Bugle wins SPJ award

Excuse us while we blow our own bugle.

For the second year in a row, the Park Bugle has won second place for Best Issue in the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Page One Awards. Our June 2012 issue was awarded in the less-than-50,000-circulation category at the SPJ’s annual awards banquet on June 18.

Finance & Commerce, a Minnesota daily newspaper that covers business news in the state, received first place in that category for its Dec. 20 issue entitled “Boom to Bust.”

Last year, the Bugle was awarded second place for Best Issue for its December 2011 issue.

We thank our readers and advertisers who continue to support this award-winning, nonprofit community newspaper. We can’t do it without you.
Como Park
The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Como Community Center, 1224 N. Lemonway Parkway.
Como Business Network
The Como Business Network, an initiative of the District 10 Community Council, had a kick-off meeting on June 19 at Black Bear Crossings. The network will meet again at its first “First Thursday” networking breakfast on Aug. 1 from 8 to 9 a.m. at Como Park Grill, 1341 Pascal St. The free breakfast and brief program will become open to all businesses located in or serving the Como Park neighborhood. RSVP to District 10 at 651-344-9895 or district10@district10como.org.

District Plan Committee Update
In May the District Plan Committee hosted an open house to discuss transportation challenges facing the neighborhood. Attendees engaged in a conversation around the identified area residents to identify transportation issues and create a catalog of solutions. The information will help with the completion of the district’s land-use plan, which will eventually be adopted by the city council.

More opportunities to participate in the planning process will occur later this year. Subscribe to District 10’s weekly enewsletter at www.district10como.org for updates.

Board elections
Julie Tother of Breda Avenue was elected to the vacant Subdistrict 1 position (western side of the neighborhood) and Patricia Grans of Columbia Avenue was elected to the vacant Subdistrict 3 position (eastern side, from Victoria to Dale).

Sholom Campus update
Rhaett M. Csewney, of Senior Investors LLC, gave an update on the Sholom Home campus redevelopment at the District 10 board meeting on June 18. Senior Investors plans to create a senior living center with a focus on individuals with memory care conditions. An application has been submitted to the State of Minnesota to add the property to the historic registry. If the application is approved, it will then be forwarded to the U.S. Department of the Interior for a final determination. Histic designation will qualify the property for tax credits and ensure that the historic characteristics will be preserved.

An application has been submitted to the City of St. Paul for tax-increment financing to support interior renovations. If the two applications are approved, construction could begin within six months with a spring 2015 opening at the facility.

Neighborhoods near the project commented that the property had improved in the last year, although moisture and graffiti remain a concern. Additionally, neighbors expressed concerns about the property being used for paid parking during the Minne Lusa Ice Fair. If Senior Investors LLC is able to close on the property by Aug. 1, the property will be paid for paid parking during the fair, M. Csewney said.

Como Park Elementary sign
The District 10 board of directors is sending a second letter to St. Paul Public Schools to address neighborhood concerns about a new digital sign being erected at Como Park Elementary School.

Residents on Grotto Street have concerns about two digital signs being placed in a one-block area. The sign district has not answered repeat inquiries about the new sign (for example, will it scroll or flash and how bright will it be?) according to Ted Blank, District 10 administrator.

Boundary 10 boundary change
The committee working on implementation of the boundary change between Districts 6 and 10 reported that only one person from the South Como area has expressed interest in joining the committee.

Falcon Heights
The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The next Falcon Heights City Council meeting will be held at Falcon Heights City Hall, 207 W. Laravenue Ave.

Make a difference—get involved!
Falcon Heights city officials are encouraged to apply for openings on the city’s Planning Commission and Neighborhood Neighborhood Commission. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED, students may be eligible. Contact city administrator Bart Fischer, 651-792-7000, for more information.

Applications are being accepted at City Hall. You can find a commission application form at www.falconheights.org.

August Park & Recreation camps
Register for the following camps at Falcon Heights City Hall, 207 W. Laravenue Ave. Click on Parks and Recreation in the column on the left of the page.

Raymond Avenue Phase I
Construction on Raymond Avenue between Ferndale and Hampden avenues is scheduled to begin the second week of July and last through November. The Como Park Community Council plans to hold a meeting for neighbors and property owners to discuss details of the project and parking and late-hours solutions.

Contact Lauren Fulner-Erickson, lauren@sapcc.org or 651-649-5992, with any questions or questions about particular properties and dates should be directed to the Department of Public Works on-site manager, Mike Vanbeuksen, 651-775-6673, or the project engineer, Tom Statkis, 651-266-6078.

Raymond Avenue looking ahead
Community visioning for the reconstruction of Raymond Avenue from Hampden Avenue to Como Avenue will begin this summer, and the District 12 Community Council is looking for volunteers, walkers, business owners and neighbors who live on Raymond, as well as individuals from the rest of Anthony Park, to help brainstorm during block parties, with surveys and other channels of community engagement. Contact Lauren Fulner-Erickson, lauren@sapcc.org or 651-649-5992, if you are interested in joining the task force.

West Midway Industrial Strategy
The City of St. Paul recently published its Midway Industrial Strategy, a major development initiative that deals extensively with large portions of St. Anthony Park. The project is accepting public review and input until July 1. More information can be found at sapcc.org.

Music, art, family, camping at Como Fest lineup
Como Fest will take place July 27-29 at 1392 Garden Avenue in the Park neighborhood. Enjoy a fun-filled family weekend right in your own neighborhood.

Events will include live music, food, games, an art fair, a garden tour, a movie under the stars, an overnight camping out and more. All events are free and open to neighbors of all ages.

Como Fest will kick off on Thursday, July 18, with Lyngbyblommen’s Midsummer Festival, which will feature music, arts and crafts, and activities for all ages, 2-9 p.m. On Friday, July 19, Como Fest moves to Northwest Como Rec Center for an outdoor evening of fun, including a climbing tower, outdoor movie (The Lorax) and a campout under the stars. Festivities will continue all day.

On Saturday, July 20, activities will take place at the Church of the Holy Childhood on Midway Parkway, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and include an art fair, make-and-take children’s crafts and the annual Como Park Camp Ground Tour, highlighting 15 neighborhood gardens.

A complete schedule is available at www.district10como.org.

Monky Island reabibe to begin this summer
Construction of a new play area at Hendon Avenue and Brandon Street in St. Anthony Park will begin this summer and take approximately two months to complete.

The city removed the park’s 1960s playground equipment in May 2012 without public notice or citizen safety concerns. Residents were told that the city had no plans or funds to replace the equipment.

Neighbors quickly banded together to work with the city to replace the playground. The project will be funded through the city, private donations from the neighborhood, Sunrise Banks, St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and with a $10,000 grant from the BNSF Railroad Foundation.

The new playground will feature a picnic table and a swinging bench, along with some fun smaller features that will incorporate natural elements, such as boulders and, possibly, animal tracks in the concrete sidewalk, said Donna Seppanen, a neighbor who was part of the playground replacement effort. Two trees will be removed at the park but will be replaced in 2014.

Learn about Snelling Bus Rapid Transit
Metro Transit will host three open houses in July regarding the design for the upcoming Snelling Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lane. One in late May to design for the upcoming Snelling BRT lane. The open houses will be held as follows:

- June 11, at 5-7 p.m., at 1392 Roselawn Ave. (near the joint of 46th St. and Roselawn Ave).
- July 16, at 5-7 p.m., at 1393 Roselawn Ave. (near the joint of 46th St. and Roselawn Ave).
- July 23, at 5-7 p.m., at 1394 Roselawn Ave. (near the joint of 46th St. and Roselawn Ave.)

For more information about Snelling Bus Rapid Transit, visit monkeystatesland.com or email brtprojects@metrotransit.org.

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Longtime community activists to be honored at July 4 celebration

By Marlee Leebrick-Stryker

Despite being the latest recipients of the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation’s Spirit of the Park Award, Kiki Gore doesn’t consider herself or her husband, Warren, special.

“They give an award to someone in the community that has exemplified the spirit of the community,” she said. But the spirit of the community is that “the community itself pushes people to be involved. We all know our neighbors and we all help each other out, I think that Warren and I are just being used as examples,” Jon Schumacher, executive director of the foundation, said.

“In Warren’s own words, ‘community means understanding what community means and how it works best.’

The Gores have lived in St. Anthony Park for 43 years. They moved to the Twin Cities 45 years ago, intending to stay for just one year, but then Warren received a position in the Rhetoric Department at the University of Minnesota, which was located on the St. Paul campus at that time. The Gores made their home near Grand Avenue by Macalester College.

“Over the years Warren helped out in almost every way that we can think of. We would never have thought of anything Warren and Kiki didn’t do,” Gore said. “Warren’s wonderful department, the Rhetoric Department, was so fortunate to have Warren involved in it. He always involved people because he thought it was important.”

“From Warren’s longtime commitment to our branch library to Kiki’s famous knitted baby hats sent near and far, they are neighbors who understand what community means and how it works best.”

The Gores sponsored the first neighborhood arts festival, and Warren and Kiki were active in the festival for many years afterward.

“He was president of SAP library board and was, every year without fail, down there arranging the flags and putting up the booths,” Kiki said. “He was always involved with the library book sale and the fair and getting things organized.”

“The community itself pushes people to be involved.” – Kiki Gore

Out of that involvement came a lifelong love for the library and the community that surrounded it. Warren planted the flower boxes that line the library’s windows for many years with volunteers from the community that included local high school students and Boy Scouts.

“He always involved other people because he thought it was important,” she said. His volunteer activities included being president of St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s parent-teacher association and 4-H.

“He was just a wonderful, active person. Not only that, he’s just a really nice person. He was always willing to help out, and that’s what people notice about him. Funny, loves a good chuckle and loves to never disappoint anybody.”

These days Warren is living at St. Anthony Park Home while Kiki continues to keep their home on Raymond Avenue. Spending just an hour in their house shows what many residents of the neighborhood still know: “You don’t have to drive back and forth,” which appealed to him because “you move you closer to the campus so you’re never far away,” Gore said. They always lived near where Warren’s worked, and so we came to SAP not knowing what a wonderful community it was.”

The proximity to home from Warren’s office made a big difference to the Gores, Kiki said. They were raising a son and daughter as Warren worked at the university and Kiki taught high school Spanish. She taught at both Como Park Senior High and Central high schools and at St. Paul Academy.

“It didn’t take long for the couple to become involved in the community. In 1970, the St. Anthony Park Library Association

Kiki and Warren Gore
The Park Bugle welcomes letters and commentaries from our readers. Send your submissions to editor@parkbugle.org or to Editor, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108. The deadline for the July issue is Wednesday, July 17.

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The red house on the hill

By Philip M. Donal

One man’s nuisance.

In reference to the letter, "SLOG: ‘Once the property is not your enemy,’ printed in the June 2013 Park Bugle, thanks to Marie Wiliams for her article about graffiti. Graffiti has always been a problem in the late 1960s, including in St. Anthony Park.

I came to St. Anthony Park in the late ’60s and was aghast at the graffiti everywhere in our community. The thought was what to do about it? The most visible site was the water tower. Students from our high school and the University of Minnesota regularly climbed the stairs after dark and many painted their tag on top of the tower. This behavior was an “attractive nuisance” and informed several council members of St. Paul’s liability if one of the students should fall and be injured or killed. Within one month, our water tower was painted, fenced and locked. At the same time, all of St. Paul’s water towers were secured.

The next graffiti target was the black railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue. It had paintings on both sides of the bridge. I painted the bridge twice and kept spray cans in my car for smaller hits. A third major site was the west side of the real estate and insurance building along Kipp Street. With the owner’s help, I cleaned off the graffiti on the entire wall twice on the lower section.

There were numerous sites, including the traffic signal boxes, equipment at D’Aven’s hardware and the recreation building in Langford.

In addition to graffiti nuisance was the tagging and stapling of notices on trees and posts along the streets. Many of those were university-generated, but some were for lost cats or dog local events. St. Anthony Park has long been one of the most desirable communities in the Twin Cities. Let us all keep it that way.

Fred Stähler, 95 St. Anthony Park resident for 56 years

Tying up loose ends

Rita Dowen once wrote, “Life, friends, is a ragged. Loose ends are the rule.” Your “Lives Lived” section ties these bases.

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Collecting consciousness

"Today's prosaic irrelevancy is tomorrow's archaeological rock star"

By Adam Granger

I often ask people if they collect anything. At first they say no, but then, upon reflection, they say, “Well, I do collect, and you can fill in the blank with pretty much any noun you can imagine. Last week, a cashier at a thrift store told me she collects owls. I collect small things, maybe miniature, but not necessarily. The two criteria are that they've got to be small and I've got to think they're neat. I've had this passion as long as I can remember. I still have items from my early childhood: a tiny black poke, a small leather dictionary, a miniature deck of playing cards and 20 or so china animals (an unsettling synchronicity, perhaps between myself and the pathetic Laura Wingfield, the owner of Tennessee Williams' titular glass menagerie).

My adult collecting began in earnest about 25 years ago, when we bought our house and I suddenly had space not hitherto afforded by apartments and car trunks. I acquired a large commercial glass display case and filled it with literally a thousand cool little things. It lived in our dining room for a while, but when I got a second, bigger case and filled it, too, it became clear even to me that the collection needed to migrate southward.

Today, my basement "museum" contains dozens of display cases and boxes holding tens of thousands of items in 60-odd collections: miniature versions of knives, books, slot machines (more than 200), harmonicas, tools and puzzles, as well as folding fans, wind-up toys, styrene figures, travel sewing kits, money envelopes and dozens of other worthless collections.

Except that they're not worthless (and you knew I was going to say that). Today's prosaic irrelevancy is tomorrow's archaeological rock star. And worth can be made from worthless: My mom used to collect pieces of wire that she found in the street. She'd hang them on our walls, and they'd get lots of compliments. Thus did the value of the collection increase. And if my collection doesn't increase in value or become the valued, and if King's labels and boxes survive his life, they will be gold to future social scientists and armchair time-travelers. I can't imagine that the Smithsonian would jump at the chance to acquire my collection, but it's worth looking into. Why not? (Reverse eBay engines!)

For acquisitions, people give them to me, or I find them on the ground, or at thrift stores, or on eBay. Nothing costs much; these things are of little value. Nobody else wants the stuff I want, which makes my collection different from the collector of Impressionist art or Stickley furniture. But I am also different from King, who, as his book title suggests, collected thousands of no value—"to use his words, "a super-abundance of sub-substance." He gave a paper recently in Washington, D.C., for the Popular Culture Association in which he showed images of his collection of 84 different Life Cereal boxes. In total, he has more than 2,000 cereal boxes. And pressed into scores of ring binders are tuna-can labels, water-bottle labels, "tamper-evident" seals, more than 800 things from envelopes and dozens of other worthless collections.

While my collecting may or may not explainable only by the fact that in relation to each other they define a unity. Both definitions end at the same place, and my route is faster, but his is more scenic.

As to the Glass Menagerie Syndrome, King believes that the impulse to collect comes from wounds in our personal lives, a theory to which I also subscribe. (My wife once remarked that I didn't have enough of a kid. "Of what?" I asked her. "Of anything," she replied.) But wait: I'm happy now and well-adjusted (at least in the ways that I can remember. I still have items in 60-odd collections: miniature versions of knives, books, slot machines, harmonicas, tools and puzzles, many of which he began gathering as a child. Photo by Kristal Lastbrook

Adam Granger's basement is filled with tens of thousands of "cool little things": miniature versions of knives, books, slot machines, harmonicas, tools and puzzles, many of which he began gathering as a child. Photo by Kristal Lastbrook

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What's great about America? Ask a sixth-grader.

Sixth-grade students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School have participated in the Fourth of July Essay Contest since 1978, when Robert Hannah Sr. of St. Anthony Park launched the program under the auspices of American Legion Post 34. When the post dissolved in the 1990s, a fund was set up through the St. Anthony Park Library Association to carry on the tradition.

This year, sixth-graders at the school submitted essays. What makes America great? Jamie Cohen of St. Anthony Park wrote the first-place essay. Henry Hanson and Georgia Langer, both of St. Anthony Park, wrote the second- and third-place essays, respectively.

The students are invited to read their essays during the Fourth in the Park program at Langford Park’s bandshell on Thursday, July 4, following the Grand Parade. The parade begins at 11 a.m. and the program—featuring essay winners, local dignitaries and music by the St. Anthony Park Community Band—begins right after the parade. To learn more about why America is great in the eyes of a sixth-grader, read on.

There may be many reasons why America is great. I came up with a few reasons that matter most to me. These are freedom, creative expression and the compassion of American people.

The amount of freedom we have is a special part of our nation. We choose our leaders, we choose what we love and what we do for a living. But something we should be proud of is the definition of liberty. People in America have the ability to get along according to their own will, as long as it doesn’t affect the ability of someone else.

A second thing that makes America great is our commitment to creative expression, especially in the form of music and movies. I love movies. I love the special effects and the way they can make you sit on the edge of your seat because you don’t know what is going to happen next. Music in America is astonishing. There are so many genres that can suit the tastes of each. If you are in a creative mood, we can introduce you to a myriad of styles. Piano, guitar, spoken word, rap, rock, jazz, country and much more! All of the music is fed by this energy.

Finally, America’s greatness is shown in the compassion of its people. When awful things happen, Americans always rush to help. When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, it was devastating. Homes were destroyed and people lost their lives. Many people across the nation helped. People sent money, donated blood, and even went to help the city rebuild. When the bombs went off in Boston, many people were hurt severely and lives were lost again. Again, the compassion of the American people was revealed.

One thing people think Americans do best is the ability to adapt. I still believe that America is great. I say that it is particularly true today.

Sometimes seems hard to see how America is great. After all, you don’t hear about the great things we do on the radio or TV all that much, but if you stop and think, you realize that America is great in more ways than you had imagined. For starters, we live in a democratic country; we are not run by a dictatorship, or have a communist government. We have the ability to say, and do what we want, without being punished.

Another great thing about America is how diverse the population is and how many different ethnic groups there are. You don’t have to be a certain type of person to live in America. You also get to choose what you are going to be, you could be a doctor, lawyer, astronaut, anything really, and it’s all up to you to decide what it is.

We have free education all through high school, even if it is no longer one of the best. Also we don’t have severe air pollution, we can run outside, sit on our porches, and watch sports. Other parts of the world don’t have this luxury. People in China have to use air filters, and children are prevented by their parents from going outside.

A second thing that makes America great is that it is a phenomenal place to live, and I am happy that I live in America, because I know that my political views will not hurt me and that I am safe to believe in any cause that I choose to believe in.

Being able to stand up for what you believe is what makes America a phenomenal place to live, and I know that this is a place where I feel OK to speak out and cherish America because this is a place where I feel safe and happy to say what I believe in.

Georgia Langer

Parent-Child Tennis Tournament

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Denny & the Dawgs perform at the Bandstand

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Donations are needed to sponsor this 2013 event. Please mail to: The Fourth in the Park Committee, Box 8062, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Or: Drop off at the information desk at Sunrise Community Bank 2300 Como Ave., St. Paul.

This 4th of July parade and picnic are put on by the Fourth in the Park Committee and sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, St. Paul Parks and Recreation, and YOU!
Hmong Freedom Celebration will fill Como Park July 6 and 7

Organizers want residents outside the Hmong community to attend

By Kyle Mianulli

Tens of thousands of people will again be making their way to the Como Park neighborhood for the 33rd annual Hmong Freedom Celebration and Sports Festival July 6 and 7 at M.O. Murray Field in Como Park.

Commonly known as J4, due to its overlap with the Fourth of July weekend, the two-day event is regarded as one of the largest annual gatherings in the global Hmong community. It draws attendees from all over the world, but you don't have to cross an ocean or be of Hmong heritage to be welcome at the celebration.

This year, event organizers are making a point of welcoming non-Hmong community members to participate in the festivities—especially neighbors in the Como neighborhood.

“I would personally like to invite all the neighbors to come join us and to see what we’re doing,” said spokesperson Janelle Vang.

There will be no shortage of things to see, including hundreds of booths offering artisanal textiles, crafts and other goods, and an abundance of vendors offering authentic Hmong cuisine.

Perhaps the biggest draw for the festival this supporting events, Athletes and events are brought in from all over the world, but you don’t have to cross an ocean or be of Hmong heritage to be welcome at the event.

Top events at the Hmong Freedom Celebration and Sports Festival are the soccer, football and volleyball tournaments.

and women’s divisions of soccer, football and volleyball. There is even a senior’s division of soccer for contestants more than 40 years old.

Some less familiar sports to those outside the Hmong community will also draw spectators. Kato is a traditional Hmong sport similar to volleyball where players hit a small woven ball over a net, using nearly every part of their body except their hands. Top spinning is a traditional sport that involves hurling a small woven ball over a net, using nearly every part of their body except their hands. Top spinning is a traditional sport that involves hurling a small woven ball over a net, using nearly every part of their body except their hands. Top spinning is a traditional sport that involves hurling a small woven ball over a net, using nearly every part of their body except their hands.

There will be a stage with live music where participants can also showcase their singing and dancing talents.

Organizers are still working with the city to get permits for fireworks, as well.

With the second largest Hmong community in the country, M Innestas is a natural destination for a global event like this, Vang says. Of the more than 60,000 Hmong residents of the state, almost half reside in St. Paul.

Event organizers are expecting 20,000 to 40,000 people, Vang said. Last year the event drew 50,000—-the largest crowds since the festival began in 1980.

The potential for complications that may arise from such a large influx of people to a residential area Hmong festival to 8

Summertime from 1

begin at 5 p.m.

Mixed Precipitation will again bring its Picnic Operetta to Falcon Heights Community Garden on Sunday, Aug. 11. This year, the theater group will perform “Agent Fiddio,” an 1805 opera of revolution and liberation set in the lovely community garden in Community Park at Cleveland and Roseawn avenues.

The performance will include a two-course menu of locally grown, performance-inspired appetizers that will be served during the show. Find out more at www.mixedprecipitation.org.

Nothing captures the magic of a summer night like watching hundreds of lanterns being released into the Frog Pond and Japanese Garden at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. The annual Japanese Lantern Light Festival is on Sunday, Aug. 18. Find out more at comoparkconservatory.org.

And, love it or hate it, the Minnesota State Fair begins Thursday, Aug. 22. Put the Horticulture Building at the top of your fun-at-the-fair list. There, at the corner of Judson and Underwood, you can see dier crop art, taste locally brewed beer and view the Minnesota Horticultural Society’s gardens outside the building, which are tended by Ronald Dufault and other members of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

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heads Growing Power Inc., a
council session was Will Allen, who
hasn't heard any objections to the

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There is still much planning to
do, Egge said, and more specifics
about the urban farm operation will
be announced in the months ahead.
But if all goes as planned, it will open
in May 2014.
Existing buildings on the
northwest and southeast sections of
the L-shaped site will be renovated to
accommodate a warehouse, distribution center, training facility and small deli and grocery store
selling produce. Organic food will be
grown both indoors and out and also
will be supplied by outside vendors.
By reducing the costs associated
with the production of healthy food,
it will be possible to make it
affordable and accessible for more
consumers, Egge said. The produce
is expected to appeal to restaurant,
food co-op and institutional buyers.
Meanwhile, the former H-arms
retail store and greenhouse will be
demolished to make way for a new
43-unit affordable housing project
apartment building developed by
CommonBond Communities.
The building will be a mix of
affordable and market-rate
apartments, targeted to individuals
and families working in the
surrounding community and with

Hmong festival from 7
are evident, and the event has caused
some tension in the Como Park
neighborhood in past years.
"I think a lot of folks who live in
the neighborhood think it's a great
[event] and they are really happy to
have it here, but that's a large number
of people to drop in the middle of a
residential neighborhood," District 10
administrator Ted Blank said.
Residents have raised concerns
about traffic, noise, parking and
garbage, according to Blank.
Recognizing the challenges that
accompany hosting an event of this
size in a residential area, organizers
have worked to allay some of the
concerns.
To help alleviate parking
congestion in the neighborhood, festival-goers are encouraged to park
in one of the State Fairground lots,
where they can take a shuttle to the
grounds.
A community meeting was
hosted this year to get feedback from
the neighborhood, but no one
showed up with any questions, Blank
said. "It seems like most of the
neighborhood concerns that were
raised in past years have been
mitigated."
Facilities at Como Park will be
open as usual, according to Blank,
though finding parking may be a
trick.
The festival is also a chance for
people outside the Hmong
community to get to know a culture
they may not be familiar with, Blank
says. "It's for other cultures to learn
about the Hmong culture," Blank
said. "When you are there, everyone
is friendly and everyone wants to get
to know everybody."
The festival has come a long way
since its humble beginnings on
Harriet Island more than 30 years
ago. The Lao Family Community of
Minnosta Inc., which continues to
organize J4 today, was created by a
small group of immigrants to help
Vietnam War refugees adapt to life in
the United States by offering services
such as translating, transportation,
English training and job placement.
The Hmong community has
continued to grow, so have the
services offered by Lao Family. The
group now also provides extensive
youth training services that deal with
things like tobacco use and
pregnancy prevention.
The collaboration has become an
economic boon for the city of St.
Paul too, Vang says. Many attendees
who travel large distances for the
event will often stay a week or two
before and after to visit the city and
their family.
Admission to the festival is $5
per person at the gate. Seniors over
65 and children under 3 get in free.

KyleM lamulli is a freelance journalist in
the Twin Cities.
A child's-eye view of birding

Some great birds and one glorious lady with a spotting scope made a big difference in a young girl’s life.

Cynthia, the lady with the scope, is a friend of mine, an annual friend. I’d say, M. y. Son Drew and I see her nearly every year at St. Paul Audubon’s Warbler Weekend held on Mother’s Day weekend at the Villa Maria Retreat and Conference Center near Frontenac, Minn.

Then we go out looking for birds, especially migrating warblers, from sunrise to sunset. Besides the grounds of the villa itself, there are some “birdy” venues not far from there, including the Old Frontenac Cemetery, Sand Point, Frontenac State Park and Hok-Si-La Park, north of Lake City.

Drew and I had good luck at Hok-Si-La Park on Saturday morning of this year’s event, and we decided to try it again in the afternoon. We didn’t even get into the park proper before we found folks standing along the entrance road, looking off into the flooded forest. We parked along the side and walked up to them.

“What’s happening?” I asked Cynthia, who was there with several friends who wakeness, there were also a family of five, who we didn’t know.

“Lots of northern waterthrushes, common yellowthroats and yellow warblers,” Cynthia said. There was a flurry of activity. This spring was so delayed with snow and ice covering the landscape for so long that the new green hadn’t leafed out yet and there weren’t many insects for the birds.

Especially lacking were the usual caterpillars, the inchworms that birds love to feast on as they fuel up for their northward migration. So the birds were down among the stumps, looking for anything they could eat.

I noticed that the mom and dad of the family of five, but not the kids. There were two boys, perhaps 7 and 4, and an older girl of about 11. The boys were very active., only occasionally interested in looking at the birds, but the girl had a small notepad and was writing down the name of every bird that anyone called out—writing more than looking—and appearing to enjoy it immensely.

Cynthia helped the family identify the common yellowthroat.

The birds were so close, you could see the detail with the naked eye. The older boy seemed impressed by the yellowthroat’s black mask. The family was from the Twin Cities and was here on a birthing trip as a Mother’s Day treat for Mom.

Cynthia helped the girl, whose name was Emma Anne, with the names of the birds and their spelling. Emma Anne’s notes included all the wildlife they’d seen, not just birds, but also a muskrat.

We moved the car to the parking lot and then Drew and I hiked to the edge of a marshy backwater where we saw a solitary sandpiper walking along the edge, probing the mud, and a spotted sandpiper not far away.

There were also more northern waterthrushes, yellow warblers and common yellowthroats.

Soon Cynthia came along and set up her spotting scope to get a better look at the sandpipers. The family of five was right behind, and Cynthia asked if they’d like to see the birds through the scope. The parents went first and then Cynthia lowered the scope for Emma Anne. She was amazed by the closeup look at the long-legged, long-billed, graceful sandpipers. She stayed looking, enthralled, while Cynthia put a yellow warbler and then a northern waterthrush in the scope’s sights. Her brothers dared each other to see who could get closest to the edge of the water without stepping in the mud.

Emma Anne went back to her folks and Cynthia raised the scope to her own eye level. Then she found a common yellowthroat, the one with that dramatic black mask.

Cynthia called Emma Anne back and asked if she could lift her up to the eyepiece. Emma Anne nodded vigorously, Cynthia hoisted her to the scope and let her see the gorgeous yellowthroat. Emma Anne was visibly excited to see the bird in such detail.

Her father appreciated Cynthia’s time with his daughter and asked if he could take a photo of Emma Anne with Cynthia and the scope. And so they posed together.

When her family started to leave, Emma Anne ran back to Cynthia and thanked her enthusiastically for showing her the birds.

There’s one young girl who has been turned on to birds, the love of nature, especially migrating warblers, I hope, a lifelong concern for the environment that nurtures both us and the birds.

Clay Christensen watches and writes about birds at his home in Lauderdale and blogs on his website at www.birdmanof Lauderdale.com.
Annelia Anderson, 15, and Cathal Mee, 8, were the winners of the Park Bugle’s fourth annual Art Party Hat Contest at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 1. Annelia won in the adult category this year, after three years of winning in the youth category. We’d like to repeat the message on Cathal’s hat: “There’s gnome place like the Bugle.”

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The neighborhood sing began in May, with more than 100 people attending. The July event will be the third of what has become a monthly event. Organizers encourage those attending. The July event will be the third Monday of the month at Luther Seminary’s Olson Student Center. Council and will meet every third Monday of the month.

Sign up for summer camps and fall sports at Northwest Como Register for summer camps and classes and fall sports at Northwest Como Recreation Center, 1550 N. Haml ine Ave.
The summer offerings include the following programs: Taekwondo, Do, Artist Workshop, Soccer Review, Funtastic Fridays, Babysitters Training, Yoga, Ultimate Frisbee, Clay Makers, Game On, Robotics Star Wars Droid Builder, Extreme Robotics Robo-Sports, Intro to Acting, Twinkle Toes, Jump Start, Voice Lessons, Robotics, Sports, Music, Art, Science, Cooking, Science, and Infant/Toddler/School Age camps. For information, call 651-298-5813 or come into Northwest Como Recreation Center Monday through Thursday, 1-8:30 p.m., or Friday, 1-5:30 p.m.

Garden club awards scholarship
The 2013 St. Anthony Park Garden Club scholarship was given to Kristen Waurio, a senior at the University of Minnesota working on a combination horticulture and business degree. Waurio is from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where her grandparents started a small dairy farm after arriving from Finland.

Waurio started an internship this spring at Abrahamson’s Nursery in St. Croix Falls, where she learned about the production of annuals during the busiest time of the year. After the intensive greenhouse season, she planned to move to the treenursery.

Waurio is interested in organic farming and hopes to pass on the knowledge she learned at the nursery to other students interested in pursuing careers in the horticulture field.

Garden tour is June 29
The St. Anthony Park Garden Tour is Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance tickets are available for $12 at Speedy Market, Micawber’s and the Bibelot.

Day-of-the-tour tickets are $15 at the St. Anthony Park Library lawn, 2245 Como Ave., St. Paul, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Boy Scouts aim to canoe the Mississippi from Itasca to St. Paul over five years

The Boy Scouts of Troop 17 have a five-year mission to canoe the Mississippi River from its source at Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota to St. Paul over the next five years. The trip began on June 8 when 11 scouts, 10 leaders and other family members launched a flotilla of eight canoes and three kayaks on Lake Itasca and headed down the first stretch of the river.

The troop, which is sponsored by St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, plans to make several trips each year on various sections of the river so that by the fall 2018 the Scouts will have covered the more than 500 miles between the headwaters and St. Paul. Leaders hope that some of the young boys who participated in this first leg of the trip will be able to canoe the entire stretch of the river before they graduate from high school.

A number of the Scouts in the troop are starting with Boy Scouts this year and have just completed fifth grade. This was the first canoe trip for several of the boys and for others it was their first chance to try kayaking.

The trip started with some basic instruction and then skills were tested on the flat water, traveling the entire 6-mile length of the lake before heading down the narrow winding river, which is less than 20 feet wide in most places.

One of the Scouts commented that “going through the tight turns and dodging fallen trees was really fun!” and another said “making the kayak go straight was a lot harder than it looked.”

Despite a few minor spills, one abandon-ship maneuver to prevent tipping over and heavy drizzle (some might call it rain) all day Sunday, everyone kept their spirits up and enjoyed the experience despite getting fairly wet.

The group camped at a remote site on the river and woke up to the gobble-gobble of wild turkeys and the drumming from rough grouse. Pancakes with blueberries were a big hit for breakfast and one Scout mastered the fine art of flipping pancakes without using the spatula.

The campsite was shared with three other groups of boys and girls who were headed down river, planning to spend the summer traveling back home.

One of the goals of scouting is to help youth develop the camping and organizational skills needed so that they can plan and carry out trips like that on their own in a few years. For now everyone is looking forward to another leg of the trip later this summer and eventually getting all the way to St. Paul in a few years.
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JULY Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to parkbugle.org by July 17 to be included in the August Bugle.

4 THURSDAY
Fourth in the Park: Como Avenue parade begins at 11 a.m., refreshments and activities open at noon at Langford Park (see page 6 for more information)

9 TUESDAY
St. Anthony Park Library Summer Reading Program: musician Paul Spring, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church (SAPUMC). Adoption Parents Group: Minnesota Waiting Children, for parents who adopted children through Minnesota’s foster care system, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSFS.

10 WEDNESDAY
St. Anthony Park Library Summer Reading Program: Magical Mia, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., SAPUMC.

10 THURSDAY
St. Anthony Park Library’s Mandarin Chinese storytime, 3 p.m., SAPUMC.

13 SATURDAY
English Conversation Circle, every Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m., SAPUMC.

16 TUESDAY
St. Anthony Park Library Summer Reading Program: Snapdragon Seeds, 2-3 p.m., SAPUMC. Adoption information session, 6-8:30 p.m., CHSFS.

18 THURSDAY
Como Fest: Lyngblomsten’s Midsummer Festival, 2-9 p.m., Lyngblomsten, St. Paul.

19 FRIDAY
Como Fest: climbing tower, outdoor movie and camping under the stars, Northwest Como Recreation Center, 6 p.m.-8 a.m.

20 SATURDAY
Como Fest: art fair, make-and-take children’s crafts and Como Park Garden Tour, Church of the Holy Childhood, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

23 TUESDAY
St. Anthony Park Library’s Summer Reading Program: Schelly Puppets, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., SAPUMC.

24 WEDNESDAY
Local folk band Svat Rhubarb plays at Raspberry Island in downtown St. Paul, 12-3 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library’s Mandarin Chinese storytime, 3 p.m., SAPUMC.

28 SUNDAY

CONTACT INFORMATION:
CHSFS: Children’s Home Society & Family Services, 1605 Euclid St., 651-644-7771
Lyngblomsten, 1415 Almond Ave., 651-644-2841
Micawber’s Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506
Northwest Como Recreation Center, 2350 N. Hamline Ave., 651-298-5813
Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St., SAPUMC, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 HiSide Ave.

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Charles Anderson
Charles Samuel Anderson, 83, of St. Anthony Park remained for more than 50 years, died June 14. He was born March 4, 1936, in Madison, Wis. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps (1951-53) and as a pastor in Mankato, Minn., and Minneapolis, Minn. (1957-61); professor at Luther Seminary (1961-76); and dean (1976-80) and president (1980-97) at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He was devoted to his family and dedicated to his church and the community. He is grateful for his love and for many amazing years and adventures. They also express heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Clare Bridge and Alina H ospice for their many kindnesses. He is survived by his family: his wife of 61 years, Catherine; his children, Eric (Brenda) and Kristin; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held June 18 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Katherine Badger
Katherine Marie Badger, 64, a media buyer, she established the St. Joseph’s Academy. As a career landmark, she established St. Joseph’s Academy. She is survived by her husband, Patrick (LeAnn) and grandmother of Lynn Gandrud. (Steve), Lynne Kuhn (Jim) and Carol (Mark) Trostad; Joan Cotten-Parks (Jeannie); and sisters Leslie Kreutter (Nan), Don (Kristin), Bob and Paul (Ri ena); grandchildren; four sisters, Tut (Crystal) Benson, Dan Benson and 1917. She taught for many years at St. Anthony Park and at the Boundary Waters Wilder-ness. Except. She volunteered full-time at Langton Place (Presbyterian Homes of Roseville) for 23 years. She is survived by her children, Ann (Allen) Stolee and Russell (Barb) Heineman; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and, a sister, Beverly (Orin) Secher, her per request, no services were held.

Memorial service was held June 12 at the Episcopal Church of St. Mark’s Lincoln Gardens. She is survived by her son, Larry; and her husband, Henry, and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Luette Nielsen, brother, Tom; her children, Richard (Donna), Debra (Bill); seven grandchildren; and a nephew; a nephew-in-law; and a niece. She volunteered full-time at Langton Place (Presbyterian Homes of Roseville) for 23 years. She is survived by her children, Ann (Allen) Stolee and Russell (Barb) Heineman; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and, a sister, Beverly (Orin) Secher, her per request, no services were held.

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The (Java) train left the station
By Roger Bergerson
A metamorphosis of sorts took place on June 1 when the Java Train coffee shop on Pascal Street near Midway Parkway became the Como Park Grill.

Gone are the banana lattes, although there still are coffee drink offerings. Gone are the cabezon and the rest of the play area, though children remain welcome and there’s still plenty of ice cream.

“The restaurant business is very difficult and you have to reinvent yourself from time to time,” said co-owner Steve Finnegan, who with his wife Christine, opened the establishment nearly a decade ago.

“We needed to depart from the coffee shop persona,” he said. “There was a lot of competition for the coffee dollar and you needed high-volume sales to be profitable enough. We chose the name Como Park Grill to convey that we were a full-scale restaurant.”

Although the majority of menu items remain the same, there are several new dishes, including tacos, Reuben and Rachel sandwiches, and a spinach-and-apple salad. The owners hope to add burgers and fries by the end of the summer.

Other changes mostly are cosmetic—new paint, newly polyurethaned booths, a bar replacing the old counter. There will be several TVs, but Finnegan says the train won’t be a sports bar.

The exterior of the building also will be repainted and the existing mural modified.

The outdoor patio area remains as does the faux water tower harkening back to the Java Train days.

There’s no doubt, though, that the elimination of the play area is what has people in the neighborhood talking.

“I’ve had some negative comments from parents with small children who didn’t want to see it go,” said Eddie Dykhuizen, one of those lamenting what he sees as the demise of a “one-of-a-kind, perfect neighborhood spot,” where he would walk with his 2-year-old daughter for ice cream.

“This is disappointing to see,” he commented. “I’m afraid it’s going to be another Champs and won’t need another one of those.”

Parent and longtime customer Ed Dykhuizen is one of those lamenting what he sees as the demise of a “one-of-a-kind, perfect neighborhood spot,” where he would walk with his 2-year-old daughter for ice cream.

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Other St. Paul area stores include Computer Revolution in Roseville, CreativeLighting, Gingko Coffee House, Golden Pig, Moos on a Stick, Trotter’s Cafe and Wet Paint.

Merchants are offering a variety of in-store discounts and participants may enter a drawing by going online to register. Two winners will each receive $1,250 in gift cards from half of the 25 participating businesses.

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You get more chances to enter the drawing by visiting each store, where you will receive a code that will allow you to enter the drawing again.

A person could potentially enter the drawing 26 times.

No purchase is necessary, but participants get one entry per person, per store.

The merchant offerings are valid July 1-31. Gift card winners will be selected in August at a drawing at Peapods in St. Anthony Park.

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Community Worship Directory

To add your church to the directory, contact Genevieve Plagens at 651-325-7189 or genevieve@parkbugle.org.
George Brownell Richter, 86, of Grand Rapids, Minn., formerly of St. Paul, died June 10 in Grand Rapids. He taught engineering at the University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas. George also taught at Mechanical Arts, which became St. Paul Technical College, where he directed the Adult Technical Education Division.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Ray; sister, Marjorie; daughters, infant Mary Catherine and Elisabeth Gibson; great-granddaughter, Danielle Gibson; and his first wife, Patricia Grain Richter. George is survived by his wife, Twila Ryhti, and her three children, Katrina Erickson, Robb-Lee Lussier and Kyria Tarnowski and their nine children. He is also survived by his children, Mark, Mari Baker, Joseph, Melodie Anderson and Mike Gibson; 22 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 14 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, Minn. A second Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 24 at the Church of the Holy Childhood.

Bonnie Roell, 69, died May 15 of pancreatic cancer. She had run Bonnie’s Cafe on University Avenue for nearly 40 years. Roell lived in Maplewood but was up at 2 a.m. daily to make sure Bonnie’s was ready to open with pancakes, French toast and coffee at 4:30 a.m.

New leader at Schubert Club

Nina Archabal has been named the 40th president of the Schubert Club board of directors. Archabal is the director emerita of the M innnesota Historical Society, having recently retired after 23 years of service as its director and state historic preservation officer.

Bonnies named U regents chair

Rick Beeson, executive vice president and director of corporate development and government relations with Sunrise Banks, has been named chair of the University of Minnesota board of regents. The former president and CEO at Park Midway Bank, Beeson has been a regent since 2009.

Urban Growler to host open house

You can get a taste of the Urban Growler Brewing Co., 2325 Endicott St., St. Anthony Park, at an open house on Tuesday and Friday, July 18 and 19, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Tour the space, sample the beer and find out how to become a founding member.

Bonnie’s Cafe on University Avenue

Roell was preceded in death by her husband, Roger, and her youngest daughter, Wendy. She is survived by her daughters Tammie Rhoades and Becky Boosbrugger and longtime companion John Rybisky.

A remembrance service was held May 21 at Roseville Memorial Chapel with lunch following at Bonnie’s Cafe.
School news

School News will be on vacation in August. Look for more school news in the September issue of the Park Bugle.

Brinmall Elementary
1744 W. County Road S
651-789-3014, fax 651-925-0026

End-of-year wrap-up
Brinmall Elementary ended another exciting year on June 7. Late April featured the first all-school Earth Day grounds cleanup to prepare for the annual International Festival in May. Student teams cleaned indoors and out to make the school look great for the celebration. The festival raised thousands of dollars for the Brinmall PTA and celebrated the school’s global focus this year. Oceana (the area of the globe that covers Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands), and a year of hard work by Brinmall students, staff and volunteers.

Other end-of-year events included field trips, music concerts by grade, orchestra and band concerts, volunteer recognition breakfast, Math All Ages competition and Awards Day, honoring students who excelled in academic and extracurricular activities.

Thanks to all who supported Brinmall Elementary this year.

Chelsea Heights Elementary
15577 Huron St.
651-293-8790
www.chelsea.spps.org

Outstanding creativity
The Purple Platypi tied for fifth place in the state and won the Renaissance Award for outstanding creativity at Destination Imagination’s 2013 Global Finals in Tennessee.

For the past four years, Wendell Anderson and Maria Tice have coached Destination Imagination (D1) teams at Chelsea Heights Elementary School. D1 is a nonprofit program that helps kids discover their creativity through a variety of challenges and competitions.

This year, three of the seven teams at Chelsea Heights went to the state competition and one team, the Purple Platypi, went on to Global Finals in Tennessee after placing first at the regional competition in April and the state competition in April. The Purple Platypi began working on the challenge in December after choosing to compete in the fine arts category. Their challenge was called “In Diggity,” which required creating a skit focusing on a character that uses a disguise to achieve a goal. The requirements included using two masks, one decorative and one morphing. The team developed a story about an egg-loving man who visits a zoo and uses a disguise to sneak into the ostrich enclosure to steal a giant egg for an omelet. The team created a zoo set, a huge ostrich costume and a 4-foot-tall paper-mache egg that hatched to reveal a baby ostrich inside.

The team scored Goodwill for costumes and used cheap items like bathroom rugs to simulate feathers. “Helping to Tennessee was very exciting and a huge honor,” said Anderson. “We’re the first team from Chelsea Heights to go and the team knows that their success will inspire the younger teams coming up.”

They also had transportation costs with teams from St. Anthony Park Elementary and N. Maruy Junior High by chartering a bus for the 18-hour trip. At the competition, the team participated in D1’s Buddy Team program, which paired the Purple Platypi with a sixth-grade team from Mrico City called the Color Blobs.

Compo Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave.
651-293-8800
www.comosr.spps.org

Compost scholarship winners
Compo Park Senior High School seniors Joe Krivit and Yasmine Mohammd Nur were the winners of the Comcast Foundation Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. They each received $1,000 and were recognized at a reception honoring all leaders, thinkers, policymakers and innovators we all aspire to in St. Anthony Park.


Announcing the winner of 2013
SAINT ANTHONY PARK
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Spirit of the Park AWARD
Warren & Kiki Gore
For epitomizing the spirit of neighborliness and volunteerism we all aspire to in St. Anthony Park. For their generosity of time, talent and friendship. For their commitment to the arts, literacy and education. For their warmth and welcoming nature that spreads joy here and beyond.

Join your neighbors at the 4th of July Picnic in the Park for the award presentation!

Murray Middle School
2200 Buford Ave.
651-293-8740
www.murray.spps.org

New principal at Murray
Murray Middle School will have a new administrative leadership team for the upcoming school year. Principal Tim Williams, who came to the school three years ago, has been reassigned to help with the transition to middle school at Capitol Hill. Assistant Principal Dan Sager has been reassigned to Ramsey Middle School.

Murray’s new principal is Stacy Thier-Collins and the new assistant principal is Kirk Morris. Lali Sadih Paddock and Jamal McKenzie are the two administrative interns.

Morris, a former intern at Murray, will be leaving his position as assistant principal at Highland Park Middle School. He has worked in St. Paul Public Schools for 16 years as a teacher and administrator and has both elementary and middle school experience.

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Congratulations to all of our award winners!
School News from 17

As Murray transitions to middle school this fall, the school is offering Camp 67, an interactive experience for all incoming sixth- and seventh-graders. The camp will take place on Thursday, Aug. 29, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Transportation will be provided for all students to and from school, and they will run through a school day in order to meet classmates and teachers.

Team-building activities will be provided through the school’s new advisory curriculum, Where Everybody Belongs (WEB). Students will be provided, at no cost to them, school supplies to help them prepare for the coming school year. They will go through their schedule and meet their teachers, have lunch, get their lockers and get to know the building. This is an opportunity for students to get comfortable with the building and meet new friends before the actual start of the school year.

Murray students’ History Day paper goes to Hmong Archives

A History Day judge requested that Twan Yang’s History Day paper titled “The Vietnam War: The CIA Secret War” be sent to the Hmong Archives in St. Paul to be considered for inclusion in the archives’ permanent collection. Here is an original poem she included in the paper:

One day the Grain Bombs came
General Vang Pao, a leader in this town
Men of old and young, grabbing their guns
Ladies holding their babies, watching the men flee

In the jungle, the guns rang. In the forest, no bird sang
My mother’s gone to the garden
My father to the gun
My brothers following his footsteps
Me and my sister left all alone
Suddenly the Americans retreated,
Leaving the Hmong defeated
Crossing the Mekong, as the guns rung

Sitting in the airplane, feeling so much pain
My mother to my left, my sister to my right
My fathers in the jungle, my brothers lost in sight
Here I am now, wondering how?

Murray Rock Band

Murray’s Rock Band played its final concert for the school year on May 30 in the school auditorium.

A new fire maple tree was planted outside St. Anthony Park Elementary School in early June as a gift from the school’s departing fifth- and sixth-grade classes.

Global winners

The Mustached Penguins, the fifth-grade Destination ImagiNation team, managed by Anura Sirius and Maja Beckstrom, tied for third place against 68 other teams in their grade Destination ImagiNation Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., in May.

The fifth-graders competed against 68 other teams in their challenge, called Wind Visible, which involved researching wind energy, making kinetic art and wearing an invisible character into their script. Team members are fifth-graders Maasia Apet, Alistair Pattison, Amelia Schucker, Olivia Ahrens, Landra Dahlke and Lily Gordon.
**‘Seeing the future’ best part of teaching says retiring educator**

By Michele Christianson

**N**ancy Plagens, who retired from teaching at Como Park Senior High School this spring, said that one of the best parts of teaching is “seeing the future.” In fact, everything she says about teaching reflects her affection and concern for her students.

“The best part for me is having such a connection with the community,” she says. “I see my students, past and present, everywhere I go—in the neighborhood, in my church, at the grocery store. I will really miss knowing so many young people after I retire.”

Plagens grew up in Minnetonka and graduated from Macalester College with degrees in English and Social Studies in 1972. She taught at Bryant Junior High School in Minneapolis and at Kellogg High School in Roseville before taking a break to raise her three children, Elizabeth, Daniel and Genevieve. She returned to public education in 1995, teaching two years at Hazel Park Junior High School and finally ending up at Como, where she has taught English and history and coordinated the school’s Advanced Placement program.

Asked if teaching has changed over the course of her employment, she says, “Not really. Technology means that the delivery changes, but the ideas remain the same. And kids are still kids—and I enjoy kids.”

At Como, Plagens has taught a variety of English and history courses, including American Government. In conjunction with the latter, she accompanied students to Washington, D.C., five times, with her husband, Steve, helping as a chaperone.

The trips were part of Close Up, founded in 1971, a program that brings together students from all ethnic, religious, geographic and economic backgrounds to develop knowledgeable and engaged citizens through active and informed participation.

Another highlight of Plagens’ career has been working with the Advanced Placement classes. Como offers 22 courses, more than any other St. Paul high school. The program is very successful, allowing students to earn college credit.

Plagens is gratified to have been a part of this program and to have contributed to Como’s success.

“When I think of Como, I think of a great school because it’s large enough to offer a comprehensive program of academics, music, drama, sports, clubs and organizations, yet small enough so students can participate freely in whatever they choose,” Plagens says. “In other words, Como students do not have to ‘sit on the bench’ and watch while other students actually get to ‘play’ at their chosen activities.”

In September, Plagens plans to travel to Europe with her husband so she won’t miss the beginning of the school year so much. She also intends to do more volunteer work, especially with children. And, of course, there are her two (soon-to-be three) grandchildren to attend to. She will do more reading, gardening and traveling, but she will always treasure her time teaching and seeing the future through her students.

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