

Hitting the streets

Local man's news project aims to employ the homeless.

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Fourth of July Crossword Puzzle

By Dave Healy

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- 1 Atop
 - 5 Woodworker's tool
 - 9 Stanches
 - 14 "___ Nanette"
 - 15 Freed Willy, for one
 - 16 Bits
 - 17 Rusty, who wrote "Don't It Make You Wanna Dance"
 - 18 Sport
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Crossword puzzle has an Independence Day theme.

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From a Scudder Street patio to the Guthrie

Mayda to debut one-woman performance "DeMayda'd" at two shows in July at Dowling Studio

By Kristal Leebrick

Mayda Miller's first stage was a backyard patio on Scudder Street in St. Anthony Park, where her family and neighbors gathered each August for the annual National Night Out celebration.

Those summer parties included a potluck, a visit from the city police or fire department complete with flashing lights and tours of their vehicles, and a talent show starring just about every kid on the block.

"All the kids did it," the Twin Cities pop-funk artist said. "I think that might have been a good part of where I got my performance interest, because it didn't matter what you did."

Miller's first act on that makeshift stage was a taekwondo demonstration at age 8 or 9.

She recounts that experience in her upcoming play "DeMayda'd," which she will debut in two performances in July at the Guthrie Theater's Dowling Studio. The shows are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11.

The one-woman performance is "an unraveling of me," she said, "the unpacking of who I am to this point."

It's her story of growing up as a



Pop-funk artist Mayda's first gig was a National Night Out party.

Korean adoptee in Minnesota and how she's dealt with the confusing feelings that comes with that "no matter what the circumstances are," she said.

Miller was adopted as a baby from Korea by Sandra and Gordon Miller in 1984. She grew up in St.

Anthony Park, attending kindergarten at St. Anthony Park Elementary School and grades 1-8 at Capitol Hill Magnet School, where she met a group of girls who would form her first band: the Sugar Divas.

"Some of us had known each other in first or second grade," she

said. "We thought it was the coolest thing. We got our friends to come and hear us practice—a bunch of giggly, giddy girls, but then we got serious."

The Sugar Divas played throughout their high school years, which they spent at St. Paul Central, a place that she said helped "foster a lot of creativity."

"There were so many musicians and artists and writers at Central High School. It was easy to find a bunch of friends and put on concerts and record music."

She counts as her mentors the rap band Heiruspecs, who were seniors when she and her band mates were freshmen.

The Sugar Divas played at any venue they could legally play at, Miller said. That included Grand Old Day in St. Paul, First Avenue and 7th St Entry.

When they played the Uptown Bar in Minneapolis, they had to wait in the parking lot until they were on.

"They let us come on stage to play and then kicked us right out," she said. The band frequently needed a chaperone to play at some of the venues and that chaperone was often bassist Jessica Hartnett's older brother, Josh, now a well-known

Mayda to 16

Yes, Virginia, there probably will be a hardware store on Como Avenue

By Kristal Leebrick

Frattallone's Hardware and Garden's plans to open a shop at 2286 Como Ave. in the current post office building are proceeding.

Tom Frattallone says the company has an active purchase agreement with the building's owner. He hopes to close in September, with renovations to the building starting in early December. If all goes according to plan, the store should open in mid- to late February 2016, he said.

"We have our variances, we have our general contractor hired, we have the Ace paperwork all done. We are just waiting patiently to close on the building and move forward on the project," Frattallone said.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has operated a branch in that building since 1970 and has a lease through November 2015. USPS spokesperson Pete Nowacki said the USPS "has every intention" of remaining in the neighborhood.

"Whether it's working out something with the new owner or finding a new property," the plan is to stay, Nowacki said. He had no information about USPS efforts to find a new location.

The building went on the market in September 2014. It is owned by Lorraine McCann, whose late husband, Harold "Buzz" McCann, had operated Statewide Engine Rebuilders there through the 1960s. The building had been home to auto repair and servicing businesses since at least 1933.

The Postal Service began leasing the building in 1970. For the previous 40 years, the Como branch post office had operated around the corner at 2238 Carter Ave., today the site of Micawber's Books.

Frattallone's Hardware and Garden owns 20 hardware stores in the metro area, including two on Grand Avenue in St. Paul.

Mark your calendars for Fourth in the Park and Como Fest this month

Feeling nostalgic or maybe a little patriotic? Head to the St. Anthony Park neighborhood on Saturday, July 4, for the 68th annual Fourth in the Park celebration.

The day will begin with the Langford Park Distance Races and feature a parade that winds down Como Avenue to Langford Park, where activities will include a patriotic program (with this year's Patriotic Essay Award winners); horseshoe, volleyball and tennis tournaments; and music by the St. Anthony Park Community Band and Pig's Eye Jass Band at the Langford Park bandstand.

You can find everything you need to know about the event on page 20.

The sixth annual Como Fest will be held Friday-Sunday, July 10-12.

The event will include a family campout and movie night on Friday, Lyngblomsten's Midsummer Festival on Saturday, and on Sunday a 2.5K family walk and 5K run around Lake Como, a lake cleanup and an arts festival. Find out more about it on page 10.

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 each month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Contact 651-644-3889 or www.district10comopark.org.

District 10 board positions open

The District 10 Como Community Council is accepting applications for multiple board members, including three at-large positions and one Subdistrict 1 position.

An election for the available positions will be held at the next District 10 board meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.

You can learn more about the community council and apply for a board position by visiting the district website at district10comopark.org.

District 10 Como Community Council Treasurer Amy Perna has been on the board during the past year and encourages other neighbors to consider joining her in the civic service with these words: "I am really loving being a part of the community council, and I am learning a lot. I find it is really rewarding to see neighbors coming together to solve problems, plan events and strategize. The board members are smart, interesting people who care a lot about what is going on in District 10 and how it impacts us. Through our monthly meetings, I learn a lot about how the city works and about upcoming plans that affect our district. It is a fun group to be a part of, and I look forward to our meetings."

Questions? Contact District 10 at 651-644-3889 or by email, district10@district10comopark.org.

Want District 10 updates?

Sign up for the Como Community Council weekly e-newsletter at district10comopark.org.

Falcon Heights

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



Despite the rain on June 3, volunteers came out to help the Minnesota Vikings, the Toro Company, the City of Falcon Heights and KaBOOM! build the new playground at Curtis Field.

Larpenteur Ave. Contact 651-792-7600 or www.falconheights.org.

Curtiss Field gets new playground

Despite the heavy downpours on June 3, more than 200 volunteers from the Minnesota Vikings, the Toro Company, the City of Falcon Heights, organizers from KaBOOM! and residents of Falcon Heights joined forces on June 3 to build a new playground at Curtiss Field, located at 1555 Iowa St. in Falcon Heights.

The Toro Company and the Minnesota Vikings donated more than \$692,000 to build 10 playgrounds in the Twin Cities area with KaBOOM! Find out more about the nonprofit at kaboom.org.

Ice Cream Social is July 23

Falcon Heights will host its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 23, 6-8 p.m. at Falcon Heights Community Park (at the corner of Cleveland and Roselawn avenues). There will be live music as well as food and games for purchase. The event is a fundraiser for the Falcon Heights Parks Fund.

Mixed Precipitation returns

On Sunday, Aug. 23, the Falcon Heights Community Gardeners will host Mixed Precipitation as the theater company performs "Escape

from Alicina's Island: A Picnic Operetta" at Falcon Heights Community Park. The show will begin at 4 p.m.

Mixed Precipitation mixes a tasting menu with storytelling to celebrate the harvest. The picnic operettas are fun for all ages. The mix of theater, food and music runs 75 minutes.

Order tickets online at brownpapertickets.com/event/1691394. The suggested donation is \$10-20 per ticket. You can call Mixed Precipitation at 612-619-2112 for more information.

Lauderdale

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. Contact www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us or 651-792-7650.

Farmers markets return

The Lauderdale farmers markets will be held at Community Park, 1885 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month from 4 to 7 p.m. through October. Mark July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15 on your calendar.

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. To find when council committees meet, go to www.sapcc.org or call 651-649-5992.

Como Avenue reconstruction

Como Avenue is slated for reconstruction in 2017 or 2018 by the City of St. Paul, so the District 12 Transportation Committee is

doing outreach to see what residents would like to have happen with the redesign. Committee members will be gathering input to share with the city over the next few months. The committee hosted a table at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 6 and a Como Avenue Walk Audit on June 9 to gather feedback.

Luther Seminary update

Luther Seminary gave a presentation to the Land Use Committee of the council on the work the institution has been doing at its campus. Luther Seminary completed the sale of apartments along Eustis Street in November. The total on-campus student enrollment has declined over the years and the seminary is looking to lease or develop space and land in a way that will enhance their mission. The seminary sold property to Lutheran Social Services, which added 10 new jobs to St. Anthony Park. The seminary plans to continue to rent or sell to entities that are compatible with their mission.

Como/Doswell update

The apartment development at Como and Doswell avenues is moving forward. A height variance and rezoning request for an 18-foot stretch of land on the eastern edge of the property to adhere to required setbacks was requested and approved by the District 12 community council. The apartment complex will have 25 units—16 two-bedroom and nine one-bedroom—and will be four stories. Construction is expected to begin in the fall.

Learn about housing development on University at public meetings

At the intersection of Vandalia and University (currently home to the Pirtek building, across University

from the Dubliner), Aeon plans to develop a multi-use housing and business project. Aeon will host two public meetings to seek input from the District 12 neighborhood about the project.

Aeon is proposing to construct 100-140 new apartment homes with first-floor commercial and retail at the 1.79-acre site. The goals of the project are to provide families with quality apartment homes; support the transit-rich location by redeveloping an underutilized site; increase density and mixed-income housing opportunities; and provide a highly efficient and sustainable living community.

The project will offer a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units. You can learn more about the project at two public meetings on Tuesday, July 7, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Dubliner Pub, 2162 W. University Ave., or Monday, July 13, 6-8:30 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 W. University Ave.

Questions? Contact Cailin at cailin@sapcc.org.

St. Paul Grand Round

District 12 is involved with Mayor Chris Coleman's 8-80 Vitality Project. A series of pop-up workshops, open houses and focused listening sessions will be held to gather ideas for the St. Paul Grand Round, a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly route intended to connect parkways in the city. Raymond and Pelham avenues are part of the plan. You can find out more at www.saintpaulgrandround.org.

Raymond Avenue update

Raymond Avenue Phase II Traffic Calming construction will begin in mid-summer, after the sewer repair project currently underway finishes. You can find updates on the website, sapcc.org.

Creative Enterprise Zone

The Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ) represents the area bounded by Interstate 94 to the south, Prior Avenue on the east, the railroad tracks by Energy Park Drive to the north and Minneapolis to the west. Learn more at www.creativeenterprisezone.org or 612-888-1239.

Knight Green Line Challenge

The Knight Green Line Challenge is looking for ideas to give \$500,000 to support neighborhoods along the transit line. It's easy to apply and the challenge is open to individuals, organizations and businesses. Deadline is July 10. Find out more at knightgreenlinechallenge.org.

Take a survey

The Creative Enterprise Zone Action Team wants to hear what you think about needs of the South St. Anthony commercial and industrial area. Collected information will help guide programs and services. Please take 5 to 10 minutes to respond with your thoughts. You can choose to enter to win one of five gift certificates to Creative Enterprise Zone businesses. Find the survey at creativeenterprisezone.org/survey.

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Salon in the Park
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Local man launches periodical aimed at helping homeless work

By Alex Lodner

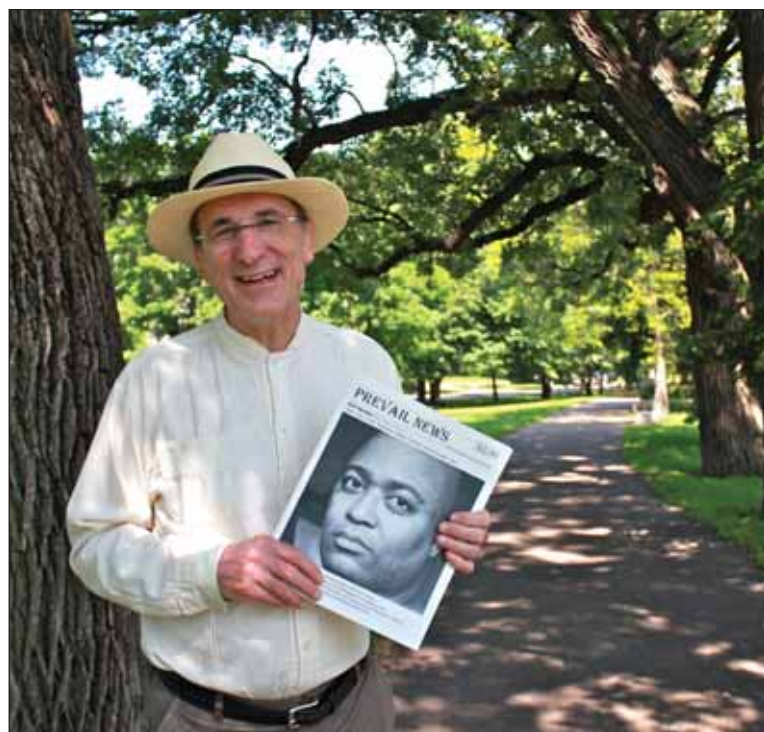
Jerry Sedgewick, a St. Anthony Park resident, wanted to do something to empower Minnesota's homeless population. With a diverse background that includes newspapers and media, Sedgewick began researching "street" newspapers, a concept he learned about after a visit to Nashville, Tenn. There, Sedgewick saw that people standing on the sides of freeway ramps weren't holding signs asking for money. They were selling newspapers.

Sedgewick learned that many major cities have "street" papers for the homeless and underemployed to sell, but the Twin Cities did not. Sedgewick jumped into action.

He spent time volunteering at Listening House, a homeless shelter in downtown St. Paul, to get to know the community on a personal level and then began a crowd-funding campaign to help launch his newspaper, Prevail News.

Prevail News will be published twice a month and feature articles addressing homelessness and poverty issues, among other topics of general interest. The Creativity section of the paper will be dedicated to work by homeless contributors, such as Cliff Hendricks, a 27-year-old homeless artist who Sedgewick met at Listening House.

"Cliff motivated me to get the paper up and running," Sedgewick said. Hendricks' artwork will be featured in the inaugural Creativity section. "We anticipate many more contributions to this section after the



Jerry Sedgewick and the inaugural issue of Prevail News, which hit the streets in June. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

first issue is produced and distributed."

Newspaper sellers, or vendors, will receive training on a code of conduct and local regulations, as well as a badge identifying them as Prevail News contractors and 10 free papers. Vendors who want to continue can then buy additional newspapers for 50 cents per paper and sell them for a suggested price of \$2. Vendors keep the difference.

If vendors reach sales benchmarks they can earn additional perks such as free papers or clothing. Vendors are also encouraged to

attend regular sessions on sales and other skills.

Prevail is an independently run, nonprofit corporation. Sedgewick hopes to raise funds through pop-up events, contests and donations.

Sedgewick wants to do his part to reduce or eliminate the need for panhandling in the metro area. Prevail's mission statement says it all: "To provide job opportunities for those left out of the mainstream, such as the homeless and those who have been incarcerated."

You can learn more at www.prevailnews.org.

Tom Foster named 2014 St. Paul Public Library Volunteer of the Year

The St. Paul Public Library has named Tom Foster the 2014 Volunteer of the Year for his dedicated work with children at the library's St. Anthony Park branch.

Foster and his menagerie of furry puppet friends have partnered alongside staff and volunteer Deena Strohman for more than 11 years.

Foster is the former principal at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

He grew up in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, graduating from Murray High School in 1958. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1963, his master's degree in reading from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls in 1971 and his education specialist certificate from the University of St. Thomas in 1975.

He taught in St. Paul Public Schools for 17 years and was a principal for 23 years, ending his career as a principal at St. Anthony Park Elementary School in 1999.

Foster got his first library card at the St. Anthony Park Library.

Foster was honored at the St. Paul Public Library's volunteer



Tom Foster: St. Paul Library Volunteer of the Year

recognition dinner at the Landmark Center in May. Along with the award, Foster received a number of gift cards from area businesses, including Tim & Tom's Speedy Market, Micawber's Books, Bibelot, Muffuletta, Colossal Cafe, Dunn Bros. and Hampden Park Co-op.

Foster, who lives in Como Park, has six children, 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His life of service includes his volunteer position as the bishop of the St. Paul Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a position which he has held for 15 years.

"Say his name, and just about everyone in St. Anthony Park knows who he is and all he has done for his neighbors and their children," said St. Anthony Park librarian Susan Henry in her introductory speech at the dinner.

"Mr. Foster lives a life of service, and we are very fortunate that he gives us his time and is committed to giving the children and families in our community a lifelong love of reading." — Kristal Leebrick

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Ode to Lock No. 1

By Barry Buckley

So they went ahead and did it. Congress followed through and closed the Historic Lock No. 1 of our mighty Mississippi River.

Last year after skating through a rigorous school background check, I took a tour of the lock as a chaperone on a St. Anthony Park Elementary School field trip. This is truly an engineering marvel as we witnessed the entire 15-minute cycle transporting two huge barges about 50 feet vertically. The barges were loaded with a mound of ground-up 1970s dream cars heading for the smelter, likely to be converted to Hybrids or Pedal Pubs.

The tender informed me that the closing of the lock would result in putting roughly 600 dump trucks on the road per day, transporting an equivalent amount of material that passes through this lock. It would also shut down passage for a large number of canoeists and kayakers headed downstream to New Orleans because they're too cheap to buy a ticket on the Megabus.

News flash Huck Finn: Megabus has free wifi.

The reason for this fast-track closure is to deny lock access to the dreaded Asian carp. (I stand corrected, *Invasive* carp. The title of *Invasive carp* is apparently more politically correct and carp are sensitive.)

This closure, which is crystal clear to everyone except me and a boat captain or two, will prevent these illegal lock-crossers from gaining access upriver and terrorizing all the Mississippi River belongsers.

I questioned the lock tender as to why they simply couldn't shoot some high-voltage current through the water once the lock doors are closed tight as the payload of ground-up Detroit muscle is secured. The juice could be provided free from Hank Ford's dam downstream where the carp like to winter. The lock tender informed me of the potential liability created by a SWAT team of lock lawyers, where a barge operator might become heavily juiced—or even oven roasted—while handling a steel tow cable that could be precariously dangling in carp-infested water.

Another news flash: With enough guys in the Twin Cities entering the

recommended-age-for-a-colonoscopy window, there's an abundant supply of rubber gloves out there for the barge-line handlers. New ones, of course.

So I have some discouraging news for our Congress. Closing the lock will not stop the carp. Might slow them down a tad. Yes, we know they're sensitive fish, but they are also real smart. It's a big-time ugly fish scoring a solid 9 on the creep meter and not real tasty.

Sadly, it's an inedible fish, unworthy of even being ground up for GNC fish oil pills. I bet if carp were an international delicacy sold on a stick at the State Fair, Lock No. 1 would be pushing a barge through right now.

Invasive carp Plan B for the upstream commute is a casual float just below the warm sunlit surface pretending to be food for what lurks above. Mr. Carp then obtains transport to the sweet side of St. Anthony Falls via Air Osprey or Air Eagle first class.

Plan C I've actually witnessed firsthand with two carp jumping into the seats of the Betty Danger Ferris Wheel in Northeast Minneapolis and launching themselves with their selfie sticks, safely landing upriver to pillage virgin territory and all its native species. Technically known as the "Carpe Diem" move, degree of difficulty 6.8. I think all native species possess a selfish "we were here first" attitude.

Our elected official intermeddlers have now closed all shipping and intercoastal traffic on a river that has existed for eons, and it defies any rational thought for me. Rumor has it, there is consideration in closing the Hennepin Avenue bridge as a rafter of turkeys from Minneapolis are trying to gain access to the St. Paul side.

My wife thinks I should stop all this nonsense and cut the grass, shower for a change or at the very least take on a new hobby.

I haven't told her yet, but I started looking on Craigslist for a used dump truck to haul scrap.

Barry Buckley is a recent transplant to St. Anthony Park from the East Coast frequently commuting to Speedy Market. He also captains a Historic 1925 Oyster Buyboat on the Chesapeake Bay.

L E T T E R S

Sippin' Suds a success

Remarkable energy and great community support showed up for St. Anthony Park Area Seniors (SAPAS) on June 14 when more than 200 people joined us at Giggles' Campfire Grill on the State Fairgrounds for our Sippin' Suds for SAPAS benefit. Beer and cider from 11 local breweries were sampled, local musicians played, cheese curds and sliders and other delicious snacks were consumed, a silent auction was held, and many generations of neighbors compared notes and relaxed together on a beautiful June afternoon.

We are thankful to all of you who joined us at the benefit to show your support. We're especially grateful to the generous donors of auction items and to all of the breweries who came with delicious beer and cider: Bauhaus Brew Labs, Burning Brothers, Excelsior, Fair State Brewing Coop, Insight, Lake Monster, Lucette, Summit, Sociable Ciderwerks, Tin Whiskers, and the Urban Growler.

SAPAS was born in 1981 as the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse program, a pioneering, first-of-its-kind organization in Minnesota and an example across the nation. The mission now of SAPAS is to maintain independence and interdependence for seniors and their caregivers in our area through the collaborative efforts of professional staff, volunteers and

contracted nursing services, all working together to integrate health and social services, community activities, education and advocacy.

We are beginning to implement our new strategic plan formulated after holding community focus groups last fall. Our goals include seeking solutions for senior housing, greater transportation and walkability, support for caregivers and, of course, at-home living assistance.

Those issues are critical to the future vitality of our neighborhood.

The SAPAS vision will work if our team of volunteers and other supporters continues to grow and engage with the issues facing those who are aging, i.e., all of us.

To learn more about SAPAS, go to www.sapaseniors.org. Thank you again for your support and for keeping St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights great places to live.

*Anna Haubrich, chair,
on behalf of the SAPAS Board of
Directors and staff*

How do we do the 'inner work' of climate action?

Some people are natural activists, eager to march, to raise their voices. Others, like me, are slower to find their way into an issue. But whatever

our personal style, the global climate crisis calls on all of us to act, right now. Shrinking our carbon footprint means changing habits: home energy use, transportation, food and purchasing choices, for example. And—natural activist or not!—we can all urge our leaders to mobilize what some are calling a World-War-II-level effort to preserve a livable climate (visit TheClimateMobilization.org).

Meanwhile, how do we do the "inner work" of climate action? As we face this enormous challenge, how do we process the feelings that go with it? And how can we find our way to action? Answer: together.

I've found some clarity, and some new friends, in the Reflective Circle, which is part of Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park, a group of neighbors working for a positive, local response to climate change. In these open, monthly "story circles," people take turns responding to simple questions that spark sharing about the natural and human systems we live in. Then we respond to each other, and as we do so, we find our way forward.

Join us for the next Reflective Circle on Saturday, July 25, 12:30-2:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. (The next chance will be Monday, Aug. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Church, 2357 Bayless Place.)

For details, visit TransitionASAP.org: click on Action Groups, then Reflective Circle. While you're there, learn more about Transition Town's other projects, and join hands with your neighbors. The opportunities are great, and the seeds of change lie within all of us.

*Mindy Keskinen
St. Anthony Park*

Saints: Are they the people's team or the politicians' team?

As the St. Paul Saints have settled into their new ballpark, I am reminded of the Wizard of Oz. The Wizard has ascended in his balloon. Toto has found the dog park. The Scarecrow might get his brain, but the Tin Woodsman will never find his heart and Dorothy knows she can never go home again.

For 22 years I felt the Saints were the people's team; now I fear they are the politicians' team. (The mayor was even allowed to coach first base!) Perhaps after all these years the Wicked Witch has finally won!

And me? I am watching my life slowly fade from color back to sepia.

*Jim Ashworth
St. Anthony Park*

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Foundation names Kent Eklund 2015 Spirit of the Park winner

The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation has announced that Kent Eklund is the recipient of the foundation's 2015 Spirit of the Park Award.

Eklund and his wife, Katherine, have been St. Anthony Park residents since July 4, 1979. Over those three decades, he has held leadership positions on many neighborhood boards, including the Park Bugle, Sunrise Banks and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Eklund was a founding member of the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation and served as its second board chair, following Andy Boss.

According to Jon Schumacher, executive director of the foundation, it's Eklund's untitled role as mentor and consultant to many organizations and individuals in the community that has provided perhaps an even greater impact.

"Kent has been the unofficial consultant to this community for years," Schumacher said. "He has expertise and experience in so many areas and always makes time when it comes to our neighborhood. He's one of those rare leaders who shows up, whether it's a high-level strategic



Kent Eklund

meeting or community event."

Eklund has held many leadership positions over the years in the greater community as well, including president and CEO of Parkside Senior Services and the Ebenezer Society, vice president of market development with the old Lutheran Brotherhood and president of the Fairview Foundation. He also served as commissioner of two departments under Minnesota Gov. Al Quie and as mayor of the City of Northfield, Minn.

He is also the past chair of the

board of directors at Courage Center (now Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute), chair of the strategic planning committee at the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and a member of Sunrise Banks' Strategic Advisory Board.

The inscription on the award captures the broad impact of Eklund's community service: *For a lifetime of providing leadership and support to communities near and far. For consistently and generously sharing his experience in government, education, nonprofit management and community service with our many neighborhood organizations. For helping to shape and faithfully nurture a community vision of inclusion, connectivity and sustainability.*

The Spirit of the Park award was created by the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation as an annual recognition on behalf of the community. The award is presented to a neighbor who has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to the community. It will be presented to Eklund during the Fourth in the Park bandstand ceremonies in Langford Park after the parade on Saturday, July 4.

Children's store Peapods to close

After 16 years in business and the last four at a storefront on Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park, Peapods has announced that it is going out of business.

Husband-and-wife owners Dan Marshall and Millie Adelsheim announced June 4 that they are closing their alternative toy and baby supply store for several reasons, including "the brands we helped introduce to the Twin Cities are abandoning specialty stores like ours in favor of big boxes, Amazon.com or direct sales to customers."

It's particularly true with items such as cloth diapers and baby

carriers, which are two areas that Marshall and Adelsheim said defined their store when they opened on Snelling Avenue in 1999. Now those items are offered at large retailers such as Target and Kohl's.

Marshall and Adelsheim also listed changes in their personal lives as part of their decision to close. Their children are growing up and they said they are ready to move

on—to what, they are not sure at this time.

Peapods is having a going-out-of-business sale that includes store fixtures and equipment. The sale will continue until everything is sold.

Marshall and Adelsheim plan to rent their building at 2290 Como Ave. for office or retail use. For more information, contact 651-695-5559.

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Park Press annual meeting announced

The annual meeting of the members of Park Press Inc., publisher of the Park Bugle, will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, July 13, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave.

The agenda will include the election of directors and other matters that may be raised by members. The public is welcome to attend.

Park Press Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization guided by an elected board of directors. Current board members are Grant Abbott, Lynn Abrahamsen, Ted Blank, Emily Blodgett, Betsy Currie, Ann Fendorf, Michael Griffin, John Landree, Bob Milligan, P.J. Pofahl, Jan Sedgewick, Glen Skovholt and Kathy Wellington.

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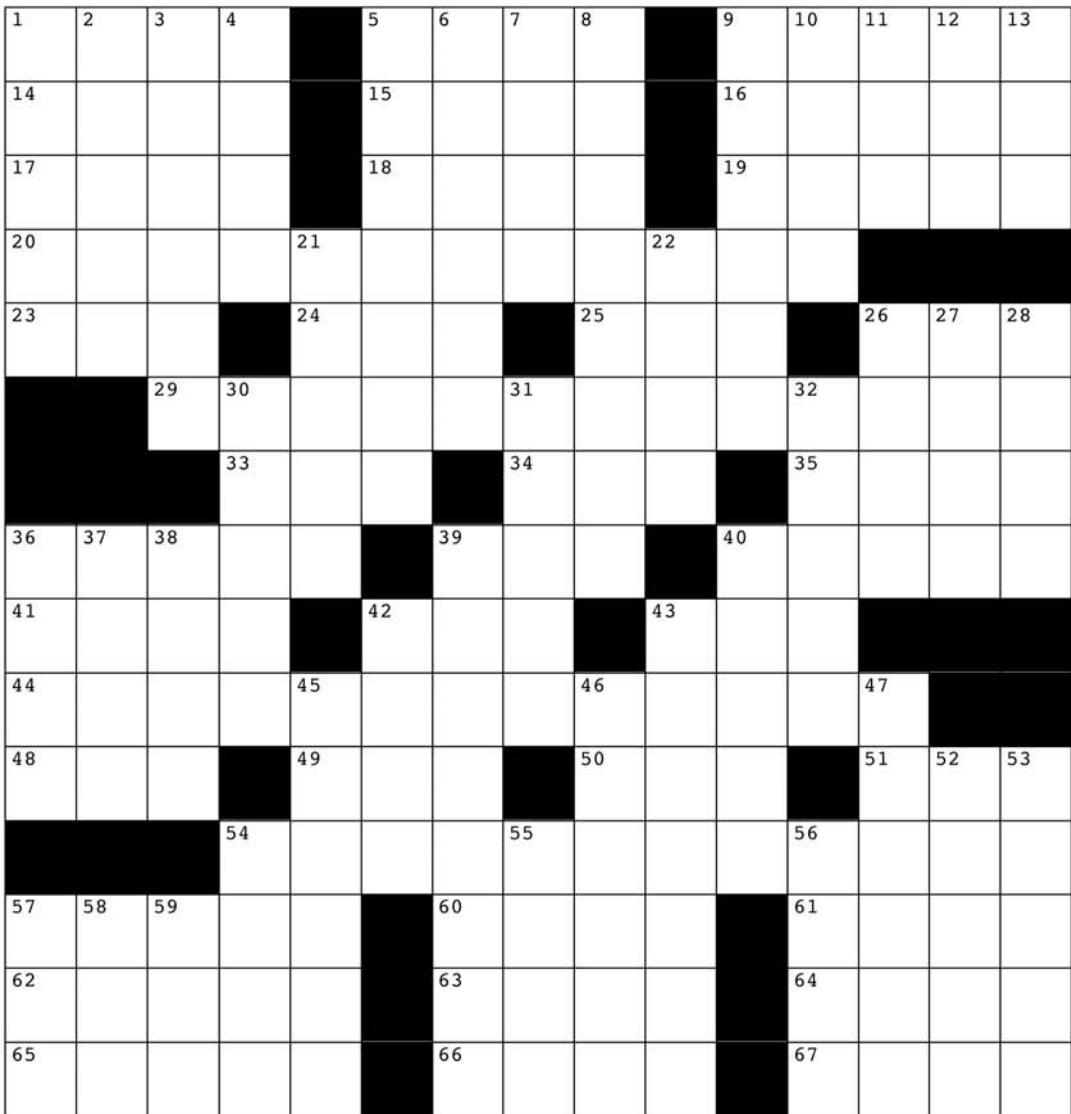


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Crossword puzzle
Fourth of July

By Dave Healy
You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 12.



- ACROSS
- 1 Atop

5 Woodworker's tool

9 Stanches

14 “__ Nanette”

15 Freed Willy, for one

16 Bits

17 Rusty, who wrote “Don't It Make You Wanna Dance”

18 Sport

19 Join the clean slate club

20 Something to enter on 54 Across

23 Actress Sandra of “Gidget”

24 Web sticking place

25 Was __ das?

26 Something to give, or the act of giving it

29 To watch on 54 Across

33 He calls 'em as he sees 'em

34 Sea eagle

35 Lotion ingredient

36 Pot

39 ER denizens

40 Something to sense, or the act of sensing it

41 Ron Howard role

42 A drink with jam and bread

43 A lonely number

44 Something to hear on 54 Across

48 Wynn and McMahon

49 Its members stick to their guns

50 Its members stick to others' guns

51 Its members stick to Minnesota

54 Important date in American History

57 Display

60 Linguist Chomsky

61 Certain soc. sci.

62 Iron target “On My Way Home” singer

64 Deprive of

65 “North Dallas __”

66 Celebrity chef Paula

67 Former fliers

12 No __ dir.

21 Lip-smacking good

22 “NFL Live” airtel

26 Therein lies a __

27 Heartthrob

28 Skin

30 Pulled from the closet?

31 Corruptible

32 Stuff to noodle around with

36 Laker Bryant

37 Popular tablet

38 Muffin beds

39 Made again

40 The nose knows it

42 Street type

43 Something to kick back on

45 Conceited

46 “Left Behind” coauthor Tim

47 Draws out

52 Unlikely entry in 29 Across

53 Former Vikings GM Mike and family

54 Kegger locale

55 Shade

56 Certain monotheists

57 New thing under the sun?

58 Arafat org.

59 Position of banner vis-à-vis land
- DOWN
- 1 Single

2 Self-assurance

3 Short time, for short

4 Romance novelist Roberts

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His aim: to make St. Paul ‘a smarter place’

By Judy Woodward

Tim Chase wants to leave a legacy. Now just weeks from his 50th birthday, the eighth-grade science teacher at Murray Middle School has spent much of the last half-century laying the foundation for his life's work.

“I’m hoping to make St. Paul a smarter place,” he says.

If external honors and recognition are any measure, Chase has already succeeded. Last year, the Minnesota Association of Environmental Education named him Educator of the Year. The Environmental Inquiry Immersion Course the he started at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota has earned a special sustainability award from the City of St. Paul mayor's office, and just last month Chase was invited to give the keynote speech at the formal dedication of the new Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom at Como Regional Park.

While pleased by the recognition he's received, Chase says his biggest satisfaction comes from hearing from his former students and knowing he's made a difference in their lives.

“I have students who go on to do everything from studying volcanoes to becoming writers and astronomers,” he says. “Just keeping in touch and hearing their great stories: That's my legacy.”

But the awareness is always there that not all the stories turn out happily.

Chase wants to be present at the turning points of his young students' lives, partly because he knows just how profound the consequences of those pivots can be for their futures. He often tells his students a story of two eighth-graders he knew in his first years of teaching. “Two super-smart, fun-loving young men of color,” he describes them. Both equally equipped for the challenges ahead.

“But one kid grew up to be a drug dealer and got shot. The other kid came back years later and told me that he was now in law school. Both had the choices to go either way. I use that story with students who might be heading toward the dark side. I tell them, ‘I need you to be in law school someday.’”

Chase teaches early adolescents—kids poised between maturity and childhood, with all their attendant mood shifts and emotional peaks and valleys. He wouldn't have it any other way.

“I like being silly and goofy with them,” he says. “You can have fun with that and then you can turn around and have complex discussions. I find it incredibly enjoyable to work with those flexible [young] brains.”

A country boy who grew up in rural Wisconsin at a time when “running around in the woods” was considered the ideal extracurricular activity, Chase is always happiest when he can get his students outdoors. Whether it's introducing

city kids to the wilderness experience at Wolf Ridge or simply leading a class down the block to the informal outdoor classroom he has created at College Park, Chase is in his pedagogical element.

At College Park, he'll direct the kids in “invertebrate study”—aka bugs for those whose school days are long behind them—teaching the students how to collect data as they determine which micro-habitat (the swamp area, the pine grove or under the oak trees) has the most creepy-crawlies.

At the newly designated Como Park Outdoor Classroom, the subject is phenology, the closely observed indications of the change of seasons. Whether it be noting the timing of buds bursting into bloom or marking the annual appearances of migratory birds, Chase's students collect the micro data of nature that answer the important questions of climate change.

His instruction may center on scientific observations, but for Chase the key to learning is the people involved.

“It all comes down to relationships with other human beings,” is how he describes his educational method. “I'm more successful when I do outreach—home visits, phone calls, meeting on a personal level. I hope the kids know that I think the world of them. I believe in each kid.”

But it's far from easy.

“To make learning happen is an art form,” Chase says. “To create an environment where all students feel welcome, recognized for who they are and inspired to think and wonder is amazingly hard to do.” He describes teaching as a “career for a workaholic” and confesses that he regularly puts in 10-hour days with a “couple of hours in the evening” tacked on to respond to emails from parents and students.

That's one reason he's frustrated by the criticism so often leveled at public schools.

“People don't realize how much patience it takes to work with reluctant learners. The hours of preparation necessary . . . to orchestrate a classroom,” he says. “A doctor sees one patient at a time and solves one problem. I get a kid for one hour a day with 37 other kids



Murray Middle School science teacher Tim Chase helps eighth-grade students as they dissect frogs during one of the last days of the school year. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

and with all the circumstances of life they each bring—and I'm expected to pull off a miracle of learning.”

He thinks of teaching as an art, but “the classroom structure with rooms, bells and schedules is not an artistic environment. I am glad we're held to high expectations, but the structure of the learning environment will have to change before we get the results we want as a society. I believe that is one reason teachers get a bad rap. We have changed the expected [educational] outcomes, but we haven't changed the fundamental structure of a classroom.”

And then there's the issue of money. Chase loves what he does and he would surely work no harder were he paid twice as much, but he doesn't discount the impact of funding on either the schools themselves or on the teachers who work there. Not only do his class sizes sometime approach 40 students, but he works in a building that dates from 1965 where half the lab stations no longer work.

“Money can solve [these] problems,” he notes.

As for traditionally modest

teacher pay, Chase confesses it almost kept him out of the classroom altogether.

“I always wanted to be a teacher,” he says, but somewhere during the last couple of years of college, “I got afraid. Teachers don't make much money.”

After graduation, he went for an MBA instead of a teaching credential. Then he suffered through a brief, unhappy career in marketing, before returning to his true vocation.

Others might not be so fortunate. “How many good people

are scared away [for financial reasons] when they might have been great classroom teachers?” Chase asks.

Luckily for his students, once Chase took his first teaching job at Murray more than 20 years ago, he never looked back.

“I tell my students that I hope you enjoy what you do in life as much as I enjoy being your teacher,” he says.

Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at Roseville Library and a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

A Henslow's sparrow and those Grove owls

My son, Drew, and I spent Mother's Day weekend at St. Paul Audubon's Warbler Weekend down in Frontenac, Minn.

Frontenac State Park is one of our favorite spots. Drew remembered talking with someone who had sighted a Henslow's sparrow along the hike-in camping trail at the park, so we went to find it. The Henslow's sparrow is both rare and elusive.

It's a grassland sparrow about 5 inches long, short-tailed and large headed. It spends its time on or near the ground among the dry, beige winter grass stalks. You can usually hear the bird long before you see it.

It doesn't really have a melodic song. It's described in the field guide as a hiccupping "tsi-lick"—weak-sounding, dry and insect-like. And the bird is somewhat of a ventriloquist. It sings from the ground. I think the apparent direction of the sound depends on which way the bird is facing when it sings. If you're lucky, it will occasionally perch up on a stalk and announce its territorial claim. It throws its head back, gives the tsi-lick and then sits quietly and motionless.

So we went looking for the Henslow's sparrow. Two young women had joined us on this foray,

Carla and Blair. We spent a half hour or so searching the hike-in trail parking lot for any sign or sound of the sparrow. There was another couple birding there and the woman asked Drew what we were looking for. He told her the Henslow's sparrow.

"You won't find a Henslow's sparrow here!" she said. "This is the wrong habitat!"

To me, she sounded like that woman in the Buick commercial who says, "That doesn't look like a Buick!"

Well, I had to give some thought to her rebuke. This parking



The great horned owlets Photo by David Wark

lot was not the right habitat for a Henslow's or indeed any other grassland sparrow. It was a well-worn grass and dirt parking area, no native grasses at all.

We decided to abandon the quest.

We were heading out when a family of campers drove in to the lot. We watched as they filled up one of the carts with their camping gear and headed across the road to the hike-in camping trail. That's where we should have been, not the parking lot. So we crossed the road and hiked the trail a little ways.

And there, almost on cue, was a Henslow's sparrow singing from the

top of some tall grasses.

We had a good view for quite awhile. Carla got some good photos of the bird. And then we were joined by three or four other folks who had been looking for this rare species, too.

It was a life bird for several people in the group.

Update on the Grove owls

As the Park Bugle reported in June, the parent owls in the University Grove neighborhood of Falcon Heights raised and fledged one owlet. When the youngster figured out some basic flying moves, it began to

Birdman to 16

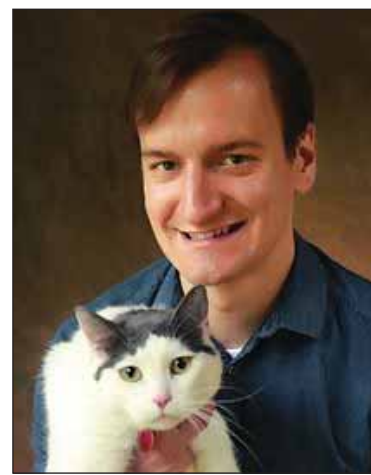
St. Francis welcomes new veterinarian

Dr. Charlie Cosimini has joined the staff at St. Francis Animal and Bird Hospital, 1227 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Cosimini received his doctorate of veterinary medicine (DVM) degree from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine in 2015. His professional interests include dentistry, dermatology, medicine, surgery and avian/exotics. He says he loves working with all types of animals as he spent his childhood with dogs, cats, rabbits and birds.

Cosimini is a member of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians and Association of Avian Veterinarians.

Charlie lives with his wife, Amy,



Dr. Charlie Cosimini

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A sketchpad brought them together

By Roger Bergerson

Two St. Anthony Park residents familiar to the public in the first half of the 20th century were Frank Wing, newspaper cartoonist, and Dietrich Lange, educator and conservationist.

They weren't close neighbors—Wing lived near the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota for many years; Lange was residing a few doors east of the St. Anthony Park Library at the time of his death—but their paths must have crossed from time to time. However, the only occasion on which we're certain that happened was when Wing sketched Lange for his "Their Avocations" series in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1920.

The avocation, in Lange's case, was the writing of a series of adventure books for boys set in pioneer days. Intended to stimulate an interest in ethical hunting and respect for the environment, the titles included *Lost in the Fur Country*, *The Threat of Sitting Bull* and *The Lure of the Black Hills*.

"He is a master hand at sugar-coating historical facts with delightful fiction," Wing wrote in the caption accompanying his drawing of Lange. "It is as if a boy were given a salutary dose of medicine in candy so palatable that he was unaware of the dose's presence."

It was typical of the light-hearted touch that Wing used in treating his subjects, community leaders typically, male invariably. He took his sketchbook into the halls of the legislature, courtrooms and restaurants, always on the lookout for interesting subjects.

From about 1910 until well into the 1940s, his work was familiar to readers, not only of the Pioneer Press and its companion paper, the St. Paul Dispatch, but those of the Minneapolis Journal, the Minneapolis Tribune, the Chicago Tribune and the Des Moines Register and Tribune syndicate, as well.

Wing was also an instructor with Minneapolis-based Art Instruction Inc., a home-study-correspondence school still in business today. Many young readers knew it through its magazine and comic book ads as the "Draw Me!" school.

Charles Schultz, later of Peanuts fame, was also on the staff at one point and regarded Wing as something of a mentor. Following his retirement, Wing headed the school's cartooning and illustration division until shortly before his death in 1956.

At the time of Wing's sketch, Lange had begun what would be a 22-year career as principal of Mechanics Art High School near the state Capitol. He spent 53 years in the St. Paul school district, including two years as superintendent of schools, and at the time of his death in 1940 was director of nature study for the system.

Lange came to Minnesota from his native Germany in the 1890s at a time when the destruction of the state's forests and wildlife was intense.



In 1935, the Minneapolis Tribune published this photo of Frank Wing and a friend admiring a painting at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. *Courtesy of Hennepin County Library Photo Collection*

He led the fight to prohibit the trapping and sale of wild ducks and abolish spring shooting and lobbied successfully for the state to acquire cutover lands for reforestation.

During his tenure at Mechanic Arts, Lange was known to ride the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line to work, disembarking in Como Park to walk and watch birds, then resuming his journey at what is now the Historic Streetcar Station.

A plaque embedded in a boulder at the south entrance to the Como Park Conservatory parking lot identifies the small woods nearby as a

bird sanctuary dedicated to "Dietrich Lange, author, teacher, conservationist."

Roger Bergerson writes about local history and community news from his home in Como Park.



Wing's depiction of Dietrich Lange, signed with his distinctive flourish. *Courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society*

Roger Bergerson wins SPJ award

Park Bugle writer Roger Bergerson was a winner in the 2015 Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Page One Awards, which were announced at the SPJ awards banquet in Minneapolis May 19.

Bergerson received third place in the sports story category for his article "Meet the man who put the ice in the Warner Coliseum," published in the March 2014 issue of the Bugle.

Awards were given in more than 60 categories for newspaper reporting, online news, photography, television, radio and multimedia. Entries for the awards were judged by journalists from outside Minnesota.

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the eat beat



Cravin' Pies' Crustless Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Pie

Pie, the perfect picnic treat

By Alex Lodner

When Krista Craven and Christina Rogan decided to enter the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Brewery-sponsored Twin Cities Pie Experiment contest in fall 2012, winning the grand prize and moving on to compete in the Food Experiment National Championship, they had no idea it would lead to a successful small business, which they have dubbed Cravin' Pie.

"While we were in Brooklyn, we got to tour the old Pfizer Building which houses start-up food businesses," Craven explained. "Talking with the small-business

owners, tasting their food and participating in a 'foodie tour' of Brooklyn is what really spurred us to action."

With help from husbands Chris Rogan and Andrew Craven, the two women have built a solid, pie lovin' following. Fans can snap up their award-winning, hand-held pies at outdoor festivals during the summer and at indoor events in the colder months. Any time of the year, folks can track down these artisan treats by checking their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/frypies?ref=bookmark).

The pies are made in small batches using fair-trade and locally

sourced ingredients whenever possible.

"All of our recipes are either original to us or inspired by old family recipes," Craven said. "The pie we entered in the competition was based on a pie that my grandmother Flossie made when I was growing up."

The pair hopes to make their pies more readily available in the near future. "We plan to have a pie counter at a Como restaurant by fall," Craven explained.

Cravin' Pies has kindly shared the recipe below, so you can be the most popular neighbor at the Fourth of July picnic, or any time.

Crustless Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Pie

Makes 2 pies or approximately 20 hand pies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups allpurpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 bag Ghirardelli dark chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup mini Reese's peanut butter cups

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray (2) glass pie plates or (2) muffin tins with cooking spray and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and peanut butter until fluffy (about 1 minute). Add sugar and brown sugar and beat until well combined and fluffy (about 2 minutes). Add the eggs and vanilla and beat just until combined.
3. In a medium bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. Add this to the butter mixture and beat until just combined. Stir in chocolate chips and mini Reese's peanut butter cups. Divide equally between two pie plates and use your hands to make a smooth layer. (Batter will be thick.)
4. Bake fullsized pies for 45-50 minutes. Let cool for 20-30 minutes before serving—don't worry, the center will still be warm and gooey. If making mini pies, bake for 20 minutes, cool before removing from pan.

Como Park resident Alex Lodner writes about food and community news regularly in the Park Bugle.

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JULY 10-12



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The root beer float team: Amy Pletch, Donna Lanphear, Amy Williams, Pete Lanphear, Jane Hakensen and Jessie Ross. *Photos by Kristal Leebrick*

Cheers!

There's not much quite like a cold root beer float on a 90-plus-degree day in June to mark the last day of school.

For nine years, students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School have been treated to a free float at Tim & Tom's Speedy Market, thanks to the benevolence of Jane Hakensen, a former student at the school. When the bell rang at 3 o'clock June 9, a mass of kindergarteners to fifth-graders—with parents and younger siblings in tow—headed up Como Avenue to the parking lot at Speedy Market where they found Amy Pletch, Amy Williams, Donna and Pete Lanphear, Hakensen and Speedy manager Jessie Ross scooping ice cream and filling glasses.

Hakensen provides the ice cream, root beer and supplies. Speedy opens the store parking lot to hold the teeming crowd of parents and students and Ross is on hand to help.

Hakensen, who grew up in St. Anthony Park and was a member of the first sixth-grade class at the elementary school when it opened, launched the tradition after hearing neighborhood kids lament the 2007 closing of Ginkgo's Coffee Shop, which had been across the street from Speedy. Elementary families had made it a tradition to stop at Ginkgo's on the last day of school for ice cream.

So how much root beer and ice cream does it take to feed the masses? Hakensen shrugged and says she's never kept track, as she eyes a couple of taller kids waiting for their treat. "You Murray kids?" she asks. They nod. "You need to wait until all the SAP kids get their floats."

About a half-hour later, the tall kids—most of whom are recent alums of the elementary school down the street—get their floats. —*Kristal Leebrick*



Above, Zach Granovsky. At left, student-at-St.-Anthony-Park-Elementary-School-in-waiting Mary Grace Lindsley, 3, enjoys her float.

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JULY

Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, July 15, to be included in the August issue.

1 WEDNESDAY

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Tell the Wolves I'm Home" by Carol Rifka Brunt, St. Anthony Park Library, 6-8 p.m.

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

2 THURSDAY

Caregiver Support Group, first Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

4 SATURDAY

Fourth in the Park parade and festivities, St. Anthony Park. See schedule on page 20.

7 TUESDAY

E-mail Basics for Building Job Skills, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Register at 651-642-0411.

Summer Spark (library summer reading program): Schiffelly Puppets, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

9 THURSDAY

Preschool Mandarin Chinese story time, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema Series, "The Theory of Everything," St. Anthony Park Library, 2-4 p.m.

10 FRIDAY

Como Fest begins and runs through Sunday, July 12. See page 10 for the schedule of events.

13 MONDAY

Watercolor workshop with Pat Owen, first class in Artful Expressions, a monthly series presented by COMPAS. Limited to 10 participants; register by calling St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, 651-642-9052. Class will be held at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

14 TUESDAY

Summer Spark (library summer reading program): Reading with Horsepower, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

Learn Chinese Folk Dancing, morning exercise free and open for adults, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Lauderdale Farmer's Market, Community Park, 1885 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month, 4-7 p.m.

Park B4 Dark, St. Anthony Park Como Avenue business district, 5-8 p.m. Food, music, shopping and family activities.

Minnesota's Waiting Children information session, CH&LSS, 6-8 p.m. Register at chsfs.org/adoptioninformation.

18 SATURDAY

Adoption information meeting, CH&LSS, 9-11:30 a.m. Register at chsfs.org/adoptioninformation.

20 MONDAY

Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m.

21 TUESDAY

Summer Spark (library summer reading program): Magical Mia, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

23 THURSDAY

Preschool Mandarin Chinese story time, St. Anthony Park Library,

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social, Falcon Heights Community Park, Cleveland and Roselawn avenues, 6-8 p.m.

24 FRIDAY

Co-ed drum circle, Women's Drum Center, 6:30 p.m. All levels of experience are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$10 at the door. Drums provided.

26 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking" by Anya Von Bremzen, Micawber's, 2:30 p.m.

28 TUESDAY

Summer Spark (library summer reading program): musician Jack Pearson, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

SENIOR EXERCISE

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors
Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30-3:30 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.

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartment, 11 a.m.-noon

FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors
Wednesdays, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-noon

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

Fourth Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon

VENUE INFORMATION

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 Maryland Ave. W.

CH&LSS (Children's Home and Lutheran Social Services), 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1530 W. Larpenteur Ave.

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

Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 1490 Fulham St.

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

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 651-645-0371

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

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The University of Minnesota test gardens will be on the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Tour St. Anthony Park Gardens

By Mary Maguire Lerman

The 2015 St. Anthony Park Garden Tour will showcase the work of area gardeners who have a collective total of 196 years of gardening experience. The tour will be held Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Every other year the St. Anthony Park Garden Club organizes this tour of residential and educational gardens in the neighborhood. This year, nine residential gardens and one large display garden are on the docket.

The residential gardens include several ravine gardens, an English cottage garden and miniature gardens. In addition, the University of Minnesota Horticultural Science Display and Trial Gardens at the corner of Gortner and Folwell avenues will have staff onsite to lead you through the gardens.

For more information and to purchase tour tickets visit stanthonyparkgardenclub.com.

Tickets are also on sale at Micawber's Books, Bibelot and Tim and Tom's Speedy Market.

I have been working on my own lot for 25 years and this year is the last year that my garden will be on the tour. When we moved in during the height of a three-year drought in 1989, a decrepit buckthorn hedge in the front of the house and buckthorn plants under the overhead wires in the backyard were my first wave of attack. The buckthorn was down within the first year. This was long before I was given the moniker of "Buckthorn Mary."

Our lot's ravine and those of our adjacent neighbors were once part of a large kettle that ran from the back of Murray Middle School into College Park. This kettle was formed by a receding glacier centuries ago. When Horace Cleveland designed the St. Anthony Park neighborhood in the late 1800s, contractors brought in fill to create some of the streets and the lots. Doswell Avenue between Hythe and Chelmsford streets, along with most of Chelmsford from Buford Avenue to Doswell was part of the kettle and was filled. Over the years I have removed many plate and glass shards

when working in my gardens, evidence of the fill.

In creating my landscape gardens, my goal was to limit the amount of turf. I would rather weed than mow. We gave up trying to grow grass in our front yard under the oaks and had a patio installed. That limited turf to the boulevard. In recent years, however, I have been experimenting with ground covers on the boulevard and the turf is nearly gone.

Twelve steps down from our front yard leads you to our ravine garden, often with a considerable temperature change. Since our neighbor's woods shade our garden in midafternoon, I have the opportunity to grow a wide range of both shade and sun materials. After four years of waiting, Hosta 'Empress Wu' is wooing me with her height

and blooms. Tall ligularias and astilbes should be in bloom the day of the tour, along with a wide range of taller perennials. Near the barn, our large garlic plot has never been better and if all proceeds well, you may observe garlic harvesting during the tour. There are no vampires on this block of Doswell! Our 5-year-old rock garden is thriving and a stock tank vegetable garden can be viewed near the outhouse.

Proceeds from the garden tour go toward purchasing plants for the gardens at the St. Anthony Park Library and to the Late Summer Garden at the Minnesota State Fair. Also, each spring the garden club donates a \$1,000 scholarship to a plant sciences student at the U.

Mary Maguire Lerman is a member of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

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Neighbors

Book celebrates 75th anniversary of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota released the book *A Thread Through Time: New Woven Projects from the Swatch Archives in May*. The book launch was the first in a year-long series of events celebrating 75th anniversary of the guild.

The anniversary book includes the story of the guild, a survey of textiles from the past 75 years through swatches and patterns, and projects made by 47 member artists.

Some of the pieces displayed in the book are currently in a special exhibit at the Hennepin History Museum. "A Loom Here, a Loom There: 75 Years of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota" opened on June 15 and will be up through Sept. 14.

Throughout the year, the guild will be organizing and taking part in various events across the state.

For more information about upcoming events and to purchase a the book, visit weaversguildmn.org.

machine for his children. Things take a troubling turn when Baron Bomburst tries to get his hands on the magical "Chitty."

The show will run Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11 and July 16-18. Showtime each night is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$8 for children ages 6-12 and \$5 for those 5 and younger.

You can purchase tickets at www.RosetownPlayhouse.org or by calling 651-792-7414. Tickets will also be on sale at the door at each performance. The box office will open 45 minutes before each show.

Minneapolis Meditation Center hosts summer speaker series

The Meditation Center, 631 N.E. University Ave., Minneapolis, invites all to attend its 44th annual summer speaker series at the center. The series will take place July 17-30. Find out more at themeditationcenter.org or call 612-379-2386.

Plots still available at Merriam Station Community Garden

The Merriam Station Community Garden, located at the corner of Prior and Gilbert avenues in St. Paul, has both half plots and full plots available. To find out more, email Merriam Station Community Garden, mescg@unionparkdc.org or go to merriamstation.org.

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Robert Ellingson

Robert North Ellingson, 91, longtime resident of Roseville, died May 20.

He is survived by his wife, DoLores (Dody); daughter, Nancy (Ralph) Palmer; son, Jim (Patti) Ellingson; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

His funeral was held May 27 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Robert Erickson

Robert William Erickson, 86, died April 15. Bob was born Jan. 31, 1929, to Elmer Erickson and Ingaborg Peterson and grew up on a farm in northern Minnesota, near St. Hilaire.

Bob raised his family in St. Anthony Park and was a professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota Dept. of Forest Resources. He earned his undergraduate degree and Ph.D. in forest products and research at the U. Near the end of his career, he developed and patented the construction of a hollow wood pole (as an alternative to the commercial industry's solid wood utility pole). The hollow pole was lightweight, decay resistant and engineered for strength.

As a college professor, he traveled the world, visited every continent with the exception of Antarctica (no trees), was an apt student of language, and maintained strong ties to New Mexico.

During the Korean War, Bob

served in a U.S. Air Force search-and-rescue unit stationed at Okinawa. He was an avid fan of all sports, though he loved baseball the best, and in the 1950s played for the St. Louis Cardinals' minor league.

For more than 40 years, he bowled in a U of M league now called "The Woodpickers." Bob was a man of faith, hard work, integrity and good cheer, with an irrepressible sense of humor, and was a lover of animals.

He is survived by his former wife, Enid Broderick, and their children, Michael (Mary Kay), Maria (Daniel), Frank, Theresa, Claire (John), Elizabeth, Joanne, and Joseph; seven grandchildren; and his beloved orange tabby, Samson.

A memorial service was held June 6 at the St. Paul Student Center.

John Goodding

John A. Goodding, 93, of Roseville, died May 18.

John was a professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences. His 17-year career there included academic administration and classroom teaching in the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, from which he retired in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet; daughters, Judith Kuusisto (James) and Marcia Goodding (Tom); six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Richard; and sister Barbara Bell.

He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, painting,



Richard and Miriam Hey

music and education. A celebration of life was held June 11 at House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

Richard Hey

Richard Noble Hey, 96, former resident of St. Anthony Park, died April 22 at his home in Roseville.

Hey was born in Okeene, Okla., in 1919. After reading every book in his high school library, he moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While working there, he enrolled at George Washington University.

Hey was drafted into service in 1941 and was stationed in Childress, Tex., where he corresponded with Miriam Jennings, who he had met in Washington, D.C. They fell in love through their correspondence and married in Childress.

After the war ended, Miriam and Hey moved to Kentucky, where they both could attend Berea College, the only college they found that allowed married students to live together. They scheduled their classes so that one of them could care for their first child as the other attended class.

The family moved to Newton, Mass., where Hey attended Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree and was ordained in the American Baptist Church.

Later, he enrolled at Columbia University in New York City and earned a Ph.D. in sociology. He joined the Marriage Council of Philadelphia, a program at the Pennsylvania School of Medicine and worked with Dr. Emily Mudd, a pioneer in the field of marriage and the family. They were some of the first to work with couples in family therapy rather than with spouses individually.

Eventually, Hey moved his family to Minnesota to join Gerry Neubeck at the University of Minnesota, where they established the first post-doctoral program to train marriage counselors. He later led the Department of Family Social Science and served as president of both the National Council on Family Relations and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

After retiring, Richard took groups of students on trips around the world to study family systems and home economics cross-culturally. While living in St.

Anthony Park, he was a regular participant in the exercise program sponsored by SAPAS.

He will be remembered as a lover of art and music, a great mentor and friend, a forward-thinking person who was a "work in progress up the day he died" and a generous, kind man.

The real sorrow in his life was losing Miriam in May 2013.

Richard and Miriam are survived by their children, Richard (Donna), Philip and Janet (Roger); grandchildren, Dylan, Clare (Troy), Louis (Katie), Anne (Josh) and Ellen; great-grandsons, Miles and Oliver; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Luther Seminary on May 30.

Marsha Hoffman

Marsha Palmer Hoffman, 67, died Jan. 4. She was an artist, art therapist and writer; a graduate of Minnesota College of Art and Design; a blue-ribbon horsewoman; and an organic gardener.

She is survived by brothers, Loring and John Palmer; and lifelong friend, Paula McCartin. A memorial celebration was held May 25 at her home in Lauderdale.

Thelma McGuigan

Thelma G. McGuigan, 86, died May 8. She was a longtime resident of Falcon Heights.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William. She is survived by children, Debbie (Tim) Holmquist, Bill (Karen), Tim (Kim) and Bob (Mary); six grandchildren; brothers, Dale Sunderland and Kenny (Sandy) Sunderland; and sisters, Ardis Maus, Jean Hansen, Janice (Dalen) Casper and June (Bob) Kurtzbein.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 14 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

John Nicol

John O. Nicol, 94, of Falcon Heights, died May 14. He was employed by Mutual Service Insurance Co. for more than 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Max, and granddaughter Cindy. He is survived by wife, Jean; daughter, Nancy; three grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

A memorial service was held May 30 at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Lucille Olson

Lucille B. (Farthing) Olson, 84, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died May 23.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Olson. She is survived by daughter, Cathy; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A visitation gathering was held May 30 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home in St. Paul.

James Ryan

James Arthur Ryan, 82, of Como Park, died May 27. He graduated from Cretin High School (1950) and the University of Minnesota.

Jim spent more than 30 years of teaching English and coaching tennis at Benilde-St. Margaret's School, and he finished his career at Visitation High School. He loved listening to music, talking about literature and film, and pontoon drifting on Green Lake.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rose Marie (née Mayers); children, Kevin (Jane McManus), Sarah (Wayne) Wood, Philip (Colette), Martha (John) Seal, Ruth (Sean) Sullivan and Edward (Duzdee); 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Maureen Wolter and Br. Kevin Ryan FSC.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 5 at the Church of St. Cecilia, with inurnment at Calvary Cemetery.



Donna Swartz

Donna Swartz

Donna K. Swartz passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 13. She was a gift to family, friends and her "work family" at HealthPartners, where she was known as an inspirational leader. Her positive attitude influenced everyone, and she relied on it the most in her two-and-a-half year fight against metastatic Her2 positive breast cancer.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith Picardi, and brothers-in-law, James Swartz and Dan Nooe. She is survived by her loving family: husband, Krag; daughter, Olivia; stepdaughters, Trudy McClintic and Kristin Swartz; granddaughters, Laura and Lily McClintic; father, Albert Picardi; stepmother, Susan Picardi; sister, Anne Nooe; brother, Alan Picardi; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donna is remembered most for her winning smile, her creativity, her fresh perspective, her strategic insight, her lush gardens, her design sense, her home décor touch, her marathon shopping energy and always, always her ability to "put it all together."

Her family has the deepest appreciation and gratitude for Donna's care team at Regions Cancer Center and HealthPartners Hospice & Palliative Care.

A memorial service was held June 19 at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis.

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Business News

Website aims to point families to metro-area fun all year long

Summer break is fast approaching, and with it, that dreaded complaint, grumbled by kids of all ages: I'm *booooooored*. There are only so many times you can throw everyone in the van and go look at giraffes.

Family Fun Twin Cities to the rescue. The website, familyfuntwincities.com, was formed by three moms desperate to keep their broods entertained year round and offers recommendations on mostly free or low-cost ideas for keeping kids busy and happy.

From Children's Theater plays to child-friendly coffee shops, FFTC is a great resource for metro area families.

Anne Kingston, Gianna Kordatzky and Joy Peters each had their own blog, chronicling their various adventures with their little ones, when they decided to join forces.

"Our own blogs were more of a holding place of ideas of what to do with our kids; it was for ourselves," Kingston said. "With Family Fun



A screen shot of the free-things-to-do page at familyfuntwincities.com.

Twin Cities, it evolved more into being a helpful resource for all families instead of just recording our own memories."

The website's event calendar and directory are its biggest draw. Events can range from a water fest in St. Paul to a listing of fun birthday party locales around the Twin Cities or a

review of an indoor playground in Eagan.

Kingston, who grew up in the Como neighborhood, says the team tries to cover as much of the metro area as possible, because if there is one thing that unites all parents, it's the challenge of restless kids.—*Alex Lodner*

Minnesota Chemical Company celebrates 100 years in St. Paul

In 1915, R.P. Baker and several other Irish immigrants founded the Minnesota Chemical Co. in St. Paul as a local manufacturer of soaps and cleaning compounds.

The company, located at 2285 Hampden Ave. in St. Anthony Park, celebrated its 100th anniversary in May. Since its founding, it has grown to a regional company that provides equipment and supplies to the laundry, dry cleaning and coin laundry industries.

The company is still owned and managed by the same family that established it in 1915 as a soap and cleaning compound manufacturer, working out of a small building at

2207 Wycliff Ave.

The company's founders were attracted to the Midway area because of its proximity to the Minnesota Transfer Railroad's hub and the presence of meat-processing plants in the area, which provided a critical component in soap manufacturing—beef tallow.

Minnesota Chemical Co. moved to its current location on Hampden Avenue in 1937. After R.P. Baker died in 1943, his sons, Robert, Dan and John, took over.

The company opened a sales office and warehouse in Milwaukee in 1952. Ten years later, the company opened another office in Waverly,

Iowa. In 1985, the "Baker boys" retired together, transitioning the company to their sons—the new "Baker boys"—Mike (John's son), Steve and Dan (Robert's two sons). A fourth generation of Bakers (Mike's son James) is now working for the company.

The Minnesota Chemical Co. provides products to businesses in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

If you want to read more about Minnesota Chemical and its history, it has posted a number of centennial celebration stories on its website at minnesotachemical.com/Blog/Looking-Back.



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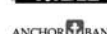
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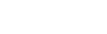
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Mayda from 1

Hollywood actor.

"He was cool enough to let us hang out with him and he was very supportive of us," she said.

The Sugar Divas split up after the members headed to college. Miller attended the University of Minnesota, where she received a degree in communications.

Since then, she has released two full-length albums and writes jingles for a variety of businesses in the metro area. Her work includes the signature blog song for KARE11's news, Target's 2014 back-to-school ad and the jingle for MyTalk 107.1 FM's the Weekly Dish with Stephanie March and Stephanie Hansen.

In 2013, she toured Korea, and while there, met her biological parents. "DeMayda'd" is in part "a reaction to my experience of meeting my parents and going through adoption."

Despite growing up in a supportive adoptive family, Miller said that as an adoptee, "you feel alone. You feel you are the only one. You feel secluded. It's very personal," because no matter what the circumstances are of the adoption



The Sugar Divas: Mayda Miller, Asha Shoffner, Liz Maynes-Aminzade, Jessica Hartnett and Mina Moore

"you are ultimately given away, and it's not by choice. Whether it is for good or bad reasons, it's pretty much saying you are not wanted."

Everyone has different experiences, she said, and many people choose creative outlets to deal with the emotions of being an adoptee.

"There are tons of playwrights and artists, painters, musicians who are Korean adoptees because that's a safe way to let out emotions, to deal with the whole experience. I think

most of my inspiration has come from my adoption experience."

"DeMayda'd" is being directed by Randy Reyes, artistic director for Mu Performing Arts. Miller hopes to see the play tour outside of Minnesota after its debut.

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Birdman from 8

roam about the neighborhood, winding up on Rebecca Montgomery's front porch. She called the University of Minnesota Raptor Center to rescue the fledgling. They not only rescued the wandering owlet, but went one better. They brought along an orphaned great horned owlet to join the first owlet as an adopted sibling.

Things have gone swimmingly. The two little fluff balls have bonded with one another and have been seen snuggling together. And the parents have been busily feeding both offspring as if they were both their own.

University Grove resident Dave Wark reports that he's noticed "a distinct fall off of visitors to his feeders." The other critters have cause

to be anxious when owls are around, as evidenced by a squirrel head in the grass. I guess that's one way to keep squirrels off the feeders.

Karen Kloser has heard the little ones' chirps starting at dark and lasting for several hours, and then again in the early morning. She says their sound is like "meEEep," which she has observed is getting deeper and screechier as they age. She says she hasn't been hearing the adult hoots much, if at all.

My theory is that the parents are being very attentive to their little brood, stuffing them full of food right after night falls. That holds them until just before dawn, when the adults provide another feeding to hold them through the day. In fact, Montgomery, the resident who notified the Raptor Center about the wayward owlet on her porch, says she recently saw the two chicks together on a branch around 6 a.m. "chewing and pulling on something." They're apparently learning to feed themselves with what the parents catch and bring in for them.

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School News

School news will take a break over the summer. See you in September.

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Academy of Finance awards

Academy of Finance (AOF) freshmen and sophomores ended the year with a recognition ceremony at Travelers corporate headquarters in St. Paul.

AOF teacher Gail Rosenow received Best Prep's Larson Financial Literacy Award in May for her consistent excellence in business education. Best Prep's founding partners 3M, General Mills, Ecolab and Cargill sponsor the collaboration between the business community and education.

Class of 2015 news

Senior Honors Night was held at the school on May 27 and the Class of 2015 graduation ceremony was held June 4 at Roy Wilkins Auditorium. The choirs and band performed, senior Destyn Land gave the student address, and English teacher Chong Thao gave the commencement address. After the diplomas were presented, the Como Booster Club, aided by parent volunteers of Como students past and present, along with local businesses, sponsored the annual all-night graduation party for

the seniors at school.

See you at the parade

The Como Booster Club, athletic teams and academic departments will show their Como pride in the Fourth of July parade in St. Anthony Park on July 4. The parade starts at 11 a.m. (See schedule on page 20.)

Murray Middle School

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Eagle Scout

The Murray community is proud of eighth-grade student Phillip Chervenak's Eagle Scout project. With the help of several Murray students and the boys in his troop, he made 15 benches for the students to use during lessons in the outdoor classroom.

Battle of the Bands

Murray hosted a Battle of the Bands where Flipside Rock Bands from Murray, Highland Park and Farnsworth were able to perform. Murray took the trophy for "Best Band," and all schools did a phenomenal job. An "aww" moment stemmed from a challenge that all three schools were given. They were asked to take a nursery song and put their own "rock" spin on it. While Highland Park played "Itsy Bitsy Spider," the crowd sang along and

some folks even did the hand gestures.

Thanks to community partners

Murray is celebrating many partnerships that help advance learning for our students. A special thanks to Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation, St. Paul Public Schools Foundation, New Lens Urban Mentoring, Honoring Project, University of Minnesota Raptor Center, U of M Curriculum and Instruction, U of M Athletics, U of M Science Department, U of M Library, Murray Class of 1965, Pilot 1:1 Tutors, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, U.S. Forest Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St. Paul Parks and Recreation for the use of the College Park designated outdoor classroom space, 3M, Murray Parent Association and Micawber's Books.

History Day winners

Murray had 18 students compete at the University of Minnesota for State History Day. Special congratulations go to Jillian Brenner, who received third place and went to the national competition in Washington, D.C. (see story below); Fiona Blank and Anna Gaudio, honorable mention; and Audrey Power-Theisen and Janey Post, honorable mention.

Murray girl awarded at National History Day competition in D.C.

Murray seventh-grader Jillian Brenner's story of a World War II Navy squadron that went down during the Battle of Midway in 1942 was a top winner at the Minnesota History Day competition in May and earned her a spot at the national competition in Washington, D.C., in June, where she received the Salute to Courage Award and a trip to the World War II Museum in New Orleans for her project.

Twelve-year-old Brenner of Como Park is the second student from Murray to go to the national competition since the school began participating in the research competition nearly a decade ago. Page Norman, an eighth-grader at the time, advanced to Washington, D.C., in 2007.

Brenner's project addressed the 2015 History Day theme Leadership and Legacy. Her project told the story of Torpedo Squadron 8, whose first combat mission was during the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. The 15 Douglas TBD Devastator planes were all shot down during an unescorted torpedo attack on Japanese aircraft carriers. Only one member of the squadron survived. Despite the outcome of the attack, the pilots did successfully stall Japanese planes, Brenner said.

Brenner has a keen interest in World War II, she said, because her



Jillian Brenner received the Salute to Courage Award and a trip to the World War II Museum in New Orleans at the National History Day competition in June. *Photo courtesy of Carrie Newman*

grandfather, who died before she was born, was a veteran of that war. Her dad knows a lot about the war and helped her find her topic, she said.

Brenner and her mom attended the national event with Brenner's history teacher, Carrie Newman.

National History Day is an interdisciplinary research project for students in grades 6-12. Students can choose to write a paper or create an exhibit, documentary, performance or website. The Minnesota Historical

Society and the University of Minnesota sponsor the competitions in Minnesota.

Students at Murray begin with a school competition in early spring. Winners there advance to a regional competition, and regional winners advance to the state competition held each May at the University of Minnesota. The state competition winners advance to the national one in Washington, held each year in June. —*Kristal Leebrick*

Roseville Area High School

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Drama awards

Roseville Area High School seniors Leif Hove and Emma Johnson received special awards at the drama program's annual awards ceremony May 26.

Hove received the Directors' Award and Paula C. Thomas Memorial Fund Scholarship, and Johnson received the Drama Leadership Award. Johnson also received the Drama Leadership Award.

Student Choice Award winners

were: Olivia Morgan, Best Performance by a Female in a Traveling Troupe Production; Caleb Twiggs, Best Performance by a Male in a Traveling Troupe Production; Adam Wurst, Best Male Ensemble or Chorus Performance; Della Christ, Best Female Ensemble or Chorus Performance; Haley Wagner-Swiers, Best Crew Work; Isabel Huot-Link, Best Leader in an Ensemble ("The Music Man"); Emma Johnson, Best Female in a Principle Role ("Arsenic & Old Lace"); and Leif Hove, Best Male in a Principle Role.

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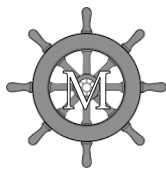
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CPHS Cougar Sports



Murray Pilots Sports

by Eric Erickson

Eric Erickson highlights Como Park Senior High School athletics each month in the Bugle.

Three Como athletes are state champions!

Before graduating from Como Park High School, seniors Kia Vang and Sheng Vang dreamed of adding an achievement they could carry with them into the rest of their lives, along with their diplomas.

They worked hard through many badminton seasons to get their chance, and on May 14, they triumphed in the Minnesota State Badminton Tournament, winning the doubles championship.

After earning the St. Paul City title the previous week, the girls kept the momentum going through state, defeating a team from city rival Johnson in the state final. A Pioneer Press story featured the Como team in a front-page photo, with several quotes from Kia and Sheng about their accomplishment.

As reported in last month's Bugle, Como junior Trevon Clay was also chasing a dream. He cruised through the Section 4AA track meet, qualifying for state in three events: the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles and the long jump.

His hurdling times during the



Three Como athletes became state champions this spring in two sports: Sheng Vang (left) and Kia Vang with badminton coach Donna Norberg and Trevon Clay with track coaches Roy Magnuson (left), John Robinson and Marv Rouse (right).

season indicated he had a chance of medaling in those events at state if he ran his best races. He did.

Clay's preliminaries qualified

him for the finals in both races. He came up just shy of the long jump finals, but was able to put all his energy into the hurdling finals on

June 5 at Hamline University, claiming third in the 300 meter and crossing the finish line first in the 110 meter to claim the gold medal.

Trevon Clay made the most of his moments and proudly represented Como Park on top of the podium as a state champion.

Spring sports roundup at Murray and Como Park

Como Park Cougars

Baseball—The Cougars placed second in the St. Paul City with a 10-2 conference record, one game behind Highland. The final conference game of the season was an 11-0 win over Harding, played under the lights at CHS Field, the new downtown home of the St. Paul

Saints.

The Cougars then made a deep run in the Section 4AA playoffs, recording three wins before losing a nail-biter to Holy Angels in the final four. The team's overall record was 16-7. Seniors John Wenger, Matt Klein and Richie Gulner were named All-Conference, along with juniors

Kevin Smith and Jacob Barnard.

Boys Tennis—Senior captain Nate Parsons led the team and earned the Section 4AA Singles Championship. Parsons participated in the state tournament for the third consecutive year, going undefeated through the regular season and the section tournament before bowing out to Rochester Century's Jessie Laney in a closely contested match in state.

Joining Parsons on the All-Conference team were senior Ben Reynolds and freshman Gabe Reynolds. Honorable mention went to Joaquin Bravo, Joey Pratte and Murray eighth-grader Simon Grow-Hanson. The team finished third in the St. Paul City with a 4-2 record, 8-8 overall.

Boys Golf—Junior Tom Fritts was the top individual in the St. Paul City. Fritts was dominant in conference competition, finishing as the medalist in 10 of 11 conference meets. In the 18-hole conference tournament at Highland National, Fritts shot 74 and 78 to win the tournament by 16 strokes. Junior Eliot Berven and senior Luke Berndt both finished in the top 10 at the tournament, helping the team to an overall second-place finish in conference standings.

Softball—For the seventh time in nine years, the Lady Cougars earned a share of the conference title.

Highland and Como each finished at 11-1, splitting their season series with each other. Como's overall record was 18-7, highlighted by a top-three finish in the Section 4AA Tournament of 13 teams.

Grace Maruska, the team's only senior, earned All-Conference, as did junior Cassie Prescott, sophomore pitcher Kathryn Proper and freshman Sylvia Villarreal. With four other juniors earning honorable mentions—Delilah Wolf, Brianna Menssen, Emma Hartmann and Bekah Hausman—next year looks promising.

Badminton—With more than 50 participants, the badminton team had a rewarding season capped off by a state championship for the doubles team of Sheng Vang and Kia Vang (see story above). The team's conference record was 6-6 (9-9 overall).

Victories over traditional rivals Central and Harding were significant, and propelled the program forward as they competed in the year-end city and state tournaments. Seniors Emily Vang and Moua Na Yang received All-Conference honorable mention. The St. Paul City dominated the state tournament with conference members Johnson and Washington finishing first and second, respectively.

Girls Golf—The Lady Cougars Golf

Team was very young and finished fourth in the St. Paul City final 18-hole meet. Senior Stella Quale earned an All-Conference honorable mention, and junior Olivia Berven was the only other returning player from last year's team. Together they led the new players through their first competitions and experienced growth. Sophomore Elianna Wiersma was voted the team's most improved player.

Track and Field—The boys team finished fourth in the conference, led by junior Trevon Clay, the State Champion in the 110-meter hurdles (see story above). Sophomore Innocent Murwanashyaka placed third in the 1,600 meters and second in the 3,200 meters. Close behind was Junior Geleto Roba, placing fourth in both events.

The girls team also finished fourth in the conference, led by the Miles sisters. Junior Mary Miles achieved second place in the 1,600 meters and third in the 3,200 meters. Senior Kathleen Miles was third in the 1,600 and was the St. Paul City champion in the 3,200 with a blazing time of 11:56.

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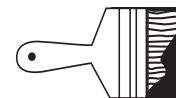
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both a gold (A) squad and a blue (B) squad, with both teams competing against other city schools. In total, more 35 athletes participated in the Pilots baseball program this season.

The gold team posted an overall record of 7-2, finishing with top honors in the premier division of the conference. This year's eighth-graders helped keep the gold team focused and positive: Tommy Freberg, Tommy Heesch, Raef Eddins, Matt Sprandel, Nic Branson, Quincy Altman, Jakob Koep, Barnabus Preble, Khyrie Lueben, Bridger

Carlson and Theo Sblendorio.

Track and Field—The boys and girls teams trained together throughout the spring. The girls won two quadrangular meets during the regular season, with multiple victories in distance events from eighth-graders Valerie Bares and Anna Erickson. The boys also won two meets, and they placed fifth out of 11 in the year-end conference meet. Eighth-grader Zach Konkol was the City champion in the 55-meter hurdles, and eighth-grader Kobe Anderson was the City champion in the 100-meter.

Softball—Murray Softball enjoyed another successful season, recording 6 wins and just 2 losses. The team had a nice mix this year, including eighth-graders Adina DeGaetano, Gianni Gabrielli, Isabelle Hoppe, Caitlin Jones, Cai Marben, Madi McPhee and Asia Faulk, and seventh-graders Carter Brown,

Leandra Dahlke, Bailey Huepenbecker and Maggie March.

The girls played well in all games, and after some early struggles, finished the season with six straight wins.

Badminton—A combination of 40 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders had an excellent season. The Pilots had an overall record of 9-4 for 2015 with a fourth-place finish in the 12-team St. Paul middle school conference standings. Seventh-grader Premika Giuring was Murray's singles champion, and eighth-graders Olivia Helmin and Elinor Kiebler-Diggs were Murray's doubles champions. Seven of the team's 10 starters are returning to the team next year.

Eric Erickson teaches at Como Park High School and has coached a variety of school and youth sports teams in St. Paul over the last 20 years. Follow twitter @eestp for current school sports news.

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LANGFORD PARK RACES

Registration at the recreation building (the event includes a small registration fee). Races start at 8:30. 4-mile race: Divisions for men, women, and masters (40 and over). 2-mile race: Joggers and juniors (15 and younger).

10:30 a.m.

GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY

Children's bikes, trikes, wagons, etc. assemble at Ned's Park Service. Bands, vehicles and marching units assemble at Luther Place. Get your free American flag!

11 a.m.

GRAND PARADE BEGINS

Proceeds from Luther Place, down Como Avenue to Langford Park. Parade includes a color guard, neighborhood units, bands, floats, VIPs, music, kids and much more! Following the parade, a program including the Patriotic Essay winners and music from the St. Anthony Park Community Band will take place at the bandstand in Langford Park.

Noon

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Purchase pulled-pork sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream, veggie burgers and more vegetarian options by the tennis courts. *Sponsored by the Saint Anthony Park Booster Club.*

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Registration and check in noon to 1 p.m. 24-team limit. Preregister by calling Langford Park Recreation Center at 651-298-5765. Doubles tournament begins sharply at 1 pm.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration and check in noon to 1 p.m. Preregister by calling Langford at 651-298-5765. Co-rec tournament begins at 1 p.m.

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PIG'S EYE JASS BAND AT THE BANDSTAND

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

PONY RIDES

2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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