Bakken oil and us

The highly flammable sweet crude from North Dakota’s Bakken oil fields is likely transported by train through St. Anthony Park and Como Park, but how much and when remains unknown to the public.

By Judy Woodward

Volatile crude oil shipments, which have been implicated in a number of rail disasters in recent years, may be traveling on the train tracks that run along Energy Park Drive, slicing through St. Anthony Park and bordering Como Park.

BNSF Railroad, which is the major Class I rail line dominating Minnesota’s rail transport, declines to make public the exact freight routes and schedules of its oil transports. “Since 9/11, we have worked with federal officials on improving public security,” said BNSF spokesperson Amy McBeth, “and as a result, do not make public information such as what hazardous materials move on what routes on our network.”

Some local observers are more outspoken. “There are about four or five oil trains heading east every day,” according to former St. Anthony Park resident Jack Sheldon, who has been a railroad enthusiast for many years and is the co-manager of the Jackson Street Roundhouse, a railroad museum located at 193 E. Pennsylvania Ave. in St. Paul, directly south of the BNSF railroad tracks.

The Roundhouse, he said, offers a great vantage point to observe rail traffic, including the distinctive all-tank-car “unit trains” of 100 cars or more that transport oil and ethanol.

A tank car unit train, pulled by a BNSF locomotive, was spotted traveling east near the Ramsey Avenue overpass on a recent Saturday afternoon. A man on the tracks, who declined to give his name but did admit to being a “railroad worker,” acknowledged that the train was “probably” carrying North Dakota crude oil.

Crude oil from North Dakota has been at the heart of several rail accidents recently. Last July, 47 people died at Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, when a train laden with Bakken oil exploded. In November, a North Dakota oil train derailed and exploded in Alabama, and on Dec. 30, the entire town of Casselton, N.D., was evacuated when a mile-long BNSF oil train collided with another BNSF freight train and exploded, releasing a fireball of potentially toxic vapors.

Light sweet crude, the low-sulfur oil found in the Bakken formation of North Dakota and eastern Montana, has been the foundation of one of the great economic success stories of the last few years. Thanks to the hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) oil extraction process, North Dakota is now the second largest oil-producing state in the U.S., with a daily output of nearly 900,000 barrels per day in 2013, up from 81,000 barrels a decade ago.

The U.S. Department of Transportation, in a safety alert issued in January, warned that oil produced from the region might be more flammable than heavier, more-sulfur-laden products produced elsewhere by older drilling methods. In the alert, the DOT’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration urged emergency responders to remember that “light, sweet crude, such as that coming from the Bakken region … [typically has a flashpoint] below 73 degrees F.”

Oil, no matter how it is extracted, must be transported to the coasts and refineries.

Coliseum closure leaves local hockey teams scrambling for ice

By Libor Jany

The Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum ice rink will close for good in February after Minnesota State Fair officials deemed it too costly to continue operating, leaving several local hockey teams out in the cold.

Ted Heinrich, which serves as home ice for amateur teams ranging from local rec centers to Hamline University, was also drawing fewer and fewer visitors, officials said, sealing its fate. The 62-year-old building, which has housed the necessary for next season.

A Ramsey County Parks and Recreation spokesperson said the closure a major “concern” for the rec center’s youth teams and said coaches would have to get creative in scheduling ice time. In the upcoming season, teams will have to lean more on Aldrich and Oscar Johnson arenas, which are already in high demand.

“The move has left some local hockey teams scrambling to find a home for next season,” said Scott Hamilton, an administrator and former coach with the Langford Park Hockey program.

Hamilton termed the rink’s closure a major “concern” for the rec center’s youth teams and said coaches would have to get creative in scheduling ice time. In the upcoming season, teams will have to lean more on Aldrich and Oscar Johnson arenas, which are already in high demand.
Como Park

The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Larpenteur Avenue.

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Art on ice

Congregants from Lauderdale’s Peace Lutheran Church join one of Minnesota’s cooler festivals literally: The Art Shanty Projects on White Bear Lake

By Kristal Leebrick

When parishioners at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale walked into the sanctuary on Sunday, Jan. 19, they found a large, red particle-board shack had replaced the church altar.

Once Pastor Dave Greenlund took to the chancel, the congregants learned that the structure in the center of their worship space was an art project heading to White Bear Lake for the month of February, where it will be one of 20 dwellings chosen to be in the 2014 Art Shanty Projects.

The sanctuary seemed the more practical space in the church to build the shanty, Greenlund said.

Started by Peter Haakon Thompson and David Pitman in 2004, the Art Shanty Projects’ website describes the event as a “month-long ‘artist-driven temporary community in the tradition of ice fishing communities but with art-based programming.” It’s a sculpture park, art gallery and community on ice. Each shanty has a theme and invites a lot of audience participation.

The congregants at Peace Lutheran are calling their piece Noah’s Art Shanty. Inspired by the biblical tale of Noah’s Ark, the structure in the church was an inspiration to come back at the end of February to claim their work.

By brainstorming activities for the project, Peg Cavanaugh, an arts and worship coordinator at the church, said they tried to think of what kind of materials Noah would have had on that boat full of animals after floating on water for a year.

“We tried to create an environment out of clay with some of the same things that Noah would have had on the boat: snow and ice sculptures surrounding the shanty and some congregants will camp overnight with other shanty dwellers. Noah’s Art Shanty will be heated by a wood-burning stove and will include holes drilled into the lake for fishing.

The Art Shanty Projects had been installed on Medicine Lake in Plymouth since its inception, but this year the event is moving to White Bear Lake off Ramsey County Beach in White Bear Lake County Park.

Peace Lutheran Church learned that Noah’s Art Shanty was accepted into the Art Shanty Projects in early November, and within days Greenlund found a discarded ice-fishing house in a dump. “It was a miracle,” Greenlund quipped.

The congregation at the small Lauderdale church includes many artists and creative people. The project includes Cavanaugh, an art teacher and props master by trade; Dan Mackerman, a painter and sculptor; Pam Schwartz, a storyteller; Greenlund, a ceramic artist; and many more.

Other projects that will be featured on White Bear Lake in February include the Mailroom Shanty, a surrealist shanty where visitors are transported to a lonely hotel hallway for a moment of solitude with an invitation to share anonymous stories; the Dance Shanty, where participants will be encouraged to boogie down and learn a few dance moves; and the Sunrise Shanty, where small groups of shanty-goers will “share the intimacy and preciousness of watching the sunrise” using a solar-powered dawn simulator.

The Art Shanty Projects will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 1 to 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. To find out more and to get directions to the event, go to http://artshanties.com.
We interrupt this editorial for some late-breaking news

The Bugle was about to go to print when we learned that bookseller Hans Weyandt is leaving Micawber’s Books in St. Anthony Park at the end of January.

The editorial space on page 4 is always the last hole to fill and it just happened to be empty this year with this sad news hit our desks. We’re happy to give it over to say goodbye to someone who has been a well-loved part of this community. And since we’re breaking this news on this editorial page, we don’t mind putting in a little deception: Wedont want you to go, Hans! That said, Weyandt—who has co-owned Micawber’s with Tom Bielenberg since 2003—is quitting the book business to stay home and care for his three sons as his wife, a pediatric nurse practitioner at Children’s Hospitals and Clinics, takes on a new position.

The father of boys ages 6, soon-to-be-4 and 36 months, Weyandt said his hands had many—especially older men—say they wish they would have done what he is about to do. And despite the prospect of spending more time with dad, Weyandt’s dad, Elliott, isn’t happy that he will now be barred from to roam the stacks at Micawber’s—a place that’s been a part of his life from the beginning—and take a book home with him at whim.

Bielenberg, who will now be sole proprietor of the store, said the last 10 years working with Weyandt has been a great business partnership. “I will miss him terribly,” Bielenberg said, “and I am sorry to see him go. It’s been a great run.”

Micawber’s has been a fixture in St. Anthony Park since 1972. Bielenberg, who will now be sole proprietor of the store, said the last 10 years working with Weyandt has been a great business partnership. “I will miss him terribly,” Bielenberg said, “and I am sorry to see him go. It’s been a great run.”

After 10 years of hard-sell bookselling in M lton Square, weakened Weyandt, if there was one book that stood out: “The Lake Homecomer (by Ka-Ka-Yang) is the one book we’ve sold the most of over time.” It’s a great book about St. Paul and Minnesota, Weyandt said, and the first book written by a H mong author for adults.

Weyandt is hard-pressed to say what specifically he will miss about his days on Carter Avenue. “Every day is totally different, which is fun. I know a lot of the people here,” he said. “On leaving Micawber’s It’s a good thing, but it’s weird.”

Thank you for supporting the Park Bugle

Thanks to the following Park Bugle readers who have contributed to the Bugle's 2013–14 fund drive. This list reflects those who gave up to Jan. 8. We'll publish more donors in the next issue. The Bugle relies on tax-deductible donations to help defray the newspaper’s annual operating costs. Our goal this year is to raise $35,000. If you haven't contributed to the fund drive, you still can. You can donate online at www.parkbugle.org. Click the green DONATE NOW button at the top of the page. Or send a check to Park Bugle, PO. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

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City, District 12 continue to study accessory dwellings

By Roger Bergerson

A proposed residential zoning change along the Central Corridor would affect the southern portion of St. Anthony Park, but there are some residents who think it ought to apply to the entirety of District 12.

City planners, at the direction of the St. Paul City Council, are studying the feasibility of allowing what are called accessory dwelling units on single-family lots within a half-mile of University Avenue.

These units would be separate living quarters added to the back of a house, over a garage or built as freestanding structures.

"Accessory dwelling units are only one of the many housing options that could be provided along the corridor," according to planner Sarah Zorn, of the city’s Planning and Economic Development Department. "They might appeal to senior citizens, renters or family members.

They’d also allow current residents to stay in their homes or neighborhood, while generating income to supplement housing costs."

It’s a concept with considerable appeal for the City’s Land Use Efficiency action group, one of several working toward the Community Council’s goal of reducing the neighborhood’s carbon footprint and strengthening the community overall.

In addition to the Central Corridor, the group sees the accessory units as potentially helping stabilize the broader community, enabling homes to stay in the same hands longer, its chair, Phil Broussard.

"We have a lot of residents who, over the course of the next five to 10 years, will either have to figure out how to remain in their homes or move out of the neighborhood," he said.

To provide information and assess support for accessory dwellings, Land Use Efficiency group members met, one-on-one, with several dozen area residents. The group also conducted two public meetings, one in November and most recently on Jan. 28.

The Park Bugle checked with a couple of nearby suburbs that permit accessory dwelling units, but neither experience would seem predictive of what St. Paul could expect.

Roseville’s city code has permitted accessory dwelling units, both attached and freestanding, for the past three years, according to Bryan Lloyd, associate city planner. However, none have yet been built and Lloyd theorized it was because of stipulations built into the code, such as a requirement for separate entrances and walkways and maximum heights for detached structures.

Since the early 1990s, Shoreview has allowed what it calls accessory apartments, but only when they are incorporated into existing homes, according to Rob Warwick, senior planner.

"Over 20 years, there have been fewer than 20 permits issued and only one of those has been contentious," he said. "That was due to an increase in vehicle traffic over a private easement serving the property."

The Land Use Efficiency group meets regularly at the Park Bugle offices. Broussard noted that of the 50 or so residents who attended its November meeting, only about five expressed reservations or were outright opposed to the accessory dwelling concept.

"People are cautious about change and some worry about how accessory units might alter the appearance of the neighborhood," he said. "Two-thirds of north St. Anthony Park currently is zoned for single-family residences only, but that restriction became part of the code in 1975. Prior to that, two-family homes or duplexes had been permitted. Many of these were built and fit in very well."

For now, it is only in the Central Corridor that accessory dwellings are being considered and City Council action would be required to change that. But Broussard thinks that such units eventually will be permitted citywide and feels that zoning will need to be tailored to the needs of individual neighborhoods, with lot size and house size being among the variables.

City planner Zorn said that Planning and Economic Development staff would update the City Council soon on the study’s progress, and then meet with the district councils along the Central Corridor. Next, the matter will be considered by the City Planning Commission, probably in the spring, and ultimately brought back to the City Council for a final determination.

Corpo Park writes Roger Bergerson is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.
Music in the Park presents WindSync

Houston-based quintet WindSync will perform in several St. Anthony Park venues the last week in February.

The group will open the 2014 Schubert Club Music in the Park Family Concerts with “Peter and the Wolf” on Friday, Feb. 21, at 3:45 and 7 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave.

They will perform as part of the Music in the Park Series on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

The quintet will also perform at St. Anthony Park Elementary School and at St. Anthony Park Home later in the week.

WindSync is an energetic wind quintet that specializes in creative, engaging and interactive concerts that inspire audiences of all ages. Playing exclusively from memory, WindSync’s dramatic musical interpretations and stage presence engage the audience whose experience is further enhanced through the performers’ creative use of costumes, masks and choreography.

Tickets may be purchased at schubert.org/musicinthepark or by calling 651-292-3268.

Authors read at Hamline Midway


Minnesota writers will share their works Wednesdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. The programs include coffee, cider, cookies and book signings.

The dates and authors are listed below:

Jan. 29, Jack El-Hai: El-Hai will discuss his new nonfiction book, The Nazi and the Psychiatrist: Hermann Göring Dr. Duglas M. Kelley and a Fatal Mating of Minds in the End of WWII. Recently optioned for stage and screen by M Yology Entertainment, this fast-paced psychodrama explores the complex relationship between the American psychiatrist Douglas M. Kelley and his 22 Nazi patients awaiting trial as war criminals in the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

Feb. 5, Miriam Karmel: Karmel will discuss her fiction debut, Being Esther, a story of an extraordinary woman who has lived a quiet, middle-class life in the Chicago suburbs. At once sad and amusing, unpredictable yet wonderfully ambitious. Being Esther brings understanding and tremendous empathy to the unforgettable Esther Lusky.

Feb. 12, Brian Freeman: Freeman will read from his Jonathan Stride novella, Turn to Stone, and give a sneak peak at the long-awaited release of the sixth full-length Stride novel, The Cold Nowhere, to be published this spring.

Feb. 19, Heidi E. Erdrich: Local foods have garnered much attention in recent years, but the concept is hardly new. Indigenous peoples have always made the most of nature’s gifts. Erdrich celebrates this tradition in her latest novel, The Cold Nowhere, to be published this spring.

Feb. 26, Karen Hering: Closing the FireSide Reading Series, teacher, writer and minister Hering will discuss Writing to Wake the Soul: Opening the Sacred Conversation Within. Blending writing prompts, meditations and stories, this book invites you to begin wherever you are and discover your own uniqueness in relationship with language, spirituality and the world around you.

The FireSide Series is presented annually by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and is co-sponsored by Micawber’s Books.
Sweets for your sweetheart: jam-filled Linzer cookies

By Alex Lodner

While the Linzer torte is a fairly complicated Austrian torte made with ground nuts covered with tart jam and topped with a lattice design, its North American offspring, the Linzer cookie, is a simple and adaptable cut-out version that is easy and fun to assemble. These adorable sandwich cookies can be made in a variety of shapes, from the circle to the more ornate heart.

The heart shape is especially charming and makes the perfect sweet treat to share with loved ones on Valentine’s Day. Use raspberry seedless jam and cut out a tiny heart keyhole that allows the vibrant red to peak through. Wrap a few in some pink and red paper and hand them out to teachers, neighbors, friends or co-workers for a delightful Heart Day gift. You can even let the kids help assemble them for a fun winter activity.

While the classic Linzer recipe calls for ground nuts such as hazelnuts, walnuts or almonds, this recipe is simplified by using regular flour and substituting the vanilla extract for almond (or any other nut flavor) to impart the desired flavor.

Linzer Cookies

1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 egg
1 tsp. almond or hazelnut extract
Seedless raspberry jam
Powdered sugar (optional)

Combine flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl, set aside. In a standing mixer or using a hand-held electric mixer, beat granulated sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extract. Gradually add flour mixture. Beat at low speed until dough forms. Divide dough in half, cover each half with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour until firm.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Working with half of the dough at a time, roll it out onto a floured surface to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut dough into shapes using a floured heart-shaped cookie cutter. Cut small centers out of half of the cookies using a tiny cookie cutter or with a sharp knife. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 5-7 minutes or until the edges are barely brown. Let cookies rest on cookie sheets for a few minutes, remove to wire racks and cool completely. Sprinkle the cookies with the holes with powdered sugar, if desired. Spread a small amount of jam on the flat side of each whole cookie. Be careful not to use too much jam as it will spread past edges when you add the top cookie. Place cookie with holes over jam to create sandwich.

Makes about 18 cookies, depending on the size of your cutter.

Bugle poetry contest deadlines is March 7

Poets: It’s time to sharpen your pencils and start thinking about the fourth annual Park Bugle Poetry Contest.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 7. The top three winning entries will be published in the April issue of the Bugle in honor of National Poetry Month. All submissions will be posted on the Bugle website, www.parkbugle.org.

This year’s prompt is repeat. Here are the rules of the contest:

• Poems can take any form you choose.
• The word repeat does not have to appear in your poem. Use the word as inspiration to go in any direction it takes you.
• The contest is open to all Bugle readers. Current Bugle employees and Park Press board members and their families are not eligible to enter.
• The contest is limited to one submission per person and it must be received by March 7.
• Send poems to Editor, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or to editor@parkbugle.org.
• Poems will be judged anonymously by Falcon Heights writer Susan Thurston Hamerski. First place wins a gift certificate to Micawber’s Books.
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If you want to attract birds to your yard in winter, give them a bath

We’ve had a brutal winter so far and feeding the birds helps them get through these subzero nights. But just as important as seed and suet, perhaps even more so, is providing a source of water for the birds.

There are some natural sources for water in winter for birds. Some birds eat snow. But this uses up energy to melt it. I’ve seen European starlings eat snow. Migrating being a larger bird, they can afford the energy cost to melt it. I haven’t seen any smaller birds eat snow.

In warmer winters, the edges of ponds, lakes and streams offer water. There are also some springs that stay open for most of the winter. And I’ve seen water seep at the base of cliffs.

I have a heated birdbath with a heating element built into the base. In the past, I used an immersion heater that sat in the bath, but that presented challenges when it came time to clean the bath and heater.

Most heated birdbaths come with a short power cord, so you will need an extension cord. Be sure to use one that’s designed for outdoor use.

You want to be sure that you have a grounded outdoor electrical outlet for your birdbath. This is not a do-it-yourself project. Hire a qualified electrician to do this for you. Do not run an extension cord from indoors.

Bird stores have birdbaths of different designs and sizes. Look for one with a surface that gives birds a secure footing. Most birds won’t step into the bath, but if they do, they need to be able to stand without slipping around and able to take off without slipping.

The concrete baths that some folks use in the summer will probably crack in the winter. The concrete absorbs some water and freezing will damage it. I don’t think I’d try a glass birdbath in the winter. If it did freeze, you’d have broken glass to clean up.

And they usually have a slippery surface that would be unsafe for the birds.

Your birdbath should come with mounting brackets that will let you put it on a railing or the edge of a planter. Most can also be mounted on a pedestal. You could even sit one on a patio table or a stump. The depth of the water should keep it in place.

Most birds will perch on the edge of the birdbath, dip their bill into the water and then lift their head so the water runs down their throat. If you get mourning doves at your birdbath, you’ll notice they drink without lifting their heads. They just stick their beak into the water and drink like a horse. Mourning doves also like to sit facing out with their rumps over the warm water; can’t blame them.

Starlings often walk right into the water and drink while they bathe—sounds like a typical 2-year-old, doesn’t it? Starlings like to get in, flap their wings and hop about, splashing water all over the place, again, like a 2-year-old. Starlings seem to be rather filthy birds. I don’t know what they get into, but the water looks pretty bad after they’ve bathed. You’ll have to clean it out and refill it after they’ve done it.

I clean my birdbath with a stiff brush that I bought at a bird store. I scrub around, letting the water splash out till it’s all gone, then rinse and scrub with some fresh water till all the grit and droppings are out. Rinse it and then refill it with clean water. I usually clean the bath every other day, but if there’s been a startling invasion, I may need to clean it more than once a day.

Some folks use a cleaning solution offered by bird stores, but I just use water and a bit of elbow grease. I’m often asked if it’s safe for birds to bathe in subfreezing weather. There are anecdotal stories about a bird flying off from a birdbath and freezing in mid-air, dropping to the ground. I’ve never seen that substantiated anywhere.

Some folks put a board across their birdbath to discourage bathing, or float a disk of bubble wrap to keep birds to the rim of the bath.

According to the National Audubon Society, birds can bathe safely in winter. They have introduced feathers that shed water so little of it actually reaches their skin. And there’s a layer of down against the skin as well.

So, if you want to attract more birds to your yard, and to them a big favor, consider providing water for them this winter.

Clay Christiansen's book, The Birdman of Lauderdale, is available at local bookstores and bird stores as well as online from BirdmanBook.com.

Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area offers a variety of activities for visitors of all ages. Whether you’re interested in hiking, fishing, or bird watching, the area has something for everyone. The park is open year-round, and the visitor center is open daily.

The park is located on the banks of the Mississippi River, just north of St. Paul. It features more than 30 miles of trails, including the popular Canoe Trail, which runs along the river. The area is also home to more than 200 species of birds, including bald eagles and ospreys.

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To learn more about the park, visit www.nps.gov/misr or call 651-647-1452.
refineries to be processed. According to a report by the Association of American Railroads (AAR), that's where the Class I railroads of America like BNSF come in. Noting that skyrocketing rates of oil production have outstripped the capacity of both local refineries and existing oil pipelines, AAR claims that in mid-2013, 60 percent of North Dakota's crude oil production, or some 640,000 barrels a day, was leaving the state by rail for refineries on both coasts and elsewhere.

Not all of that oil is going through the Bakken oil field. As early as 2012 the company reported that it was able to haul a million barrels a day out of the area. Unit tank trains of the type that carry North Dakota oil may also carry ethanol, McBeth said. “The general public likely would not know whether a train was crude oil or ethanol.”

Most ethanol is produced in the Midwest, walls, and one of the safest ways to move crude oil, said McBeth. “BNSF provides free railroad [hazardous materials] response training in communities across our network. Just this fall, we held a training session in St. Paul.”

The AAR also underscores the safety of rail transport of oil, noting that in 2012, “the pipeline crude oil spill percentage was 10 times that of the railroads.”

From a strictly local perspective, this may be modest comfort. No oil pipeline comes anywhere near this area of the Twin Cities, but when the wind is right, as it was in St. Anthony Park, you can hear the rattle of a passing train.

Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at Roseville Library and a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.
The Church of Corpus Christi first met at Fireside Hall in the lower level of what is now Milton Square.

The Fairview Avenue location housed both a school and a convent.

The Fairview Avenue church will be dedicated and placed in a permanent location on the church grounds on June 21, with a parish picnic and all-school reunion after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 1, there will be a free spaghetti dinner, but reservations are limited. All former priests, parishioners and students from the school are encouraged to attend all activities.

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1958, and the school opened on Sept. 8, 1959, with nuns from the School Sisters of Notre Dame as teachers. The first Mass was held in three classrooms on Oct. 11, 1959. For the next 33 years, liturgies were celebrated at both the Fairview Avenue and Cleveland Avenue locations, giving the parish the unusual distinction of having two buildings, two miles apart.

In November 1962 the school added a gym (used as a cafeteria, auditorium, stage and sanctuary where Mass was held), kitchen, locker and shower room, and storage facility to the Roseville building. Enrollment peaked in the 1963-64 school year, with 392 students in eight grades. But enrollment began to decline and the school closed in 1981; the nuns left and many students went to St. Rose of Lima School on Hamline Avenue in Roseville. The building was first leased to Minnesota Waldorf School in 1987 and is currently leased to Human and Christian Montessori School.

After a year-long study, the parish council recommended selling the church on Cleveland and building a new worship space at the Fairview Avenue property. A $1 million facility was constructed and the old church was sold to St. Andrew Kim parishioners on March 18, 1992. The building was subsequently sold to the Emily Program, which opened the Anna Westin House—a residential treatment facility for people with eating disorders—in 2010.

There were mixed feelings about the move from parishioners at both locations. It was becoming harder and harder to find parking at the Cleveland location and the basement bathroom was difficult for older parishioners to use, but it was hard for many to leave a place with so many memories. People at both locations wondered how they would merge into one congregation, but a symbolic procession on June 1, 1992, from the Cleveland Avenue location to the Fairview Avenue church brought them all together in one place literally and figuratively. The church remained one body.

The pastors who have served at Corpus Christi are Fathers James Westfall, James Guinney, Paul Colbert, Raymond Mooman, Richard Skluzacek, John Bauer, David M. Pheer, Robert Nygaard and Francis Fried. The current pastor is Father Robert Fitzpatrick, who also serves the congregation at St. Rose of Lima. Several long-term associates have served, notably Father John Bowers and Father Leo Tidlar. School principals were Sisters Francesca Pakana, Mary Leo Tholkes, Alclare Wickenhauser, Rosita M. Mihan, Dolores Waldoch and Josine Winter.

Author's note: Many thanks to the lovely women of Corpus Christi who helped me with this article: Carol Mulroy, Nancy Wenkel, Mary Meyer, Carole Mayers and Mary Zorn, and to the late Ann Bulger for her comprehensive history of the church’s first 50 years.

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FEBRUARY 2014

Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Feb. 12 to be included in the March issue.

2 SUNDAY
Music Under Glass: Urban Hillbilly Quartet, Marjorie Mckenly Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

4 TUESDAY
Baby Lapit Storytime, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday
Computer classes at St. Anthony Park Library every Tuesday in February: Microsoft Word, 10 a.m.-noon, and Microsoft PowerPoint, 1-3 p.m. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

8 SATURDAY
for younger children.
6:30 p.m. For school-age children
St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Questions? Call 651-646-7771

9 SUNDAY
Family Funday, a fundraiser for St. Anthony Park Co-op Pre-school, 2-4 p.m., Langford Park Recreation Center, $8 per family. Activities include jumpy castle, photo booth, Raptor Center, face painting, crafts, kids disco, refreshments, silent auction. Neighborhood Sing, O Ion Campus Center, 1:30 p.m. social gathering, 3:45 p.m. singing
Music Under Glass, the Sudden Lowlyys, Marjorie Mckenly Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

10 MONDAY
Dr. Rehanah McGill will demonstrate techniques of astrological healing in a public lecture of the Theosophical Society, Spirit United Church, 2204 S.E. Como Ave., Minneapolis, 7 p.m. Suggested donation, $10.
Learn what MN350 is doing about climate change and how you can get involved, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Questions? Call Linda Littrell, 651-645-7318.

11 TUESDAY
Replay workshop, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-3 p.m. Call 651-642-0411 to register.
Adoptive parents group: Minneapolis Waiting Children, for parents who adopted children through Minneapolis foster care system, CHLSS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting monthly, “Putting Down Roots: The Clean Water Potential of Rain Gardens,” presented by Elizabeth Bechman, Capital Region Watershed District, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Mary, 651-644-7368 or nugoli13@umn.edu.

12 WEDNESDAY
Practical exercise classes on a monthly basis, 9-11:30 a.m., CHLSS
Music Under Glass, the Ericksons, Marjorie Mckenly Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

13 THURSDAY
Adoptive Parents Group: Parents of Adopted Adults, for parents whose adopted children are now adults, CHLSS, 6-8 p.m.

16 SUNDAY
Classical Cabaret, Ladydipper Ensemble, Gloria de Loura Church, 1795 Holton St., 3 p.m.
Music of George Gershwin, Kurt Weill, M unel de Falla and Isaac Albeniz. Freewill donation.
Music Under Glass, Café Accordion Orchestra, Marjorie Mckenly Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

17 FRIDAY
Presidents’ Day: public libraries are closed.

18 TUESDAY
Social Media Workshop, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-3 p.m. Class size limited; call 651-642-0411 to register.

21 FRIDAY
01 Time Movie Night with silent movies, popcorn and piano accompaniment by Norris Anderson, St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8 p.m.
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22 SATURDAY
Domestic & international adoption information session, CHLSS, 6-8 p.m.
Café Accordion Orchestra, Gloria de Loura Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., Minneapolis, 7 p.m.

23 MONDAY
Music Under Glass: Urban Hillbilly Quartet, Marjorie Mckenly Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

24 MONDAY
Bubble Gum Group, for adopted kids ages 8-11, CHLSS, 6:30 p.m. Register at chlss.org or groupporty groups.
Women’s Human Rights Film Series: “With Impunity,” St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8:30 p.m.

25 TUESDAY
0 Nine Application Workshop, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-3 p.m. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

28 FRIDAY
Co-ed drum circle, Women’s Drum Center, 6:30 p.m. All levels of experience welcome; drums provided; $10 at the door.

VENUE INFORMATION:
CHLSS, Children’s Home & Lutheran Social Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771
Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hartline Ave., 651-644-9559
Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville
Fairview Heights United Church of Christ, 1395 Holton St., Minneapolis, 651-646-2681
Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 651-631-0300
O Ion Campus Center, Fulham Street and Hendon Avenue
St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411
St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2212 Commonwealth Ave., 651-646-1773
St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., Minneapolis, 651-603-8946
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058
Women’s Drum Center, 2242 W. University Ave., 651-644-9959

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Val Adams

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Tommy Barrett

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Mike Bulger

Mike Bulger, 62, of Como Park died suddenly on Jan. 22. Bulger was a computer technician at the Pioneer Press, where he had worked for 37 years.

Mike was the son of William and Judie Bulger; brother, Bill; and sister, Linda (Bill) LeComte. A memorial service was held Jan. 17 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in St. Paul.

Malcolm Evans

Malcolm Duncan Evans, 87, of Como Park, died Jan. 10. He was the son of Granville and Ida Evans; brother, Donald; and sister, Helen (Malcolm) Emily. A memorial service was held Jan. 27 at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Paul.

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department, and they were married in 1942.

During their 59-year marriage, Conrad and Donald first lived in a large corner house on Keaton Street in St. Anthony Park; later they moved to their home on Carter Avenue. They resided in St. Anthony Park for 58 years and were active members of the community and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood association.

Together they raised five children: Jack (Carla) of Reno, Nev.; Jeanette Annabel (Mason) Wirth, 92, of Minneapolis; William (Barbara) of St. Anthony Park; Jonathan; and Carrie (Ralph) of Shoreview; and Carrie (Steven) Henken of Iowa.

Swanhild Thompson

Swanhild (Swanee) Tverberg Thompson, 94, died Dec. 15 of a stroke. She was born in Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar, to missionary parents. Her father, Svein Stefan Tverberg, was a physician and missionary. Her mother, Anna Louise (Mark) Tverberg, was a missionary. She grew up in Longtime St. Anthony Park resident.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1415 Fairview Ave. SW.

Swanee was an extraordinary woman, known for her energy, her kindness, and her ability to connect with people.

In addition to being an active member of the community, Swanee was a member of the St. Anthony Park Lions Club, the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, and the St. Anthony Park Historical Society.

During her lifetime, Swanee was a voracious reader who loved music, art, and physical activities for all her children. She loved playing the piano and entered many flower arrangements in State Fair competitions.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Conrad M. Thompson. She is survived by her children, Jack (Carla) of Nevada; Jeanette (Mason) Wirth of Minneapolis; William (Barbara) of St. Anthony Park; Jonathan; and Carrie (Ralph) of Shoreview; and Carrie (Steven) Henken of Iowa. She is also survived by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Anthony Park Historical Society.

Coliseum from 1

"If we didn't get an allotment of ice time during the past few years, we've been supplementing more and more with Coliseum ice," Hamilton said.

"I don't want to miss the ice time as much, but we definitely miss the building," said Murphy, the president of the Roseville Area Youth Hockey Association (RAYHA). "It's been the arena of champions since it opened in 1975, and we've had a lot of great memories there.

Prior to its years of existence, the Coliseum was a popular gathering place for people of all ages. It was a place where people could come together to enjoy a variety of events, from concerts to sports games.

The Coliseum was erected nine years later. It was a large and imposing building, with a capacity of 5,250 seats.

"Wait until you see the spot where the Coliseum is now," said Goodrich, echoing his comments: "You walk through the area and you can see the floor. It's like a canvas for the future."
At the end of the year, there were 3 houses for sale that sold. The average sale price was 89.8% of the original price. The average sale price increased 32.9% this year.

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Average Market Time
Highest Home Price $750,000
Average Home Price $165,000
Lowest Home Price $80,000
Number of Homes for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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Chelsea Heights Elementary
1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790
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Camp Read-A-Lot
February is I Love to Read Month. Students and their families are invited to attend Chelsea Heights annual family literacy night, Camp Read-A-Lot, which will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

D debate winners
Seniors Yasin Ahmed and Stryker Thompson took third place at the Section IV debate tournament in December and made it to quarterfinals at the Minnesota State D debate Tournament Jan. 17 and 18. Unfortunately they lost the round to Wayzata, but it was the first time Como debaters have made it to final rounds at the state tournament.

Academic World Quest
Two teams of four students from Como Park Senior High School will participate in the Academic World Quest competition at General Mills headquarters on Feb. 14. Students will be quizzed on a broad range of topics, including world history, The Middle East, cyber security, global environmental issues and U.S. education.

Tour Como high school
Shadowsing and school touring opportunities continue through Friday, Feb. 14. Students must register for their school choices in St. Paul Public Schools by Saturday, Feb. 15. To set up a time to visit the school, contact Sandy Ketner at 651-744-3997.

They’re yet to talent
The Voice of the Cougar competition happened on Jan. 16. This is a fun, "juried" talent show where students showcase their performance abilities and teachers and staff judge the acts a parody of American Idol.

Winterfest is Feb. 10-14
The annual Winterfest celebration will be held Feb. 10-14. Time delays during the week culminate in the winter sports recognition and coronation of W Winterfest royalty and a dance on Friday, Feb. 14.

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

Important dates at Murray
• Thursday, Feb. 6: Murray’s Showcase, 6:30-8 p.m. for families attending Murray in September 2014
• Feb. 4-11: School tours begin 9:15 a.m. Appointments aren’t necessary, just come to the front hallway.
• Saturday, Feb. 15: School choice deadline for St. Paul Public Schools
• Monday, Feb. 17: Presidents’ Day, no school
• Wednesday, Feb. 19: History Day Fair, 6-9 p.m.
• Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22: Regional Science Fair

Murray winter sports
In January, the Murray girls basketball team continued their proud tradition with a 10-0 record. The girls have won all their games at least 26 points. Two the closest game was a 26-point win over the Cretin Raiders ninth-grade team. Way to go, Lady Pilots!

The wrestling team has been impressive in its dual and tri-meets this season. At press time, several young men remained unbeaten after five meets and Murray will surely be in the hunt for a city championship.

Boys basketball started on Jan. 22, and the Pilots hope to defend their City Championship from last year. Sports information is available at sps.org/sports.

History Day
History Day is right around the corner for the sixth- and seventh-grade students. This year’s theme is “Rights and Responsibilities” and the students are busy preparing for the History Day Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m.

Interested in judging? Contact Gen Nakanishi at 651-744-5233 or gen.nakanishi@spps.org.

Geography Bee
Chas Hardrict’s Geography Bee was conducted to decide the 30 students who will participate in the National Geographic Geography Bee on Saturday, Jan. 25. Results of the competition will be in the March Bugle.
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Building muscles and community

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The art of T’ai Chi Ch’uan, the mysterious meditative movements rooted in martial arts boxing, originated nearly 1,000 years ago by the Taoist monk Chang San-Feng, who lived far in the mountains of China. But one doesn’t have to travel that far to find a community dedicated to preserving this ancient heritage.

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A new lease and a calendar of fun at MidModMen

By Kristal Leebrick

MidModMen+friends, a store that specializes in midcentury vintage and refurbished furniture and home decor, has signed a lease for another year in the storefront at 2401 W. University Ave. With that lease comes a promotional plan that includes special events and recurring events.

“Our intent is to make MidModMen+friends more than a store,” says co-owner Neal Kielar. “I’ve always wanted for this business not just to be a place where you look for things to buy but be a place where you have an experience. We want to give people a reason to come here besides buying something.”

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T’ai Chi studio from 18

"We believe anyone can learn and benefit from the practiced T’ai Chi regardless of age and physical condition," Abdella said. “The most important principle of T’ai Chi isto relax. We want everyone to experience a greater level of relaxation.”

"Education in the western world has excluded an important factor of human development: the harmonious integration of mind and body," Abdella said. “T’ai-Chi helps develop and exercise both the intuitive and intellectual aspects of the individual.”

Ultimately, the study of T’ai-Chi Ch’uan becomes the study of oneself, Abdella said.

The studio will be hosting a Chinese New Year celebration that will include a dragon dance and demonstrations on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. To find out more about the studio go to http://tctaichi.org.

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