



The St. Paul Senior Chore Service helps seniors stay in their homes by matching them with volunteers who assist with a variety of household chores.

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## Volunteering Matters

The Pilot One-on-One Tutoring program brings volunteer tutors to Murray Junior High, where they help students with homework. The program is coordinated by St. Anthony Park resident Cindy Vik Thrasher.

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## School News

On Jan. 7, Sen. Al Franken visited Como Park High School to discuss the forced repatriation of 4,000 Hmong from refugee camps in Thailand to Laos. He shared the latest information about the situation and heard from his constituents, some of whom have relatives who were repatriated.

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# Park Bugle

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## Park Press Inc. marks 35th year

by Dave Healy

An anniversary is usually a pretty straightforward thing: An event occurred at a certain time, and every year thereafter it's appropriate to commemorate that event. Special celebrations are often observed at 5- and 10-year milestones.

In the Bugle's case, things are a bit more complicated. The first issue of the paper was published in July 1974, but the nonprofit organization that took over the Bugle and continues to publish it, Park Press Inc., was formed in 1975.

So, was the Bugle's 35th anniversary last year, or is it this year?

The current board of directors of Park Press Inc., in its infinite wisdom, has declared that 2010 should mark the paper's 35th anniversary, which will be observed by several retrospective articles throughout the year.

The decision to date the Bugle's origin from the inception of Park Press Inc. is not entirely arbitrary. Park Press is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, formed under Minnesota's Nonprofit Corporation Act.

As a free nonprofit newspaper, the Park Bugle has always relied on a combination of advertising revenue and contributions from readers. Without that non-advertising support, the Bugle would not have become the paper it is today.

The time period when the Bugle began witnessed the launch of several other community newspapers, many of them nonprofits. Since then, most of those have either ceased publication or been taken over by for-profit companies.

The tax-exempt status of Park Press has been reviewed and confirmed several times by the IRS, most recently in 2007. Having 501(c)(3) status is important because it means that any contributions to the Bugle are tax-deductible.

Three people signed the articles of incorporation that brought Park Press Inc. into being: Andrew Boss, Gerald McKay and Joseph Skovholt. They were joined on the board of directors by John Hunt, Josephine Nelson, Kurt Steinhauser and Gail McClure, the Bugle's first editor.

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Photo by Neza Guevara

Most elementary school music programs have suffered budget cuts. At St. Anthony Park Elementary, parents raised money to keep the strings program intact. Pictured here are fourth-graders Isak Larrson, Christian Berger, Kate VanHecke, Hannah Anderson and Beth Fryxell.

## Learning to play a round in school

by Anne Holzman

The cooing they do when they're babies is really where they should sing," St. Anthony Park Elementary music teacher Brad Ollmann explained to parents at an open house for one of his kindergarten classes last fall. "Then they learn to talk, and they forget how to sing up there. So we have to get them back to it."

By sixth grade, said Chelsea Heights music teacher Wendy Flinner, her students will be singing in harmony, reading the treble clef and playing at least the recorder and perhaps other instruments as well. "My goal is to give them the fundamentals so that when they get to the band teacher, they can just move on," Flinner said.

And she has an even broader goal: "that children grow to love all types of music, more than what they listen to at home." She hopes they'll love it enough to keep singing and playing. "You can sing along with the radio or you can sing in a choir," she said.

As parents select schools and schools prepare budgets, music and the other arts can sometimes get lost in debates over test scores and reorganizations. But music teachers and school district officials say they remain securely committed to the arts as an integral part of every child's education.

"We know from being with children when they're exposed to the arts that they have a different way of being and doing," said Jan Spencer de Gutiérrez, St. Paul Public Schools supervisor for visual and performing arts. "The arts open avenues for other learning to take place."

At Falcon Heights Elementary, in the Roseville school district, music teacher Linnea Marrin sees students in

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## Children's Home strengthens offerings with new programs

by Roger Bergerson

An agency once known primarily for adoption programs continues to add depth and breadth to its social service portfolio, recently taking on several programs that will be directed from its offices in the Toogood Building at 2230 Como Avenue.

Late in 2009, Children's Home Society and Family Services (CHSFS) took over Family Networks, a Hennepin County-based agency. At about the same time, it was

designated to manage the Strong and Peaceful Families program, an effort jointly supported by the city of St. Paul and Ramsey County.

In addition, at the start of 2010, the Carlson Companies donated its corporate early learning center in Plymouth, Minn., to CHSFS. That facility will now be open to the public as one of 11 early learning centers the agency operates in the metropolitan area.

According to Kathy Kukiella, CHSFS and Family Networks complement one another nicely. "We already had been doing counseling for children and their families," said the CHSFS vice president of advancement, "but Family Networks offers a more intensive therapeutic approach, including day treatment programs, outpatient services and

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# CITY FILES

## Como Park

Sen. Ellen Anderson, Rep. Alice Hausman and Rep. John Lesch will hold a town meeting on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Como Park's Lakeside Pavilion. The legislators want to hear the views of local residents on education, jobs and economic development, health care, housing, energy and the environment, infrastructure and bonding projects, transportation, taxes and other issues.

Minnesota is facing a large budget deficit, and Minnesota's constitution requires a balanced budget. Anderson, Hausman and Lesch are interested in hearing constituent views on how best to solve the projected deficit.

The meeting will be held on the pavilion's third floor. Coffee and food are available for purchase on the ground floor. For more information, contact Sen. Anderson's office: 296-5537, sen.ellen.anderson@senate.mn.

Ramsey County District Court granted MGM's request for a temporary restraining order, which prevents the city from putting a fence back up at the MGM site. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Feb. 24. Anyone with questions or comments can call Ann Olson, from Councilmember Lee Helgen's office: 266-8651.

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A variety of classes start in February: Salsa dancing, ages 5 and under with a parent; Mannerly Manners, ages 3-6; Volleyball Warm-up, ages 9-14. For more information about these and other classes, visit the rec center or go to [stpaul.gov/parks](http://stpaul.gov/parks).

## Falcon Heights

Michelle Tesser has begun her job as part-time deputy clerk. Tesser grew up in St. Paul, earned a bachelor's degree from Winona State University and has worked for several cities, including Northfield, Hugo and Oakdale. She received a master's degree in public administration from Hamline University in 2009.

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation announces two upcoming classes:

Valentine Couples Yoga Night, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m., at Lauderdale City Hall. Bring a yoga mat if you have one and a towel. Fee: \$40 per couple, registration required.

Watercolor painting classes for youth and adults. Chriscell Rudolph will teach basic techniques, brush strokes, color mixing and object interpretation. Adults: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Feb. 27. Fee: \$40 resident, \$45 nonresident. Youth: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mar. 6. Fee: \$35 resident, \$40 nonresident. Both classes will be held at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur. Registration is required and space is limited. Participants can bring a lunch or snack.

Full descriptions, schedules and

registration information for these and other classes are available at [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org) or 792-7616.

## St. Anthony Park

A bonfire celebrating the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America will be held Monday, Feb. 8, 7-8 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church parking lot, corner of Como and Hillside. The event, sponsored by Troop 17 and Pack 22, will include hot chocolate, s'mores, games and recognitions. All scouts, and former scouts from St. Anthony Park troops and packs are invited.

A public forum to view and discuss new master plan concepts for Hampden Park will be held Feb. 8, 7 p.m., at South St. Anthony Rec Center.

The annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Feb. 27. The event starts at the Methodist Church at Como and Hillside, where appetizers will be served and participants will receive a schedule for the evening. More information: [sapcc.org/progressivedinner](http://sapcc.org/progressivedinner).

The District 12 Community Council congratulates this year's honor roll nominees: Ranae Hanson, for her perfect mix of humor and gravity in leading the Community Council for the past six years, always focused on the fairest solutions to issues; Alice Hausman, for her superb leadership in the State Legislature, finding ways to unite rather than divide; and Tim Wulling, for his longtime activism in St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace and, more recently, for bringing together a group supporting environmentally responsible community living.

Due to reductions in local government aid to St. Paul, the St. Paul Public Library has been asked to reduce its 2010 operating budget by \$889,240 (4.8 percent). More information about the changes is available at [sppl.org/news/2009/2010-budget-fast-facts.pdf](http://sppl.org/news/2009/2010-budget-fast-facts.pdf). At the St. Anthony Park Library, hours will be reduced from 63 hours per week to 48.5. New hours will be as follows: MW noon-8 p.m., T 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Th-Sa 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. closed.

## St. Paul

The St. Paul Police Department seeks feedback from residents and business owners. Responses will be collected through Feb. 15 at [surveymonkey.com/s/2010CommunitySurvey](http://surveymonkey.com/s/2010CommunitySurvey).

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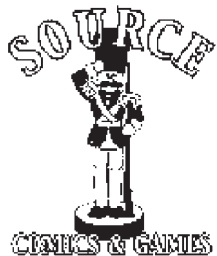
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## North St. Anthony Park Home Sales 2009 Real Estate Update

Number of Homes that Sold	2009	2008
Lowest House Price	\$121,500	\$205,000
Highest Home Price	\$467,000	\$945,000
Average Home Price	\$294,583	\$379,957
Average Market Time	112 days	79 days

- The average sale price was 87.8% of the list price.
- The average sale price decreased by 28.7% this year.
- At the end of the year, there were 6 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 97 days.
  - 13 homes failed to sell
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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# Chore service matches seniors, disabled with volunteer workers

by Natalie Zett

Barely two weeks into her new position as the St. Paul Senior Chore Service coordinator, Noreen Huntington was already in the thick of it — taking calls, making visits and developing new forms. “I’m trying to get a game plan in place,” she said.

The Senior Chore Service helps those who are 60 and older, or who are disabled, live independently by matching them with youth and adult volunteers who provide an array of home services. Volunteers assist with housework, lawn and garden care, snow removal, gutter cleaning, window washing, screen or storm window changing, painting (exterior or interior), basement and garage cleaning, and minor home maintenance and repair.

Recently, the weather has been generating most of the calls to the organization, which shares office space with the St. Anthony Park Community Council at South St. Anthony Recreation Center.

“We’re busy with snow shoveling,” Huntington said. “People began calling when the first snowfall hit. Someone who called recently was in the hospital, and when he came home to all the snow he was unable to shovel.”

Huntington said maintaining a list of volunteers is a balancing act. “Timing is everything. If a potential volunteer comes along and there’s no client to help, they’ll go someplace else. Conversely, if clients are kept waiting, they get frustrated.”

The Chore Service publicizes its services through newspaper advertising and welcome packets given to new residents. They maintain contact with schools, a primary source of student volunteers. And they try to find places where seniors gather.

Huntington, who grew up in St. Paul, brings a wealth of experience to this part-time position. She’s been overseeing volunteer programs for 17 years, at Second Harvest Heartland, the American Red Cross, Ebenezer, the Roseville Senior Program and the Macalester-Groveland Block Nurse program, where she still works part-time.

Huntington has been working to connect the Senior Chore Service to other organizations. One example is HandsOn Twin Cities ([handsontwincities.org](http://handsontwincities.org)), which enables volunteers to find opportunities close to where they live.

Huntington said that prospective volunteers undergo a background check and sign a confidentiality agreement. If they’re under 18, a parental signature is required.

She said high school and college students can sometimes fulfill service learning requirements by volunteering with the Senior Chore Service.

“A couple of 15-year-old boys called recently,” she said. “Both live in St. Anthony Park, and one was looking to fulfill service learning for high school, while the other needed it as part of his National Honor Society involvement.”



Exterior painting is one of the tasks that residents might ask for assistance with from the St. Paul Senior Chore Service.

Huntington said some workers are compensated. “It can be a source of employment for young people who are under 16 and unable to get a job elsewhere,” she said. “They negotiate a fee with the client that’s between \$5 and \$10 an hour.”

Besides learning independence, young people profit from developing relationships with seniors,

Huntington said. “It’s a great inter-generational activity. Seniors value the relationships, too, because they get to understand today’s young people better.”

Potential clients and volunteers can call the St. Paul Senior Chore Service at 649-5984. More information is available at [sapcc.org/seniorchore](http://sapcc.org/seniorchore).



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# The Rice Street Cup: A Como tradition

by Sam Carey

(Editor's note: This story originally appeared in the Como Crier.)

The Rice Street Cup is a tradition that's decades old and has become deeply rooted in Como's history. It's one of the most anticipated sports events of the year.

The Rice Street Cup brings out an unprecedented level of excitement and school spirit, not just from students but from every part of the Como community, including alumni and neighbors.

The Rice Street Cup is the second-oldest hockey game of its kind, matched only by the Roseville War Road. It's an annual hockey match in which the Como Cougars play against the Saint Bernard's Saints. The event is held at Aldrich Arena, where it attracts a large crowd.

Despite the importance of the Rice Street Cup to Como, this school was not part of the Cup when it began. The two teams that originally participated were St. Bernard's and Washington. When Washington merged with Murray to form Como Park Senior High School, we inherited its place in the Cup.

The Rice Street Cup had a fairly humble beginning. Rod Magnuson, coach of Washington's hockey team, was having drinks with Jack Glazer, the Saint Bernard's coach. They decided the two teams should play, even though they weren't in the same conference.

“They had white helmets, and we had black,” said Magnuson, “so we played.” The first game was played in 1965 at St. Paul Academy. It was -10° in the arena.

The Cup has a rich history. The teams that play today aren't made up completely of each school's students. The Como team picks from the best hockey players at Como, Highland and Central, and Saint Bernard's

includes players from St. Croix, St. Agnes and Concordia.

Though the first Cup was held at SPA, it switched locations several time before finally settling at Aldrich Arena.

The first Mr. Hockey award was given in 1977, to Bob Turner, an ex-Marine who coached Washington teams that twice went to the state tournament.

The Rice Street Cup is no longer just a neighborhood event now that the schools are farther apart. And since the two schools are now in the same conference, the game is no longer Como and Saint Bernard's only chance to play each other. But that hasn't changed what the Cup means to Como.

“It's a game you play for bragging rights,” said Magnuson, and it's an event that should be experienced by everyone who wishes to call themselves a Cougar.


This year's Rice Street Cup was held Jan. 15 at Aldrich Arena. The Cougars won 5-1.

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It's not easy being a public school music teacher these days. You're lucky to have a job at all, luckier still if you don't have to shuttle between schools. You probably have to make do with minimal, outdated materials, and you might have to teach in one of those outbuildings that are euphemistically called temporary classrooms.

Among fellow musicians you may be stigmatized by the "those who can, do; those who can't, teach" mentality. Among fellow teachers you may be considered second-class because you're relegated to an "enrichment" subject, while they labor in the 3-Rs trenches.

Just about the only drum anyone in public education marches to these days is labeled Testing. Minnesota's K-12 standards address the arts, with both knowledge and performance components. But there is no music section on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, which cover math, reading and science. And it's the MCAs by which schools are judged as making "adequate yearly progress" according to dictates of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

It's ironic that music instructors must fight to get a hearing when all around us, what we hear is music. Nearly any public place you wander into has a soundtrack: stores, malls, waiting rooms, restaurants, stadiums, arenas. And music isn't just in the background; it's at the forefront of our consciousness. As many people probably know who will be playing at halftime during the Super Bowl as which two teams will be competing.

We're awash in music, yet some of us don't consider music education a high priority. Parents with means can ensure that their children receive music instruction. If you can afford to buy an instrument and pay for private lessons, and if you're willing to haul your kids to and from the teacher's house, you can rest assured that they've been given a chance to develop their musical talent and appreciation. But if you lack the means for those things, you're on the other side of a musical divide, where your children are less likely to become active, informed consumers and creators of music.

One explanation for the secondary (or tertiary) status of music education might be linguistic. We say that one learns to "play" an

instrument. Play is important, some would affirm, but when push comes to shove, school is for preparing future workers. Our economy needs full employment, not full artistic appreciation, goes this line of thought. Music, and the arts in general, are destined to play second (or third) fiddle when the one calling the tune is deaf to anything but the bottom line.

If a defense of arts instruction is mounted by educators, it's likely to appeal to non-arts outcomes. For example, one could argue that learning to "read" a painting involves some of the same skills as reading a text. That's a plausible claim, one with some research support. But it subordinates the arts to what are implicitly assumed to be weightier activities.

What about the idea that the arts have intrinsic value? What about the place of things and activities that are worthwhile for their own sake? What about the fact that human history is replete with examples of artistic expression? And what about committing ourselves to providing an education in the arts for all students?

An instrumentalist, the dictionary says, is (a) a person who performs on a musical instrument, or (b) a person who believes in instrumentalism. And instrumentalism is the notion that ideas and thoughts are instruments of action and that their usefulness determines their truth.

Is performing on a musical instrument, or listening to someone else do so, useful? What contribution does it make to the Gross National Product?

Measuring the utility of something often involves economic questions. So for the arts, one might ask: How many people are gainfully employed as musicians or artists, and how much do they pay in taxes? How many sculptures or paintings or camel's hair brushes or concert tickets or musical instruments are sold each year?

But one could ask a different set of questions: Do we live by bread alone? Is there more in heaven and earth than is dreamt of in our philosophy? Is there wisdom in inutility? Is there a music of the spheres? And can you play along?

## L E T T E R S

### Join the progressive movement

The 24th annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 27. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening. It's a great way to see old friends and meet new neighbors.

The dinner will begin with appetizers at St. Anthony Park Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. To participate, please contact Fariba Sanikhatam: 647-0474 or fariba.sanikhatam@comcast.net.

*Karen Kistler  
Falcon Heights*

*Fariba Sanikhatam  
St. Anthony Park*

### The show must go on (later)

Last month's Bugle announced the production of "Hamlet" by the Minnesota Shakespeare Company. The show was scheduled to open Jan. 8. However, we had to delay things when our lead actor, Nick James, broke a leg during rehearsal.

We're now planning to open June 3. Performances will be at the Lowry Building, 350 St. Peter St., in downtown St. Paul, and will run Thursday-Sunday through June 13.

For ticket information, e-mail minnesotashakes@gmail.com or call 541-0906.

*Mikel Clifford  
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### School music from 1

grades 1-6 weekly, with grades 5 and 6 combined. The kindergartens, which are half-day, don't have class with her but do attend some of the older students' performances. "By doing this, they will be more comfortable with me in the first grade," Marrin said.

Both St. Anthony Park and Chelsea Heights, in the St. Paul district, have kept full-time music teachers on board despite years of enrollment pressures that have caused cuts in other areas.

Both schools lost half their instrumental music funding this year, leading Chelsea Heights to drop its strings program. A parent does an "orchestra jam" as an after-school program.

St. Anthony Park parents raised money to keep the strings program intact, but instrumental programming was reduced by several hours a week.

Principal Ann Johnson said district and school budgets provide \$102,400 for the school's vocal and instrumental teachers, and St. Anthony Park parents helped raise that total to \$111,000 this year. The school, the parent association and community donors provide funds for supplies.

Spencer de Gutiérrez said the St. Paul district bought new curriculum materials — Silver Burdett's Music and You — in 2005 for all the elementary schools that had full-time music staff. She said it was chosen for its emphasis on world music. It includes recordings and

iPods for each site, as well as books at all levels.

She said curriculum is generally updated about every 10 years. "The new national push is to look at online curriculum," she said. Site licenses may replace books and CDs, which could cut costs, she added.

Spencer de Gutiérrez said many instruments in the schools are supplied by donors. The district's central purchasing department also takes teacher requests and looks for deals.

Asked why schools should keep music in the curriculum when budgets are tight, Flinner and Spencer de Gutiérrez both cited state and national standards that recognize it as a priority.

Spencer de Gutiérrez said Minnesota is the only state with an arts agency for the schools, the Perpich Center, which provides teacher workshops and spearheads efforts to improve curriculum.

Flinner, who graduated from Bemidji State and has worked as a church organist and choir director since her teens, taught first in rural Minnesota and has been at Chelsea Heights for 14 years. "I love the fact that every culture I'm teaching about is represented here," she said of the school.

Flinner outlined her K-6 curriculum in terms of what children can be expected to do as they grow.

"Kindergarten is all about moving and singing," she said, "and self-control." She wants the children to hear lots of songs and become comfortable with singing. "Not every child comes ready to sing," she said.

By second grade they know many melodies and are starting to read music in the treble clef.

In third grade, Flinner introduces recorders. They start with "Hot Cross Buns," and by the end of third grade, many of them can play Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

In fourth grade she introduces harmony. By this time, most students are able to read a line of music.

"Music is a foreign language, and once your brain is wired for foreign languages, it's easier to learn others," Flinner said.

All three music teachers lead school-wide programs in which the children get a chance to perform. "As a performer myself," Falcon Heights' Linnea Marrin said, "I feel that the education gained during the preparation and presentation is a life lesson that will go on giving no

matter what a child grows up to be."

One day during January, St. Anthony Park's Ollmann had fifth-graders working on echoing pitches and then figuring out how to play the same series on recorders. Working in groups, they played the melody in rounds, first in two parts, then in four.

"Who has it nailed?" Ollmann asked at one point. A dozen hands went up. "Watch one of those kids if you don't have it yet."

Ollmann said that although he does test students, it's important to him that they all feel successful. He balances the need for success with attention to getting the details right.

In the January fifth-grade class, a student who'd been repeatedly reprimanded for out-of-line behavior became the "rest police" when it became apparent that he'd correctly entered musical rests on written work where few other students had managed it. He was instructed to circle among the other students and, "in a feel-good way," remind them to include rest marks.

Ollmann often has a student teacher, and several fifth-graders were sent to the other portable classroom for a few minutes with the student teacher to work on their recorder fingerings.

Principal Ann Johnson praised Ollmann's work with student teachers. "He is really good at it and is in high demand with the colleges," she said. "He and the student teacher come to school an hour early most days to plan, reflect and discuss the theory behind their lessons."

Jan Spencer de Gutiérrez said that in debates over how to meet standards in math and reading, we shouldn't let the arts get shoved aside. The arts are included in federal No Child Left Behind standards, she said. "It's required by law."

She noted that in many societies, the arts are central to education. She said painters were revered in Renaissance Europe, and perhaps we're now recovering that attitude.

Wendy Flinner said she likes to quote child psychologist Howard Gardner when people ask why music education matters. "The arts are what make us human," she said.

She said she attends concerts at Como Park High School so she can hear her former students perform. "They're enjoying music," she said. "They're taking it with them."

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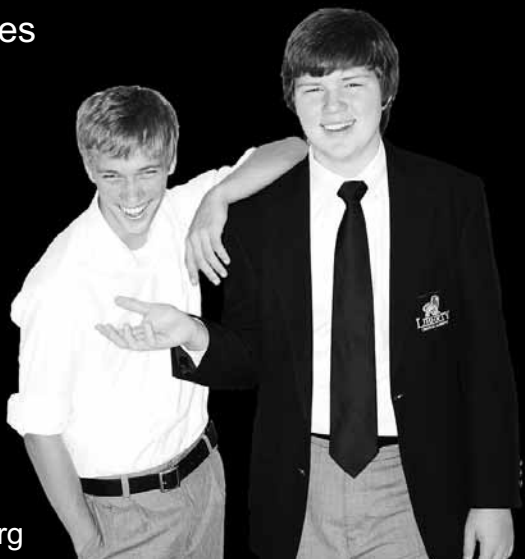
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# Christmas snowfall kept plows and crews busy for weeks

by Anne Holzman

Despite the efforts of crews working holiday hours, the condition of Twin Cities roads made for some challenging driving in late December and early January.

Cities dropped very little salt on the snow-bound roads, and it wasn't because of concerns about water runoff. It was simply too cold even for the more expensive chemicals to do any good, city officials said.

Sodium chloride will melt salt down to about 15° F, said Kevin Nelson, St. Paul public works manager. "If it's really cold, we'll use a blend of calcium chloride and magnesium chloride."

But temperatures stayed below 0° for about two weeks following the Christmas Eve storm, and those salts wouldn't work at that temperature, either. And he added that he's careful about throwing the fancier blend around. "It's expensive," he noted.

Nelson said city trucks dropped sand in some places to help with traction, and they had crews out Christmas Eve and Christmas Day trying to remove snow before it hardened on the roads. "We did all of our plowing, that Christmas storm, in 24 hours," he said.

Nelson said 23 of the city's plows sustained damage in the days following the storm, everything from worn-out blades to more serious cracks and breaks. "We've got them working now," he said.

Nelson said St. Paul has about 850 miles of streets, including some county and state roads that the city gets subsidized to maintain. There are close to 400 miles of alley, he said, mostly 12 feet wide and studded with poles and other obstacles.

"It's being debated in the city again" whether to make alley plowing the city's job, Nelson said. "You need kind of in-between equipment," smaller trucks that the city would have to purchase.

St. Paul street plowing is funded from right-of-way assessments charged annually to property owners. "We've tried to hold costs down," Nelson said. "We're looking at cutting four positions for 2010."

Plowing staff are generally city maintenance workers, about 85 of whom routinely get laid off for winter but are called back for snow emergencies. The city runs 80 plows on a night shift and a day shift. "We've been using most of our people for the last two weeks," Nelson said in early January.

Lauderdale City Manager Heather Butkowski said her city hires Ramsey County to plow the streets, while city maintenance staff does the alleys. They have two trucks that get going at the first sign of significant snowfall, she said.

"They don't wait until it stops," she said, which might be why Lauderdale managed to clear alleys during the Christmas storm while some St. Paul contractors ran into trouble.

Butkowski said the City Council has increased the budget for plowing, having budgeted \$9,000 in 2009 but

then spent \$12,000. The 2010 budget includes \$15,000 for plowing, she said.

In Falcon Heights, which also pays Ramsey County to plow the streets, City Manager Justin Miller said costs have gone up in recent years and said they spend about \$30,000 annually. "It matters how many storms you have," he said.

The city recently purchased a truck to do some cleaning up after the county plows go through, he said. "It keeps us from having to call the county back in."

Like St. Paul, Falcon Heights leaves alley plowing to property owners. "I think for most of the alleys they team up" and hire contractors, he said.

St. Paul's Kevin Nelson said that while temperatures precluded using salt on the roads until they warmed up, the city has in fact become more attuned to environmental concerns about salt use in recent years. He and other staff receive training through

the University of Minnesota's Local Technical Assistance Program aimed at minimizing harmful runoff and the resulting damage to nearby lakes and streams.

"The people that do the training understand that we have to do some salting," Nelson said. "We still want to maintain safety."

He said the latest approach to reducing the salt load has involved adding brine tanks to salt trucks. As salt is dropped, the trucks spray it with brine, which helps keep the salt in place. Nelson said the brine can reduce the amount of salt needed to clear a road by about 20 percent.

So far, St. Paul has nine of its trucks outfitted. "We try to use those as much as possible," he said. "We're also using it for pretreatment on bridges."

Nelson said his department will participate in a University of Minnesota "salt symposium" in February to learn more about reducing salt in water runoff.



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Pictured here are Kent Furois, Lions Club president; Sue Gehrz, Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries director; and members of the Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club.

#### Park Press from 1

The Park Bugle was a stepchild of Crocus Hill Press, which published a community newspaper called the Grand Gazette. Andy Boss approached Roger Swardson, the president of that organization, to discuss the possibility of starting a similar paper in St. Anthony Park.

Swardson agreed to help launch the Park Bugle, and the paper was published by Crocus Hill Press from July 1974 until April 1975, when the ownership was officially transferred to Park Press Inc.

The Bugle's first issue noted the demise of the Bench, a monthly publication that served Lauderdale, and included an invitation to Lauderdale residents to contribute news to the Bugle.

From its inception, then, the Bugle covered areas outside St. Anthony Park — first Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, and later the northwest part of the Como Park neighborhood. Today the paper is delivered door-to-door in all four communities.

That first issue also publicized the Fourth of July celebration held in Langford Park, with a parade down Como Avenue, and every July issue since then has included a similar announcement.

Other stories included news of 102 additional units at the U of M's Commonwealth Terrace, a petition organized by the St. Anthony Park Association to add a stoplight at Como and Doswell, plans for the 86-unit Hampden Square complex in

south St. Anthony Park, and an announcement of the Green Grass Festival at Raymond and Hampden, which was to include a dunking booth that would feature City Councilmember Vic Tedesco and State Representative Neil Dieterich.


Advertisers in that inaugural issue included several businesses still in operation (Micawber's, Park Service, Milton Investment, Bibelot), some that have changed names or ownership (Lamplighter Inne, St. Anthony Park Barber and Stylists, O'Donnell's Cleaners) and some that are no more (Bridgeman, Miller Drug, St. Anthony Park Realty, Terminal Bar).

The world of publishing has changed considerably since 1975, and the Bugle continues to reassess its role as a community service. To that end, the paper will distribute a survey in the next few months that will give readers an opportunity to tell the Bugle board and staff how they think the paper could be improved.

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## Volunteering Matters

by Lisa Steinmann



Volunteer tutor Cindy Vik Thrasher works with a Murray student as part of the Pilot One-on-One program. In addition to tutoring in the program, Thrasher coordinates it and recruits other volunteers.

Would you return to junior high: the agony of puberty, the struggle with authority, the turbulence of emotion and — on top of all that — algebra? It takes a special kind of individual to smile calmly and re-enter that place many of us were only too glad to leave behind.

St. Anthony Park resident Cindy Vik Thrasher brings the smile, as well as energy and commitment, to the Pilot One-on-One Tutoring program she started at Murray Junior High. It's her job to recruit volunteers who will work shoulder to shoulder with seventh- and eighth-grade students, helping them solve problems, both real-life and mathematical.

Thrasher says her inspiration for the program came about because she knew, as a parent, that a big piece of student success in school comes from support at home. From experience as a school volunteer, she also believed that all students could be successful with "daily attention from an adult who believed in them, cared about them and held them accountable for their homework." She saw a particular need for such support in junior high, and pitched the idea for a tutoring program to the Murray administration in 2008.

Murray's principal, Dr. Winston Tucker, welcomed the offer to help students who need extra support to succeed. "If they don't receive that support," he says, "they are likely to quit trying and will not do well in school."

The transition from elementary school to junior high can be difficult. Suddenly there are more teachers and assignments, which requires more organization than ever before. Pilot One-on-One Tutoring, in its second year at Murray, targets students who have Ds or failing grades in core academic areas: math, English, science and social studies. Tutors work one-on-one with students, helping them get work turned in on time and prepare for tests.

With Thrasher as tutor coordinator, the program this year has doubled the number of tutors and students they are able to serve. "Even

after one trimester, there are significant improvements in grades," she reports.

The program supports students and their families. Thrasher calls parents every month, reporting on progress, making suggestions, fielding questions.

She also organizes a kick-off dinner at the beginning of the year. Students and their families share a meal and listen to presentations by the principal and school counselors. Thrasher talks about the importance of regular bedtime and homework routines. Matt Anderson, Murray's technology support person, shows parents how to use the computer to check on grades and homework progress for their children.

The program also relies on community resources. Financial support has come from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and Park Midway Bank. Local churches support the program, and some volunteers come from St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Tutors represent a variety of backgrounds. Some, like Thrasher, are parents with experience helping children with homework. Some are college and seminary students from area schools. They might be interested in becoming teachers or earning credit for community service. Some volunteers are at the other end of their career, like Bob Peterson.

Peterson, retired from the University of Minnesota, lives in Lauderdale and tutors for two hours on Tuesday afternoons. "Most of these kids are pretty sharp," he says. "They roll quickly with things that come their way."

Peterson sees the potential to turn "sharp" students into "good" students. "They need to be motivated," he says. Recently he worked with Sandy, a seventh-grader, who admits she doesn't do much homework at home because "no one's really around so I have to do it by myself." She likes having a tutor. "When I get stuck on something I want someone to catch it," she says.

Kristin Mason, an architect, found out about Pilot One-on-One Tutoring through a colleague. Like many who are riding the waves of the recession, she stays busy between jobs with volunteer work. Part of her job as a tutor is to fill out an evaluation sheet each time she works with a student, part of the system to track work on assignments as well as grades and goals.

Tutors are given suggested questions to ask: "What time of day do you like to do your homework?" "Do you have a routine?" "If you have questions about school, do you have someone you can ask?" "What would you like to do when you graduate from high school?"

Deshawn, a seventh-grader, is discussing history day topics with Americorps/VISTA volunteer Abby Miller. He says he's interested in shoes. Miller helps him refine the research topic to athletic shoes.

Deshawn says he gets "decent grades," adding, "I just have to catch up a little bit." He says his favorite subject is math. "I used to be the worst," he admits, "but then I got some help. And now? I got A+."

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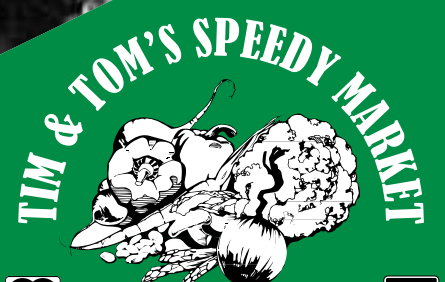
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### Children's Home from 1

early intervention and prevention."

The Family Networks name will be retained for the immediate future and its services added to existing CHSFS program offerings in Ramsey County. In turn, the new relationship will allow CHSFS to expand its family support and post-adoption services into Hennepin County from Family Network sites.

"In the current economy," said Kukielka, "it's been difficult for small and medium-size nonprofits to thrive. By joining CHSFS, Family Networks can achieve efficiencies through combined human resources, no longer having to contract out their information technology function and things of that nature."

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation had directed the Strong

and Peaceful Families effort since its inception four years ago, but budget cuts at Wilder forced it to withdraw, according to Donald Gault, Healthy Communities Section manager at the St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health. The department sponsors the program, along with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and the St. Paul City Attorney's Office, a partnership known as the Joint Domestic Abuse Prosecution Unit.

"Wilder did a superb job with the program and we're very sorry that relationship had to end," said Gault. "However, we're thrilled that CHSFS is taking over, because we've worked with them over the years and know how excellent their services and staff are."

Each year, city and county prosecutors refer 15 to 30 families that have experienced serious domestic violence to the Strong and Peaceful Families program, said Gault. There is a strong emphasis on helping children deal with the effects of witnessing such violence, he added, to help them avoid becoming abusers themselves one day.

"Our goal is to break that cycle, and we've found that through what can be some pretty intensive interaction, we've been able to help some families become violence-free for the first time in generations," Gault said.

Kukielka said that Strong and Peaceful Families will tie in with Family Networks' group counseling for children and its parenting workshops.

The expanded program offerings, she said, enable CHSFS to seek support from a wider range of potential funding sources.

Does CHSFS plan future program expansion?

"We already do some school-based counseling and are actively seeking partners to do more of that, reaching out to more schools, including those in the Como area and charter schools, as well," she said.

The new programs join the CHSFS Post-Adoption Services and Financial and Home Ownership Education programs at the Como Avenue location. CHSFS headquarters is at 1605 Eustis St.

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Students in grades 4–6 participated in the **National Geographic Bee**. Each classroom held a competition to determine class winners, who faced off in a school-wide bee. First place went to Patrick Noren, second place to Nick Lentsch and third place to Evan Douville.

**Registration** is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year. School tours are available 9–11 a.m. and 12:30–2:30 p.m. Call the school (293-8790) to schedule a tour.

All students enrolling in a St. Paul school for the first time must fill out an application. All sixth-grade students must fill out a secondary school application, indicating their choice of junior high.

Application due dates are Feb. 28 for secondary schools and Mar. 5 for elementary schools. More information is available at [spps.org](http://spps.org).

### St. Anthony Park Elementary

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On Jan. 9, St. Anthony Park Elementary was one of more than 120 schools that participated in the **2010 Parent Information Fair** at St. Paul RiverCentre. Applications are required for all elementary students who enroll in a St. Paul public school. Applications are available at [enroll.spps.org](http://enroll.spps.org) or by calling 632-3701. The elementary school application deadline is Mar. 5.

St. Anthony Park Elementary will hold **open houses** on Feb. 8, 9:30–11:30 a.m., and Feb. 11, 6–7 p.m. Prospective families are invited to meet teachers and parents and to visit classrooms. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about the school.

February 8 is also **National African American Parent Involvement Day**. African American parents are invited to spend the morning with their child and experience the routines of a regular school day, then eat lunch together.

Sixth-graders are preparing to attend junior high next year. The parent teacher organization, **SAPSA**, will host a meeting on Feb. 1 with principals from neighborhood junior high schools.

They will speak to students and their families about choosing a junior high and what each school has to offer. The middle/junior and senior high school application deadline is Feb. 28.

As part of the **artist-in-residency program** during January, second-graders practiced West African and hip-hop dance steps with Kenna Sarge, and fifth-graders studied



On Jan. 7, Sen. Al Franken visited Como Park High School to discuss the forced repatriation of 4,000 Hmong from refugee camps in Thailand to Laos. He is pictured here with Como Park Marine Corp JROTC cadets Dana Perkins-Goodrie and JoJamba Matthews.

cartooning with Duane Barnhart. A special residency for fourth- and sixth-graders is also underway with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre. Students are working with artists Bart Buch and Masanari Kawahara to create masks and puppets that will be used in performance. The fourth-graders are interpreting the Seuss classic “If I Ran the Circus,” and sixth-graders are telling a tale of Marco Polo’s journeys along the Silk Road.

St. Anthony Park Elementary recently won highest honors in this year’s **WordMasters Challenge**, a national language arts competition entered by approximately 215,000 students annually. Teachers coach students to compete in three meets during the school year.

Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the Challenge, third-grader Adi Hanany, fifth-grader Esther Lageson and sixth-grader Lisa Torstenson all earned perfect scores at the December meet. In the entire country, only 41 third-graders, 84 fifth-graders and 26 sixth-graders achieved perfect scores.

Other students who achieved outstanding results included third-graders Jasper Zarkower, Kyle Burth and Bridget Carlson; fourth-graders Isak Larsson and Andrew Sandfort-Marchese; fifth-graders Nate Stover, Aaron Coggins and Sam Jacobson; and sixth graders Lia Chin-Purcell, Ellie Thorsgaard and Olivia Berven.

**Fifth-graders** will be exploring how mass affects velocity through a hands-on activity during February. Students are building pinewood school buses that will race along a track borrowed from the local scout troop.

### Calendar

Feb. 1: SAPSA meeting, “Junior High Showcase Evening,” 6:30 to 8 p.m. Daycare provided.  
Pacifica String Quartet performance.  
Feb. 4: Coffee and conversation with parents and principal, Room 115, 9:15 a.m. Topic: bullying.  
Feb. 8: National African American Parent Involvement Day, 9:30 a.m. to lunch.  
Open House, 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Site Council, 5–6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 11: Open House, 6–7 p.m.  
Feb. 15: No school, Presidents Day holiday.  
Feb. 25: Coffee and conversation with parents & principal, Room 115, 9:15 a.m. Topic: Parking and traffic.

### Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 293-8800  
<http://comosr.spps.org>

**Sen. Al Franken** conducted a community forum at Como on Jan. 7 to discuss the forced repatriation of over 4,000 Hmong from refugee camps in Thailand to Laos in late December. He shared the latest information about the situation and heard from his constituents, some of whom have relatives who were repatriated. The Como Park Jazz Band performed at this event, and the Como Park Marine Corp JROTC greeted guests and presented the colors to start the forum.

On Feb. 11 and Feb. 25, **financial aid experts** from local colleges will be at Como to assist families in filling out the FAFSA. The free sessions will be 6–8 p.m. in the library computer lab.

New **National Honor Society** members were recently welcomed with dinner and a ceremony. New members are:

Zoe Bartholomew, Matthew Buechler, Laura Burnes, Anna Cenaro, Geneva Cole, Collin Davis-Jonson, Coretta Enabuele, Andrew Fate, Virginia Godfrey, Hanna Gulden, Madeline Haefemeyer, Andrew Hanson, Evan Hanson, Pachia Her, Nicole La Fontaine, Eva Lee, Rachel Lee, Sai Lee, Mai Chee Lor, Youna Lor, Aung Lwin, Aaron Johnson, Holly Marple, Sydney Marshall, Justin Miller, Margaret Moburg, Sean O’Connell, Anastasia Olesak, Lay Por, Michael Peterson, Minh Tran, Chelsea Preiner, Kaitlyn Rose, Erik Sateren, Greta Schrader, Joanna Swenson, Jonathan Tetlie, Asha Thao, Phong Thao, Haley Van Cleve, Kaila Will, Earl Wilson, May Yang and Zach Zippell.

**Schools tours** can be arranged by calling Sandi Smith in the Career Resource Center: 293-8800 ext. 5031. Scheduled tours will be given by National Honor Society students on the following days:

Wednesdays at 7:40 a.m.,  
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Fridays at  
8:55 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 5, 12,  
19, 26.

Students taking the tour must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tours start in the Guidance Department Career Resource Center.

### Calendar

Feb. 9: Parent forum on advanced placement, postsecondary and college in the schools classes, 7–8:30 p.m., library.  
Feb. 10: Hmong Parent Group, 6 p.m., cafeteria.  
Feb. 11: Winter sports recognition pep fest, period 9, gym.

Feb. 12: Winter Fest coronation, period 9, gym; dance, 7 p.m., gym.  
Feb. 15: President’s Day holiday, no school.  
Feb. 26, Tri Metro Variety Show, 7 p.m., auditorium.  
School choice deadline.

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On Jan. 9, St. Anthony Park resident **Kristina Abbas** was selected Princess of the Snow as part of the 2010 Winter Carnival Junior Royalty competition. During her year-long reign, she will participate in parades, coronations and other community events in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Some readers may remember Kristina as a 4-H reporter for the Bugle.

The St. Anthony Park Discovery Club's fifth annual holiday craft sale raised over \$1,000 for the Polar Bear

Odyssey at the Como Zoo. The children made craft items, and parents donated baked goods. Crafts included bean soup and cocoa in decorated jars, ornaments, cards, candle jars and jewelry.

The sale began as a service learning project and in past years has resulted in donations to local food shelves, Animal Ark and Toys for Tots. This year's beneficiary, the Como Zoo Polar Bear Odyssey exhibit, is scheduled to open this summer.

Discovery Club is a before- and after-school program operated by the St. Paul School District.

St. Anthony Park resident **Jay Weiner** will cover the Winter Olympics for NBC Universal this month. NBC and its affiliated networks — MSNBC, CNBC, USA and [NBCOlympics.com](http://NBCOlympics.com) — will air, cablecast and stream the Games from Vancouver, British Columbia.



Weiner will work as a reporter-researcher for the networks' on-air talent, providing information to the reporters and anchors of the Today Show, NBC Nightly News and the prime-time Olympic broadcasts.

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1 MONDAY

- "A Common Thread," through Feb. 20. TC.
- "Natural Perspectives," works by local and national artists featuring sculpture, drawing and natural materials, through Feb. 25. LAG.
- Winter Flower Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., through Mar. 21. CPZC.

1 TUESDAY

- State party caucuses, 7 p.m. Various locations.

4 THURSDAY

- P.J. Storytelling, 6 p.m. CG.

5 FRIDAY

- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- "Seen & Unseen," photo exhibit, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through Feb. 28. CPZC.
- One Fast Move, 8 p.m. CG.

6 SATURDAY

- Twin City Model Railroad Museum annual holiday Night Trains attraction, every Sat. 6-9 p.m. through Feb. 27. Bandana Square.
- How Secretaries Changed the 20th Century Office: Design, Image, and Culture, through May 30. GMD.
- Cajun Jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.
- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- Contra Dance, Oddfellow's Hall, Como & Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- 1st Things 1st, 8 p.m. CG.

7 SUNDAY

- Open Mic, 6 p.m. CG.

8 MONDAY

- Boy Scouts of America centennial bonfire, 7- 8 p.m. SAPUMC.
- Public forum on proposed changes to Hampden Park, 7 p.m. SSAPRC.

9 TUESDAY

- Saint Anthony Park Garden Club: "Gardening in the 3 Ms (Maryland, Minnesota and the Mediterranean)," presented by member Helen Foster, 6:30 p.m. SAPLC.
- Bridge Club, 6:15 p.m. CG.

10 WEDNESDAY

- Social and Q & A with Superintendent Valeria Silva, 6:30- 8 p.m. MJHAS.

- Lonnie Knight's When Worlds Collide, 7 p.m. CG.

11 THURSDAY

- Great Lakes Piping Plovers: Research and Recovery, 7 p.m. Fairview Community Center.
- Roots Music Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.
- Design in the Dark: A Film Series: "Valentino: The Last Emperor," 7 p.m. GMD.

12 FRIDAY

- St. Anthony Park/Como West MOMS Club Open House/Valentine's Day party, 9:30-11:30 a.m. CPLC.
- Fiber Frenzy, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. TC.
- Woo at the Zoo & Conservatory, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., through Feb. 15. CPZC.
- A Proper English Valentine's Tea, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LETR.
- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- Steven Harlan-Marks, 8 p.m. CG.

13 SATURDAY

- Town meeting with Sen. Ellen Anderson, Rep. Alice Hausman and Rep. John Lesch, 10 a.m.-noon. Como Lakeside Pavilion.
- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- Valentine Couples Yoga Night, 6-8 p.m. LCH.
- Nancy Cox vocal instructor student recital, 8 p.m. CG.

14 SUNDAY

- Annual parish dinner, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Church of St. Cecilia, 2357 Bayless Pl., 644-4502.
- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 4 p.m. GT.
- Enchanted Evening -Valentine's Dinner, 4:30 & 7 p.m. CPZC.

15 MONDAY

- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.

16 TUESDAY

- FHUCC book discussion: "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett, 7 p.m. Dunn Bros Coffee, 2471 Fairview Ave. N., Roseville.

18 THURSDAY

- Curator's Talk: Shaping Office Culture-Secretaries and Design, 6 p.m. GMD.
- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.

19 FRIDAY

- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- Beth Kinderman, 8 p.m. CG.

20 SATURDAY

- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.

21 SUNDAY

- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 4 p.m. GT.

25 THURSDAY

- Roots Music Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.

26 FRIDAY

- Glory Muse, 8 p.m. CG.

27 SATURDAY

- Minnesota Parent Camp Fair, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. CPZC.
- Adult watercolor classes, 10:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. FHCH.
- 24th Annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner, 5:30 p.m., SAPMC.
- Heritage, 7 p.m. CG.

28 SUNDAY

- Semiconductor Orchestra, 1 p.m. CG.
- Sunday Afternoon Book Club: "Washington's Crossing," by David Hackett Fischer, 2:30 p.m. MB.

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- CPZC** Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Dr., 487-8201
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### Dora Chrun

Ewdokia (Dora) Chrun (Zygulicz), 85, formerly of Falcon Heights, died Jan. 9, 2010. She was born in Ukraine on Aug. 10, 1924. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fedir Chrun, in 2004. They made their home in Falcon Heights for 41 years.

She is survived by four children: Michael (Dorothy) Chrun, John (Sherri) Chrun, Mary Chrun and Kathryn (Donald) Johnson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Her greatest joy and love was her family.

Panachyda Prayers were said Jan. 13, 2009, with Requiem Divine Liturgy at St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church in Northeast Minneapolis. Interment was at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Robert James

Robert D. James, 75, of Lauderdale, died Jan. 13, 2010. He had retired from the University of Minnesota and was a member of the Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Alexander Golz. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Ginny; three children, Mark (Pat) James, Kelly (Steve) Golz, Steve (Katy) James; six grandchildren; and his sister, Joyce Annette.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 16, 2010, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

### Helen Kelsey

Helen A. Kelsey died Jan. 15, 2010, at St. Anthony Health Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Kelsey, stepson Ronn Kelsey and sister Margaret Goblisch. She is survived by son Thomas Krog, step-daughter Judi Schmidt and daughter-in-law Kim Kelsey.

Her memorial service was held Jan. 28, 2010, at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

### Neal Gish

Neal S. Gish, 95, died Jan. 15, 2010. He was born in Onamia, Minn., and had lived in Lauderdale since 1946. He was a WWII veteran, serving at the U.S. naval hospitals in Farragut, Idaho, and Oakland, Calif. He retired from employment with the Minnesota State Sales Tax Department in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, whom he married in 1940, and by their son Charles. He and his wife were longtime members of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. They are survived by son John Gish and daughter Janet Gish Penn, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His funeral service was held at Roseville Memorial Chapel on Jan. 20, 2010, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Marie Moffatt

Marie M. Moffatt, 98, formerly of Como Park, died Jan. 13, 2010.

For many years Marie owned and operated J.E. Otto Furniture Store, as well as working for Gayman's Beauty Salon as a beautician.

She was preceded in death by husbands John Otto and Hillman Moffatt, sons Jay Otto and Robert Moffatt and sister Elsie Cross. She is survived by sons John (Marilyn), James, Jerald and Jeffery (Judy) Otto and Donald (Sandy) Moffatt; daughter-in-law Joann Moffatt; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 19, 2010, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Josephine Nielsen

Josephine E. Nielsen, 95, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Dec. 15, 2009.

She was preceded in death by husband, Niels, and granddaughter Stephanie Aus. She is survived by daughters Sharon (Jerry) Gosiak, Janice (Phil) Bowman, Joyce (Jim) Tobiason, Kathy (Pete) Aus, JoNell (Gene) Nielsen-Nightengale; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Dec. 18, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

### Ardis Nier

Ardis Lucille (Hovland) Nier died Dec. 16, 2009, at the age of 88. She was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Bemidji, Minn. She grew up in Climax, Minn., and graduated from high school there. Following a brief career as a singer for an Iowa radio station, which took her to California and Oklahoma, Ardis became a secretary at the University of Minnesota in the School of Physics and Astronomy.

That's where she met her future husband, a prominent physicist and specialist in mass spectrometers. They married in 1969. She later worked in the College of Education.

She enjoyed time at the family cabin on Cass Lake, hiking, traveling and attending professional

conferences around the world. After her husband's death in 1994, Ardis continued to travel. She was also a member of the Raging Grannies, a singing group of older women.

Ardis was active in the Women's Club of the University of Minnesota. She was passionate about the work of the Scholarship Committee and chaired it for many years.

Mrs. Nier was a major benefactor of the University of Minnesota. She was instrumental in establishing scholarships and a lectureship in honor of her late husband, Alfred O. C. Nier, and she was a significant supporter of many other programs at the university. She endowed the Meteorological Society's Nier Prize.

Ardis provided everyone with a model of cheerful perseverance, humor, wisdom and loving kindness. She is survived by her stepchildren Janet Marx, of Springfield, Va., and Keith Nier, of Madison, N.J., and by their children and grandchildren.

She was an active, long-term member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, where, among other roles, she handled the finances for her church's branch of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Her memorial service was held at the church on Jan. 23, 2010.

### Ethel Novotny

Ethel Novotny, 77, of Lauderdale, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Jan. 20, 2010.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, John II; children John III (Diana), Mark, Lisa (Steve) Kotosky and David; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister Doris (Bob) Jensen.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 25, 2010, at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale, with interment at Fort Snelling.

### Audrey Peters

Audrey J. Peters, 73, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 31, 2009. She was preceded in death by her grandson Ross. She is survived by her husband, Bill; children Laurie (Mac) McGarthwaite, Steve (Stacy) Neurer and Mark (Ann) Neurer; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters Marlene (Jim) McKeown and Pat (Pat) Cokley; and sister-in-law Mary Peters.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 6, 2010, at the Church of St. Andrew in St. Paul.

### Marian Roan

Marian M. Roan, 95, was born June 6, 1914, and died Jan. 10, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James. She is survived by her four children, Jackie (Bill) Louk, Tom (Kathy) Roan, Pam (Clay) Everett and Cheryl McSherry; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

After a career as an R.N., she retired as director of nursing at Lyngblomsten Care Center. A celebration of life is planned for 11 a.m., Mar. 13, 2010, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.



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Donald K. Ruddick, 86, of Como Park, died Jan. 7, 2010.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janis, and a brother. He is survived by daughters Janelle (Randy) Petterssen, Barbara (Donald) Nierengarten and Laurie (Jerry) Pichert; seven grandchildren; and brother Darrel (Rita) Ruddick.

Don was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 31 years (NARFE 140) and was a member of VFW Post #458 (106th Infantry Association). He volunteered as basketball coach at NW Como and volunteered over 2000 hours at Lyngblomsten Center. He will always be remembered for his

love of sports and gardening and his willingness to help others.

His funeral service was Jan. 12, 2010, at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Roseville, where he had been an active member.

Beatrice Smith

Beatrice Smith, née Schneer, 96, of Falcon Heights, died on Dec. 26, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Lyman Smith, Jr. She is survived by daughters Susan Smith and Merrily Smith.

A memorial service is planned for Mar. 4, 2010.

Florence Spaulding

Florence Evalyn Spaulding, née Baumgarder, 98, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 31, 2009.

Evalyn graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1932 and was a teacher and librarian during the Great Depression. While a school librarian at Glasgow, Montana, during the building of the Port Peck dam, she met and married engineer Roy Spaulding.

She was preceded in death by her husband, brother Frank and sisters Marjorie and Mildred. She is survived by children Jane, Roy, Robert and Charles, and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Jan. 18, 2010, at her church of 55 years, Centennial United Methodist in Roseville, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Marion Killmer

Marion Earl Killmer, of Grand Marais, died Dec. 26, 2009. Marion was born in St. Paul on Oct. 15, 1918. He attended grade school in St. Paul, graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1937 and studied for three years at the University of Minnesota, majoring in agricultural science, with a minor in horticulture.

There he met Virginia Rose Massie in 1939. They were married on June 20, 1942, in Grand Marais. Since 1941 Marion was field and shipping manager for Killmer's Northern Nurseries in Falcon Heights, a family business begun in 1917 by his father. In 1966, he and his wife became owners of the nursery, which they operated in Apple Valley for six years.

Marion and Virginia moved to Grand Marais in 1973. For 10 years they hosted over 400 guests in their bed and breakfast home on Lake Superior: Killmers on the Water.

Marion's hobbies included photography, painting, printing, gardening, choir, writing poetry, correspondence, wine-making, cooking and canning. For 15 years, he sang with a men's chorus, the Fireside Fellows. He designed and published a quarterly newsletter for 10 years for the Minnesota Rural Artists Association. He also taught wine-making for a community education program in the late 1980s, which was featured in the Cook County News Herald.

His church memberships included St. Anthony Park Methodist Church (1918–1966), Rosemount Methodist Church (1966–1971), Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (1972–1974) and the First Congregational–United Church of Christ, in Grand Marais (1975–2007). For many years at the latter, Marion printed church bulletins, created the church photo album and was church photographer.

Marion was preceded in death by his sister Helen (Herbert) Norman; brothers-in-law Howard (Linnea) and Philip (Auneda) Massie; daughter-in-law Penny Killmer; nephew Thomas Massie; and grandson Andrew Killmer. He is survived by sister Jeanne (Wells Stewart, Jr.) Marshall; four children, Ronald (Edith), Bruce (Penny), Debra (Kenji Tachibana) and Richard (Nancy); nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Bruce Simons

Bruce A. Simons, 74, died peacefully at home on Dec. 23, 2009.

Bruce was a 1953 graduate of Murray High School and a 33-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service in St. Paul and Mesa, Ariz. He had lived in Oakdale, Minn., Gilbert, Ariz., and Arrington, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Jean, infant daughter, Kathleen, grandson Luke Julien, step-grandson Peter Yang and five siblings. He is survived by his children, Kelly, John (Jennifer), Stacey (Reed) Julien and James; five grandchildren and his Yang grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sisters Sharon (Dr. Preston) Williams, Betty (Warren) Loveridge and Carol (Wayne) Krizan.

His funeral was held Dec. 31, 2009, at Roseville Memorial Chapel, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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