From a Scudder Street patio to the Guthrie

Mayda to debut one woman performance “DEM ayadd” at two shows in July at Dowling Studio

By Kristal Lebrick

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 wakaandy demonstration at age 8 or 9.

She recounts that experience in her upcoming play “DEM ayadd,” 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 performer is “untraining of me,” she said, “the unpanciting of who I am to this point.”

It’s her story of growing up a Korean adoptee in Minnesota and how she dealt with the confusing feelings that comes with that “no matter what the circumstances are,” she said.

Miller was adopted as a baby 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 get 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 H’irupters, 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 open.

“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 Harrahs older brother, Josh, now a well-known musician.

The Sugar Divas’ last show, Miller said, was at the Uptown Bar in Minneapolis, before they went to college.

“Some of us got scholarships, some of us got contracts to play in college. We just had to pack it up and come back when we were ready,” she said.

They reunited in 2014, she said, recording the album “DEM ayadd,” which Miller said is a blend of funk and jazz.

“Some of the songs were just really personal to me—coming to terms with who I am,” she said.

Kim Miller said the show’s title was inspired by the words of the Sugar Divas’ base drummer, Jessica Harris, who originally wrote them as a poem about her struggle with how it felt to be adopted and then be placed in Minnesota.

“She had read a poem about a Korean adoptee as a child who was adopted as a baby and was loved and cared for, but then was sent to Minnesota and left to fend for herself on her own,” Miller said.

“She wrote this poem about her struggle,” Miller said. “The last line is ‘I am the sum of all those parts. I am the sum of all those parts.’"

Miller said the opening scene of the show will be a flash mob of people who have their own personal connections to adoption.

The Guthrie will be working with the Adoption and Foster Care Alliance of Minnesota to publicize the show.

The show will be in the Guthrie’s smaller Studio 3, Miller said, because of the intimate nature of the play.

“The Guthrie is really excited about this and they’re going to support it,” Miller said. “They’re really looking for a way to have a conversation about adoption.”

The show will be at 7:30 p.m. July 10 and 11 at the Guthrie’s Dowling Studio, 2400 1st Ave. South. Tickets are $25 for previews and $35 for productions and can be purchased online.

For more information, visit the Guthrie’s website at www.guthrietheater.org.
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. Larpenteur Ave. Contact 651-649-5992.

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

Falcon Heights
Falcon Heights City Council meets at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 1885 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month. Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Park, 1855 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month from 4 to 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 1885 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Park, 1855 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month.

The Lauderdale farmers markets will return 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 651-792-7350.

Mixed Precipitation returns On Sunday, Aug. 23, the Falcon Heights City Community Garden will host Mixed Precipitation at the theater company performs "Escape from Alcatraz: A Picnic Opera" at Falcon Heights Community Park. The show will begin at 4 p.m.

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 had declined over the years and the seminary is looking to lease or develop space and land in a way that will enhance their mission.

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) is a business 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 quality apartment homes; support the transit-rich location by redeveloping an underutilized site; increase density to improve 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 St. Anthony Park Arts Center, 2455 W. University Ave.

St. Paul Grand Round District 12 is involved with Mayor Chris Coleman’s 9-20 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 parks in the city. Raymond and Felham avenues are part of the plan. You can find out more at www.spaulgrandround.org.

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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 homeless and underemployed 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 unemployed to sell, but these 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 content of the paper will be dedicated to work by homeless contributors, such as Cliff Hendricks, a 27-year-old homeless artist who worked with Sedgewick 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. He anticipates many more contributions to this section after the 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 News is 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.

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

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 Donna Shroham 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 M Urray 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 has been a member of the St. Paul Public Library’s volunteer 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, M icawber’s Books, Bibelot, Muffuletta, Colossal Cafe, D unn 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 Hendricks 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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[Image]
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 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 D droit muscle is secured. The juice could be provided free from Hank Ford’s dam downstream where the carp like to congregate. I questioned the lock tender to as 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 D’droit muscle is secured. The juice could be provided free from Hank Ford’s dam downstream where the carp like to congregate. The lock tender informed me that the potential liability could be created by a SWAT team of lock lawyers, where a barge operator might become heavily juiced—or even oven roasted—while handling added 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 one, of course. So we have some disturbing news for our Congress. Closing the lock will not stop the carp. Might slow them down a tad. Yes, we know they’re invasive 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. 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. M. Carp then obtains transport to the sweet side of St. Anthony Falls via Air O’perry or Air Eagle first class.

Plan C. I actually witnessed firsthand with two carp jumping into the seats of the Betty Danger Ferris Wheel in Northeast Minneapolis and launching themselves with their sly fists, safely landing upward to pillage virgin territory and all its native species. Technically known as the “Carpe Diem” move, degrees 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 intercostal traffic on a river that has existed for eons, and it defies rational thought for me. Rumor has it, there is consideration in closing the H-annpin Avenue bridge as a rafter of turkeys from M inneapolis and launching themselves with their sly fists, safely landing upward to pillage virgin territory and all its native species. Technically known as the “Carpe Diem” move, degrees of difficulty 6.8. I think all native species possess a selfish “we were here first” attitude.

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As an organic activist or not—people can still lead us to all our climate goals.

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

Mindy Kaskinen
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 W of C’s. The W of C has ascended in his ball-hon. Toto has found the dog park. The Scarecrow might get his brain, but the Tin Woodman will never find his heart and Dorothy knows she can never go home again.

For 22 years we felt the Saints were the peoples team, now I fear they are the politicians’ team. (The mayor was even allowed to coach first base) Perhaps after all those years the W of C’s Witch has finally won! And me? I am watching my life slowly fade from color back to sepia.

Jim Adworth
St. Anthony Park

Letters

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 to Gidget Campfire Grill on the State Fairgrounds for our Sippin’ Suds for SAPAS event.

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, Exelor, Fair State Brewing Coop, Insight, Lake Monster, Lucette, Summit, Sociable CiderWorks, Tin Whiskers, and the Urban Growler.

SAPAS was born in 1981 at the St. Anthony Park Block Party program, a pioneering, first-of-its-kind organization in M innnesota and an example across the nation. The mission of SAPAS 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.sapasanions.org. Thank you again for your support and for keeping St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale and Falcon H eights 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
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 Glen Skovholt and Kathy Milligan, P.J. Pofahl, Jan Sedgewick, Michael Griffin, John Landree, Bob Marshall and Millie Adelsheim.

Eklund was also a founding member of the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation as an annual meeting of the members is going out of business. For more information, contact 651-644-3900. www.skonchiro.com

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 in Snelling Avenue in 1999. Now those items are offered at larger 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.

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 Ebenizer 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 M inn. 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 M inneapolis Church of Councils 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.

To add your business to this listing, contact Bradley Wolfe at 952-393-6814 or bradley.wolfe@parkbugle.org.
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 __’s dad?
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 hear on 54 Across
48. Wynn and M of ahon
49. Its members stick to their guns
50. Its members stick to others’ guns
51. Its members stick to Minnenosta
54. Important date in American History
57. Display
60. Linguist Chomsky
61. Certain socioc.
62. Iron target “On My Way Home” singer
64. Derive of
65. “North Dallas __”
66. Celebrity chef Paula
67. Former fliers

DOWN
1. Single
2. Self-assurance
3. Short time, for short
4. Romance novelist Roberts
5. Corn or cotton, e.g.
6. Ring
7. “Presume not God to ___”
8. Realers
9. Cabap
10. Civil wrong
11. Pilot’s annomct.
12. No ___ dir.
21. “NFL Live” arier
26. Therein lies a __
27. Heartthrob
28. Skin
30. Punted from the closet?
31. Comptible
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. Conisciied
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 monarchists
57. New thing under the sun?
58. Arafat org.
59. Position of banner vis-à-vis land
61. N___ ___
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.

Mr. Chase’s two great passions and recognition are the Como Regional Park. Whether it’s introducing outdoor activities to the students or giving the keynote speech at the formal dedication of the new Como Outdoor Classroom at Como Regional Park, Chase’s dedication to the park is phenological, the closely observed indications of the change of seasons. Whether it be noting the timing of bud-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 amazing hard to do.” He describes teaching as a “career for a lifetime of providing leadership and community service with all the circumstances of life.”

Chase’s students have a couple of hours in the evening, regular puts in 10-hour days with a workaholic” and confesses that he has made a difference in his students’ lives, partly because he knows just how profound the consequences of those choices 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.

“Both 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 the teachers who work there. Not only do his class sizes sometime approach 40 students, but he works for Chase. 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’ve been 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.”

Chase teaches early adolescence—kids poised between maturity and childhood, with all their attendant mood shifts and emotional peaks and valleys. He would 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 wildness 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 who 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 of art form, “To create an environment where all students feel welcome, recognized for who they are and inspired to think and wonder is amazing hard to do,” he describes teaching as a “career for a lifetime of providing leadership and community service with all the circumstances of life they each bring—and I’m expected to pull off a miracle of learning.”

Chase also wants to be present at the turning points of his students’ lives. He points out how the consequences of those choices 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.

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And then there’s the issue of money. Chase loves what he does and 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 [those] 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 M B A 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.

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
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 tsillick and then sits quietly and motionlessly. 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 camping 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.

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

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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 fly on its own. The great horned owlets

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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, and their rambunctious cat, Cimorene. In his spare time, he enjoys painting, gardening and cross-country skiing.
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 they were certain that happened was when Wing sketched Lange for his “Their Avocations” series in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1922.

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When Krista Craven and Christina Rogan decided to enter the Brooklyn 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 loving 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?fref=bookmarks).

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 all purpose 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.)
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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 Lanphere, 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 Gingko’s Coffee Shop, which had been across the street from Speedy. Elementary families had made it a tradition to stop at Gingko’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.
**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, “Till 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: Schiffruly 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 Farm’s Market, Community Park, 1885 Fulham St., the third Thursday of each month, 4-7 p.m.

Park 84 Dark, St. Anthony Park Como Avenue business district, 5-8 p.m. Food, music, shopping and family activities.  
Minnestoa Waiting Children information session, CHLSS, 6-8 p.m. Register at chlds.org/adoptioninformation.

**18 SATURDAY**  
Adoption information meeting, CHLSS, 9-11:30 a.m. Register at chlds.org/adoptioninformation.

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

**21 TUESDAY**  
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**23 THURSDAY**  
Preschool Mandarin Chinese story time, St. Anthony Park Library.

**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, “Matering the Art of Soviet Cooking” by Anya Von Bremen, 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.

**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, 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.  
CHLSS (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., 651-631-6300

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

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 1499 Fulham St., 651-642-0411

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

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2233 Como Ave., 651-645-0371

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

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-633-8946

Women Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., www.womensdrumcenter.org

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

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 296 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 McBride’s Books, Bibelot and Tim and Tommi’s Speedy Mart. 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 decapitated 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 M unray Middle School into College Park. This kettle was formed by a retreating 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. Dossell Avenue between Hyline and Chelmsford streets, along with most of Chelmsford from Buford Avenue to Dossell was part of the kettle and was filled. Over the years I have removed many plate and glass shards when working in my garden, evidence of the fill.

In creating my landscape, 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 mid-afternoon, I have the opportunity to grow a wide range of both shade and sun materials. After four years of waiting, Hasta Empress Wu is wooing me with her height and blooms. Tall liarias 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 Dossell! 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 M. Maguire Lerman is a member of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

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 switches 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 Henry Ford Museum. “A Loom Here, a Loom There: 75 Years of the Weavers Guild of M innnesota” opened on June 15 and will be up through Sept. 14.

Throughout the year, the guild is planning and taking part in various events across the state. For more information about upcoming events and to purchase the book, visit weaverguildmn.org.

"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at Como Lakeside Pavilion

Rosetown Playhouse will present the family-friendly musical “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” July 9-18 at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. 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 612-379-2396.

Plots still available at Merriam Station Community Garden

The Merriam Station Community Garden 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, msccg@unionparkdc.org or go to merriamsstation.org.

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Robert Ellingson
Robert North Ellingson, 91, died April 15. Bob was born Jan. 31, 1932, to Elmer Ellingson and Ingeborg Peterson and grew up on a farm in northern Minnesota, near St. Hilaire.

Bob raised his family in St. Anthony Park. He 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, visiting 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 the U.S. Air Force as a weather reconnaissance pilot stationed at Okinawa. He was an avid fan of all sports, though he loved softball the best, and in the 1950s played for the St. Louis Cardinals’ minor league. For in 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 impressive sense of humor, and was a lover of animals.

He is survived by his former wife Eileen Broderick, and their children, Michael (Mary Kap), Maria (Dan), 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 Resources. He is survived by four grandchildren.

He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, painting, music and education. A celebration of life was held June 11 at Hope Presbyterian Church.

Richard Hey
Richard Noble Hey, 96, former resident of St. Anthony Park, died April 25 at his home in Roseville.

Hey was born in Okène, 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 earned his Ph.D. from George Washington University. Hey was drafted into service in 1941 and was stationed in Children’s, Tex., where he corresponded with M. Irvin Jennings, who had met in Washington, D.C. They fell in love through their correspondence and married in Children’s.

After the war ended, M. Irvin and Hey moved to Kentucky, where they both attended 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 couple in family therapy rather than with spouses individually.

Eventually, Hey moved his family to Minnesota to join Gerry Neuback at the University of Minnesota, where they established the first family therapy clinic and 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 SAPS.

He will be remembered as a lover of art and music, a great mentor and friend, a forward-thinking woman who was a “work in progress up to the day she died” and a generous, kind man.

The real sorrow in his life was losing M. Irvin in May 2013.

Richard and M. Irvin are survived by their children, Richard (Donna), Philip and Janet (Roger), Louis (Kate), Anne (Josh) and Ellen; great-grandsons, Miles and Oliver; and aunts and nephews.

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

Marsha Hoffman

Hoffman was a member of the University of Minnesota Black Ladies Basketball Team. She later earned a Ph.D. in sociology. She served as president of the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy rather than with spouses individually.

She is survived by her sister, Eunice; and two nieces.

A memorial celebration was held at her home in Laidlaw.

Thelma M. Giugui
Thelma M. Giugui, 86, died May 6, 2015.

She is survived by one stepson, Salvatore (Susan) Giugui; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 25 at her home in Laidlaw.

John Nico
John O. Nico, 94, of Falcon Heights, died May 14, 2015. He was employed by Mutual Service Insurance Co. for more than 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Max, and grandmother Cindy. He is survived by wife, Jean; children, John, Richard, three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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 memorial service was held May 30 at Holy Family-Henry-Boom- Purcell Funeral Home in St. Paul.

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

James Ryan
James Arthur Ryan, 82, of Como Park, died May 27. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1950 and the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Jim spent more than 30 years 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; nieces and nephews; children, Kevin (Jane M. Dahn); Sarah (Wayne) Wood, Philip (Cottlea), Martha (John) Sad, Rachel (Sean) Sullivan and Edward (Dude); 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Maren Wulff and Br. Ken Ryan F.S.C.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 5 at the Church of St. Cecilia, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Donna Swartz
Donna K. Swartz passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 13.

Donna was a great 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 N. Noe. She is survived by her loving family: husband, Krag; daughter, Olivia; stepdaughters, Trudy M. Kincic and Kristin Swartz; granddaughters, Laura, Rachel, and Chase Swartz; grandchildren, Laura and Trudy; and two niece.

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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 booooooooored. 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 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.

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.

Cleveland Insurance Services, Allstate welcomes you to our Open House, June 27, 10 am-2 pm

We welcome you to come out to our office; meet our team, review your current insurance policies, insurance needs and meet the community. We will be providing food, doing some give-a-ways including two tickets to a Twins game and a Saints game. Please stop by on at least and say hi to the team if you can’t stay long, we understand. We would just like to get to know you and put a face with a name if we haven’t met you already.

Thank you and we look forward to having you visit our office, if not during the open house, sometime in the near future!

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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. She earned her spot at the national competition in Washington, D.C., on June 4 at Roy Wilkins Auditorium.

The choir 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 Cosmos Orchestra Club, aided by parent volunteers of Como students past and present, along with local businesses, sponsored the 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
2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murraysccp.org

Eagle Scout
The M urray community is proud of eighth-grade student Phillip Chevrelau’s Eagle Scout project. With the help of several M urray 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
M urray hosted a Battle of the Bands where Piping Rock Bands from M urray, Highland Park and Farnsworth were able to perform. M urray 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 “I spy Bitty Spider,” the crowd sang along and some folks even did the hand gestures.

Thanks to community partners
M urray 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 Leaf 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; M urray Class of 1965, Pilot 1:1 Tutors, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, U.S. Forest Service, M innesota D epartment of Natural Resources, St. Paul Parks and Recreation for the use of the College Park designated outdoor classroom space, 3M, M urray Parent Association and M urray’s Books.

History Day winners
M urray had 18 students compete at the University of M innesota for State History Day. Special congratulations to Jillian Brenner, who received third place and went to the national competition in Washington, D.C. (see story below). F iona Blank and A nna Gaudio, honorable mention; and Audrey Power-Thai sen and J aney Post, honorable mention.

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

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

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Twelve-year-old Brenner of Como Park is the second student from M urray to go to the national competition since the school began participating in the research competition nearly a decade ago. P age Norman, an eighth-grader at Murray, was a top winner at the Minnesota History Day competition. P age later went to the national competition in 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. T he 15 Douglas T B D dive bombers were all shot down during an unescorted torpedo attack on Japanese aircraft carriers. Only one member of the squadron survived. D espite 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 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 classmates attended the national event with Brenner’s history teacher, C arrie N ewman.

N ational 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 M innesota H istorical Society and the University of M innesota sponsor the competitions in M innesota.

Students at M urray begin with a school competition in early spring. W inners then advance to a regional competition, and regional winners advance to the state competition held each May at the University of M innesota. T he state competition winners advance to the national one in June. W inners each year in June—K ristal L eebrock
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 wanted to win, 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, the story quotes from Kia and Sheng about their accomplishment.

As reported in last month’s Bugle, Como senior Trevor 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 hurdlng times during the season indicated he had a chance of medalings 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 hurdlng finals on June 5 at Hamline University, claiming third in the 300 meter and crossing the finish line 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 10-4 conference record, one game behind Highland. The final conference game of the season was an 11-0 win over Har dirg 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 Gliner 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 Jesse 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 M urry eighth-grader Simon Grow.

The team finished third in the St. Paul City with a 4-2 record, 8-6 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 Bevran and senior Luke Berendt 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. The team was very young and finished fourth in the St. Paul City final 18-hole meet. Senior Stella Oule was the only returning player from last year’s team. Together they led the new players through their first experiences and competitions.

Girls Golf—The Lady Cougars of Como Park were ranked fourth in the St. Paul City with a 13-2 conference record, finishing third in the Section 4AA Tournament of 13 teams.

Grace Murika, the team’s only senior, earned All-Conference, and junior Caisee Prescott, sophomore pitcher Kathryn Proper and freshman Sylvia Villarreal were voted the team’s most improved player.

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

Murray Pilots

Baseball—For the first time in a decade, Murray was able to offer
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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 than 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. The 15-year-olds and 16-year-olds helped keep the gold team focused and positive. Tommy Freberg, Tommy Heesch, Rael Edkins, Mast Sprandel, N.C. Branson, Quincy Altman, Jakob Koep, Barnabus Preble, Khyrie Lieben, Bridger Carlson and Theo Silandtoria.

Track and Field — The boys and girls teams trained together throughout the spring. The girls won two quadrangular meets during the season, with multiple victories in distance events from eighth-graders Valerie Barnes 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 hurdles.

Softball — Murry Softball enjoyed another successful season, recording 6 wins and just 2 losses. The team had a nice mix this year, including eighth-graders Adina DiGiaanto, Gianni Gabrielli, Isabelle Hoppe, Caitlin Jones, Cai Marben, Madi McPhee and Asia Faulk, and seventh-graders Carter Brown, Leandra Dahlke, Bailey Hupenbecker 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. Seventh-grader Premika Giuring was Murray's singles champion, and eighth-graders Olivia Helm and Elmir Kiblar-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 @esmp for current school sports news.

8 a.m.  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: Juggles 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  REFRESHMENT STAND OPENS
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

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
Registration and check-in noon to 1 p.m. 24-team limit.
Pre-registered by calling Langford Park Recreation Center at 651-298-5765. Tournament begins at 1 p.m.

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

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