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## Changing boundaries

St. Paul City Council to review South Como request to join District 10

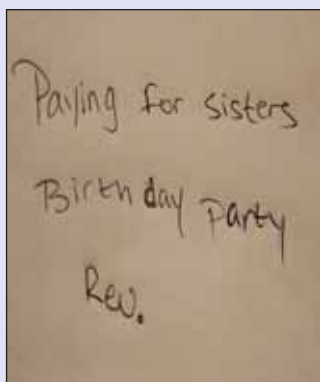
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## Connecticut shooting spurs local efforts on gun control

By Judy Woodward

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@yahoogroups.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



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.

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" at Washington High School, 1495 Rice St., on Monday,

Feb. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. Gambucci says the meeting is being organized by a number of concerned residents and Protect Minnesota, an anti-gun violence group in St. Paul.

Gambucci isn't the only area resident who felt compelled to speak out on the issue of firearms. The City of Falcon Heights is sponsoring a community meeting on gun violence at the Coffee Grounds cafe, 1579 N. Hamline Ave., at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Mayor Peter Lindstrom will lead the discussion. In a related development, the City of Falcon Heights is also distributing free gun

locks to city residents. Falcon Heights residents are invited to stop by City Hall, 2077 W. Larpentour Ave., to receive one free lock per household, while supplies last.

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.

"There's a lot of work to be done," she says, "but once this [Sandy Hook] shooting happened, I

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## 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 forage in the neighborhood. *Photo courtesy of Gooch and Weber.*

## Falcon Heights Fire Dept. receives positive review

By Roger Bergerson

The results are in and a consultant's findings represent a big thumbs-up for Falcon Heights' volunteer fire department.

Over the years, there had been talk of sharing or consolidating the city's fire services with adjacent communities and a large house fire in University Grove in 2011 prompted city officials to fund an analysis by Springsted, Inc.

"The study found we have a good department," said Mayor Peter Lindstrom. "There are some issues that need to be addressed, but I consider them more tweaks than

major overhauls. I applaud the department for being so open and involved with this review."

According to council member Beth Mercer-Taylor, "The report made it very clear that we have a history of providing quality, affordable fire service that's something to be proud of."

Lauderdale City Council member Denise Hawkinson added that she is "totally satisfied" with the fire service being provided to her city.

The department serves the 7,700 residents of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale from its station at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W.

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## C I T Y F I L E S

**Como Park**

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

**Sholom Home update**

Rhett 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 was 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.

Ebenezer Homes 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. Most of the work will be on the interior of the building. Exterior work will include replacing the windows, relocating the chillers 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 stay in touch 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, 2077 W. Larpeur 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, 2077 W. Larpeur Ave., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon, beginning Thursday, Feb. 7, through April 9.

Volunteers will help complete and electronically file basic state, federal and rental- and 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, 2077 W. Larpeur 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. Hamline Ave., on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. for a community dialogue on gun violence, led by Mayor Peter 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,

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

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

To enroll, call Falcon Heights City Hall, 651-792-7600, 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 Kris Grangaard, 651-647-4419 or ktbd4@comcast.net, or go to the CERT website, [citizencorps.gov/cert](http://citizencorps.gov/cert).

**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.*

**Crime alert**

The St. Anthony Police Department arrested a juvenile male on Jan. 24 following a crime alert released on Jan. 23 in which a woman reported being accosted by an unknown male as she entered her apartment building in the 1600 block of Carl Street in Lauderdale on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at about 9:15 p.m.

The suspect reportedly followed the victim to her building from the bus stop at Como Avenue and Eustis Street.

**Animal ordinance revisions**

Lauderdale residents are invited to upcoming City Council meetings to comment on the city's revisions to the animal control ordinance in response to residents who have expressed an interest in keeping chickens, bees and other animals in the city.

The council took comments about chickens and fowl at its Jan. 22 meeting. Residents are invited to attend the Feb. 12 City Council meeting to discuss beekeeping and the Feb. 26 City Council meeting to discuss keeping other animals in the community.

Residents who are unable to attend the meetings can contact city staff members, who will report the comments at the council meetings.

**St. Anthony Park**

*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](mailto: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.*

**Transition Town meeting Feb. 21**

The second in a series of three community conversations on St. Anthony Park becoming a Transition Town will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. at Luther Seminary's Northwestern Hall, 1501 Fulham St.

If you are interested in local food, green energy, carbon-free transportation or just in making St. Anthony Park a greener, more connected place, come to the Feb. 21 meeting. Contact Lauren ([lauren@sapcc.org](mailto:lauren@sapcc.org) or 651-649-5992) to RSVP, and visit [sapcc.org/transitionASAP](http://sapcc.org/transitionASAP) for more information.

**Give & Take is fun and interactive**

Give & Take is an interactive evening of presentations, performances and games. Join entrepreneurs, artists, designers, makers, business owners and residents from the St. Anthony Park neighborhood's Creative Enterprise Zone (the University and Raymond Avenue area) for this fun event on Thursday, Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m., at University Enterprise Laboratories, 1000 Westgate Drive, St. Paul. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (People living and working outside the Creative Enterprise Zone are encouraged to attend this free event.)

**Speak out for St. Anthony Park**

Are you interested in bringing new businesses to St. Anthony Park, creating a connected network of transportation options, starting new community gardens or fostering

creativity in the community? Then join the St. Anthony Park Community Council board of directors. Check out the application at [www.sapcc.org/boardapplication](http://www.sapcc.org/boardapplication) or call 651-649-5992 to learn more.

**STAR grants available**

The Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Program awards loans and grants to projects requesting at least \$5,000 through a competitive application process. Eligible proposals include capital (bricks and mortar) improvement projects and must be matched dollar-for-dollar with private resources. Previous applications in St. Anthony Park have ranged from business facade improvements to a storage facility for a community sports program.

To learn more, attend a workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 10:30-11:45 a.m. at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory's Visitor Center, 1225 Estabrook Drive. Find out more at [www.stpaul.gov/star](http://www.stpaul.gov/star) or by calling 651-266-STAR (7827).

**City seeks outdoor siren observers**

The City of St. Paul is looking for citizens to call, text or e-mail when outdoor sirens are tested, noting the time when the signal is first heard and the citizen's location when hearing the siren. Each siren would have three people assigned to it and only one of them would report each month. Email Allen Glass at [allen.glass@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:allen.glass@ci.stpaul.mn.us) to learn more.

**Adopt-a-Hydrant**

Help your neighbors and the fire department by adopting a hydrant and keeping it clear of snow and accessible after snowstorms. Sign up at [adoptahydrant.opentwincities.org](http://adoptahydrant.opentwincities.org).

**Como Sunday Series kicks off Feb. 17**

The Como Community Council's second annual Sunday Series kicks off in February, with the presentation "Como Lake: Past, Present, and Future." If you've ever wondered what affects the lake's water quality or wanted to know more about the plants that ring the shoreline, this is the place to learn more from the experts.

This free public talk will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2-3:30 p.m., at North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans St. A panel, including staff from the Capitol Region Watershed District and St. Paul Parks and Recreation's Environmental Services Division, along with two neighborhood residents involved with lake issues, will provide a comprehensive program on maintenance of the lake, beginning with the poor condition of the lake 20 years ago, measures taken and yet to be implemented to improve water quality, and ways that residents can be involved. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

The Sunday Series continues with "All About Old-time Trolleys" on March 24 and "Creative Gardening for Urban Spaces" on April 14. Mark your calendars for all three of these informative events.

**St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner is set for Feb. 23**

The registration deadline for the 27th annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner is Friday, Feb. 15. The dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23.

You can find downloadable registration forms at <http://sapcc.org/dinner>. You can also get more information by contacting Jane Leonard at [minntwin@comcast.net](mailto:minntwin@comcast.net) or 651-303-5263.

The schedule for the evening begins with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church at Hillside and Como avenues, salad and bread at host homes at 6:30 p.m., main course at 7:30 p.m. and dessert from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m.



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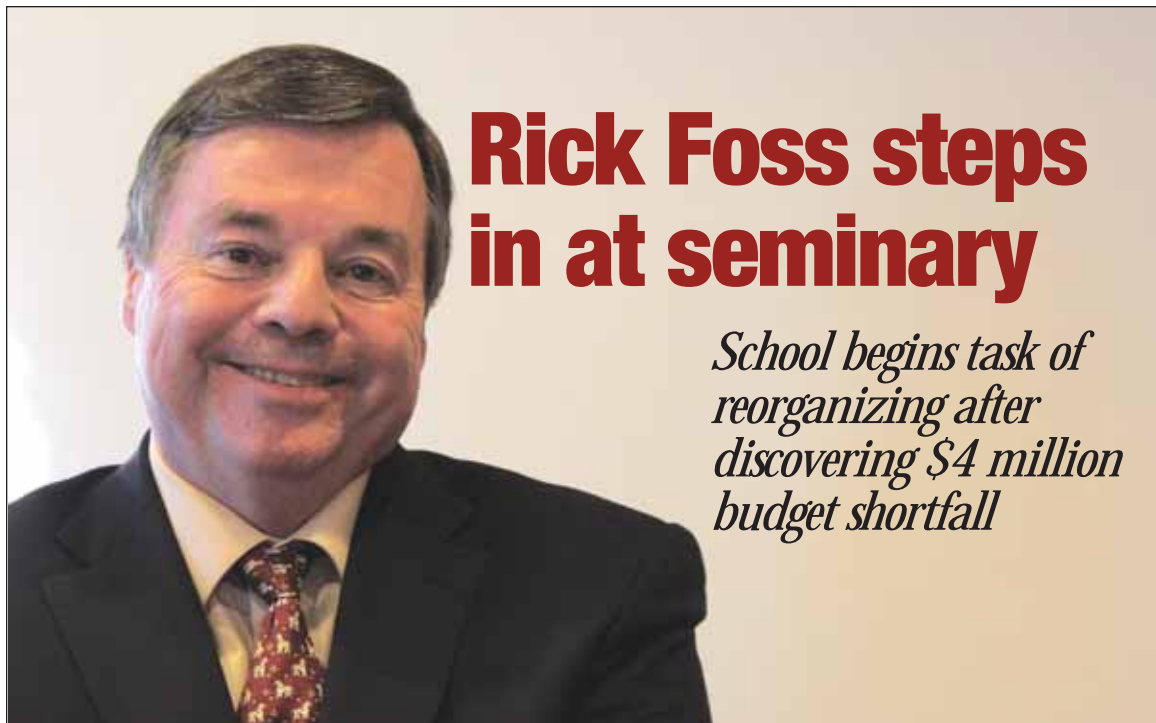
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## Rick Foss steps in at seminary

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

By Kristal Leebrick

The 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.

"You can't start looking for a president before you've done the work to figure out who you are and where you are going and what got you into a little trouble," Foss said in an interview in mid-January.

The trouble Foss refers to is the school's \$4 million shortfall, revealed in Luther's 2012 annual report which showed a total income of \$23 million and expenses of \$27.1 million.

Bliese's resignation was announced on Dec. 10, shortly after

chief financial officer (CFO) Don Lewis resigned in November. Dr. William Frame was named interim CFO.

Foss is quick to say that nothing dishonest led to the financial situation. "People meant well," he said. "We don't have betrayal or scandal or malfeasance—maybe [we were] taking too much at face value or being too confident. We just weren't able to pay for what we were

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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 councils will hold public meetings in regard to the changes and begin the tasks of rewriting bylaws and district 10-year plans, adjusting board sizes and budgets, and more.

The PED's recommendation came just two weeks after hosting a meeting 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.

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 were in favor of the change. Of the 16 participants who didn't live in South Como, 10 voted in favor of keeping the districts as they stand.

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 10 passed a resolution on Jan. 15 expressing its "amenability to

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**Camp Listing** We are also offering a free camp listing that will list the basics: name and location of the camp, the dates of the camp and contact information. Send information for our camp listing to [editor@parkbugle.org](mailto:editor@parkbugle.org) by Wednesday, Feb. 13.

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Can we transition away from fossil fuels?

By Tim Wulling

Should St. Anthony Park become a Transition Town?

The District 12 Community Council's Energy Resilience Group hosted a conversation around this question at the first of a series of community meetings on Jan. 17.

Can 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 wrote, “We clearly have access to enough fossil fuels to fry us all. The question is whether or not we have the self-control not to burn it.”

A thousand cities, towns and neighborhoods worldwide have signed on to the Transition Town movement. Each is finding ways toward a better, more local future that includes a plan for reducing their total energy use.

The need for transition is the

downside. 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 LEDs and expects its electric bill to be cut almost in half. Contractors are installing solar and specializing in building performance.

Participants' visions encompassed 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 garden and fruit production. Many suggested repurposing housing for granny flats or carriage houses as options, for example, when the children are grown and gone.

Several people want more shared information and cross-fertilization of ideas. Homeowners 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 community-owned 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 in the 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 Northwestern Hall at Luther Seminary. Transition Town All St. Anthony Park? Transition ASAP?

Tim Wulling is a member of the District 12 Community Council's Energy Resilience Group, which is spearheading the Transition Town series of meeting.

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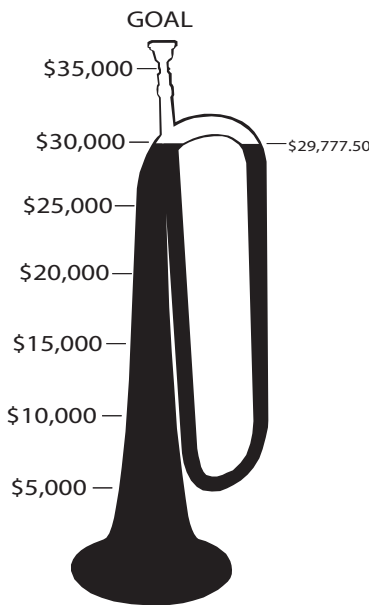
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# Love

By Adam Granger

My 1971 *Oxford English Dictionary* uses more than 11,000 words to define love; my *Aminex Micro Mini Dictionary* uses two: "strong affection."

Love is a houseguest that comes—often unbidden—and stays according to its own schedule. You think it's transitory, and it abides; you think it will be there forever, and it's gone, fading over time or flaming out in minutes.

Love merges the otherwise unmergeable. It creates the most and the least likely of unions.

Love hurts, love scars, love wounds and mars, sang the Everly Brothers 50 years ago; love starts like a triolet and ends like a college yell, wrote H.L. Mencken 100 years ago. But 2,000 years ago, Virgil wrote, "Love conquers all."

Love is being forgiven when you ran out of gas halfway up the Gunflint Trail. Or when you thought the new Dyson was a wet-vac.

Love is sticking all of your stuff in a storage locker and giving away Flip the goldfish and—against the pleadings of your friends and family—moving to Saskatchewan to be with that lumberjack you met on Amtrak last spring. Love is your friends—and Flip—welcoming you back six months later and not ever bringing it up again.

Tennyson wrote of the cruel

madness of love, Dryden's love was a malady without a cure and Dorothy Parker claimed that love was a thing that can never go wrong (right before she claimed she was "Marie of Roumania"). But to Milton, love was like eating a lot of chocolate and, when Shakespeare's love spoke, the voice of all the gods made heaven drowsy with the harmony.

On bumper stickers, we "heart" everything from peekapoos to labor unions to trampolines to Mary Kay cosmetics.

Love attends marriages, funerals, christenings, anniversaries, sometimes divorces, boat launchings, bridge reopenings, rent parties, mortgage burnings, rodeos, reunions and bocce ball tournaments.

Love is being a good sport when she takes you to see "The English Patient."

Love neither asks nor answers questions. When it takes prisoners, it usually abides by the Geneva Conventions.

Love is giving him the benefit of the doubt when you ask for a boa for Christmas and he buys you a snake.

Seal sings that love is powerful and Lord Acton wrote that power corrupts, but as a general rule, love doesn't corrupt.

Love has clodhoppers and cat feet. It wears hand-me-downs and Halston. It reads pulp fiction and Proust. It drives clunkers and Cadillacs. It eats at Wendy's and the

Waldorf.

You can love stuff, but it can't love you back. Some animals can love, and some say that plants can. Cats can love, but generally have poorly developed female sides, so it's sometimes hard to tell.

Only dogs and humans love slavishly.

Love is saying you're sorry when you're on your honeymoon in New York City and you buy tickets for the Mets instead of the Met. Or when you wash her silk blouse with the throw rugs.

Love is climbing behind him onto the back of a Harley-Davidson and heading to Sturgis wearing a red bandana and a fringed jacket and a T-shirt that reads, "Bad Boy's Broad."

T.S. Eliot's love was most nearly itself when here and now ceased to matter. Camus knew of only one duty, and that was to love. Ursula Le Guin's love didn't sit there like a stone, it had to be made, like bread, remade all the time, made new. Thurber's love was what you have been through with somebody after 27 years of marriage and six children. Nikki Giovanni's love was only and always about the lover and never the beloved. Rainer Maria Rilke's love was two solitudes protecting and touching and greeting each other. Sylvia Plath's love was a shadow, Anita Brookner's a pilgrimage.

When empires fall, when Vikings lose, when musicians are

locked out, when cars die, when root canals go wrong, when kids go nuts, when soufflés collapse, when memory fades, when jobs and savings and dreams vanish, when human frailty reigns and words fail,

there's love, with its yellow smiley-face grin, sitting in the parlor, patiently waiting.

*Adam Granger is a musician, writer and frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.*

## 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

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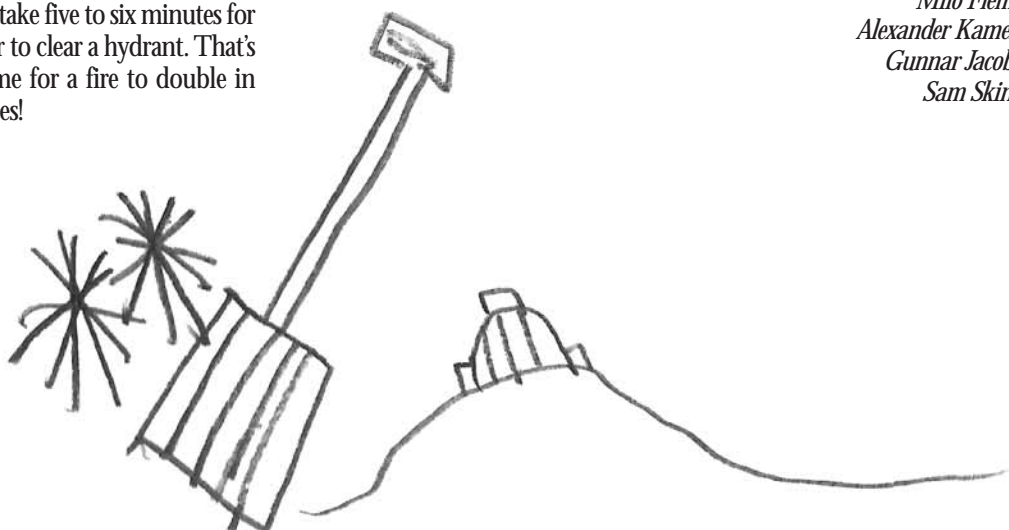
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# Good neighbors

*St. Paul's Districts 10 and 12 announce their 2012 Neighborhood Honor Roll recipients*

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 diligently keeps St. Anthony Park a beautiful place. She maintains the St. Anthony



Park Branch Library window boxes beautifully 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 striping the ice to serving as tournament director. He is the heart and soul of the program.



### Kristal Leebrick

The Park Bugle is a crucial part of the community fabric of St. Anthony Park. 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.



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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*

# Ministry and movement

*Local church blends Christian scripture with ancient Eastern tradition of yoga*

**By Kristal Leebrick**

Church-goers at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ are putting a little “om” 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.”

This 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 an Eastern tradition, but I haven’t had a lot of push back. This is about a spiritual connection in however we reiterate that in our own religiosity. Worship for me is a rite. I’m not a fan of the organ or church as usual. I’m a much more embodied person. I want to explore these other ways to worship, using my body, using all that space inside your body.”

When you practice yoga, Alford said, “you literally open up your body. It’s just a really cool way to explore being in connection, being in spirit, being in prayer.”

St. Anthony Park UCC’s journey into yoga began last year when Alford did some yoga with a confirmation class. “It was all boys and they were squirrely,” she said. “[It] was hard to get them calmed down, but at the end, we really got to a special place.”

Pastor Victoria Wilgocki—who also practices yoga—encouraged

Alford to bring this ancient Hindu practice into the church.

“I can’t say enough about how open [the congregation is] to trying new experiences,” Alford said. “That has been such a gift for me. Nobody flinched when I said I was going to buy \$200 worth of yoga mats.”

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 speaks to [them] and it’s getting a little infectious.”

“You have to put a little heart and soul behind believing something. [The yoga is] helping kids understand that we are entire human beings not just a thought process. 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 expression, 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 2129 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](http://www.sapucc.org) or call 651-646-7173.

# Bugle poetry contest set for March

Poets: It’s time to sharpen your pencils and start thinking about the third annual Park Bugle Poetry Contest. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 8. The top three winning entrees will be published in the April issue of the Bugle in honor of National Poetry Month. This year’s prompt is *transition*.

Here are the rules of the contest: 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.

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 March 8. Send poems to

Editor, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or to [editor@parkbugle.org](mailto:editor@parkbugle.org).

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

All entries will be posted on the Bugle website, [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org).



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Senior Joe Krivit, junior Rev Benion and counselor Molly McCurdy stand near the 27 Acts of Kindness board at Como Park Senior High School. The project aims to promote positive actions in honor of the 27 people who died in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14. *Photo by Kristal Leebrick*

## 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:

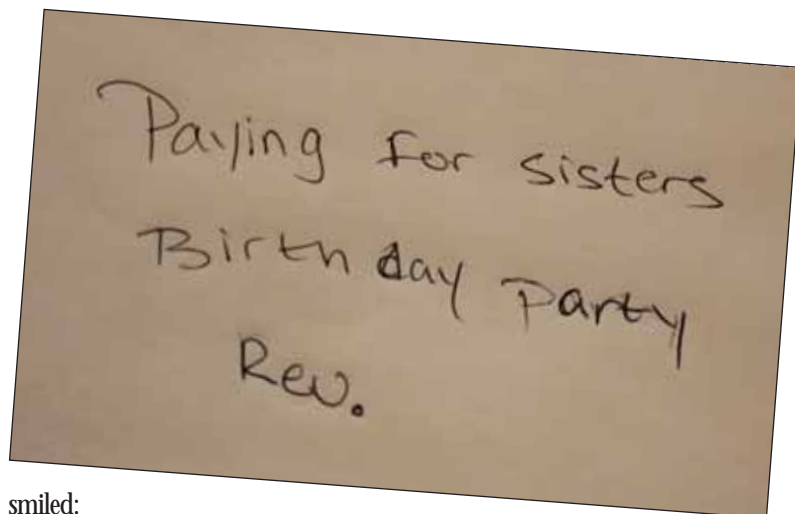
"She wouldn't let anybody eat the face.")

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?"



## Music in the Park Series Family Concerts will begin in February

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.

The final concert of the series will be held on Friday, April 12. The Lau Hawaiian Collective Ensemble will perform Water Music, an

interactive journey through the songs and stories of Hawaii's past and present, featuring singing (and hula) on the theme of fresh water.

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realized maybe [gun control] might be what I [was called] do."

She is a pacifist who grew up in a Mennonite home and disclaims any special knowledge of firearms, but 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 that and simply turn 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 dangerous people from getting weapons in the first place and limiting access to assault weapons and high-capacity ammo clips," she

says.

Hamline Law School professor Joseph Olson takes a different view. A board member of the National Rifle Association, Olson calls himself "a spokesman for Minnesota's 2 million responsible gun owners." He dismisses the arguments of groups like Protect Minnesota.

"So much that has been suggested has been tried elsewhere [unsuccessfully]," he says. Olson says 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 Tucson to Aurora, Colo., to December'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. Doesn't matter where it comes from."

Gambucci responds, "More guns beget more death. The NRA is a misguided group and vigilantism is a huge part of the culture of violence."

Whether 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 close 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 and the National Research Council 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. We have people who are going to hold the Legislature accountable."

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# RAIN DIDN'T DAMPEN WINTER CLASSIC

Photos by Lori Hamilton

Rain and unseasonably warm weather on the opening days of the 54th annual Langford Park Winter Classic threatened to cancel the Squirt Classic hockey tourney 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 & Case winning in the 12U division and Palace besting 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

*Winter Classic to 11*



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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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.



**New Year's champs**

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**

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](http://langfordparkhockey.com)) for a \$10 donation. The money will go to the hockey program.—*Kristal Leebrick*

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**Important Dates:**

- Feb. 16 - Drop off work, registration materials and fee: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$3 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 - after Music in the Park concert

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## North St. Anthony Park Home Sales 2012 Real Estate Update

Number of Homes that Sold	2012	2011
Lowest Home Price	\$80,000	\$105,000
Highest Home Price	\$740,000	\$684,000
Average Home Price	\$274,632	\$315,685
Average Market Time	100 days	89 days

- The average sale price was 89.8% of the list 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 217 days.
  - 20 homes failed to sell.
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

(Based on information from the  
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### Luther Seminary from 3

doing.” Both Foss and Frame come into their new positions with lengthy resumes.

Foss joined the seminary in 2008, after serving 16 years as bishop of the Eastern 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 Fulham 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 they 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 Martinson.

“We are trying to invite people into creative, imaginative problem-solving, Foss said. “To the extent 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 decreeing things, we’ll 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 needful, 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

### 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 Lake Johanna.

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 state and local standards, including National Fire Protection Association guidelines. The consultant also gave the department high marks for its level of professionalism.

Falcon Heights’ nearly two dozen volunteer firefighters carry pagers and respond to fire calls from work or home. For this they are paid an hourly rate, as they are for weekly training drills. Each firefighter is required to respond to 30 percent of all calls and participate in 33 drills a year to remain in good standing.

Fire Chief Clem Kurhajetz has been with the department for nearly 30 years. “We’re not full-time, but we train as professionals and we work as professionals,” 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 training their predecessors did years ago and they have much better equipment and working conditions, the chief said.

For example, when Kurhajetz started with the department, firefighters rode outside on the trucks. “I remember coming back from a mutual aid call in Roseville, frozen to the seat,” he said.

What’s the appeal of serving as a volunteer firefighter?

“I thought the idea of citizens in the community providing their own service and helping neighbors in an emergency—at minimal expense to taxpayers—was really cool,” said Mike Kruse, who has been with the department for three years. “Also, I must admit there’s an adrenalin rush involved.”

Kurhajetz said he welcomed the Springsted report, which, in his words, “shed a good light on the

order going forward.

“We’re working on that.”

### Short timeline

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

By May, when the board meets again, “we should have a pretty clear specific 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 it. That’s clear. We also know that some of the things we are doing are going exceedingly well and that the people who were building on the heritage have done some things really well,” Foss said.

“We’re grateful for all the good gifts that Rick Bliese brought here. He brought wonderful gifts, and one of them was a good interaction with the [St. Anthony Park Community] community,” which the seminary wants to continue, Foss said.

department.”

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 thorny 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 Folwell Street in 2011 involved an unoccupied house without smoke detectors and the blaze was well 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 that the video from the squad’s dashboard camera looks like it was daytime,” the chief said. “We did what we could, but there wasn’t much to save.”

Council member Mercer-Taylor, who lives a block away from the house that burned, 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](http://www.falconheights.org) and use the search term “springsted.” The Falcon Heights Fire Department is actively seeking new members. You can find out what’s involved on the city’s website.



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# 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 Tschofen 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



**Ted Olsen**

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.



**Windswept Trees by Paul Winger**

# St. Anthony Park man places first in Winter Carnival art show

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 "Windswept 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 Lexington Parkway and Nebraska Avenue looking back toward Como Lake.

"The response to this photograph has been especially positive," said Winger. "I cropped the original image to create a panoramic view and that decision also created the sense of movement from the wind in the tree branches. To me, that is the key to the photograph's success."



**Paul Winger**  
*Photo by Maria Humphreys*

Winger, a nature and landscape photographer, considers himself a semi-professional as he earns a part of his income from his photography. He has been taking photographs

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 Café 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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**Adam Granger to perform**

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**WARM show features local artists**

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 Robbin Gallery, 4915 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 DeVries, Liz Dodson, Beth Dorsey, Rita Kirsch Dungey, Judy Fawcett, Marjorie Fedyszyn, Susan Gilbert, Carmen Gutierrez-Bolger,

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

**Fireside Reading Series continues**

Hans Weyandt, co-owner of Micawber's Books and editor of *Read This! Handpicked Favorites from America's Indie Bookstores* will discuss the art of traditional bookselling on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at Hamline Midway Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. Weyandt's talk is part of the St. Paul Public Library's 19th annual Fireside Literary Series, which began at the library in January.

Wendy Webb closes the series on Wednesday, Feb. 13, with a reading from her new mystery, *The Fate of Mercy Alban*.

**Friday Night Out at the UCC**

Middle-school students through adults are invited to watch "Play Again," a documentary film that follows six "unplugged" teenagers

who go on their first wilderness adventure. The film will be shown on Friday, Feb. 8, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., as part of the church's Friday Night Out, which begins with supper for all ages at 5:30 p.m., and includes programming for children through grade 5.

The event is free and open to the public. Call 651-646-7173 for more information.

**Dr. Julia Assante at Spirit United**

Julia Assante, Ph.D., a professional intuitive, medium and past-life therapist, will present talks and workshops at Spirit United Church, 3204 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, Wednesday, Feb. 6, through Sunday, Feb. 10, including a talk on the goddess Inanna, or Ishtar; a book signing and talk on her book, *The Last Frontier: Exploring the Afterlife and Transforming Our Fear of Death*, a workshop on afterlife communication; and more.

Go to [www.spiritunited.com](http://www.spiritunited.com) or call 612-378-3602 to find out more.

**Peregrine falcons subject of next St. Paul Audubon Society program**

Amber Burnette, program associate at the Raptor Center on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus, will present "Midwest Peregrine Falcon Restoration" at the St. Paul Audubon Society program

on Thursday, Feb. 14. The program will be held at Fairview Community Center, 1910 West County Road B in Roseville, just west of Fairview Avenue.

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

**Raymond Avenue Gallery shows work of Dick and Debbie Cooter**

Form and Function, a show of work by potter Dick Cooter and weaver Debbie Cooter, will open Friday, Feb. 15, and run through March 22 at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. An opening reception will be held Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

**Chili feed at Zion Lutheran**

A chili feed to benefit special church projects will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave., in the Midway area of St. Paul. For more information call 651-645-0851 or visit [www.zlcmidway.org](http://www.zlcmidway.org).

**TU Dance offers variety of classes**

TU Dance Center, 2121 W. University Ave. in St. Paul, is offering junior and teen classes in its spring 2013 semester.

The classes begin Feb. 2 and include Creative Movement and Drum for ages 5-9, Introduction to Dance for ages 10-13, Beginning Ballet Barre for ages 8+ and Modern Teen Beginning for ages 14+.

Go to [www.tudance.org](http://www.tudance.org), email [education@tudance.org](mailto:education@tudance.org) or call 612-605-1925 for more information.

**Class explores how to effect change**

The Roseville Area Senior Program, Roseville Area Schools and the North Suburban Senior Council are forming an EVOLVE class for residents in Roseville, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. EVOLVE classes help participants 50 and older match their interests, talents and skills to needs in their communities. Facilitators help participants design and implement community projects—as part of a team or individually.

Classes will run through May 17 and meet at Roseville City Hall, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., every other Friday starting Feb. 8. Cost is \$750 and includes materials and lunch. Partial scholarships are available.

For additional information, visit [vital-aging-network.org](http://vital-aging-network.org), or contact Kathy Ramundt, at 612-221-5451 or [kathyfischer2010@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyfischer2010@hotmail.com).

**Preschool story time will be in Mandarin Chinese**

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., is offering a special Mandarin Chinese language story time for preschoolers on Friday, Feb. 8, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

The story time will be presented by Rona Zhang in Mandarin Chinese. The theme will be Chinese new year. For more information, call the library at 651-642-0411.

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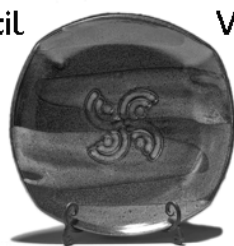
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## FEBRUARY

## 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.*

## 3 SUNDAY

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

## 4 MONDAY

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

## 5 TUESDAY

Baby lapsit 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 p.m.; social time, 7 p.m.; "Famous English Gardens and the Hampton Court Flower Show," 7:30 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall

## 6 WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure screening, 11-11:30 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, 5-7 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park library. "Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Love and Life from Dear Sugar" by Cheryl Strayed.

## 8 FRIDAY

Special preschool storytime in Mandarin Chinese, ages 3-5, 10:30 a.m.-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 adoptees 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

Minneapolis Theosophical Society meeting with author Von Braschler, 7-9 p.m., Spirit United Church. Meditation exercises based on Shamanic dream walking and Hindu Sumadhi mysticism. \$4, members; \$6, nonmembers; \$10, couples or families.

Peace-Builders: Call-to-Action Meeting

on Gun Violence Prevention, 6-8 p.m., Washington High School, 1495 Rice St.

## 12 TUESDAY

Adoptive parents group: Minnesota's Waiting Children, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSFS

## 14 THURSDAY

St. Paul Audbon meeting: Midwest Peregrine Falcon Restoration, 7 p.m., Fairview Community Center

## 15 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, ages 3-5, every Friday, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

## 16 SATURDAY

Adopting children who live in foster care, 10 a.m.-noon, CHSFS

## 17 SUNDAY

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

## 18 MONDAY

Citizens/Families Rally to End Gun Violence, State Capitol Rotunda, 3 p.m.

## 19 TUESDAY

Baby lapsit 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

TransitionASAP community conversation, 7-8:30 p.m., Luther Seminary Northwestern Hall, 1501 Fulham St.

## 22 FRIDAY

Old Time Movie Night, 7-8 p.m., St.

Anthony Park library

## 23 SATURDAY

International & Domestic Adoption info session, 9-11:30 a.m., CHSFS

Lauderdale Reunion Party, 5 p.m.-close, Station 280, 2554 Como Ave. Past and current residents welcome.

## 25 MONDAY

Author reading: "Memory of Trees" by Gayla Marty, 7-9 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

## SENIOR EXERCISE

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

**Tuesdays & Fridays**, St. Anthony Park library, 3-4 p.m.

**Mondays & Thursdays**, Seal High Rise, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

## VENUES:

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

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

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

Finnish Bistro, 2264 Como Ave., 651-645-9181, finnishbistro.com

Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St.

Spirit United Church, 3204 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 612-378-3602

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

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## 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.

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**Norbert Anderson**

Norbert J. "Norb" Anderson, 78, of Como Park, died Jan. 3, after a short illness. Norb graduated from Cretin High School and the University of Minnesota.

Norb 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 Minnesota State Fair parades. "Nubs" was a true character and he will be missed.

He is survived by his children, Meegan, Melissa, Michael, Jennifer and Mary Beth; sisters, Loretta and Marilyn Anderson; and many friends, fellow sports fans and an

extensive AA family.

Memorial Mass was held on 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 Zinsmaster Bakery 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, Doris Lutz, Lu Storey, Florence Asher, Margret Zeglan and Mary Curtice. He is survived by his children, Michele Dittel, Hale Jr., George, Norman and Michael; seven grandchildren; five great-

grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Paul; and lifelong best friend, Don Wetherby.

His memorial service was held Jan. 7 at Mueller-Bies 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**

Arthur P. Hoff, retired Army major, 91, of Como Park, died Dec. 26.

Arthur was an avid golf 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, Jeanne; two daughters, Vicki Hansen and Elizabeth Berg; a son, Jeffery; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his special cousin, Barbara Huiras.

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

**Amy King**

Amy Adeline (Sneesby) King was born Feb. 19, 1911, and died on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 6, just short of her 102nd birthday.

She grew up on a farm in South Dakota and later came to Minnesota 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 Wards and Univac. She rented rooms and took care of babies.

Amy sewed for her girls, braided and crocheted rugs, and made quilts. She baked 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 a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

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

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

**Harold Krinke**

Harold H. Krinke, 95, of Como Park, died Jan. 3. He was born in Lamberton, Minn. Soon after, Harold's father died and he and his two sisters were raised in Lamberton by a caring uncle and aunt and their grandfather, a Civil War veteran and pioneer Minnesota settler and farmer.

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

He served in World War II, was a life member of Osman Shrine and active in the Sertoma Club. Harold became a successful independent insurance agent, eventually owning Bosshardt-Nelson Insurance Agency in downtown St. Paul.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years; daughters, Lorna McCollum, Kirsten Ihrke and Myra Hillburg; son, Roger Krinke; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister, Marian Krinke.

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 Barbers on the University of Minnesota campus and then moved to Falcon 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, Marian; children, Michelle, Renee Hoover, Monte, Ramona Goodman and Mitch; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson; two sisters; and two sisters-in-law.

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

**Lois Kruse**

Lois I. Kruse, 89, died Dec. 22.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, and grandson, Kenton Morris. She is survived by her children, Karen Fredette, Dennis, Joan Tape, Janet Wheaton, Marilyn Spelios, Gary, Corliss Heckel and Larry; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a great-great-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.

Pete graduated from Murray High School in 1970. He was on the

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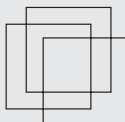
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## Bill Stock

William E. "Bill" Stock, 81, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 17.

He was born June 6, 1931, in Millarton, 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, industrial education at St. Cloud State University and served as an adjunct faculty member for the U. He joined the Minnesota Department of Education in 1971 and retired in 1995 from the State

Board of Technical Colleges as director of program planning and development.

He was an active member 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, Marilyn; his sons, Dan of Roseville and Jim of Shoreview; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Carol Dee.

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 Waseca, Minn., and graduated from Carleton College in Northfield,

Minn.

She met Allyn Thurow while attending Carleton and they were married in 1942. They first lived in an apartment building at Doswell and Como avenues. In 1953, they and their five children moved back to St. Anthony Park and became active members of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and the community.

Priscilla was the leader of Girl Scout Troop 403 and a member of the Girl Scouts district council. She worked tirelessly for Lutheran Social Service for many years.

In 1964, she went to work for the 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 Mangan and Pamela; and 13 grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 3 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

## Lorraine VanHoudt

Lorraine (Cochrane) VanHoudt, "Lolly," 81, died Jan. 6. She had lived in St. Anthony Park for many years.

She was born in Mentor, Minn., and later attended Oliver Thein Beauty School, where she obtained her cosmetology license and eventually owned and operated her own salon, House of Charm. A back injury spurred her to return to school to obtain a junior accounting degree

from Rasmussen College. She worked for Photo Offset.

Lolly loved country music, was a great cook and loved hosting holidays.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis; son, Gary; and sister, Gloria Solie. She is survived by her children, Cheri Litz, Linda DeRocker, Sandy Cochrane and Melody Randle; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Maxine Sather of St. Anthony Park, Juneth Palmer, Ida Marie Martinson and Joyce Johnson.

Her memorial service was held Jan. 10 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling.

## Julia Wilber

Julia E. Wilber, 91, Lauderdale, died Jan. 8. She was known for her award-winning knitting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, and brother, Merle Putnam. She is survived by a daughter, Joan Follmer; a son, James; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Erwin Putnam.

Her memorial service was held Jan. 11 at Eagle Crest Terrace Chapel in Roseville, with interment at Sunset Cemetery.

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## School News

*The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the March issue is Wednesday, Feb. 13. Send your news to [editor@parkbugle.org](mailto:editor@parkbugle.org).*

**Como Park Senior High**  
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800  
[www.comosr.spps.org](http://www.comosr.spps.org)

### Students of the month

Como Park Senior High School Students of the Month are Saido Guled, Finnian Kuklok, Mason Moore, Rane Xiong, Ka Yang, Tomi Cook, Ger Lor, Emma Marshall, Mai Yang Pha, Eileen Schulte, Tony Vang, Jasmine Brown, Bae Klor, Pa Kia La, Andrayah Adams and Tswj Ntuj Kong. These students are recognized monthly for academic achievement, community service and leadership.

### 3M interns

Congratulations to students Jacob Cohen, Vu Phan, Dylan Salaba, Selan Tesfatsion, Tony Yang and NtxhiChiv Yang, who were accepted into the 3M internship program.

### Annual trip to Capitol part of English Language Learner class

Jeff Caulum's English Language Learners Level 1 class 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](http://www.murray.spps.org)

### Murray sports

In mid-January, nearly 60 Murray Junior High students were battling for the St. Paul City Conference championships. At press time, the girls basketball team was in second place with an 8-2 record. The girls, led by coaches Mike Cornelius and Brian Pearson, concluded the season on Jan. 18 with the All-Star game at Washington Technology Magnet. 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 hoped 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



Como Park Senior High School teacher Jeff Caulum takes his English language learners on a field trip to the the State Capitol every year.

February. For game schedules look on [spps.org/sports](http://spps.org/sports) for all junior and senior high sports news.

### 44 move on to regional science fair

On Jan. 15, 258 Magnet Science students participated in the Murray Science Fair. Forty-four will move on to the regional competition in February. They are: Jada Konop Defreitas, Quinn O'Keefe, Henry Twiss, Matt Davies, Gabriel Reynolds, Shyann Salverda, Samuel Gerteis, Grace Commers, Liam McCully, Iris Holman, Damyan Hart, Christian Berger, Sigurd Ostlie-Olson, Robert Roof, Non Mon, Thomas Quinn, Max Narvaez, Hanna Devaney, Eliza Donnelly, Jordan Mitchell, Gayathri Dileepan, Jack Swartz, Forest Ahrens, Abigail Moseman, Peter Wild Crea, Abigail Clapp, Lucille Omwena, Minna Stillwell Jardine, Clara Mack, Beth Fryxell, Isak Larsson, Alice Lightfoot, Arturo di Girolamo, Brian Whelan, Mira Kammueiler, Jackson Muehlbauer, Christopher Miller, Mara Halloran, Annie Twiss, Chris Ranum, Tyler Johnson, Waldmann Jade, Ellen Carlson and Kirk Thoren.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary**  
2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735  
[www.stanthony.spps.org](http://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 a goat 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 Jasper Zarkower earned

the title of school spelling champion on Jan. 17 at the school's spelling bee. Runner-up was Kyle Burth 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. 11 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 Minnesota 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.spps.org/home](http://placement.spps.org/home) or call 651-632-3700.



Hugh Mayo and Viola Holman. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

## Students' science project (will be) out of this world

For the last six months, St. Anthony Park residents Hugh Mayo, 17, and Viola Holman, 16, have been part of a team of 16 Minnehaha 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 coalesce 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 Valspar Paint Corp., where the student scientists have spent time in the company's labs to learn about polymers. The scientists there "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. Minnehaha, a private Christian school in Minneapolis, is the only Midwest school participating in the space station program.

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South Como is the area of District 6 south of District 10 and west of Dale Street.

### 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 (so 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. Most 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 peek their noses above the ground.

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