Metro Deaf School offers a bilingual education to students from a rich variety of backgrounds

By Judy Woodward

Five minutes before dismissal time for the day, and down in the school’s main hall it’s the usual scene of barely contained adolescent energies.

Over in one corner, two 12-year-old boys are doing their playful best to wrestle each other to the floor. A large group of teenage girls are checking their cell phones; a few are getting a head start on their homework.

A visitor to the school is struck by one thing. Instead of the usual ear-splitting screech associated with young teenagers about to be released from the confines of the school day, the background noise is surprisingly moderate—a pleasant hum rather than a barely contained roar.

No surprise there. This is a bilingual school, and the students— who come from a rich variety of ethnic and linguistic backgrounds—are relaxing in their native language: American Sign Language (ASL)

In a brightly painted building hung with student art at 1471 Brewer St. in Como Park, the Metro Deaf School educates nearly 100 students from pre-kindergarten through high school. A public charter school established in 1992, the Metro Deaf School has attracted students from some 35 different school districts. Families have moved to Minnesota to take advantage of the excellent education it offers to deaf and hard-of-hearing students; other families send their children to the school from as far away as Wisconsin and St. Cloud.

“We don’t see our students as disabled,” says executive director Susan Lane-Outlaw. “We look for their potential. Deaf people are ‘People of the Eye’ with a different way of processing information. Their potential is limitless.”

Still, she believes that the nurturing her students receive at a school where everyone can sign and 70 percent of the staff are themselves hard-of-hearing or deaf is vital to their eventual success.

“Here their social and emotional needs are also met. The school is more like a family,” Lane-Outlaw says. “They can grow up here.”

The school uses ASL as the child’s first language of instruction, while gradually introducing English as a foreign language. “ASL is the mother tongue,” says Lane-Outlaw, “but we never withhold English because that’s the language of power in America.”

There are sound developmental reasons for introducing ASL as early as possible in the child’s life, she explains. “The critical period of language development is so early in life,” she says. “It’s just as hearing persons

By Roger Bergerson

The crowds that came to experience the noxious odor of the blooming corpse flower are gone and things are pretty much back to normal at the plant conservatory on the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul campus.

That’s not all good, because the College of Biological Sciences greenhouse is showing its age and the university is hoping that the current state Legislature will help fund a $6.6 million replacement through its bonding bill.

When the Park Bugle visited on a recent rainy afternoon, there were puddles on the floor from a leaky roof and visible deterioration in the concrete walls and foundation.

“In the wintertime, there’s always green grass around the building due to heat loss,” said Lisa Aston Philander, the conservatory curator. “We must have the largest carbon footprint on campus.”

Despite its deficiencies, the 40-plus-year-old greenhouse continues to play an important role as an education resource for university students from multiple disciplines, K-12 students and community members, and as a research facility for faculty.

Globally, plants are in the same kind of jeopardy as bird and animal species due to habitat destruction and climate change, Aston Philander said.

“There are 1,200 plant species

By Lisa Aston Philander, Ph.D., curator of the College of Biological Sciences Conservatory. Photo by Lori Hamilton

U of M seeks new plant conservatory

The 40-plus-year-old research facility—home to the famous corpse flower—is an education resource to students from kindergarten to doctoral candidates and to the community at-large.
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The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Contact 651-644-3889 or www.district10comopark.org.

Sign up by May 4 for Como Neighborhood Garage Sale
The annual Como Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place Saturday, May 14. Last year, 50 homes participated, making it a great day to browse, buy and socialize without the garage sale map and list of participating sales. You can guarantee you’ll be included in participating sales. The registration fee is $15.

Share your garden seeds and more
District 10’s Environment Committee is hosting its first Como Seed and Seedling Share. The free event will be held Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Como Park Streetcar Station. The exchange is an inexpensive opportunity to share seeds, seedlings, advice and gardening stories with neighbors, whether you’ve been gardening for years or are just getting started.

New council members elected
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Lauderdale
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• to better prepare for severe weather and possible economic instability
• to build our community’s resilience—and have fun while doing it.

ComoFest has new events planned
There will be more to ComoFest this year: outdoor markets, a sidewalk sale, and transition town group wins St. Paul Sustainable Living Award. ComoFest has new events planned. For more information, email como.seed&seedlingshare@gmail.com or look up “Como Seed and Seedling Share” on Facebook.

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There will be more to ComoFest in 2016, with family fun and events every weekend in July. District 10’s annual Ice Cream Social—on Friday, July 15—is one of the events. One of the new twins this year: outdoor boice, sponsored by Halftime Rec.

For a peek at this year’s calendar, a link to sign up for the 5K Run and Walk, and a link to register to exhibit at the art fair, go to www.comofest.com.

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Farmers market returns in June
Lauderdale’s Farmers Market will be held the third Thursday of June-October. It will kick off on Thursday, June 16, 4-7 p.m.

Other dates are July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and October 20. Do you have garden surplus you would like to sell? There is no charge to be a vendor.

Please contact Suzie at LauderdaleFarmersMarket@gmail.com or 651-329-8401 for an application. The market is looking for musicians to share their talent for an hour or so at each market.

St. Anthony Park
The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jenning’s Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. To find out when council committee meet, go to www.ucspic.org or call 651-649-5992. The council office are now located at 2399 University Ave., Suite 300 E.

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Medical mission to the Philippines is ‘life-changing’ for local student

By Alex Lodner

Quinlan Fletcher had no intention of following in her father’s footsteps. While she always admired the work that Dr. James Fletcher has dedicated himself to as a plastic surgeon specializing in hands, she thought surgery was, well, “gross.”

“I was actually always disgusted by the idea of surgery,” she laughed. “Blood made me cringe; I had no interest in doing anything like that.”

This winter, Fletcher joined her father on his mission travels for the first time. “We always knew I would go some day,” she said. “My dad wanted to wait until I was mature enough to really understand the service I was doing. Now that I’m leaving for college, it seems like a time of change. I thought some perspective would be good before I leave to go off into the big, bad world,” she smiled.

The trip took the St. Anthony Park residents, along with about 100 other Minnesota volunteers, to the small town Mariveles. The town sits in an extremely impoverished area of the island of Luzon, the largest and most populous island in the Philippines. The island is also home to the country’s capital city, Manila, but the difference between the two cities could not be more stark. In tiny Mariveles, the Mariveles District Hospital is being built, but it is only halfway constructed. The next closest hospital is in Manila, which can be a six-hour trip, depending on availability of transportation. The population has exploded in Mariveles, doubling in size in the past four years to more than 5,000 people. Poverty dominates the landscape.

Quinlan Fletcher of St. Anthony Park observes a surgery during her medical mission trip to the Philippines. Photo courtesy of Quinlan Fletcher

In June, St. Anthony Park will again host Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park, an opportunity for middle- and high school youth to hone their acting skills while exploring the world of Shakespeare’s plays. And the community will be able to enjoy the culminating event of the program with plays performed outside at Luther Seminary and on the front lawn of St. Anthony Park Library.

Two workshops will be held in June on the seminary campus. Middle-school students, those who have completed fifth, sixth or seventh grades, will participate in Scenes and Speeches from Shakespeare, Monday, June 27, to Thursday, June 30, at noon. The workshop will offer an engaging introduction to Shakespeare and an opportunity to have fun developing acting technique. Students will present highlights from their week on June 30 at 7 p.m. behind Gullixson Hall on the Luther Seminary campus.

High school students can participate in a two-week immersion into Shakespeare, as they prepare to perform “The Two Gentlemen of Verona.” The high school workshop will be held Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The play is one of Shakespeare’s quirkiest comedies and has something for everyone: gender-bending lovers, betrayal and forgiveness, outlaws and clowns, and a dog. Performances will be held Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24, at 7 p.m. behind Gullixson Hall and Friday, June 24, at noon on the grounds of the St. Anthony Park Library.

The cost for the middle-school workshop is $100. The cost for the two-week high school workshop is $250. Scholarships are available.

Sam Barboff, the leader of the workshops, is a Guthrie-trained actor, theater maker and educator. He has worked extensively on stage as well as behind the scenes with local theater companies. He has mentored youth in Shakespeare through camps, workshops and productions. This is the third year of Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park, which is being organized by several neighbors who love theater and who know children who love theater. “We keep doing it because the kids have so much fun,” says co-founder and St. Anthony Park resident Janet Lawson.

You can help introduce young people to Shakespeare by spreading the word about these workshops and, when the performance time comes, bring your friends and family and spread a blanket.

To register, go to the Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park Facebook page and look for the “sign-up” link, or email Janet Lawson at SAPShakespeare@gmail.com.—She Conner

Shakespeare workshops for youth offered in June in St. Anthony Park

Quinlan Fletcher

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Fences and neighbors

As neighborhood residents, we are asking you to get involved and contact Ward 4 Councilmember Russ Stark and Mayor Chris Coleman with your opinion about the sale of land that was donated for our branch library. The City of St. Paul Real Estate division and the St. Paul Public Library director want to sell a portion of Lot 21 — on the east side of the children’s rotunda at the library — to its neighbors. The current neighbors [and] previous owners [thought] that the land where they now want to construct a fence was part of that land, which they had purchased. It turns out, after a city survey, the land is part of Lot 21, donated in 1917 for our library.

In our neighborhood, issues involving public lands have been brought to the appropriate board and the community council for presentations and considerations. One particular issue regarding the potential sale of St. Anthony Park Library land was brought to the City Council for an hearing or vote. Their contact information is Stark, ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-8640, and Coleman, 651-266-8989 or stpaul.gov/departments/mayors-office/contact-mayor.

Mary Maguire Lerman
and Bill Lerman
Cindy Anderson

Keep the flag flying high

As an old-time liberal, I fully understand that the American flag— Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes, the Red, White and Blue—is a symbol of what our country stands for, and that’s why it’s important and why it inspires such an emotional response when we see it.

It’s not the colored piece of cloth, it’s what it represents that we respect and salute. But that response is being eroded nowadays because of decisions to lower the flag to half-staff so frequently—for so many varied reasons—that the flag can be considered disrespectful if it’s supposed to be displayed anymore.

It used to be that the flag was lowered to half-staff as a gesture of respect once a year, on the morning of Memorial Day, and other times, just that, upon the death of a very eminent public servants.

In the 21st century, however, the flag is being half-staff every time you turn around.

Yes, it did seem a reflective response after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001—although I’m not sure that it was done even after Pearl Harbor. But now it’s become excessive. It’s both confusing and demoralizing to see the Star-Spangled Banner dipped because of a terrorist murder, deceased ex-first ladies, foreign terror attacks, domestic terror attacks and for the tragic loss of each service member from our state—whether from the combat in the endless imperial war or from accidental causes. And although it may not be popular or politically correct, I want to suggest that we, the people, decide to show our pride, determination, courage and national unity by reserving the gesture of flag-lowering for the traditional and commemorative occasions.

In the face of terror and violence, I say let’s keep Old Glory flying at full height, where it belongs. Long may it wave, “o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave”—if that’s who and what we are.

Olive Steinberg
St. Anthony Park

Group is working to establish a community solar garden

Are you considering buying into a community-based solar array, also known as a community solar garden? Please remember that Transition St. Paul—All of St. Anthony Park is a Community Solar action group that expects to install such an array on a local building.

Many people in St. Anthony Park have received letters from solar companies asking us to subscribe with them for a community solar. Solar energy is great if you’re interested, but companies can install huge solar gardens, then look for subscribers. They offer solar, but also want to make money.

Our action group has been working for several years to develop community solar for our whole neighborhood, hoping to lessen our community carbon footprint and get us off fossil fuel. Our motivation is not to make money but to make solar available for all. We don’t have huge investors, so our project has been slow to get off the ground. But we think we might be close with a small array, and we hope to follow with a medium- or large-scale project. Both will need subscribers.

Let us know if you would like to be notified when our community solar garden opportunity is available. For more information, visit TransitionASD.org/Community-solar.org or call 651-266-8989 or email at Solar@TransitionASD.org.

Barry Reich
St. Anthony Park
Here are five ways you can help your homebound senior neighbor

By Judy McCordle

She hardly ever comes out. In fact, you see so little of your senior neighbor, you sometimes forget she’s there.

But the quiet life that so often escapes your notice can mask many problems. A fear of falling might keep your neighbor from going to her doctor appointments or buying groceries. Worsening arthritis may keep her from caring for her home, or herself.

Luckily, there are organizations that can help her remain safe and joyful in her own home. And she can start getting help simply because someone like you was neighborhood.

If you live near someone who is in their later golden years, has slowed down and appears homebound, make yourself known. Break the isolation. Here are a few ideas:

1. Offer help. Once the introductions are out of the way, let your neighbor know you can help with yard work and snow shoveling. Many times, people can be reluctant to accept assistance from others. One way to get around this: Tell your neighbor that you (or your older children) have some volunteer requirements to fulfill.

2. Run an errand. Before you get into the car and drive to the store, ring the doorbell. Ask if there is anything you can pick up for your neighbor.

3. Share the bounty. When cooking a meal, bring a serving to your neighbor’s house. Share fresh vegetables from the garden or the farmers market. Bring a sample of something you baked.

4. Set up a neighbor date. Invite your neighbor over for dinner, Sunday brunch or afternoons coffee. If conversation runs dry, some quiet activities can help pass the time, such as playing checkers or cards, putting together a jig saw puzzle or watching a movie.

5. Help your neighbor get in touch with the Como Park-Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program, a nonprofit that connects seniors with volunteers from your neighborhood who can take them to their appointments, help them with shopping or just keep them company. We also have a nurse on staff who makes home visits at no cost to the senior. In addition, we can provide staff and volunteer support to enable seniors to remain in the home and community they love.

To learn more, visit our website, conopfhp.org, or give us a call, 651-642-1127, and like us on Facebook to stay updated on our program. Donations welcome.

Judy McCordle is the executive director of the Como Park-Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

Foundation invites all to Spring Reveal

The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation will host its Spring Reveal on Thursday, May 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lake Monster Brewing Co., 750 Vandalia St., in the Creative Enterprise Zone.

The event will feature two firsts: the first public announcement of the foundation’s 2016 grant recipients and the introduction of the foundation’s new Make It Happen Fund. The foundation also wants to use the event to welcome new neighbors to our community.

According to board chair Jay Schrader, the foundation decided to honor their grant aw ards by creating an annual event.

“These grants and grantee make a big impact in our community and we felt we should celebrate that publicly,” Schrader said. “And it’s spring, that’s always a good reason to get neighbors together.”

The foundation has received 23 requests for $88,000 and will award $37,000 this year. That will bring its grants award total to nearly $41,500 for 2015 and 1999.

The decision to add the Make It Happen Fund came from the increasing number of requests that come outside of the spring cycle. The new fund will be solely dedicated to those requests where timing doesn’t work out for the usual Feb. 1 to March 31 application window.

Everyone is invited to join the board and grantee at the CEZ’s newest brewpub, Lake Monster, on the east side of the new Vandalia Towers building, to celebrate.

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We are grateful to our supporters. You’ve helped us raise $41,449 for the Park Bugle’s 2015-16 fund drive and thank all who have contributed, including the following people and businesses who gave between March 12 and April 13.

The nonprofit Bugle would not be here without your help. We’ve reached our fundraising goal but are always happy to accept more contributions. You can donate online at www.parkbugle.org. Click the green DONATE NOW button on the right side of the page. Or send a check to Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

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Come home to St. Anthony Park...

Check out the new Spring look and price at 1400 Grantham. This well maintained home has newer windows, polished wood floors, five bedrooms, three baths, and formal dining room with pocket doors. All this in a great central Park location just blocks from the University of MN campus.

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Crossword puzzle

Hizzoner

By Dave Healy

You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 12.
My new alarm clock is a 9-year-old cocker spaniel named Chance. We adopted him last fall. When he hops off the bed, it alerts me to the fact that he needs to go outside. So I get dressed and we go outside.

It was on one such morning on a Sunday in March that I was surprised by a chorus of birdsong. There were 40 or 50 male red-winged blackbirds in the trees, doing their “song-kar-oo” songs punctuated by loud screeches. There were robins practicing their spring songs, declaring their territories and trying their best to attract a mate for the summer.

Many birdwatchers think of this as the “dawn chorus.” This particular Sunday was also the first day of daylight saving time. We were outside an hour earlier in “true time.” The birds, of course, don’t know anything about clock time. They start their day’s activities when the sun rises.

From 2005 through 2012, my son, Drew, and I collected information for the annual Breeding Bird Survey, sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The survey has a fairly strict protocol. For example, surveyors are assigned a 25-mile route. Every half mile along the route they stop, look and listen for exactly 3 minutes for birds.

Our survey route began west of Cokato, then wound westward, ending near Litchfield. It’s quite rural until you get into Litchfield itself. The USGS even sets the exact start time. For our route, it was 4:58 a.m. That’s about half an hour before sunrise in early June, another chance to hear the dawn chorus.

As we sat at our first survey point, getting our gear together and waiting for our start time to arrive, we heard birds tuning up to their high notes. There was something magical about hearing a bird sing in pitch darkness.

There would be song sparrow trilling their song, which starts with two or three notes on the same pitch and then goes off into a lovely musical cadence. There were ring-necked pheasants squawking off in the distance and red-winged blackbirds belting out their song-kar-oo.. And robins, always robins, some of the earliest (and latest) summer singers.

More members joined the chorus as the day brightened.

A great reference work for all things related to bird vocalizations is *The Singing Life of Birds: The Art and Science of Listening to Birdsong* by Donald Kroodsma (Houghton Mifflin, 2005). Regardin the dawn chorus, Kroodsma says that at dawn, birds sing with “greater speed and variety.”

He also states that “a bird does not sing in isolation, but in a community of singers, especially at dawn.” He likens it to the call and response patterns that humans use.

Kroodsma’s book is a good one for studying birdsong. It includes a CD of birdsong to which he refers in the text.

I had another experience with the dawn chorus that didn’t begin at dawn. My wife and I used to play a CD as we drifted off to sleep. I think the title had something to do with sunset meditations. One track was recorded in a marsh, another in a meadow, one at the sea shore and the like. Unfortunately, instead of drifting off, I spent the time trying to identify each of the songs I heard. “Oh, that’s a red-wing. There’s a marsh wren, very nice. Pleasant in the background….”

I couldn’t shut off the CD mechanism in my mind. Since it wasn’t helping induce sleep, we finally stopped using it.

My son and I took part in an early morning survey every April for nine years. It’s the Crane Count, sponsored by the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, WI. The count is always held on the same Saturday across the Upper Midwest, from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. When counting is done at the same time, there’s less chance of more than one observer reporting the same sandhill cranes.

Our assigned territory was always in northern Ramsey County, near a compost site. We’d get to our roadside spot, set up and listen. There were usually a couple of American woodcock doing their “peent” call. When they do that, you know they’re on the ground. It’s when they stop the peent that they go airborne and you try to find them spiraling upward against a gray pre-sunrise sky. They were one part of a rich dawn chorus.

We always had turkeys arguing with each other before sunrise. They truly do gobble, gobble!

And then the usual suspects, song sparrows, robins, red-winged blackbirds and an occasional pheasant. And most important, we heard sandhill cranes every year.

Listening to the dawn chorus really is a great way to start the day, especially if it’s not raining. But that’s another story.

Deaf school from 1

Deaf school from 1

can never develop native proficiency in a language unless they learn it at an early age, deaf children should learn ASL as early as possible to achieve fluency.

“Research shows that the more proficient a student is in ASL, the more proficient they are in reading and writing English,” she says.

It can be a huge challenge for families, since most deaf children are born to hearing parents who have had no prior opportunity to learn ASL. The stress is compounded for what Lane-Outlaw calls “new-in-country” students—deaf children born overseas to hearing families who are struggling to make the connection to American life and the English language.

“Sometimes these children [arrive] with gestures but no formal language of any type,” she says.

Lane-Outlaw recalls the arrival of a “new-to-country family with three deaf children who had no formal language. Two years later, they’re fluent in ASL, reading and writing, flourishing. And the family is now part of our community,” she says.

Lane-Outlaw is proud of the diversity of the school’s student body, and she warns that it is clear that their unifying language, American Sign, is not simply a variation of spoken English with added gestures. Actually ASL has its own distinct syntax and grammar.

“ASL is a concept,” says Lane-Outlaw. “It’s not English.” In fact, ASL was originally developed in the early 19th century by Frenchman Laurent Clerc, which leads to an interesting side benefit for its users two centuries later.

“I know no French at all,” says Lane-Outlaw, “but I can talk in basic sign language with French people who can sign.”

Lane-Outlaw is eager to talk about what her students accomplish after they graduate.

“If you give students the foundations at an early age, then they have the skills to move on,” she says, and Metro Deaf School students often move on to mainstream colleges where, thanks to the presence of interpreters and other assistance, they can learn and succeed. Alumni have gone on to productive work and fulfilling lives.

The rise of internet-based communications, smartphones and sophisticated adaptive devices means that many of the school’s graduates are able to work in hearing environments.

“We want our students to learn to give back. They’re not just here to take,” Lane-Outlaw says.

She knows, however, that public perception hasn’t always kept up with the potential of deaf people. Because her spouse is deaf, Lane-Outlaw uses sign language in the family. She tells of an incident when her family, including their young daughter, was using ASL while having dinner at a restaurant. A well-meaning, but misguided stranger “came up and gave us a dollar for our kid. Society feels sorry for [the deaf] . . . and encourages a kind of helplessness,” she says.

Lane-Outlaw chooses to combat such misconceptions by getting the word out. “We have an alumna doing research at the National Institute of Health,” she says. “Other students are now getting PhDs. We’re looking for a paradigm shift in the greater society once you know that our students can offer so much.”

Meanwhile, down the hall while waiting to be dismissed, the kids have more immediate things on their mind. Speaking to a visitor through an interpreter, 4-year-old Suraya explains that after school, she’s going to tell her dad about “snack.” (She liked it.) Her fellow pre-K student Henry says, “The coolest thing about school is the bat!”

Carter, 12, has a more nuanced appreciation of his school. “I like activities, math and science. And I wish we had more computers.”

Kou, 15, likes his school because, “Everybody’s deaf and I communicate with all my friends. There are no barriers and if we go out, we learn together how to function in the hearing world.”

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Interested in learning ASL? The Metro Deaf School offers classes for adults and children over 10 on Tuesday evenings at a modest cost. For more information visit, medsnn.org/community/asl-classes/, or contact Becky Swinney at 651-224-3995.

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

Hayad enjoys recess on the playground. Photo by Lori Hamilton

Always wondered what we looked like inside? Take a tour and see for yourself!

Open House
Sunday, May 8th from 2 - 5 pm

Refreshments
1666 Coffman
Tours of our building, grounds, and condominium homes.

A student converses with executive director Susan Lane-Outlaw on the playground. Photo by Lori Hamilton.
By Roger Bergerson

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the condominium residence at 1666 Coffman St., in Falcon Heights, and residents are not only celebrating three decades of contented living on West Larpenteur Avenue but are inviting others to join them.

On Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day), from 2 to 5 p.m., the residence will host an open house with refreshments and tours of the building, units and grounds.

“I just love living here,” said Eve Brown, chair of the condominium association’s promotions committee, the event sponsor. “This is a real community and a very welcoming one.”

 Generally speaking, ownership in the 93-unit building is open to those over 55 years of age, whether retired or still employed, who worked at the University of Minnesota at some point in their careers. (A non-university buyer can be considered if a condominium remains unsold after 120 days on the market.)

The housing complex is regarded as the brainchild of Gertrude Esteros, who, as a retired university buyer, recognized our volunteers with refreshments and door prizes

In 1986, developers officially transferred the property at 1666 Coffman St. to the residents. Pictured here, from left: John Briscoe, chief financial officer, Coffman Housing Partnership; Gertrude Esteros, president, University of Minnesota Retirees Housing Corporation; Ed Lindberg, first president of 1666 Coffman Homeowners Association; and Jack Klepp, chief development officer, Coffman Housing Partnership.

**1666 Coffman residents mark 30th anniversary with open house**

The buildings are very well-maintained, said Brown, thanks to the work of the building and grounds committee. It makes a difference, she said, when people have a personal stake in the upkeep of a facility.

The residents also are pleased that they will have a new neighbor in a few years, the Bell Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, which will occupy a site immediately to the east at Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues.

One insight to how people feel about living at 1666 Coffman is that when their personal circumstances change, such as a spouse dying, they often move within the building. “They like the neighborhood,” Brown said. “They like the neighborhood.”

You can learn more about the community at 1666Coffman.com.

In 2015, our volunteers

- Provided 43 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS
- Provided 651-642-9052   www.sapaseniors.org

In honor of National Volunteer Month, we recognized our volunteers with refreshments and door prizes at a special event on April 26 from 10 a.m.-noon at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

Thanks to the following organizations for their donations to support this event:

- All Seasons Cleaners
- BibleShop
- Colossal Cafe
- Complexions on Carter
- Dunn Bros. Coffee
- Frattalone’s Ace Hardware
- Gabe’s by the Park
- Handi Medical
- Micawber’s Books
- Muffuletta
- Park Service
- Speedy Market
- Sunrise Banks
- St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church
- Turning Heads Salon

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To learn more about becoming a volunteer for St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, please call 651-642-9052 or e-mail the Volunteer Coordinator at vc@sapaseniors.org.
Change is in the air along Como Avenue

Two new businesses set up shop and a longtime favorite settles into new digs.

By Roger Bergerson

Change is the constant when it comes to the businesses of St. Anthony Park as two new ones recently opened and a longtime favorite made a short move to “cozier” quarters.

Frattallone’s Ace Hardware and Garden Store, 2286 Como Ave.: Co-owner Tom Frattallone said the first order of business in repurposing the former post office was altering the “1975 prison chic” exterior to create a more welcoming look.

“We want residents to see the store as a community asset,” he said. “We’re going to have benches and planter boxes with flowers in front and try to make it look more friendly.”

Larry Frattallone opened his first hardware store 40 years ago, and he and sons, Tom and Mike, now operate 21 in the Twin Cities area.

Tom was on vacation when a friend who lives in St. Anthony Park emailed him to say the location was available and Frattallone’s ought to move in, Tom said.

The Como Avenue store is the Frattallone’s smallest, but Walter Dinalio, an assistant manager, said that needn’t be a disadvantage.

“We’ve been pretty creative with the use of space, sliding product-display panels being just one example,” he said.

“We have just about the same number of stock-keeping-units as our larger stores and if there’s anything we don’t have, we can get it in a day,” Dinalio added.

“We cut keys, repair snow blowers and lawn mowers, have a very significant housewares selection and substantial plumbing and electrical departments. And we have a better inventory of loose nuts and bolts than the big box stores,” he said.

“With Ace, we have a top-rate product line and the quality of the training and the expectations that the Frattalones have for customer service are very high.

“Everyone coming in seems to be so excited that we’re here,” Dinalio said.

Oh, and Pat Kojawa-

Como florist part of Easter design team at the White House

By Alex Lobser

Lynne Tischler is a delightful and inspiring woman. It would not be a stretch to say she is enchanting.

The front of her little flower shop on the corner of Dale Street and Nebraska Avenue reflects her sense of whimsy. The cheerful green exterior harks at what’s inside. The bright space is filled with art, flowers and decorations in all colors and textures. There are sparkling pieces of jewelry dangling from moss-covered rocks, striking paintings hanging on the walls, colorful knitted caps and tubes of homemade lip balm covering every surface.

There are beads and mirrors and ribbons everywhere. And of course, there are flowers. In a glass case sit gorgeous floral bouquets ready to adorn someone’s holiday table or bedside. If nothing else strikes your fancy, Tischler and her crew can put together whatever your heart desires.

Tischler brought her sense of beauty to a larger audience when she joined a team of florists working on the Easter holiday design at the White House in March. The team was handpicked and led by renowned floral designer Audith Beveridge, director of education at Koehler & Dramm’s Institute of Floristry in Minneapolis, where Tischler also teaches.

Tischler has worked on a number of high-profile projects, including the Minnesota governor’s mansion and exhibiting her work in an American Swedish Institute’s installation based on Nobel Prize winners. But the White House was “a chance to show I can do big work,” she said before leaving for the capital. “It’s an opportunity to learn

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from other florists. It means I can handle a large event and play well with others.

The trip was a huge success, Tischler said after she returned to Minneapolis. While security was predictably tight, everyone she encountered was gracious and welcoming. The team even met President Obama when he stopped by to check on their work.

“We were greeted by the presidential days,” Tischler recounted.

The team, which included three floral designers and six assistants, used donated product from American growers from around the country for their designs.

“We worked on over 50 big and small arrangements and some were incorporated with over-sized Easter eggs,” Tischler said. “We also created beautiful hand-tied bouquets for the first lady and her daughter.”

The arrangements were placed throughout the lawn for photo opportunities, as well as the guest tents and V.I.P. area.

“The bench where the president and first lady read the books to the children was also decorated by us,” Tischler said.

On the Monday after Easter Sunday, the floral crew took turns dressing up in egg costumes and interacted with the massive crowd.

“The day was filled with lots of joy and children’s laughter—no mention of politics,” Tischler said. There were activities for all ages, including yoga, painting, bookmaking, obstacle courses and, of course, the annual egg roll.

“I would do it all again without hesitation,” Tischler said. Tischler has been making people’s floral dreams come true for more than 20 years. She got her advanced floral certificate in 1994 and established Your Enchanted Florist in 2002. She first ran the business from the basement of her home but just a block away, then from the current building, which she bought with her husband, Randall, in 2010. They moved the existing vacuum shop, which had been in business for 35 years and which Randall now operates, to the back of the building, and moved her flower shop in.

Tischler filled her shop with work from nearly 30 local artists, half of which live within walking distance to the shop.

“Even the funeral ribbons we carry are created by a local artist,” she said.

Potscape—seasonal planter design for residential and commercial clients—is a large portion of Tischler’s business. She also runs walk-in business and clients for everyday occasions, as well as the ubiquitous weddings and funerals.

“We are always busy because we are such a diverse shop,” she said. “We do everything from faux painting to taking care of people’s plants. We do whatever the client needs. People always want beauty, no matter what the economy is doing.”
Healing Elements proprietors Samantha Huet and Nick Shvetzoff moved their business into the former Peapods/Mischief space next to the new hardware store. "Walking down the street here, people smile at you and it just feels natural to strike up a conversation with anyone," she said. "That sense of community was why Healing Elements thrived at our former location and we just hope to keep expanding upon that. "The building has undergone an extensive remodel and I think people will be surprised when they see inside," she said. The community is invited to do just that at the center's grand opening Sunday, May 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

As well as a wellness center and "resource hub for holistic living," as Huet puts it, Healing Elements will offer daily yoga and mediation classes, therapeutic massage, holistic healing services, as well as product offerings such as bulk herbs, teas, essential oils and natural and organic health supplements. Product lines include Mountain Rose Herbs (herbs and tea), Soul Flower (clothing and accessories), Weleda (body care) and Baraka (Ayurvedic health supplies, along with an emphasis on locally sourced crafts and goods.

Huet, a certified yoga instructor, said the center's staff of instructors and massage therapists have a wealth of experience gained through teaching and studying around the globe. You can find their biographies at healingelementswellness.com.

Roger Bergerson writes about history and community news regularly in the Park Bugle.

CityPages names MidModMen ‘Best Place to Buy Furniture’

MidModMen friends, which opened at 2401 University Ave. as a pop-up shop four years ago, was honored by Twin Cities weekly CityPages in April for its “neighborliness, sales and welcoming presence on the Green Line” in St. Anthony Park.

The paper said the store “is a destination, restoring furniture while anchoring the revitalization of University Avenue at 280 into a hip new zone for creativity, community and vintage collectibles.”

Hizzoner Crossword puzzle answers from 6

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3 TUESDAY
Baby/toddler story time, refers to 2 years old (siblings welcome). Tuesdays, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30-noon. No story time on May 31.

St. Anthony Park Condom Club hosts, “The Cutting Edge is Hardly Locking Rows,” St. Mary’s Episcopal Church. Information at 7 p.m., program, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

4 WEDNESDAY
Fine art sale to benefit China Service Ventures, China Place, 1407 N Cleveland Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

St. Anthony Park Book Club, “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

5 THURSDAY
St. Anthony Park Library closed for staff meeting and development.

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

Barnes & Noble Book Club, “Beneath the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates, St. Anthony Park Library, 6-8 p.m.

6 FRIDAY
Fine art sale to benefit China Service Ventures, China Place, 1407 N Cleveland Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Duluth songwriters meets every Thursday, U of M St. Paul Campus, Nanaimor Research Station, 1992 Fishback Rd., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

6 SATURDAY
Fine art sale to benefit China Service Ventures, China Place, 1407 N Cleveland Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday School Play Site, Fairy-tales at the St. Paul Fair Grounds. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School spring concert, 5:30-8 p.m.

7 SATURDAY
Fine art sale to benefit China Service Ventures, China Place, 1407 N Cleveland Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Local bluegrass and country duo, Bluegrass Company, joined by fiddle/banjo/violin banjolin, and others in concert. St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Suggested donations of $15 or pay whatever you can. Find out more at www.vspac.org.

9 MONDAY
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, cardiac rehab, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon. Call 651-642-9052 to register.

Usher training, St. Paul Public Library’s Usher Training Series for 生涯, 想象, 希望. St. Anthony Park Library, 7-9 p.m.

10 TUESDAY
Make the Most of Google Docs, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class is limited to four. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

11 WEDNESDAY
Barbeque, card-making session at Senior Living Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9:30-11 a.m. No charge or reservations required.

12 THURSDAY
YMCA Camp Wildwinds and de: Need Spring, Camps are: Minnesota State Fairgrounds and Wichita M融, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors cinema series, “The 355,” St. Anthony Park Library, 2-4 p.m. All welcome. Free.

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Cone Day with St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon. Free.

Learn about birds, birding-festival-twin-cities.

14 SATURDAY
YMCA Camp Wildwinds and de: Need Spring, Camps are: Minnesota State Fairgrounds and Wichita M融, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

16 MONDAY
Outing and lunch at Como Conservatory with St. Anthony Park Area Seniors. 10 a.m. Please call 651-642-9052 to register.

Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. gathering, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. This event is free, but a free will offering for the music leaders and to make the space possible. Co-sponsored by the District 12 Community Council.

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

20 FRIDAY
Croft Day with St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon. Free.

Chelsea Higgin’s Elementary School spring concert, 5-6 p.m.

22 SUNDAY
Scodel Afternoon Book Club, “11th in Line,” by Linn McDermid, Micahs, 1 p.m. All are welcome.

23 MONDAY
Preventing Medicare Fraud and Avoiding Scams, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

27 FRIDAY
Talks and Storytelling Clinic, St. Anthony Park Library, 1:15 p.m. Bring questions, puzzles and concerns on all tablets and smartphones.

Preventing Medicare Fraud and Avoiding Scams, St. Anthony Park Library, 1:10-2:30 p.m.

28 SATURDAY
St. Paul Public Libraries closed through May 30 for Memorial Day.

31 TUESDAY
Community blood drive, St. Anthony Park Luthern Church, 2-7 p.m. Register online at redcrossblood.org and call 763-441-8833 with the drive, or call Joy at 651-644-8833.

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

Wednesdays, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Mondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m.

Congo Ponds/Falcon Heights Black Noses Programme
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartment, 11 a.m.-noon

FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors
Wednesdays, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-noon

Congo Ponds/Falcon Heights BLACK NOSES PROGRAM
Third Thursdays, Anoton Potter Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

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

VENUE INFORMATION
Abbot Park Senior Apartments, 635 W. Maitland Ave.

Chelsea HIgh School, 1527 Huron St., 651-291-8790

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

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

Micahs, 2235 Cambridge Ave. (new location just off the Maitland Square courtyard), 651-646-7506

Olany Pointe Senior Apartments, 2136 Cattail Ave., 651-424-8835

Olans Pointe Senior Apartments, 2235 Como Ave., 651-645-0371

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2192 Cleveland Ave., 651-646-7173

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Womans Drum Center, 224 W. University Ave., www.womensdrumcenter.org

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Music & Memory is a nonprofit organization that helps enhance the lives of older adults in care facilities through the use of personalized music. Lyngblomsten staff completed training in October 2015 to become a Music & Memory Certified Care Facility.

The program is simple. Staff members learn what residents’ favorite songs and styles of music are and volunteers load personalized playlists onto iPods.

Listening to music has been shown to awaken memories from the past, leading to a more engaged life; reduce anxiety and agitation; lessen return of favorites, new programs and returning favorites in for 2016 season. The new series, A Pioneer Woman, will offer visitors a glimpse of the craft and kitchen heritage of the pioneer women who settled, farmed and raised families in the early years of Minnesota. The farm will honor their legacy with Farm Fridays: A Pioneer Woman’s Craft Heritage and Sunday Series: A Pioneer Woman’s Kitchen.

The season begins Saturday, May 28, and runs through Sunday, Oct. 30. Gibbs Farm is open Sundays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and selected Fridays. For information, see the website at www.rchp.com/gibbs-farm/ or call 651-646-8629.

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Hugh Faville
Hugh C. Esselle, 95, of Roseville, died peacefully on April 10. He was a longtime employee of many civic organizations, including Metro Transit Commission and Metropolitan Council.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, and daughter, Linda. He is survived by daughters Nancy (Bruce) Wade, Susan, Barbara (John) Dolman and Tracy.
A memorial service was held April 16 at Falcon Height United Church of Christ.

Avis Jacobsen
Avis K. Jacobsen, 104, of Como Park, died March 16. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, and sisters, Violet (Charlie) Nielsen and Lydia (Rollio) Eillman. She is survived by her son, Gerald B. (Joan); two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.
Her funeral service was held March 21 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Linda Bentson
Lois M. (Howard) Bentson, 86, of Falcon Heights, died peacefully April 8. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Robert; son, David (Christine); grandchildren, Matt and Maria; and sister, Nancy Reising.
Her funeral service was held April 13 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Deloris Gooseness
Deloris A. (Boutang) Gooseness, 89, of Falcon Heights, died April 3. Deloris had a kind and gentle spirit and was loved by many and will be truly missed.
She was preceded in death by her daughter, Stacey; parents, Marie and Irving Boutang; and four sisters and two brothers. Deloris is survived by her sons, Randall, Russell and David (Lois); daughters, Suzanne, Geraldyn and Leslie; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 8 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Newell Liztke
Newell David Liztke, 87, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died April 18 of pneumonia at Lyngblomstsen Care Center.
Nowell was born on Dec. 12, 1928, in Wauwat, Wis., to Herbert and Minnie Liztke. He graduated from high school in 1947 and served in the army during the Korean War.
He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and his master's in library science at the University of Minnesota. He was there when he met Julie Groff. They married in 1960 in Wayzata, Minn.

She was director of libraries in Fairbault and Austin, Minn., in the 1960s. The family moved to St. Anthony Park (1463 Hyde St.) in 1970. Nowell was employed for 20 years at the Minnesota Department of Education Office of Library Development and Services. He retired in 1982. They were members of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ until their death in 2013.

Nowell had been a resident of Lyngblomsten for nearly three years. He and Julla were volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Nowell was also on the board of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse program. Both he and Julla loved St. Anthony Park and looked forward every year to the Fourth of July celebration and the Arts Festival.
He is survived by son David of St. Paul; daughters Susan (Arthur) Charlton of Easton, Pa., and Sara (Michael) Quinn of St. Paul; brother William of Weston, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

His memorial service will be held at St. Anthony Park UCC on Saturday, May 28, at 11 a.m.

Homer Mantis
Mantis was born in Reading, Pa. His father, a first-generation Greek immigrant, owned the Crystal, a popular restaurant in Reading.
He was the first in his family to attend college. He received his undergraduate degree from Lehigh University and a Ph.D. in physics in 1951 from the University of Wisconsin.
Dr. Mantis was the forecaster at the Army Air Force weather station at New York University and, during World War II, taught meteorology to prospective Army Air Force pilots.
In 1950, he joined the U of M as professor of meteorological physics, which he taught until 1989.
In the 1980s, the Academy of Athens recognized his contributions in the field of physics by electing him to life membership. He and Mary spent many summers in Athens while he researched and collected data on climatology.
Dr. Mantis continued to study and analyze gamma rays into his late 80s. Many of his students, both in Minnesota and in Greece, have gone on to teach on physics or to perform research. In the 1960s and 70s, Homer actively contributed in local organizations committed to returning the Greek government to civilian control after being taken over by the military junta. Later, he supported efforts to end the Turkish military invasion of Cyprus.
Dr. Mantis will be remembered as a kind, quiet, peaceful man and a dedicated scientist. He is survived by his four children: John (Sarah) of Tao, N.M.; William (Chris) Trout of St. Paul; Daphne Mantis of Springfield, Ore.; and Katrina Johnstone of Staten Island, NY; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
A celebration of life will be held Sunday, July 10, 2-5 p.m. at the Battle Creek Park Shelter in St. Paul.
Family and friends are invited to share their personal memories at 3:30 p.m.

Paul Nicholas Mayers
Paul Nicholas "Nick" Mayers, 79, former owner of Park Service in St. Anthony Park for 33 years, died suddenly at his home on April 16.
He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Kay Mayers, and brother, Jack. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Carol; daughter, Julie; brother Benoem (Steve); son, Paul (Jodi) and Nicholas; two grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Wolters (Bob) and Mary Kay Rottach (Bernie).
Nick was a 1955 graduate of Cretin High School and was a member of Corpus Christi Parish since 1942. He was an avid antique toy collector.
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 19 at the Church of Corpus Christi in Roseville, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

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Barry Nelson
Barry M. Nelson, 71, of Como Park, died suddenly in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 11. Barry was president of The Shaver and Appliance in Minneapolis.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lucile (née Nee); nieces, Laura and Nancy Nelson. He is survived by seven of Esther (née Orf); children, Thomas, (Sarah; Pat), Michelle (Barry) Nelson Learn and Mary; four great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bruce (Krista), Nelson and Omar (Elissa Roaring Springs).
A memorial service was held April 9 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Paul.

Sister Delores Oakes, CSJ
Sister Delores Teresa Oakes, CSJ, longtime staff person at St. Anthony Park Home, died March 14 at the age of 82. "Doc," an incredible friend to many, was a stand-up comic, artist-photographer, teacher and "behind-the-scenes helper" to multitudes, was born in Minneapolis on Dec. 23, 1933, and died peacefully at Carondelet Village in St. Paul.
She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1951, earned a B.A. in sociology and elementary education from the College of St. Catherine in 1961, and completed an M.A. in education at the University of Minnesota in 1967.
She taught at St. Patrick’s and St. Luke’s in St. Paul and Good Shepherd, Golden Valley, and was principal and taught at St. John’s and Holy Spirit (St. Paul). In 1978, she earned a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, Corpus Program, at Seattle University and became the administrator of Bethesda Conv. Nursing Home for the Sisters of St. Joseph. In 1989, she became the director of social services at St. Anthony Park Home, where she continued to volunteer until her death.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Rayford Lorraine Oakes and Agnes Swanson; and her brothers, Chuck and Jim. She is survived by her sisters, Tom (Kathy) and Terry (Connie); sisters-in-law, Doris and Clare; and many colleagues and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consecrates.
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 21 at Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel in St. Paul, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights.

Marjorie Street
Marjorie Marie Street, 87, of White Bear Lake, died on March 17.
She is survived by her daughters, Belinda Willis and Sandra McTavish; grandchildren, Page Whitmore, Nelson Whitmore, Atarah Pipe and Shay; and great-grandchildren, James and Adalynn.
A memorial service was held at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park on March 30.
School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the June issue is Wednesday, May 11. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

Chelsea Heights Elementary
1557 Hurn St., 651-293-8790
www.chelsea.spps.org

It's carnival time
Chelsea Heights Elementary will host its annual spring carnival on Friday, May 20, 5-8 p.m., rain or snow! There will be games, prizes, food trucks, raffles, bouncy houses, a climbing wall, Fabulous Photo Booth and more. All proceeds will help support student activities.

Volunteers are needed. Email chelseacarnival@gmail.com to volunteer.
All are welcome!

Como Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
www.como.spps.org

Taking service learning to the road
Como Park Date 2 Be Real group of 40 students, guided by Como educators Dylan Hackhardt, Kinsey Oliner and John Robinson, hit the road for a service-learning trip during spring break in April. Date 2 Be Real focuses on combating systemic racism to promote equitable access in education.

On their “pay-it-forward” tour, the Como-student group partnered with national nonprofit Students Today/Leaders Forever and visited the University of Iowa to help remove invasive species from a creek area near Iowa City. They also toured Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and met with a social justice group on campus. From Missouri the trip proceeded to Memphis, Tenn., where they explored the National Civil Rights Museum. The Como students listened to Jesse Jackson address an audience assembled to commemorate the anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. assassination at that site.

The students helped clean riverbeds in Memphis at Shelby Farms Park and then volunteered at a domestic abuse shelter in Quincy, Ill., on the way back to St. Paul.

Robotics team advances to state
Como Park Robotics (aka BEASTBot Team 21355) participated in the 10,000 Lakes Regional Competition at the University of Minnesota in April and advanced to the state tournament. Out of 200 teams, the top 30 qualified for a return trip to Williams Arena on May 21.
BEASTBot also won the prestigious Entrepreneurship Award at the 10,000 Lakes Regional, earning an addition to Como’s trophy case.

The Como Robotics team has 27 members, including captains senior Evan Hulick and junior Marie Wall. The Como faculty team includes Como teachers Donna Norberg and Mike Fischer, assisted by former Como principal Dan Meseck.

Fans are welcome at state and financial donations are accepted. Contact donna.norberg@spps.org with any questions. Go Cougars!

Finance students gain internships
The BrandLab has awarded six marketing internships to Como Park Academy of Finance students Archie Gjerdum, Larissa Evans, Titilope Yuusuf, Tou Meng Yang, Angela Artyka and Innocent Mwaravuyuka.

Finance team goes to state
Seniors Emma Hartmann, Katie Erickson, Lina Abajebel and Ellie Thonguard placed third in the state competition of the Personal Finance Decathlon. More than 400 students competed online to qualify, and the Como team was one of 12 teams that advanced to the finals at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis on April 6.

Language department news
Five advanced French students spent spring break in France under the guidance of Como French instructor Patricia Teriy.

Advanced Spanish students from Kirsten Peterson’s classes conducted Spanish classes for young learners at St. Anthony Park and Chelsea Heights elementary schools this spring.

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

There is a lot to celebrate at Murray Middle School this spring. Some 1,000 plus people attended the school’s production of “The Lion King” in March, a record attendance.

The girls basketball team was recently honored by the SSPS School Board as co-champions for the St. Paul City Conference.

The boys basketball team finished their season at St. Paul City Conference Champions.

More than 50 historians qualified for the Minnesota History Day regional competition and 27 qualified for state. The state competition is May 1 at the University of Minnesota. Regional winners are: individual projects—Kendall Ross and Mikaela Brady with honorable mentions going to Analia Bates-Pearson and Wyatt Crow; group exhibits—Livia Havens and Caroline Gaither, Leandra Dahlke and Elena Purcell, Peter Wenger and Alex Miller, and Dylan Aamens and Joseph Hoag; individual documents—Amira Boler, Robert Hayelom and Isabella Sheehan; group documents—Lily Barnes and Amelia Schucker with honorable mentions going to Amani Sax and Ong Yang; individual performance—Amelia Moreton, Nora Thomay and Maddie Neal; group performance—Flora Blank and Anna Gaudio and Bridget Lee, Claire Driscoll and Fiona Juarez-Sweeney with honorable mentions going to Lila Serbo and Emilie Pagel; individual websites—Sam Skinner, Soren Sackreuter and Chitra Xiong; and group websites—Sam Baran and Olivia Ahrens and Kirsten Howard and Lily Gordon.

The following students won awards at the state science fair in April: Chaﬁe Rogers, bronze Minnesota Academy of Science Award; James Carlson, Ofﬁce of Naval Research Award; Anna Gaudio, Wolfram Research Award and Dia Sorin Merit Award; Olivia Ahrens, Seagate Emerging Scientist Award and silver Minnesota Academy of Science Award; Massia Apet, Broadcom Masters Award, Wolfram Research Award and gold Minnesota Academy of Science Award; and Lucy Black, Bronze Minnesota Academy of Science Award.

Journalism students are working on a project to tell the unique stories of our Como community members. “We Are Murray” will debut on Facebook and our Website very soon.

Band students are working hard on fundraising efforts to ready themselves for a trip to Denver, Co. Students raised more than $700 while bagging groceries at Cup Foods in March.

Laura Weghorst, a special education teacher at Murray, is a semi-finalist for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Because of that, Principal Ann Johnson and eight teachers are insects. They were holding up the end of the Read-a-Thon bargain. If the students could write for 200,000 minutes over 13 days, Johnson would eat insects.

The students blew that goal out of the water, reading for 471,890 minutes. Because they far surpassed their goal, Johnson recruited some teachers to help her munch on the crunchy insects during a schoolwide assembly on April 1.

“They tasted like dry cardboard, but I was happy to eat them for the kids!” Johnson said. In past years, she has been taped to a wall, milked a goat, donned a chicken suit and set up an office on the school roof—all in the name of literacy.

The fundraising event raised more than $10,500.

National Bike Day
May 4 is National Bike to School Day, and SAP students will be participating. The day gives students an opportunity to exercise, play outside and get some fresh air.

Reading Corps tutor wanted
St. Anthony Park Elementary is hiring a full-time K-3 Reading Corps tutor for the 2016-17 school year.

Reading Corps is an AmeriCorps program, which requires that tutors complete 1,200 hours of service from August to mid-June (45 hours a week). Tutors will receive a bi-weekly living allowance of $548, an education award of $5,775, and are eligible for healthcare coverage and childcare subsidies. Contact Becky Kallhoff at Rebecca.Kallhoff@spps.org for more information.

They’re off and running
The SAP Running Club will hold its yearly race on Tuesday, May 17. Thanks to Andersen Races for their help organizing and keeping time.

Wolf Ridge trip coming up
SAP fifth-graders will attend the annual trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota May 23-27. This is a highlight of the students’ time at the school, and it couldn’t happen without the help of community. Thank you.

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They’ll eat anything to encourage their students to read
St. Anthony Park students caught the reading bug in April.

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The transition at Como Park Senior High School from the winter to spring sports season has occurred. Most athletes are heading outdoors for activities that include track and field, baseball, softball, tennis, golf and ultimate frisbee. There is one spring sport that stays indoors, and for the 53 girls that make up the Como badminton program, there’s no place they’d rather be.

That isn’t to say they’re anti-spring. Rather, they appreciate this season because the Como gym becomes the setting for the courts and nets that allow these Como athletes to show their skills.

Bugle readers might possibly associate badminton with backyard barbecues. But Minnesota State High School League badminton has a talent pool that would humble any recreational player.

“People think it’s a really easy sport,” says Como’s top singles player Dia Diaz. “It’s not easy. You have to have good technique.”

I can testify to that. Overestimating that my own occasional backyard birdie smashing would allow me to compete, I participated in a fun teacher-and-student badminton tournament at Como a few years ago. I recall losing in lopsided fashion and being fatigued far more than my student.

Technique matters. “You have to know when to clear, drop, drive or scoop. And you can’t just try to smash all the time.”

Johnson High School has won five of the last six state championships in badminton. Coach Mark Fischbach and his team were recently featured in a KARE 11 story for their powerhouse program.

To win last year’s state crown, Johnson had to beat Washington, a friend. St. Paul rival, in the state championship match. Washington coach Marcus Lane and his Eagles were second place in the city to Johnson last season, and getting to the state final only to see Johnson waiting there is the reality of St. Paul City strength in badminton.

The teams are already meeting in regular season games again, and on April 12, Washington flipped the script and defeated Johnson 4-3. Como opened its season in a close, well-played 5-2 loss to Washington, followed by wins over Highland and Humboldt.

Coach Lane says it’s tough to play Como. “They are young and talented. A lot of their players are friends with our players,” he said.

“How will definitely be a team to be reckoned with in the future if not this year.”

The St. Paul City teams will play two rounds of matches to determine the conference championship, and it’s certain that there will be a tough intensity to the high school badminton season.

Coach Diaz and the Como girls are working hard and having fun in their indoor environment. With readers curious to see some high-quality badminton with skill, strategy and technique, you don’t have to go too far. St. Paul high school gyms have the best badminton games in town—and the state.

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a longtime coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.
Send your ad to classifieds@parkbugle.org or PO.Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or call Fariza Samkhuram, 651-239-0321. Ads are $5 per line. Add a box or art for $10. Next deadline: May 13.

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Conservatory from 1 here, many of which are rare and endangered,” Aston Philander said. “The conservatory provides a snapshot of the evolution of plant species, including examples of plant adaptation to various environmental extremes.”

The conservatory is home to two types of kale that date to medieval times, as well as the largest collection of impatiens in a public setting. One type of European barberry may help the U.S. Department of Agriculture study wheat rust. And a South African wild ginger used widely in folk medicine holds promise for pharmaceutical development.

The corpse flower, a native of Sumatra, was the conservatory’s star attraction this past February, with people lined up to get a whiff of its aroma, said to be similar to that of rotting flesh. A side benefit was that quite a few of the visitors signed up to volunteer at the greenhouse, Aston Philander said.

If approved by the Legislature, the new Plant Growth Research Facility would be built on Gortner Avenue, a block or two from the current Lindig Street site on the north side of the campus.

The new, energy-efficient building would feature four specialized biome rooms, featuring warm tropical, highland tropical, subtropical arid and warm temperate mini-climates. It also would provide increased hands-on learning opportunities for students and the public, as well as increased faculty research.

At this writing, the funding was being considered by House and Senate committees.

Roger Bergerson writes about history and community news regularly in the Park Bugle.