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St. Anthony Park Home celebrates all month long.

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One man's pet is another man's pest.

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Mr. Larpenteur Ave.

All he wanted was a street in his name.

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Syrian refugee crisis gets personal for U prof

A Turkish immigrant herself, St. Anthony Park woman connects U.S. fundraising organization with groups in Turkey to get help to refugee children fast.

By Anne Holzman

As with many Minnesotans, Pinar Karaca-Mandic has been watching the Syrian refugee crisis unfold and wondering if there's anything she can do to help. She has kept her eye on it longer and more steadily than most, however, because the interest is personal.

Karaca-Mandic, a University of Minnesota public health professor, was born in Turkey.

"The beach where the little boy Aylan's body was found is where I went swimming with my family almost every summer," she said, recalling the September news photo of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi.

She turned her research capabilities to finding a way to help. "I have been observing this crisis

since 2011," she said. "Turkey is now the largest refugee hosting country, with almost 2.5 million registered Syrian refugees; 54 percent are children. While there are refugee camps, they can host at most about 20 percent.

"The rest are truly struggling in major cities or border towns and are in great need," she continued. "The situation of the children has been saddening me the most. They lost everything, and yet they need everything. They need to continue their education, and we can help."

The Bridge to Türkiye Fund, founded in North Carolina in 2003, supports nongovernmental organizations in Turkey, many of which first formed in response to the 1999 earthquake that devastated the country.

"Their main mission is health care and education for children in underserved areas," Karaca-Mandic said.

Impressed by Bridge's established networks and its focus on children, she and a team of colleagues from around the United States approached Bridges about serving a new population: the Arabic-speaking refugees flooding the country from Syria.

Because she speaks Turkish and English, Karaca-Mandic was able to help find organizations that were already on the ground in Turkey and in a position to make good use of donations from Bridges.

She recounted discovering an Australian couple running an independent bookstore in Istanbul, Pages Bookstore Café. They

specialize in stocking Arabic-language books and wanted to help get books into the hands of Syrian refugee children, Karaca-Mandic said. Other key contacts include school principals, who often are running something along the lines of charter schools in order to provide Arabic-language education.

Considering historic tensions between Turkey and Syria, Karaca-Mandic said, "the level of commitment and passion was eye-opening."

The project has been drawing grants as well as individual donations. Bridges recently sent funds to provide 3,000 books and 1,000 school bags filled with educational supplies to Syrian children living in

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All the toys, toys, toys, toys!

Monsters, Superheroes and Villains exhibit at Goldstein is testament to a family's tradition: collecting

By Judy Woodward

They're small, plain and almost nondescript. Tiny World War I soldiers barely 2 inches high, painted in ordinary shades of brown and black, they tend to recede into the background amid the gaudy plastic action figures and improbably colorful monsters of the America's Monsters, Superheroes, and Villains toy exhibit on display through Jan. 3 at the Goldstein Museum of Design on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota.

But in many ways, the little lead soldiers are at the heart of the entire collection.

St. Anthony Park resident Gilbert Barnhill made the soldiers as a child during World War II, pouring lead that he had melted in a saucepan on his mother's stove in Omaha into small manufactured molds. Because it was wartime, hobby supplies were scarce and lead ingots were nowhere to be had; but Gilbert's mother rose to the challenge. Mrs. Barnhill persuaded a local printing shop to allow her son to transform cast-off lead type into little World War I doughboys. It was the kind of parental resourcefulness that was to become a family tradition in the Barnhill clan.

Gilbert Barnhill, 89, is a resident of the St. Anthony Park



Home and these days he mostly leaves the talking to others. His son, David, is eager to speak about the role his dad played in the toy collection, which eventually grew to more than 200,000 items.

"I was blessed with amazing parents who valued my collection and didn't throw things away," says David.

For the Barnhill family, collecting seemed to have come with the territory. During his childhood in the 1960s and '70s, David says, "we lived in a big, creepy house in Prospect Park." Of course, "creepy" is a term of high praise in the vocabulary of a man who has devoted much of his life to collecting toy monsters.

"Father collected antique guns, but none of them worked," he says. "My mother was a hoarder who collected cookbooks and antique dishes. . . . My sister is more of a

Mr. Mercury is on display through Jan. 3 at America's Monsters, Superheroes and Villains at the Goldstein Museum of Design on the U of M's St. Paul Campus. Photo by Steven Zerby/Courtesy of SuperMonsterCity!

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C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

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

Learn more: 651-644-3889 or www.district10comopark.org.

Congratulations to D10's environmental activists

District 10's Environmental Committee is a winner of this year's Lifetime Stewardship Award from the Capitol Region Watershed District.

Members of the committee have a long history of fighting for water resources in the neighborhood, especially by leading the never-ending efforts to improve the quality of Lake Como. In fact, it was members of the committee who organized in 1998 and petitioned the state to create the watershed district in the first place.

The committee is also responsible for the creation and oversight of the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom.

Members and their achievements will be honored at a ceremony Dec. 16.

Como Business Network to meet

The Como Business Network will meet on Tuesday Jan. 12, at the HHH Job Corps Center, 1480

Snelling Ave., 7:30-9 a.m. Guest speaker will be Ellen Muller, the economic development manager for the City of St. Paul's Department of Planning and Economic Development.

The breakfast is free, but reservations are required. Reserve your spot by calling District 10 at 651-644-3889 or emailing district10@district10comopark.org.

The business network meets quarterly to connect with other Como Park businesses and to brainstorm on improving business success in the neighborhood.

If you cannot attend the Jan. 12 event, but would like to learn more, contact District 10, 651-644-3889.

Are you on our list?

To keep up to date on what's going on down the block, sign up for District 10's free weekly e-newsletter, which is sent to your inbox every Friday.

Go to the D10 website at www.district10comopark.org, then click on the sign-up icon in the right column.

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. Larpenteur Ave.

Learn more: 651-792-7600 or www.falconheights.org.

Winterfest!

The City of Falcon Heights' annual winter get-together, Winterfest!, will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, 1-4 p.m. Falcon Heights at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave.

Activities will include hayrides, a falcon hunt, snowshoeing, and other indoor and outdoor fun. The city will also have snacks and warm beverages available for attendees.

Community Engagement**Commission to host get-together**

The Community Engagement Commission will host a get-together Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Kevin Lindsey, Minnesota Department of Human Rights commissioner, will be there to discuss his office's work and opportunities for the city and its residents.

This will also be a great opportunity for residents to meet their neighborhood liaisons and learn about the services they provide.

Card club meets twice a month

Falconeers Card Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1 p.m. at City Hall. All are invited to attend.

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. Learn more: www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us or 651-792-7650.

Lions Club tree sale

The Lions Club of Falcon Heights/Lauderdale is celebrating its 29th year of selling Christmas trees. Visit the club at Community Park on the corner of Roselawn and Cleveland avenues if you are shopping for a tree. The lot is open evenings and this weekend. Purchases go toward the Lions Club support of organizations in the community.

Lauderdale's Park & Community**Involvement Committee needs you**

If Community-Building Events in Lauderdale are important to you, please consider volunteering or joining the Park & Community Involvement Committee. The Committee meets about seven times per year on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jim Bownik at City Hall 651-792-7656.

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. Learn more: 651-649-5992 or www.sapcc.org.

SAP progressive dinner is Feb. 27

The 30th annual St. Anthony Park progressive dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 27.

The fun, food and neighborliness will begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. From there, diners will fan out across the neighborhood to partake in a series of salad, dinner and dessert courses hosted at the homes of progressive dinner participants.

For more information and participant registration, visit www.sapcc.org/event/sap-progressive-dinner or send an email to progressivedinnersap@gmail.com.

District 12 meetings now held at Jennings Community school

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is now holding its board and Land Use Committee meetings at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 W. University Ave.

Jennings is a local charter school that has offered the council to use the space for free. There is parking in the back of the building and easy access to public transportation in the front.

The Community Council board meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The Land Use Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

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**Frattallone's Hardware begins re-model of post office building**

The purchase of the former post office building at 2286 Como Ave. in St. Anthony Park is complete, and Frattallone's Hardware and Garden plans to open a hardware store in the building by mid-March, according to Tom Frattallone.

Work on the project began on Nov. 30.

Frattallone didn't have drawings of the façade of the building at press

time, but said the company plans to "cover" the gray concrete on the outside of the building with brick veneer and stucco-like detailing that will make "the building fit into the neighborhood much better."

"It is going to be a great-looking addition to the neighborhood," he said.

The U.S. Postal Service's lease on the building ended in November

and USPS is looking to rent a new location in the same area. A public meeting to gather community input on the post office location was held on Dec. 8 at Luther Seminary's Olson Campus Center. Postal service representatives have been meeting with building owners along Como Avenue to find a storefront to fit their needs.

Comments may be submitted through Jan. 7 to Greg Shelton, real estate specialist, USPS, 200 E. Kentucky Ave., Denver, CO 80209-9950. USPS will post its decision at the Roseville post office, 2000 W. County B2, after Jan. 7.

The building went on the market in September 2014. It was 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 until the post office moved in 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.

The Frattallone family owns 20 hardware stores in the metro area, including two on Grand Avenue in St. Paul.—Kristal Leebrick

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Holiday tea marks 25th year at St. Anthony Park Home

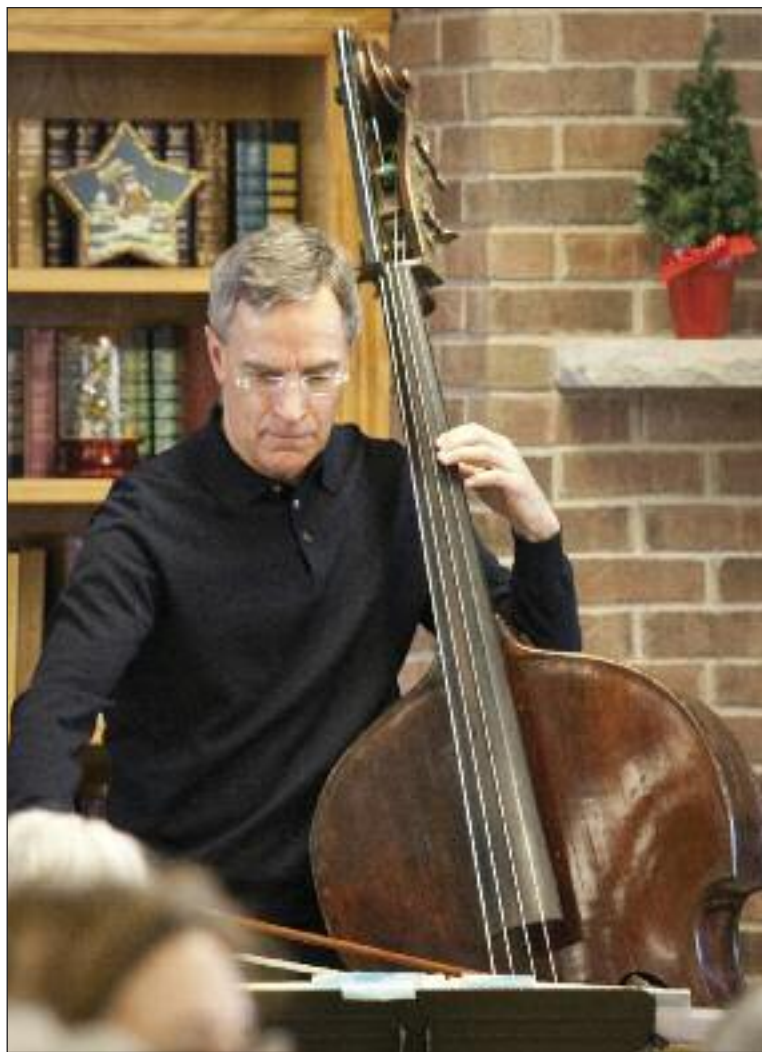
By Kristal Leebrick

For 25 years, residents and guests at St. Anthony Park Home have been treated to a rich program of classical music and Christmas carols at its annual Holiday Tea.

The program for the silver anniversary of the tea on Dec. 5 this year was no different. In addition to traditional Christmas songs, bassist John Barker, the home's proprietor and administrator, and pianist Lisa Amsler, the home's activity director, included "Burgundian Carol" (a French carol), "Air on the G String" by Bach, "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, "Cannon in D" by Pachelbel, and "Arioso" and "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach.

Music is a frequent offering at the home throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Festivities begin Thanksgiving Day, says Amsler. "Turkeys are purchased from Speedy Market [135 pounds of turkey]. They're roasted on each of the three floors, giving off the wonderful aroma of Thanksgiving dinner soon to be served."

As residents and guests sit down to tables draped with white linen, wine is served and Barker—a



Christmas cheer to 10

St. Anthony Park Home administrator John Barker (left) and activity director Lisa Amsler (right) play at the 25th annual Holiday Tea at St. Anthony Park Home. Photo by Lori Hamilton

Seminary signs land deal with Ecumen for senior housing

By Kristal Leebrick

Luther Seminary signed a land purchase agreement with Ecumen, a Lutheran-affiliated nonprofit developer of senior housing headquartered in the Twin Cities, on Dec. 7.

Ecumen plans to build a 49-unit senior cooperative on 1.6 acres at the southeast edge of the seminary's campus. The area is just north of the corner of Como Avenue and Luther Place.

The three-story building will include underground parking for 70 vehicles and surface parking for 58 vehicles. The one- or two-bedroom units will range from 952 to 1,953 square feet.

Sales for the cooperative will begin in spring 2016. The project is expected to be completed in late 2017.

The project was first introduced to the neighborhood in September. Ecumen presented plans and renderings for the co-op and two other developments on land across from Health Partners at Como and Eustis Street at an open house on Sept. 24 and at the District 12 Land Use Committee meeting on Oct. 1.

Neighborhood opposition to the proposed 60-unit co-op prompted Ecumen to hold a series of community workshops in October to gather input from area residents.

Ecumen then revised its site plan for the co-op and formed a small community workshop to

discuss design issues.

The new site plan moved the building to the property just behind the current parking lot, where three seminary houses now stand.

The number of units in the building was decreased and the new plan preserves green space at the corner of Como Avenue and Luther Place, preserves St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church's access to a parking lot at the site, preserves views to and from Bockman Hall on the campus, and removes a proposed parking lot entrance on Como at Valentine Avenue.

The proposed Eustis developments included a 121-unit apartment building with some assisted-living components and 20 percent affordable rates and a 112-unit memory-care facility. That project has been put on hold, according to Matt McNeill, Ecumen's director of business development.

"To fulfill our primary mission to educate Christian leaders, we need to invest in our core campus and better utilize our buildings and land," said Luther President Robin Steinke in a press release from the seminary. The press release went on to say that Ecumen had

In 2012, the seminary reported a \$4 million budget deficit. Since then, Luther has cut staff, sold the Sandgren and Burntvedt apartment buildings on Eustis and has recently rented space to Augsburg College to house Augsburg's physician assistant

studies program.

Proceeds from the sale of the land will help fund deferred maintenance, student housing needs and renovations to historic buildings on the seminary campus.

Established in 1869, Luther is the largest of the eight seminaries in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Ecumen, founded nearly 150 years ago, is a nonprofit provider of senior housing and services with deep roots in the Lutheran church. It is governed by a 15-member board of trustees elected by representatives from each of the six Minnesota synods of the ELCA.



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COMMENTARY

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The views reflected in the commentaries and letters printed here each month are the opinions of the writers.
We encourage community participation on this page. Bugle contact information is in the box at left.*

Yet another problem, St. Anthony Park: squirrels

By Barry Buckley

If they can break into the TCF Bank Stadium during a Vikings game we've got big trouble. I would think that a bank who paid for a fancy stadium label would tighten up security or at least lock the doors. Maybe they're focused on better lending practices. I hope the new Vikings stadium with the 60-foot US Bank logo and the crooked roof has no squirrel encroachment. Those are pricey seats.

The squirrels here in St. Anthony Park have evolved to the point of having no natural predators. Decades ago it was an Oldsmobile with bad brakes or a tipsy Good Humor man who flattened Bullwinkle's sidekick. With natural

selection, the early street survivors learned by looking both ways before crossing four lanes of Snelling Avenue and shared that key information with their offspring.

Squirrels rank in the food chain somewhere below hawks and owls.

Unfortunately, these winged predators are less than interested in our city squirrel pack. Hawks and



Bunny Squirrel

and I'm guessing a six-to-one ratio, squirrels to humans. Lock up your peanut cabinet.

owls much prefer to hang out at the Raptor Center with the Gopher co-eds. Raccoons, bobcats and foxes don't want to be classified as invasive like our carp. No weasels found here in St. Paul, as they tend to prefer the climate on Capitol Hill.

So it's squirrel city here,

Back where I spent summers south of the Mason Dixon line, squirrels were people food. Locals still shoot squirrels there. They say if you smother them with enough Shake 'N Bake it tastes like chicken.

The squirrels here are different from their country cousins. These varmints canvas the state fairgrounds for deep-fried discards, loading up for winter's fury. The result is a furry brick barely able to scale a tree, sort of a guinea pig in a squirrel suit.

As domesticated city dwellers, they will all but snatch a Twinkie from the death grip of an 8-year-old. The squirrels in my yard have devoured every bulb I've planted.

They watch me patiently and

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one view or the other.

What to do with the upper campus that will provide income for Luther Seminary? When doing our research to preserved green space, we called the Historic Preservation Office of the Minnesota Historical Society. The kind staff person there pulled up a topical map of St. Anthony Park. She noted that the upper campus has two buildings on historic registries: Bockman with its great lawn and Muskego Church. The heritage era homes were also noted. Taking it all in, she described the upper campus of Luther Seminary as a historic district within greater St. Anthony Park. Her suggestion was that application be made to the Minnesota Legacy Fund to have those homes updated and preserved.

Then what?

Just as national parks write contracts with concessionaires, Luther Seminary could enjoy lasting annual income from a vendor who would create a bed and breakfast business using all four homes. Priced well for a nightly rate, the business income generated over a year would be quite remarkable. Who would stay in these guest houses? People attending conferences at the seminary and the University of Minnesota. Well marketed to graduates of Luther Seminary who want to visit Minneapolis and St. Paul, added income is assured. Imagine the wedding party weekends of all the churches in St. Anthony Park and the greater area who would love to have their families and friends stay right in the village. Out-of-towners, once they know of this resource, would come for state fair, ballgames, arts and entertainment and more. Price it right, and they will come.

Luther Place, may we honor your generosity so freely given to St. Anthony Park and protect you from being pushed beyond your limits. We

ask like-minded neighbors to raise their voices in support of redirecting both the board of directors of Luther Seminary and Ecumen to a master plan for senior housing on their lower campus that is striking to the eye and award winning. Please, leave the upper campus as a unique historic district for generations yet to come.

*Douglas and Jane Koons
St. Anthony Park*

Tolerance?

I feel compelled to stick up for the woman who offered up her home to the author [Guess Who's Coming to Thanksgiving Dinner? Park Bugle, December 2015]. The author was agreeable in taking advantage of the person's willingness to open up her home at below market prices but not very tolerant when confronted with values different than his.

The author points out that most of us have gay relatives and that we are forced into either accepting the gayness of loved ones or disowning them. There is another choice that we have and that is to tolerate people, loved ones or not, that have a different set of beliefs or sexual orientation.

I certainly don't know this woman's heart, and I think that it wasn't nice or fair to impugn her character and call her condescending names in an opinion article without giving her the opportunity to rebut in her defense.

*Paul Kirkegaard, DDS
St. Anthony Park*

Progressive dinner celebrates 30 years

Every year since 1986, St. Anthony Park neighbors have enjoyed a progressive dinner that ranges from south St. Anthony Park to University

Grove. The year 2016 marks the dinner's 30th anniversary.

The 2016 event will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, when more than 100 St. Anthony Park residents will celebrate the opportunity to see old friends, meet new neighbors, and enjoy delicious food.

Participation is easy. You only have to make one course: appetizer, salad, main or dessert. You only need to host six to 10 people, including yourself.

A team of neighbors gathered by Kate Mabel and Jane Leonard coordinates the master plan. We sort participants into groups that change for each course. No one eats with anyone else more than once. Accessibility needs and food preferences (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) are accommodated.

The evening begins at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church for appetizers and punch at 5:30 p.m. When you arrive, you receive your list of destinations for the night and the names of the guests coming to your house. Those who sign up for appetizers "host" at the church and help with set-up and cleanup.

Participants leave the church to arrive for their salad course by 6:30 p.m. and move on from there to the main course at 7:30 p.m. At 8:45 p.m., groups move again and meet for dessert to end the evening.

To participate and join the tradition, go to sapcc.org/event/sap-progressive-dinner and fill out the participation form. If you have questions, send an email message to progressivedinnersap@gmail.com.

The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 19.

*Kate Mabel and Jane Leonard
St. Anthony Park*

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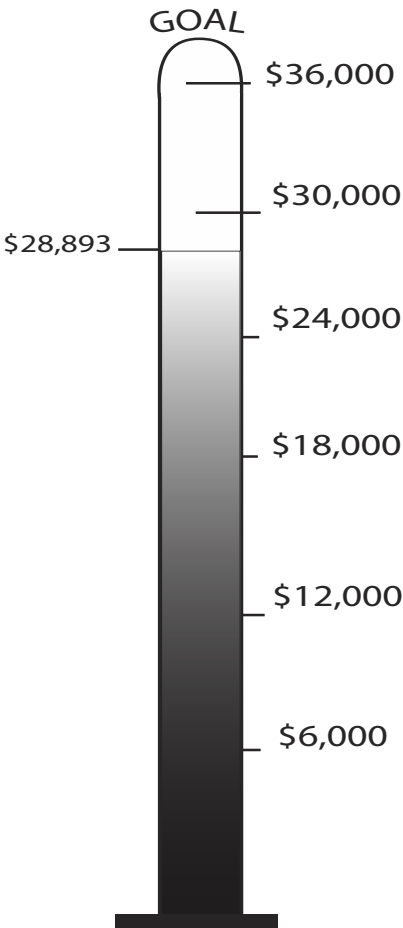
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Park Perks raises funds for area nonprofits

In November, Sunrise Banks’ charitable coffee bar, Park Perks, raised \$500 for the Park Bugle, the nonprofit community newspaper that is provided free to residents in St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. Thanks to Sunrise, for including the Bugle on its charitable giving list.

Each month, Sunrise Banks devotes the profits from its sales at the coffee bar at its Como Avenue branch to designated nonprofit community organizations. December’s Park Perks proceeds will go toward supporting the St. Paul Police Shop With Cops program. Through the program, police officers take children from less fortunate situations

In January, Park Perks will raise money for the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. The institute has been helping refugees and immigrants settle in Minnesota for nearly 100 years. Thanks, Sunrise Banks.

Commentary from 4

wait till I’m headed for the watering can. Whistling a tune with purpose in my step, I return to a previously planted bed that now resembles a monster truck track. My flowerpots and window boxes end up with expensive, free-range potting soil tossed against a neighbors’ lawn gnome. If the squirrels can’t find enough bulbs, seeds or nuts on the property, they chew on the teak patio furniture or my recycling bin. On Halloween, we can’t even leave a cleverly carved pumpkin out on the front stoop without the entire face eaten off.

The self-appointed leader of our yard pack is aptly referred to as “Bunny Squirrel.” He’s built like a small kitchen appliance and missing half his tail with a 30-pack of attitude. His stub is finished with a cotton ball tuft of fur, hence the title. He’s been a resident of St. Anthony Park as long as I have.

The average age of the gray squirrel is between 11 to 12 months, according to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Despite this brief life expectancy, some free-roaming gray squirrels have actually surpassed 10 years in age. Lovely.

Last winter I planted some East Coast acorns in about 37 indoor pots. It encroached into our already intimate dining space, but this project superseded ambiance. They

soon sprouted into cute little baby oak trees screaming for a spring planting. I prescribe to the model of replacing every lost tree with two. If you know anything about photosomethingsis, it helps with the air quality and with the added foliage, my neighbors can’t witness my quirky daily routine.

Keenly aware of Bunny Squirrel’s motives, I moved and covered the pots outside with a steel outdoor fire pit grate. A little time under this steel cage and I’d transplant my trees to their permanent plot. Approximate weight of the grate, 12 pounds.

I’ll admit it was a clean job and the manhole-size grate was hardly moved. I should have set a motion camera. Was it him? The pots and dirt were left intact, but my seedlings were gone. I snuck a glance upward and there was Bunny Squirrel staring down with a smug look from the old pine above.

I decided he wouldn’t break me. I still had a bag of sprouting acorns left.

Now sacked behind the line of scrimmage, I’d start them in the old whiskey barrel planter out back. The heck with her geraniums and I hate deadheading anyway. I quietly snuck outside with my bag of acorns behind my back, set them down next to the barrel and marched off in search of a trowel. Walking back from the garage, my eyes locked on my ziplock with the remaining

treasure trove of acorns being dragged up the tree by Bunny Jerk.

Not thinking, I gave chase and foolishly ditched my weapon, the trowel. In hot pursuit, I never lost sight of that arrogant ball of cotton. With Top Gun precision I fired with the only thing I had available to knock the last of my prized acorns loose. My hat. It was a direct frayed brim hit and for the moment I was Dundee with a boomerang. Down came the bag and my yard smelled of victory.

Not really. I don’t remember what became of those acorns.

Perhaps I put them in the ground somewhere, but deep down I knew those acorns would never stand a chance against this army.

Despite what some residents claim, squirrels are not pets. They pretend to be injured or dehydrated and lure you into pricey rehabilitation. After being welcomed into the home they will rob you blind and turn the other house pets against you. Above and beyond all the thievery, they’re hoarders. Worse than late-night TV show hoarders. I’ve stepped outside in the morning and popped the car hood to check the oil

to find 300 cleanly shelled and sorted walnuts in the engine air filter.

Is the closest walnut tree over by Gibbs Farm?

Squirrels are forever transporting small pieces of paper and twine from yard to yard. I don’t think they’re nut inventory lists. They must be the manufacturer instructions on how to open my bird feeder.

Barry Buckley resides in St. Anthony Park with his wife plus two surrounded by ...

Refugee aid from 1

Turkey.

Bridges uses an online fundraising tool called Crowdrise. Karaca-Mandic created a Minnesota “team” on the Crowdrise page for the Rising for Syrian Refugee Children project of Bridge to Turkiye. The Spoonbridge with Cherry sculpture from the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden marks the team.

Immigrants themselves, she and her husband, who is Montenegrin, have settled here because they feel welcome, she said. “It’s our schooling, our attitude toward life, our progressive way of thinking about children,” she said, that led her to launch a Minnesota fundraising

challenge.

In the midst of her research, Karaca-Mandic’s daughter asked her a “difficult” question: Would she be doing this if not for her personal connection with Turkey?

“It is true that horrible things are happening all around the world,” Karaca-Mandic said, summarizing her discussion with her child. “Millions of people are struggling in need of housing, food, security and many other basic needs.

“In this case,” she continued, “I felt that I had a comparative advantage. Being from Turkey, speaking Turkish, I was able to reach out to friends, and friends of friends, and to other individuals whom I was referred to as people who would care.

I was able to interview and discuss the needs and projects with local NGOs in Turkish. I could do more, and that is why I chose to take an active role.”

Karaca-Mandic said she would be happy to provide further information via email, at pkmandic@umn.edu.

Contributions may be made via the Crowdrise website, www.crowdrise.com/RisingforSyrianRefugeeChildren, or directly to Bridge to Turkiye, www.bridgetoturkiye.org, which is a 501(c)(3) U.S. nonprofit.

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Larpenteur got a street named after him, but not the one he'd wanted

By Roger Bergerson

In 1904, Auguste Larpenteur, 80, wrote to the St. Paul City Council with a forthright request: He wanted a street named after him.

The last of the city's founders—often referred to as the Grandfather of St. Paul—he pointed out that his friends Henry Sibley and Louis Robert, gone by then, had their streets and it was high time he did, too.

Further, he suggested it would be appropriate to rename the street known as Lake Como and Phalen Avenue (now Arlington Avenue) in recognition of the role he had played in developing the land between Lakes Como and Phalen.

Larpenteur got his street, but instead of the one he wanted, it was a dusty country road, previously known as Minneapolis Avenue, that formed part of the northern boundary of the city.

If he were around today, Larpenteur would find the transformation of his street as amazing as the changes he had witnessed in St. Paul in the 19th century.

Larpenteur was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1823 and set out to seek his fortune to the west at the age of 18, arriving in St. Paul in 1843. He'd spent time in St. Louis, Mo., and there met Mary Josephine Presley, who later followed him to St. Paul and became his wife.

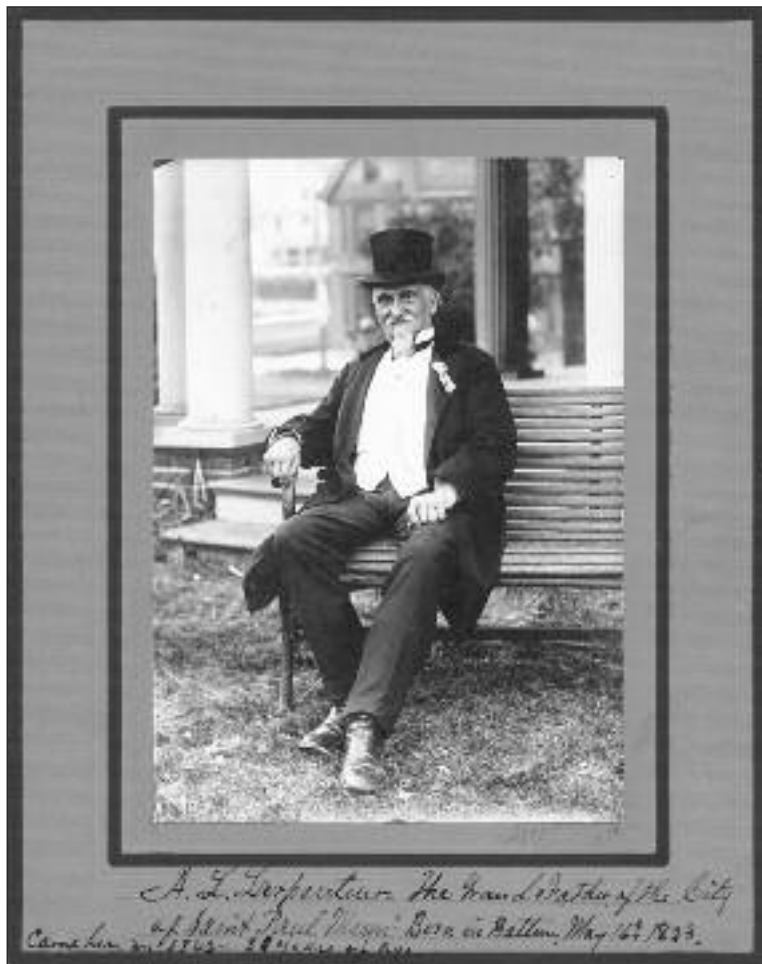
St. Paul at that time was a collection of hovels scarcely big enough to be called a hamlet, much less a town, and was part of St. Croix County, Wisconsin Territory.

He worked for a firm of Indian traders as a clerk and interpreter and in 1846 built the first frame house in St. Paul at Third and Jackson streets.

After Wisconsin was granted statehood, Larpenteur was among the pioneers who met in convention at Stillwater in 1848. They successfully petitioned the Wisconsin governor to allow the election of a delegate to Washington, D.C., to lobby for the establishment of the Minnesota Territory, which was accomplished in 1849.

Larpenteur supported his growing family—he and his wife ultimately had 10 children—by fur trading, dealing in wholesale groceries and speculating in real estate. He served on the city council and also was treasurer of Ramsey County.

In 1860, he built his stone mansion, the Anchorage, just across the city's western border, Dale Street,





The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

Jimmy learns about birds, or how a pupil turned teacher

Our neighbor Jim lives right across the street from us. He's a rather large man, who recently retired after a long career with a Twin Cities-based aerospace company. He was an inspector in their quality-control department. He said they paid him big bucks to solve problems and come up with solutions to technical puzzles. That's one of the reasons I've relied on him for help with home maintenance problems, from plumbing to weather stripping to tree removal.

If you ask Jim how he's doing, the reply is nearly always, "Livin' the dream!" And should you chance to mention any eccentricities, he

explains, "I live alone with a brass cat."

Because I'm also retired, this summer Jim and I have had many opportunities to sit at the small table on our front patio where we drink pop and talk big. We cover mostly neighborhood issues. We seldom veer into political topics. And we wait for an energetic jogger to brighten our afternoon.

Since all our bird feeders are also in the front yard, we often have a bird zip in to grab a seed or a peanut. Jim usually asks me to identify each bird. He's gotten so that he knows his downy woodpeckers, white-breasted nuthatches, chickadees and cardinals.

The mourning doves come in to the platform feeder, usually in pairs, but sometimes just one will be there. Jim said that's a female wondering where in the heck her mate's gone off to. "Can't leave that guy alone for one minute without him wandering away."

The blue jays always surprise Jim. "They're huge!" he said. And we can see how they dominate the feeders.

In the spring, Jim was watching a small, rusty-capped sparrow hopping along on the sidewalk. "You're not going to tell me that's an ordinary sparrow," he said. "I can tell it's different." I told him it was a

chipping sparrow and that we see them in the summer. So he was recognizing the difference between that bird and the "ordinary" English house sparrows.

A rather noisy male red-bellied woodpecker comes sailing in to the platform feeder fairly regularly. *Peterson Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern and Central North America* describes its call as a kwirr or churr. Jim said it's trying to attract a mate, proving how virile it is by its loud calls. And he may be right; I can't prove him wrong.

We've had some memorable sightings. One day we heard some loud squawking from a tree down the block. There was a pileated woodpecker working the trunk. As we watched, it launched itself in our direction and took up a position on our next door neighbor's maple tree. Big as a crow! We had good looks as it pried chunks of bark off the tree looking for insect life.

Not long ago, a large bird went zooming down the middle of the street, just above eye level. It was moving on very strong wingbeats. An awesome sight. It was a Cooper's hawk, one of the hazards that neighborhood birds have to watch out for, since Cooper's feed on other birds.

Fall is when flocks of warblers come through the metro area on their way south. They're difficult to identify in the fall. Their colors are muted, and they're not singing. They're basically just flitting from bush to shrub, stoking up their little flight engines for their long migrations, some as far as Central

and South America.

But by sitting relatively quietly there in the front yard, we get a chance to get a few good glances at some warblers from time to time. We had yellow-rumped warblers, as well as Nashville and Tennessee warblers, which were all new to Jim.

Another late fall visitor is the white-throated sparrow. Its song reminds me of "Poor Sam Peabody, Peabody." The first time Jim saw a white-throated sparrow, he was pretty stunned by its snow-white throat. It was in one of the bushes close to our patio table. "I've never seen one of those before," he said. Not long afterward, Jim had Gary, another neighbor, in his kitchen. They looked out over his back yard and Jim said, "Look at all the white-throats out there!" Gary had never seen them before, either.

As winter approached, Jim learned the white tail flash that identifies the dark-eyed junco. We'll have them with us all winter. They're known as the snow bird, so once they appear, can snow be far behind?

I was delighted to hear that Jim had shown Gary what a white-throated sparrow looks like. In a sense, the pupil has become the teacher. I feel I've recruited another bird lover in the neighborhood, and that translates into a healthy and much-needed concern for nature, the environment and all living things.

Clay Christensen lives and writes in Lauderdale. His book, The Birdman of Lauderdale, is available in local bird stores and bookstores and at Birdman-Book.com

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Ten-year-old Aja Holland (right), a student at Farnsworth Aerospace school, and her dad Bukwon Holland (left) talk with author Dave Eggers at the Mid-Continental Oceanographic Institute. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Tutoring center creates a ‘safe place for the craziest ideas’

By Kristal Leebrick

The man who inspired Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute (MOI)—a quirky tutoring and writing center for school kids at the corner of Raymond and University avenues—stopped into the shop on Nov. 22 to lend his star power to the nonprofit’s fundraising efforts.

Dave Eggers—a National Book Award finalist and author of numerous books, including *The Circle*, *A Hologram for the King* and *A Staggering Work of a Heartbreaking Genius*—was in town to speak at the National Council of Teachers of English convention in Minneapolis that weekend. Eggers is also the co-founder of 826 National, a network of eight tutoring centers around the country. MOI is under chapter development with 826.

Eggers told the packed crowd of supporters and students who use the services that when he first walked into 2388 University Ave. he “felt the right spirit.” The aim of 826 National is “to create a safe place to learn, a safe place for the craziest

ideas, the pure unadulterated wanderings of all kids,” he said.

Polly Norrie, a fifth-grade teacher at Farnsworth Aerospace school on St. Paul’s Eastside, knows just what he’s talking about. She and her class of 27 came to MOI on Nov. 11 for a two-hour field trip that resulted in the publishing of *Devin the Rainbow Unicorn’s Sugar Jungle Home*, a group effort and a signature piece to what MOI offers: a class comes in for two hours and brainstorms characters as an artist illustrates. In the end the class develops a book and each child leaves with a skinny paperback, the last part of which is left blank so each student can come up with his or her own ending.

The fifth-grade classes of Norrie and her colleague, Joachim Huber, stumbled into an extended writing workshop after visiting MOI. The nearly 60 students are spending the next few months with volunteers from MOI and MOI board member Marlon James to create the center’s first ISBN-numbered, copyrighted,

published book of short stories, poetry and other writings—all written by the Farnsworth kids.

Wait. Did we say Marlon James? The 2015 Man Booker Prize winner Marlon James? Author of *A Brief History of Seven Killings* Marlon James?

The award-winning Macalester College professor will spend three sessions with Huber, Norrie and their students to help them develop their book. That work will be published in March.

MOI opened in 2013 as Rock Star Supply Co. The organization changed names in the last year. The number of students reached through tutoring both at MOI and at Como Park Senior High School, where MOI volunteers help out each week, has grown to 1,300 and 50 classes have participated in the book-making field trips to MOI.

“The students don’t always come here with a love of writing,” says Chad Kampe, MOI executive director, “but they leave with a love of writing.”



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Christmas cheer from 3

Julliard-trained musician—brings his bass to each floor to play for the nearly 250 people who attend the Thanksgiving dinner.

The Holiday Tea is held a week later. The tea began shortly after Barker took ownership of the home in 1991. For 25 years, he's played bass accompanied by a variety of pianists. Amsler, who studied music at North Central University in Minneapolis and Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., has played with him for the last 11 years.

December celebrations don't end with the tea. Santa (aka Barker) shows up just after breakfast on Christmas Eve, visits with residents and delivers gifts. Later, Barker and Amsler play music for another hour or so.

The home is not silent on

Christmas Day, as a number of St. Anthony Park neighbors come to the home to play music for the residents. "Carolers from the Park," organized by Kathy Magnuson, co-publisher of the Minnesota Women's Press, show up in the lobby about 11 a.m. and walk up and down the halls singing. Sometimes, residents join them as they carol through the building, Magnuson says.

Magnuson has lost track of how long she and her friends have been doing it. "It's very informal," she says. "We're more about the enthusiasm rather than super high-level quality of singing—though we have some very good singers in our group."

Some families of residents have made the Christmas caroling a tradition, she said. "They plan around it."

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Mary Schifsky (center and family) enjoy the holiday tea. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

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St. Anthony Park Home's dietary staff "pulls out the stops" in creating a spread of treats for the tea, says activity director Lisa Amsler. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*



These plastic monster figurines are part of the Monsters, Superheroes and Villains toy exhibit at the Goldstein. *Photo by Mike Zerby*

Toys from 1

minimalist, but even she can't completely escape the hoarding instinct."

David can't exactly remember when his own fascination with monsters got its start, but it may have been the day he suggested to his dad that the two of them give his mother the Creature from the Black Lagoon for Christmas. He thinks he was about 3 at the time, but before long Gilbert and David had moved to the hands-on phase. Where other fathers and sons of the era might have gathered round the dining room table to build model airplanes, the Barnhills put together Aurora plastic monster model kits.

"Dad painted the models," recalls his son, and the senior Barnhill wasn't above adopting a signature decorative style. How else to explain the 10-inch-high plastic Frankenstein with the dark purple face or the Phantom of the Opera with distinctive aquamarine features?

Then there were the film compilations. "Dad worked as a film editor at Channel 11 WTCN in those days, and I was this crazy obsessive kid about toys. Each year he would give me a 10-minute reel of all the greatest monster TV ads."

All are currently on display at the Goldstein Museum show, along with David's other favorites. "There was Horrible Hamilton, a bug with a pull string, and the Thing-Maker, [a plastic mold for] the 'lead soldiers' for my generation."

David, who still lives in his childhood home, remembers his youth as "a Golden Age of toys. . . [Y]ou could play in the dirt with those plastic monsters from the '60s." He describes how he and his friends would use a hose to create the "Lagoon"—a small pond next to his house. "We'd build castles and stock them with plastic monsters, and then we'd create high drama—monster opera!"

While young David was happily slaying monsters by the Lagoon, his father was already devoting himself to the curatorial tasks of maintaining the burgeoning collection. "Father would sort and label everything," says David, who estimates that by 1970, when he was 12, the collection already numbered 50,000 items.

And there was more to come. Much more. After David grew up, he wandered the world, traveling to Asia, Africa, South America and beyond. Everywhere he went, he collected "spooky" items like leather masks, silver-inlaid ram skulls and a genuine baboon skull, all of which he shipped home to Prospect Park. His



Where other fathers and sons of the 1960s and '70s might have gathered round the dining room table to build model airplanes, Gilbert and David Barnhill put together plastic monster model kits, like the ones shown here. *Photo by Mike Zerby*

parents were unfazed and "the boxes would just accumulate unopened by my [bedroom] door."

In fact, his mother was more than tolerant. "My mother was still giving me toys into my 40s," says David. "She was always going to Toys R Us, right up until she died."

Aided by his parents and his own connoisseur's enthusiasm, David broadened his collection to "comic books, posters, books, CDs and DVDs"—all on the theme of toy good guys and bad guys.

Gilbert carefully filed and stored the many parts of the collection, while David occupied himself with starting a business devoted to—what else?—the creation of haunted houses for entertainment purposes. The toy collection stayed strictly on the sidelines until David "got burnt out on" the haunted house business and came up with the idea of sharing his collection with a new generation. After the show at the Goldstein Museum closes in January, David and his business partner, Stephen Rueff, hope to take the collection on

the road, creating new exhibits and finding new venues for the Barnhill family's ruling passion.

Did the Barnhills miss out on anything by devoting themselves so unreservedly to a life filled with toys? David says no. "I had the best parents and the most magical childhood and life. And it carries on to this day. I got to be who I wanted to be."

Does his father feel the same? Gilbert isn't saying, but David offers a telling anecdote. In 2000, Gilbert was semi-retired from his TV career. The original lead soldiers had been packed away for more than 60 years, when one day David came home to a curious sight. "I found Father melting lead on the kitchen stove to make soldiers once again."

You can find out more about the future adventures of the Barnhill toy collection by visiting their website www.supermonstercity.com.

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



David Barnhill, shown above with his father, Gilbert, doesn't recall when his own fascination with monsters got its start, but it may have been the day he suggested to his dad that the two of them give his mother the Creature from the Black Lagoon for Christmas. *Park Bugle photo by Lori Hamilton*



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1 FRIDAY

NEW YEAR'S DAY, public libraries closed.

4 MONDAY

OLD-TIME MAKER SERIES: A THOUSAND YEARS OF SPINNING, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 6:30-7:45 p.m. ALL INTERESTED SPINNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR WHEELS AND SPINDLES. THIS IS NOT A FORMAL CLASS. EXTRA SPINDLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNERS TO TRY.

5 TUESDAY

BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME, INFANTS TO 2 YEARS OLD (SIBLINGS WELCOME), TUESDAYS IN JANUARY, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11 A.M. AND 11:30-NOON.

6 WEDNESDAY

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES, EVERY Wednesday, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 4-5:30 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY PARK BOOK CLUB, "GO SET A WATCHMAN" BY HARPER LEE, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 6:30-8 p.m.

7 THURSDAY

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, first Thursday of each month, ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 10-11:30 A.M.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, first Thursday of each month, ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 10-11:30 A.M.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME IN MANDARIN CHINESE, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

DIALOGGERS TOASTMASTERS MEETS EVERY Thursday of the month, U of M ST. PAUL CAMPUS, NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION, 1992 FOLWELL AVE., 11:30 A.M.-12:30 p.m.

8 FRIDAY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

9 SATURDAY

ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR, WASHINGTON TECHNOLOGY MAGNET SCHOOL, 1495 N. RICE ST., 9:30 A.M.-2 p.m.

11 MONDAY

OLD-TIME MAKER SERIES: A THOUSAND

YEARS OF SPINNING, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 6:30-7:45 p.m. ALL INTERESTED SPINNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR WHEELS AND SPINDLES. THIS IS NOT A FORMAL CLASS. EXTRA SPINDLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNERS TO TRY.

12 TUESDAY

BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11 A.M. AND 11:30-NOON.

14 THURSDAY

LEARN CHINESE FOLK DANCING, MORNING EXERCISE FREE AND OPEN FOR ADULTS, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

DIALOGGERS TOASTMASTERS MEETS EVERY Thursday of the month, U of M ST. PAUL CAMPUS, NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION, 1992 FOLWELL AVE., 11:30 A.M.-12:30 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY PARK AREA SENIORS CINEMA SERIES, "NOAH," ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 2-4 p.m. ALL WELCOME. FREE.

15 FRIDAY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

18 MONDAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, public libraries closed.

COMMUNITY SING, OLSON CAMPUS CENTER, LUTHER SEMINARY, 6:30 p.m. GATHERING, 7-8:30 p.m. SING. THE EVENT IS FREE, BUT A HAT WILL BE PASSED FOR OUR MUSIC LEADERS AND TO MAKE THE SING POSSIBLE. CO-SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT 12 COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

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19 TUESDAY

BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME, ST. ANTHONY

PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11 A.M. AND 11:30-NOON.

21 THURSDAY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME IN MANDARIN CHINESE, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

DIALOGGERS TOASTMASTERS MEETS EVERY Thursday of the month, U of M ST. PAUL CAMPUS, NORTHERN RESEARCH STATION, 1992 FOLWELL AVE., 11:30 A.M.-12:30 p.m.

22 FRIDAY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

CO-ED DRUM CIRCLE, WOMEN'S DRUM CENTER, 6:30 p.m. ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE ARE WELCOMES AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. COST IS \$10 AT THE DOOR. DRUMS PROVIDED.

23 SATURDAY

ST. PAUL CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION FAIR, ST. PAUL COLLEGE, 235 MARSHALL AVE., 9 A.M.-NOON. ALL 35 ST. PAUL CHARTER SCHOOLS, PRE-K-GRADE 12 WILL BE REPRESENTED.

25 MONDAY

OLD-TIME MAKER SERIES: A THOUSAND YEARS OF SPINNING, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 6:30-7:45 p.m. ALL INTERESTED SPINNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR WHEELS AND SPINDLES. THIS IS NOT A FORMAL CLASS. EXTRA SPINDLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNERS TO TRY.

29 FRIDAY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

TABLET AND SMARTPHONE CLINIC, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, NOON-2 p.m. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

31 SUNDAY

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB, "SOME LUCK" BY JANE SMILEY, MICAWBER'S, 2:30 p.m.

SENIOR EXERCISE

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors **Tuesdays and Fridays**, ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

There will be NO EXERCISE CLASS ON Friday, JAN. 1.

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

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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.

FALCON HEIGHTS TOWN SQUARE SENIOR APARTMENTS, 1530 W. LARPEUR AVE.

LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT ST., 651-631-0300

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Neighbors

Live nativity will feature farm animals, Bethlehem marketplace
Bethel Lutheran Church, 670 W. Wheelock Parkway, will host a live nativity Saturday, Dec. 19, with periodic 10-minute shows starting at 6 p.m. The last show will be at 7:30 p.m. The event, which is free to the public, will feature a blend of scripture reading, actors portraying the biblical account of Jesus' birth, a Bethlehem marketplace, live farm animals and more.

The marketplace will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Before and after the enactment, children are welcome to approach the animals as part of a petting zoo, and all guests are invited to enjoy hot coffee, cocoa and cider, crafts, as well as cookies and treats as a part of the marketplace.

The event is free and open to the public (no tickets required).

One last chance to see 'Nutcracker' by Out on a Limb

You still have time to catch Falcon Heights' Out on a Limb Dance Company and School's free

performances of excerpts of the Nutcracker at Rosedale Center's East Court. Out on a Limb will perform at Rosedale Center on Monday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

A meet-and-greet with the Sugarplum Fairy and Nutcracker Prince follows each performance.

Out on a Limb Dance Company and School is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts organization based in Falcon Heights, Minnesota. Out on a Limb has the goal of "bringing dance within everyone's reach."

Local artists are award winners at Watercolor Society's fall show

Two area artists were award winners at the Minnesota Watercolor Society's Fall Show at the Ames Center in Burnsville, which was on display Nov. 5-Dec. 12.

Wayne Sisel of Lauderdale received second honors for his work "Back Alley," and Tara Sweeney of St. Anthony Park received an award of merit for "She Can Fly."

Images of the award-winning paintings can be found on the

Minnesota Watercolor Society's website, www.minnesotawatercolors.com.

Textile Center exhibits books by Patrick Redmond

Several award-winning textile and fiber arts books designed by Patrick Redmond of St. Paul-based Patrick Redmond Design are on display in the show "The Textile and Fiber Art Book Design of Patrick Redmond, M.A.," at the Textile Center, 3000 S.E. University Ave. The show is open through Saturday, Dec. 26.

Public screening of movie classic 'It's a Wonderful Life'

Spirit United Church, 3204 S.E. Como Ave., Minneapolis, will screen the newly re-issued, colorized edition of the movie classic "It's a Wonderful Life" on Monday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. as part of the Theosophical Society's free movie discussion series.

There will be refreshments. Free parking is located in the lot east of the church, which is three blocks west of Highway 280 next to the First Transit bus garage. A \$10 donation is suggested.

Crochet your way into the Smallest Museum in St. Paul

By Alex Lodner

Artist Anne Jin Soo Preston's upcoming exhibit in the Smallest Museum in St. Paul, recessed into the wall just outside WORKHORSE COFFEE BAR, 2399 University Ave., will feature a teeny tiny crocheted replica of the coffee shop.

Preston was inspired by the Minneapolis Satellite Reef, part of the Crochet Coral Reef project on display at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts this fall, which was billed as "the world's largest participatory art and science project" and combined work from more than 7,000 crafters from around the world.

Preston hopes to engage the local textile artist community and neighbors in creating the WORKHORSE exhibit.

Preston is hard at work creating the shop replica, including walls, chairs and tables. Contributions from the community will be displayed within the petite shop and will focus on a different theme each week in February. The themes will include Regular Coffee Shop, Sci-Fi, Beach and Prehistoric.

Preston is also holding workshops at WORKHORSE on Guerilla Yarn Art on two Saturdays, Feb. 6 and 20, 2-4 p.m., as well as casual yarn gatherings on two Sundays, Feb. 14 and 28, 2-4 p.m. Yarn makers are invited to work on their own projects as a community, connect with other yarn enthusiasts, share their skills and experience and maybe even learn something new. Contact WORKHORSE for more details and exact dates, 651-348-7561 or workhorsecoffee.com/index.html.



Artist Anne Jin Soo Preston is crocheting a teeny tiny replica of the WORKHORSE COFFEE BAR, home to the Smallest Museum in St. Paul.

WORKHORSE COFFEE BAR was awarded funds in 2015 to create the Smallest Museum in St. Paul, as part of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Knight Arts Challenge.

Just outside the coffee shop's

front door is a vintage fire-hose cabinet recessed into the exterior wall of the building. That cabinet has been transformed into a 2-by-3-foot micro-museum, with rotating exhibits scheduled through June 2016.

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and remember the wonderful people who lived in them, as well as reading the "Lives Lived" section.

"I am a retired University of Iowa law professor who ran the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center until last June. I would remind students when I taught that even in a globalized economy we live our lives locally, together, with help from community organizations—like the Bugle.

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Send information about area deaths to Mary Mergenthal at mary.mergenthal@gmail.com or call 651-644-1650.*

E. Wayne Garfield

E. Wayne Garfield, 92, died peacefully at home on Dec. 3.

He was a World War II vet and served in the European Theater. He worked in the finance business until he purchased Noll Hardware Co. in St. Anthony Park, which he operated until he retired.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Roxanne; sons, Gary (Mary), Michael, Steven (Bonnie), Patrick (Kristina), Mark (fiancée, Katherine McGraw); and 15 grandchildren.

A gathering was held on Dec. 9 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home in Shoreview.

Esther Gredvig-Wolf

Esther Bernice Gredvig-Wolf, 96, formerly of Como Park, died peacefully on Dec. 7.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Arnold Gredvig and Raymond Wolf; daughter Sharon Gredvig; brother John Hellerud; and sister Hazel Carlson. She is survived by four daughters; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister; two step-sons; two step-daughters; 10 stepgrandchildren; 21 step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Dec. 11 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Dorothy Belgum Knight

Dorothy Belgum Knight, St. Anthony Park, died suddenly Nov. 4 at age 85.

Dorothy was born in Chippewa Falls Township, Minn. As the daughter of an interim Lutheran pastor, she grew up in small towns across Wisconsin, North Dakota and Minnesota.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in teaching from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She spent 45 years teaching special education in St. Paul Public Schools.

She enjoyed bird watching, travel, music and walking at Lake Como.

Dorothy was proud of her Norwegian heritage and enjoyed volunteering at Mindekirken Norwegian Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. Above all, Dorothy loved her family. Staying connected with her friends and family, regardless of location, was her overwhelming focus. Dorothy was a spirited, smart, quick-witted woman with a deep faith and commitment to community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Selma Belgum, and brothers, Harold, Joseph and David. She is survived by her son, Joseph (Kelly).

Her funeral was held Nov. 14 at Mindekirken Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Betty Haugen

Betty Mae Irene Haugen, 85, died Nov. 10.

She is survived by her children, Debbie (Tim) Kurth, Cindy (Tim) Young, Kurt (Sharon) and Sharon Anderson; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Elaine Thunstrom.

Her funeral service was held Nov. 13 at Como Park Lutheran, with interment at Elmhurst Cemetery.

**Rachel Larson**

Rachel Frerichs Larson, 61, St. Anthony Park, died Nov. 28.

Rachel was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1954. As a youth, she

lived in Basel, Switzerland, and Oxford, England, before the family moved to St. Anthony Park, where her father, Wendell Frerichs, was a longtime professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary. She was a graduate of Murray Senior High School, class of 1972.

Her early work experience was at Miller's Drugstore in St. Anthony Park. She also worked at the Minnesota Highway Department, the Park Bugle, Dayton's Warehouse, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, and for 25 years she worked closely with her husband, Jim, in the family business, Larson Decorating.

She has been described as a "homebody." She liked to sew, quilt, garden and cook. She is especially remembered by her family for combining the family's Norwegian and Swedish traditions in cooking and in holiday celebrations.

Remembrances about her: "Rachel had an amazing group of friends. In her short 61 years she touched more hearts than many do in a longer lifetime." "She was kindhearted, patient, talented and sweet."

She was preceded in death by her father and is survived by her husband, Jim, and their children, Ingrid Wiles (Jeremy), St. Paul; Anders (Heidi), Arden Hills; and Siri Iverson (BentAre), Norway. Their grandchildren are Freya, Lasse, Sigurd and August. She is also survived by her mother, Jeanne Frerichs, and siblings, Wendy Bachman, Amery, Wis.; Heidi Frerichs, Hammond, Wis.; Grant Frerichs, Crested Butte, Colo.; and Daniel Frerichs, Hammond, Wis.

Her memorial service will be held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on a later date.

James LeJeune

James D. LeJeune, 67, of Falcon Heights, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Nov. 6.

Jim was a proud combat veteran from the Vietnam War, serving with the 1st Marine Air Wing, VMO-6. He was very close to his Marine brothers, who will greatly miss him.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Trethewey; daughters, Sara (Derek) Schmitt and Heather (Jeffrey) Zappo; son, John; granddaughter, Helena Schmitt; grandsons, Anthony and Vincent Zappo; siblings, Lawrence (Jean), Thomas and Rita (H. A.) Engelbrecht; and D'Ann (Douglas) Avery.

Jim was greatly loved by friend Susan Scarborough and her sons, Brady and Colin. He will be missed by former wife and friend, Joanne (Art) Seaberg.

Part of a close-knit neighborhood, Jim will be missed by David and Nancy Wearne, Ron and Marjorie Jaschob, Ricé Davis and many others. Jim's cat, Bob, is lonely without him. Special thanks to the VAMC staff, nurses and doctors for

their excellent care and their great warmth, and to Jim's caregivers from Intrepid Home Services.

Semper Fi, Swampy!

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 12 at Church of Christ the King in Minneapolis, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Carol Jean Luey

Carol Jean (Norcross) Luey, 85, of Falcon Heights, died Nov. 13.

She was preceded in death by parents, Benjamin and Gladys, and husband of 52 years, Robert John Luey. She is survived by her children, James (Jill Cheryl), John (Christina), Jane (Brian), Jill (Joe) and Jean (Guy); 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Allina Hospice. Special thanks to the staff at May House for all their loving care and support.

Earl Nelson

Earl G. Nelson, 84, of Lauderdale, died Dec. 7. Earl was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Shirley (née Steies).

Survivors include children, Joann Nelson, Carol (Scott) Wolf and Roger (Deanna) Nelson, and grandchildren, Michael (Lisa) and Michele Wolf, Trevor, Reagan and Taylor Nelson.

His funeral service was held Dec. 11 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home in St. Paul, with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery, Harris, Minn.

Doris Sackett

Doris L. (Ovrom) Sackett, 97, of Falcon Heights, died Nov. 2.

Doris worked as an accountant until she became church and financial secretary at North Como Presbyterian Church. She worked as a research assistant in pathology at Regions Hospital from 1989 to 2012, when she retired at the age of 94.

Doris enjoyed her family and friends, entertaining, her lake cabin, the Minnesota Vikings, and volunteering at church and for the Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken. She is survived by daughters, Sandra Sackett and Linda (Wayne) Lundeen; and grandson, Christopher (Hanna) Lundeen.

Her memorial service was held Nov. 16 at Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview.

Joann Toso

Joann Marie Toso, 64, of Lauderdale, died Nov. 5, having suffered from cancer for years. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leo Lellelid. She is survived by her husband, John Toso; children, Isaac, Michael and Tiana; mother, Arlene (Stenberg) Lellelid; siblings, Steven and Paul Lellelid, Ruth Ann, Suzanne Toso and

Annette Simonson.

Joann was born in 1951 in Brooklyn, N.Y., of missionary parents on their way to Madagascar to serve the Lutheran church. She and her future husband grew up together in Madagascar as "missionary kids." She and John returned to serve at the Manambara Lutheran Hospital in southern Madagascar from 1983 to 1988. They then moved to Austin, Minn., where her husband served as a physician. During this time Joann became a leader in Moms in Touch, International, a Christian organization of mothers who pray for their children in school.

From 2003 to 2007, she joined her husband, who served as project director for developing the Dodoma Christian Medical Center, Dodoma, Tanzania. Joann has bequeathed her body to the University of Minnesota and will later be cremated.

The family thanks the Health Partners Hospice team who so expertly and compassionately assisted Joann in her last days. Memorials are preferred to Global Health Ministries of Fridley, Minn.

A memorial service was held at Roseville Lutheran Church Dec. 12.

Cornelia Warkentien

Cornelia "Corky" Warkentien, 97, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 3. Corky was a retired North St. Paul school teacher and author.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Earl Massoll and Willis Warkentien. She is survived by daughters, Shirley Spector and Tella (Van) Huntley; sons, Bruce (Cheryl) and Milt (Char Ulstad) Warkentien; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Anna (Herb) Huseman; brothers, Robert (Sharon) and Victor (Okie) Braunschweig; and special friends, Jan Hanson and Kwabena.

A memorial service was held Dec. 8 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home in Shoreview.

Herbert Wright Jr.

Herbert E. Wright Jr., 98, died on Nov. 12 at home in St. Anthony Park.

Herb was a Regents' Professor of Geology, Ecology, and Botany and founder of the Limnological Research Center at the University of Minnesota. He will be remembered by many students and colleagues as a mentor and intrepid leader of field trips.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhea, and sons, Peter and Rex. He is survived by sons Dick (Vibeke), John (Christa), Andy and Jeffrey (Maria); daughter-in-law, Sylvie; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He is also survived by and was lovingly cared for by his dear friend and colleague, Vania Stefanova.

A memorial ceremony was held Dec. 5 at the Cargill Building on the St. Paul Campus.

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Troop 17 centennial: 1950s to 1980s

This is the second of three articles marking the centennial of Troop 17, Boy Scouts of America. Troop 17 is the second-oldest continuously chartered troop in Minnesota, and the oldest troop in Minnesota continuously chartered by one organization and meeting in the same building as when it began.

By Mike Smith

The 1950s

In 1950, eight scouts from Troop 17 attended the National Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pa. It was the first Boy Scout Jamboree held since 1937. Troop member Bob Wall recalled that Troop 17 scout Dave Tutford won the log chopping contest by using a real sharp cutting axe and taking short, quick strokes, while all the other competitors were taking huge, long swings with their axes.

The troop served as an honor guard at the wedding of scout leader Ken Bacheller and his bride, Gwen, who were also members of St. Anthony Park Congregational Church. In 1951, they again attended a wedding, this time for Scoutmaster Herb Putnam.

In 1953, for the fourth year in a row, Troop 17 took first place at the Scout Roundup competition sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Association. Three other St. Anthony Park troops also participated.

Four Troop 17 scouts made the rank of Eagle in 1956. That was followed in 1957 with three more scouts making the rank of Eagle.

The 1960s

In 1961, Troop 17 reached its largest size ever—50 scouts! Those numbers were short-lived, however, and by 1965 the troop had dwindled to a mere handful. The troop hung in there and remained active, including putting on a 50th anniversary celebration in 1966.

Troop 22 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church did not survive this Scouting decline and folded in 1967. By 1968, Troop 17 was on the rebound with more scouts added to the roster.

The 1970s

In 1970, Troop 17 created a Rube Goldberg-type "Can Crusher," an ingenious pioneering project, for a Scout Council Fun Fair at the State Fairgrounds. In 1974, another St. Anthony Park troop, Troop 80, folded. A sizeable financial gift was given to the troop in 1975 from the estate of an early Troop 17 Scout.

In 1979, the troop mushed and muscled its way to an impressive first place at the district Klondike Derby, in spite of a blizzard. Also in 1979, another neighborhood troop, Troop 48, folded, leaving Troop 17 as the only remaining St. Anthony Park Boy Scout troop.

The 1980s

Troop 17 celebrated its 65th anniversary in 1981. By 1983, High Adventure trips became annual



Members of Troop 17 pose on the steps of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ in 1980.

events that have continued to the present. These are extended trips for older, more experienced and advanced scouts and leaders.

The trips have included:

- Backpacking in the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming, the Bear Tooth Range of Montana and Wyoming, Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Isle Royale National Park, the Wind River Range in Wyoming, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico

- Canoe trips in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, and many rivers and lakes in Minnesota

- Bike trips to Wisconsin Dells, the Iron Range down to Lake Superior to Pine City, and Duluth, along the south shore of Lake Superior to Ashland, Wis.

- Sailing trips in the Apostle Islands and the Florida Keys

Also in 1983, a large group of scouts and leaders merged into Troop 17 from a folding Lauderdale troop. In 1984, the troop attended the wedding of John and Joanne Wahlstrom. Also that year a series of annual canoe trips began in memory of former Troop 17 scout Chris Stout.

In 1986, Troop 17 celebrated six Eagle Scouts in one year, and most of them celebrated their Court of Honor together. Three years later, in 1989, Eagle Scout Bill Healy earned the Silver Eagle Palm, earning an additional 15 merit badges beyond earning the rank of Eagle.

Centennial celebration

The Troop 17 centennial celebration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, 5-8 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. If you or someone you know is a former troop member or a family member of a former Troop 17 Scout, you are invited to attend. There will be a dinner and program, as well as historical displays of troop memorabilia.

Contact Mike Smith, Troop 17 Centennial Celebration Committee, Troop 17 Centennial, c/o St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, or contact him by phone, 651-398-5552, or email, johnmichaelsmith@comcast.net.

You can also find information at the Troop 17 website, troop17.sap.org, and Facebook page, St. Anthony Park Troop 17.

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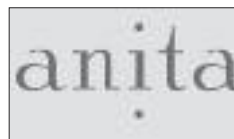


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School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the February 2016 issue is Wednesday, Jan. 13. Send your news to editor@park-bugle.org.

Avalon School

700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495
www.avalonschool.org

Two open houses in January

Avalon School, a 6-12 charter school located in South St. Anthony Park by Raymond Station on the Green Line, is having two open houses in January: Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 30, 10-11:30 a.m.

Families are invited to take tours, ask questions and learn about what a day at Avalon looks like. Avalon's focus is helping students learn through independent projects designed by students.

Questions? Contact Kevin Ward at 651-649-5495, ext. 211, or kevin@avalonschool.org.

Chelsea Heights Elementary

1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790
www.chelsea.spps.org

Get fit at Chelsea

The Chelsea Heights PTO is hosting its popular Family Fitness Night on

Friday, Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m. The event features activity stations where participants can challenge themselves with cardio, strength, agility, dancing and yoga. All ages are welcome. This is a fun event for the entire family.

Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
www.comosr.spps.org

National Honor Society inducts 30

The National Honor Society (NHS) held its induction ceremony for the Class of 2017 on Nov. 18 in the Como cafeteria. A potluck dinner was served and hosted by NHS members from the class of 2016. A formal candle-lighting ceremony followed with a pledge and recognition of the new members. Congratulations to the 30 new inductees of the Como Park National Honor Society.

Como's AP Night highlights school's academic rigor

Como's Nov. 12 Advanced Placement (AP) Night was a fun and informational event. Prospective students and their parents learned more about Como's extensive AP course offerings and curriculum. The school has a deeply embedded history of AP success, preparing students for college with rigorous

coursework. A majority of students test at levels that earn multiple college credits while in high school. College in the Schools (CIS) classes in conjunction with the University of Minnesota are also taught for college credit at Como, and post-secondary educational options are also available.

A student panel spoke of their experiences with Como's advanced curriculum. The students and Como teachers and administrators answered questions from parents and visiting students.

AOF students are busy

Ninety freshmen Academy of Finance (AOF) students participated in an all-day field trip on Nov. 12 to Junior Achievement in Maplewood for JA Finance Park. Students engaged in a budget simulation with professionals from the finance sector who volunteered their time. On Nov. 17 and 18, 60 AOF freshmen visited AT&T Xerxes in Bloomington. They learned about careers at AT&T and the history of cell phones, and they participated in a simulation to help understand the dangers of texting while driving. On Nov. 19, 30 AOF sophomores visited AT&T Marquette in downtown Minneapolis. Students toured the facility, received information about AT&T careers and completed a small-group, problem-solving activity. Students also job shadowed employees for part of their workday.

Close Up students will bag groceries at Cub this month

AP Government students participating in the national Close Up Washington, D.C., program will bag groceries for customers at the Roseville Cub Foods on Larpenteur Avenue for three days in late December. Donations from customers will help defray the cost of the D.C. trip. Students will be working 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19; Wednesday, Dec. 23; and Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Choirs perform pops concert

The Como choirs presented the annual pops concert on Dec. 14 in the auditorium. The Women's Choir, Men's Choir, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers all performed music from movies of the students' birth years. The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers are currently participating in multiple fundraising efforts to help pay for their trip to New York City and a performance in Carnegie Hall.

Shadow a student at Como

Prospective students who are interested in experiencing a day at Como Park Senior High School are invited to shadow a current student. Opportunities for shadowing are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in December, January and February. You can register online at comosr.spps.org. Click "Prospective Students and Parents" under Popular

Links. Tours are also available upon request through parent coordinator Sandy Kestner, 651-744-3997.

Murray Middle School

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

Pilot One-on-One needs tutors

Murray Middle School is looking for tutoring support beginning in December and January.

Tutoring is offered Monday through Friday, during the following hours: Period 5, 11:03 a.m.-12:14 p.m.; Period 6, 12:18-1:07 p.m.; and Period 7, 1:11-2 p.m.

Tutors choose the day(s) and time(s) that work best with their schedule. All volunteers are asked to participate in a 90-minute training and orientation session prior to tutoring.

Contact Cindy Thrasher, program coordinator, at 651-744-5232 or cindy.thrasher@spps.org.

Wolf Ridge Leadership Retreat

Seventy-plus learners, parents and community members went up north in November to attend the annual Wolf Ridge Environmental, Culture and Leadership Retreat. Thank you to teachers Tim Chase and Carrie Bittner for putting in endless hours organizing the event. A big shout out goes to St. Paul Public Schools board member elect Jon Schumacher. He has been supporting this experience for our Murray Pilots for years through donations from the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation and as a member of the chaperone team. Schumacher is the executive director of the foundation.

Finally, kudos to the Wolf Ridge leaders and student participants. Their leadership, learning and commitment to our school makes it what it is: an amazing community.

Congratulations all around

Congratulations to all Murray community members for a successful first quarter. Congratulations to all learners who earned honor roll status. Congratulations to Murray's volleyball team, whose undefeated season earned them the city championship. Congratulations to all students who participated as a member of a sports team; all of our teams had amazing seasons.

Congratulations to our student leadership groups that have madethis a great quarter. Congratulations to the Murray band, as they were again invited to play at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. Congratulations to all Murray pilots who took risks to try something new as middle school students.

Science fair needs judges

Murray's annual science fair takes 90 volunteer judges to score and give feedback to the student participants. The science fair will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 6-9 p.m. No

experience is necessary. Contact Stefanie Folkema at 651-744-3922 or stefanie.folkema@spps.org to find out more.

Yearbooks for sale

Murray Middle School yearbooks cost \$16 each. Students can pick up a flier from the school office or at lunch. The easiest way to buy a yearbook is to purchase it online at yearbookforever.com.

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It's new student enrollment time

You can apply to schools online at apply.spps.org between Monday, Jan. 4, and Tuesday, Feb. 16. There will be a New Student Open House at St. Anthony Park Elementary School Thursday, Jan. 28, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

School choice fair is Jan. 9

The all-new Pre-K and Kindergarten School Choice Fair will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Washington Technology Magnet School, 1495 N. Rice St. This event will focus on early-childhood, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten opportunities for St. Paul families.

All-school reunion

Save the date: The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) will sponsor an all-school reunion party at Urban Growler Brewing Company, 2325 Endicott St., to raise money for the school. The adults-only, cash bar event will be held Friday, Feb. 5, 7-10 p.m.

It will be a great way to reconnect with old friends and make new connections.

If you would like to co-host or have questions, contact Anita Severt at akord@comcast.net, or Beth Commers at bethcommers@donjek.com.

HOBT is back

St. Anthony Park Elementary fourth- and fifth-graders will work with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre during the month of January. Thank you to all who donate to SAPSA and to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation for making this exceptional experience possible for our students.

Thanks

The St. Anthony Park School Association thanks everyone who participated in the organization's direct-donation campaign. The money goes directly to student-enrichment programs at the school, from art education to field trips.

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CPHS Cougar Sports by Eric Erickson

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



The Lady Cougars are off to a strong start in their quest to repeat as conference champions. Sophomore Mikayla Van Nett brought the ball up court in a victory at De La Salle on Dec. 1, with sophomore Raiyne Adams on the left and freshman Elaina Jones on the right. *Photo by Mike Krivit, www.krivit.com*

Como Park Cougars' winter season heats up

The winter sports season began in mid-November and is heating up as we approach the holiday season. Devoted student athletes will continue to practice and compete through the end of February, with potential state tournaments in March.

Here is a snapshot of each Como Cougar winter sports program. For full schedules of all teams and all levels, visit sports.spps.org.

Girls basketball

The Lady Cougars are the defending co-champions of the St. Paul City Conference and are seeking an outright championship this season under first year head coach Alexis Gray-Lawson. Senior guard Andrayah Adams, who has committed to St. John's University in New York, leads a hard-working and youthful team. Adams led the state in scoring last year, but she's not the Cougars' only offensive option. Sophomore Mikayla VanNett is a sharp shooter, and several players are opportunistic scorers as well.

Coach Gray-Lawson loves the all-around work ethic of her team. She says that translates into school success and the girls giving back to the community.

Girls hockey

The St. Paul Blades is a cooperative

team with players from Highland, Central, Great River, Nova and many key contributors from Como Park. One of the Blades captains is Como senior Brianna Menssen. First-year head coach Ryan Paitich is counting on Menssen for scoring punch and says she's aiming to tally 20 plus goal this season.

Paitich was pleased with the girls' off-season commitment and training and says the team's goal is to "outwork" their opponents. The team understands if they buy into that concept, they will be successful and competitive throughout the season and peaking at the section playoffs.

Gymnastics

The girls gymnastics team is led by senior co-captain Patsy Thaiyeng and junior co-captain Josie Schermerhorn. Thaiyeng is a specialist in the beam and floor exercise. Schermerhorn is planning to compete in the all-around competition, which includes the vault and the uneven bars.

A combination of returning gymnasts and newcomers round out the roster led by new head coach Jill Bachmann. Assistant coach Marv Rouse helps with technical training and skills development.

Nordic skiing

The boys and girls teams are training together under the guidance of

another new Como coach, Sasha Van Voorhis. His focus on fitness and technique is described as "intense" by senior skier Tuomas Sivula.

The 25 skiers in the program have a wide range of experience, but Sivula says Van Voorhis "is good at differentiating so that everyone can keep up." At the varsity level, sophomores Gabe Reynolds and Eli Pattison are expected to be strong contributors. On the girls side, senior Ellie Thorsgaard and Amelia Wilson Jackson should lead the way. Como's top-level skiers are planning to participate in the Mesabi Invitational at Giant's Ridge in January.

Wrestling

Tijl Vanderwege is a St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Middle and Como Park Senior High alum who is now leading the Como Park wrestling program. Vanderwege has assisted in the program for several years and has great rapport with his student athletes.

Numbers are strong, and there is a core group of experienced and talented wrestlers that will lead the way. The group includes juniors Tha Dah, Kayode Ajao and John Barton and sophomore Drew Barnard. The team's goals are not oriented to wins and losses but rather on improvement from start to finish. At

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Business News

New office building goes up near Raymond Station

A new office building is going up at the corner of LaSalle Street and Wabash Avenue near the Green Line's Raymond Station. Update Co. demolished the vacant trucking facility at the site and a three-story 22,000-square-foot office building, which should be completed in summer of 2016.

R.J. Ryan is the general contractor for the \$3 million project.

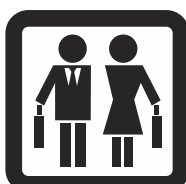
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The trucking facility above has been demolished to make way for the Update Co.'s new office building at LaSalle Street and Wabash Avenue, two blocks south of Raymond in St. Anthony Park. A drawing of the new building is at left.



Business Briefs

International Institute seeks winter clothing donations

The International Institute of Minnesota is collecting new or clean and gently used winter coats, boots, gloves, hats and scarves. For nearly 100 years, the institute has helped immigrants and refugees resettle in their new community.

You can drop off items at the institute, 1694 Como Ave., between 8:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or at the Sunrise Banks Como Avenue branch, 2300 Como Ave., during business hours.

During the month of January, Sunrise Banks Como Park Perks coffee bar will be raising money for the organization to help fund supplies, as well as accepting winter clothing items.

Sunrise helps Newgate School

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Sunrise Banks John Landree presents a \$5,000 check to Ron Severson of Newgate School, raised through a campaign the bank assisted Newgate with in promoting the school through social media.

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Cougar sports from 17

the end, Vanderwege is confident his wrestlers will grow from their experience and commitment.

Boys hockey

The Como Cougars are a cooperative team with players from Como and Central joining forces on the ice. Coach David Bakken says the strength of the team is the defensive core with seniors Jack Freier, Matt Hageman, Kevin Smith, Patrick Kolias and junior Charlie Kray.

Senior goalie Truman Emmings has returned to the nets after three years of high school swimming, bringing more mental toughness to the defensive unit.

Juniors Owen Guetschow and Peter Daldez bring offensive firepower, senior forward Eliot Berven adds intangible skills, and senior Ian Tully is one of the state's most dynamic playmakers and tenacious competitors.

Boys basketball

Coach John Robinson built up the Como girls basketball program for the last seven years and is now focused on doing the same for the Cougar boys. Under Coach Robinson, the boys are focused on a disciplined man-to-man defense that requires a high work ethic. Early results include two impressive nonconference victories in the first three games.

Academic accountability is the other key point of emphasis for the team. Senior co-captains Demetrice Mitchell and Tommy Fritts "set a great example of what a student athlete is," said Robinson. The team's goals are set high, as they expect to compete for the conference championship.

Boys swimming

The Como Pool is an energetic place every day after school, as 17 young swimmers train for their competitive meets. The Cougars have been a reliable third-place team in the St. Paul City the last few seasons. However, there are several reasons why the Cougars might move up in the standings. Co-captains Joe McCune-Zierath, a junior, and Cole Napierala, a sophomore, have increased strength and endurance.

Sophomores Graeme Thompson, Jared Czech and Noah Friesen return with more experience. Plus there are promising freshmen, including Joe Miller and Frank McGuire. Coach Steve Conery says this group is fit, eager and encouraging of each teammate.

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a longtime coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.




Como senior Tyrik Thompson (#24) soars toward the rim in an early season nonconference home victory over Hudson on Nov. 30. Photo by Mike Krivit, www.krivit.com

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