a group bike ride along the new routes.

## **HOME (GROWN) BREW**

New beer maker using locally sourced materials for its building and its beer

By Kristal Leebrick

Sandy and Jay Boss Febbo are bringing a new meaning to the word "microbrew."

Their 1,300-square-foot brew house at 2320 Capp Road is "small by design," said Sandy Boss Febbo. "We are a super-small building with a small footprint."

The Boss Febbos are committed to environmental sustainability in their new venture, Bang Brewing Co., slated to open in late February. The couple's penchant toward that shows in the size of the building and the materials they have used to build it.

The corrugated metal structure, designed by Geoffrey Warner at Alchemy Architects on Raymond Avenue in south St. Anthony Park, "is partial pre-fab and incorporated a number of repurposed materials," Sandy said. The brewery's driveway contains reclaimed wood from the parkway near the Mill City ruins in downtown Minneapolis. The wood was sourced from Wood from the Hood, a Minneapolis company that reclaims discarded wood and trees from urban neighborhoods.

Both Jay and Sandy work downtown and commuted by car and bicycle on West River Parkway for years before it was paved with concrete, she said. Using oak planks that had been used to build that familiar section of the road and the adjacent bike and walk paths for the brewery's driveway and window bucks "was a fun serendipity," Sandy said. "We also reclaimed a neighbor's cedar fence for some of our interior wall trim and picked up a used door for our cold room."

The building, which resembles a grain bin, will be landscaped with a barley field. "Our intent is to show the cycle of barley growth, including potential crop rotation, while we rebuild the soil on our lot," Sandy said. They are consulting with Driftless Organics, a communitysupported agriculture (CSA) farm near Soldiers Grove, Wis., on the landscaping and are in talks with the



Sandy and Jay Boss Febbo say Bang Brewing Co.'s new 1,300square-foot building is "small by design." Photo by Lori Hamilton

and grains that Bang will use in its beers. "It's a ways off, but we're hopeful," Sandy said.

Bang Brewing plans to use only organic ingredients, said Jay Boss Febbo, but sourcing those ingredients locally isn't easy. While they can get organic malt in Wisconsin, the hops will come from California, Sandy said. "Organic hops is difficult to produce," she said, but noted that the University of Minnesota is doing a study on regional hop growing and bringing more of it into Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In line with the small footprint,

water use and "we are committed to utilizing wind-powered energy," Sandy said. "We will be working to incorporate even more sustainable features as we go."

Jay began brewing beer in 1993, while Sandy was caretaking an uncle's home. "The kitchen had a large industrial stove," Sandy said. "When Jay saw it, he said, 'I could brew beer on that."

He bought his first brewing kit from Northern Brewer on Grand Avenue (he still has the receipt) and began a hobby that spurred a kitchen redesign in the Boss Febbo home in

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## farm about growing the organic hops the brew house is designed to reduce Speed limit on 280 back to 55 mph

By Anne Holzman

The speed limit has been increased to 55 miles per hour on the southern section of Trunk Highway 280, five years after the collapse of the I-35W bridge led to speed reductions to improve safety while 280 was used as an alternate route for 35W traffic.

Chad Erickson, an engineer with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, said the speed limit before the bridge collapse was at 50 mph in the northern stretch around the Broadway Avenue traffic signal and 55 mph in the southern section, where there are ramps instead of intersections.

'When that was designated as a detour route," Erickson said, "the entire stretch was down to 50." He said the new limit was posted Aug.

He added that it was "kind of an oversight" that the speed limit didn't go back up sooner after the new I-35W bridge opened in September 2008.

A speed study was done in fall "to make sure it was appropriate" to put the limit back up, Erickson said. The study measured driver impact and safety. "It indicated speeds were not reduced with the

reduction of the speed limit," he said.

Asked whether noise had been studied, Erickson said that would not be included in a MNDOT speed study.

The speed limit is still at the slightly lower 50 mph on the northern end of 280, as it has been since the highway was built, except during construction projects, he said.

Gaye Larson, who lives on Bourne Avenue in St. Anthony Park and has worked with neighbors for years to get the state to reduce noise from the freeway, said she was not aware of the speed limit change.

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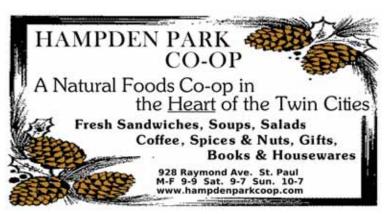
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### DITORIAL

## Dump the 'bargain' mentality, invest locally

Exit polls during the Nov. 6 election showed the economy remains a top concern for voters, as gas prices and unemployment continue to rank high on their worry lists.

As lawmakers head to Washington to deal with the fiscal cliff, we can do our part here, at home, to give the economy a jolt: shop local.

Consumers can bolster their local economy by supporting the businesses in their communities. Data show that when you spend money close to home, more of that money stays in the community than the dollars spent online or at retailers owned by out-of-state companies.

A 2011 study done by two Pennsylvania State University economists, Stephan Goetz and David Fleming, found that after analyzing 2,953 counties, both rural and urban, the researchers saw a positive link between small, locally owned firms and per-capita income growth. The study also found that medium-sized and larger firms appeared to have just the opposite effect on local economies when they are not locally owned.

Supporting locally owned businesses has a ripple effect: thriving local businesses hire local accountants, local carpenters and local plumbers. Community businesses often employ people who live in the area, and those employees are more likely to visit the local bakery or restaurants.

Local businesses are more likely to support community institutions such as schools and libraries, bank at the local banks and advertise in the local news media. And they contribute to vibrant, walkable town centers that reduce the need to use cars while shopping.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization working to strengthen independent businesses and local economies, lists its Top 10 Reasons to Support Locally Owned Businesses (reprinted with permission):

#### 1. Local character and prosperity

In an increasingly homogenized world, communities that preserve their oneof-a-kind businesses and distinctive character have an economic advantage.

#### 2. Community well-being

Locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.

#### 3. Local decision-making

Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people

who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.

#### 4. Keeping dollars in the local economy

Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole

#### 5. Jobs and wages

Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits than chains do.

#### 6. Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the

#### 7. Public benefits and costs

Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

#### 8. Environmental sustainability

Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers, which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

#### 9. Competition

A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.

#### 10. Product diversity

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

The next time you're tempted to click on your Facebook friend's latest online deal, think about your community and then ask yourself if that incredible deal is really good investment.

The Park Bugle welcomes letters to the editor and commentaries from our readers. Send your submissions to editor@parkbugle.org or to Editor, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108. The deadline for the January 2013 issue is Wednesday, Dec. 5

#### John Marty thanks voters

Thank you to the voters of District 66 for your support. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Senate.

As I went door-to-door around the district it was a pleasure to talk and meet so many of you. Thank you for the ideas that you shared. Your advice will be helpful to me at the Capitol. Please feel welcome to contact me whenever you have concerns: jmarty@senate.mn or 651-296-5645

I will continue to do my best to summer. Camp Invention Director engineering and math concepts that Minnesotans.

John Marty

#### Camp taught STEM concepts to solve real-world problems

I would like to thank St. Paul Community Education and Rondo Education Center for hosting the Camp Invention program this

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#### COMMENTARY

## Yes, Virginia, there is Santa, or two

By Adam Granger

Igrew up next to the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house, near the University of Oklahoma campus and, as a no-doubt cute 4-year-old, I became a mascot of sorts to the residents. In December 1953, they invited me over to meet Santa Claus and get a couple of early presents from him and to tell him what I hoped to see under the tree on Christmas morning. Even at my tender age, I couldn't help notice that Santa had cleavage and wore mascara.

When my mother was putting me to bed that night, I had questions:

"Mom, why does Santa have a bosom?"

"He's just out of shape."

"Well, why was he wearing mascara?"

"That's really none of our business," she replied, inadvertently exhibiting an enlightenment and tolerance 60 years ahead of its time.

Two days later, we went to the John A. Brown department store in Oklahoma City, and there was Santa again. I sat in his lap and told him again what I wanted.

On the drive home, I had more questions:

"Mom, what happened to Santa's bosom?"

"Maybe he's been watching Jack LaLanne."

"The exercise guy? Then why does he have a big tummy like Grandpa? And why wasn't he wearing mascara today?"

"He took the mascara off."

Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.

"But he had a big wart on his nose that he didn't have the other night."

"He put that on with makeup; it's called a beauty mark."

"But it wasn't beautiful; it was ugly—"

By then we were in our driveway.

"Go next door and borrow something from the Bells."

"But—"

Slam! And Mom was safely in the house, saved by the Bells.

The following week, Santa appeared yet again, this time on television with 3-D Danny. Dan D. Dynamo was a kiddie star on WKY-TV who, along with his faithful robot companion, Bazark, was always doing things like stopping meteors from hitting the earth. This day, 3-D Danny was on the surface of the sun, trying to stop it from going out, and he was accompanied not by Bazark, but by Santa. I understood why 3-D Danny wasn't being burned up by the sun because he had his flameproof suit on, but Santa was wearing only his Santa clothes. Given the failure of my earlier inquiries, I decided to work this one out on my own, and what I came up with was that Santa was himself flame-retardant. (Don't credit



me with genius here; it was the only logical explanation.)

If I, a fairly normal kid, was this confused in the relatively rustic mid-20th century, it's hard to imagine the perplexion 21st-century youth must feel. Like a Where's Waldo? tableau in reverse, there are Santas everywhere and, unlike Clark Kent and Superman or Peter Parker and Spider-Man, there is physical nexus: we often see more than one simultaneously.

If a study were undertaken, it would reveal that, during holiday season, a child will see 63.3 Santas a day. Some will be tall and some short, some will be black, some will have Brooklyn accents, some will have breath that smells like your parents after an English faculty party, some will have tattoos, some will be animated and, yes, some will be female. And, other than the red suits in which they are clad, the only common thread is that they will all claim to be Santa, which, of course, can't possibly be true.

So what's a kid to think? Well, let's start with what we know and work backward from there: Santa is real and lives at the North Pole and delivers presents to good boys and girls on Christmas Eve. Those are the facts. And all of those other Santas? Well, of course, they aren't Santa. But then, why doesn't the real Santa sue the fake ones? Well, because Santa isn't litigious. If he were, his attorneys would be clogging the world's courts with undersized-chimney and icyroof lawsuits.

And besides, the pseudo-Santas lessen the Christmas Eve burden of the real Santa without, for the most part, seriously tarnishing his reputation. A thousand years ago, there were few enough people in the world that Santa could actually visit every house in one evening, but does anyone really believe that's possible in

today's world, with 7 billion people? Enter the generic Santa, a worldwide cohort of good and kind souls whose only faults are the claims of being the original Santa (white lies, at worst). It's win-win for old St. Nick.

So kids, here's my advice on coping with Christmas in the 21st century: Go along with the charade. Sit in "Santa's" lap, tell him (or her) what you want for Christmas, and try not to notice the cleavage and the warts and the whiskey breath. Try not to laugh and don't ask questions. Then, when you get home, drop the real Santa a line. Here's his address:

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Adam Granger lives with his wife, son, dog and cat in St. Anthony Park. He is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.









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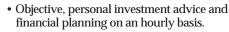
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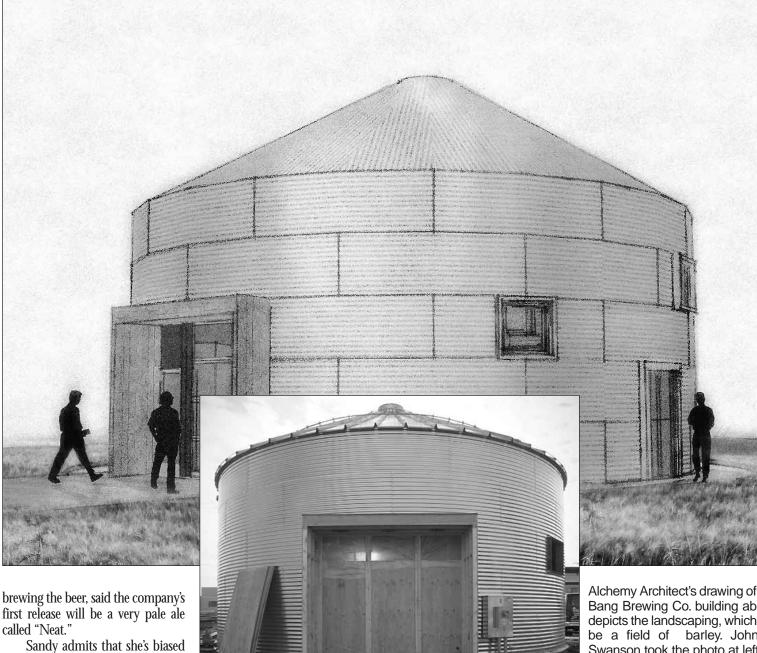
2005 and now a new brewery on what was an undeveloped parcel of land just east of the Raymond Avenue railroad bridge in south St. Anthony Park. Sandy Boss Febbo is familiar with neighborhood. She's the niece of Andy Boss (see our story on him on page 1), retired president of St. Anthony Park Bank (now Park Midway Bank). Her father, Gary, was Andy's brother. Her greatgrandfather, Andrew Boss, was one of the founders of the bank.

Initially, the brewery will be open one or two weeknights and on Saturday afternoons, Sandy said. When customers visit the tasting room, they will be seated in the middle of the brewery, along with the sacks of grain and all the equipment needed to mash, boil and ferment the ingredients that go into beer.

The couple's full-time jobs contributed to the naming of their brew. Jay is a software engineer at Wells Fargo. Sandy is an executive art producer at Carmichael Lynch. The name for their new venture "has a layered meaning" that fell out of both of their industries, Sandy said. The logo for the beer will be a stylized exclamation point, a nod to both computer culture and typography, where an exclamation point is called a "bang."

"As Jay began his numbering system for his homebrews, he always started his file-naming convention with a bang instead of a hash tag,' Sandy said.

Bang Brewing will focus on American ales. Jay, who will be



Alchemy Architect's drawing of the Bang Brewing Co. building above depicts the landscaping, which will be a field of barley. John P. Swanson took the photo at left on Nov. 9. The building was scheduled to be completed in the first week of December.

#### Barley genome from 1

Project (TCAP).

says, "the barley genome sequence will be quite useful and a powerful tool to increase the efficiency of barley breeding.

we can zoom in on those lines that confer specific traits—like drought

when it comes to her husband's beers,

"but his beers are good," she said.

because of a nasty, moisture-loving, fungal pathogen that causes a plant disease called fusarium head blight. Apart from damage it does to the crop, fusarium causes uncontrolled vomiting in humans and animals that consume the grain.

"It's a huge problem," says Muehlbauer. "All the barley [cultivation] is moving to drier places where the fungus is not so much of a problem." Twenty years ago, for example, Minnesota had 10 times as many acres growing barley than it does now. Barley cultivation has shifted to drier regions in the Dakotas and Canada.

The newly mapped genome may hold the key to eventually developing a strain of fusariumresistant barley. Currently, there is no completely resistant barley strain, but there are strains that show partial resistance. "The genome can show multiple gene sequences providing some areas of resistance," Muehlbauer says. Success might lie in combining partially resistant strains.

Fusarium is not the only disease threat to barley. "When the changes," environment pathogens "the Muehlbauer, change." Global warming, in other words, doesn't merely overtax our air conditioning systems, create frequent megastorms and melt the polar ice caps. Talk with Muehlbauer long enough and you'll learn about right up there with nuclear

annihilation and a return of the 1918 flu pandemic. There is Ugan99, for example, a pathogen discovered in Uganda in 1999. "Eighty to 90 percent of barley and wheat worldwide is susceptible to this," Muehlbauer says, and a big enough outbreak could conceivably devastate world grain supplies.

Scientists like Muehlbauer are clearly in the frontlines of the global struggle against agricultural disease, but happily that's not the only use that they will find for the barley genome. Basic barley rarely finds its way onto the supper menu. Aside from the occasional can of beef and barley soup, it's hardly a household staple. "There's too much chaff in results of breeding experimentation. barley and it goes off-color really quickly," says Muehlbauer.

But barley has another, far more noteworthy, role in the Midwestern American diet. Although threequarters of barley is used for animal feed, a vital 20 percent of the crop finds its way into beer.

Barley is a prime ingredient in beer, and thanks to gene sequencing, there may one day be more savor in the suds. Muehlbauer is already working with two microbreweries— New Glarus of Wisconsin and Sierra Nevada of California—to investigate whether different lines of barley yield different flavors in the beer. "We want brewing companies to work with us," he says.

For Muehlbauer, crop potential vegetable threats that rank improvement is something of a family business. He grew up in

Pullman, Wash., where his father was a plant scientist at Washington State University specializing in pea and breeding. Muehlbauer lentil remembers the day in 1982 when his father decided to buy a computer. A teenager at the time, Muehlbauer says, "we laughed. Why would he need a computer? But [my father] was convinced that he would need it in his future."

His dad was right, of course, and Muehlbauer and his graduate students spend plenty of time generating computer data these days. Still, an observer senses that much of his enthusiasm is reserved for what he calls "wet lab" work, assessing the His most satisfying professional moments come "when my students and post-doc[tural fellows] come up with new results that we can understand and interpret." Unfortunately, the scientific process being what it is, those interesting discoveries don't occur all that frequently.

"Science is never like a Eureka moment," says Muehlbauer. "You can see the progression toward the result. It would be good if there was always a new result every other week."

But reality is otherwise. "Every three years you get a result, and then you spend the next two years writing

Judy Woodward is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.







Amy Unger poses in the children's area of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library where the Alphabet Place is on display. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

## The ABCs of the light-rail line

Interactive literacy project opens at St. Anthony Park Branch Library

By Kristal Leebrick

my Unger has been on a treasure **H**hunt since March.

That's when the Falcon Heights resident began walking the six miles of the Central Corridor in search of interesting letters to photograph and compile into a literary art project she calls the Alphabet Place.

Starting at Highway 280 and heading east on University Avenue, Unger walked past the Capitol and covered both sides of the street, taking snapshots of letters on commercial and construction signs and buildings.

She sometimes formed her own letters out of the bricks, nails and chains she found amid the construction debris.

Unger's four-month trek along the avenue culminated in an interactive exhibit this summer at Rondo Community Outreach Library in St. Paul. Titled the Alphabet Place, the exhibit featured Unger's photographs, interactive alphabet board games for children to play and an alphabet treasure hunt.

Alphabet Place is now at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. An opening of the hands-on exhibit will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 1 to 2 p.m.

The event will feature local

variety of alphabet songs, multiple board games—the Alphabet Matrix—to play and a treasure hunt where children will search for photos of the 26 letters of the alphabet pasted in the book stacks and on walls and posts in the children's area of the library.

Children who find them all will receive a laminated bookmark featuring some of Unger's photographs.

The project was inspired by St. Paul-based artist Debra Frasier's use of found letters in her Alphabet Forest at the Minnesota State Fair, where Unger volunteered last summer. Licensed as an elementary school teacher, Unger brought her education background into the project, as well as her experience working with her now-teenage son who went through years of vision therapy to help him coordinate his visual and motor skills.

The initial project at Rondo Library was funded through a \$1,000 grant from Irrigate, an artistled "placemaking" initiative that is bringing artists together with businesses, organizations community groups along the Central Corridor to bring "color, art, surprise, creativity and fun" to the communities along the light rail line, guitarist Dawn Tanner playing a according to Irrigate's website. The

group describes placemaking as "the act of people coming together to change overlooked and undervalued public and shared spaces into welcoming places where community gathers, supports one another and thrives.'

"The idea of placemaking is more powerful than we understand,"

In July, she traveled to New York City and had planned to take photos there of found letters, but she couldn't do it.

"New York was not a reference point for my life," she said. Unger, who was raised in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis and recently moved back from California to Minnesota said, "I made my place here. My trip helped me to place myself."

Unger hopes the children who see the photos in the library will recognize that the letters are part of their place, too, and that they will see the letters as familiar elements in their communities or that they will recognize some of them on their own journeys on University Avenue and recall the photographs at the library.

"I want the kids to own the alphabet," she said.

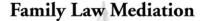
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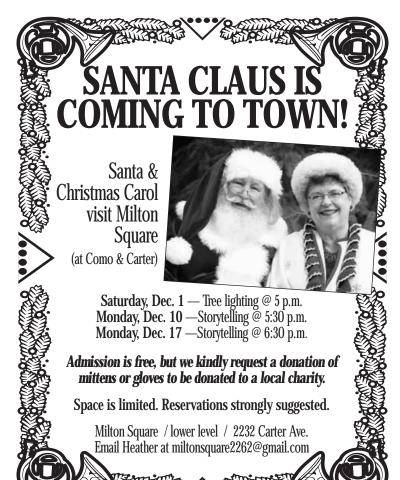
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## Como Curb Cleanup

This year's event gathers 1,290 bags and that means 11,610 pounds of leaves were prevented from draining into Como Lake and the Mississippi River

By Janna Caywood

Como residents turned out in record numbers between Oct. 12 and 21 to take part in the Como Curb Cleanup. The results for the fall 2012 effort: 1,290 bags. This is nearly double the record from fall 2011— 671 bags. Thank you, Como neighbors.

The Como Curb Cleanup is an annual, communitywide effort to clean up leaves and other organic debris from curbs and street gutters. In doing this, residents prevent

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leaves, as stormwater flows through them, and into storm sewers that drain to Como Lake and the Mississippi River. Como Lake is phosphorus concentrations.

This year we determined, on average, a "bag" contained 9 pounds of dry leaf litter. Multiply this by 1,290 and we come up with 11,610 pounds of leaves removed from our street gutters.

The Como Lake Neighbor Network is now working with the University of Minnesota, Capitol Region Watershed District and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to come up with a close approximation of how many pounds of phosphorus our one-week effort prevented from entering our local waters. That number will be shared at CLNN.org in early December.

These results are remarkable. They demonstrate how much Como neighbors value Como Lake, and they demonstrate the pollutionprevention impact we can have as a community when we work collaboratively toward a shared goal.

These results also demonstrate the willingness of Como citizens to work in partnership with local government in restoring Como Lake to a healthy, stable condition.

We are gathering feedback about this year's cleanup and ideas to make next year's effort even better.

If you are a Como resident who participated in the effort, please go to

phosphorus from leaching out of the CLNN.org to complete an online survey. Or you can send an email to janna@watercircles.org or call 651-261-7416.

We thank our many partners already degraded due to excessive who provided critical collaboration and support for this project. We especially want to thank Capitol Region Watershed District for providing generous grant funding.

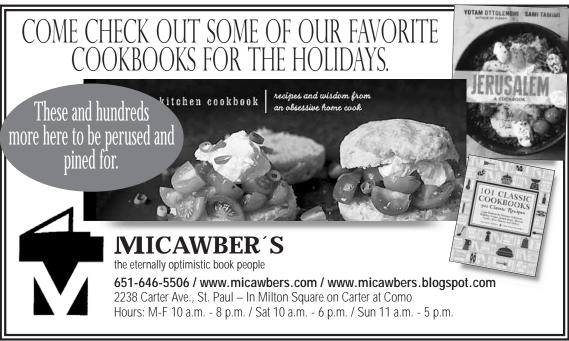
Our list of partners grows every year. We are so awed by the outpouring of support for this citizen-led initiative.

Thank you to the following:

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## Pelham site defeat holds lessons for neighborhood district councils

By Anne Holzman

The final dismissal of neighbors' objections to developer John Allen's office warehouse plan for 650 Pelham Blvd. came in an October court ruling that allows Allen to move forward with his project.

The site lies in a zone just north Erickson said. of I-94 that is industrial but within sight of the Central Corridor lightrail line to the north and Merriam Park homes to the south. Union Park and St. Anthony Park district councils had succeeded in stalling the project a year ago based on the city's

plans for transitfriendly commercial residential development.

Allen, many members of **but that's not true."** the city's staff and zoning board, said existing industry and truck

access to the interstate made Allen's council members were conducting a plan and the 200 jobs he claims will come with it a good use of the site.

Fulner-Erickson, organizer for the St. Anthony Park Community Council (District 12), said the council's Land Use Committee worked hard to support neighbors on the Union Park council, which takes in Merriam Park and, at its northern edge, the Pelham impression left by the battle with

St. Anthony Park neighbors attended meetings with city and Ward 4 staff, drafted letters of support for Union Park's position,

sent emails and spoke up at hearings,

One insight struck the group after a meeting with zoning inspector Tom Beach, at which they tried "to figure out what room we might have to affect the Pelham site," Fulner-

"We learned we really have to get involved in the first stage of development," she said. "Once site plans go to the level of city staff approval, the staff's hands are tied by zoning and other considerations."

"This whole process has made it seem

like district councils are anti-business,

post-mortem to see what other

lessons might be learned. That's

important, Fulner-Erickson said,

because of other issues swirling

around the Central Corridor, which

should have trains running along it

council wants to correct the

Allen that councils respond only to

relations with the Port Authority and

with developers," Fulner-Erickson

In particular, she said, the

"We're trying to build better

in less than two years.

residential concerns.

In November, community

—Lauren Fulner-Erickson

said. The St. Paul Port Authority had purchased, cleaned up and sold the Pelham site to Allen and backed his

"This whole process has made it seem like district councils are antibusiness, but that's not true," Fulner-Erickson said. "We're hoping that developers will approach district councils early in the process of a new project."

"We want development that fits into the community," she continued. "We want design that's more green, more connected and more urban."

She said the rift between her

organization and business groups became clear during the Pelham fight, and she's already started working on building bridges, of the social variety.

"We realized the only time we were meeting with [Midway Chamber of Commerce]

was at hearings, when we were on opposite sides. So we've been having more informal meetings to share projects and priorities," she said, noting that chamber and Port Authority staff have attended at least four district council meetings not involving the Pelham site this year.

"We want to discuss issues before they become conflicts," she

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#### Speed limit from 3

with increased speed, but there are parallel to the lines. still ways the noise from the highway could be reduced in nearby and it's a really simple thing," Larson residential areas, Larson said.

"We've always wanted tining done," describing a method of wall near Energy Park Drive, as well,

"We've asked them to do that,

Larson would like to see a sound

Increased noise is associated scoring pavement so that tires run to mitigate noise in south St. Anthony Park, she said.

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

#### Pelham from 9

Corridor has been a boom in neighborhood initiatives to weigh in on development along the line, and St. Anthony Park is no exception.

The Creative Enterprise Zone looking to cultivate artistic enterprises near the Raymond station "is blossoming," Fulner-Erickson

Neighbors have also kept an eye on the St. Paul Public Works Department's Northwest Quadrant Study, just completed, as well as the ongoing West Midway Study that the Department of Planning and Economic Development hopes will help bring jobs to the area just east of Raymond Avenue along University.

Both studies reveal concerns about traffic, particularly trucks, but also how bikes and pedestrians will interact with University Avenue now dominated by trains.

A new committee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council has formed to address some of those issues and help neighbors connect with the various entities steering development in the area.

John Mark Lucas has stepped up as one of three co-chairs for the committee.

"There's been quite a lot of discussion about truck traffic and of this," he said. truck access" to freeways, he said.

"There are some recommendations developing."

Some of those recommendations were laid out in an October district council presentation by city public works staff member Mike Klassen, who reported on the Northwest Quadrant study.

One of them, a proposal to improve the interchange at Vandalia and I-94, could help keep trucks out of residential areas, but Fulner-Erickson said it's important to coordinate plans for the Charles Street bike route east of the neighborhood with truck routes to make the area safe and accessible for all users.

"The interchange updates would hopefully encourage trucks to use Territorial, while bikes would mostly be on Charles," she said.

A second recommendation raised immediate concerns at the meeting about noise and safety, and Lucas (who was not at the meeting) said he expects it to be "controversial": the development of Territorial Road as an alternate truck route to 280 for industrial businesses feeling the loss of the University Avenue interchange.

"We are aware of the sensitivity

Lucas urged concerned neighbors to get in touch with the district council and join the conversation. The transportation committee meets the third Monday of each month at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., and welcomes visitors.

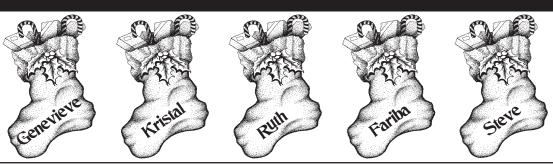
Other district council committees would welcome more participation, too, said organizer Fulner-Erickson, who works as a part-time organizer assisting Executive Director Amy Sparks. Details of the community council's work can be found at www.sapcc.org.

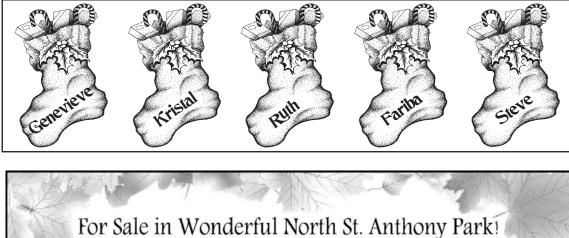
As each proposal develops around the neighborhood, "the more educated, strong voices we have from the neighborhood, the stronger our case will be," Fulner-Erickson said.

It's key to have volunteers present at meetings with city staff, zoning board and city council, she said. "We need people at those meetings who can speak both from their own experience and from the position of the community council. I think the tone is very different when the message comes from a neighborhood resident rather than from district council staff."

Anne Holzman lives and writes in St. Anthony Park.

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# Earhart mystery still intrigues Como resident

By Roger Bergerson

When early news reports depicted last July's search for Amelia Earhart, the vanished aviatrix, as a failure, Kenton Spading knew that wasn't necessarily the case.

Having participated in earlier expeditions sponsored by the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, the Como resident understood that underwater imagery recorded in the South Pacific would take months to analyze.

Sure enough, in October the group announced there was a strong possibility that it had found the landing gear from the Lockheed Electra 10E in which Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan were flying when they disappeared in the South Pacific on July 2, 1937.

"That's the story of archeology, Spading incremental gains," observed.

A hydrologic civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, Spading became intrigued with the aircraft-recovery group after reading about its projects 20 years ago and wanted to participate himself.

Even though the group's expeditions are staffed primarily by volunteers, not everyone who wants to go is accepted. Spading was judged to be a good fit because of his technical and engineering background. He specializes in computer analysis and remote sensing technology.

of the "White Bird," the plane piloted by two French aviators attempting to cross the Atlantic in 1927. Had they been successful, there would have been no reason for Charles Lindbergh's subsequent attempt. Instead, the Frenchmen disappeared along with their craft and Spading took part in an unsuccessful effort to trace them that eventually led to Newfoundland.

In 1997, he joined the group's search for Earhart and Noonan, who went missing after leaving New Guinea bound for Hawaii. Earhart, one of the most famous women of her era, was attempting to become the first person to fly around the world at the equator, a distance of 28,000 miles.

connection, having attended Central High School for her junior year in 1913-14, when her father was employed by the Great Northern Railway.)

The group's interest centers on remote and uninhabited Nikumaroro, a coral island that is today part of the island nation of Kiribati. The hypothesis: Earhart and Noonan landed on a reef there after failing to find Howland Island, their refueling stop to the north, and ultimately perished from unknown

(Spading acknowledges that there are competing theories about the disappearance, the leading one being that the plane simply crashed into the ocean.)

circumstantial Plenty of Initially, Spading participated in evidence has been discovered that a series of four expeditions in search supports the case for Nikumaroro,

such as signs of campfires, charred bones and freckle cream and hand lotion that an American woman would have seen in stores in the 1930s.

In 1998, Spading traveled to England to carry out archival research relating to bones found on Nikumaroro and turned over to British authorities in 1940. He found interesting data, but nothing that conclusively linked the remains to either Earhart or Noonan.

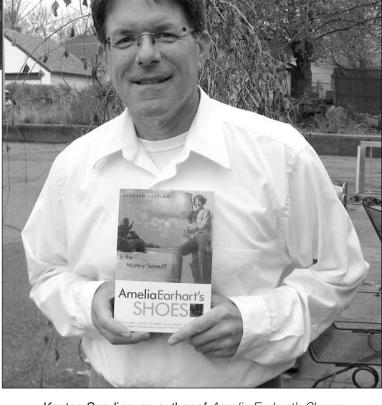
Subsequently, Spading and three colleagues co-authored Amelia Earhart's Shoes: Is the Mystery Solved? The title is a tongue-in-cheek reference to yet another lead that didn't quite pan out. The book chronicles the search for the aviatrix (Earhart had a St. Paul and navigator, along with the twists and turns in a detective story that's still evolving.

He's kept in touch with the aircraft recovery group and would like to participate again one day in the Earhart search, although certainly not for the creature comforts, because there aren't any.

Things have changed, however. The expeditions have become so expensive—July's cost more than \$2 million—that some volunteers now are required to pay a substantial fee to go along.

'There's still a core group with specific skill sets that they need, but overall it will be harder for me to be involved," he said, "especially because the recent emphasis is on underwater search expertise."

Earhart mystery to 21



Kenton Spading, co-author of Amelia Earhart's Shoes Photo by Roger Bergerson



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#### Andy Boss from 1

institutions—Children's Home Society of Minnesota, St. Anthony Park Home, Music in the Park Series, to name a few.

Park Midway President Rick Beeson describes Boss as a "volunteer extraordinaire—someone who has really touched all the sectors: education, business, the arts, housing—and a leader.

"He'll be most remembered for his mentorship of hundreds of business and organizational leaders who relied on him for his good judgment and highly developed sense of governing," Beeson says.

Ellen Watters agrees. "I can trace my career and all of the boards and volunteer activities I've been in in the last 15 or 20 years and it all goes back to Andy, which is really remarkable," she says. Now a communitydevelopment consultant, Watters met Boss while they both served on the St. Anthony Park Community Council. That relationship led Watters to work for the St. Anthony Park Business Association, then the Midway Chamber of Commerce and then the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

"He introduced me to a ton of people and got me involved in many things," she says. "Once you get in Andy's network, it's a pretty boundary-less network. It goes everywhere."

Watters is now chair of the board of directors at the Northern Clay Center, a nationally recognized center for ceramic arts, which Boss was instrumental in founding in

Boss insists that his involvement in so many things was that he was



Andy Boss, far right, is pictured in 1994 with the original board of directors of Park Press, publisher of the Bugle. From left: John Hunt, Kurt Steinhauser, Josephine Nelson, Gerald McKay and Boss.

genuinely interested in "getting to know people who were interested in the same things I am."

The clay center—which first opened in a building at Raymond and University and is now in the neighborhood Minneapolis—"really came out of a number of people just getting together and talking about how it can be done," he says. Once the center was built, Boss participated in the center by not only serving on the board of directors but by taking pottery classes himself. "I made a few

nice pots," he says, and smiles. In 1974, Boss approached Roger Swardson, the publisher of the Grand Gazette, about starting a newspaper in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood.

"I wanted to know more about putting a newspaper together," he says. Within a year, Boss had helped establish Park Press Inc., the nonprofit board that has been publishing the Park Bugle ever since. health issues have prevented Boss

"This is a guy who saw things that needed fixed and said, 'Let's get that done," " says Jon Schumacher, executive director of the 14-year-old St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

"He started the community foundation," Watters says. Initial planning for the foundation began in Andy and Linda Boss's living room.

"He was a banker who was very much a part of the community,' Schumacher says. "He was so involved in the city that he knew that there would need to be more private involvement in city institutions. He had an idea that at sometime in the future, it would be nice to have a safety net for this community, and starting the foundation was a way to put money where it would continue to support this neighborhood when the city was not able to do that. And that certainly is what happened in the 14 years since."

In the last few years, age and



Boss got involved in projects he was genuinely interested in. This clay figure of a potter and his wheel was one of the first things Andy Boss made in a clay hand-building class he took after he helped open the Northern Clay Center in 1990.

from being as active in community affairs as he once was, but "he still wants to know what's going on with whatever organization you are attached to," Schumacher says. "The last time I visited him, the first thing he asked was, 'What's going on with the foundation?'

"He was my mentor in terms of community building," Schumacher

Real estate developer Steve Wellington—whose first project was the former St. Anthony Park Bank building at 2265 Como Ave.—says Boss showed him "that you can be a successful businessperson and an equally capable community leader."

"His 24 years of service on the board of the Public Housing Agency was a tremendous gift to the community," Wellington says. The agency's headquarters, the W. Andrew Boss Building at 555 N. Wabasha St., was named after him.

"He worried about the city's poorest," Wellington says. "It's hard to replace someone who cares as much about the Northern Clay Center as a high rise over on the east

"He's really sort of a George Bailey from [the 1946 movie] It's a the epitome of that. Everybody draws those parallels, but he's as much of a Jimmy Stewart character as there is. It's an amazing career—life."

Boss was able to give the community a sense of strength and control, Beeson says. "That's what building community is about is giving a sense of control of our destiny. Andy has a very clear sense about community and doing it the right way and balancing between the residential and the business side and also recognizing the power of notfor-profits and the need for those agencies in the communities. He used the power of his bank presidency to bring about community change."

Beeson joined the bank in 1988 after working for the city for 10 years. "[Andy Boss] taught me how to be involved in the community from a

business standpoint," Beeson says. "There are business people who choose not to get involved for fear of controversy or fear of alienating constituencies, but Andy was able to navigate that.'

When Boss sold the bank in 1993, "he was careful who he sold it to," Beeson says. "The Reiling family [owners of Sunrise Community Banks] has been an outstanding steward of the neighborhood and the community and kept the community-based focus. He could have sold it to anybody and made more money. That was a judgment on his part, to do the right thing. I don't think a lot of people know that. He didn't just look for the highest bidder. The community has been a beneficiary of that."

Boss's wife of 26 years, Linda, describes her husband's leadership skills as "innate."

"He loves people," she says. "He loves to collaborate and he was good at connecting people."

Raised in St. Paul, Boss attended the University of Minnesota and spent two years in the U.S. Army. After the service, he moved to Chicago to work for a bank "and quickly was president of the Jaycees,' Wonderful Life," Beeson says. "He's Linda Boss says. "He meets and greets and makes people feel comfortable and excited about it.

> "He doesn't brag. He doesn't see it as something he has done. It's always 'somebody else had a good

> An example: When asked if any project in his career stands out as one he's particularly proud of, Andy Boss says he had "never stopped to think about it."

Being a community leader is not something one plans, he says. "You get to know people. You ask about each others' kids. You become friends and work together, talk together about what you can do to improve whatever is on the table.

"The relationships between people come into play quite often." And for Boss, that has been "very





# December diversions

## Looking for festive fun this month? Read on.

The St. Anthony Park neighborhood kicks off the holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 1, with its annual Shop Home for the Holidays in the Como Avenue business district. Shoppers will find merchant specials, reindeer-pulled sleigh rides and Santa photo-ops at Park Midway Bank from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., cookie decorating at Tim and Tom's Speedy Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a wine-tasting at the Little Wine Shoppe, 2236 Carter Ave., and an artisan market at Milton Square, at the corner of Como and Carter avenues.

If you shop at Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., a portion of that day's purchases will go to St. Anthony Park Elementary School

Satori Photography will host a complimentary hot-chocolate bar at the artisan village and will be selling gift certificates.

Milton Square's skincare boutique, Complexions on Carter, will hold an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

Costumed interpreters from Gibbs Museum will host a beeswax candle-making workshop at Bungalow Pottery in Milton Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can make a hand-dipped candle to take home with them.

Finnish Bistro will feature a make-your-own gift basket fête from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. You supply the basket

and fill it with your choice of Bistro goodies, then let the Basket Professionals complete the arrangement with cellophane wrap and ribbons. The staff will be serving complimentary hard apple cider for the 21-and-older crowd and non-alcoholic apple cider for the younger crowd.

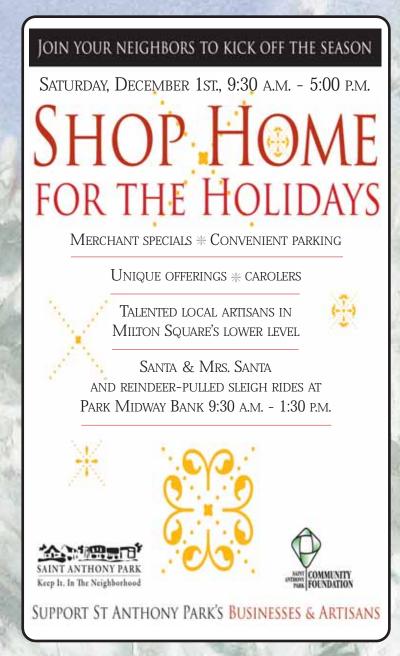
This year, Milton Square's artisan market—featuring silk-screened textiles, pottery, jewelry, foil mosaics, gourmet cookies and granola, felted handbags, and more—will continue on Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. Murray Junior High School's band will also be on hand to sell brownie and hot cocoa mixes, bath salts and more to raise money for a spring trip.

**SANTA'S EVERYWHERE, MAN:** He'll pose for photographs with Mrs. Claus at Park Midway Bank, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, then return to the neighborhood at 5 p.m. for a tree-lighting event in the Milton Square Courtyard, 2232 Carter Ave

St. Paul Parks and Recreation will host a dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Friday, Dec. 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Langford Park Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park. The event will include a spaghetti dinner, craft project, cookie decorating and face-painting. Cost is \$5 per person. Register at any St. Paul recreation center or call 651-298-5765. Register online at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

Santa and Christmas Carol will host two nights of storytelling for children in the lower level of Milton Square on Monday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but Santa and Christmas Carol are requesting guests bring a new pair of mittens or gloves to be donated to a local charity. Space is limited, so reserve a spot by

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emailing Heather at miltonsquare 2262@gmail.com.

BLUE HOUSE BOUTIQUE: This unique boutique is a major fundraiser for the Blue House, an orphanage in rural Uganda for girls who have lost their parents to AIDS. The Blue House was started by the late Beatrice Garubanda, a native of Uganda who had lived in St. Anthony Park.

3 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave.

The boutique will be open Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to

New this year: African gifts, including baskets and pictures made in Kazo. Saturday's sale features a homemade lunch (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), coffee and pastries.

**CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP:** Driftwood Community Arts is offering a free art workshop for kids of all ages on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the lower level of Milton Square. The workshop will run from noon to 4 p.m., alongside the artisan market.

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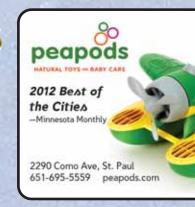
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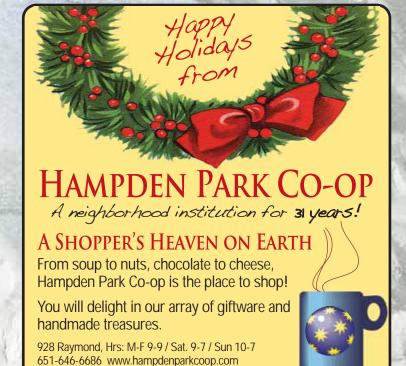
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You'll hear "Magnificat" by Arvo Pärt, "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" by Hugo Distler and more. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church organist Ann Braaten will accompany the choir.

Admission is free, but guests are encouraged to bring a donation of hats and mittens for the Mary Hall Supportive Housing Program in St. Paul.

**HOLIDAY SHOW AT GALLERY 1639:** Located in the Cox Insurance building at 1639 W. Larpenteur Ave., Gallery 1639 is hosting a festive show featuring the work of Denise Hermes—collector of vintage Christmas and found objects, who combines fresh greens into her designs—and Whitney Hermes, whose graphic products play with favorite holiday sayings and songs. The show runs through Saturday, Dec. 15 and is open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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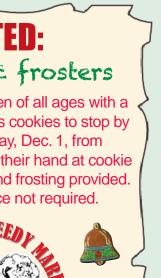
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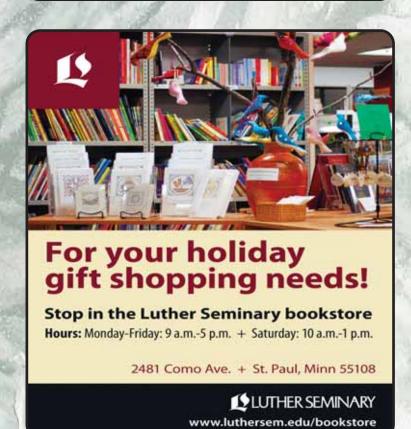
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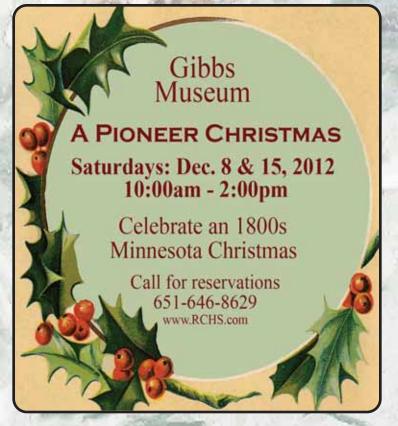


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## December diversions continued

Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

**CELTIC YULE PARTY:** Boiled In Lead will play an acoustic "Yule Party" concert at on Friday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at Celtic Junction, 836 N. Prior Ave. The holiday event will include a traditional mummers mystery play and "The Short Swords," a rapper sword dance team. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Children 12 and under free.

Find out more at www.thecelticjunction.com.

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:** The Minnesota State Horticultural Society's holiday open house is Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature a holiday decorating demonstration at 11 a.m.. as well as local vendors selling handmade holiday merchandise and gift items. The society is located at 2705 Lincoln Drive, Roseville. Go to www.northerngardener.org for more information.

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## Christmas Bird Count is longest-running citizen science project

By Clay Christensen

In the late 1800s, some folks in the United States would spend the time between Christmas and New Year's Day on what was called a "side hunt." It was basically a time to go out into the woods and blast away at anything that moved: small mammals and birds, especially hawks and raptors.

This wasn't to get food for the coming winter. It was a competition to see who could amass the greatest pile of corpses.

That began to change on Christmas Day 1900, when renowned ornithologist Frank Chapman and some 26 friends began what became the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Chapman had proposed that folks count instead of shoot, and see who could count the most birds of the most diverse species. That first year, they totaled 90 species

Chapman's idea has grown in the intervening 113 years to more than 63,000 counters in more than 2,200 locations covering the Western Hemisphere. In the United States alone, more than 665 species were identified last year.

The Christmas Bird Count has become one of the longest-running citizen science projects in the nation. The data reported in these surveys have chronicled fluctuations in many bird populations.

In 1960, the National Audubon Society documented the decline of several species, including bald eagles and peregrine falcons. They attributed the decline to thinning eggshells caused by the pesticide DDT. CBC data helped to illustrate this trend.

DDT was banned in 1972, leading to the recovery of many of these species

The CBC takes place in a 15-mile-diameter circle. The St. Paul Audubon Society's count circle is centered on the intersection of County Road B and Dale Street. It extends from North Oaks south to Lilydale and from northeast Minneapolis east to North St. Paul.

The St. Paul Audubon Society is holding its CBC on Saturday, Dec, 15. There are no guarantees of what the weather will be. Some years it's been so cold that the car windows frost up and observers have to peek out a little opening at the top. Other years, it's almost shirt-sleeve weather.

Bill Stjern, coordinator for St. Paul Audubon's CBC, sets up teams of volunteer observers and assigns each team a section of the count circle.

Some teams go out before dawn to look for owls in their area. Many groups stop for breakfast together to plan their day.

Most teams go by car from point to point in their survey area and hike trails in the parks, fields and woodlands in their sector.

The purpose of the survey is to count every individual bird of every species in your area, seen while driving or walking, from the common crows, house sparrows and pigeons, to the more thrilling raptors, hawks, eagles, and woodpeckers.

At the end of the day, there is usually a tally party at someone's home, a potluck where the teams get together and swap tales, sometimes exaggerating their sightings just a bit for effect. Reports of a roseate spoonbill are met with a great deal of skepticism.

Val Cunningham, a bird watcher, field trip leader and writer from the Como Park neighborhood has been participating in the St. Paul Audubon Society's CBC for 23 years. "I love doing it," she says, "even though when it's over I ask myself, 'Why?' But I forget about the cold by March, and I'm ready for the next CBC. It's a major National Audubon Society effort and I feel like I'm giving something back to birds through this citizen science survey. And it's a great break in all the holiday craziness."

If you'd like to join a CBC team, contact Bill Stjern at norskestar@comcast.net. He tries to match beginning bird watchers with more experienced ones to ease you into the survey. Since team leaders and team members usually return from year to year, they'll have a good idea of the more productive "birdie" areas in the assigned territory. You won't be driving around aimlessly hoping to stumble across some remarkable birds.

Contact Stjern by Dec. 10, if you're interested in participating.

If you live within the count circle and can't join a team, you can still count the birds at your feeders on Dec. 15 and report them to the count coordinator. Let Stjern know in advance that you'd like to be a feeder watcher for the CBC.

There used to be a nominal fee to cover data reporting and administrative costs, but this year, participating in the CBC is free.

So join one of the longestrunning citizen science projects and prepare to be surprised by the number of birds that are out and about in our Minnesota winter. "It's fun to see what birds are doing on a winter's day," Cunningham says.



Clay Christensen has participated in the St. Paul Audubon Society's and other Christmas Bird Counts for 25 years and was the count coordinator for a number of those years.

## Birdman of Lauderdale presents talk on crows

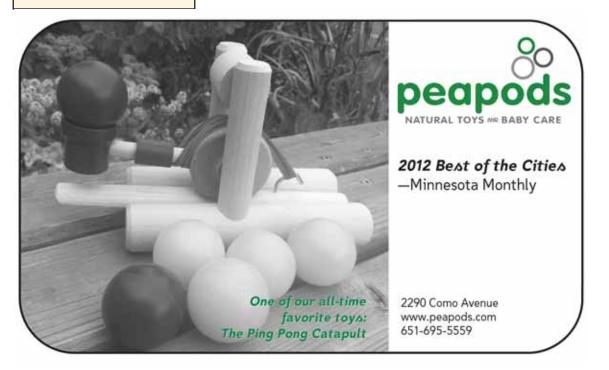
The St. Paul Audubon Society will host "In Defense of Crows," presented by Clay Christensen, on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville.

Christensen is the writer of the "Birdman of Lauderdale" column in the Park Bugle.

The event is free and open to the public. A social time with refreshments will begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Linda Goodspeed at 651-647-1452.



A Carolina wren was photographed during a past Christmas Bird Count. *Photo by Ben Wilson* 

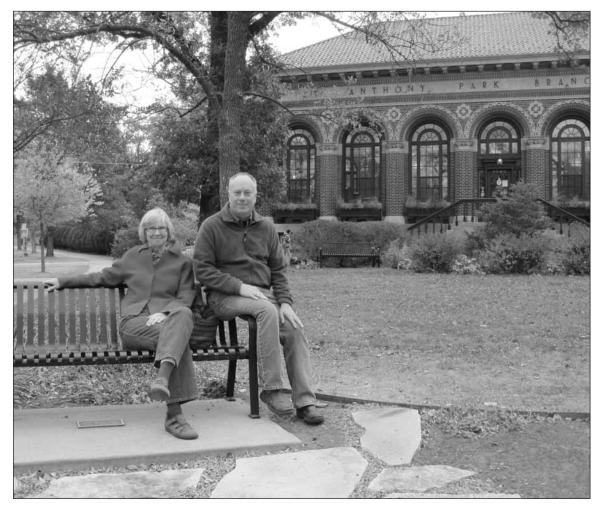






### **Neighbors**

Send news about upcoming events or your interesting neighbors to editor@parkbugle.org. The next deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 5.



St. Anthony Park Garden Club members Alice Duggan and John Thomas of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. Photo by Rebecca Arnold

## St. Anthony Park Garden Club adds new limestone landscaping at library

#### By Rebecca Arnold

The St. Anthony Park Garden club added new limestone landscaping to the outdoor seating areas of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library grounds. Access to the benches is improved and opened from the sidewalk. Solid limestone hardscape now sets the stage for additional plants in this area next year.

Alice Duggan, a library board

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member, co-chairs the garden club's this installation and previous library planting group with Helen improvements to the library grounds. Foster. Together, they organize a dedicated team of volunteers who maintain the window boxes and garden plants of this 1917 Carnegie building and its surrounding grounds.

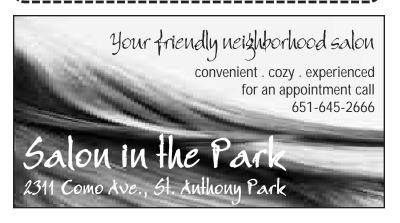
John Thomas of Thomas Landscape has designed and Anthony Park homes. In addition, he volunteers consultant services such as Facebook.com/SAPGardenClub.

His design work also reconfigured a worn-out slope on the grounds by adding ornamental serviceberry trees and a curved bed of perennial and annual plants above a stone wall leading to the book return area of the building.

The St. Anthony Park Garden developed a number of gardens and Club welcomes new members and outdoor spaces for numerous St. visitors to its monthly meetings. Learn more visiting



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#### **Driftwood Community Arts** offers variety of classes

Driftwood Community Arts, 777 Raymond Ave., is offering the following classes this month.

To find out more go to www.driftwoodcommunityarts.com or call 651-340-0929.

December classes are listed

- Drawing 101, Tuesdays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4: Participants will learn about a variety of drawing materials and techniques and learn to apply them in realistic and abstract drawings. Ages 13-17; 10-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$25.
- Printmaking, Saturdays, Dec. 1 and 8: Explore relief printing by designing, carving and printing your own unique piece. Print multiples of your artwork. Ages 17-adult; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$30.
- Knitting basics, Tuesday, Dec. 11: Learn the basics of knitting, including how to knit, purl, cast on and bind off. Ages 17-adult; 5:30p.m. Cost is \$15.
- Portraiture, Saturday, Dec. 15: Learn to capture a person's face by exploring portrait techniques. Ages 9-12; 10 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$20.

#### **Baroque Christmas favorites part** of Nov. 25 Music in the Park

The Schubert Club will present the Aulos Ensemble with soprano, Dominique Labelle this Sunday, Nov. 25, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, Commonwealth. The concert is part of the Music in the Park series.

The Aulos Ensemble and Labelle will perform a program of Baroque Christmas favorites that include traditional French carols and music by Vivaldi, Bach, Scarlatti, Corrette and Rameau.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for student rush.

You can order tickets online at schubert.org/musicinthepark or call 651-292-3268.

#### Concert and silent auction will benefit local food-allergy group

The sixth annual benefit concert and silent auction for the Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Association of Minnesota (AFAA) will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave.

Stop into the church for music and refreshments and to bid on items in the silent auction. Proceeds go to the volunteer-run nonprofit AFAA, food-allergy provides education, advocacy and support throughout Minnesota.

Show your support by donating items or services or by volunteering for setup or serving refreshments. Contact Jeff Schaefer or Nona Narvaez at 651-644-5937 to help.



Bettye Olson (in the middle) at the University of New Mexico Art School in 1946.

#### **Hennepin History Museum** hosts Bettye Olson retrospective

Paintings, drawings and monoprints by St. Anthony Park artist Bettye Olson are on display at the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 Third Ave. S, Minneapolis, through Jan. 13. The show is a history of Olson's career, which began when she studied at the University of Minnesota in the 1940s. Olson participated in the Stillwater Art Colony, traveled to Europe, California and New Mexico, and in 1964, was one of five women to found the West Lake Gallery on Lake Street in Minneapolis.

Olson's work is in the permanent collections of the Minnesota Museum of American Art, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Smaland Museum of Sweden, the Kuopio Art Museum of Finland and the Weisman Museum of Minneapolis.

This exhibition looks at a selection of early and recent works of Olson, whose studio is in the Dow Building at 2242 University Ave., St.

#### **Human Rights Symposium Dec. 3**

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights will host a Human Rights Symposium on Monday, Dec. 3, at the University of Minnesota Continuing Education Conference Center, 1890 Buford

Workshop topics include the work of the School Bullying Task Force, voting rights in Minnesota, the use of criminal background checks in the hiring process, recent efforts to eliminate employment disparities and more.

Workshop speakers include Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, Commissioner of Human Rights Kevin Lindsey, Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, Judge Pamela Alexander



Maria Finley



Moira Crawshaw



Riley Erben

## Local girls are in Loyce Houlton's Nutracker

Loyce Houlton's Nutcracker Fantasy from Dec. 14-24: Maria Finley, 14, of Falcon Heights, and Moira Crawshaw, 13, and Riley Erben, 7, both of St. Anthony Park.

Performing Arts, 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. In addition to the production, two Nutcracker Tea 15, at 4 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. Performances will be held at the 16, at 4:30 p.m. The tea parties

Three area girls will perform in Cowles Center for Dance and the include a backstage tour, a take-away photograph of guests 12 and under and select cast members, and a memento. For more information, Parties will be held on Saturday, Dec. call 612-465-0230 or go to www.thecowlescenter.org.

#### Neighbors from 18

and Karen Francois, director of Employment Equity at the Minneapolis Department of Human

The cost is \$70 per individual. (Please note: there is no group rate or discount rate for this event.) Attendance is limited to 200, and registration is on a first-come, first served basis.

To register, call 651-539-1126 (TTY 651-296-1283) or 1-800-657-3704, or register online at www.humanrights.state.mn.us/publi c\_affairs/hrsymposium\_dec2012.ht

For more information, contact Tasha Byers at the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, tasha.byers@state.mn.us or 651-201-3076.

#### Be a part of the Magic

St. Paul Magic, an Area 12 Minnesota Special Olympics Team, is preparing for the basketball and swimming season and is looking for interested athletes, families and volunteers to participate. The season begins mid-January.

opportunity for athletes to learn specific sport skills at varied ability levels, increase their ability to function within a team, meet new friends, develop healthy life skills and have fun. Parents have the opportunity to have fun supporting their athlete while networking with parents at practices, competitions and fundraisers. Volunteers have the opportunity to increase their ability to understand others' differences through 1:1 relationship development.

It is a win-win.

To find out more, contact Heidi Jensen, thestpaulmagic@gmail.com or 651-214-6517. You can also check out the team on Facebook: The St. Paul Magic.

**Women's Drum Center offers Women Who Groove class** Women Who Groove, a three-

session drum class, will be held at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 W. University Ave., on Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at 6:30 p.m. Participants will be taught three to four songs, with the goal of progression on rhythms and techniques. Some experience drumming required. Drums and sticks will be provided. The cost for the three classes is \$36. Find out more at www.womensdrumcenter.org.

#### Mental health support groups are free for families, partners, spouses

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota sponsors free support groups for families who have a relative with a mental illness. Led by trained facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences.

A family support group meets in St. Paul on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Goodwill-Easter Seals, 553 N. Fairview Ave., in room 123. For • Women's open basketball (for 651-357-2077

A group also meets at 6:30 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 N. Dale St. For more information, call Marc at 763-227-9446.

A partners and spouses group meets in Falcon Heights on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St. For more information, call Lois at 651-788-1920 or Donna at 651-645-2948, ext. 101.

#### Northwest Como Recreation Center announces class schedule

Register for classes and sports teams at Northwest Como Recreation Center online at stpaul.gov/parks, call 651-298-5813 or visit the recreation center Monday through Thursday 3-8 p.m. or Fridays 3-6

p.m. Registration for winter and spring classes begins Monday, Dec.

Upcoming events at Northwest listed Como are below:

- Basketball players are needed for the girls ages 11-14 team and the boys 11-12 team.
- Tae Kwon Do for ages 6 and older meets on Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. The cost is \$30 a month. Preregistration is required.
- A babysitting training class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., for ages 11 and older. The fee is
- A basketball clinic for ages 8-14 will be held on Thursday, Dec 27, 1-4 pm. The fee is \$20. Preregistration required.
- Men's open soccer is on Sundays 5-6:30 p.m. with a weekly fee of \$5 paid when you
- Special Olympics is an more information, contact Sonja at women over 30) meets Sundays

6:30-7:30 p.m. with a weekly fee of paid when you come.

- Senior Gamers meets every Tuesday 1-3 p.m. The group is for adults age 55 and older who enjoy playing table
- A volleyball clinic for ages 7-12 will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1-4 p.m.
- Tae Kwon Do for ages 6 and older begins Jan. 3 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$50/month.
- Cardio Kick Boxing for adults and teens will begin on Jan. 9 and will meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for eight
- Artist Workshop for ages 9-13 will meet Mondays from 3-5 p.m. starting Jan. 7. The cost is \$50 for six sessions.
- Artist Workshop for ages 6-9 will meet Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m., starting Jan. 9. The cost is \$50 for six sessions.

#### Local poet launches new book

Local poet Leigh Herrick is launching her book *Home Front* at three upcoming book events. *Home Front* is a collection of poetry and prose written between the months preceding Sept. 11, 2001, and those shortly following the 2003 invasion

Herrick will read at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave., in St. Paul on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at

A book launch will be held on Friday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Bookhouse, 429 14th Ave. S.E. in

On Saturday, Dec. 1, she will hold a book signing from 2 to 4 p.m. at the studio of Branko Gulin, whose illustrations are in the book. The studio is at 77 13th Ave. N.E., #111.

For more information go to www.LeighHerrick.com.

#### New play opens at the Gremlin

"A Behanding in Spokane" opens Friday, Nov. 30, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Gremlin Theatre, 2400 University Ave. Paul. Free parking is available in the US www.thefriends.org.

Bank parking lot kitty-corner to the theater at University and Raymond avenues. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door, online at www.gremlin-theatre.org or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS. Guests under 30 pay half their age every night. Discounts are also available for seniors and Fringe button holders. You can find out the show's schedule at the website.

#### Minnesota Book Awards opens nominations for Sexton award

The Minnesota Book Awards has announced that nominations for the Kay Sexton Award are now open. The Kay Sexton Award is presented annually to an individual or organization in recognition of longstanding dedication and outstanding work in fostering books, reading and literary activity in Minnesota. The award honors Kay Sexton, a book buyer for many years at Dayton's and B. Dalton Bookstores in the Twin Cities. She was the first recipient of the award in 1988. The Kay Sexton Award is sponsored by Common

The 2012 award winner was Allan Kornblum, founder and senior editor of Minneapolis-based Coffee

Kay Sexton Award nominees may include but are not limited to publishers, booksellers, teachers and leaders of literary organizations. Authors and writers are eligible to be nominated, although the Sexton Award is for overall contributions to Minnesota's book community and is not an award for writing. Anyone is eligible to submit a nomination using the Kay Sexton Award nomination available online www.thefriends.org. The Sexton Award panel determines the winner based on careful review and consideration of all nominations. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Jan. 15, and the winner will be honored at the 25th Annual Minnesota Book Awards Gala on Saturday, April 13.

Winners of the eight annual book category awards will be announced at the gala, (nominations are open through Friday, Dec. 14), and the winner of the 2013 Book Artist Award, to be named in December, will also be honored.

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## DECEMBER

## Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Dec. 5 to be included in the January 2012 issue.

#### 1 SATURDAY

Blue House Boutique, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shop Home for the Holidays, merchant specials all day, St. Anthony Park, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Artisan Village, lower level, Milton Square, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Reindeer-pulled sleigh rides, meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Park Midway Bank

Gibbs Museum candle-making at Bungalow Pottery, Milton Square, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Benefit concert and silent auction for the Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Association of Minnesota, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tree lighting with Santa, Milton Square, 5 p.m.

First Saturday Contra Dance, Celtic Junction, 7:30-10 p.m. Call 651-646-3732 for more information.

#### 2 SUNDAY

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Blue House Boutique, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Artisan Village, lower level, Milton Square, noon-4 p.m.

Driftwood Community Arts will host a kids' art workshop, free, lower level,

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Milton Square, 12-4 p.m. Hosted by Driftwood Community Arts.

#### 3 MONDAY

English as a second language class, Dec. 3 & 10, St. Anthony Park library, 1-2:30 p.m. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

St. Anthony Park Cub Scout Pack 22 meeting, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church

Women's Human Rights Film Series: "From Fear to Freedom," St. Anthony Park library, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### **4 TUESDAY**

Baby lapsit storytime, birth to 2 years, St. Anthony Park library, 10:30-11 a.m.

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 6-8:30 p.m., Children's Home Society & Family Services

#### **5 WEDNESDAY**

Free blood pressure screening, first Wednesday of the month, 11-11:30 a.m., Blomberg Pharmacy. Sponsored by Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

English Conversation Circles, every Wednesday except Dec. 26, 4-5:30 p.m.

One-on-One Career Building, every Wednesday except Dec. 26, St. Anthony Park library, 5-7 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "The House at Tyneford" by Natasha Solomons, St. Anthony Park library, 6:30-8 p.m.

#### 7 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, St. Anthony Park library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### **8 SATURDAY**

Experience the old-time magic of the season with a "Pioneer Christmas," Gibbs Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### 10 MONDAY

Storytelling with Santa and Christmas Carol, lower level Milton Square, 5:30 p.m. Free, but a donation of mittens or gloves for a local charity is requested. Space is limited. Email miltonsquare 2262@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

#### 11 TUESDAY

Adoptive Parents Group: Parenting Adopted Adults. For parents whose adopted children are now adults themselves, 6-8 p.m., CHSFS

Adoptive Parents Group: Minnesota's Waiting Children, for parents who adopted children through Minnesota's foster care system, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSFS

#### 12 WEDNESDAY

Minnesota's Waiting Children Information Session, learn about adopting children who live in foster care, 6-8 p.m., CHSFS

#### 13 THURSDAY

Savvy Skincare Basics seminar, Complexions on Carter, 6 p.m. Call 651-238-2338 or email info@complexionsoncarter.com for information.

In Defense of Crows, St. Paul Audubon Society, Fairview Community Center, 7 p.m.

#### 14 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, St. Anthony Park library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Spaghetti dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Langford Park Recreation Center, 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 651-298-5765 to reserve your spot.

#### 15 SATURDAY

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 9-11:30 a.m., CHSFS

Experience the old-time Magic of the Season with a "Pioneer Christmas," Gibbs Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### 17 MONDAY

Storytelling with Santa and Christmas Carol, lower level Milton Square, 6:30 p.m. Free, but a donation of mittens or gloves for a local charity is requested. Space is limited. Email miltonsquare2262@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

#### 24 MONDAY

Public libraries closed

#### 25 TUESDAY

Christmas Day: Public libraries and government buildings are closed

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#### 28 FRIDAY

Winter break fun: Clay and Tell, create a clay character and tell a story about it, St. Anthony Park Library, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

#### 29 SATURDAY

Saturday movie: "The Avengers," St. Anthony Park library, noon-3 p.m.

#### **BLOCK NURSE EXERCISE**

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors block nurse exercise classes meet at these times and places:

**Tuesdays and Fridays,** St. Anthony Park library, 2245 Como Ave., 3-4 p.m.

**Mondays and Thursdays,** Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St., 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Blomberg Pharmacy, 1583 N. Hamline Ave., 651-646-9645

Bungalow Pottery, 2230 Carter Ave., 651-644-4091

Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave N.

CHSFS: Children's Home Society & Family Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

Driftwood Community Arts, 651-340-0929, www.driftwoodcommunityarts.com

Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville

Gibbs Museum, 2097 Larpenteur Ave. W., 651-646-8629

Langford Park Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park, 651-298-5765

Milton Square, 2232 Carter Ave., miltonsquare2262@gmail.com

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

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 651-645-0371

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058

Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., www.womensdrumcenter.org.

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Voices is an occasional feature that captures the words of some of the interesting people who live among us.

## **Austin Granger**

By Judy Woodward

Ct. Anthony Park resident Austin Granger, 21, is a college senior studying computer science at the University of Minnesota. His largescale kinetic sculptures made of the children's construction toy K'NEX are amazing feats of design and ingenuity. A video of his latest piece, called Clockwork, has gone viral, attracting more than 2 million viewers since it was posted to YouTube in mid-September. The attention his video received landed him on the front page of the Pioneer Press, as well as on ABC and CBS TV news and the online news source, Huffington Post. In October, the K'NEX company flew Granger to Pennsylvania to meet their CEO and design team and tour the plant. You can see Granger's work, accompanied

by music he composed, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=q76r-374Ckk

A project like [Clockwork] usually has a small viewer group. Usually it's just other K'NEX fans. Having it go viral is quite unusual. I guess it's just luck of the draw [that determines] whichever one happens to get out into the real world.

I've made \$5,500 off this video. It's definitely a great source of revenue. I'll put a lot towards school. I may not have to take out another loan. Also, one of my computers was dying and now I can get it fixed. Mostly I'll buy new parts and components for future projects.

The most practical application of [my skills] would be working for K'NEX. I'm going to send them a

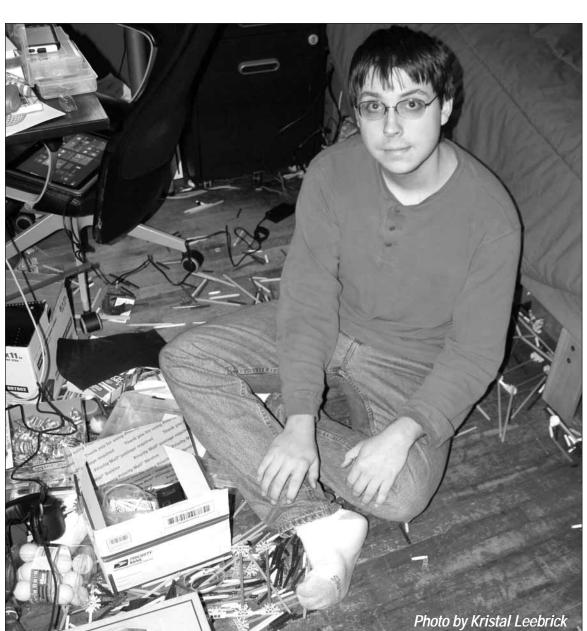
résumé. I can think of very few other professional applications—unless I become an artist doing installations in museums.

So I'm taking a sculpture class at the U this semester, and I'm really enjoying it. I consider my projects more sculpting than engineering.

These sort of large-scale kinetic sculptures are my favorite things to do. It's not just that they're cool; it's the experience of designing and creating and problem-solving and making new things.

Even if the internet didn't exist I would still keep doing [them]. [If money were no object] I'd get ahold of a warehouse and fill it all the way with [my project.]

I'm only limited by space and time.



#### Earhart mystery from 11

It's been 75 years since Earhart disappeared—Noonan tends to get lost in the shuffle—and she has largely faded from public memory.

So what keeps the search going, Spading was asked?

"If you asked the core team members, you'd probably get a different answer in every case," he said. "Some are pilots and own aircraft, so it's an aviation thing with them

"For me personally, it's the pursuit that excites me," he said.

"I love trying to solve historical mysteries."

Roger Bergerson is a local historian who lives and writes at his home in the Como Park neighborhood.

## Want to learn more about the Amelia Earhart mystery?

There are a host of books about Earhart's disappearance, including *Amelia Earhart's Shoes: Is the Mystery Solved?* by Thomas F. King, Randall S. Jacobson, Karen R. Burns and Kenton Spading, Altamira Press, Lanham, Md., 2004.







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#### **Norene Gunther**

Norene F. Gunther (née Perkins), 97, formerly of the Como Park area, died peacefully Oct. 13.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman, and son, Edward. She is survived by her children, Geraldine Anderson, John (Letty) and Mary (Donald) Gehrman; eight grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was sister, Betty Zimanske. celebrated Oct. 18 at Holy Como Park, with interment in Big where she had recently lived. Lake, Minn.

#### **Adeline Hanson**

Adeline M. Hanson, née Ewart, 87, of Minneapolis, died surrounded by her family on Oct. 18. She was born in Hector Township, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Waldo; her son, Roger; grandchildren, Ben and Jeffrey; and sister, Lorrine Heil. She is survived by her son, Chuck (Anne); grandsons, Greg and Garrett (Diana); and her

Her memorial service was held Childhood Catholic Church in Oct. 26 at St. Anthony Park Home,

#### **Bonnie Jean Hanson**

Bonnie Jean Hanson, 69, of Lauderdale, died Nov. 11. Bonnie enjoyed volunteering in various church activities, candle making, spending days at the lake, spending time with her grandsons, and being a member of St. Anthony Park OES #212 and Minnehaha #37. She also volunteered at Gibbs Farm.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Roger; children, Kim (Tom) Nagorski and Roger Hanson; two grandchildren; and a sister, Linda (Jerry) Hass.

An Eastern Star service was held

Purcell Funeral Home in Shoreview. Her funeral was held Nov. 15 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Roseville, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

#### John Och

John "Jack" Och, 79, of Roseville, died Oct. 21.

Upon graduating from Murray High School, Jack entered the Navy and spent his enlisted years as an aircraft mechanic. This was followed by a career that spanned 45 years as a machinist at Northwest Orient

Nov. 14 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom- Airlines. He was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He married Ann Schuh and during their 28 years together they had four children. Jack had a lifelong talent for fixing things and was always willing to lend a helping hand to family, friends and neighbors.

His children recall with fondness the many memorable family vacations spent snowmobiling and camping throughout Minnesota, surrounding states and Canada. The annual fishing and camping trips spent with his brothers, son, nephew and son-in-law, were cherished by Jack. His family is grateful that he was able to recently experience one before he died following the onset of a sudden illness.

He was preceded in death by his brother Kenneth. He is survived by his children, Michelle O'Callaghan, Melanie "Marcy" Marcella, Jenna (Bill) Finley and James (Karen); 10 grandchildren; and a brother, Ron (Shirley).

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John the Baptist

## Catholic Church on Oct. 24.

#### Bosiljka Simonovic

Bisoljka Mariana Simonovic, 87, died Oct. 17.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Very Rev. Mileta, and her twin sister, Darinka. She is survived by her daughters, Nada (Peter) Buha, St. Louis, Mo.; Danica (Jack Paul) Read, Sacramento, Calif.; and Vera (Jonathan) Proctor, St. Paul; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Oct. 20 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in St. Paul, with interment at St. Mary's Orthodox Cemetery in Minneapolis.

The family thanks the staff at St. Anthony Park Home, whose "tender and compassionate care was unsurpassed."

#### Matina Vavoulis

Matina G. Vavoulis (née Geankoplis), 90, of Falcon Heights, died Oct. 10.

She was a tennis star at Marshall High School and member of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church choir. She was a waitress at the Bridge Cafe in Minneapolis from 1935 to 1945. She married Andrew Vavoulis on June 9, 1946, and lived in the same house in Falcon Heights for 50 years. She was employed by the City of Falcon Heights and the Metropolitan Council as a researcher. She spent her last years at Becketwood Cooperative.

She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by two sons, John and George; two grandsons; a great-grandson; one brother, Andrew; and one sister, Ione.

Her funeral service was Oct. 16 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, with interment at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

## Worship Directory

#### **❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA**

1376 Hoyt Ave. W., St. Paul 55108-2300 | 651-646-7127 | Handicapped Accessible Sunday worship schedule:

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship (nursery care 8:15 a.m. - Noon) 9:35 a.m. Adult Education and Sunday School

7 p.m. Como Evening Prayer Worship

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays

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

Saturday, Dec. 8: Christmas Pageant 4 p.m.

All are welcome! Second performance: 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9

Saturday, Dec. 8: Advent dinner 4:30 - 7 p.m.

All are welcome! Dinner will include Swedish meatballs, ham, rice pudding and more. Proceeds benefit youth missions and camps. \$7 adults; \$4 ages 4-12; \$20 family maximum.

Sunday, Dec. 16: Messiah Sing-A-Long, 3- 5 p.m.

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10:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Pastor: Martin R. Ericson

Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

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1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108. Handicap accessible Rectory/office: 651-644-7495, www.holychildhoodparish.org Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 7:45 and 10 a.m. Daily Mass: 7:45 a.m. with Rosary following, Mon.-Thurs., and 6:30 p.m. Thursday Confession: Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30-10 a.m.

#### **❖ MT. OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH—WELS**

www.mtolive-wels.net, 651-645-2575 1460 Almond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 Handicap accessible Sunday worship: 9 a.m. Pastor: Al Schleusener

#### **❖ PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA**

1744 Walnut (at Ione), Lauderdale, 651-644-5440 www.neacelauderdale.com Sunday worship: 10 a.m. Reconciling in Christ Congregation All are welcome. Come as you are.

#### **SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH** 3204 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 612-378-3602, www.spiritunited.com

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Message, Music and Kids With Spirit Sunday School All are welcome. Come as you are. Handicap accessible. A leading-edge spiritual community emphasizing the Unity of Spirit—one Source in all.

Monday, Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., Christmas eve candlelight service with singing and readings. All welcome!



#### **❖ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2357 Bayless Place. 651-644-4502 Website: www.stceciliaspm.org Handicap accessible Saturday Mass: 5 p.m. at the church Sunday Masses: 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the church

#### **ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

2129 Commonwealth Ave. (corner of Commonwealth and Chelmsford) 651-646-7173 www.sapucc.org 9:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship Pastor: Victoria Wilgocki God Is Still Speaking

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6:30 p.m. Free young adult dinner in parlor Monday: 7:30 p.m. Community Bible study in parlor

Christmas Eve 5 p.m.

There will be no Christmas Day Service.

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#### **ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Rev. Blair Pogue, Rector, 2136 Carter at Chelmsford. www.stmatthewsmn.org Sundays 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Education Hour: 9:15 a.m. for all ages Nursery care provided 9-11:20 a.m. 7 p.m. Night Prayer and 5:30 p.m. Dinner

Dec. 1 - 2 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Blue House Boutique and luncheon to support the Girls of Uganda, Sunday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

4 p.m. Children's Living Creche and All Ages Service 10 p.m. Candlelight Service with Full Choir

Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Undercroft Gallery: Horizons and Portraits by Marita Bujold through Jan. 10

#### **❖ FALCON HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

1795 Holton St. at Garden, 651-646-2681 www.falconheightsucc.org Sundays: 8:45 a.m., Worship Express Lane

9:15 a.m., Faith formation for all ages 10:30 a.m., Sunday worship Communion, first Sunday of the month

Dec. 1 – 6 p.m., World AIDS Day service

Dec. 2 - 11:30 a.m., Advent Festival Dec. 9 – 10:30 a.m., Vivaldi's Gloria with Chancel Choir and orchestra

 $Dec.\ 16-10:30\ a.m., intergenerational\ Christmas\ pageant$ 

Dec. 23 – 3 p.m., Blue Christmas service

Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m., Christmas Eve family service 10 p.m., Christmas Eve candlelight service with readings

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The Minnesota delegation and their new friends outside of Iglesia Luterana Augustina Espiritu Santo in Guatemala.

## Trip to Guatemala had 'big impact' on local teens

Lisa Sackreiter, a member of a St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church delegation that traveled to Guatemala in October, compiled some of the delegations members thoughts about the five-day trip to Central America.

"We're going to Guatemala. Who's in?" asked Pastor Marc Ostlie-Olson of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (SAPLC) of his congregants in midsummer. Nine people eagerly raised their hands, eight from SAPLC and one from Humble Walk Lutheran Church, which serves the West Seventh neighborhood of St.

Come October, a group of 10 boarded planes on a dark October morning: five youth—Rachel Williams, Lydia Neus and Isaac Hamilton, all of Como Park High School; Dane Ostlie-Olson of Central High School, and Kris Swanson of Northfield High School—and five adults—Alicia Sandy, Lisa Sackreiter, Sister Becky Swanson and Pastor Marc Ostlie-Olson, all of SAPLC; and Jess Myhre of Humble Walk.

Some members of the group spoke Spanish and some didn't. Some had traveled outside the United States and others hadn't.

The plan was to visit a small Lutheran congregation, Iglesia Luterana Augustina Espiritu Santo, located in a secluded jungle village, with the intent of forging a lasting sister-church relationship. The church-centered community is part of the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala (ILAG), founded in 1991 by Bishop Horacio Castillo and his

The 3,000-member ILAG seeks to support those in the margins of Guatemalan society, predominantly

indigenous people, many of whom were displaced by the country's 36year civil war. The ILAG has 20 congregations spread throughout Guatemala.

The SAPLC delegation flew into Guatemala City on Oct. 14 and spent the first night at the Lutheran Center, where they met Pastor Amanda Castillo, a native Minnesotan and graduate of Luther Seminary and now part of the ILAG. Pastor Amanda and Bishop Horacio accompanied the delegation to the village.

The journey began by bus in early morning rush-hour traffic and ended a day and a half later in the department of Alta Verapaz with a ride across the Rio Negro on a long wooden boat and a hike up an enormous hill to Iglesia Luterana of people, music, colorful decorations Augustina Espiritu Santo.

When the travelers arrived, people of the village were gathered on the field in front of the simple wooden church holding welcome signs. The two groups smiled at one another as the travelers put down heavy packs and accepted tea from their hosts.

Even for the Spanish-speaking visitors, verbal communication was difficult, as the villagers spoke Q'eqchí (kek-CHEE), so the Minnesota teenagers pulled soccer balls from their bags and began passing them to the children. Soon they were calling out one another's names.

While the delegation members engaged in crafts, photography, singing and tortilla-making with the children and women, Bishop Horacio and Pastor Amanda learned that several villagers of various ages had been quite ill that week. Apparently, planes had flown nearby

spraying pesticides and the pesticides had made the people sick. Amanda contacted doctors back in the city to determine how to protect both the villagers and their guests in the short

Lydia Neus experienced a "complicated cocktail of feelings," when the Minnesota group learned what was happening, including a sense of powerlessness in the face of injustice. At the same time, she was "overwhelmed by the amount of care and hospitality" the villagers had shown the visitors.

The focus of the following day was a worship service held in English, Spanish and Q'eqchí. The village's generator powered two keyboards, an electric guitar and several speakers. The church was full and hazy incense.

Fresh tortillas were grilled and tamales were steamed over circular fires on the ground in the adjoining kitchen. Meals around a long wooden table stretched out after hours of worship and play time.

"Our last dinner in the village was quite a sight," Isaac Hamilton recalled. "By the time we were done eating, a crowd had gathered to watch us. Seeing what needed to be done, Dane and Lydia proceeded to make fools of themselves as they pretended to be monkeys or T-rexes. Even the women who had been cooking the meal were in stitches."

The visitors' second night in the village was already their last. It was still dark the next morning when they crawled out from under mosquito netting draping the wooden tables they slept on. The hour-long boat ride down the river at dawn was filled with talk about the next visit.

after a day of bus travel through the mountains, the SAPLC group helped build a fence around a new basketball court that ILAG youth and adults to use when visiting the center.

the busses for a couple of days of wandering Antigua's cobblestone streets to the markets, shops and churches.

Haggling over prices for souvenirs in the artisan market with vendors was exciting and novel.

"Even better," Kris Swanson noted, "was the foods market which was absolutely phenomenal. We were the only white people weaving between tamales and raw chickens.

"It was the kind of experience that shows you just how different our cultures are and how much more

Back at the Lutheran Center connected they are with what they eat. But most of all it makes me want to stay much longer and get to fully immerse myself in the daily life of Guatemala."

"By the time the sun set on Then the group climbed back in Saturday, our [one week] trip was almost over," Rachel Williams reflected. "I bet you think I'm about to say something sappy like how going changed my life and that this trip was one of the best things that's ever happened to me. That going to Guatemala will change how I see the world and the people I met made the biggest impact on my life that I've ever had.

> "I'm guessing you're thinking that my mind is already planning for the next time I get to go.

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Langford Park is ready for ice.

## The boards are up and outdoor hockey is just around the corner

By Dana Fried

Scott Hamilton had no idea that when his older son asked him to help coach his soccer team many years ago that his son meant "will you be the head coach, schedule and run practices, haul the portable nets and soccer balls around, let parents know what's going on and be there for all the games?'

The result: "I had a blast," Hamilton said. So when his son moved from soccer to hockey, it was obvious that Hamilton would coach. That's how the now Langford Park Hockey coordinator got started, and that's where he's been for 10 years.

According to Hamilton, there are about 110 kids enrolled in the

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program this season (the first year he coached there were only 50 to 60) and more are expected to sign up.

"This growth has enabled the program to offer a Bantam team [eighth- and ninth-graders] playing this year at a B2 competitive level, he said. "[It's] also a first for a Langford team and has resulted in Langford Park alumni filling the roster of the Como Park High School team."

Nick Thomey, who last year coached Peewees with Hamilton, has two kids—a Bantam and a Peewee in the Langford Hockey Program. Thomey is coaching his daughter's Squirt team this year. "At the Squirt level we are focusing more on individual skills, skating, stick work and basic positioning as opposed to plays at the older levels," he said. Thomey said Langford players play better on their own ice rather than indoors. "More time on the ice helps any team in skill development and team bonding. That really makes the Langford program special. It's a bond the teams have, unlike 99 percent of the teams they play."

John Savelkoul, coach of Langford's second Squirt team, said the program is changing. "The younger groups are strong with more players than ever," he said. Savelkoul mentioned that the Langford Park program is the kind of program that fosters the lifelong love of the game because it's a supportive community and kids play with their friends. "Some of my best friends to this day are the guys I used to play hockey with," he said.

Eric Wieffering, head coach for the Peewee team, agreed with Thomey about the outdoor ice at Langford. "Langford teams always get better when we have outdoor ice. because the players can come down and skate whenever they want," he said. Wieffering's team is "mostly first-year Peewees, so we'll be playing kids that are more experienced," he said.

This year the Peewees have a assistant coach, Moormann, whose son plays on the team. Last year, his son played Squirts with Wieffering as his coach. "Eric is a great coach," Moormann said. "He

seems easily to get the most effort out of every player and team and, win or lose, the kids always work as a team and have a great attitude." So when Wieffering asked him to be an assistant coach, he said yes.

This is the first year that the Peewees will start traveling to tournaments, which was met with excitement because they will play teams from other states in the Wisconsin Dells.

Like the Peewees, most of the Bantams will be also be playing their first year at that level. That's why the Bantam coach, Scott Hamilton, thinks the Bantams, as well as the Peewees, may be in for a tough season.

Andy Frisell, who also coaches the Bantams, supervises the outdoor ice. The ice at Langford depends on Frisell and a team of dedicated parents. Some of the changes that he is planning to put into play this year include painted boards to help reflect sunlight and white plastic on southfacing boards to help reflect sun. Those improvements will help the ice stay colder longer.

Last, but not least, Frisell said, "I'm just hoping for a lot colder winter."

Frisell and his team also wrote "LP" on each of the boards to signify that they are Langford Park's boards, not just anybody's. Frisell did this because the city, not the booster club stores the boards, and he wants to make sure that he won't have to paint them again.

With the season starting, Hamilton compares hockey in St. Anthony Park to his own past experience: "The program I grew up playing in was a lot like Langford Park: once the outdoor ice was ready, our practices were outside and my teammates were my classmates and buddies. Everybody played. Playing hockey as a kid helped me to learn the value of working within a team and the importance of working hard, regardless of what the scoreboard or anybody else says."

Dana Fried is a sixth-grader at Capitol Hill Magnet School. Her twin sister, Sophie, is a Langford Peewee.

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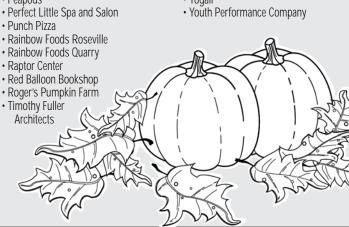
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### **School News**

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the December issue is Wednesday, Dec. 5. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

#### **Brimhall Elementary**

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#### Millions of minutes

Do you ever wonder whether kids in our digital age are still reading? This November, Brimhall Elementary students read 1.5 million minutes to earn a "fancy lunch" in the cafeteria. In the annual Read-a-Thon, K-6 students read—on their own or with loved ones-books as well as ebooks, Kindles, Nooks and more to improve their reading level and earn pledges toward PTA-sponsored school needs. Thank you to everyone who supported their efforts.

#### Como Park Senior High

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#### Sports updates

Congratulations to the Boys Soccer team on winning the St. Paul City Conference, being Section 4 champions and going on to the state tournament. The varsity team finished with an overall record of 19-2. Head coach Eric Erickson was recognized as the Minnesota Class A Coach of the Year by the State High School Coaches Association.

The volleyball team finished second in the conference with a 10-2 record and a first-round section victory over Central.

The cross country team sent two runners to state, Marshal Landrum and Tahir Hasheem.

The girls swim team finished third in the conference with a 3-2 record. Sophomore Rachel Williams broke the school record in the back stroke.

#### **Robotics Club**

The Como Park Robotics Club is gearing up for another build season organization that fosters teamwork, spirit and competition within the realm of engineering and business management. Teams build a working robot to complete certain tasks and work together with other robots. Last spring, the team competed at the University of Minnesota's Mariucci Arena against nearly 60 teams from around the region.

#### **National Honor Society**

Congratulations to the newest members of the Como Park Senior High National Honor Society. These students were selected for their academics, leadership, character and service to their communities. They will be honored at an induction ceremony on Nov. 14. The new members include Oanh Hoang, Kyle

Kottke, Nam Nguyen, Day Day Paw, Kashesha Xiong, Sheng Yang, Karl Zinkl, Abyan Abdisalam, Ayele Agbobly, Xafsa Ali, Amie Bucher-Stone, Connor Burke, Mo Chang, Jacob Cohen, Lillian Coyne, Zainab Alexander Glebov-FoFanah, William Hanson, McCloud, Marshal Landrum, Zachary Lee, Jonah Leurquin, Emma Marshall, Elliot Moormann, Fiona O'Leary, Makayla Oman, Vu Phan, Brielle Sowards, Loriya Thao, Stryker Thompson, Loi Tran, Thorbjorn Will and Kathryn Yetter.

#### Como band students perform at **Murray Junior High and Linders**

On Nov. 14, the Como advanced band, orchestra and jazz band had an all-day recruitment performances at Murray Junior High School. On Nov. 17, the band performed at Linders Winter Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Open House.

#### Franken visits Como Park

U.S. Senator Al Franken visited with students at Como Park Senior High School on Oct. 24. The visit was planned by Como Park students Maikiki Reuvers, Sydnie Beecham and Scott Chase. Franken spoke with students from several world history, AP government and ELL classrooms on the daily responsibilities of being a U.S. senator and being an engaged student and U.S. citizen. He also discussed issues related to the future of education, self-motivation, college and careers.

#### **Murray Junior High**

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

#### **Upcoming events**

The annual Barnes and Noble Fundraiser at HarMar Mall will be held Thursday, Dec. 6. Music students will perform from 6:30 to 9

The Winter Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

School will not be in session starting in January. Robotics is an during winter break, Dec. 24 to Jan.

#### **Tours and shadowing at Murray**

In 2013-14, Murray Junior High will become a sixth- through eighthgrade middle school for the district's Area E and will no longer have citywide busing. The registration process for all St. Paul Public Schools will be earlier than usual this coming year. Students from the elementary schools in Area E (St. Anthony Park, Chelsea Heights, Hancock-Hamline, Galtier and Como) will be shadowing Murray students in November and December. Tours of the school will also be held on Tuesdays in December. Students living in Area E but who attend a different elementary school will be able to shadow at Murray in January.

Please refer to the Murray website, www.murray.spps.org, for more information and to find a sign-up

#### Fall sports wrap-up

All four Murray Junior High School sports teams won or ended the regular season tied for first in the city conference. Boys soccer and volleyball defended their conference titles by going unbeaten and untied through the season with 8-0 records. The girls soccer team went 6-0-1 and ended the season in a tie with Highland Junior High School. The flag football team tied with Capitol Hill; both had 6-1 records. Once again this year, nearly 200 student athletics participated in junior high sports at Murray.

Girls basketball and co-ed wrestling will begin their defense on their city conference championships starting Nov. 20. Murray and all St. Paul City Conference schedules are available at spps.org/sports.

#### **Wolf Ridge**

On Nov. 5, 88 Murray students, teachers and parent chaperones woke early and boarded buses at 6:30 a.m. to head to Wolf Ridge Environmental Multicultural Leadership Retreat Center. Sixteen student leaders had prepared activities for students to foster team building and brainstorm ideas related to the school. Everyone also was involved in the environmental activities at Wolf Ridge. educational, entertaining and stimulating week was had by all.

#### **Pilot One-on-One Program**

Murray staff and students send a huge thank you to the 25 community members and nearly 40 university students who visit the school each week to mentor and tutor students. The program has helped students find someone who will not only help them with reading an assignment, solve a math problem or think through a science procedure, but someone who will listen to them and make them feel valued

If you have an extra hour or two a week and would like to join your friends and neighbors at Murray, contact Cindy Thrasher at 651-293-8740 or cindy.thrasher@spps.org.

#### St. Anthony Park Elementary

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#### Civics lessons

Mayor Chris Coleman, State Rep. Alice Hausman and St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark visited St. Anthony Park Elementary School social studies classes last month to encourage students to become educated, engaged voters. There's a video featuring the mayor and students talking about the importance of voting http://thebridge.spps.org/news\_and\_

updates\_106.

#### **Conferences**

The November round of conferences brought a tremendous parent turnout. Parent volunteers provided dinner at the school for staff members, who thank the parents for the delicious meal.

#### Schedule a tour

Families interested in enrolling their child at the school for the 2013-14 school year are invited to call the school to schedule a tour, 651-293-8735.

#### **Destination ImagiNation begins**

More than a dozen Destination ImagiNation teams have been organized for interested students in grades 3 through 6. Practice is under way as they prepare for competition in March. The teams have high aspirations of making it to the global tournament and have begun fundraising for the event, beginning with the sale of gray hooded sweatshirts this fall. If you'd like to show your school spirit by buying a sweatshirt (assorted youth and adult sizes, \$25 each) you can go online to www.sapsablog.com and find an order form that can be turned in at the school office.

#### **Calendars support Wolf Ridge**

Support the annual Wolf Ridge outdoor education trips for SAP fifth- and sixth-graders by purchasing a high-quality calendar of nature photography for \$12 each. Contact Bougie Susan to susan@humanmindworks.com.

#### Davanni's night

You can help out the school by eating at the Davanni's in Roseville between 4 and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The school will receive 20 percent of the sales, either eat-in or take-out. You can find a printable voucher at www.sapsablog.com.

#### **Bad weather and school closings**

As winter weather descends upon us, families with students are advised to tune into WCCO-TV or radio, or to visit the school district website at www.spps.org to find information concerning school closing in case of severe weather.

#### Winter break

School will be out from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2, 2013. Schools will open on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

## Schools' progressive open house is Dec. 4

Four area schools—three charters and one in the St. Paul Public Schools will hold a Progressive Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 8 pm.

The public is invited to visit any or all of the schools in one evening in a progressive-dinner format. Visitors can start at one and work their way to all four schools to meet parents, students and teachers and to learn about the educational opportunities at each school. The schools include:

Avalon School (grades 6-12), 700 Glendale St.: Avalon focuses on individualized project-based learning and engaged citizenship and is a teacher cooperative.

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Open World Learning Community (grades 6-12), 65 E. Kellogg Blvd.: Open World is part of St. Paul Public Schools and is small by design, offering student-centered, expeditionary learning.

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### **Business News**

## Makeover under way at former Vandalia Street mattress factory

#### By Roger Bergerson

A developer with a track record of reviving worn or neglected properties has taken on a new challenge in an industrial area south of University Avenue in St. Paul.

Minneapolis-based First & First acquired the 5.3-acre site at 558 Vandalia St. last summer from the two banks that had foreclosed on it in 2011. The oldest portion of the nine-building property along I-94 home to a mattress factory. The newest segment was built around 1960

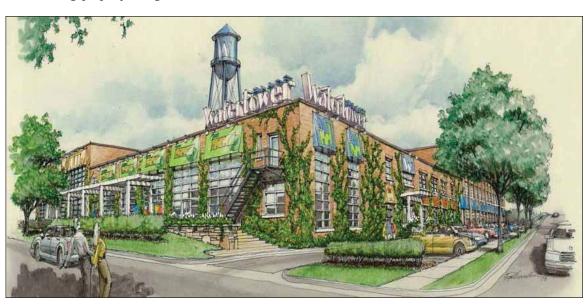
About half of the 200,000square-foot space is currently rented, the largest tenant being the High School for Recording Arts, a charter

all the structures, including an old water tower, while conducting a

dates to about 1900 and was once multi-million dollar renovation. Chad Blihovde of Java Properties, the leasing agent, said that will mean working around tenants and shifting some of them, while converting the property into a modern complex that will appeal to technology firms and creative agencies.

The work will include floor The developer intends to retain resurfacing and the installation of

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This drawing shows what the nine-building property at 558 Vandalia St. could look like after developer First & First completes its renovation.

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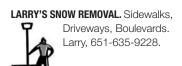
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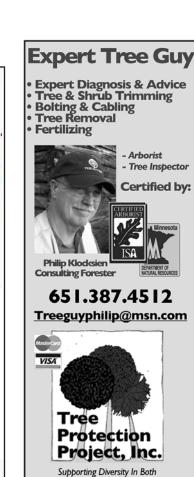




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"We hope to be done by March of [2013]," said Blihovde. "This project has attracted a lot of interest, although prospective tenants want to see a little more progress before they

commit."

The tentative name for the property is Water Tower Place; however, Blihovde said the developers are open to alternative suggestions, especially those with a neighborhood connection.

Other First & First projects have included remodeling the former Theatre de la Jeune Lune in downtown Minneapolis into an event space called Aria at The Jeune

Lune, transforming the Ice House Court Building at 2540 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis, into apartments, restaurants and the Vertical Endeavors Indoor Rock Climbing Facility, and converting a former paper warehouse at 945 N.E. Broadway St., Minneapolis, into office space.

Roger Bergerson is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.

Matt Ellison, executive chef at Muffuletta Photo by Kristal Leebrick

## Muffuletta's new chef revamps brunch menu

Matt Ellison took the reins as executive chef at Muffuletta, 2600 Como Ave., in late summer. Ellison, who moved from Salut in Edina, takes the place of Jason Schellin, who has moved on to work with the Smack Shack Food Truck in Minneapolis.

Muffuletta diners can expect to see a revamped brunch menu under Ellison's watch. He plans to simplify the menu, he said, with "less heavy, complicated brunch items" and bring back some traditional staples like steak and eggs.

Ellison has also added some new entrees, including the autumn dish

Matt Ellison took the reins as executive chef at Muffuletta, 2600 butternut squash sauce and black Como Ave., in late summer. Ellison, beans and squash on the side.

As the holidays near, Ellison plans to put short ribs back on the menu and more braised meats, he said

Before joining Muffuletta's parent company, Parasole, two and a half years ago, Ellison worked at W.A. Frost and the Happy Gnome, both on Selby Avenue in St. Paul. He also spent a number of years with the D'Amico chain, opening Masa in downtown Minneapolis and cooking at the now-closed Campiello in Uptown. —Kristal Leebrick





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