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What does the future hold for St. Anthony Park?

That’s the question that will be discussed at the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation’s December gathering, State of the Park.

St. Anthony Park residents are invited to attend an evening of getting to know the people and the groups that make things happen in the neighborhood on Thursday, Dec. 5, at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

A discussion about the future of the community will be moderated by Met Council member and St. Anthony Park resident Jon Commers at 7 p.m. and will include Andrew Collins, assistant superintendent of St. Paul Public Schools; Dan Marshall, owner of Peapods; Mary Beck, chair of St. Anthony Park Area Seniors; Tanya Bell, an expert in redevelopment and urban planning; and Catherine Day, chair of District 12’s Creative Enterprise Zone Action Team.

A nonprofit group from the neighborhood will have information tables set up with representatives to share what they do in District 12.

CHAMPS!

The journey to the Como boys soccer state title was hair-raising

By Kristal Leebrick

After Zach Lee shaved his face on Aug. 11, as the Como Park Senior High School’s soccer season began, he vowed to shave again only when his team lost a game. They never did.

Lee’s face didn’t feel a razor until Halloween, the day the Como boys soccer team captured the Class A state championship with a score of 2-1 against Hill-Murray.

The win gave Como its first state title in a team sport since the school opened in 1979, something the now clean-shaven team captain describes as “pure joy and happiness.”

“I feel like I’m dreaming,” said Lee, a senior at the school. “It really hasn’t sunk in.”

Coach Eric Erickson describes it as a dream come true, not only for the team, but also for the rest of the student body, the staff, school community and alumni. He is proud of the team for “giving all they had and for being a first-class team that loves playing for each other and for the school,” he said.

But win or lose that title, “I was going to be proud of these guys whenever their season ended,” Erickson said.

After the 2012 team’s conference championship, section championship and state tournament run to the state championship, the team received its championship trophy.

Captains Zach Lee, Yong Yang and Will Kidd hoist the championship trophy at the end of Como Park’s Oct. 31 game against Hill-Murray at the Metrodome. Photo by Mike Krivit, www.krivit.com

A holiday tradition

Boy Scouts from Troop 17 have been making their own wreaths for more than 15 years.

Latkes and pumpkin pie

This year’s Hanukkah-Thanksgiving overlap is creating endless culinary possibilities.

Where have all the flowers gone?

Larpenteur Avenue once was a hub for greenhouses and garden centers.
**District 10's Oct. 26 pancake breakfast at the Hubert H. Humphrey Como Park Friday, Nov. 29. For more information, call 651-644-3889.**

**Special election** The District 10 Como Community Council will hold a special election at its Dec. 17 board meeting, held at 7 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. The election will fill two vacancies on the board created by the addition of a new Subdistrict 4 to the district.

Subdistrict 4 is bounded by Snelling Avenue and Dale Street between the two sets of BNSF Railway tracks. Both directors will serve terms through the District 10 annual meeting in April, 2014.

Candidates who live or represent a business in Subdistrict 4 are encouraged to contact the District 10 office at 651-644-3889 or district10@comocopark.org for a nomination form, which is due no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2. Nominations from the floor may also be made during the meeting.

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

**New parking changes near Falcon Heights Elementary School** The City of Falcon Heights has implemented new parking restrictions near Falcon Heights Elementary School after it was brought to the city's attention that motorists were parking and stopping close to the sidewalks near the school, blocking the ability of crossing guards and students to see oncoming traffic.

The city now limits parking and stopping on the south side of Garden Avenue between Hittton and Albert streets between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, parking and stopping will not be allowed at any time on the north side of Garden, as is currently posted in front of the school and this will extend 45 feet east of the intersection of Garden Avenue and Albert Street.

These changes will take effect as new signs are posted.

**Join a city commission** Falcon Heights residents are encouraged to apply for openings on the Planning, Parks and Recreation, Environment and Neighborhood commissions.

**High school students may be eligible for some of these openings.** For more information, contact Bart Fischer, city administrator, at 651-799-1700 or b.fischer@Falconheights.org.

**Parking & events**

- **Lauderdale** The Lauderdale City Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. Sexual assault, personal safety class Lauderdale residents can participate in a sexual assault and personal safety class offered by the St. Anthony Police Department on Thursday, Nov. 21. See details about the class above in the Falcon Heights section of City Files.
- **St. Anthony Park** The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Paul Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Campion Ave. The District 12 Planning, Parks and Recreation—Job Opportunities to download the application. Applicants must be 16 or older. More information is available on the website.

**Join city commission**

- **Lauderdale** Residents can participate on the city commission.
- **St. Anthony Park** Residents elected to the city commission board members in October.

**Luther Seminary exploring new ways to develop property** Luther Seminary is in the early stages of exploring ways to develop some of its property. This exploration has been prompted by the changing needs of the seminary, as well as the surrounding communities. As President Rick Foss said at a recent meeting with some leaders of St. Anthony Park, “The seminary is committed to staying in its current location and continuing to be a vibrant contributor to the communities we live in.”

Last spring, a property-development committee was formed by the seminary to investigate new opportunities. This committee is made up of a variety of people, including Rick Biese, executive vice president at Sunrise Banks in St. Anthony Park; Tanya Bell, a St. Paul resident who has been active in the neighborhood and is well-known for her real estate expertise; and several seminary board members, including Tom Hiltz, a commercial real estate professional, and Lois Blanchard, the former CEO of Delafield Corp. There are also several seminary staff leaders on the committee.

The committee has been meeting with community leaders in Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park, county and state officials, neighbors and surrounding businesses to develop an understanding of the changing needs of the communities and what has begun to meet with developers about a variety of ideas that reflect the needs identified in the Como 2030 plan and we hope to choose one or more of these developers in early 2014.”

The Como 2030 Plan is part of the city's comprehensive plan for the north part of the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. The plan was developed in 2006 and 2007 to create a blueprint for the area that includes increased housing options for an aging and changing neighborhood demographic. No decisions have been made as to what proportion or what kind of projects will be developed, but the seminary intends to keep the community involved and informed as plans continue, Bell said. The seminary expects the development to occur in phases starting in 2014.
appearance, there were a lot of holes to fill this year, Erickson said. “We graduated six starters (out of 11) and that included our three leading goal scorers and our goalie,” he said. “We then lost our captain and leader of our defense to an ACL injury that required surgery over the summer, which obviously meant he wouldn’t be playing this season either.”

A state championship in 2013? Erickson didn’t see it coming. “We switched some players into new positions to try and fill some of the holes,” he said, “namely [co-captain] Will Kidd who had been a midfielder for us the previous two seasons. We moved him up to forward because we thought he could score goals with his skill and determination if he practiced there during the off-season and summer. He ran with the responsibility and showed everyone we’d be able to score goals. Then we addressed our midfield and defensive holes by switching some other player positions, and plugging in three of last season’s JV players right into our starting lineup, which is a great credit to our program and coaching at our lower levels.”

Once the team began playing, they surprised a lot of people with the early successes, Erickson said, “maybe even ourselves.”

“We were tested time and time again in the St. Paul City [Conference], which was extremely deep and talented this season,” Erickson said. After winning two overtime games, Erickson said the team became more confident in the players’ abilities. “We were beginning to feel that we were as good as anyone else out there.”

Tor Will, the senior who scored the first goal in the Oct. 31 game, said the state championship wasn’t a total surprise. “We had gone to state last year and we worked hard this year. We were confident we could do it if we worked.”

And they did, winning game after game, until the final one at the Metrodome on Halloween, when Seik Seik scored the second goal with 6 minutes left in the game. Though Hill-Murray secured one goal after that, the Como Cougars kept them at bay until the clock ran out.

Como’s first state team win was reported throughout the media, but Erickson—who has been coaching soccer at the school for 10 years and teaching AP government, AP economics and U.S. history there for 14 years—points out that Como’s gym “is filled with banners of St. Paul City championships, some section championship appearances, both for individual participants and teams.”

“We have a wonderful athletic department that provides opportunities for all of our student-athletes and supports them and their efforts, regardless of their skill level, experience or records,” he said.

“High school athletics is about enhancing the educational experience of our students through athletic competition and commitment. We have promoted and supported that experience for over 30 years and are very proud of all Como’s student-athletes, past and present.”

Thanks to Mike Krivit for the use of his photos. See more Como soccer pics at, mikekrivitportraitsevents.zenfolio.com.
Housing options: An invitation to architects, property owners

There was overwhelming support at the Nov. 5 community meeting for further consideration of allowing additional housing units, of modest size, in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood to fill a need for seniors or empty nesters to downsize without leaving the neighborhood, to allow more flexibility in use of current and new housing units, and to accommodate returning children, aging relatives, visitors or other renters.

Several options were discussed, including Accessory Dwelling Units (small living units, either separate from the existing main house or attached to it), conversion of existing space in a larger home to create a separate living unit and the "house within a house" concept. The presentation by Dr. Lyn Bruin from the University of Minnesota was excellent, as was the involvement of staff from the St. Paul Planning and Economic Development Department, who discussed details of a draft Central Corridor ordinance that would include south St. Anthony Park.

Several issues need to be addressed. To facilitate that discussion with real-world examples, the District 12 Land Use Efficiency action group is asking local architects and property owners to participate in the creation of conceptual designs for specific properties.

For each site, the property owner will provide a statement of needs and goals. In collaboration with the architect, they will develop preliminary design options, consisting of floor plans, site plans and sketches of the exteriors. These plans will be available for discussions with neighbors and for public review and comment. Neither party will be obligated to pursue the plans further, and we ask the architects to participate pro bono for this phase.

These plans will reflect a variety of owners’ needs, site conditions and architectural solutions. They may identify the controls needed for a local zoning overlay (unit size limits, need for off-street parking, etc.). Instead of discussing these issues theoretically, these plans will allow more concrete examples.

Architects, residential designers, and property owners wishing to participate should contact me, Philip Brousard, at 651-645-0266 or pbrousard@architron.com.

Philip Brousard
St. Anthony Park

Camp Invention says thanks

I would like to thank St. Paul Community Education for hosting the Camp Invention program this summer. Camp Invention allows children to transform their natural curiosity into big ideas by presenting real-world challenges that require them to use creativity, innovation, problem-solving skills and teamwork.

This summer, 54 local students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School joined more than 77,000 students nationwide in exploring STEM concepts through exciting, hands-on problem-solving activities.

I especially thank Camp Invention director Nikki Schilling, the talented local teachers and youth staff for inspiring the St. Paul students, who displayed amazing creativity and resourcefulness throughout the week.

Suzan Z. Clarke
Regional Consultant for Camp Invention

What if they opened the stores on Thanksgiving and nobody came?

Put the Bugle on your year-end gift list

As you assess your year-end charitable giving, don’t forget to give to the Park Bugle.

Like most nonprofits, the Bugle relies on tax-deductible donations to help defray its annual operating costs. Your donations go toward the cost of printing and producing a newspaper that is delivered, free of charge, to 14,500 households and businesses in the communities of Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and Anthony Park.

Help us reach our goal of $35,000 in our 2013-14 fund drive.

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We’re your neighbor. Your gift will help this award-winning, community-supported newspaper remain part of your community for years to come.
By Jack Neely

The thought came to me as I laced up my boots: After thousands of crossings, the metal eyelet had worn away the old bootlace’s outer cloth covering, down to its strong inner tough twine center.

My eye is what experience does to one’s character. It exposes one’s inner strength. What one appears to be to others may not be the real you. You are changing with every new experience.

So maybe you do not know what you are made of until you age a bit. (On the other hand, if that inner core is made of a less-resilient substance, it will shred and break, usually at a most inopportune time.) Rather than answer Alec Baldwin’s question, “What’s in your wallet?” ask yourself, “What’s in your eyelet?”

Jack Neely lives and muses in St. Anthony Park.

A heartfelt apology to our Como Park neighbors

In our efforts at outreach and updating our mailing list, we experienced a big “OOPS” and many of you received fund-drive letters from us in November that were addressed to the wrong first name. This error can and will be fixed, and we apologize for the errors.—Park Press Board of Directors

Happy holidays from the Bugle staff

Thank you for supporting St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s Fall Festival and Silent Auction!

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Thank you for supporting St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s Fall Festival and Silent Auction!
The recent closing of Linder’s Garden Center not only represented the loss of a longtime local business, but also marked a poignant end to the “greenhouse era” along Larpenteur Avenue. For more than a century, growers on or near the avenue sold plants and shrubs, some on both a retail and wholesale basis, to adorn many homes and gardens in this area and beyond.

Names like Gibbs, Rosacker, Hermes, Lebens, Lindig and Linder were associated with businesses that thrived as St. Paul expanded northward and the suburbs bloomed. Their predecessors were farmers, people like Heman Gibbs and Lorenzo Hoyt, who began working the land in Rose Township in about 1850. (Rather than its floral future, the name Rose referred to the man who conducted the original land survey.) According to a University of Minnesota study, the pioneers initially planted wheat and other large-scale production crops. But as the soil gradually became depleted over the ensuing 50 years, they and those who followed gradually moved into dairy farming and market gardening.

The early years

And in the 1870s, Lorenzo Hoyt began developing what eventually became the 10-acre Hoyt Nursery at Hamline and Hoyt avenues. By the early 1900s the nursery was known for its award-winning iris, peonies and roses, all field grown. "The first greenhouses in the area may have been those of Albert Linder, which he began building in 1901 on Wheelock Parkway. Initially, he grew celery and other vegetables, gradually shifting to cut flowers and flowering plants. Similarly, Peter Hermes established a truck farm on Larpenteur north of the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul campus in 1906 and soon began adding greenhouses. Their operation, too, evolved into the raising of floral crops, roses in particular.

Frank Gibbs, one of Heman’s sons, opened for business on the south side of Larpenteur near Linder’s Garden Center. Where have all the flowers gone? With Linder’s demise, Larpenteur Avenue’s ‘greenhouse era’ comes to an end.
Cleveland Avenue in 1912, later taking on an in-law as a partner in Gibbs-Nelson Florists. In 1920, Nic Lebens began operating on Larpenteur, just east of Lexington Avenue. (Like Lorenzo Hoyt before him, Lebens was a long-serving justice of the peace for Rose Township, sometimes holding court in his dining room.) And there were many, many others.

Time of transition

According to Neil Anderson, professor of floriculture in the University of Minnesota’s Department of Horticultural Science, a big change occurred after World War II. “It became possible to ship in vegetables from California and elsewhere, and, at that point, many of the early truck gardeners switched over entirely to cut flowers and container-grown plants,” he said.

At first, cut flowers accounted for 80 percent of local production, but when blooms from Florida and California, and later Latin America, entered the market, there was a dramatic shift to bedding plants. A new generation of growers brought both innovation and creativity. With partners, Nic Lebens Jr. operated flower farms in Guatemala and Florida. In the 1970s, the Hermes family produced cut flowers at their greenhouses in Becker, Minn., using warm wastewater from the Northern States Power plant for heat. Dave and Lil Linder continually expanded and opened the new garden center on the Larpenteur end of their property in 1984.

While all this was going on, the land was becoming more valuable and sought after by developers. Competition from supermarkets and other sellers, both domestic and abroad, intensified. The growers’ ranks began to thin. The Lebens were hit hard, first by the sudden death of Nic III in 1985, and then his father a year later. Pat Lebens, Nic Jr.’s widow, daughter Jody and son Philip scaled back the operation and kept it going until 2003. Today Pat lives in the Greenhouse Village Cooperative that was erected on the former Lebens’s site.

The others faded away, too, and the only remaining link to the past is the Hermes Floral store at 1639 W. Larpenteur Avenue.

What’s ahead?

Does this trend mean that consumers will eventually rely entirely on big-box stores like Wal-Mart and Home Depot for their gardening needs? “Those stores offer some interesting things, but I hope not,” said the university’s Anderson. “I’d say the take-home lesson is that you constantly need to innovate and be nimble. We have many successful independent retailers who, in addition to offering specialty items and high-quality materials, are very savvy in keeping up with changing consumer tastes with new crops and new varieties.”

Roger Bergerson is a longtime Como Park resident who enjoys writing about local history and is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.
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11 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments  
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Mondays: 7 p.m. Community Bible Study in pastor  
December 15: 10 a.m. Children’s Christmas Pageant  
December 24: 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
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Christmas Eve Worship: 3:30, 5 & 11 p.m.  
Christmas Day Worship: 10 p.m.  
Sunday, December 29: Only one service 10 a.m.  
Children’s choir school (babies to grade 6) every Wed. afternoon (call for times).  
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Nursery care provided 9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.  
10 a.m. Communion with communion; Mass on alternate Sundays  
10:30 a.m. Worship with sermon and communion

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Counting crows

It's mid-October as I write this, and there is a flock of crows in my neighborhood that are going a bit nuts.

There are usually seven of them hanging out together. They roost across the street in Jim's front yard, pecking away at things on the ground or perching on some of his statuary. In fact, he says one of them frequently gets into his fence in the back yard and splashes around so much that most of the water spills out.

The crows are often in the street, pecking at leaves. I think they must have some experience with potato chips, because they treat each leaf like it could be a chip, picking it up, turning it over, and nibbling at an edge before dropping it.

They try to project a "gangsta attitude," walking with a certain swagger. Jim watches them strutting up and down and tells me he thinks we've got a gang problem in the neighborhood.

Then there are the cawing seasons. When I hear caw-calling, I often try to figure out what they're saying, what's the code? Four caws are answered by three or five caws in the distance.

Is the count, the inflation, the volume? Most of the time I think they're just messing with my head.

But the real impressive action is when the crows start their aerial displays. These guys are like jet fighter pilots, doing quick turns, banking, diving and swerving, all in tight formation. There seems to be some animosity on the part of some of the crows toward others. Sometimes it's going on, but it's not clear to me what it is.

To try to sort it all out, I began to think about what we know about the social behavior of the American Crow (Corvus brachyrhynchos). Crows often stay in small family groups for most of the year. In fact, it's common for last year's offspring to stay with the parents until this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. But at some point, I would think the folks raising this year's youngsters. 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Bringing in the greens
Wreathmaking is 15-year tradition for Scouts
By Maria Rogness

For many St. Anthony Park residents, the first sign of the holidays is answering the door to find a Boy Scout selling wreaths for local Boy Scout Troop 17.

“When I see that uniform, I know I’ll start digging out my decorations,” said one woman, whose own kids have long since grown up. “I look forward to it every year.”

What is less well-known is that, unlike almost all troops selling wreaths across the country at this time of year, Troop 17 makes their own wreaths and they don’t have to go to the North Pole to do it.

Mark Hansen, a longtime St. Anthony Park resident and assistant Scoutmaster for the troop, is part of the now four generations that run and own the Hansen Tree Farm in Ramsey, Minn. He had been thinking about making wreaths at the farm for some years when the light bulb went on during a Scout meeting about 15 years ago.

Many kids living in the city have never experienced going out into the woods to cut their own Christmas trees. Acquiring the skills to handle oneself in the outdoors is an important component of the Scouting program. Why not have the Scouts learn how to make their own wreaths from start to finish instead of ordering them premade from somewhere else?

“At one point,” Hansen said, “we all just decided to ‘go for it’ and I ordered a wreath-making machine. We got permission from a colleague of mine who makes maple syrup to cut the balsam fir out of the sugar maple trees on her land, and we piled everyone into a couple of trucks and headed up to the range.

It was a cold October that year, Hansen said. “By the time we got there, we had to set up our tents in the dark, but it didn’t phase our Scouts. We figured it out. And the troop has been cutting our own boughs and making our own wreaths every year since then.”

No matter what the weather is, Scouts on the late-October camping trip where they gathered the greens needed for their wreath-making enterprise: (front row, from left) Jackson Lee, Caleb Andrew and William Farley; (back row) John Proper and Liam Anderson.

Troop 17 goes camping in late October with the purpose of cutting enough boughs over the course of three days to make all the wreaths and garlands they will sell during the holiday season. The campout, flipping pancakes around a campfire and sleeping in all sorts of weather are a big part of the experience, but Scouts are also learning about how trees grow and the difference between several kinds of fir, pine and cedar.

“Trees and branches that get cut for bouquets need to be thinned out to make space for other trees to grow again,” Hansen said. “It’s a win-win.”

For the past five years, the troop has been camping and cutting their boughs on a tree farm near Cambridge owned by Carl Vogt, a retired Extension forester who was with the University of Minnesota for more than 30 years. After an adult uses a chainsaw to bring down a tree, the scouts swoop in, drag the tree into a clearing, saw it up, decorate it for the holidays, and then load everything in a truck.

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So the next time a Boy Scout rings your doorbell selling wreaths, ask him to make your wreath with extra sap. It will smell better longer. And if you missed a visit, email the troop at troop17@comcast.net or (back row) John Proper and Liam Anderson.

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BEFORE WE LAUNCH INTO ALL THE DECEMBER FUN happening in Bugleland, we’ve got some November to take care of.

First up is a holiday art show and sale at 2010 ArtBlok in Minneapolis. If you have wondered what happened to some of the local artists who once filled the studios in the Chittenden & Eastman building at 2402 University Ave. (now the C&E Lofts), check out their new studios in the old General Mills research labs at 2010 E. Hennepin Ave. on Friday, Nov. 22, noon-9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Skip the mall on Black Friday and head to Raymond Avenue where the shops there will be celebrating Block Friday and Small Business Saturday on Nov. 29 and 30. Special promotions and offers will be running throughout the block, and the merchants have a lot to celebrate: notably, the end of road construction on Raymond Avenue.

Now let’s get to December.

SHOP HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. The St. Anthony Park neighborhood will kick off the holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 7, with its annual Shop Home for the Holidays in the Como Avenue business district. Shoppers will find merchant specials up and down the avenue: reindeer-pulled sleigh rides and Santa photo-ops at Sunrise Banks, 2300 Como Ave., 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; cookie decorating at Tim and Tom’s Speedy Market, 2310 Como Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; a wine tasting at the Little Wine Shoppe, 2236 Carter Ave., 1-4 p.m.; and an artisan market at Milton Square, at the corner of Como and Carter avenues, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The market will also be open on Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m, and will feature local artists selling silk-screened textiles, wreaths and greens, pottery, jewelry, paintings, gourmet granola, felted handbags, hats and belts made from vintage fabric, and more. Thistle, the vintage furniture and treasure shop in Milton Square, will be open all weekend the same hours as the artisan market.

Winter carolers from Vienna Community Arts will perform at Milton Square at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Holiday dipping for children with Gibbs Museum, 10 a.m.-noon. And just across the hall from Bungalow, Eddie Owens of Turning Heads salon will have a show and sale of his sculptures. Micawber’s Books, 2238 Carter Ave., will donate a portion of the day’s sales to St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Parents from the school will be on hand with treats and to giftwrap your books.

Milton Square merchants will be offering the following specials: Muffuletta will have mulled wine on the outside patio; Complexions on Carter will have skincare specials and sell jewelry and stationery from local artists; and Lady Elegant’s will offer discounts in the shop.

All Milton Square merchants will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots for teenage boys ages 13-17.

Peapods is offering gift wrapping for any purchase made on Saturday at any store for $2, which will be donated to the Twin Cities Childbirth Collective. If you spend $5 or more at Finnish Bistro you get a free chocolate chip cookie. (And if you mention Ruth from the Bugle while you are getting that cookie, you get a free hug too.) And if you need a festive cap to the day’s festivities, Santa will be on hand at 5:15 p.m. Saturday to light the tree in Milton Square.

SPEAKING OF SANTA . . . Have dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus, on Friday, Dec. 6, 5:30-7 p.m. at Langford Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park. The event includes a spaghetti dinner, a holiday craft project, cookie decorating, face painting and, of course, photo opportunities with the Christmas couple. The cost is $5 per person or $25 maximum per immediate family. Ages 2 and under are free. Register at www.stpaul.gov/parks (it is activity no. 11080) or call 651-298-5765.

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If that's not enough Santa time for you, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will pose for photos at Sunrise Bank between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. during Shop Home for the Holidays on Saturday, Dec. 7. The couple will also visit Milton Square, 2232 Carter Ave., on Wednesday, Dec. 11, and Monday, Dec. 16, to do a little storytelling in the lower level from 6 to 7 p.m. The Milton Square storytimes are free.

BLUE HOUSE BOUTIQUE: This annual sale and benefit will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m.-noon, at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. The boutique is a major fundraiser for the Blue House, an orphanage in rural Uganda for 20 girls and boys who have lost their parents to AIDS. The sale will feature handcrafted items for the holidays, including hand knits, crafts, cards, gifts, table centerpieces, ornaments, gourmet foods and more. Saturday’s sale will include a homemade lunch (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) with soup, bread, sandwiches, coffee and pastries.

ANAPHYLAXIS AND FOOD ALLERGY OF MINNESOTA (AFAA) will hold its seventh annual benefit concert and silent auction on Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Park, Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. Admission is free. The Como Park Senior High School Band, directed by Dr. Philip Fried, will perform and there will be crafts for children, apple cider and allergen-friendly cookies. Call 651-644-5937 to donate silent auction items and services.

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS: Celebrate an 1800s Minnesota Christmas at Gibbs Museum, at Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues, in a two-hour program on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Actors will portray people from the era and the buildings will be decorated. The program includes a bonfire with hot chocolate, making cornhusk angels and learning about how the Gibbs family celebrated the holiday in the sod house, the
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main house and in the Victorian-era parlor after it was built in 1869. The museum gift shop will be open. Tickets are $10 for adults, $9 for seniors and $7 for children. Reservations are required. The reservations are timed to ensure an intimate setting for each group. Call Gibbs Museum at 651-646-8629.

CREATE A GIFT AT DRIFTWOOD: Checkout Driftwood Community Arts’ Five Dollar Fridays on Dec. 6 and 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Artists at Driftwood, 777 Raymond Ave., will help you create a simple gift in the class. Each session will have a different activity geared to all ages and the cost is $5 per class. Find out more at: www.driftwoodcommunityarts.com. Driftwood will also have a booth at the artisan market at Milton Square on Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLOWER SHOW: The Holiday Flower Show at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in Como Regional Park opens Saturday, Dec. 7, and will run through Jan. 5.

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The show will feature hundreds of poinsettias, including the new variety Christmas Beauty Nostalgia with pink and green bracts.

ALL ABOARD THE NIGHT TRAINS: Night Trains is a holiday tradition at the Twin City Model Railroad Museum in Bandana Square, 1021 Bandana Boulevard, Suite 222. The show opens Saturday, Nov. 30, and runs every Saturday evening, 6-9 p.m., through Feb. 22. A season premiere will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, and a New Year’s Eve special will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Santa will be at the museum for four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Nov. 30. He will have a sack of goodies for good girls and boys. Bring your camera!

Night Trains Season displays the museum’s dozens of model railroad layouts in a magical way: Lights are turned down and the buildings and streetslights glow. The make-believe town of Matlin is buried in a blizzard, and throughout the museum the layouts are adorned with miniature Christmas lights and decorations.

Admission is $10 per person or $25 for immediate families and $30 for extended families (maximum of 10 people). Admission is free for children ages 4 and under. Find out more at www.tcmrm.org.

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HOLIDAY TEA: Enjoy a three-course tea service at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory’s Winter Flower Show on Thursday, Dec. 12. There will be two seatings, one at 11 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. Cost is $35 per person before Thanksgiving and $40 after Thanksgiving. Call 651-487-8250 for reservations. The event includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the conservatory’s greenhouse space.

YPG HOLIDAY SHOW: Youth Performance Company will present “Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells” in 21 performances Dec. 6-27 at the Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. The cast includes Chase Kozak, a St. Anthony Park resident. The Prospect Park youth theater company, will take Junie B. Jones and set her in a whirlwind of holiday costumes, a Secret Santa exchange and festive fun with her grade-school classroom. Find out more at youthperformanceco.org or call 612-623-9180.

LIVE NATIVITY: Bethel Lutheran Church, 670 W. Wheelock Parkway, will host a live nativity Saturday, Dec. 21, in four 15-minute enactments at 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. The event, which is free to the public, features a retelling of Jesus’ birth (the Christmas story) with people, sheep, goats and a donkey in an outdoor stable setting. Between shows, guests are invited to pet the animals and come inside the church building for coffee, hot cocoa and cookies.

PLAY SOME GAMES AT THE LIBRARY: The St. Anthony Park Library is hosting an open-board gaming day on Monday, Dec. 30, 1-5 p.m. The library will have a host of familiar games such as chess, Stratego, Risk and Monopoly, as well as new, challenging games such as Settlers of Catan, Castle Panic, and Axis and Allies. You just need to show up. The event is open to all ages.

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Carve the turkey and pass the latkes, please

By Alex Lodner

This year, the first night of Hanukkah lands just a few hours before Thanksgiving Day, and the first full day of Hanukkah will have to share the spotlight with a turkey.

This holiday convergence is a once-in-a-lifetime event of mystical proportions, at least for Jewish American households. This epic marriage of two favorite holidays has, by most accounts, never happened before and for all intents and purposes never will again. Apparently Hanukkah did fall on the last Thursday in November in 1861, but that was before President Lincoln declared it a national holiday in 1863.

So how did this rare lunar vs. solar event come to be? Hanukkah always falls on the fourth Thursday of November and Hanukkah will always begin on the 25th of the Jewish lunar calendar month of Kislev. Since the lunar calendar does not match the Gregorian calendar—the most widely accepted and used civil calendar internationally—Hanukkah appears to be occurring very early in 2013. This holiday has not landed this early since 1868.

If the Jewish calendar is never modified, this cosmic holiday hybrid may happen again, but we'll have to wait until Thursday, Nov. 28, in the year 7911.

How this miracle of timing will affect this year's holiday shopping and rituals remains to be seen. Do we interrupt the football game to light the second candle? Good luck with that.

Since it is improbable that any of us will be around for the next occurrence of Hanukkah, we may want to focus on what really matters food. The possibilities of this culinary marriage are boundless. Sweet potato latkes? Cranberry jam sufganiyot? There are endless opportunities to bring together the fragrant fall flavors of Thanksgiving with the indulgent deep fried goodness of Hanukkah. If the Pilgrims had the Maccabees for the holiday meal, what would they serve? If they had a deep fryer and a candy thermometer, that is.

Here is a recipe for one of the best things about Hanukkah, the ever-popular sufganiyot, which are simply jelly-filled doughnuts. In honor of Hanukkah, fill the doughnuts with luscious pumpkin buttercream filling or your favorite Thanksgiving-esque jam. Sufganiyot are best served by the glowing light of the (only slightly disturbing) Menurkey. (You can actually buy a turkey-shaped menorah at http://menurkey.com.)

Sufganiyot with pumpkin buttercream filling

1½ pounds Brioche dough (recipe follows)
Vegetable oil for frying
Pumpkin buttercream filling (recipe follows), pumpkin butter or cranberry jam
Powdered sugar for dusting on top

Instructions for filling
Place the butter, pumpkin, nutmeg and orange zest in a medium bowl and whisk until combined. Add the powdered sugar and whisk until completely smooth and combined. Transfer to a piping bag fitted with a 1/4-inch round tip; set aside at room temperature.

Brioche dough
From Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day

Ingredients
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/4 cup pumpkin puree (not pie filling)
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon finely grated orange zest
2 cups powdered sugar, sifted

Instructions for brioche dough
1. Mix yeast, salt, eggs, honey and melted butter with water in a 5-qt lidded (not airtight) container.
2. Mix in flour without kneading, using a spoon, 1-cup capacity food processor (with dough attachment), or a heavy-duty stand mixer (with dough hook). You may need to use wet hands to get the last bit of flour to incorporate if you're not using a machine. Tend dough will be loose but will firm up when chilled (don’t try to use it without chilling).
3. Cover (not airtight) and allow to rest at room temperature until dough rises and collapses (or flattens out), or a light touch leaves an indentation, approximately 2 hours.
4. Dough can be used as soon as it’s chilled after the initial rise. Refrigerate remainder and use over the next five days.

That’s it. Enjoy your sufganiyot, Hanukkah, and whatever else you celebrate this time of year.

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**December Events**

**1 STATIONARY EVENT**
Free young adult dinners, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, every Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

**2 TUESDAY**
Baby Lakers Storytime, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.
St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, "Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Garden," presented by Donald Mitchell, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. Business meeting, 6:30 p.m.; social time 7-7:20 p.m.; program 7:20 p.m.

**3 WEDNESDAY**
English Conversation Circle, every Wednesday except Dec. 25. St. Anthony Park Library, 4 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Mr. Penumbra’s 24-hour Bookstore," by Robin Sloan, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

**4 THURSDAY**
State of the Park, a conversation with Mayor Mitchell. St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.; program 7:20 p.m.

**5 FRIDAY**
Preschool Storytime, every Friday except Dec. 27, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-30 a.m.
Five Dollar Friday, Driftwood Community Arts, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Langford Recreation Center, 5:30-7 p.m. Call 651-298-5765 to make reservations. First Friday Contra Dance, Celtic Junction, 7-10 p.m. Cost is $7.

**6 SATURDAY**
Shop Home for the Holidays, Como Avenue business district, all day long. See page 11 for more information.
Artisan Market, Milton Square. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Candle-making with Gibbs Museum, Banglow Pottery, 10 a.m.-noon.
Blue House Boutique, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
A Pioneer Christmas, Gibbs Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Santa, sleigh rides and fun, Sunrise Banks, 2300 Como Ave., 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy of Minnesota benefit, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tree lighting with Santa, Milton Square. 5:15 p.m.

**7 SUNDAY**
Blue House Boutique, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 9 a.m.-noon.
Milton Square art market, 12-4 p.m.
Bungalow Pottery, 10 a.m.-noon.
Artisan Market, Milton Square, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**1 MONDAY**
Women’s Human Rights Film Series, “Salaam Dunk,” St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

**2 MONDAY**

**3 MONDAY**
Open Board Gaming: play Chess, Stratego, Risk, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Castle Panic or Axis and Allies, 1 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library. Pre-registration required.

**4 MONDAY**
A Night of Games: play Catan, Castle Panic, or Axis and Allies, 1 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library. Pre-registration required.

**5 MONDAY**
Storytime, 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library.

**6 MONDAY**
Storytime with Santa, Lower Level, Milton Square. 6-7 p.m. Free
Neighborhood Sing, second floor, Olson Campus Center, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**7 TUESDAY**
Preschool Mandarin Chinese Storytime, 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**8 TUESDAY**
Christmas Eve, libraries are closed.

**9 TUESDAY**
First Friday Contra Dance, Celtic Junction, 7-10 p.m. Cost is $7.

**10 TUESDAY**
Preschool Storytime, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

**11 WEDNESDAY**
Storytime with Santa, Lower Level, Milton Square. 6-7 p.m. Free

**12 WEDNESDAY**
Minnesota benefit, St. Anthony Park Library, 1 p.m.

**13 FRIDAY**
Free Dollar Friday, Driftwood Community Arts, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**16 MONDAY**
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**18 WEDNESDAY**
Preschool Mandarin Chinese Storytime, 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

**24 TUESDAY**
Christmas Eve, libraries are closed.

**25 WEDNESDAY**
Christmas Day, libraries and government offices are closed.

**30 MONDAY**
Open Board Gaming: play Chess, Stratego, Risk, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Castle Panic or Axis and Allies, 1 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library.

**31 MONDAY**
Block Nurse Exercise.
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors block nurse exercise classes meet at these times and places: Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 3-4 p.m.
Mondays and Thursdays, Seal High Rise, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Mondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m.

**VENUE INFORMATION:**
Bungalow Pottery, 2330 Carter Ave. 651-644-4091
Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave N. 651-874-0383
Driftwood Community Arts, 651-340-0329
Gibbs Museum, 2007 Larpenteur Ave. W., 651-646-8629
Langford Park Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park, 651-296-5765
Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 651-631-0300
Milton Square, 2232 Carter Ave., miltonsquare2262@gmail.com
Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, Fulham Street and Hendon Avenue
St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-292-9844
St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hildebrand Ave.

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Rhonda Lundequist

Lundequist, 54, of Falcon Heights, died at home on Oct. 23 from ovarian cancer.

Rhonda and her partner of 16 years, Ann DeGroot, were the first same-sex couple to apply for a Ramsey County marriage license. On Aug. 1, the day hundreds of Minnesota gay couples celebrated their legal marriages, they received news that Rhondas cancer had spread to her brain. On Aug. 4, Rhonda and Ann were married, surrounded by family and friends.

Originally from St. Cloud, Rhonda took action to address social issues from an early age and was dedicated to domestic violence. She worked at TASKS Unlimited, the MInnesota Housing Finance Agency, the Etowah AID Project, and as an independent grant writer. She graduated from Hamline University and received a masters degree in public administration from the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute and a master of fine arts degree in poetry from Antioch University.

Rhonda loved poetry, politics and a good conversation. Her life was filled of people and good humor. She is survived by her beloved husband, Bill DeGroot, and, according to her friends, she was the funniest. Rhonda showed how to live a full life with cancer, living for eight years with a disease that was expected to end her life after 18 months.

Rhonda is survived by Ann and son, Andy. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mabel Foss, who died on Oct. 11; father, Raymond Foss, and brother, Roger.

A celebration of Rhondas life was held Nov. 3 at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.

Marion Hartwick

Marion E. Hartwick, 92, of St. Anthony Park, died May 23, 1921, in St. Paul at Merriam Park Hospital.

Marion was the oldest of two girls born to Charles and Florence Harris. Marion moved with her family to St. Anthony Park in her fifth-grade year. They lived on Knapp Street, facing Langford Park. Marion attended Guttenberg School and graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1939. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1942 with a degree in home economics.

Marion became a member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church in 1939. She served in lowerv with a handsome usher there and married Bill Hartwick on Jan. 22, 1942. After a naval stint in Texas, where Bill was a dentist, the couple purchased their home at 2153 Knapp St. in 1950. They lived there 47 years, then moved to Falcon Heights. Dr. Bill had his dental practice on Como Avenue from 1946 to 1979.

Marion took tremendous pleasure in serving various positions in her church. Toward the end of her life, the highlight of her week was working in the kitchen at the Leisure Center on Wednesdays. Her last day working there was Oct. 23, 16 days before she died.

Marion was an avid reader and enjoyed book club. She was a Blue Bird and Camp Fire leader in the 1960s and 1970s.

Marion and Bill had five children, all of whom graduated from M urray Street (62), Ann (63), Kathi (65), Janet (68) and Barbara (77).

Marion was preceded in death by her beloved husband in 2005 and her son, Stephen, in 1986. She is survived by her daughters 10 grandchildren; and 17 great- grandchildren.

Her memorial service will be held at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Nov. 24, at 2:30 p.m.

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School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, Dec. 4, to be included in the next issue.

Brimhall Elementary School
1744 W. County Road B

Brimhall named “reward” school
The Minnesota Department of Education has named Brimhall a “reward” school based on the Multiple Measurement Ratings, which measure proficiency, growth, graduation rates and progress in closing achievement gaps with students of color and students in poverty. This means Brimhall was in the top 15 percent of high-performing schools in the state based on these metrics. It reflects the dedication of the school’s teachers and staff. Way to go, Brimhall!

Brimhall notes
Brimhall’s enrollment is up. The direct-appeal fundraising campaign, “Music and Art: Give from the Heart,” is gaining support.

PTO fundraisers
Dana’s 1060 W. Perimeter Drive, Roseville, will donate a portion of its sales to the Chelsea Heights PTO on Monday, Dec. 2, from 3-9 p.m. Barnes & Noble will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Roseville store in HarMar Mall. Students will receive a 15 percent of sales from the event. St. Paul Bagelry and Deli, 1702 N. Lexington Parkway, will donate 10 percent of its sales on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Como Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
www.comor.spps.org

Learn about Como’s college-readiness programs
Como Park Senior High hosted an Advanced Placement Information Night on Nov. 14 that outlined the school’s college-readiness programs, which include College in the Schools Post-Secondary Educational Option and an extensive AP program. If you missed the program and would like to learn more about the programs, contact AP coordinators Lisa Griffin at lisa.griffin@spps.org or Mollie M. Curdly, mollie.m.curdly@spps.org.

Smart runners
Como’s boys varsity cross country team received the Gold Academic Award from Section 4AA because of the team’s combined GPA of 3.75 or higher.


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

PTO fundraising
Murray Middle School’s annual fundraiser at Barnes & Noble will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Roseville store in HarMar Mall. Student presentations will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the store.

Winter concert
A Winter Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Murray auditorium.

Sixth-grade Team Como update
Elizabeth Currans’s creative writing students wrote their own scary stories in October. Carol Morgan’s creative writing students studied the use of metaphor and wrote an extended metaphor poem. April Vaughn’s mythology class attended a play about conflicts between Dakota people and European settlers. Sixth-graders have begun book clubs, where students gather in small groups to read books at their choice and level.

Sports news
The flag football team and girls volleyball team won their city championship. The girls won 5-0 this season.

Spirit Week at Murray
The week of Oct. 28 was Murray Spirit Week. For most of the Murray students, it was the first spirit week they have ever had.

We started off spirit week with M is a match day. Students wore clothes that did not match. There were lots of patterns out there.

The next day we had Twin D ay. Pairs of twins and triplets walked the halls of Murray Middle School.

Wednesday was Pajama Day. Students and the cool teachers wore their favorite comfy pajamas to school.

Thursday was FAN-atic day; we wore the things that represent what we love the most.

And last, but not least, was 80’s D ay. Neon, big hair and someone called M adonna(?). We ended the week with a school dance on Friday that rocked the gym.

That week was a fun chance to work together as a school to show our school spirit.—By Audry Diether, fun. Xiong, Lily Barton and Madi M. Dpelo (AVID ‘18)

Spanish news
Spanish classes recently celebrated the end of a successful period of learning with a piñata fiesta. Students are encouraged to visit the lessons on YouTube at “D avid Donch” (there are nine videos) to get really good at speaking this second-most-spoken language in the world. Sean uses bilingual best-in-class.

Volunteer opportunities at Murray
Murray’s Pilot One-on-One Tutoring Program needs adults to tutor students who need extra help to stay on track with assignments. You can sign up for any day of the week at any of the following times: 11:20 a.m.-12:15 p.m., 12:15-1:10 p.m. or 1:10-2 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Cindy Thresher at 651-293-8740 or cindylthresher@spps.org.

Science fair
Murray’s science fair is Jan. 14. If you would like to be a judge, contact Gen Nakanishi, gen.nakanishi@spps.org.

St. Anthony Park Elementary
2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735
www.stanthony.spps.org
Visit M. Caiber’s on Dec. 7
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Fixing cars in Falcon Heights for more than 70 years

By Roger Bergerson

In the 1950s, 5-year-old Steve Horazdovsky decided to emulate his dad by playing “service station man” and filled up the gas tank of the family car. Unfortunately, he used the garden hose to do it.

Overcoming that early misadventure, Horazdovsky went on to own that station at the intersection of Hamline and Hoyt avenues in Falcon Heights himself.

He recounts that his father, Harry, discouraged his sons from following in his footsteps, although as it turned out, all five of them did so, at least for a time.

“Dad didn’t want any of us to get into the business because it was such a tough way to make a living,” said the only Horazdovsky still associated with the enterprise.

When brothers Earl and Harry Horazdovsky opened Hamline Hoyt Service in 1942, Harry was only 14, so his 23-year-old sibling clearly was the boss. There were a number of challenges associated with starting up during World War II, including the fact that gasoline rationing was in force. And the work schedule was brutal, with the station open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and until noon on Sunday.

Their father, Edward, who was bankrupting the venture, questioned the brothers’ wisdom in opening a station “so far out of town.” Housing in the area was sparse and didn’t start filling in until after the war, but Como Park Lutheran Church already was well-established and the Blomberg Grocery and Pharmacy had opened two years earlier. And there was a streetcar and later bus service to the intersection, making it convenient for customers to drop off their cars and go to work.

Originally it was a two-bay Phillips 66 station, later Texaco and still later Mobil Oil. The façade that the Horazdovskys owned the land and building gave them some leverage in negotiating with the oil companies.

Earl left the business in the early 1960s and Harry, tired of the mechanical work, said he’s been visited by his former employer, Steve, who left the station to own that station at the intersection of Hamline and Hoyt avenues in Falcon Heights after his father’s death in 1982. Harry and his wife, Sally, retired to northern Minnesota. They were living in a care center in Brainerd when they passed away within months of each other not long ago.

Steve himself has been plagued by a number of health issues and is limited to handling the station’s books, although he is still on-site regularly and enjoys chatting with customers. Facing hip surgery five years ago, he hired Kevin Loftus, a Carquest Auto Parts sales representative, as station manager.

Horazdovsky said he’s been blessed by having top-notch employees over the years and has enjoyed watching some mature on the job, “boys becoming men,” as he puts it. Several young men from the neighborhood have worked at the station, a current example being Joe Solheid.

At first, the station made most of its money on the sale of gasoline, but by the early 1980s, mechanical work was accounting for 90 percent of the revenue. At that point, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued a directive requiring that storage tanks over 25 years old be replaced and Horazdovsky decided to simply remove his and quit pumping gas.

Among the numerous improvements over the years were the addition of three more service bays and a major exterior facelift in 2000. Overall, cars are much more reliable these days and may have twice the useful life they once did.

While the station does fewer tune-ups and less transmission work now, because people keep cars longer, there’s more brake, exhaust and suspension repair. And the mechanics perform a lot of engine performance diagnostics using computer software.

The recent recession has been tough on Harry’s Hamline Hoyt business, but Horazdovsky said the past summer was busy and profitable and things seem to be coming around.

Through all the changes over the years, the one constant has been the Hamline-Hoyt Service staff with Steve Horazdovsky foreground, from left, Joe Solheid, Kevin Loftus, Dave Moffat and Jason Bishop. Photo by Roger Bergerson

New businesses on Como Ave.

The Como Park area dining and drinking choices have expanded in the past few months, with the addition of a new wine and liquor store and two new restaurants, one serving a variety of regional Chinese cuisines and the other serving a truly international menu.

**Toasted Wine, Spirits & Ales opened it, Say-Ming young man from Hong Kong, Qu, travel to their homeland of Hong Kong and China several times a year to keep up with Chinese culinary trends. The couple runs another restaurant in Chanhassen, a popular dining spot for visiting Chinese dignitaries, businesspeople and chefs, Qu said.**

*The restaurant’s website, cafed99mn.com, is still under construction, but customers can call 651-603-8899.— Libor Jany.***

Lauderdale auto body shop moves Hamline Auto Body of Lauderdale has moved to a new location in Vadnais Heights.

Business Briefs to 24
His next act: certified sommelier

By Kristal Leebrick

Tim Hausmann, manager and wine buyer at the Little Wine Shoppe on Carter Avenue, has added a new notch to his career belt: certified sommelier.

The accreditation comes after six months of attending eight-hour classes once a week through the International Sommelier Guild (ISG) at the Art Institutes International Minnesota in downtown Minneapolis and then passing a rigorous six-section 10-hour exam that included a four-hour essay test, a food-and-wine pairing test, and a blind taste test of 22 wines and spirits in which he had to identify the type of wine or spirit, the grape, the country of origin and the region of that country that the grape came from.

Of the 12 people who started the course, four took the test, and Hausmann was one of two who passed it. Hausmann, who has been working at the wine shop for just over a year, launched into the sommelier training to learn more formally about wine and its history, geography and the various laws that govern the industry.

“I love that stuff,” he said. “I could go off on tangents about geography and laws, but in the end it’s really what’s in the bottle that I need to know about for [his work at the wine shop]. Having this base of knowledge to focus on and help people, that’s what I wanted to do.”

Becoming a wine steward is part of the 30-year-old South Dakota native’s transition out of a career in musical theater that took him to Broadway and a two-year international tour with West Side Story. Ultimately, that “dream come true” of being at the pinnacle of live theater wasn’t the career Hausmann wanted.

“I just didn’t love it anymore,” he said. “My dream had become that being on Broadway, but along with all the wonderful materialistic satisfaction with all of that was this huge sigh of relief that I had the freedom to do what I want now that I had the stamp of approval: ‘You’re successful as an actor.’ Before that I was too proud to walk away from it.”

As an actor in New York, Hausmann felt people only cared about whether or not you had the word “Broadway” on your resume.

“I didn’t want to only audition for Broadway shows,” he said. “I had done many productions that were more artistic and more exciting and probably paid just as well as the Broadway show, but that was all people cared about. I looked at people who were 45 and 50 who had people who were 45 and 50 who had never auditioned and I thought, ‘They were still trying to get into the audition rooms or they were still on unemployment.’

That was a trajectory he didn’t want to be on stage I felt everything was right in the world, I think I would have stuck with it; but it’s not how it was for me. It became a job.”

Hausmann took the advice of his father, a business consultant: “Don’t do anything that’s not fun.”

When the stage work stopped being just that, Hausmann headed to Minnesota, where he has friends and a reasonably short drive to his family in South Dakota.

For now, he’s enjoying learning and sharing what he knows about wine and the trends in the industry.

“It’s fun to be a part of that and translate it to the customer,” he said.

So, let’s ask the neighborhood sommelier what we should have with our Thanksgiving meal this year.

A good pairing for the turkey is a Dornfelder from Germany, a fruity red that helps cut the dryness of the turkey meat. “You need just a bit of fruit,” Hausmann said. “Think of cranberries and turkey; that’s Dornfelder. It’s unique, and it’s not Beaujolais or pinot noir.

And the pumpkin pie? Hands down, bourbon.

You can follow Hausmann on Twitter: @mywineguytim.

According to Mike Huber, whose father, George, founded the business, Hamline Auto Body reopened Nov. 18 at 1451 Willow Lake Blvd., off Hwy. 61, north of Interstate 694.

The business hopes to maintain the same level of service for which it has been known locally and to maintain contracts with St. Paul and Roseville police departments at the new site. Beaupre Aerial Equipment Inc. applied for a zoning amendment to add their business to the former auto body site west of Hwy. 280.

American-born All Star played in the NHL for 17 years), Beaupre Inc. rents and repairs lift equipment for the construction, electrical, window installation, HVAC and roofing trades. “The building size is just what we were looking for,” said Beaupre’s Brad Swanson. — D.J. Alexander