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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 is involved in an animated discussion of whatever drama-laden situation is currently on their minds. Some students 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 earsplitting 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 Brewster 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.

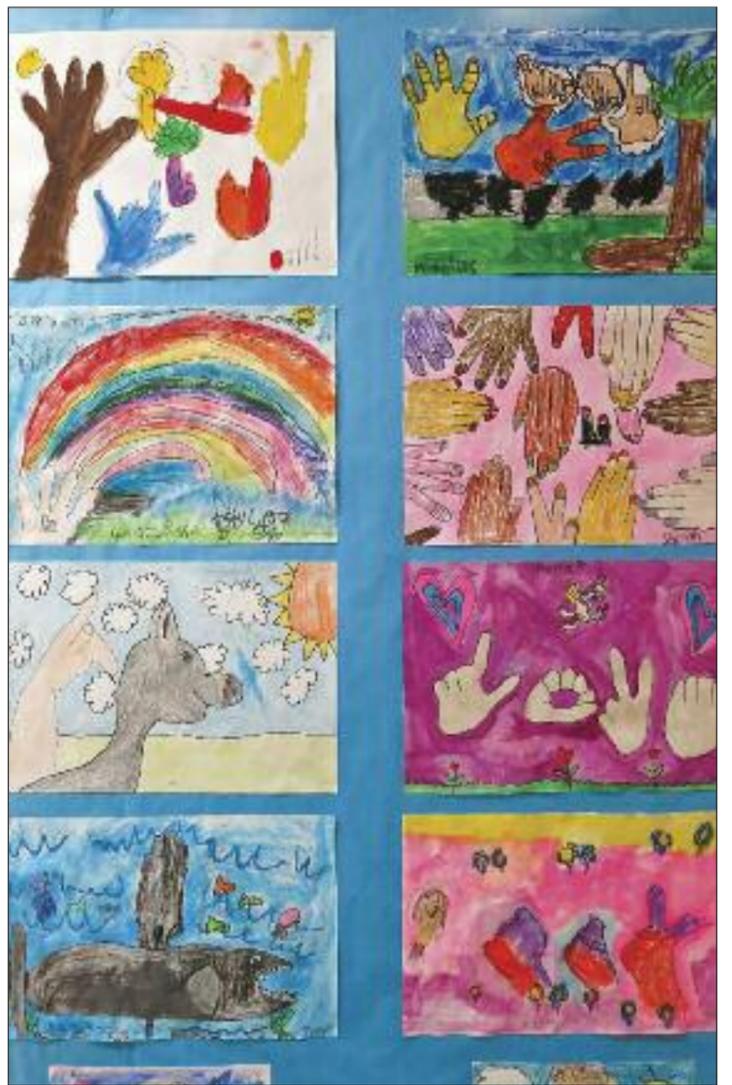
"We don't see our students as disabled," says executive director Susan Lane-Outlaw. "We look for their potential. Deaf people are 'People of the Eye' with a different way of processing information. Their potential is limitless."

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. Just as hearing persons



An art project created by Metro Deaf School elementary students merges images and American Sign Language (ASL) signs. Photo by Lori Hamilton

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U of M seeks new plant conservatory

The 40+-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.

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

Conservatory to 20

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

C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Contact 651-644-3889 or www.district10comopark.org.

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 going too far or surrendering too much of your time.

If you plan to hold a garage sale, you must register no later than Wednesday, May 4. That's how you can guarantee you'll be included in the garage sale map and list of participating sales. The registration fee is \$15.

Find all the details at www.district10comopark.org. That's also where the map and list of participating garage sales will be posted in May.

Building better block clubs

The District 10 Como Community Council is partnering with the Como Park Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program to revitalize block clubs in the neighborhood. To do that, your opinions are needed.

Please take a survey that will outline your priorities so District 10 can connect better with neighbors and help everyone look out for one another.

You can find the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/blockclubs.

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.

Organizers Alison Goetzman and Dawn Lamm encourage neighbors to share excess seeds, seedlings and perennial divisions.

For more information, email comoseedsavers@gmail.com or look up "Como Seed and Seedling Share" on Facebook.

ComoFest has new events planned

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 twists this year: outdoor

boce, sponsored by Half-Time 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.

Get D10 news every week

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

New council members elected

Como residents elected four new representatives to the Como Community Council and re-elected four current members during the District 10 annual meeting April 19.

Elected to the board are João Medeiros, vice chair; Amy Perna, treasurer; Melissa Finnegan and Melissa Liu, at-large directors; Jon Heyer, Sub-District 1 director; Kim Moon, Sub-District 2 director; Deb Pursley, Sub-District 3 director; and Monzong Cha, Sub-District 4 director.

District 10 will hold special elections to fill two vacancies during the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17. The vacancies are secretary and Sub-District 3 director.

Lauderdale

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

Lauderdale garage sale is in May

Lauderdale's citywide garage sale will be held Saturday, May 21.

Declutter, meet your neighbors and find some deals. Call City Hall by Friday, May 13, to register your sale location, 651-792-7650. A list of garage sale locations will be available from City Hall the week before the event. Sales begin at 8 a.m.

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 Susie 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 Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. To find when council committees meet, go to www.sapcc.org or call 651-649-5992. The council offices are now located at 2395 University Ave., Suite 300 E.

Transition Town group wins St. Paul Sustainable Living Award

Transition Town-All St. Anthony

Park (ASAP) is one of 13 winners of the City of St. Paul's 2016 Sustainable Living Award. Each year awards are given to citizens working to protect and care for the urban environment. Members of the group attended a ceremony on April 20 at the City Hall Council Chambers to accept the award.

Transition Town ASAP is a group of St. Anthony Park residents who formed in 2008 to help mitigate climate change and adapt to its effects. The group has three main goals:

- to reduce our carbon footprint, as individuals and as a neighborhood
- to better prepare for severe weather and possible economic instability
- to build our community's resilience—and have fun while doing it



St. Paul City Council president Russ Stark (left) and Mayor Chris Coleman (right) present the Sustainable Living Award to Transition Town-ASAP members Tim Wulling, Allie Rykken and Pat Thompson at a ceremony on April 20.

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SAP Library seeks donations for annual June book sale

The St. Anthony Park Library Association is seeking donations for its annual book sale to be held Saturday, June 4, during the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival.

Please donate new or gently used books, CDs and DVDs. Textbooks or VHS/cassette tapes will not be accepted.

Bring the materials to the book cart in the lower level of St. Anthony Park Library, 2243 Como Ave., during regular library hours through Friday, June 2.

Questions? Contact Susan Dean at smdean16@gmail.com.

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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."

For years, Quinlan, who is set to graduate from Visitation School in Mendota Heights in May, heard about her father's medical missions to the Philippines. The missions are led by Dr. Bernard Quebral through the Philippine Minnesotan Medical Association (PMMA).

"Dr. Quebral is a friend of my dad's and encouraged him to join. My dad is an amazing doctor, and has been extremely passionate about this mission for as long as I can remember," she said. "He's been investing in these missions and going every two years since I was in grade school."

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 old enough to deal with the work, the poverty and the tough conditions. I also think he 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



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

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 is 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.

Medical mission to 13

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

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 culmination of the summer 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, can participate in Scenes and Speeches from Shakespeare, Monday, June 27, to Thursday, June 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 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 Bardwell, 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.—Sue Conner



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Fences and neighbors

Editor's note: In December 2015, the City of St. Paul conducted a property line survey at the request of the residents who live in the home just east of St. Anthony Park Library, as the homeowners were planning to put in a new fence and a new parking pad along the alley. The survey revealed that 3,400 square feet of land that the current and previous owners of the property were told was part of the lot actually was part of the St. Paul Public Library's land.

The City of St. Paul and the homeowners are working on a solution to the property line discrepancy. One solution could be a land sale, in which the city sells all or part of the land to the homeowners. If a proposal to sell the land is brought before the St. Paul City Council, the city will give a 20-day notice of a public hearing, which will take place at a regular St. Paul City Council meeting, according to Jill Boldenow, spokesperson for the St. Paul Public Library.

The two letters below are in reference to this situation.

The listerv has been abuzz with neighbors weighing in on an issue that I suspect could happen to any homeowner anywhere in St. Anthony Park, as our property lines are notoriously inexact. Depending on who and when your property was surveyed, the results could vary by anywhere from 2 to 37 feet, as Rick and Nancy Foss found out recently.

The Fosses live right next to our branch library [and] have for the last five years. They bought their house from the McCords who owned it for 24 years before that, who bought it from someone else. During all that time the property line between the library and the adjacent house was unchanged. As far back as 1940 there's an aerial photo of that same boundary line and there's no indication it changed much prior to that photo.

Surveys, you want surveys? There's the original, there's one from 1910 that appears to be different. Then there are several surveys throughout the years between then and now that seem to be based on previous surveys or survey pins. Then there is one done recently based on historical research that indicates the lot line is actually up to 37 feet closer to the Fosses' house. That's the one that landed them on listserv.

I suppose I should throw in the additional complication about the library gardeners wanting the disputed land for a pollinator garden, the city saying it doesn't want the land, and the negotiations that will hopefully lead to a resolution that makes everyone mostly happy. That seems like a reasonable result for all those folks, including the Fosses, who have paid property taxes all these years, maintained the land and, of course, paid for it as part of their

home's purchase price.

By the way, if you're thinking about having your lot surveyed, know that there is at least one surveyor who refuses to work in our neighborhood due to the "nightmarish" nature of our lot lines. That should prevent no one from remembering that the lines that separate us, while important, are not as important as the relationships we forge beyond those lines.

Our commitment to neighborliness is what makes St. Anthony Park such a great place to live.

*Jon Schumacher
Executive director, Saint Anthony
Park Community Foundation
(This commentary first appeared
on Schumacher's weekly blog)*

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 the property 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 discussions. This particular issue regarding the potential sale of St. Anthony Park Library land was discovered by accident and brought to the library association on April 11. It was the early residents of St. Anthony Park who raised the funds in 1914 to purchase the land for the library, a condition required by Andrew Carnegie in order for him to cut the check to provide building funds for our library.

These early residents knew the importance of a library and the green space that would surround it. The first three lots for the library (Lots 22-24, Block 37) were purchased by the Improvement Association of St. Anthony Park (the precursor to the [now-defunct] St. Anthony Park Association) and donated to the city for the library. Luckily, the fourth lot (Lot 21, the lot in question) was donated (Ramsey County I.D. #515892-3) by Edward and Grace Freeman and Harry and Celia Clemons in 1917, the year the library opened. If they had not donated this land, the special children's rotunda

addition could not have been built in 1999. The west edge of Lot 21 runs through the middle of the rotunda addition.

Our neighborhood has always been creative in how we respond to issues, as we have a community with very innovative thinkers. If the issue is brought to the neighborhood for a full discussion, citizens could meet to come up with a solution that would provide benefits to both the library and the neighbor. One idea we have is to provide a lease to the neighbors so that they could install a fence on a portion of Lot 21 on the condition that when they leave, rent, sell or deed their property, that the fence would be removed and the next owner clearly told where the true property line exists. There may be other ideas to consider.

One hundred years ago residents of our neighborhood stepped up to the plate to purchase or donate the land for a Carnegie Library. It is now our time to step up and make sure this land stays long term for what it was intended—for future library use.

Please take time to share your thoughts with Councilmember Russ Stark and Mayor Chris Coleman and request a neighborhood meeting(s) before this issue is brought to the City Council for a 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 respect is being eroded nowadays because of decisions to lower the flag to half-staff so frequently—for so many varied reasons—that nobody can be confident how 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 than that, only upon the death of very eminent public servants.

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

Yes, it did seem a reflexive 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 mass murders, deceased ex-first ladies, foreign terror attacks, domestic terror attacks and for the tragic loss of each service member from our state—whether from 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 rare and ceremonial 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 truly are.

*Oliver 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 Town – All St. Anthony Park has 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 community solar. Solar energy is great no matter who is offering it, 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 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 first small array, and we hope to follow with a medium-sized array. 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 TransitionASAP.org/#!community-solar/cfvq, or email me at Solar@TransitionASAP.org.

*Barry Riesch
St. Anthony Park*

C O M M E N T A R Y

Here are five ways you can help your homebound senior neighbor

By *Jody McCardle*

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 neighborly.

If you live near someone who is in his or her 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 afternoon coffee. If conversation runs dry, some quiet activities can help pass the time, such as playing checkers or cards, putting

together a jigsaw 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.

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Jody McCardle 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., 550 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 awards by creating an annual event.

"These grants and grantees 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 \$450,000 since 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 grantees at the CEZ's newest brewpub, Lake Monster, on the east side of the new Vandalia Towers building, to celebrate.

Thank you, Bugle readers

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.

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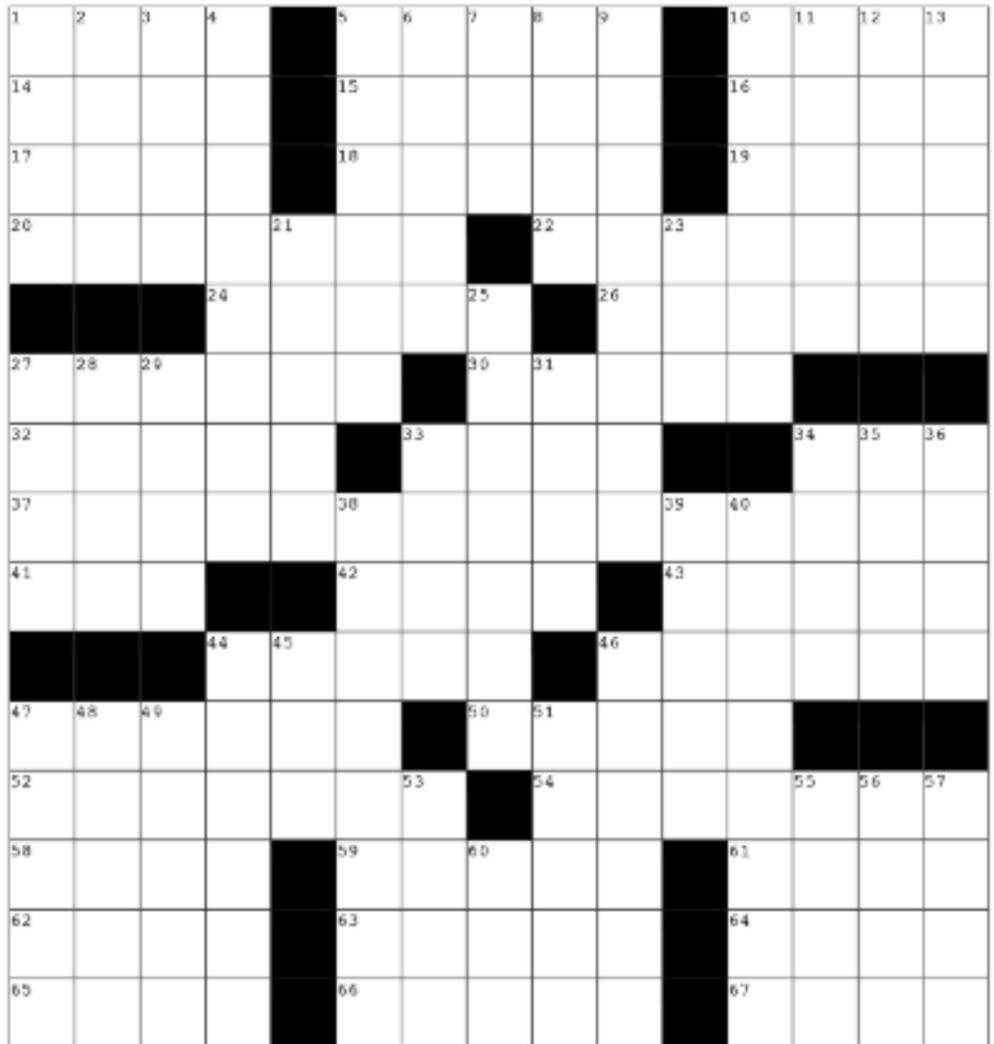


Crossword puzzle

Hizzoner

By Dave Healy

You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 12



ACROSS

- 1 Tippler
- 5 Repugnance
- 10 Fife and Dawg (abbr.)
- 14 Sunni, for one
- 15 1966-70
- 16 ___ vera
- 17 "Passages" author Sheehy
- 18 Windows OS released in 2007
- 19 Moe: "Oh, ___ guy eh?"
- 20 Animate
- 22 1854-55
- 24 Evaporated precipitation
- 26 They speak on bended knee
- 27 Certain Chinese revolutionary
- 30 Top
- 32 Poem ender
- 33 Cut lass reminder?
- 34 Mary's boss
- 37 Local elected officials,
and theme for this puzzle
- 41 Bad thing to catch (abbr.)
- 42 Steakhouse request
- 43 Taurus kin
- 44 They're hoity-toity
- 46 Stands in for
- 47 Boo-boo
- 50 Divisions in Aristotle's
"Rhetoric"
- 52 MN-based coffee company
- 54 1858-59

- 58 Pew endorsement
- 59 Old cubic meter
- 61 Dorothy's dog
- 62 He thought, therefore he was
- 63 Early computer
- 64 Former Twin Castillo
- 65 Geo. Washington, e.g.
- 66 Apprehend
- 67 Or ___!

DOWN

- 1 Living ___
- 2 Persia, now
- 3 One might get hit on the head
- 4 La-la land
- 5 Alter a proposition
- 6 Fading
- 7 Agency often 25 Down
- 8 For ___ us a child is born
- 9 Larval grain pest
- 10 1878-81
- 11 What 44 Across think they are
- 12 Show-off
- 13 Sows
- 21 Call on
- 23 Homophone of 19 Across
speaker
- 25 Detestable
- 27 Type of kit, ironically
- 28 Course for med. student
- 29 "Metamorphoses" author

- 31 Unhealthy lung sound
- 33 Sonett II maker
- 34 Parabolic strokes
- 35 Former Celtic Woman
member Fallon
- 36 Has a habit
- 38 Speaks on bended knee
- 39 Formal tie
- 40 First pro football player
featured on cover of
"Sports Illustrated"
- 44 They show in libraries
- 45 Crux
- 46 Each
- 47 Steep slope
- 48 More trite
- 49 Goodnight ___
- 51 Gumbo ingredients
- 53 ___ Reader
- 55 Music genre
- 56 1867-68
- 57 A ___ for news
- 60 Ich bin ___ Berliner



The Birdman of Lauderdale by Clay Christensen

Dawn chorus is a day brightener

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 “cong-ka-ree” 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 “sun time.” The birds, of course, don’t know anything about clock time. They start their day’s activities whenever 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 the cities and started north of Cokato, then wended 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 always heard birds tuning up to meet the day. There is something magical about hearing a bird sing in pitch darkness.

There would be song sparrows trilling their song, which starts with two or three notes on the same pitch and then goes off into a lovely musical cadenza. There were ring-necked pheasants squawking off in the distance and red-winged blackbirds belting out their cong-ka-rees. 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). Regarding the dawn chorus, Kroodsma says that at dawn, birds “sing with the greatest 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 we humans use.

Kroodsma’s book is a good one for studying birdsong. It includes a CD of birdsongs 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 sunrise 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. Pheasant in the background. . . .”

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

My son and I took part in another early morning survey every April for nine years. It’s the Crane Count, sponsored by the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wis. 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 woodcocks 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.

Clay Christensen lives and writes in Lauderdale. His book, The Birdman of Lauderdale, is available at local book stores, wild bird stores and online at BirdmanBook.com.



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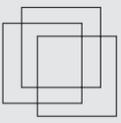
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It can be a huge challenge for families, since most deaf children are born to hearing parents who have had no prior opportunity to learn ASL. The stress is compounded for what Lane-Outlaw calls “new-in-country” students—deaf children born overseas to hearing families who are themselves struggling with the adjustment 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 wants to make it 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 learned 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 Suraiya 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 bus!”

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.”

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, mdsmn.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



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



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

By Roger Bergerson

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the condominium residence at 1666 Coffman St. in Falcon Heights and residents there 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 and congenial 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 professor of design in the early 1980s, played a key role in convincing university regents that the project was needed. The building occupies 6.5 acres leased from the university.

"We're all indebted to Gertrude," said Brown.

There are plenty of opportunities to exercise both the mind and the body at the residence, its wide array of amenities including a library, two art galleries, an exercise room, sauna, workshop, craft room and a social room, the latter also used for concerts.

Several lecture series, the Coffman Players drama club, bridge and free Osher Lifelong Learning



The condominium complex, 1666 Coffman, was built in 1986.

Institute classes are just a sampling of the range of activities offered on-site.

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.

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

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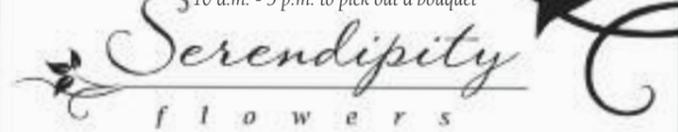


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Business News

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



Chris Edman, one of Frattallone’s assistant managers, and James Konrad, the store manager. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

Frattallone’s smallest, but Walter Dinalko, 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,” Dinalko added.

“We cut keys, repair snow blowers and lawnmowers, 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 Frattallones have for customer service are very high.

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

Oh, and Pat Kujawa-



A detail of items at Frattallone’s. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

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Como florist part of Easter design team at the White House

By Alex Lodner

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 hints 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 there 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 Ardith 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 Minnesota. 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 dogs daily,” 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 daughters.”

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.



Lynne Tischler of Your Enchanted Florist Photo by Kristal Leebrick

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

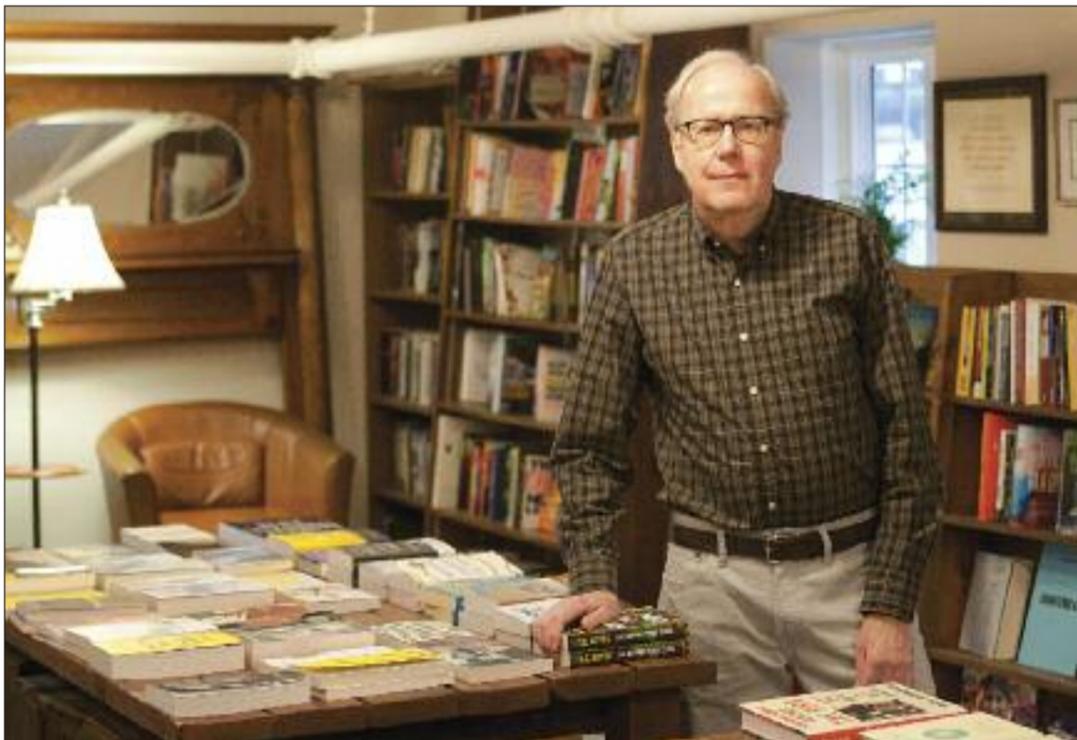
more than 20 years. She got her advanced floral certificate in 1994 and established Your Enchanted Florist in 2002. She first ran the business from the basement of her home just a block away, then from the current building, which she bought with her husband, Randall, in 2010. They moved the existing 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.

Potscares—seasonal planter design for residential and commercial clients—is a large portion of Tischler’s business. She also gets 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.”



Tom Bielenberg in Micawber’s new space. Photo by Lori Hamilton

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Fratallone, the Murray High School grad whose photo was featured in the store’s Park Bugle ad last month? That’s Larry’s wife and Tom and Mike’s mom.

Micawber’s Books, 2230 Carter Ave.: Moving a bookstore is an exhausting task, according to owner Tom Bielenberg, but Micawber’s is now settled in its new quarters in Milton Square, just a few paces from the space it occupied for more than 40 years.

Are customers finding the new location in the lower courtyard of Milton Square?

“I was worried about that, but it has not been a problem at all. I’ve had the sign repainted and our entrance is visible both to people walking by

and to motorists at the intersection,” Bielenberg said.

“It was a big change, but the new store has grown on me in a short time.”

Bielenberg said he has been gratified by the “tremendous support” he has received from friends and volunteers, chief among them Dave Healy, former Park Bugle editor, who contributed both his carpentry skills and advice.

“After owning the store for 14 years, I needed some new ideas, because a certain amount of inertia had set in,” Bielenberg said.

“This is smaller, but I had too much space before and there’s plenty of room for what I think I need to carry,” he added.

Several large book tables that occupy the center of the store are on rollers, so they can be moved to make

room for author readings, Bielenberg pointed out. If more space is needed for such events, he will stage them elsewhere in the neighborhood.

“Cozy,” is the comment that many people make when they come down the stairs,” he said. “We may be in the basement, but we’re still above ground level and the windows let in a lot of light.”

“The big thing we offer is the personal touch. People know the store and they know me,” Bielenberg said.

Healing Elements, 2290 Como Ave.: Samantha Huet ran out of room to expand her northeast Minneapolis wellness center and liked the “progressive vibe and laidback energy” she encountered in St. Anthony Park. So she and partner Nick Shvet-

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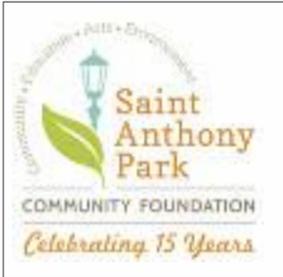
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Healing Elements proprietors Samantha Huet and Nick Shvetzoff

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zoff 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 a wellness center and "resource hub for holistic living," as Huet puts it, Healing Elements will offer daily yoga and meditation 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."

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Medical mission from 3

“There are a lot of people living outside, or in shipping containers in fields,” Quinlan explained. “Or they’ll create small shanties constructed of wood or metal.”

A vast majority of the population has never had a medical checkup, much less seen the inside of an operating room. “Many have never even brushed their teeth,” she said. “I worked in dental for two days, and I saw children who had no front teeth. They had rotted out like a heroin addict.”

The group set up camp in the half-erected hospital, under sometimes grueling conditions. “It was hot. You couldn’t drink the water,” Quinlan explained.

“The basement was missing walls; there were wires everywhere. There were a lot of stray animals. One of my jobs was to corral one of the resident cats out of the building without touching it since it could be rabid.”

But the rough conditions didn’t bother the high school senior. “I was so happy to be there and the people were so grateful that we were there. We served so many people, it was just thousands of operations.”

People came from far and wide, sometimes traveling for hours in hopes of receiving the free medical care.

For the doctors and support staff, a typical day began with a 20-minute bus ride to the hospital, often at 6 a.m. Quinlan would start her day by observing operations. Her father performed many tubal ligations, a much-needed procedure due to lack of birth control and the ensuing population burden. Since Quinlan does not speak the local dialect, Tagala, she sometimes relied on the young Filipino nurses-in-training around her.

“They were around my age, very kind, eager to learn too,” she said. In the afternoon, Quinlan would head to minor O.R., where

the teams removed smaller tumors or cysts.

“We didn’t have the resources to put people under in minor O.R. so these folks were awake with just local anesthetic,” she explained. “The patients were such troopers; they are just so grateful. In some operations they were under, but there were several operations where you would think there is no way they should be awake right now, but they were. They were just calm and fantastic.”

The PMMA missions run every two years, focusing on a different location each time.

“You don’t get to follow up with patients. You send them off with medication and hope for the best,” Quinlan said. “We go and we leave all of our supplies and hope that things will pick up from there. It was hard to accept that once we leave, that is it for them. They will probably not have access to medical care for the foreseeable future.”

The experience was life-changing for Quinlan, changing her trajectory in a way she never imagined. This fall, she will attend Florida’s Eckerd College, a small, liberal arts school on the Gulf Coast.

“The plan had been for me to be a marine biologist, but the medical mission really changed my perspective. I think I am now going into pre-med,” she said with a wide, hopeful smile. “It was such a powerful experience. I got to see my dad operate, and it wasn’t gross at all; it was just fascinating. It was such a necessary thing for so many people. We were able to do operations that changed people’s lives. It wasn’t as scary as I thought.”

“I can’t imagine not feeling a sense of global responsibility,” she said. “Someday I want to help more people like this. In everything I do, I am just getting ready to do my part.”

You can find out more about PMMA on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pmma.mn.

Alex Lodner writes about community news from her home in Como Park.



Keeping on the sunny side

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Pastor Glenn Berg-Moberg stands in front of his church on April 14, as Innovative Power Systems (a local company headquartered on Hunting Valley Road just off of Highway 280) begins hoisting solar panels and all the equipment needed for the church’s new solar voltaic rooftop system. The congregation voted in September to raise the money for the \$120,000 project. The church also received a \$73,800 Made in Minnesota (MiM) grant, which will be divided equally over the next 10 years to help pay for the system. “As a congregation, we see this project primarily in terms of caring for the earth as stewards,” Berg-Moberg said. “There may be a financial advantage from the lowered energy costs, but that is not the first motivation for taking on this project. SAPLC is hopeful that others may be inspired to take measures to reduce our carbon footprint for the sake of a healthier world.”

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Quinlan Fletcher with her mother, Leslie, and father, James, and two volunteers from Mariveles. *Photo courtesy of Quinlan Fletcher*

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3 TUESDAY

Baby/toddler story time, infants 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 Garden Club hosts "The Cutting Edge in Hardy Landscape Roses," St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Refreshments 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 training and development.

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

Bereavement Support Group, first Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 A.M.

FINE-ART SALE TO BENEFIT CHINA SERVICE VENTURES, CHINA PLACE, 1407 N. CLEVELAND AVE., 10 A.M.-8 P.M.

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6 FRIDAY

FINE-ART SALE TO BENEFIT CHINA SERVICE VENTURES, CHINA PLACE, 1407 N. CLEVELAND AVE., 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

Preschool story time, every Friday in April, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Friends School Plant Sale, Friday-Sunday at the State Fair Grandstand. Hours are 9 A.M.-8 P.M. Friday, 10 A.M.-6 P.M. Saturday, and 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Sunday.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School Spring Carnival, 5:30-8 P.M.

7 SATURDAY

FINE-ART SALE TO BENEFIT CHINA SERVICE VENTURES, CHINA PLACE, 1407 N. CLEVELAND AVE., 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Local bluegrass/alt country duo, Lakewood Cemetery, joined by fiddler Jake Armerding and others in concert, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7:30 P.M. Suggested donation of \$15 or pay what you can. Find out more at www.sapucc.org.

9 MONDAY

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, Creative Crafts, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 A.M.-NOON. Cost is \$5. Call 651-642-9052 to register.

Untold Stories, St. Paul Public

Library's Labor History Series: Joe Burns: Reviving the Strike, 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 651-642-04111 to register.

11 WEDNESDAY

Birthday card-making session at Senior Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9:30-11 A.M. No charge or registration required.

12 THURSDAY

YMCA Camp Widjwagan and du Nord Spring Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart, 9 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

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

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema Series, "The 33," St. Anthony Park Library, 2-4 P.M. All welcome. Free.

13 FRIDAY

Camp Widjwagan and du Nord Spring Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart, 9 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

Game Day with St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 A.M.-NOON. Free.

Learn About Birds preschool story time: A special story time held in conjunction with the 2016 Urban Birding Festival, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Find out more at mn.audubon.org/urban-birding-festival-twin-cities.

14 SATURDAY

YMCA Camp Widjwagan and du Nord Spring Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart, 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. THE EVENT IS FREE, BUT A HAT WILL BE PASSED FOR THE MUSIC LEADERS AND TO MAKE THE SINGS 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

Game Day with St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 A.M.-NOON. Free.

Chelsea Heights Elementary School Spring Carnival, 5-8 P.M.

22 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "H Is for Hawk" by Helen McDonald, Micawber's, 1:30 P.M. All are welcome.

23 MONDAY

Preventing Medicare Fraud and Avoiding Scams, Lauderdale City Hall, 1-2 P.M.

27 FRIDAY

Tablet and Smartphone Clinic, St. Anthony Park Library, 11:30 A.M.-1:15 P.M. Bring questions, problems and concerns on all tablets and smartphones.

Preventing Medicare Fraud and Avoiding Scams, St. Anthony Park Library, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Co-ed Drum Circle, Women's Drum Center, 6:30 P.M. \$10 at the door. All levels of experience are welcomed and encouraged. Drums provided.

28 SATURDAY

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

31 TUESDAY

Community blood drive, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2-7 P.M. Register online at redcrossblood.org and use 55108 with the date, 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.

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 A.M. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartment, 11 A.M.-NOON

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St. Anthony Park Area Seniors:

Wednesdays, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 11:30 A.M.-NOON

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program:

Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 10-11 A.M.

Fourth Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 11 A.M.-NOON

VENUE INFORMATION

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 W. Maryland Ave.

Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790

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

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

Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave. (new location just off the Milton Square courtyard), 651-646-5506

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 1490 Fulham St.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735

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

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

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

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Cassandra Prescott

Como student wins Athena Award

Cassandra Prescott, a senior at Como Park Senior High School, has been named an Athena Award winner. Prescott has lettered in hockey, softball, soccer and volleyball at the school. She was the captain of Como's softball team for two years, volleyball manager and received the Minnesota Soccer Coaches Association's Academic Excellence Award.

Prescott has ranked in the top 10 students in her class all four years at Como. She's an AP Scholar and an academic letter winner. Her school activities include vice president of the National Honor Society and serving on the student council for four years, as well as the student-faculty building plan committee, prom committee and the peer mediation group.



Russell Sweet

St. Anthony Park teen wins Schubert Club competition

Russell Sweet, a finalist in the 93rd annual Schubert Club Scholarship Competition in the Brass and Woodwind I division (high school), was named the first-prize

winner on March 19 and received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Sweet played *Fantaisie sur un thème original* by Jules Demesserman, and *Brilliance* for alto saxophone and piano by Ida Rose Esther Gotkovsky. He and all other winners then performed March 20 at the Ordway Concert Hall 2016 Winners Recital.

Sweet studies with Dr. Preston Duncan, head saxophone instructor at the University of Minnesota. His accompanist is Theresa Sutula of Minneapolis. He is a senior at Roseville Area High School, where he is involved in multiple musical groups under the direction of Patrick Moriarty and Matt Dehnel.

The son of Michael and Mary Lou Sweet of St. Anthony Park, Sweet plans to continue his musical studies at the University of Minnesota in the fall. Sweet will present a recital at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 1500 S.E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. All are invited to attend.

Roses topic of next garden club meeting at St. Matthew's

University of Wisconsin-River Falls professor David Zlesak will present "The Cutting Edge in Hardy Landscape Roses" at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, May 3, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 2136 Carter Ave. at 7:30 p.m. (a social time begins at 7 p.m.). All are welcome.

Pottery, paintings exhibit opens May 6 at Raymond Ave. Gallery

Raymond Avenue Gallery, 731 Raymond Ave., will exhibit the pottery of Samuel Johnson and paintings of Erik R. Pearson May 6 to June 3. An opening reception of the show will be held Friday, May 6, 6-8 p.m. at the gallery.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, noon-4 p.m.

Forum will examine health care policies from around the world

Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) Minnesota, will present "Health Care Around the

World" Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave.

The event will introduce participants to the benefits of single-payer health care by comparing several health systems from around the globe.

Tickets are \$35 for regular admission and \$20 for students and include coffee, breakfast and lunch. All are welcome. To register, visit www.pnhpminnesota.org.

Gibbs Farm to open with returning favorites, new programs

The Gibbs Farm at the corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues in Falcon Heights will offer new programs and returning favorites for its 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 Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and selected Fridays. For information, see the website at www.rchs.com/gibbs-farm/ or call 651-646-8629.

Put this on your calendar

Don't miss the annual St. Anthony Park Garden Club plant sale at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. Questions? Contact Helen Foster at helen.foster@comcast.net.

Register now for summer camps

A variety of youth camps will be offered this summer at North Dale, Northwest Como and Langford rec centers, including computer, science, sports, art, cooking, engineering, yoga, dancing, skateboarding, theater and biking. Adult programming includes doubles tennis, volleyball, badminton, pickle ball camp,

cooking, senior games and fitness classes.

Register at stpaul.gov/activityregistration. For more information, call Langford at 651-298-5765, Northwest Como at 651-298-5813 or North Dale 651-558-2329.

Good Acre offers cooking classes

Nonprofit food hub the Good Acre, 1790 W. Larpenteur Ave., recently opened its commercial-grade teaching kitchen to the public.

Cooking classes range from kids' pizza-making to global comfort foods.

Chefs Beth Fisher of Wise Acre Eatery and TWO Food Wine Design; Lachelle Cunningham of Breaking Bread Café and Appetite for Change; and local-food gurus Scott Pampuch and Beth Dooley will teach classes this spring.

The Good Acre also provides multi-farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares in full or half sizes, focusing on organic produce sourced from immigrant and underserved growers, start-up independent farmers and small

urban farms. Find out more at www.thegoodacre.org/events.

Scholars wanted

Are you an active scholar with a passion for your subject and the knack of connecting with a lay audience?

This fall, the Roseville Library is starting a program called Tuesdays with a Scholar. The library is looking for professors and other scholars who are able to talk about their subjects in engaging and insightful ways. Participants will be asked to deliver hour-long talks to curious and intellectually aware adult library users.

The library has a fully equipped community program room with complete audio-visual resources.

Lecturers will not be paid, but would earn the grateful appreciation of the audience and a complimentary coffee drink of your choice from the onsite Dunn Bros. coffee shop.

Interested? Contact Judy Woodward, Ramsey County Library history coordinator, at 651-724-6022 or jwood@rclreads.org.

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Lyngblomsten seeks community's help in collecting 237 iPods

Lyngblomsten is asking the community to help collect 237 iPods during the month of May, as the St. Paul nonprofit launches a new program, the iPod Project for Music & Memorysm.

The drive's goal is to collect enough iPods for each of Lyngblomsten's 237 Care Center residents so that Lyngblomsten can bring the healing power of personalized music to help residents feel connected to their memories, their lives and each other.

Music & Memorysm 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 & Memorysm 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 reliance on certain medications and enhance socialization.

You can donate a gently used or new iPod, an iTunes gift card or designate a monetary gift to Music Memorysm/Artful Living at www.lyngblomsten.org/donate.

There will be collection boxes on the Lyngblomsten campus, 1415 Almond Ave., to drop off in-kind and cash donations.

L I V E S L I V E D

The Park Bugle prints obituaries free of charge as a service to our communities.
Send information about area deaths to Mary Mergenthal at mary.mergenthal@gmail.com or call 651-644-1650.

Hugh Faville

Hugh C. Faville, 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 Dolmar) 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 (Rollie) Ellman. 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.

Lois 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 Rosing.

Her funeral service was held April 13 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Deloris Goossens

Deloris A. (Boutang) Goossens, 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, Susanne, Geryl 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.

Nowell Leitzke

Nowell David Leitzke, 87, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died April 18 of pneumonia at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Nowell was born on Dec. 23, 1928, in Wausau, Wis., to Herbert and Minnie Leitzke. 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. It was there that he met Julia Groff. They married in 1960 in Wayzata, Minn.

Nowell was director of libraries in Faribault and Austin, Minn., in the 1960s. The family moved to St. Anthony Park (1463 Hythe St.) in 1970. Nowell was employed for 20 years at the Minnesota Department of Education Office of Library Development and Services. He retired in 1992. They were members of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ until Julia's death in 2013.

Nowell had been a resident of Lyngblomsten for nearly three years. He and Julia were volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Nowell was also on the board of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse program. Both he and Julia 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

Homer Theodore Mantis, 98, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died in his home in St. Paul, Jan. 16. His wife of 67 years, Marianthi (Mary) Sebekos, died in 2009.

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 New York University.

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 physics or to perform research. In the 1960s and '70s, Homer actively participated 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.

Homer will be remembered as a kind, quiet, peaceful man and a dedicated scientist. He is survived by his four children: John (Sarah) of Taos, N.M.; William (Chris Trost) of St. Paul; Daphne Mantis of Springfield, Ore.; and Katina Johnstone of Staten Island, N.Y.; 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 was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Kay Mayers, and brother, Jack. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Carole; daughter, Julie Mayers Benson (Steve); sons, 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.

Barry Nelson

Barry M. Nelson, 71, of Como Park, died suddenly in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 11. Barry was president of Barness Shaver and Appliance in Minneapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lucile (née Dresser) Nelson, and niece, Laurie Nelson. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Esther (née Orf); children, Thomas (Sarah Paine), Michelle (Barry) Nelson Learn and Mary; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bruce (Kristine) Nelson and Omar (Eliza 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. "Doe," an incredible friend to many, 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 Bethany Convent 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 Lorenze Oakes and Agnes Swanson; and her brothers, Chuck and Jim. She is survived by her brothers, Tom (Kathy) and Terry (Connie); sisters-in-law, Doris and Clare; and many colleagues and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates.

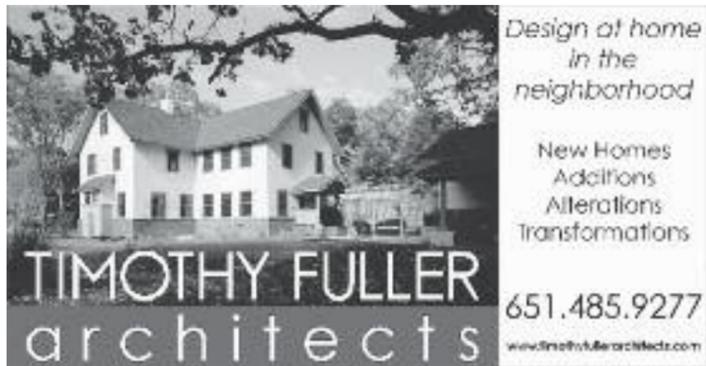
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 21 at Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel in St. Paul, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights.

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 Willis; and great-grandchildren, James and Adalynn.

A memorial service was held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park on March 30.



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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 Huron 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, sun 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.comosr.spps.org

Taking service learning to the road

Como's Dare 2 Be Real group of 40 students, guided by Como educators Dylan Hackbarth, Kirstyn Ouverson and John Robinson, hit the road for a service-learning trip during spring break in April. Dare 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 at the Lorraine Motel on 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 2855) 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 qualify 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 Wulff. The team's coaches are Como teachers Donna Norberg and Mike

Fischer, assisted by former Como principal Dan Mesick.

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 Gjerdrum, Larissa Evans, Titilope Yusuf, Tou Meng Yang, Angela Aryiku and Innocent Murwanashyaka.

Finance team goes to state

Seniors Emma Hartmann, Katie Erickson, Lina Abajebel and Ellie Thorsgaard 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 Teefy.

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

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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 SPPS School Board as co-champions for the St. Paul City Conference.

The boys basketball team finished their season as 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 Analigia Batres-Pearson and Wyatt Crow; group exhibits—Livia Havens and Caroline Gauthier, Leandra Dahlke and Elena Purcell, Peter Wenger and Alex Miller, and Dylan Aarness and Joseph Hoang; individual documentary—honorable mentions went to Amira Boler, Robel Hayelom and Isabella Shaplant; group documentary—Lily Barnes and Amelia Schucker with honorable mentions going to Anais Sax and Ong Vang; individual performance—Amelia Moseman, Nora Thomey and Maddie Neal;



St. Anthony Park Elementary School teachers and principal Ann Johnson ate insects as part of a challenge to get students to read. Music teacher Brad Ollmann displays one of the delicacies.

group performance—Fiona Blank and Anna Gaudio and Bridget Lee, Claire Driscoll and Fiona Juarez-Sweeney with honorable mentions going to Lila Seeba and Emilie Pagel; individual website—Sam Skinner, Soren Sackreiter and Chitra Xiong; and group website—Sami Banat and Olivia Ahrens and Kiersten Howatt and Lily Gordon.

The following students won awards at the state science fair in April: Charlie 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 Murray 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 Cub Foods in March.

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

St. Anthony Park Elementary

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They'll eat anything to encourage their students to read

St. Anthony Park students caught the reading bug in April.

Because of that, Principal Ann Johnson and eight teachers ate insects. They were holding up their end of the Read-a-Thon bargain: If the students could read for 220,000 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 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, helps reduce traffic congestion and pollution, and it improves neighborhood connections.

Spring carnival is May 6

The annual spring carnival fundraiser will take place Friday, May 6, 5:30-8 p.m., at the school. All are welcome

for a fun-filled evening of games, activities and treats. The school thanks the St. Anthony Park community for its support of this event.

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 1,720 hours of service from August to mid-June (45 hours a week). Tutors will receive a bi-weekly living allowance of \$544, 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 Anderson 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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CPHS Cougar Sports by Eric Erickson

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

Como badminton blends talent and technique

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 Cougar 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 and senior co-captain Thi Dah. "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 all your shots," said Tha Shee, a senior who plays no. 3 singles. "You have to know when to clear, drop, drive or scoop. And you can't just try to smash all the time."

Skilled players develop court sense and cover space efficiently.

Smashing and chasing doesn't cut it. (I learned the hard way.)

Como physical education teacher Michelle Diaz is the coach in charge who has been teaching technique to the talented athletes for six years. This is her first year as head coach. She is assisted by Pasee Yang, a 2005 Como graduate, who has returned to help the program.

Diaz appreciates her team's eager attitude and acceptance of all players. "The girls will most often develop good friendships throughout the season, and they all want to get better as the season progresses," Diaz said.

While her girls are excited to play, they realize there isn't enough space to keep all 53 players moving on the eight available courts. To combat this situation and improve fitness, the coaches split the group after warming up together.

As the varsity and junior varsity teams work on their hitting techniques in the gym, the C squad will participate in a T25 cardiovascular workout in the wrestling room. The groups are flipped after 30 minutes. It's a creative solution to keep the athletes engaged, maximize space and increase endurance.

Como's competition in the city is challenging. Other St. Paul schools also have huge numbers, which is a happy problem for coaches to have. There's energy in numbers and talent to draw from when putting together competitive lineups.

There are currently 24 badminton teams in the state. The best ones are in the St. Paul City Conference. To provide evidence, simply look at history.



The Como badminton program consists of 53 girls who play matches at three levels: varsity, junior varsity and C-squad. Varsity starters pictured from left to right include: (front row) Oo Meh, Ka Bao Xiong, Pa Chia Yang, Tu Lor Eh Paw, Tha Shee (back row) Thi Dah, Si Ver Moo, Kye Meh and Zoua Xiong. Photo by Mike Krivit Photography, www.krivit.com

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 friendly 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. "Como 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 certainly appears that there will be a fun

intensity to the high school badminton season.

Coach Diaz and the Como girls are working hard and having fun in their indoor environment. For 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 long-time coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.

Como volleyball stars sign college commitments

Como Park seniors Delilah Wolf and Emily LaCroix-Dalluhn committed to their universities in a signing ceremony on April 13 at school with teammates, parents and coaches.

After a lengthy recruiting process, Wolf accepted a scholarship to study and play for Loyola University in Chicago, an NCAA Division I school.

LaCroix-Dalluhn explored dozens of schools and opportunities and ultimately committed to study and play at Colorado Mesa University, an NCAA Division II school for indoor volleyball and NCAA Division I for beach volleyball.

Anchoring a strong senior class that also included Olivia Berven, Bekah Hausman and Sinead O'Duffy, Wolf and LaCroix-Dalluhn won two St. Paul City Conference Championships at

Como.

Wolf is a 6-foot, 2-inch setter. She was a four-time All-Conference selection and was Como's MVP in three different seasons. LaCroix-Dalluhn is a 6-foot, 1-inch middle hitter. She led the team in blocks during her junior and senior seasons, earned All-Conference both years and was team MVP as a junior.

Both players are role models to younger players in the program and school, accelerating in the classroom and graduating on the "B" Honor Roll. Coaches Kim Smisek and Ashley Jones expressed how pivotal both players have been for the program.

"They are clear leaders on the court, wonderful individuals off the court, and we cannot wait to watch them succeed and grow even more as they enter into their college careers," said Smisek.



Como volleyball seniors Delilah Wolf and Emily LaCroix-Dalluhn signed commitments to study and play at Loyola Chicago and Colorado Mesa, respectively, in a ceremony at Como.



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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 rot 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.



The sweet red nectar of *Nesocodono mauiensisi* attracts its pollinators—geckos! Photo by Lori Hamilton

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