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Some Lauderdale Lutherans will spend February on a frozen lake making art in an ice shanty.

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75 years

From its humble beginnings in a basement on Carter Avenue, the Church of Corpus Christi marks 75 years.

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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 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 rail 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 Raymond 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

Bakken oil to 9

Frightful or delightful?

The weather has been a bit of both and these two photos of area snow sculptures display those sentiments. The child-eating monster at right was found on Albert Street in Como Park and the sunny couple and dog below keep a bright watch on Doswell Avenue in St. Anthony Park. Photos by Roger Bergerson and Kristal Leebrick



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.

The rink, which served 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 in which the rink is housed will remain open year-round, officials said, while continuing to host horse

and livestock shows and other special events.

The move has left some local hockey teams scrambling to find a home for next season.

A Ramsey County Parks and Recreation spokeswoman said the county is working closely with several of these programs to find them ice time, primarily at Aldrich Arena in Maplewood. Some teams have expressed concern about having to travel across town or practice at inconvenient times, but the spokeswoman says that's just how things will be from now on.

"High schools are going to need ice and colleges are going to need ice. It's going to chew up ice time," 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.

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C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

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

The Birdman of Lauderdale kicks off Como Sunday Series

From loons to eagles to cardinals to indigo buntings, we live among an amazing variety of birds. Hear local author Clay Christensen's witty tales about the many birds that visit our backyards and Como Park on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1-2:30 p.m. at Lyngblomsten Chapel, 1415 Almond Ave.

The talk is free, but donations are welcome. The Como Sunday Series is presented by the District 10 Como Community Council.

Weekly Como walkabout

The District 10 Como Community Council invites you to join your neighbors on Saturdays for a fun one-hour walk around Lake Como or the nearby park. Get to know your neighbors and keep that New Year's resolution.

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Honor Roll recipients will be recognized by Mayor Chris Coleman at a citywide event to be held on Friday, Jan. 31. This year's Honor Roll recipients and a description of their activities are listed below:

Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center

For more than 30 years, the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has been a part of the Como Park neighborhood. Unlike many large institutions that just happen to be located in a neighborhood, the center and its students have become an important part of the fabric of our neighborhood. Each year, dozens of Job Corps students donate hundreds of volunteer hours to projects right here in the neighborhood.

From being a large part of the muscle that built the new Chelsea Heights school playground (in the snow!) to setting up and taking down tables and tents for Como Fest, from Zoo Boo at Como Regional Park to the annual Neighborhood Cleanup, young people proudly wearing the bright yellow "Job Corps Volunteer" T-shirts are an important part of many neighborhood events.

Without their volunteer commitment, many of these events would not be possible.

Chris Harkness

In the past, Chris Harkness has served as chair of the Land Use Committee, during which time she supervised the work of the Lexington-Larpenteur ad hoc committee. In this capacity, she effectively handled several contentious community discussions between neighbors and commercial development interests.

She has been the chair of the District Plan Revision ad hoc committee for the past few years. In that capacity she has hosted several events, which were designed to garner the input of the community. She is now overseeing the drafting of the District Plan. Concurrently, she was elected as vice chair of the Community Council, where she competently serves on the executive committee, overseeing the work of the board.

In addition to these official duties, Harkness regularly participates in other community events just because she is interested in making this neighborhood a wonderful place to live. Harkness achieves this with a quiet grace and impressive organizational skills. She has tirelessly worked to make the neighborhood a better place to live, work and play.

Pete Bolstad

Pete Bolstad is a dedicated member of the Como Park community: a youth soccer coach, volunteer for the

Bike Rodeo and other community building events, and District 10 board member. Bolstad has served on the council's Neighborhood Relations and Safety committees and on the Como Regional Park Advisory Committee.

As the district faced the challenge of expanding to represent the South Como neighborhood, Bolstad helped guide an inclusive process that adjusted subdistrict boundaries and revised bylaws to provide fair representation while maintaining a proven framework for successful governance.

Falcon Heights

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

Rebuilding Together offers home repair to homeowners in need

Rebuilding Together Twin Cities, a local nonprofit organization that provides critical home repair services to homeowners in need, is accepting applications in the Como, Hamline-Midway and Frogtown neighborhoods of St. Paul, and in the City of Falcon Heights.

Repairs will be made free of charge to qualified homeowners who remain in their home for five years. Household members are asked to participate in the repairs alongside the volunteers to the best of their abilities.

To be eligible for consideration, participants must complete an application to determine eligibility, own the house or be current with mortgage payments, be up-to-date with tax payments, reside in the home for which they are applying, have homeowners insurance and meet income guidelines.

At least one resident in the home must also be a senior (55 or older), an individual living with a disability, a child under the age of 18, or an active or retired member of the armed services.

Interested homeowners can download an application online at rebuildingtogether-twincities.org or request an application by calling 651-776-4273.

AARP offers free tax assistance

Volunteers from AARP will provide free tax assistance for low-income and elderly individuals at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. The service will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4, and ending April 10. Volunteer preparers are qualified to complete basic state and federal tax returns, including renter and property tax refunds. All returns are to be filed electronically.

A Social Security card and photo identification must be provided for all individuals listed on the tax return in order to prepare and file. This is a walk-in service only; no appointments will be taken.

For other locations or questions call AARP, 888-227-7669, or go to www.aarp.org

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Cromwell Ave. The district's Land Use Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at SSA. The Energy Resilience Group generally meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Email erg@sapcc.org to find out the location and date each month. The Environment Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month at SSA. The Transportation Committee meets the first Monday of the month at SSA.

Community Council will vote on creating student seats on Feb. 13

To ensure all interests and opinions in the neighborhood are adequately represented, the St. Anthony Park Community Council will vote to change its bylaws at its February meeting to create two permanent seats for high school or college students. In exchange, the business delegation would be reduced from seven to five seats. The board would appoint the student delegates. The proposed changes will be voted on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

Meet Honor Roll recipients and come to the honoree dinner

As part of an annual citywide event to recognize volunteer service, several St. Anthony Park residents will be honored for their dedicated service to the community: Cindy Thrasher and Julie Glowka, Sue Connor and Sherm Eagles, and Deanna Seppanen.

Neighbors are invited to show support for the honorees by attending the dinner recognizing Honor Roll recipients from across the city on Friday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the University of St. Thomas Binz Refectory, 2115 Summit Ave. Email amy@sapcc.org to RSVP. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. There will be live music, dinner, cocktails and special guests.

Meet the 2014 District 12 honorees:

Sue Connor and Sherm Eagles

Sue Connor and Sherm Eagles have devoted countless hours, days and weeks to improving lives in the community for several decades. Their organizing and continuing coordination of the St. Anthony Park

Community Gardens is but one example.

They were instrumental in efforts resulting in District 12 purchasing the garden site, and have spearheaded the planting and maintenance of the prairie garden next to the Community Gardens. They have written grants, letters and met with many people to obtain support and money for other community endeavors as well.

Eagles has long worked on city and district committees to seek the best and most enlightened directions for environmental and traffic programs in our community and in broader St. Paul. He has been an early leader in sustainable food efforts and a longtime diligent moderator of the neighborhood email group.

Connor and Eagles are community treasures who have benefited all in St. Anthony Park. We are thankful for their lives and their work.

Julie Glowka and Cindy Thrasher

Julie Glowka and Cindy Thrasher have been organizing the Fourth in the Park festivities for St. Anthony Park for more than a decade. They stepped up at a time when the former leaders had reached the end of their energies and had made it known the event was in danger of ending if others didn't come forward.

Glowka and Thrasher did, bringing together a team of volunteers that have put this signature community event on every year since. This is the only Fourth of July parade in St. Paul, and it is enjoyed beyond the neighborhood's borders, regularly bringing local and state notaries to participate. It is year-round work that takes skill, energy and passion. These two women possess an abundance of all three.

Deanna Seppanen

Deanna Seppanen responded to the demise of her local playground, Monkey Island, by organizing neighbors, leading negotiations with the city, working with planners and playground experts as well as helping to coordinate fundraising efforts. The result is a new playground financed by local individuals and institutions with labor provided by the city.

Seppanen's ability to bring her neighbors together proved critical in convincing the city and donors to support this effort and restore a beloved community space.

St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner deadline is Feb. 19

The 28th annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, March 1. The event will begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. Then diners fan out across the neighborhood to partake in a series of salad, dinner and dessert courses hosted at the homes of Progressive Dinner participants.

Download registration forms at <http://sapcc.org/dinner>. You must register by Feb. 19 to participate.

Participants can host up to eight people in their homes for one of the courses (salad, dinner or dessert) or choose to bring appetizers for that number of people to share at the church during the welcome and appetizer course.

The evening begins with appetizers at 5:30 p.m., salad and bread at host homes at 6:30 p.m., main course at 7:30 p.m., and dessert from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m.

If you have questions or would like to help coordinate, call Jane Leonard at 651-303-5263 or email her at minntwin@comcast.net.



Shanty in the sanctuary: Nobody seemed to blink an eye at the salvaged ice fishing shack that took the place of the altar at Peace Lutheran Church in January. *Photo by Kristal Leebrick*

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 arts-based programming." It's a sculpture park, art gallery and community on ice. Each shanty has a theme and involves 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.

Visitors to Noah's Art Shanty will be able to create animals out of clay as they listen to storytellers share animal tales from multiple cultural traditions. The clay pieces will be fired each week in Greenlund's ceramic kilns and put on view in the shanty. Creators will be invited to come back at the end of February to claim their work.

While brainstorming activities for the project, Peg Cavanaugh, 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.

"What resources would you have on a ship full of animals? A lot of . . . manure," she said. They plan to have buckets of, er, brown clay ("squishy, but clean") to create critters for the boat.

The group also plans to have

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 Schweitzer, 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>.

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EDITORIAL

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 sitting empty when 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 for more than a decade. And since we're breaking this news on the editorial page, we don't mind putting in a little opinion: We don't 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 16 months, Weyandt said he's had many men—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 eldest, Elliott, isn't happy that he will no longer be allowed 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

and Weyandt, who met while working at the now-defunct Hungry Mind on Grand Avenue in St. Paul, bought the store from Norton Stillman, publisher of Nodin Press, who had owned it for 31 years.

In the last decade, Micawber's has increased the number of book events at the store. Weyandt said it's hard for him to choose a favorite of all the events, but two that come to mind are the event for Michael Dregni's book on Django Reinhardt with live gypsy jazz ("We way exceeded fire code on that one.") and Kevin Barry, an Irish writer who read there just last fall. "He was the best reader I've seen in person," Weyandt said. "We've had a lot of fun panels and groups, and I've always enjoyed events that were a little different."

Will Weyandt return to the book business down the road? "I don't know what is going to happen going forward," he said. "I'm not going to say yes or no," but he concedes he might get roped into the occasional book event around



town.

After 10 years of hand selling books in Milton Square, we asked Weyandt if there was one book that stood out: "The Late Homecoming [by Kao Kalia 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 Hmong 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."

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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 seniors, 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 District 12 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 houses and property to stay in the same hands longer, said 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 two 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’s 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.

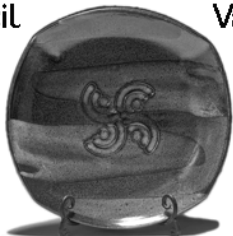
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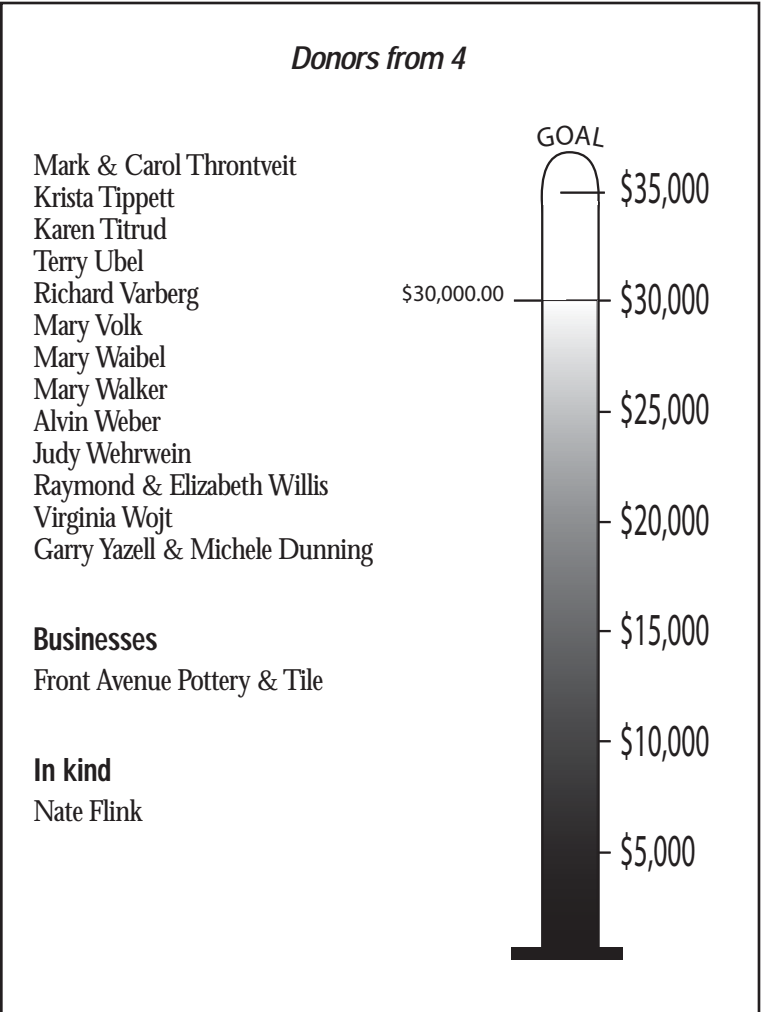
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Houston-based quintet WindSync will perform in several St. Anthony Park venues the last week in February.

The group will open the 2014 Schubert Club Music in the Park Family Concerts with “Peter and the Wolf” on Friday, Feb. 21, at 5:45 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.

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Authors read at Hamline Midway

The Fireside Literary Series will return for its 20th year at the Hamline Midway Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. 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 Goring, Dr. Douglas M. Kelley, and a Fatal Meeting of Minds at the End of WWII*. Recently optioned for stage and screen by Mythology 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, unpretentious yet wonderfully ambitious, *Being Esther* brings understanding and tremendous empathy to the unforgettable Esther Lustig.

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

Feb. 19, Heid 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 *Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest* with 135 home-tested recipes paired with stories from tribal activists, food researchers, families and chefs.

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 unique relationship with language, spirituality and the world around you.

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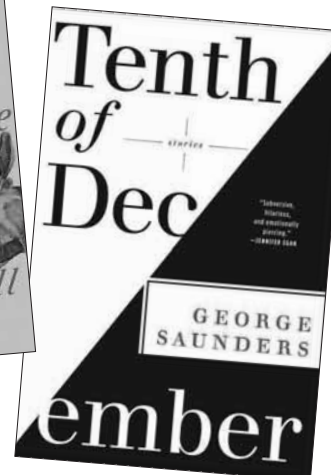
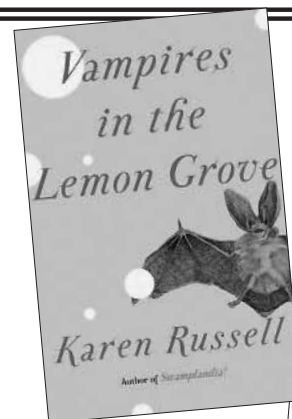
February is the shortest month and we choose to celebrate with some great short-story collections just out in paperback. Karen Russell’s “Vampires in the Lemon Grove” and George Saunders’ “Tenth of December.”



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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, it's 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)

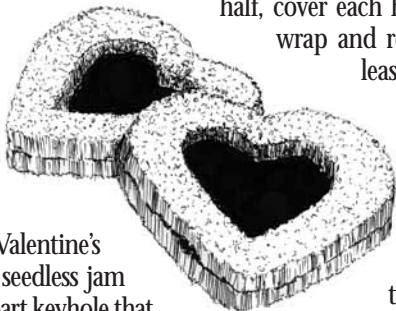
Combine flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl, set aside. In a standing mixer or using a hand-held electric mixer, beat granulated sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extract. Gradually add flour mixture. Beat at low speed until dough forms. Divide dough in half, cover each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

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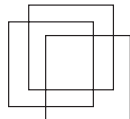
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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

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. Maybe being a larger bird, they can afford the energy cost to melt it. I haven't seen many 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; that's not safe.

Bird stores have birdbaths of different designs and sizes. Look for one with a surface that gives birds a sure footing. Most birds won't step into the bath, but if they do, they need to be able to stand without sliding 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 set one on a patio table or a stump. The weight 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



A mourning dove at Christensen's backyard birdbath. Photo by Clay Christensen

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're done.

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 starling 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 interlocking 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 do them a big favor, consider providing water for them this winter.

Clay Christensen'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 topic of next St. Paul Audubon program

Kate Havelin, community outreach coordinator of the Mississippi River Fund in St. Paul, will share stories of the rich history of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area at the St. Paul Audubon's monthly program on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville.

The MNRRA, which encompasses 72 river miles winding through the Twin Cities, is unique in that the national park does not own most of the land along the river and relies on partnerships with established parks and land throughout the corridor.

The most recent addition to the park was the acquisition of Coldwater Spring in Minneapolis. The National Park Service and the Mississippi River Fund are working to restore Coldwater Spring to its native landscape.

Kate Havelin will share stories of the history of the park, the river and its lands.

To learn more about this topic, visit www.nps.gov/miss/index.htm or www.missriverfund.org.

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

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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 next-door-neighbor Minnesota, of course, but some of it likely is. About eight unit trains a day use the BNSF rail network to carry oil to refineries outside North Dakota, according to McBeth. St. Paul is part of the state's most prominent rail hub, and the rail yard just south of Energy Park Drive is a major intermodal facility on the route between North Dakota and Chicago.

BNSF boasts that it has the highest freight capacity of any rail line serving the Williston Basin, the region that contains the Bakken oil fields. 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 and then transported out of the region to coastal markets and beyond. However, U.S. Energy Information Administration statistics suggest that ethanol production rates have remained relatively constant since 2010, unlike North Dakota crude output rates, which continue to climb, fueling among other things a boom in railway tank-car manufacturing.

"Crude oil-related cars accounted for 70 percent of all new tank manufacturing in 2012," according to the business publication *Crain's Chicago Business*. Freight-train enthusiasts spotting trains on a recent Saturday noted that the unit tank train heading east on a that day was composed of tank cars built in 2012 by American Railcars Industry in Marmaduke, Ark.

Ethanol isn't considered an entirely safe load either. In an incident that offered an eerie premonition of events in Casselton, a tank train carrying ethanol derailed and caught fire in 2011, forcing the evacuation of the small town of Tisikwa, Ill.

Although accidents have been well publicized, McBeth points out that rail transport remains overwhelmingly safe. "Railroads remain the safest ground transportation for freight in general 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 nearly every house in St. Anthony Park 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.



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The Church of Corpus Christi first met at Fireside Hall in the lower level of what is now Milton Square.



The first Mass on Cleveland Avenue was held on Feb. 22, 1941.



The Fairview Avenue location housed both a school and a convent. The school opened in September 1959.

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Church of Corpus Christi marks 75 years

By Michelle Christianson

To many, a church is a brick-and-mortar structure, but those who belong to a church know that it is not the building but the people who gather within it to worship and support one another who are the real church. Though it has been housed in four locations, the Church of Corpus Christi has remained a thriving, active parish for 75 years.

Corpus Christi had its beginnings as the “Confraternity Christian Doctrine Group,” which was comprised of mostly University of Minnesota students who met at the Agricultural Engineering Building on the St. Paul campus under the guidance of Father Rudolf Bandas. When the Minnesota state fairgrounds were chosen as the site of the 1941 National Eucharistic Congress, Archbishop Gregory Murray (who had been considering establishing a parish that would encompass the fairgrounds and the university) chose the name “Corpus Christi” for the host of the congress. The church was incorporated on Feb. 3, 1939.

The congregation began meeting at the Fireside Hall in the lower level of what is now Milton Square, and within five weeks the church had bought the property at Buford and Cleveland avenues, established a building fund, printed offering envelopes and bulletins, conducted children’s classes, started a choir and a women’s group, and held its first baptism. The church met at the Fireside Hall for two years and the first pastor was Father James Westfall, who was both parish pastor and chaplain to the university students.

The architect for the new structure was J.V. Vanderbilt of Minneapolis, the construction company was P.O. Nasvik and the cost was \$45,000. The stone used on the outside of the building came from a demolished grade school in Stillwater and is now about 175 years old. The builders broke ground for the church on Aug. 21, 1940, and despite construction delays and striking workers, were able to hold the children’s Christmas program on Dec. 22 of that year. The first Mass was on Feb. 22, 1941.

When the National Eucharistic Congress convened on June 23, 1941, the church was able to help out in many ways. Congregants drove attendees (125,000 from all over the United States), served breakfast, lunch and dinner at the church, and helped find accommodations for some of the attendees. The conference was a rousing success, despite the rainy weather.

Corpus Christi was dedicated on Oct. 12, 1941, and now faced the task of raising funds to pay off the loan on the building. The church bought a space at the State Fair and served more than 15,000 meals in 1942. Other money-raising ventures over the years included Bingo games, card parties, spaghetti dinners and fall festivals. The church hosted Boy Scout Troup 48 and drew many students from the university, which added an international flavor to the congregation. By 1955, the church had 600 members.

Because there was no room to build a school near the church, members voted in September 1958 to buy property at Fairview Avenue and County Road B for a school and convent. The groundbreaking was held on Nov. 1,

Anniversary celebration includes a week of festivities

The Church of Corpus Christi marks its 75th year in 2014. The congregation began celebrating this anniversary on Monday, Jan. 27, with a weeklong “renewal of faith and spirit.” Each night, after a light supper at 6 p.m., two Redemptionist priests from Chicago—Father Tony Judge and Father Greg Schmitt—will present and lead discussions on different topics, beginning at 7 p.m. The Wednesday, Jan. 29, theme is the Easter candle and the Thursday, Jan. 30, topic is the altar.

The dinners are free, but reservations are requested for planning purposes. (Call the church at 651-639-8888 for all reservations.) A children’s program will be held during the talks. Let the church know how many children you plan to bring.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the church will hold a parish dance starting at 6:30 p.m.; snacks will be served.

Following the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 1, there will be a free spaghetti dinner, but reservations are limited. The week culminates on Sunday, Feb. 2, with a hospitality hour after the 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses. All former priests, parishioners and students from the school are encouraged to attend all activities.

The 75th anniversary celebration will continue on Saturday, June 21, with a parish picnic and all-school reunion after the 5 p.m. Mass (rain or shine). The cross that was removed from the old Cleveland Avenue church will be dedicated and placed in a permanent location on the church grounds on June 21.

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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 Hand in Hand 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. That 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 Moorman, Richard Skluzacek, John Bauer, David McPhee, 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 Tibesar. School principals were Sisters Francesca Pekarna, Mary Leo Tholkes, Alclaire Wickenhauser, Rosita Meehan, 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.



Top photo: In June 1992, a symbolic procession from the Cleveland Avenue location to the Fairview Avenue church brought the two congregations together in one place. Above: Mary Meyer (left) and Carol Mulroy (center, right) volunteer weekly with the summer youth service program Give and Grin. This 2013 photo was taken at the ARC thrift store.

Inset: The founding of the Church of Corpus Christi coincided with the 1941 National Eucharistic Congress held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

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Falcon Heights family sponsors parents' room at Children's

Neil and Maria Gibbons of Falcon Heights know from experience that long stays in the hospital during a child's illness can be incredibly difficult. When the family heard that Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota in St. Paul would be breaking ground on a new neuroscience and epilepsy center, they wanted to give back to the place they spent so much time.

When Children's Hospitals and Clinics opened the doors to its new neuroscience and epilepsy unit in December, patient families found a space—Kylie's Hope Family Resource Center, sponsored by the Gibbons' foundation—where they can take a few minutes away from their child's hospital room, relax and connect with other parents.

The Gibbons' oldest daughter, Kylie, was only 4 months old when she experienced her first seizure. Neil and Maria admitted Kylie to the epilepsy unit at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, where they learned she had a rare genetic disease. The Gibbons were so grateful for the care and support they received at Children's that they created the foundation Kylie's Hope. Over the past five years, Neil, Maria, and their family and friends have built support for Kylie's Hope through an annual golf tournament. Proceeds provide families with gift cards to ease everyday financial burdens like gas, food or lodging while a child is in the hospital.

Kylie is now on a new medication that better controls her seizures and the Gibbons still get together with the families they've met during Kylie's long stays at Children's. Kylie is now 9 years old and a happy third-grade student.

Langford Winter Classic winners

The 55th annual Langford Park Winter Classic was held Jan. 9-12 and here are the winners of the various activities at the annual event.

Joseph Ochs, 11, and Bennett Schillfour, 12, were the Medallion Hunt winners.

The 10U boys basketball tourney, Pool A, was won by Langford Park's Team Aarness. Runner-up was Hillcrest's Team Nelson. Merriam Park Recreation Center was the winner in Pool B and Langford's Team Nakanishi was the runner-up.

Duluth and Case Rec Center Team Schleif placed first in the 12U boys basketball tourney for Pool A. Groveland came in second. Pool B winners were Groveland Rec Center Team Lindsey, first place, and Langford, second place.

The 10U girls basketball tourney was won by Langford Park. Merriam Park was the runner-up. The 12U girls basketball tourney was won by North Dale Rec Center. Langford was the runner-up.

Hockey wins went to City of Lakes, first place; Edgumbe Green, second place; and Roseville, third. Langford Park Blue won the consolation game.

St. Matthew's opens annual art show to artists over 18

Registrations has opened for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church's nonjuried "Celebration of Community" art show. All artists over the age of 18 in all media—paintings, prints, photos, sculpture, pottery or mixed media—can submit one piece of art. The 16th annual show will open March 1 and run through April 27.

Registration forms are available now and should be returned to the church when art is delivered on Saturday, Feb. 15. Forms are available at the church, 2136 Carter Ave. You can also fill out a form when you drop off the artwork. Contact Janet Murphy, cpsibilia@yahoo.com, for more information.

Como are block nurse program seeks volunteer board members

The Como Park/Falcon Heights

Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, providing supportive neighborhood services for seniors, is looking for volunteers to serve on its board of directors. Expertise is needed in the areas of computer technology, legal skills, finance skills, marketing, and development and fundraising. The board meets six times a year with some additional work outside of regular meetings. If interested, please contact Jody McCardle, executive director, at 651-642-1127.

Fracking and our water supply to be addressed at U of M lecture

Hydraulic fracturing—pumping water and chemicals deep underground to bring oil and natural gas to the surface—is a controversial environmental issue in the U.S. today.

Supporters say the drilling technique is safe, has reduced energy prices and is making the U.S. far less dependent on imported oil. Critics say the technique will lead to widespread pollution of drinking water supplies.

Robert Jackson, an environmental scientist at Stanford and Duke universities, will present "Fracking: What we know and don't know about its impact on water" on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the theater at the U of M's St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave.

Dr. Jackson's research in Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Texas has not found the direct pollution of water wells by drilling fluids and brackish waste water that critics of fracking fear. The research has found significant natural gas contamination in water wells near gas wells.

Jackson's presentation is sponsored by the Freshwater Society and the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences.

The series, is part of the Moos Family Speaker Series on Water Resources. Register to attend the lecture at www.freshwater.org.

Danish Modern show opens at Gallery 241 in McNeal Hall

The opening reception for the show "Danish Modern: Design for Living" at Gallery 241 in McNeal Hall on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus will be held on Friday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will run through April 27.

Organized by the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa, the exhibition features furniture designs by Arne Jacobsen, Hans Wegner, Finn Juhl, Jens Risom, Helge Sibast and Søren Georg Jensen, plus Dansk housewares, toys, lighting and decorative ceramics by Bjørn Wiinblad.

A variety of sources loaned objects for this exhibition, including the Goldstein Museum of Design, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Danish American Center and private collectors.

The exhibit will include "Designing the Beautifully Useful: A

Panel Discussion on Scandinavian Modern Design" on Thursday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in Room 33, McNeal Hall.

Panel members will examine the intersection of design and ethnic identity as it relates to the popular Scandinavian Modern furniture and household products that were widely available between the end of World War II and the 1970s.

Gallery 241 is on the second floor of McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave.

Come Play with Words

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., St. Anthony Park, will host Friday Night Out with award-winning writer and workshop leader Susan Marie Swanson on Friday, Feb. 7. The evening will begin with a supper at 5:30 p.m. The program for school-age children, youth and adults will be from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Swanson will work with participants to play with words—out loud and on paper—for the sheer delight of it.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children age preschool and younger.

Call 651-646-7173 for more information.

Valentine's dinner at Como conservatory offers kid care

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory will open its gardens for a Valentine's Day dinner on Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15.

There will be two seatings per evening: 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The cost is \$165 per couple, a portion of which is tax-deductible.

For more information, to make a reservation, or to view the menus, visit www.comozooconservatory.org.

Can't find a sitter? Whether dining at the conservatory or not, Como Kids' Club will be available each night for parents looking for an entertaining and educational experience for their children.

Como Kids' Club is \$25 per child for parents attending a Como Valentine's Dinner or \$30 per child for parents who are not attending the dinner. Preregistration for each child is required. Call 651-487-8272.

Alan Page to address campaign financing in judicial elections

In 2005, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Minnesota could not prohibit judicial candidates from seeking campaign funds and could not limit candidates' partisan political activities.

An amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution is required to change that method of selecting judges. The Impartial Justice Act may come out of this year's legislative session and be on the ballot in 2014. Justice Alan Page will speak in favor of the amendment, which the League of Women Voters also supports, on Wednesday, Feb.

19, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Wilder Center, 451 S. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul.

There is free parking in the ramp next door to the center. For more information, email rjscreaton@gmail.com.

Celtic Junction to host 'Gaela' for Center for Irish Music

The Center for Irish Music and Jim Rogers, director of the Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas, invite you to Éigse CIM, A Gaela Event on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Celtic Junction, 836 N. Prior Ave.

Éigse (eg-shuh) is an Irish word used for festivals celebrating traditional Irish arts and culture.

The Feb. 22 event is a fundraiser for the Center for Irish Music and its mission of handing down traditional Irish music.

This semi-formal evening event includes two ticket options for attendees: come early at 5 p.m. to share a meal provided by Cara Irish Pubs or come at 7 p.m. for the silent auction and concert featuring the traditional Irish music of the CIM instructors who are recording, award-winning and world-touring artists.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit centerforirishmusic.org or call 651-815-0083.

A new webinar series for adoptees

Children's Home & Lutheran Social Services will launch a series of webinars for families in February. All webinars are on Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. For more details and to register go to chsfs.org/livewebinars. The series will include:

- Navigating the Teen Years, Feb. 20
- Searching for Birth Family, March 20
- Racism and Teasing, April 17
- Adult Adoptee Relationships—too close for comfort?, May 15

News from Northwest Como Rec

Register now for following classes: Sesame Street Art Class for ages 18 months-4 years, which begins on Tuesday, Feb. 4; Tae Kwon Do for ages 6 and older, begins Feb 4; Yoga for ages 6-11, begins Friday, March 14; Hip Hop for Boys, ages 8-12, begins Wednesday, Feb. 5; Lego Fungineering for grades 1-4, begins Wednesday, March 12; Floor Hockey for ages 7-12, begins Monday, March 17; and Babysitters Training for ages 11 and older, begins Saturday, Feb 8.

A Mardi Gras Teen Dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, from 7-9:30 p.m. (cost is \$5) for youth in grades 5-8.

Friday, Jan. 31, is the last day to register for Indoor Soccer for ages 3-14 and Volleyball for ages 9-18. Participants will be taken after that only if space is available.

You can register for these classes at www.stpaul.gov/parks or call Northwest Como Recreation Center, 651-298-5813.


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FEBRUARY

Events

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

2 SUNDAY

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

4 TUESDAY

Baby Lapsit 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.

Minnesota caucus night: Go to <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us> to locate your caucus.

Domestic & international adoption information session, CHLSS, 6-8:30 p.m.

5 WEDNESDAY

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

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "The Round House," by Louise Erdrich, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

7 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m., every Friday

Doane Choir of Doane College, Crete, Neb., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 7 p.m.

Come Play with Words at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Supper at 5:30 p.m., program with author Susan Marie Swanson begins at 6:30 p.m. For school-age children through adults. Childcare provided for younger children.

8 SATURDAY

Adam Granger in concert, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 8 p.m.; \$15 at the door. Local group Doc and the Disorderlies will open.

9 SUNDAY

Family Funday, a fundraiser for St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool, 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, Olson Campus Center, 2:30 p.m. social gathering, 3-4:30 p.m. singing

Music Under Glass, the Sudden Lovelys, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

10 MONDAY

Dr. Reenah McGill will demonstrate techniques of esoteric healing in a public lecture of the Theosophical Society, Spirit United Church, 3204 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, 651-645-2718.

11 TUESDAY

Resume workshop, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-3 p.m. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

Adoptive parents group: Minnesota's Waiting Children, for parents who adopted children through Minnesota's foster care system, CHLSS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club monthly meeting: "Putting Down Roots: The Clean Water Potential of Rain Gardens," presented by Elizabeth Beckman, Capital Region Watershed District, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Mary, 651-644-7388 or magui011@umn.edu.

12 WEDNESDAY

Preschool Mandarin Chinese Storytime, St. Anthony Park Library, 3-3:45 p.m.

Minnesota's Waiting Children information session, learn about adopting children who live in foster care, CHLSS, 6-8 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, Ladyslipper Ensemble, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave., 3 p.m. Music of George Gershwin, Kurt Weill, Manuel de Falla and Isaac Albeniz. Freewill donation.

Music Under Glass, Café Accordion Orchestra, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

17 MONDAY

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

Old-Time Movie Night with silent movies, pop, popcorn and piano accompaniment by Norris Anderson, St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8 p.m.

Singer/songwriter & Como resident Paul Seeba, Coffee Grounds, 8-10 p.m.

22 SATURDAY

Domestic & international adoption information session, 9-11:30 a.m., CHLSS

Lauderdale Reunion Party, Station 280, 2550 Como Ave., 5 p.m.-?

23 SUNDAY

Music Under Glass: the Ericksons, Marjorie McNeely 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 chsfs.org/supportgroups.

Women's Human Rights Film Series: "With Impunity," St. Anthony Park

Library, 7-8:30 p.m.

25 TUESDAY

Online Application Workshop, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-3 p.m. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

Preschool Mandarin Chinese Storytime, St. Anthony Park Library, 3-3:45 p.m.

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.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES

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

Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 3-4 p.m.

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:

CHLSS, Children's Home & Lutheran Social Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave., 651-644-9959

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

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., 651-646-2681

Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 651-631-0300

Olson Campus Center, Fulham Street and Hendon Avenue

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

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 651-646-7173

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-603-8946

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058

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Val Adams

Val Adams, 73, of Falcon Heights, died on Dec. 20.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred J. Adams. She is survived by her daughters, Kristi Adams (Kelley Jewett) and Keri Miller (Joe); nine grandchildren; a great grandson; and her four-legged companion, Bobby.

A memorial service was held Dec. 27 at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville.

Dwayne Albrecht

Dwayne Edward Albrecht, 70, of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 12 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was the founder of Albrecht Co.

He grew up on a farm near Brownton, Minn., and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, with a degree in soil science. Dwayne's talent for innovation brought him to the attention of professor Donald Baker, with whom he created the Weather Station at the research plots on the St. Paul campus.

While still in college, Dwayne began Albrecht Landscape Co. and purchased a home in St. Anthony Park near the St. Paul campus. As his business grew, he hired many young people from the neighborhood, often for their first work experience.

He and his wife, Joy, raised their sons in St. Anthony Park. Dwayne enjoyed transporting bands in the Fourth of July parade for many years.

Dwayne nurtured his landscape business into Albrecht Co. and was proud that his sons are continuing to manage the company. His work was important to him and the impact of his numerous projects gave him great satisfaction.

Dwayne is survived by his wife, Joy; sons, Raymond (Kate) of Falcon Heights and Edward (Tammy) of St. Anthony Park; three grandchildren; mother, Norma; brother, Donald; sisters, Diane Albrecht and Karen (Bruce) Johnson; and sister-in-law, Star Strane (Joe) of St. Anthony Park. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond J. Albrecht; brother, Capt. Stanley B. Albrecht; and father- and mother-in-law, Jackson and Bernice Strane, of St. Anthony Park.

His funeral was held on Dec. 16 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Thomas Barrett

Thomas J. Barrett, 93, died Jan. 10.

He is survived by his sons, Thomas J. Jr. and Tony; daughters, Judy Semsch, Molly Carew, Kathleen, Ellen Barrett and Meghan Harlander; 19 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Rita Hamburger and Kathleen Kolias.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 14 at the Church of St. Cecilia, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Mike Bulger

Mike Bulger, 62, of Como Park died suddenly on Jan. 22.

Bulger was senior editor for technology and presentation at the Pioneer Press, where he had worked for 37 years.

The son of Ann and Bill Bulger, Mike grew up in St. Anthony Park, where he graduated from Murray High School. He attended the University of St. Thomas and began his newspaper career with jobs at the Jackson County Pilot in Jackson, Minn., and the Albert Lea Tribune.

He was hired by the Pioneer Press in 1977 as a copy editor on the night desk and was promoted to business writer, afternoon news editor, newsroom technology director and senior editor for presentation and technology.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; children Carrie, Peter and Jennifer; five grandchildren; six brothers and two sisters.

His funeral was held on Jan. 25 at Roseville Memorial Chapel.

Malcolm Evans

Malcolm Duncan Evans, 87, of Como Park, died Jan. 10.

He was born in Groton, Mass. Evans was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. He earned his doctorate in education from Harvard University. His career was in public school administration.

After retirement, he was the executive secretary of the Association for Process Philosophy of Education; a visiting scholar at the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif., and author of the book *Whitehead and Philosophy of Education*.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Grace; daughters, Tara and Hannah; and son-in-law, Jose.

A memorial service was held Jan. 20 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Christopher Meusburger

Christopher J.R. Meusburger, 30, of St. Anthony Park, died unexpectedly in a fire on Jan. 12. Chris loved reading, Halloween, the martial arts, people, kids and Bargain Upholstery (owned by his parents). He was a proud member of the Raymond Avenue neighborhood and enjoyed volunteering at Hampden Park Co-op.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Violet Meusburger and Margaret Revoir. He is survived by his parents, Jerry Meusburger and Dianne Revoir; sister, Maria; and many friends and relatives in Minnesota and Iowa who will miss his enthusiasm and energy. Emma, Lucy and the dogs of Raymond Avenue have lost a true friend.

A celebration of Chris's life was held Jan. 17 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home in St. Paul. Memorials are preferred to a pet or wildlife organization of your choosing.

Phyllis Paul

Phyllis Jean Dustin Paul, 83, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 13. She was dedicated to her family and loved caring for them. In more active years, she loved cheerleading and rollerskating. She was also a devoted Twins and Vikings fan.

She was preceded in death by her son William Jr. and husband and companion, William Sr. She is survived by sons Jerry, Ron (Terry), Jim (Brenda), Tom (Rachel) and Tim (Shelly); 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Pixie.

Visitation was held Dec. 27 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell

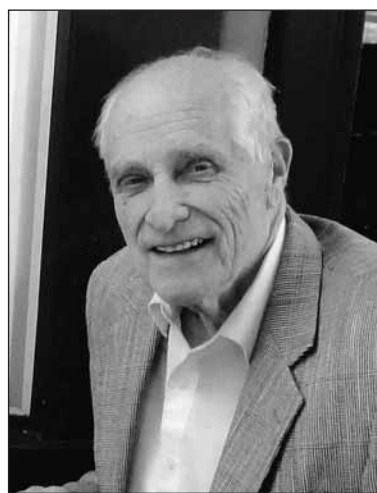
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Carol Pearson

Carol M. Pearson, 91, of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 8.

She was preceded in death by her brother, James Pearson, and sister, Janet Stoeberl. She is survived by siblings Bonnie Burns, Margaret Lundberg, John (Bev) Pearson and Judith Palmquist; and sister-in-law, Joan Pearson.

A memorial service was held Dec. 14 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell with interment at Sunset Memorial Park.



Janis Robins

Janis Robins

In 1950, Janis Robins, a recent immigrant to the United States, split all the money he had—\$120—with a friend so they both could attend college.

That's a story his daughters Zaiga and Laila Robins say exemplifies their father.

"My father was always generous and always gave to those who had less," said Laila Robins. "A real philanthropist."

Janis Robins, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on Dec. 14. The 88-year-old retired chemist lived on Ludlow Avenue with his wife, Brigita. There they raised four daughters, Zaiga, Laila, Daina and Baiba.

At age 19, Janis and his family fled Latvia to escape the Soviet-backed regime's efforts to send Latvians to forced labor camps in Siberia. The family immigrated to the United States in 1949 after spending five years in post-World War II displaced persons camps. They settled in Tacoma, Wash., and in 1950, Janis helped Brigita's family immigrate to the U.S.

After completing a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of Washington in Seattle, Janis came to Minnesota to work for 3M. He later became an analytical chemistry professor at Macalester College, worked for Ashland, a specialty chemicals company, and Archer Daniels Midland before returning to work at 3M.

The family first lived on Hillside Avenue in St. Anthony Park, then moved to Commonwealth Avenue and eventually settled on "sweet little Ludlow," Laila Robins said. "We played so many games on the street, as it was a dead end and traffic was

very rare."

Janis is remembered by his family for his love of volleyball and his efforts to raise the caliber of the Fourth of July games at Langford Park. "I always think about dad bringing in Latvian ringers to the Fourth of July volleyball tourney, not so much to win, but loving volleyball," Zaiga said.

An active member in the Latvian-American community in the Twin Cities, he was awarded the three-star medal of honor from his homeland in 2005 for his extensive efforts to help the Latvian community during years of both Soviet occupation and after Latvia regained its independence.

Janis is survived by his wife of 62 years, Brigita; daughters, Baiba (Glad) Olinger, Daina (Peter von Websky), Laila and Zaiga; two grandchildren, Maris and Kaija von Websky; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones in Latvia and the U.S. He was preceded in death by a son, Maris, who died at age 5 in 1962.

The funeral for Janis Robins was held on Dec. 23 at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Melita Rosenthal

Melita Anna Rosenthal (née Hermes), 97, of Como Park, died Dec. 28. She raised her children on Midway Parkway and spent her last days in the Lyngblomsten Apartments.

She was preceded in death by daughters Kathleen Clemen and Mary Leigh and sons Dennis, Patrick and Leon Girard. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Leon; sons Peter (Peggy Doeksen), Noel (JoEd) and Kevin (Beth); 21 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Nora Rosenthal, Marge Rosenthal and Marie (Hermes) Barkdoll; daughters-in-law Kathy McHale (Dennis) and Patsy Gleaton (Patrick); and sister, Mildred Moder (Robert).

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 2 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Corrine Scherbert

Corinne (Anderson) Scherbert, 94, died Dec. 8. She was born in North Dakota and raised in Hibbing, Minn. For the last 12 years she has lived with her daughter, Carrie Hemken and family, on their farm in Alden, Iowa. Her husband, Donald Scherbert, preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 2001.

She was the oldest of seven children born to Wilbur and Mildred Anderson. During World War II, Corinne worked as a switchboard operator at the Androy Hotel in Hibbing. She loved that job and saved every penny to buy a house in St. Anthony Park.

Corinne met Don Scherbert while both were working for the University of Minnesota printing

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department, and they were married in 1942.

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

Together they raised five children, Jack (Carla) of Reno, Nev.; Jeanne (Steve) Mikkelsen of Mounds View, Minn.; Bruce (Debbe) of St. Paul; Diana of Shoreview; and Carrie (Steve) Hemken 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 Stefen Tverberg; her husband of 61 years, Conrad M. Thompson; her sons, Mervin, Mark and Nathan; and now, her grandson Zachary, all either were or are Lutheran pastors. She had been a longtime St. Anthony Park resident.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, the day after what would have been her 95th birthday, in the Lyngblomsten Chapel, 1415 Almond Ave.

After Swanee graduated from St. Olaf College and married Conrad, she began the work of raising four children, managing a full household and contributing within the community. Conrad credited her vital role at home as the foundation for his ministry within the church. She served as a 4-H leader and taught Sunday school at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Together, in their mid-20s,

Swanee wrote the words and Connie wrote the music for the choral piece, "Christmas Lullaby," which is still sung today. Swanee invested many hours in her Norwegian embroidery Hardangersom, earning purple ribbons at the Minnesota State Fair and teaching the craft in Burnsville, Minn., and in Mesa, Ariz., where she and Connie spent winter months post-retirement.

Prior to their years of wintering in Mesa, they traveled across the U.S. on behalf of the radio ministry Lutheran Vespers and led tours to Scandinavia, Israel-Palestine, New Zealand and Australia. Eleven years ago, she moved to Lyngblomsten in Como Park, where she lived independently surrounded by all things Malagasy and Norwegian, and later, moved to the Dorothea Neighborhood at the care center.

The family will be eternally grateful to terrific staff and caregivers, especially to Marcy Frye, who gave her so much love. Her mind was clear until the end, and what a gift that was. She was "Clearing House Central" for the entire family. She was a voracious reader who loved keeping up with the news of the world. As her body grew weaker, she said that as long as she could still read she was all right.

Swanee will be terribly missed by her children, Mervin (Jackie Morstad), Beverly (Roe) Hatlen, Mark (Marjore Williams) and Nathan (Kim Morris); 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Dagny Lerseth; and sisters-in-law, Laurie Tverberg and Donna Tverberg. The Tverberg-Thompson family continues to help with the crucial work needed in Madagascar.

Memorials may be sent to Global Health Ministries, c/o the

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Jeanette Wirth

Jeanette Annabel (Mason) Wirth, 92, of Falcon Heights died Dec. 13. She was born in Marion, N.D., on Dec. 13, 1921, the fifth child of eight to Chester and Rosa Mason. She grew up in Bismarck, N.D.

She received an RN degree and went to New York City for a military training course for nurses at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

Initially rejected by the Navy Nurse Corps because of her poor eyesight, she was accepted into the Army Nurse Corps.

Shortly after World War II ended, she returned to work in Bismarck, where she met Ray Wirth. Jeanette took advantage of the GI bill and moved to Minnesota, where she earned a degree in public health from the University of Minnesota. After graduation, she and Ray were married on Aug. 13, 1950.

Jeanette and Ray raised four children in Falcon Heights. She is remembered as a loving mother who encouraged creativity in 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. She is survived by her children, Brenda (Steven) Tilton, Rosanne (Steve) Nosek), Dan and Jonathan; eight grandchildren; a great-grandson; and two step-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held at Central Baptist Church on Dec. 21, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Goodrich pointed out that "the life expectancy on a refrigeration system we have... is at maximum 25 years old, and this one is pushing closer to 40."

He added that even if officials had gone ahead with the repairs, they would have had to close down the arena for a year to replace the refrigeration unit and the floor, and risk losing tenants to competing rinks in the area.

"What portion of that would come back a year after that happened?" he wondered aloud.

Over the years, the 5,250-seat, 32,400-square-foot Coliseum, once known as the St. Paul Hippodrome, has hosted the teams from the St. Paul Athletic Club and University Club, Hamline and St. Thomas University, several area high schools and the St. Paul Saints, a now-defunct semi-pro hockey club. Its current tenants include Hamline's women's team, Como Park Senior High School's boys, and the Langford Park and Roseville youth and adult hockey leagues. The site also frequently hosted high school boys sectional playoff games.

Officials also blamed the impending closure on dwindling demand. At its height in the 1980s and early 1990s, the Coliseum was hosting nearly 150 games a year,

officials said. That number has dropped significantly, they said.

"There's been a change in the demand, at least at the Coliseum for ice. I would say 20 to 25 years ago, we used to sell ice for an hour or two before school started," Goodrich said, adding that the pick-up games would resume after school let out and continue through midnight.

He continued: "Twenty years ago, there were numerous high school teams in the St. Paul area and today there's just a few. So the teams available to play those games are just a lot less."

The original Hippodrome, built in 1906, was torn down in 1942. The concrete, Art Deco-style Coliseum was erected nine years later.

"From an aesthetics standpoint and from making the game more special, we're not going to be able to replace that," Murphy, the RAYHA president, said.

Goodrich echoed his comments: "You walk through the concourse of ours, you feel the aura of all the high school greats that played there; it has a soul to it."

Libor Jany, a St. Anthony Park native, is a journalist who has worked in newsrooms in Oregon, Mississippi, California, New Jersey and Connecticut.



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The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the March issue is Wednesday, Feb. 12. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

School News

headquarters on Feb. 5. The 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

Shadowing 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 Kestner at 651-744-3997.

They've got 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 in a parody of American Idol.

Winterfest is Feb. 10-14

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

Murray Middle School

2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murray.spps.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 by at least 26 points. 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 Champ title from last year.

Sports information is available at spp.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

Classroom rounds were conducted to decide the 30 students who will participate in the National Geographic Geography Bee on Saturday, Jan. 29. Results of the competition will be in the March Bugle.

North St. Anthony Park Home Sales 2013 Real Estate Update

Number of Homes that Sold	2013	2012
Lowest Home Price	\$165,000	\$80,000
Highest Home Price	\$750,000	\$740,000
Average Home Price	\$365,136	\$274,632
Average Market Time	126 days	100 days

- The average sale price was 89.8% of the original price.
- The average sale price increased 32.9% this year.
- At the end of the year, there were 3 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 138 days.
 - 6 houses failed to sell.
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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Science Fair

Murray's Science Fair was held in January with 258 projects defended to the judges. Forty-three students moved on to the regional competition. State competitors will be listed in the March Bugle.

Minnehaha Academy

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St. Anthony Park senior places second in debate Classic

The Minnehaha Academy Debate Team finished second in the 2013 Minnesota Classic debate

championships, with seniors Michael Everett and St. Anthony Park resident Hugh Mayo becoming the first participants to repeat as state varsity finalists. They placed second this year, after being state champions last year. Also making it to the quarterfinals were seniors Max Thompson and Lucas Jones.

Murray seeks volunteers to help with March musical

Murray Middle School will present *The Wiz* this year. Students are already learning lines and songs and volunteers are building sets and costumes. Performances will be held Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m.

Lisa Schibel, the musical's producer, is looking for volunteers from the community to help with a variety of tasks, including sewing, set building, video production, and more. Contact Schibel at lisamurrayproducer@gmail.com.

Area students named National Merit semifinalists

Area high school seniors named to the list of National Merit semifinalists include St. Anthony Park residents Martha Torstenson and Caroline Lucas and Jasmine Hyder of Como Park. Torstenson and Lucas attend St. Paul Central High School; Hyder attends Como Park Senior High School.

SPPS seeks input on next phase of district strategic plan

St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) is seeking public input on the next phase of its strategic plan, Strong Schools, Strong Communities 2.0, which will roll out in the 2014-15 school year. Below is a list of information sessions the public may attend to learn more about the plan and to comment on it:

- State of the District: Thursday, Jan.

30, 6:30-8 p.m., Washington Technology Magnet, 1495 Rice St.
 • Webinar, Sunday, Feb. 9, 5-6 p.m.: www.spps.org/strong_schools.
 • Presentation for residents of Areas E and F, Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., Como Park Senior High School, 740 W. Rose Ave. (This will also be live-streamed on the district website.)

• Visit the SPPS booth at the Thinking College Fair, Saturday, Feb. 22, 10-11:30 a.m., Johnson High School, 1349 Arcade St.



Sam Lundquist

Athlete of the Week times two

Minnehaha Academy junior Sam Lundquist was honored for his athletic achievements twice in December.

The week of Dec. 13, Lundquist was named Athlete of the Week by both the Pioneer Press and the Minnesota State High School League. Lundquist is a forward for the Minnehaha Academy hockey team and the son of Missy and Mark Lundquist of St. Anthony Park.

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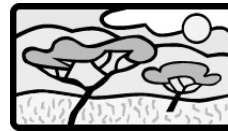
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Business News

Building muscles and community

By Alex Lodner

In a nondescript warehouse off University Avenue, John Ingwalson is rebuilding bodies, and building a community, one exhilarating workout at a time.

A lifelong athlete and black belt in Tae Kwon Do, Ingwalson wanted to create a career out of his passion for personal fitness and opened John's Total Body Conditioning.

"It wasn't just about creating a business but also a community of like-minded people who have a desire for fitness in common," said the St. Anthony Park resident. "I started asking around and people were more interested in an organized class than in personal training."

While Ingwalson has no formal training, he pulls from his various fitness experiences such as his practice at the Kuk Sool Won school in St. Paul, where he also holds the rank of Black Belt. Kuk Sool Won, a Korean martial art, explores the entire spectrum of established martial arts, body conditioning techniques and mental development.

"It is this comprehensive, whole-body philosophy that my classes encompass," he said. "I try to incorporate drills and exercises from all kinds of sports from running to football to martial arts and more."

The 45-minute workouts are designed so beginners can easily work at their own level while students at a higher level of fitness feel challenged.

"We are constantly challenging our bodies in new ways. We do something in the beginning for

strength conditioning using body weights or medicine balls, then move to cardio, kickboxing and multidiscipline training, ending on most days with a three-minute intense, 'tabata' like, exercise," he explained.

Passing the baton

In April 2011, toward the end of his first year running the class, Ingwalson broke his neck during a martial arts practice session. He had always envisioned handing off the class to advanced students eventually, but now he didn't have a choice.

"Handing off the class was a part of the idea of creating a community, but it came to fruition sooner than expected. After I broke my neck I had to hand it off, and it continued to thrive," he said.

He wore a neck brace for three months, and then started the slow journey back to his original fitness level. Student Dana James, as well as other Kuk Sool students, ran the class in the meantime. By the following winter, Ingwalson was able to work on regaining his strength.

"I attribute my relatively quick recovery to the level of fitness I was at before the accident," he said. His role in the class changed to that of coach rather than participating fully in the exercises. "Through the journey to recovery from a serious accident, I got present to what it's like to start from a beginning level of fitness," he said. "This allowed me to focus on helping individual students

on their own level."

Because Ingwalson is a stay-at-home dad, classes run just during the school year. On days off from school, kids are welcome and even get their own obstacle course at the end of the adult class. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:15-10 a.m. The first two workouts are free to ensure the class is a good fit. A punch card can be purchased for \$25 for five workouts and do not expire.

Ingwalson's studio is located at 830 Transfer Road, Warehouse 2. Call 651-263-3183 for more information.



John Ingwalson

T'ai Chi Chu'an Studio marks 30 years

By Margo Bock

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 off in the mountains of China. But one doesn't have to travel that far to find a community dedicated to preserving this ancient heritage.

For 30 years, instructors Ray Hayward and Paul Abdella have been teaching the Yang-style form of T'ai Chi at Twin Cities T'ai Chi Ch'uan Studio (TCTCC), 2242 University Ave., Suite 207.

The studio was started by a group of friends who wanted to study T'ai-Chi together. Since then, the school has developed a full curriculum for teaching T'ai-Chi to both students and instructors.

Hayward and Abdella's teacher, Master T.T. Liang, whose form they follow today, was born in China in 1900 and came to the United States in 1964 with his teacher, Professor



Twin Cities T'ai Chi Ch'uan Studio is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Cheng Man-Ch'ing. Cheng studied with the third generation of the Yang family. Hayward and Abdella studied with Master Liang until the end of his life in 2002.

Liang had a good command of English and a vast knowledge of classical Chinese, which helped non-Chinese-speaking students, Hayward

said. "These qualities, coupled with a Bob Hope-like wit, made learning T'ai-Chi from him a delight."

Abdella describes T'ai-Chi as the best exercise. "It can ward off disease, banish worry and tension, bring improved physical health and prolong life," he said. "Health is a

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Business News

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 décor, 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 merchandise focuses.

“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.”

The store plans to have four main events this year (that will include “low-cost but delicious white wine,” Kielar says). The theme for the first event—set for either March or April—is “St. Paul Style.” It will be a “celebration and showcase of creative entrepreneurs, artists and artisans who have a connection to St. Paul,” Kielar says. The event will include the store’s resident artist Lisa

Rydin Erickson and Nathan Hamlin, a furniture designer and craftsman who has been selling some of his midcentury-inspired work in the shop. Kielar says they hope to bring in a couple of others to showcase.

The next event will coincide with the launch of the light-rail line along University Avenue, “maybe a sidewalk sale during the light-rail launch and get other businesses to do the same so it can be a destination for a weekend,” Kielar says. The Green Line will open on Saturday, June 14.

Kielar is full of ideas to bring fun

to his corner of the Central Corridor. Along with four main events in 2014, MidModMen+friends’ “merchandise focuses,” which won’t include the “low-cost but delicious white wine,” but will showcase a cross-section of the store’s inventory. Two ideas in the planning stages are a music theme that will feature console stereos, vintage stereo components, record cabinets and racks, and “Mantiques”: “Stuff that might make a guy want to go vintage shopping,” Kielar says.



“Swung Vase” by Lisa Rydin Erickson at MidModMen+friends

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Coffee Grounds sale in works

By Roger Bergerson

If things go as planned, a new owner will take over the Coffee Grounds in Falcon Heights as of Feb. 1.

Dave Lawrence, who has owned the coffee shop at 1579 N. Hamline Ave. for the past 11 years, declined to discuss details due to the pending nature of the sale. But he confirmed his plans on the Coffee Grounds Facebook site.

In a note to “friends and customers,” Lawrence said, “It has always been my goal to make life just

a little better for each and every person who walked in our door. I want you to know that your patronage has enriched mine.”

The new ownership group appears to be headed by Tim Cheesebrow, who also used the Facebook page, in part, to reassure customers. He could not be reached for comment.

“Rest assured (the Coffee Grounds) will not become a Starbucks,” Cheesebrow wrote. “We are a local family business that will continue to run the shop with an

independent spirit.”

Cheesebrow, himself a musician, is executive director of MusicWorks Minnesota, a nonprofit organization with an emphasis on helping artists create original music.

At the Coffee Grounds, Cheesebrow pledged, “The music will continue and there will be even more opportunities for singer/songwriters because . . . MusicWorks Minnesota will be providing music programming, classes, jams and more.”

Business Briefs



Eric Durkee

St. Anthony Park resident **Eric Durkee** has been promoted to the director of public relations for professional soccer team Minnesota United FC. Durkee had previously served as the digital content manager and social media manager for the club. Prior to Minnesota United, Eric worked in stadium development and public relations for the Minnesota Vikings and social media for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Mahoney Ulbrich Christiansen Russ PA (MUCR) has announced that St. Anthony Park resident **Ruth Lott** has been promoted to supervisor. She is married to Steve Lott and they are expecting their first child, a boy.

Established in 1989, Mahoney Ulbrich Christiansen & Russ PA is a full-service CPA firm known for its niches in real estate and nonprofit organizations.

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matter of the utmost importance and all the rest is secondary.”

TCTCC’s classes focus on the promotion of health and self-defense techniques. As a nonprofit, the school strives to offer classes at reasonable rates and maintains a full-time teaching staff.

“We believe anyone can learn and benefit from the practice of T’ai-Chi regardless of age and physical condition,” Abdella said. “The most important principle of T’ai-Chi is to 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,” Hayward 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>.

Margo Bock is a member of Twin Cities T’ai-Chi Ch’uan Studio.

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