When does a concerned citizen become a committed activist? 

For St. Anthony Park resident Anna Dick Gambucci, the turning point came on the afternoon of Dec. 14. She was sitting in a car after lunch that day when she heard the initial reports of the deadly shooting at a Connecticut grade school that had claimed the lives of 26 children and teachers.

“I felt as if the wind were knocked out of me,” she says. “I started crying.”

A former high school choir teacher and the mother of two students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Gambucci began calling and emailing friends and local government officials. She was looking for a public demonstration, a vigil, some way of expressing the enormous grief she felt.

When responses were slow in coming, she took an extraordinary step. At 4:30 that afternoon, she posted to the St. Anthony Park list-serv, SAPark@yahoo-groups.com, the following message: “I may just be a vigil of 1, but I’m bringing a candle and a sign … to the corner of Carter & Como tonight in front of the SAP library. I’ll be there from 6:00-7:30. Join me for a few minutes if you happen to be free and feel compelled.”

Gambucci recounts what happened next: “I went downstairs and made a homemade sign that read, ‘Gun Control Now!’ Despite the short notice and the pre-Christmas rush, 15 people showed up for the impromptu demonstration.

Gambucci and some of her fellow participants have worked hard to keep the momentum going since then. She was instrumental in helping organize a community meeting “to strategize our goal of peaceful communities free from gun violence.”

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Gambucci describes herself as “a community organizer at heart” who has worked on other issues, from creating a park trail in her former suburban home to door knocking in the last election. “I hate to a lot of work to be done,” she says, “but once this [Sandy Hook] shooting happened, I

Connecticut shooting spurs local efforts on gun control

By Judy Woodward

A vigil of one turns into a vigil of 15 on Dec. 14: Anna Dick Gambucci (far right) asked a passerby to take this photo with her iPhone as she stood with neighbors in a gathering to pay honor to the children and adults who died at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., earlier that day.

Tree-top turkeys

Yes, turkeys can fly: More than a dozen of them are often seen roosting in this cottonwood tree in the St. Anthony Park yard of Bud Gooch and Susan Weber. Gooch says the birds fly up to the tree (or to neighboring trees) each evening and stay there until just after sunrise the next morning, when the birds leave for the day to roost in the neighborhood. Photo courtesy of Gooch and Weber.
Como Park
The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Como Street Station, 1224 N. Lenington Parkway.

Sholom Home update
Ruth McSweeney, a representative for the former Sholom Home, 1554 Midway Parkway, gave an update on the site at the District 10 Community Council meeting on Jan. 15.

The Sholom Alliance sold the Sholom East site building in 2011 to Traditions SP Land, LLC, and the purchaser announced plans to renovate and establish a senior housing facility at the location.

In August 2012, due to a hold up in the financing for the renovation, the building was added to the City of St. Paul’s Vacant Building Program.

Three months ago, a new ownership group, formed, which McSweeney is a part of. The new group plans to continue with plans to establish senior housing at the site, though the name of the facility will no longer be St. Paul Traditions. A new name has not been determined.

McSweeney has agreed to run the facility, which will feature about 16 units that range from independent to assisted living. There will also be a 40-resident memory-care unit and a mix of one- and two-bedroom units.

Demolition is estimated to start in the next four months. M of the work will be on the interior of the building. Exterior work will include replacing the windows, relocating the chimneys and modifying the entrances.

McSweeney was asked about communication with the neighborhood and indicated that he might put up a website to detail construction and timelines.

He also indicated that he would study the designation with District 10 with updates on the project.

District 10 will keep the community updated as more information becomes available.

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, 277 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Free tax assistance through AARP Volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free tax assistance for low-income, elderly and handicapped individuals at Falcon Heights City Hall, 277 W. Larpenteur Ave., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon, beginning Thursday, Feb. 7, through April 9. Volunteers will help complete and electronically file basic, federal and rental-property-tax refund returns. Participants must bring their Social Security cards with them. This is a walk-in service. No appointments will be taken. For more information, call 888-227-7669.

Free gunlocks
The City of Falcon Heights has free gunlocks for Falcon Heights residents. Come into City Hall, 277 W. Larpenteur Ave., and ask for one at the front counter. Due to a limited supply, only one lock will be given per household. Locks are for residents only.

Dialogue on gun violence
Join your Falcon Heights neighbors at the Coffee Grounds, 1579 N. Hamlene Ave., on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. for a community dialogue on gun violence, led by M ayor J ohn Lindstrom.

Emergency response team training begins in March
The federal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches basic skills that are important to know in a disaster, before emergency services are available.

Falcon Heights CERT classes have trained more than 100 Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and other nearby residents. Training is open to local residents over the age of 12.

Twenty-four hours of basic instruction will be offered at Falcon Heights City Hall on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting March 7. Classes vary slightly in length. The schedule and title of each class are listed below:

- March 7: Disaster Preparedness
- March 14: Fire Safety
- March 21: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
- March 28: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
- April 4: Light Search and Rescue Operations
- April 11: Disaster Psychology

Terrorism
- April 18, CERT Organization
- April 25, Course Review and Disaster Simulation

Instructors are Falcon Heights firefighters and community volunteers who have completed the FEM A/CERT. Trainer Program sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management’s Citizen Corps.

To enroll, call Falcon Heights City Hall, 651-792-7660, by March 1. Cost is $25. Those who complete the training will receive CERT safety equipment and supplies worth about $75.

For more information, contact K ris Grangaard, 651-647-4419 or kbt04@comcast.net, or go to the CERT website, citizenscorp.org.

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

Crime alert
The S. Anthony Police Department arrested a juvenile male on Jan. 24 following a crime alert released on Jan. 23 in which a woman reported being approached by an unknown male as she entered her apartment Thursday, Jan. 17, at about 7:30 p.m. The suspect was carrying a knife and was wearing a hooded sweatshirt. The woman was unharmed.

The suspect is described as an 18-year-old white male, 5'10" tall, weighing about 160 pounds, with an acne scar on his forehead. He was last seen wearing a blue jacket, blue jeans, and a black hat.

If you see this suspect, please call the S. Anthony Police Department at 651-792-7660.

The St. Anthony Police Department reminds residents to lock their doors and to be aware of their surroundings.

To report a crime, call the S. Anthony Police Department at 651-792-7660 or visit the S. Anthony Police Department’s website at www.stanthanpolice.org.

G Oakley & Son
The Oakley & Son group is located at 1137 S. Dale St., in the Oakley & Son building.

G Oakley & Son is a full-service snowplow contractor. They have been in business for over 30 years and have established a reputation for being the best in the business. They have been hired by the City of St. Paul to plow the streets during the winter months.

G Oakley & Son is currently seeking new customers to plow. They offer competitive prices and have a team of experienced drivers who are dedicated to providing the best possible service.

If you are interested in plowing your driveway or business, please contact G Oakley & Son at 651-647-4419 or kbt04@comcast.net.

G Oakley & Son also offers a range of other services, including snow removal, snow blower repair, and ice prevention. They are committed to providing the highest level of customer service and satisfaction.

To learn more about G Oakley & Son and their services, please visit their website at www.goakleyandson.com or call 651-647-4419.

St. Anthony Park
The St. Anthony Park Community Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 1225 Estabrook Drive.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the quality of life in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. They meet regularly to discuss issues affecting the neighborhood and work to find solutions.

If you are interested in learning more about the St. Anthony Park Community Council or in joining them, please contact Kris Grangaard at 651-647-4419 or kbt04@comcast.net.

To learn more about the St. Anthony Park Community Council and their activities, please visit their website at www.stanthanpolice.org or call 651-647-4419.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is always looking for new members to join and participate in their meetings. If you are interested in learning more about the St. Anthony Park Community Council and their activities, please contact Kris Grangaard at 651-647-4419 or kbt04@comcast.net.
By Kristal Leebrick

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he Rev. Rick Foss had planned to retire in June from his position as Luther Seminary’s director of contextual learning. Instead, Foss stepped in as interim president there on Jan. 1, three weeks after Richard Bliese resigned from the position he’d held since 2005.

The 68-year-old Foss will remain at the helm as the seminary board searches for a new president, a process Foss said could take a year or longer.

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Rick Foss steps in at seminary

School begins task of reorganizing after discovering $4 million budget shortfall

By Kristal Leebrick

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South Como boundary change heading to St. Paul City Council

By Kristal Leebrick

What does it take to change a neighborhood?

Community council members in St. Paul’s Planning Districts 6 and 10 will find out in the coming months if the City Council approves a Jan. 24 recommendation from the city’s Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED) to allow the South Como neighborhood to secede from District 6 and move into District 10.

If the boundary change is given a green light, the two planning boards of the city will hold public meetings in August to discuss moving the 3,537 South Como residents who live on the southern and western borders of Como Regional Park into District 10. Most of the participants—123—were South Como residents, many of whom were there to champion the boundary change so they could have a voice closer to home about parking, traffic and other issues that come with living next to Como Regional Park.

The meeting included a map-dot exercise where participants were asked to indicate where they lived and their position on the boundary change. Ninety-six percent of the 123 South Como residents who participated on Jan. 9 at the Como Lakeside Pavilion, where nearly 170 people filled the second floor to discuss moving the 3,537 South Como residents who live on the southern and western borders of Como Regional Park into District 10.

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In a letter to Ward 5 councilmember Amy Brendmoen in November, the Como Community Council, which represents District 10, wrote, “The current boundaries offer a broader and more diverse perspective, allowing residents from across District 10 and District 6 to influence decisions affecting Como Regional Park.” Changing the boundaries would cause District 10 to “become a venue primarily for those concerned by the park. Residents, for whom the park is not a sole issue, will be further marginalized,” the letter said.

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Initially, both the District 6 and 10 councils took stands against the changes. In a letter to Ward 5 councilmember Amy Brendmoen in November, the Como Community Council, which represents District 10, wrote, “The current boundaries offer a broader and more diverse perspective, allowing residents from across District 10 and District 6 to influence decisions affecting Como Regional Park.” Changing the boundaries would cause District 10 to “become a venue primarily for those concerned by the park. Residents, for whom the park is not a sole issue, will be further marginalized,” the letter said.

Both councils reversed their opinions after the Jan. 9 meeting. District 6 passed a resolution on Jan. 15 expressing its “amenability to the PED’s recommendation that the City Council approve the boundary change.” District 10 passed a resolution on Jan. 15 expressing its “amenability to the PED’s recommendation that the City Council approve the boundary change.”

South Como to 20

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Can we transition away from fossil fuels?

By Tim Wulling

Should St. Anthony Park become a Transition Town? To find out, the District 12 Community Council’s Energy Resilience Group hosted a conversation around this question at the first of a series of community meetings Jan. 17.

C an we as a country— and as a world—transition away from our use of fossil fuels that is leading us to greater climate disruption? Three dozen people arrived already convinced of this connection. One woman said: “We clearly have access to enough fossil fuels to fry us all. The question at the first of a series of neighborhood Transition Town meetings is, what projects can we do together that would be too big for us to do by ourselves? The upside is that the attendees, as individuals and members of organizations, enthusiastically shared what they are already doing and their visions of a post-carbon, sustainable future for St. Anthony Park in 2020—just seven years away.

A school is working on composting and a student-run garden. A few homes are drop sites for Community Supported Agriculture farms. A church upgraded to fluorescent lighting, changed its down lights to LED and expects its electric bill to be cut in half in a year. Contractors are installing solar and specializing in building performance.

Participants’ visions encompass transportation, energy, housing, gardens and food, garbage and composting, and a sense of being responsible citizens.

One participant sees “bike, mass transit, and feet [as] dominant forms of transportation” in seven years. Others talked of cooperation within a block for composting, pickup or trailer sharing, sharing gardens and fruit production. Many suggested repurposing housing for wider community, manages homes as options, for example, when the children are grown and gone.

Some people want more shared information and cross-fertilization of ideas. Homemakers who have researched energy improvements, contractors, architects all have found practical steps that would benefit others. Could there be a forum for sharing best practices? Could models and posters of retrofits be on display in a public space?

In this neighborhood where so many homes are shaded by large trees and many light-industrial buildings are in the clear, many would like cooperation-funded solar installations on flat roofs with a larger scale than those on an individual home.

The next community meetings will enlarge the conversation. Perhaps groupings of people will emerge to work on particular projects—more food production, neighborhood transportation options, energy reduction in buildings. What projects can we do together that would be too big for individuals to do on their own?

The next meeting will continue visioning and considering whether to become a Transition Town. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. in Northwest Hall at Luther Seminary, Transition Town All St. Anthony Park Transition ASAP.

Time Wulling is a member of the District 12 Community Council’s Energy Resilience Group, which is sponsoring the Transition Town series of meetings.

To all the Park Bugle readers who have helped us raise $29,777.50 toward our fund-drive goal of $35,000. The list of donors below reflects those who gave between Dec. 6 and Jan. 17; the Bugle is also on-tap for individuals and family members to contribute to the Bugle’s 2012-13 fund drive, you still can. Donate online at www.parkbugle.org. Click on the green DONATE NOW button at the top of the home page. To send a check to Park Bugle P.O. Box 6126, St. Paul, MN 55108, thank you!
Adopt a hydrant!

The third-grade St. Anthony Park Elementary School Destination Imagination team the H oppy H as requests your help to slow the spread of fires.

It can take five to six minutes for a firefighter to clear a hydrant. That’s enough time for a fire to double in size 12 times!

You can help by adopting a hydrant through this new website adoptahydrant.openwincities.org. Once you’ve registered and chosen a hydrant, you will receive email reminders after snowfalls to go out to clear your adopted hydrant. Thanks for helping the firefighters and keeping our community safe.

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Let’s talk about love, and the written word

Join the Park Bugle the week before Valentine’s Day to explore love at Micawber’s Books.

“Love of the Written Word,” the Park Bugle’s second annual fundraising event, will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m., at our local bookstore, 2258 Como Ave. The night will feature food and wine donated by the Colossal Café and the Little Wine Shoppe, and Micawber’s co-owner Hans Weyandt, who will talk about 25 recent books that fall into the (broad) category of “Love” and “Love of the Written Word.”

Join us for this wonderful, warm winter event. Space is limited to 50 people, so please reserve your spot by calling 651-646-5369 or email editor@parkbugle.org. Give us your name, email address and phone number and how many guests you plan to bring. Donations of $35 or more at the door will be gratefully accepted.

Music in the Park Series

Family Concerts

Three-concert subscriptions for $15 or single concert tickets for $7

February 22 Ross Sutter and Friends
March 22 Elias String Quartet
April 12 Lau Hawaiian Collective

These interactive concerts will entertain and excite audiences of all ages!
Six Como Park and St. Anthony Park residents were placed on the City of St. Paul’s Neighborhood Honor Roll in January. Each year, residents of the city’s 17 districts nominate neighbors who make their neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. The award recipients were honored at a celebration at the University of St. Thomas on Jan. 25.

District 10 recipients are Janna Caywood, Valerie Cunningham and Panod Klongtruatroke. District 12 recipients are Alice Duggan, Scott Hamilton and Kristal Leebrick. The community councils’ descriptions of why they were honored and the recipients photos are listed below.

Janna Caywood
Janna Caywood is a dedicated community advocate who founded the Como Lake Neighborhood Network (CLNN) to provide a means for neighbors to help preserve Como Lake. She has worked diligently on the Como Curb Cleanup project to inform people about the effects of debris on Como Lake, as well as the larger watershed region. Caywood is also an active block leader and generously devotes her time to bringing neighbors together and improving the community.

Valerie Cunningham
A block leader and member of the Environment Committee and St. Paul Audubon, Valerie Cunningham conducts bird tours, monitors bluebird houses in Como Park and helps maintain several public gardens. Cunningham has been instrumental in organizing the annual neighborhood garden tour, Tree Appreciation Project and popular public lecture series. She is a familiar face at park cleanups and shoreline planting and weeding sessions. She is also a reading tutor and volunteer classroom assistant at Chelsea Heights Elementary School.

Panod Klongtruatroke
Panod Klongtruatroke served on the District 10 Community Council from 2010 to 2012, lending his calm and thoughtful voice during discussions about several controversial projects challenging the community. A strong advocate for transparency, Klongtruatroke designed and implemented a new website that dramatically improved the council’s ability to represent the community. As vice-chair, he led a team that recommended council bylaws revisions that ensure the continued effectiveness of the District 10 Community Council as a vehicle for citizen involvement in community affairs.

Alice Duggan
Alice Duggan tirelessly keeps St. Anthony Park a beautiful place. She maintains the St. Anthony Park Branch Library window boxes, beautiful and rounds up volunteers to do the weeding and planting throughout the year while putting in many hours herself. She is an active volunteer for the St. Anthony Park Library Association and a vital participant in the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. The neighborhood is a better place because of her work.

Scott Hamilton
Scott Hamilton is a leader in a team that has spent countless hours making the Langford Park Hockey Program into a fabulous neighborhood asset. In addition to serving the 100 kids who play hockey, the Langford Park Hockey Program maintains the ice rinks at the park and puts on the Langford Park Classic each January. Hamilton plays a role in everything, from stripping the ice to serving as tournament director. He is the heart and soul of the program.

Kristal Leebrick
In 2010, Kristal Leebrick took over the reins of the Bugle and continues to keep this gem alive by producing excellent issues. She seemed to need no time to adjust to the responsibilities of any fine news editor and immediately proved she could live up to her predecessor. St. Anthony Park is fortunate to have her services.
Ministry and movement

Local church blends Christian scripture with ancient Eastern tradition of yoga

By Kristal Leebrock

Church-goers at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ are putting a little “omi” in their “amen” these days.

Lori Alford, director of children, youth and family ministries at the church, launched a Wednesday night Holy Yoga class for adults last month. And since fall, she’s been leading children through yoga poses each week during the gathering time just before their Sunday school classes begin.

Alford, who is in her third year of working at the church, has been a yoga practitioner for 10 years. After hearing about Holy Yoga—an Arizona-based ministry that promotes yoga as a spiritual discipline like prayer, fasting and meditation—Alford enrolled in a nine-week online course that culminated in a seven-day immersion retreat in Stillwater last spring.

“I got the 200-hour required training to have that registered Holy Yoga title,” she said with a laugh. That means she is now Lori Alford, R-HYI (registered Holy Yoga instructor).

On a Sunday morning in early January, children ranging from 5 to 14 trickled into the lower room of the church, where three rows of purple yoga mats were lined up. The kids (and some of their Sunday school teachers) took off their shoes and settled in on a mat, then Alford led them through a breathing exercise in which she instructed them to “breathe in love, breathe out kindness.”

T his particular Sunday was the Epiphany, Jan. 6, which Christians observe as the day the Magi visited the baby Jesus. As Alford led her congregants through various yoga positions she guided them through a story about following an ancient star.

Holy Yoga is a “cool blend of bringing Christian scripture to life in a new way,” Alford said. There are some conservative Christians “who think Christians shouldn’t be dabbling in that,” she said. “Some feel Christians are co-opting the spiritual world. We’re going to breathe in love and breathe out kindness, what does that really mean? We’re going to breathe it. We’re going to observe as the day the Magi visited. It appears the younger church-goers aren’t flinching, either. “I wasn’t sure what kind of response I would get from the kids,” Alford said, “but I think we’ve hit something that really kindles us, it’s going to be infectious.”

Alford to bring this ancient Hindu practice into the church.

“I can’t say enough about how open the congregation is to new experiences,” Alford said. “That’s resonated with them. If we’re going to breathe in love and breathe out kindness, what does that really mean? We’re going to breathe it. We’re going to explore what our bodies do with Christianity not just our heads. It gives them a new way.”

The one-hour Wednesday night class is open to the public and is ongoing. The class begins at 6:30 p.m. at the church, which is located at 2297 Commonwealth Ave. in St. Anthony Park. Participants are encouraged to bring a mat and a yoga block, if they have one. The classes are free, but free-will offerings will be accepted. To find out more, go to www.sapucc.org or call 651-646-7173.

Bugle poetry contest set for March

Poems can take any form you choose. The word transition does not have to appear in your poem. You may use that word as inspiration to go in any direction it takes you.

This year’s prompt is “What our bodies do with Christianity not just our heads.”

The contest is open to all Bugle readers. Current Bugle employees and Park Press board members and their families are not eligible to enter. The contest is limited to one submission per person and it must be received by M arch 8. Send poems to: Editor, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or to editor@parkbugle.org.

Poems will be judged anonymously by D ave Holy, first-place winner in last year’s contest and the former editor of the Park Bugle. First place wins a gift certificate to M cGaw’s Books.

All entries will be posted on the Bugle website, www.parkbugle.org.

Lori Alford leads children through yoga poses before their Sunday school classes each week at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Alford uses the Holy Yoga program, which she describes as a way to “explore what our bodies do with Christianity not just our heads.” Photo by Kristal Leebrick
The Schubert Club will present three concerts as part of the Music in the Park Series Family Concerts beginning in February. Concerts will be held at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. Each concert has two show times: 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Ross Sutter and Friends will kick off the series with the Joy of Singing on Friday, Feb. 22. The program will include a modern sing-along of familiar songs with puppets, dance movement and musical games.

On Friday, March 22, the Elias Quartet, a young string quartet from England, will present the Magic of Strings, a showcase of classical music from Purcell to Britten from Bach to Schumann.

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The Schubert Club will present three concerts as part of the Music in the Park Series Family Concerts beginning in February. Concerts will be held at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. Each concert has two show times: 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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27 Acts of Kindness

By Kristal Leebrick

In the aftermath of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December, Como Park Senior High School counselor Molly McCurdy found herself searching for some way to help students at her school address the tragedy.

In mid-January, she launched the 27 Acts of Kindness project to honor the 27 people killed by the Newtown, Conn., shooter. The project challenges Como’s staff and students to do 27 kind things through the year and make a record of it. An Act of Kindness board has been put up in the school’s Commons and the school community is being encouraged to write down their kind acts on the board.

Senior Joe Krivit has helped get the news out on the school’s morning television show by interviewing students who are participating. His first interview was with junior Leandre Benion (aka “Rev”) who recently did a kind act for his mother. He paid for his sister’s birthday party, Benion works at Cub Foods and spent his own money to buy a cake and presents for his sister’s golden birthday on Jan. 14. (“It was a Justin Bieber cake,” he said, and then smiled: “She wouldn’t let anybody eat the face.”)

After the Dec. 14 shooting in Connecticut, it seemed taboo to talk about it at school, Krivit said. “A lot of teachers here wouldn’t talk about it,” he said, because they didn’t want to upset students.

McCurdy’s view on dealing with such a horrible tragedy is to promote what’s positive in our society. “All we’re hearing about now is gun control,” she said. “It’s a complex issue; just banning guns isn’t the only answer. We need to address the violence, the Twitter, the Facebook, the videogames—and do anything we can do that is positive.”

At press time, the project was in its infancy, but McCurdy hopes that momentum will build and students and staff will think about what it means to be kind and ask themselves what they are doing to promote kindness—like “saying hello to someone who’s isolated in the lunchroom or shoveling a walkway” for someone—and then ask themselves, “What else can I be doing?”
Gun control from a different perspective. She is a pacifist who grew up in a Minnesota home and claims that all special knowledge of firearms is not important, but that doesn’t think that should disqualify her on the subject of gun control. “I don’t judge people who own hunting guns,” she says, “but I am someone who is outraged by the massive murder of defenseless children. No longer can we stomach the conversation away.”

Nationally and locally, the Connecticut shootings have brought new vigor to the gun-control movement. Heather Martens, executive director of Protect Minnesota 2395 W. University Ave, reaches back to the civil rights movement of the ’60s for a comparison. “The image of those [Sandy Hook] children under fire has galvanized people of conscience,” she says, “like the images of children set upon by dogs and fire hoses galvanized public opinion during the Civil Rights era.”

Martens says her group’s priorities will be straightforward when the issue of gun control is introduced this session at the Minnesota Legislature. “Top priorities are background checks for all gun purchases, keeping violent people from getting access to assault weapons in the first place and keeping dangerous people from getting firearms”, she says. “So much that has been suggested has been tried elsewhere [unsuccessfully],” he says. Olson is sure the NRA will win the latest legislative battle “because the problem is not guns, but A, people who are criminals; and B, people who are crazy.”

As for the tragic litany of attacks from Columbine to Aurora to Newtown to Connecticut’s shooting in Newtown, Conn.—a list that has become all too familiar to Americans—Olson has a consistent response: “We know what works. Immediate counter-fire. Don’t matter where it comes from.”

Gambucci responds, “More guns beget more death. The N.R.A. is a misguided group and vigilantism is a huge part of the culture of violence.”

“Wether the debate centers on self-protection or lethal risks, one of the few areas in which both sides agree is that in the United States there is no shortage of firearms. Because of the patchwork of legal requirements covering gun ownership, statistics on firearms are notoriously difficult to uncover, but estimates are that 270 to 300 million guns are in American homes, which is closer to one weapon for every adult resident of the nation. Sadly, some of those weapons become involved in an enormous amount of violence. Although mass shootings like Sandy Hook are what linger in the public mind, a recent report from the Institute of Medicine implicates firearms in many less heavily publicized deaths. Gun-related murder rates are 20 times higher in the United States than those of other major developed nations, the report noted, and 69 percent of all U.S. homicides in a recent year involved guns. Gambucci hopes that Americans have had enough. “The last election indicated there is this reawakening consciousness,” she says. “Vigilantism is too much. Let’s be more sensible. Nobody needs semi-automatic weapons. You don’t have to change the minds of the die-hards. You just need to change the laws. That’s where we have a critical mass who are people who are going to hold the Legislature accountable.”
Rain and unseasonably warm weather on the opening days of the 54th annual Langford Park Winter Classic threatened to cancel the Squirt Classic hockey tournament at the annual event Jan. 10-13. But temps dropped by 3 a.m. on Saturday and by 8 a.m. the ice was ready for the tournament, which was played in its entirety on Saturday and Sunday.

City of Lakes won the tournament, defeating the Langford Park squirt blue team.

“Mother Nature threw her best at us, and we still got it off over the weekend in two days,” said Mark Lundquist, who stepped in as acting director of the tournament after Scott Hamilton, who coordinates the Langford Hockey program, was called out of town.

Inside the rec building, 10U and 12U boys basketball teams battled it out, with Duluth & Care winning in the 12U division and Palace beating the 10U competition.

The Winter Classic also features a medallion hunt. Seventh-grader Ben Williams and 10th-grader Nick Brady found it near the horseshoe court at the park. They won a gift certificate to the Colossal Cafe and a bag of M&Ms.

Some of the highlights to the weekend, according to Lundquist, include a visit from Bill Paist, one of the founding fathers of Langford Hockey, who dropped the puck in the championship game; a live performance of the National Anthem by squirt dad Taylor Burr; and a visit on both Saturday and Sunday from the St. Paul Police Department after a neighbor complained about the loud sound system. One more high point: “We also sold pickles for the first time,” he said.

Lundquist thanks the following people for stepping in: Laura Manning, who coordinated the food; Beth Commers, who scheduled volunteers; Charlie Rogers, who

Above: Bill Paist, one of the founding fathers of the Langford Park hockey program, drops the puck at the squirt championship game.

At right: Richard Hahnen is the iconic voice of the Langford Park Winter Classic.

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directed the barbecue fundraiser; Andy Frisell and Derek Fried for maintaining the ice; Mark Moormann for greeting the teams as they arrived; Rich Hahnen, announcer extraordinaire; Taylor Burr, who improved the P.A. system, which might be why it seemed louder; and David Ellis, a Squirt dad and professional photographer who took photos at every game and is selling them on the Langford Hockey website (langfordparkhockey.com) for a $10 donation. The money will go to the hockey program.—Kristal Leebrick

The Johnson Como Devils B1 peewee hockey team kicked off 2013 with two big wins. Over the New Year’s weekend, the team of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade boys beat two of the state’s top-ranked teams, the Edina Hornets and the Minnetonka Skippers, in the 44th annual Edina Invitational. In mid-January, the Devils took first in Johnson Como’s own 31st annual Governors Cup at Gustafson Phalen Arena in St. Paul, beating out the Prior Lake/Savage Lakers 6-1. Here, the team is shown just after they won the cup on Jan. 13.

Winter Classic from 10

Ice man Andy Frisell makes another sweep around a rink at the Langford Park Winter Classic. Frisell and his dedicated crew maintain the ice at Langford Park throughout the season for everybody to enjoy.

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Important Dates:
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• Registration fee is due when artwork is delivered to the gallery. All work MUST be ready to hang or display - work may be refused if not prepared.
• March 24 - Opening Reception 6:00 p.m.
• After Music in the Park concert

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North St. Anthony Park Home Sales 2012 Real Estate Update

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• The average sale price was 68.9% of the listed price.
• The average sale price decreased 13% this year.
• At the end of the year, there were 2 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 237 days.
• 20 homes failed to sell.
• This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

(Information from the REALTORS MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE OF MINNESOTA, INC. for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.)

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Luther Seminary from 3

Both Foss and Frame come through their new positions with lengthy
resumes.

Foss joined the seminary in 2008, after serving 15 years as bishop of the North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He has served on the governing boards of Concordia College in Moorhead, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo and Luther Seminary.

Frame was the CFO for Pacific Lutheran University near Tacoma, Wash., for 20 years and also served as president of Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

‘As open as we can be’

Foss moved into the second-floor president’s office in Northwestern Hall on Fullham Street on Jan. 9. The next day, he sent a letter to all stakeholders at the school—students, staff and faculty—because he doesn’t want anyone to assume “that others are being told what we are not being told,” he said.

The letter addressed how the school cannot afford all of its current programs and personnel and that there would be cuts in faculty, staff and programs.

“We are being as open as we can be,” Foss said. “We are trying to have very little that flies under the confidential flag.”

For the last month, faculty members have been meeting individually with academic dean Roland M. Arntson.

“We are trying to invite people into creative, imaginative problem- solving,” Foss said. “To treat that this organic thing made up of people who are all adults who are all gifted, if we can do that hard work pretty much together rather than [as one person] directing things, we come out of this much better,” he said.

“Now, as soon as I say that, we know that doesn’t happen very often or very well. That’s a hard thing to do.

“There will be pain, there’s no doubt about that.”

The seminary is looking beyond programs and people as it assesses “what is needed, what is appropriate,” Foss said. “We have a lot of physical assets, property and buildings, and we’re looking at that too.”

Donor support

The seminary has had support in this “moment of crisis,” Foss said. “Donors have responded exceptionally well, which keeps us out of the emergency room financially but still means we have to learn how to get the checkbook in order going forward.”

We’re working on that.”

Short timeline

When the seminary board meets in early February, they will have very good early information for the board to look at,” Foss said. “The board of, course, is looking at. How do we go forward? For all of us involved, we’re not as much interested in finger pointing as looking in the mirror and saying, ‘How do we get forward?’”

By May, when the board meets again, “we should have a pretty clear picture of going forward,” Foss said.

“We’re looking at all the components. We know that we can’t do everything we’ve been doing the way we’ve been doing. That’s clear. We also know that some of the things we’re doing are going exceedingly well and that the people who we’re building on the heritage have done something really well,” Foss said.

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Fire department from 1

Larpenteur Ave.

It responds to about 110 calls a year, including fire and rescue calls, vehicle accidents with injuries and nonemergency incidents. In 2012, firefighters handled a half-dozen house and garage fires in Falcon Heights and Lauderdale and responded to mutual aid calls in Roseville, St. Anthony Village and Rosemount.

The Springsted study compared the Falcon Heights/Lauderdale fire service to that of six other roughly similar communities in the metropolitan area and found it to be the least expensive at $16.40 per resident per year. The department’s average call response time of 6 minutes, 46 seconds is well within the acceptable range. “Also, I must admit there’s an adrenalin rush involved,” he said.

The firefighters include a financial planner, plumber, an ambulance company employee, teachers and retirees. Those joining the force receive more than twice the starting pay as an ambulance company employee, firefighters ride outside on the squad car.

“Firefighters in the department, for three years. “Also, I thought the idea of citizens in the department and for three years. When they had the department for nearly 30 years. “We’re not full-time, but we are professionals,” he said.

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The consultant made a series of recommendations for the council to consider, some expanding on what the department is already doing to an extent. Several have budget implications, including the notion of creating a paid position of fire chief/fire marshal.

Another budgetary consideration is what to do about the city’s 22-year-old ladder truck, which is approaching the end of its useful life and starting to require expensive upkeep.

The University Grove fire on Fullwell Street in 2011 involved an unoccupied house without smoke detectors and the blaze was advanced before it was noticed. The first call from a neighbor came shortly after 3 a.m. and a St. Anthony police squad was on the scene two minutes later. “There was so much fire from the attic that the firefighter’s dashboard camera looks like it was daytime,” the chief said. “We did what we could, but there wasn’t much we could do.”

Council member Micer
taylor, who lives a block away from the house, said that people in the neighborhood seem to feel better about their fire service. “I think that initially, the sheer size of the fire left many of us shaken,” she said, “but I don’t think people are anxious anymore.”

To see the consultant’s report, go to the city’s website at www.falconheights.org and use the search term “sprinkler.” The Falcon Heights Fire department is actively seeking new members. You can find out what’s involved on the city’s website.
Local bassist named a winner of Zeitgeist annual song contest

St. Anthony Park resident Ted Olsen, 21, was recently named a winner of Zeitgeist’s 18th annual Eric Stokes Song Contest. A bassist and composer, his compositions have been featured with the Luther College Jazz Sextet and the Quentin Tatroff Trio, which performed at the 2011 Twin Cities Jazz Festival through a sponsorship by the Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education.

Olsen’s winning composition “Nightingale” is an ornithological nocturne that premiered at a performance with the Luther College Jazz Sextet last fall. Olsen is a 2010 graduate of Como Park Senior High School.

The Eric Stokes Song Contest is sponsored by new music group Zeitgeist in memory of late composer Eric Stokes. The contest was designed to encourage and celebrate amateur composers throughout the Twin Cities. The winning composers have the opportunity to participate in Zeitgeist’s annual Playing It Close to Home concerts in February; they also receive a $100 prize and a one-year membership to the American Composers Forum. Olsen served as a guest artist and instructor at the Twin Cities Jazz Workshop, a summer camp for junior high and high school students. You can hear Olsen’s “Nightingale” at Zeitgeist’s performances on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Studio Z, 275 E. 4th St., Suite 200, St. Paul, and Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. at Roseville Area High School, 1240 W. County Road B-2, Roseville. Tickets are $10.

Founded in 1977, Zeitgeist is a new music chamber ensemble based in St. Paul. Members are Heather Barringer and Patti Cudd, percussion; Pat O’Keefe, woodwinds; and Shannon Wettstein, piano.

Windsewpt Trees by Paul Winger

Paul Winger, a resident of St. Anthony Park since the 1990s, won first prize in the fifth annual St. Paul Winter Carnival Art Show, with his photograph entitled “Windsewpt Trees.”

The juried show opened in January and runs through Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Black Dog Café, 308 E. Prince St., in Lowertown. The winning photograph was made in February 2010 at the intersection of Raymond Avenue and Nebraska Avenue looking back toward Como Lake.

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Since his days as a pre-teen in Redwood Falls, Minn., where his earliest shots were of Ramsey Falls in the city’s Ramsey Park, Winger’s photo subjects include area sites such as Como Park, the Horticultural Building gardens on the State Fairgrounds, the University of Minnesota Department of Horticultural Science Display and Trial Garden on the St. Paul campus and Alden Square Park off of Raymond Avenue.

"One of his images is on display at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave. Winger’s photography will be on display at Trotter’s Cafe at Marshall and Cleveland avenues through the month of February. To find out more about go to http://paulwinger.zenfolio.com.

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Neighbours from 13

A number of local women will have their artwork featured in the Women's Art Resources of Minnesota (WARM) 40th Anniversary Juried Members Exhibition, which opens Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Robbins Gallery, 4215 42nd Ave. N., Robbinsdale, and runs through Feb. 15.

The show will feature art work by Beth Andrews, Kiki Augustin, Linda Baudry, Elizabeth Blair, Patricia DelVedova, Liz Dodosan, Beth Donay, Rita Kinch, Dungen, Judy Fawcett, Marjorie Fedyszyn, Susan Gilbert, Carmen Gutierrez-Boliger, Carolyn Halliday, Robyn Hendrix, Janet Houde, Joan Kloiber, Emily Krueger, Candy Kuster, Linda Lee Deng, Brenda Lifman, Andrea Martin, Lay Mcllly, Ann Merry, Alii Olm, Laura Pereira, Bonnie Ploger, Claudia Pears, Terri Power, Michellle Runyon, Joan Seifert, Mary Simon-Casebi, Maria Soderman, Amy Tillotson, Rita Tritbaugh, Amy Unger, Jill Waterhouse and Joyce Young.

An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Friday, Feb. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Fireside Reading Series continues next week with an unplugged reading from Rona Zhang in Mandarin Chinese. The theme will be Chinese New Year. For more information, call 651-642-0411.

Anders will perform on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2233 Como Ave. Doc and The Psy-Odysseis will open the show. Tickets are $12 at the door. For more information, call 615-646-3732.

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**Events**

**Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Feb. 13 to be included in the March 2013 issue.**

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**3 SUNDAY**

Live chamber music every Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Finnish Bistro

**4 MONDAY**

English as a Second Language Class, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**5 TUESDAY**

Baby lap sit storytime, birth-2, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

International and domestic adoption information session, 6-8:30 p.m., Children’s Home Society & Family Services

St. Anthony Park Garden Club business meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**6 WEDNESDAY**

Free blood pressure screening, 11:30-11:30 a.m., Blomberg Pharmacy

Sponsored by Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program

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

One-on-one Career Building, every Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

St. Anthony Park Book Club, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**8 FRIDAY**

Special preschool storytime in Mandarin Chinese, ages 3-5, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

Friday Night Out, 5-30 p.m., supper, film “Play Again” 6:15-7:45 p.m., SAP United Church of Christ

Teen adoptee group pizza and game night, grades 9-12, 6-9 p.m., CHSFS. Cost is $5

Brother-and-sister band 1703 performs every Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m.-close, Finnish Bistro

**11 MONDAY**

Minnepolis Theosophical Society meeting with author Von Braschler, 7-9 p.m., Spirit United Church

Meditation exercises based on Shamonic dream walking and Hindu Sumathi mysticism, 6:4, member, 50, nonmembers; $10, couples or families

**17 SUNDAY**

Sunday Service “Como Lake Past, Present and Future” 2-3:30 p.m., North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans St.

**18 MONDAY**

Cincinnati online Rally to End Gun Violence, State Capitol Rotunda, 3 p.m.

**19 TUESDAY**

Baby lap sit storytime, birth-2, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**21 THURSDAY**

Give & Take in the Creative Enterprise Zone, 7-9 p.m., University Enterprise Laboratories, 1000 Westgate Drive

Transitional SAP community conversation, 7-8:30 p.m., Luther Seminary North Western Hall, 1501 Fulham St.

**22 FRIDAY**

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**22 FRIDAY**

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 6-8:30 p.m., CHSFS

**January crossword puzzle answers**

If you haven’t looked online, here are the answers to Dave Healy’s crossword puzzle, which appeared on page 9 of the January 2013 Park Bugle.

**VENUES:**

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

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

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

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Norbert Anderson
Nob was proud to have celebrated 35 years of sobriety and was active in many Alcoholics Anonymous groups. He was a consummate salesman, entrepreneur and idea man. He enjoyed driving his bull and cow in the Minnesota State Fair parade. “Nubs” was a true character and he will be missed.

He is survived by his children, Megan, M. Lilly, M. Chad, Jennifer and Mary Beth; sisters, Loretta and Maryann Anderson; and many friends, fellow sports fans and an extensive AA family.

Memorial Mass was held Jan. 16 at St. Peter Claver Church.

Hale Dustin Sr.
Hale “Dusty” Dustin Sr., 95, of St. Anthony Park, died Jan. 2.
He served in the Navy during World War II and retired from Zinsmair Bakelite after more than 40 years. He had a great passion for hunting, fishing and golf.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel, and siblings, Bob, Dick, Don Luiz, Lu Storey, Florence Ashley, Margaret Zapf and Mary Currie.

He is survived by his children, Mike, Daryl, Keith and Mark; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, sister, Phyllis Paul; and lifelong best friend, Don Wetherby.

His memorial service was held Jan. 7 at Mueller-Bliss Funeral Home, with inurnment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Anthony Fair
Anthony M. Fair, age 50, student at Luther Seminary, died Dec. 18. His funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Chapel of the Incarnation at the seminary.

Arthur Hoff
He was an avid golfer and cribbage player, fearless cook, lover of animals, consummate host and model of integrity.
He was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank and Bill, and sister, Katherine Roper. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jean; two daughters, Vicki Hansen and Elizabeth Berg; a son, Jeffery; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his special cousin, Barbara Hurric.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 28 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Amy King
Amy Adeline (Sneebsby) King was born Feb. 19, 1911, and died on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 6, just short of her 102nd birthday.
She grew up in a farm in South Dakota and later came to M inneotta after the nursing school she was attending closed.
She met and married William King in 1934. They lived in St. Anthony Park and had three daughters, Bill died in 1960 and Amy did many things over the years to make ends meet. She worked at Bethesda Hospital, Montgomery Ward and Unirc. She rented rooms and took care of babies.
She loved her for her hair, braid and crocheted rugs, and made quilts. Shebak fellow her famous cinnamon and caramel rolls and pies and canned fruits and vegetables.

Amy was an active member at St. Anthony Park Methodist Church and member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her eight siblings, a grandson, M. Arlin Schjoelberg, and a son-in-law, Ted Stephens. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Stephens, Nancy Schjoelberg and Carol Kelly; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was held Jan. 11, at St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, with interment at Fort Snelling. Memorials can be made to the church on St. Anthony Park Home, where she lived the last eight months of her life.

Harold Korf
Harold H. Korf, 95, of Como Park, died Jan. 3. He was born in Lambertton, Minn. Soon after, Harold’s father died and he and his two sisters were raised in Lambertton by a caring uncle and aunt and their father, a Civil War veteran and pioneer. M inneotta settler and farmer.

Harold earned a baccalaureate degree at the University of Minneotta in 1939. He married his wife, Helen, on July 5, 1941.

He served in World War II, was a life member of Omna Shrine and active in the Sertoma Club. Harold became a successful independent insurance agent, eventually owning Boathard & N elson Insurance Agency in downtown St. Paul.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Lorna M. Collom, Kirsten Ihke and Myra H. Hillburg; son, Roger K Korf, nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and sister, Marian K.Korf.

His funeral service was Jan. 9. At Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

James Korf
James H. Korf, 78, of Roseville, died Jan. 2.

James began his 59 1/2-year career as a barber at Harvard Barber on the University of Minnesota campus and then moved to Ford Barbers in Falcon Heights, where he recently retired.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, a sister and two brothers-in-law. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, M. arian; children, M. ichelle, Renee Hower, M o r t e, Ramona Goodman and M itch; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, and two sisters-in-law.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 7 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Roseville.

Lais Kruse
Lais L. Kruse, 89, died Dec. 22.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, and grandson, K erry Morris. She is survived by her children, Karen Fredette, D. o rainis, Joan Tape, Janet Wheeton, M. arlyn Spellis, Gary, Coriols Hekel and Lary, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and great-grand-grandchild.

Her funeral was held Dec. 27 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Peter Stish
Peter E. Stish, 60, former St. Anthony Park resident, died Dec. 15, at his home in Pennsylvania.

Peter graduated from M urry High School in 1970. He was an active history enthusiast and a frequent attendee of local historical society events. He was known for his love of local history and for his contributions to the preservation of historic buildings in the Como Park neighborhood.

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football and hockey teams and was an outstanding tennis player. He also had a lifelong, passionate interest in cars and motorcycles.

Bill Stock

William E. “Bill” Stock, 81, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 7. He was born July 6, 1931, in MIllyron, N.D., and grew up in Waukon, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a B-29 tail gunner during the Korean War. A life-long educator, he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Iowa State Teacher’s College and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He taught industrial arts in Albert Lea, St. Cloud State University and served as director of program planning and development of North Como Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and deacon. He was preceded in death by his son Donald, two sisters and one brother. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary; his son, Dan of Roseville and Jim of Shoreview; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Carol Dae. His memorial service was held Dec. 29 at North Como Presbyterian Church in Roseville.

Priscilla Thurow

Priscilla Ann (Priebe) Thurow, 98, former resident of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 30. She was born in Wauca, Minn., and graduated from Carlson College in Northfield, Minn. She met Allyn Thurow while attending Carlson, and they were married in 1942. They first lived in an apartment building at Dowell and Como avenues, where they raised their three children. In 1953, they and their five children moved back to St. Anthony Park and the community. Priscilla was the leader of Girl Scout Troop 408 and a member of the Girl Scouts district council. She worked tirelessly for Lutheran Social Services for many years. In 1964, she went to work for Youth Opportunity Centers and specifically job corps, recruiting disadvantaged and minority youth to career training centers while working there. She traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive an award for her outstanding commitment to youth. She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Allyn “GI.” She is survived by four daughters, Priscilla Liebl, Patricia Karst, Paula Morgan and 13 grandchildren.

Lorraine VanHoudt

Lorraine (Cochran) Van Houdt, “Lolly,” 81, died Jan. 6. She lived in St. Anthony Park for many years. She was born in Waseca, Minn., and graduated from Waseca High School in 1944. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis; son, Gary; and sister, Gloria Solie. She is survived by her children, Cheri Litz, Linda DeRock, Sandy Cochran and Melyody Randler; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Rosalawn Cemetery.

Catherine E. Holtzclaw

Catherine E. Holtzclaw, a member of HOLTZCLAW PLANNING LLC, has a lifelong, passionate interest in financial planning on an hourly basis. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Worship Directory.
School News

Jeff Caulum’s English Language Learner class Annual trip to Capitol part of into the 3M internship program.

Congratulations to students Jacob Cohen, Vu Phan, Dylan Salaba, Saelen Tefladan, Tony Yang and N beh chiv yang, who were accepted into the 3M internship program.

Annual trip to Capitol of English Language Learner class Jeff Caulum’s English Language Learner class I took a field trip on a Metro Transit bus to the State Capitol in December. The trip included eating breakfast at the McDonald’s restaurant on University Avenue.

The class is made up of new immigrants to the United States from Burma, Thailand, Laos, Iraq, Somalia and Ethiopia, many of whom are just beginning to learn English. The field trip lets the students experience what many people view as routine tasks.

Students learn in class how to read bus schedules, get on the bus, ask for a transfer, order food at a restaurant, use money and cross the street safely the week before the trip.

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

Murray sports In mid-January, nearly 60 Murray Junior High students were battling for the St. Paul City Conference championship. At press time, the girls basketball team was in second place with an 8-2 record. The girls, led by coaches M ilke Cornelius and Brian Pearson, concluded the season on Jan. 18 with the All-Star game at Washington Technology Magnet H.s. Results weren’t available at press time.

The Murray wrestling team led by coach Kirby Scull continues to grow in numbers and victories. In 2012, several Murray wrestlers won city championships and the Pilots hope to improve on those results at the city meet on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Washington Tech. Those results will be printed in the next issue of the Bugle.

Boys basketball began Jan. 21. The Pilot boys team looks to defend its city championship beginning in February. For game schedules look up on spps.org for all junior and senior high sports news.


St. Anthony Park Elementary 2180 Knap St., 651-293-8375 www.stanthony.spps.org


Can students get principal’s goat? The annual St. Anthony Park Read-a-Thon begins Thursday, Feb. 7, and goes through Saturday, Feb. 19. Students are hoping to raise $12,000. This year’s theme is “Goat for It.” If the students are able to read more than 270,000 minutes during the contest, then Principal Ann Johnson will milk goats this spring. Last year, students exceeded their goal of 240,000 minutes by reading 426,970 minutes. Their reward was seeing Principal Johnson dress up in a chicken suit for a day.

How do you spell winner? Sixth-grader Jared Zierow earned the title of school spelling champion on Jan. 17 at the school’s spelling bee. Runner-up was Kyle Burch and alternate was Jackson Lee. Both also are sixth-graders.

Traveling map makes stop here A 26-by-35-foot traveling map of Africa from National Geographic will be at St. Anthony Park Elementary school on Feb. 13 as part of National African American Parent Involvement Day. Parents of all backgrounds are encouraged to visit the school, have a free lunch with their children and visit the social studies classroom to view the map.

Students to sing at Minneapolis Convention Center Feb. 15 The St. Anthony Park Elementary fifth- and sixth-graders will put on a vocal performance at the Minneapolis Music Educators annual clinic on Friday, Feb. 15, at the M innnesota Music Educators annual clinic on Friday, Feb. 15, at the M innnesota Music Educators annual clinic on Friday, Feb. 15, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Music teacher Brad Ollmann has been working with the students since fall to prepare them for the honor.

School choice deadline is Feb. 15 The deadline to register for a St. Paul Public School for the 2013-14 school year is Friday, Feb. 15. Find out more at placement.sps.org or call 651-632-3700.

Hugh Mayo and Viola Holman. Photo by Kristal Leebrock.

Students’ science project (will be) out of this world For the last six months, St. Anthony Park resident Hugh Mayo, 17, and Viola Holman, 16, have been a part of a team of 16 Minneaha Academy students picked by NASA to devise and build an experiment to be launched to the International Space Station in March. Since summer, the group has been spending their Friday nights working on an experiment that will test how polymers, which are in everything from paint to glue to plastic, will behave at different temperatures in the microgravity environment of space, according to Mayo. The high-schoolers have been working with six mentors, one of whom works at Valpariag Corp., where the students scientists have spent time in the company’s labs to learn about polymers. T he scientists have “no idea what will happen” in space, Holman said. The project will be set up in a 2x2x4-inch microlab and the students will be able to monitor the data sent back by astronauts from computers here on earth. M inneaha, a private Christian school in Minneapolis, is the only Midwestern school participating in the space station program.
South Como from 3

the change but asked that the city give the district until January 2014 to implement the changes.

Brendmoen, who lives in South Como, said she heard many constituents’ concerns on the matter as she campaigned for her council seat in fall 2011. She asked the PED to research the issue when she came into office a year ago. Park issues are not the only concerns of South Como residents. Brendmoen’s campaign literature addressed a 2011 change in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) used by realtors that moved South Como homes out of “Como” and into the “North End” designation.

District 6 serves both South Como and North End, which extends east to Hwy. 35E. If the change takes place, District 6, which has a population of about 25,000 and an annual budget of $85,000, will lose 3,500 residents and $3,800 in funding. District 10, with a population of about 11,000 and an annual budget of $55,000, will gain residents but no funding because its population will not increase above the city’s minimum funding threshold.

At the Jan. 15 Como Community Council meeting, members expressed frustration at how the issue was handled. Ted Blank, council treasurer, said he was concerned about the “disregard to community councils.” One of Brendmoen’s staff members at the Jan. 9 meeting said the City Council would ultimately make the decision about the change, but Blank explained that boundary changes can’t happen without bylaw changes that would have to be submitted to the IRS and a series of public meetings hosted by the community councils. The city’s 17 district councils are independent nonprofit tax-exempt 501-c-3 organizations that receive funding from the city as well as from other sources such as private donations and foundation and corporate grants.

The process has been “clunky and painful at times,” Brendmoen conceded. However, “there is no established route” to changing district boundaries in the city, she said. The PED’s recommendation confirmed that there is no formal process for these changes and recommended a moratorium until city staff can develop a “process template.”

The PED also recommended that should the City Council approve the recommendation that the effective date be Jan. 1, 2014.

At press time, it was not clear when the recommendation would go before the City Council.

Plant-ID contest begins
Feb. 1 at Como Post Office

By Mary Maguire Lerman
St. Anthony Park Garden Club

The Winter Garden Identification Contest at the Como Post Office begins on Friday, Feb. 1. Pickup an information sheet on the contest at the Post Office, 2286 Como Ave., during office hours. Entries must be typed or carefully printed (to they are legible) and include an attachment sheet indicating the plants that you have recognized. Participants may submit an entry (choose one classification only) as an individual, couple, family, class or group project.

Be sure to provide the common or Latin name (or both!) of the plants that you recognize. M out of the winter garden plants are hardy in our area; however, two plants are not hardy in the Upper Midwest. One is native to the Southern states and another is native to the southern hemisphere. The plants include shrubs and trees, ferns, forbs, grasses and perennials, which may feature dried stems, leaves or pods. Entries may only be submitted by mail (we want the post office to be humming with entries) and must be postmarked no later than April 1. The entry sheet lists the mailing address.

Entries will be evaluated in April and the winners will be announced in the June issue of the Bugle. Prizes may include hardy winter interest garden plants, a book that will help you identify more winter plants in future years, a photograph of the winter garden and a custom design winter interest plan for your landscape. Removal of any plant materials from the winter garden is strictly prohibited. The garden materials will be removed after April 1, as tulip shoots begin to peak their noses above the ground.

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