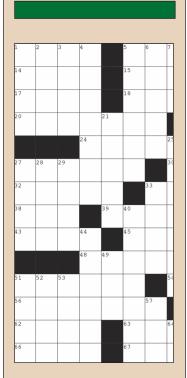


#### The color men

New art gallery opens in South St. Anthony.

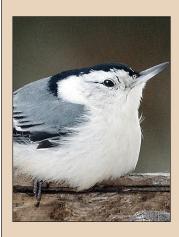
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Musings on the nuthatch.

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# It's April: Bring on the COLOR

Here's a guide to garden blooms with lots of photos, because we can't bear to look at snow anymore.

By Sharon Shinomiya

Our gardens can delight us with new blooms and color combinations from March to November. Whether your garden is big or small, a mix of annuals, perennials and bulbs can create interest and anticipation that lasts throughout the seasons.

A spring garden may begin with delicate pastels and then explode into an extravagant rainbow of colors. Pinks and purples might dominate in early summer, while yellows, oranges and reds take over in July and August. In September, a garden could be clouds of lavender, only to return to yellows, oranges and reds in later fall.

One thing is certain: A garden will grow taller and fuller as the seasons progress.

You don't have to plant large quantities of plants, though masses of color can be stunning, and some gardening books tell you to do so; yet a single bloom or a small clump can be just as thrilling to encounter.

Winter provides a welcome break from the work of the garden, but come mid-January and February gardeners are eager to dig in the dirt and long for those first blooms. It can be hard to imagine all the life that will emerge so quickly from such a cold, flat, snowy landscape.

When the spring thaw finally begins, early bulbs such as snowdrops, crocuses and squills and native woodland ephemerals like



Spring crocuses will be popping up soon (we promise!). Turn to pages 10 and 11 to get an early glimpse of spring (and summer and fall). *Photo by Sharon Shinomiya* 

hepatica, rue anemone and bloodroot rush to bloom before the trees leaf out. Their flowers open as soon as it is warm enough for insects to become active. Tuck them into the garden here and there between later-blooming perennials and allow their leaves to die back naturally for blooms the next year. Annuals, such as pansies, can withstand temperatures in the high 20s and

planted in pots can be easily moved to the garage or porch temporarily if temperatures fall too low.

The spring garden takes off in April and early May. By then the leaves of many perennials are shooting up and filling in, changing the background color from old brown to fresh green. Earlier bulbs and perennials are done and it is time for later bulbs: daffodils, tulips,

hyacinths, glories-of-the-snow, and dwarf bearded and crested irises. A host of later spring perennials blooms along with these bulbs: pasque flowers, Virginia bluebells, primroses, lungworts, wood poppies, Jacob's ladders, bleeding hearts, trilliums, violets, columbines and creeping phlox. Flowering shrubs and trees, including serviceberries, crabapples,

Gardens to 10

# Former Wabash Ave. meat-packing plant eyed for mixed-use housing

By Bill Lindeke

Change might be coming to a long abandoned meat-packing plant in the West Midway.

The massive brick complex on Wabash Avenue, on the block between University Avenue and I-94 and between Vandalia Street and Prior Avenue, has been vacant for nearly 40 years. During that time, sellers have been searching for alternative industrial uses for the historic structure. Now, a development proposal has emerged to restore the property and use it in an unexpected way: for housing.

The housing project might signal a change in direction for the long-slumping industrial block, as it

transitions to a more dynamic mix of

Developers Rich Pakonen and Clint Blaiser have proposed using a mix of private financing and historical preservation tax credits to renovate the century-old industrial complex and re-use it for some 64 apartments. The proposal would require a conditional-use permit from the city to change the industrial zoning that currently exists on the property.

The complexity of the former packing plant buildings poses challenges for the project. For example, according to Blaiser, there are more than two dozen separate rooftops in the complex, and all of them require replacement.

Meanwhile, the oldest parts of the sprawling building date to the 19th century. It's difficult to put a precise date on the structure because it was constantly being expanded during the boom years of St. Paul's industrial growth. Since the buildings were shuttered in the late 1970s, they have not been fully maintained and would require a lot of investment.

But that's all about to change if the new proposal for converting the 1.6-acre site from (I-2) industrial zoning into housing is approved.

The change of use for the longindustrial area comes at a time when the south St. Anthony Park and West Midway neighborhoods are seeing a

Wabash Avenue to 5

# Poetry Palooza VIII

It's our eighth year of celebrating National Poetry Month.

Poet Naomi Cohn has read and re-read the 24 entries in the Bugle's annual poetry contest. Read the winning poems on pages 6 and 7.

#### 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. Here's how to connect: 651-644-3889, district10comopark.org or District 10 Community Council on Facebook.

#### Make a difference

Eight positions on the Como Community Council Board are up for election at District 10's annual meeting Tuesday, April 17. In at least six of the positions, the incumbent is not seeking re-election. So this year is a great opportunity for new activists to seek an open seat. Find out more on District 10's website, www.district10comopark.org. The positions on this April's ballot include vice-chair, treasurer, one representative from each of the four geographic sub-districts and two atlarge representatives.

Any resident of District 10 who is age 18 or older is eligible to run. So are authorized representatives from a business or nonprofit organization located in District 10.

Candidates interested in a board position must submit their name and a brief biography by Tuesday, April 10. Nominations submitted after that date will be treated as write-in candidacies. Board members elected this year will serve from April 24, 2018, to April 28, 2020.

#### Learn how to prevent crime with your landscape design

What you plant and where you plant it, the fencing you choose and how you let your lights shine all can be tactics to keep your property safer. Pick up advice in these areas and more during "Crime Prevention Through Landscape Design," the next presentation in District 10's Sunday Series.

Patty Lammers, crimeprevention coordinator for the St. Paul police, will share tips in natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, access control and April 4

even hostile vegetation. The free presentation will be held Sunday, April 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station at the northeast corner of Lexington and

Also coming up in the Sunday Series is the Como Park Tree Trek. Certified arborist and former Tree Advisory Panel member Tim Morgan will lead a walk to help you better identify and understand local tree species, their health, and the diseases and pests that affect them. The event will be held Sunday, June 3, at 1 p.m. Participants will meet outside Como Lakeside Pavilion.

#### Improve your credit score

Join LSS Financial Counseling and TopLine Federal Credit Union for a free financial-literacy workshop Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station. To register, call 763-391-9494.

#### Things to look forward to

- Saturday, April 21: St. Paul Parks and Recreation Spring Cleanup, 9-11:30 a.m., Como Lakeside Pavilion
- Saturday, May 5: Como Community Seed Library 2018 Green Thumb Kickoff, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Historic Streetcar Station
- Saturday, May 19: Rain Barrel Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Twin Cities German Immersion School, 1031 Como Ave.
- Saturday, June 9: Citywide Drop-Off, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Minnesota State Fairgrounds
- Saturday, June 16: Como Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Saturday, June 23: Workshop on curb-cut rain gardens, 9 a.m.-noon, Historic Streetcar Station

#### **Upcoming District 10 meetings**

- Como Community Tuesday, March 20
- Committee: Environment Wednesday, March 28
- Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday, April 3
- *Land Use Committee:* Wednesday,

the Historic Streetcar Station. Community members are always welcome to attend and participate.

#### **Falcon Heights**

The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Contact information: 651-792-7600 or falconheights.org.

#### Want to live greener?

The city of Falcon Heights Environment Commission will host a "Sustainable Actions Fair" Saturday, April 28, at Community Park (at the corner of Cleveland and Roselawn avenues). The event will include workshops and a variety of organizations will have informational tables set up to help residents explore topics such as "Becoming a Zero Waste Household," "Solar Options for Everyone" and "Household Energy Efficiency Upgrades.'

Featured presenters will include:

- Minnesota Plug-In Vehicle Owners: Members of this local group will have their vehicles onsite and will field questions.
- *The Good Acre:* Representatives will present information on its Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions and food classes offered at its site at 1790 W. Larpenteur Ave.
- *Pollinator-friendly gardening:* Find out how and what to plant to support the health of our polli-

Activities will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to take away one or more tips or ideas that will help them move toward

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at living more sustainably. An activity for elementary-age children is planned for the morning, and light food and beverages will be available.

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You can keep informed of workshop scheduling and other updates by following the City of Falcon Heights Facebook page.

#### St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council (SAPCC) meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. The council offices are located at 2395 University Ave., Suite 300 *E. Contact information: 651-649-5992* or www.sapcc.org.

Kasota Ponds Cleanup is April 14 Get outside, meet your neighbors, and help protect our water at the annual Kasota Cleanup Saturday, April 14, at 9 a.m.

Volunteers gather each spring to pick up debris near the ponds, near Highway 280. All ages are welcome. This year, local entomologist Margot Monson will have her microscopes on hand and kids in grades kindergarten through high school can discover what lives in the ponds.

Also, a representative from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization will explain the results of water quality monitoring at the ponds for several years.

Arrive Saturday morning (starting at 9 a.m.) at the NAPA Auto Parts parking lot 2530 Kasota Ave. (Go west on Kasota, under Highway 280, and take a left just past the railroad tracks.)

Refreshments will be provided. Bring gloves; extras will be available. Reflective vests will be provided for safety. Dress for the weather—boots are helpful.

The cleanup will be held rain or shine. If severe weather happens (a thunderstorm, tornado or blizzard!), the event will be postponed to the next morning.

You can find out more, including postponement details, at www.sapcc.org/event/2018-kasotapond-clean-up.—*Betty* Wheeler, District 12 Environment Committee

#### Learn the results of air quality, soil contamination study

Learn the results of the St. Anthony Park Community Council's airquality monitoring project and see a new GIS map resource for our neighborhood Tuesday, April 3, at the St. Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN) studios, 550 Vandalia St. (at the Vandalia Tower Annex Building, Suite 170, in the building next door to Lake Monster Brewery). The public meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The community council's Environment Committee secured an MPCA air-quality monitoring station for a full year of monitoring in 2016. MPCA experts will present the findings at the meeting.

A spokesperson from the Minnesota Department of Health will also be at the meeting to answer questions about soil pollution found on the GIS map and about general pollution within St. Paul.

Organization and funding of the GIS mapping project was set up and directed by the Environment Committee. The work was prepared by two GIS-trained interns.

For more information about SPNN, the meeting host, go to www.spnn.org—*Betty* District 12 Environment Committee

# Street safety is in the mix for Falcon Heights 2040 Plan

#### By Bill Lindeke

The city of Falcon Heights is moving ahead with a new 10-year update to its comprehensive plan, as required by the Metropolitan Council. The city held a public visioning session in late February to gather ideas and themes for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. According to city administrator Sack Thongvanh, who is overseeing the consultants doing community engagement for the plan, the early results look promising.

We have focused on the amenities of the city and focused on what we do well," Thongvanh said. "We learned what people agree on and what things need to be improved within the city. We talked with the community about visioning and had a map where people could put stickers on things they thought were good ideas."

One key interest so far in the process has been improving street safety on busy roads in Falcon Heights. For example, Thongvangh identified the corner of Snelling and Larpenteur avenues as a concern.

"A common theme of the

Snelling and Larpenteur should be more pedestrian and cyclist friendly," Thongvanh said.

According to Minnesota making it by far the busiest corner in Falcon Heights that features sidewalks.

Thongvanh expects that a draft will be ready for public and governmental feedback by summer. At that point, Falcon Heights will

outreach was that the intersection of have to submit its plan for review by neighboring communities such as St. Paul and Roseville, before submitting it to the Met Council for approval.

Along with the consulting firm, Department of Transportation the city's Planning Commission is counts, more than 55,000 cars pass taking the lead on deciding whether through the intersection every day, or not to seek additional feedback from the community about what should be in the plan. Anyone interested in commenting or adding their ideas into the mix of the comprehensive plan process can Paul email Moretto paul.moretto@falconheights.org.

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# Library boundary dispute resolved

The St. Paul City Council voted 5-1 March 7 to approve a property settlement reached between the city and homeowners Rick and Nancy Foss after two and a half years of deliberation over a property-line dispute between St. Anthony Park Library and the home at 2399 Como Ave.

The compromise awards 87 percent of the disputed land to the homeowners for a negotiated fair-market value of \$28,900.

That money will go to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

# There's a new art gallery in town

West Hampden Artists will host a three-day grand opening of the 2281 Art Gallery April 27-29.

#### By Kristal Leebrick

Lanny Ross calls himself "The Man of Colours," and if you walk into his studio you'll understand why. Large, bright abstract oil and acrylic paintings inspired by Ross's career in travel hang from floor to ceiling in his corner of the second-floor of an old warehouse on West Hampden Avenue in south St. Anthony Park.

Just feet away from Ross's easels and paints is the work of Ross's longtime friend and studio mate Richard Dillon. A mix of expressionistic and often humorous pieces, Dillon describes his work as "art with a grin."

The two met their freshman year at Cretin High School in St. Paul in 1952. Neither of them picked up a paintbrush or sketchpad at the Catholic military school, which offered

no art classes.

Dillon, a former ad agency owner, discovered his bent for art while working on an advertising degree in the journalism department at the University of Minnesota. Dillon's painting "W.B. Yeats & Me" hangs at the Dubliner Pub on University Avenue and Vandalia Street. Ross says he never took an art class. He just started splashing paint onto canvasses, he says, sometime during his travel career, which took him to China, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific and French Polynesia.

After reconnecting at Cretin functions years ago, Ross and Dillon founded the West Hampden Artists (WHA) at 2281 W. Hampden Ave. in 2004. Now, 14 years later, they will hold a three-day grand opening of the 2281 Art Gallery April 27-29, the first of what they promise will be a somewhat regular series of exhibits with guest artists



Richard Dillon (left) and Lanny Ross in their studio at West Hampden Artists, 2281 W. Hampden Ave., in south St. Anthony Park. Photos by Kristal Leebrick



A piece by gallery curator John Vieno.

Left, "Colour Man" by Richard Dillon.

and from time to time other "big hoopla," Ross says.

The gallery's first show will abstract feature artist Anderson. The work of the six WHA artists will be showcased in their studios next to the gallery. The include portrait and plein aire painter Philip Alexander Carlton, writer illustrator Brooke Dierkhising, graphic designer abstract

and painter Jas McCroskey, post-modern and abstract painter and sculptor John Vieno, Ross and Dillon.

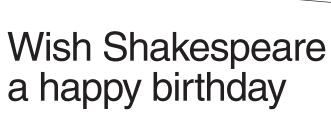
include evening receptions and a

drawing Sunday for a painting by Ross. Event co-promoting partner, Urban Growler, will provide two-forone beer coupons throughout the weekend. The coupons will be redeemable at brewery, located just a couple of blocks away on Endicott Street. Urban Growler will feature work from WHA the weeks leading up to the gallery opening.

The 2281 Art Gallery will be open Friday, April 27, from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 28, noon to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 29, noon to 5 p.m. The gallery is located in south St. Anthony Park's warehouse area and offers economical art gallery space to emerging artists. The gallery promotes contemporary abstract art but welcomes all art mediums.

You can find out more about the gallery and studios www.2281artgallery.wordpress.com

The opening weekend will www.facebook.com/WestHampden Artists.



dillon

Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park is inviting everyone to Shakespeare's 454th birthday party at the Finnish Bistro, Monday, April 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Selected scenes and speeches will be performed by special guests, including State Rep. Alice Hausman and St. Anthony Park Community Foundation executive director Ion Schumacher.

Come for dinner. Stay for fun, a glass of hippocras and cake. Finnish Bistro is located at 2264 Como Ave.





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# Bugle survey reveals many strengths and a few weaknesses

Thanks to the 377 Bugle readers who completed our survey in February, we learned a lot about our readers and their thoughts on how the Bugle can continue to be a community-building resource in Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park.

We learned that 86 percent of the respondents are between 25 and 75; 29 percent are between the ages of 25 and 54. Seventy-seven percent have lived in the Bugle distribution area for more than 10 years.

Seventy-eight percent say the advertisements in the Bugle help them decide where to shop for goods and services.

An overwhelming number of survey comments were positive. Many people love the Bugle. They like reading Roger Bergerson's history column and Mary Mergenthal's work in posting the obituaries of area people. Readers appreciate stories on local people and businesses. "This is my favorite local paper! You have the right mix of current events and historical views," said

But comments also revealed there is plenty of room for improvement:

One St. Anthony Park reader says the Bugle does not cover enough development news or stories on how the city of St. Paul is affecting everyday life in the neighborhood. Another reader wants to see more coverage of people and businesses that are owned and serve "people of color, LGBTIA, disabled, etc." That commenter also wants more coverage on "public health and safety issues that affect the less affluent parts of the communities."

Another reader wants more profiles on "a day in the life of regular people.'

We welcome input from our readers anytime. If you have story ideas about people or community initiatives you want to see covered, let us know. Send an email to editor@parkbugle.org.

Many survey respondents put their names into a drawing for a \$50 Tim and Tom's Speedy Market gift card. The winners of that drawing are Nina Samuels and Earl Schwartz of Falcon Heights. Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the survey.

# Deadlines, publishing dates

#### Want to submit something to the Bugle?

and where to find a Bugle

Here are the deadlines and publication dates for the next three

*May issue:* The deadline is Wednesday, April 11, and it will be published Tuesday, April 24.

*June issue:* The deadline is Wednesday, May 2, and it will be published Wednesday, May 16

*July issue:* The deadline is Wednesday, June 13, and it will hit the streets Tuesday, June 19.

#### Got a story idea?

Give us a holler: editor@parkbugle.org or 651-646-5369. We take traditional mail, too: Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

#### Missing your Bugle?

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- Dogwood Coffee Bar, 825 Carleton St.
- Finnish Bistro, 2264 Como Ave.
- Hampden Park Co-op, 928 Raymond Ave.
- Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave.
- Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.
- Little Wine Shoppe, 2236 Carter Ave.
- Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave.
- Schneider Drug, 3400 University Ave., Minneapolis
- Speedy Market, 2310 Como Ave.
- St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.
- Urban Growler, 2325 Endicott St.
- Workhorse Coffee Bar, 2399 University Ave.

Or go to www.parkbugle.org/delivery for a more complete list of places that carry the Bugle. You can also read the Bugle online at www.parkbugle.org.

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#### A nudge toward responsibility

In recent years, enough ink has been devoted to the effects of climate change to raise ocean levels by several feet. However, I've read few things as helpful as Michael Russelle's column in the March Bugle ("The travel fare isn't the only cost").

Russelle translated various means of transportation (jet, train, auto, bus) to Chicago into carbon costs. He then suggested several practical ways to pay one's carbon debt for that hypothetical trip.

Responsible people pay their debts. Thanks to Michael Russelle and Transition Town for nudging us toward responsibility.

> Dave Healy St. Anthony Park

#### Wood smoke is toxic

"We'll have to agree to disagree" was the reply of a neighbor when I remarked that the full-time burning of wood was offensive to smell and

downright toxic. The neighbor has been around the burning of wood all her life and she said that she was healthy. If I was concerned about my health I should lose a few pounds.

Ask your all-knowing smartphone: Is wood smoke safe? Is wood smoke toxic?

The facts override the opinion. The smoke is filled with toxic gases and particulates. Not nostalgia, rainbows, unicorns and sweet times at the Little House on the Prairie.

It is 1 o'clock in the morning. I think the neighbor is burning kitty litter with the wet wood. I don't find it pleasant. It is toxic pollution poured out on a neighborhood of kids, elderly, cancer victims and survivors yearning for clean air on 50-foot lots. Pyromaniacs with their wood stoves should move to rural settings and live out their smokehouse fantasies away from those who value clean air.

> Frank Steen St. Anthony Park

# We did it!

Thanks to the following Park Bugle readers who helped the Bugle raise \$ \$42,134 toward our goal of \$42,000 in the 2017-18 fund drive. This list reflects those who gave between Feb. 16 and March 10.

The Bugle relies on tax-deductible donations to help defray the newspaper's annual operating costs. Even though we've reached our goal, you can still donate online at www.parkbugle.org. Click the green DONATE NOW button on the right side of the page. Or send a check to: Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108



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#### Wabash Avenue from 1

lot of interest from developers. In the with the caveat that the council old King Coil mattress factory across the street, for example, a large mixeduse complex that includes the St. Paul Neighborhood Network TV studio and Lake Monster Brewery is now thriving along Wabash. That St. Paul Planning Commission in project, does not have residential uses, however. The new proposal is slated to be at least 90 percent residential with a small amount of commercial space added to the complex.

The proposal has received letters of support from both the Midway Chamber of Commerce, which wrote that the plan "will bring the site back to life [and] connect with the community," and the St. Paul Port Authority, which often safeguards industrial land within city boundaries. In addition, the District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council voted to support the project,

wants to see the final plans increase commercial use on the ground floor and improve pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure along nearby streets.

The proposal passed the city of February, along with a proposed

condition that sidewalks and safe bike infrastructure be added to Wabash Avenue. The next step is for it to go before the St. Paul City Council for approval sometime in the next month. If approved, the project could break ground in early

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- + Easter Vigil, March 31, 7 p.m.
- + Easter Sunday, April 1, 9:15 a.m.

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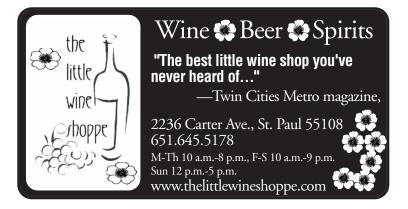
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# A great garden of verse

fter spending several days poring Aover the 24 poems submitted to the Bugle's 2018 poetry contest, our judge, Naomi Cohn, summed up her task with this: "What a great crop of poems!"

The prompt for this year's contest was "cultivation," and the poems were judged anonymously by Cohn, a St. Anthony Park poet and creator of Known by Heart, an enterprise that brings writing experiences to older adults and people with disabilities.

Cohn chose a first-, second- and third-place poem, but "there were so many poems that tempted me in one way or another," she said. "Cultivation was a rich theme and a lot of different pieces called to me."

Like the first-place poem—"At the season's first outdoor farmers market in Minnesota" by Sarah gorgeous produce than I can possibly

(Northwest) Greenhouses" by Neil O. Anderson "called to me with its voice, abundant detail and unique perspective on the history of a particular patch of ground in our local landscape," Cohn wrote. "A poem can't preserve a building, but this writer is helping the history of a place live on."

Rose Gregoire's "Valentine's Clark—"there's always more Day" took third place. "Kudos to this writer for tackling current events and take home," Cohn said. "These the perennial question of how we

## At the season's first outdoor farmers market in Minnesota

By Sarah Clark

Spring is exploding with asparagus. In the North, we are over winter's old menu now old men dive into buckets of red rhubarb. Peapods inspire ravenous, flirty lines.

We are trading old winter's menu for new baskets of mizuna, arugula, green garlic, and spinach. Peapods inspire ravenous, sultry lines. I am seduced by radishes

and feel dizzy from baskets of mizuna, arugula, green garlic, and spinach. Wild ramps and morels are more fleeting than gold. I am seduced by radishes and the spring wind's warm caress.

> Wild ramps and morels are more fleeting than gold. And now old women too dive into buckets of rhubarb reveling in the spring's wild caress. Spring is exploding with asparagus.

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variety of what poems can do for us, what people can do with a poem." The Art Cohn's first-place choice is a poem that "captures in image and form the giddy exuberance of an of the important moment in our seasonal calendar," Cohn wrote. "I love the Wasted Day image of people 'diving into buckets of rhubarb' and how 'Peapods inspire ravenous, flirty lines' plays around Patricia Hampl with both writing and the long lines at the farmer's market. The writer uses the pantoum and its repetition to good effect, but mostly this poem just makes me impatient for the first outdoor farmers market of the season."

The second-place poem, 'Bidding Farewell to Gibbs-Nelson

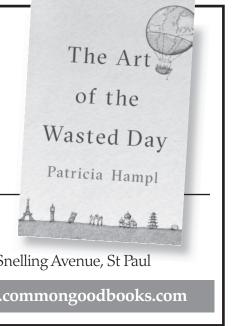
poems feel like a small sample of the

each, individually, respond to the incomprehensible," Cohn wrote. "I connected to the honest voice, the sense of truth, in this poem, how for this writer, the path through is in ordinary acts and language.'

We gave Cohn the leeway to choose honorable mentions in the entries, but she chose not to "because there would have been too many."

She's right. A great crop of poems was entered in this year's contest. You can read them all on the Bugle's website, www.parkbugle.org.

—Kristal Leebrick



#### 2. **Bidding Farewell to Gibbs-Nelson** (Northwest) Greenhouses

St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota Corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur Avenues

By Neil O. Anderson

Seems like yesterday—maybe today that we moved the mum flats into the southern bay at the northwest greenhouses —hauling them out of the snow-covered hot bed frames every February, forcing out green shoots for cuttings to root and grow again in fields of St. Paul, Morris, Grand Rapids, Waseca, Crookston, and Lamberton for the breeding program only to dig them again, lay to rest until forcing time in yesterday's Februaries. The circle is broken now you're to be torn down. I've snuck inside to have one last glimpse, catch the voices speaking now that the heating pipes are forever quiet. The dripping water, running from mum flats through the transite benches to rock-covered floors, is tentative—on edge. I hear scuffling footsteps of Dr. Widmermy dear advisor-whose gentleness in hand on shoulder speaks in holiness: "True, these houses were old and leaky but they got us through the 1950's, year-after-year 'til now." "These are our roots," gently pulling a crown out of the flat

Now, I pause in thoughtfulness and wonder what and how I should tell youmy new Greenhouse Management students of the northwest greenhouses rooted in me, reverberating in our brand-new, state-of-the-art greenhousesa century beyond Gibbs-Nelson and Dr. Widmer. Fill our eyes, ears, heads, hand with the deliberateness of well-rooted perennials so that, when turning on the water spigot one last time, the watering hose fills and floods across our lives and, at our feet, encircles our roots we send down to anchor us in a sense of place.

"while they're still white, alive

plant them in your soul. There to grow and bind, nourish togetherness."

# **Valentine's Day**

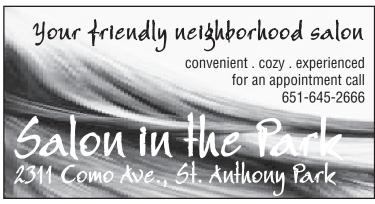
By Rose Gregoire

The world is spinning in my head

A day of cards, flowers, love Hate, hurricanes, famine, fire Glaciers melting Oceans rising Seventeen dead in school shooting.

And I must vote, march, pray, witness Feed my family, pay the bills Fix the faucet, write to Congress Repair a rip And mend my world

The world is spinning in my head Around the sun among the stars Until a crack of sunlight Floods my eyes I walk the dog, talk to neighbors Feel the warmth of coming spring Cultivate calm, focus, faith Grow a small hope





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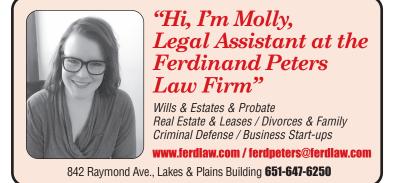
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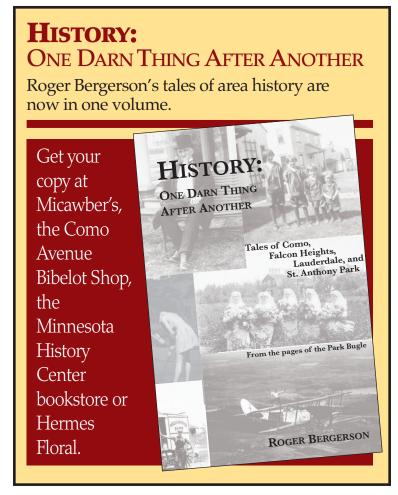
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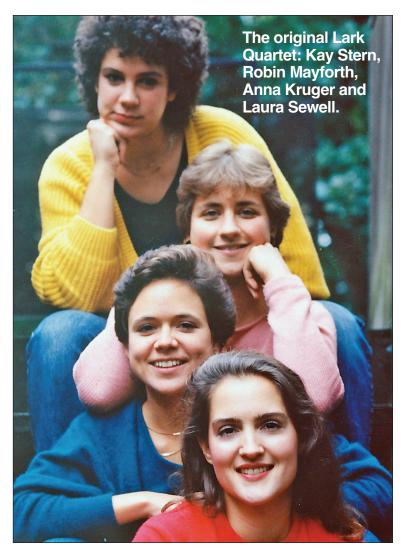
# Lark Quartet to perform with original members at season finale of Music in the Park Series

The Music in the Park Series will close its 2017-18 season with a unique concert and a musical residency celebrating the past and present Lark Quartet through music old and new, with the original quartet — founded in 1985 by St. Anthony Park cellist Laura Sewell — and the current Lark Quartet members.

The concert will take place Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. A pre-concert talk will be held in the church an hour before the performance, and a reception with the artists will immediately follow the concert.

The concert will also bring to a close artistic director Julie Himmelstrup's career with Music in the Park, which she founded in 1978. Himmelstrup is retiring and leaving the chamber music series in the hands of the Schubert Club, the area's oldest musical organization.

At the April 15 concert, the current and original members of the quartet will join forces to perform the Minnesota premiere of Andrew Waggoner's work for two string quartets. Dedicated to "the once and future Lark Quartet," the commission was supported in part by







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the Thelma Hunter Fund of the American Composers Forum. Moving back in time to a work regarded as "one of the miracles of 19th-century music," the group will bring the Music in the Park Series season to a close with a performance of Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat Major, written in 1825 when the composer was only 16 years old.

The Lark Quartet will also perform Schubert Club's second Music in the Park Family Concert of the season Friday, April 13, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. The performance will include music for violins, viola and cello by Dvorák, Gershwin and Puccini and folksong arrangements by Zhou Long. The original Larks will join the current members to perform movements from the Mendelssohn Octet.

On Monday, April 16, the musicians will complete their St. Anthony Park residency with performances at St. Anthony Park Elementary School and St. Anthony Park Home.

For tickets to the Family Series performances or the April 15 concert, call 651-292-3268 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or go online to Schubert.org.





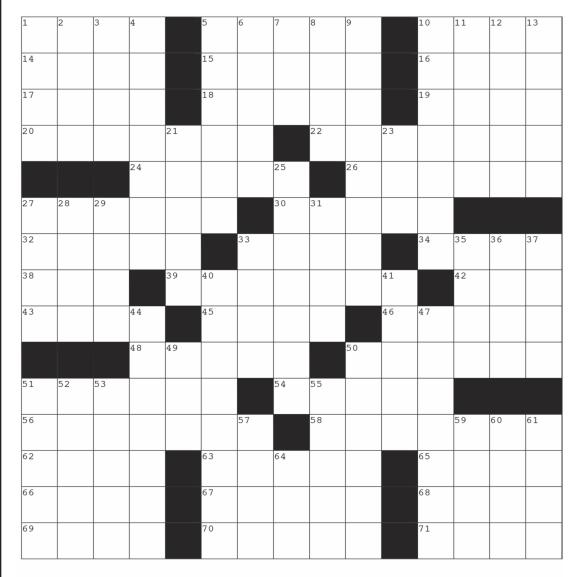
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# **Crossword puzzle**

## Poetic justice

A crossword puzzle By Dave Healy

You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 16



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Keillor's "The \_\_ Who Would Not Take a Sauna"
- 5 One might be outstanding in his field
- 10 Jill's partner in tumbling
- 14 1847 Melville novel
- 15 "To \_\_ own self be true"
- 16 Type of hygiene
- 17 Fume
- 18 A stereotypical one has palm
- 19 \_\_ Reader
- 20 Poetry: \_\_ recollected in tranquility, per Wordsworth
- 22 What to call a favorite
- 24 Mudd or Maris 26 Irks
- 27 Description of God, for some
- 30 Health insurance giant
- 32 Offspring of Japanese immigrants
- 33 Royal address
- 34 It might get plastered
- 38 Operate
- 39 Unposed photos
- 42 Cedar Rapids college
- 43 Ready to be driven
- 45 Ditch
- 46 \_\_ firma
- 48 Bugs' nemesis
- 50 Map part
- 51 Residence for monks' overseer
- 54 Dream, in Donostia
- 56 In the sweet \_\_\_
- 58 Poetry: the only thing that \_\_, per cummings

- 62 Everything, in Essen
- 63 Caesar or Nero 65 Frozen treat brand
- 66 Boxer Max
- 67 Torment
- 68 A mini bares it
- 69 How things sometimes go
- 70 Site for middle management?
- 71 "Sweeney \_\_\_\_'

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Links warning
- 2 Islamic leader
- 3 What Eric Milton threw on 9/11/99, colloquially
- 4 What a poem should be equal to, per MacLeish
- 5 Moe, Larry or Curly
- 6 Macbeth, for one
- 7 Composition of cubes in Cologne
- 8 Oklahoma city
- 9 Ushered in again, as a patron
- 10 Poetry: the \_\_ of a sea animal living on land, per Sandburg
- 11 Star Wars beeper
- 12 Astute
- 13 "Acrobats" and "Curtain," for
- 21 Like some Greek columns
- 23 Actress Margret
- They lost Super Bowl II
- 27 Certain fastener
- 28 Ascend
- Statement of comprehension 29
- 31 The Emerald Isle

- 33 Knife, old style
- 35 Plot element
- 36 Rent
- 37 "If I feel physically as if the top of my \_\_ were taken off, I know that is poetry." (Emily Dickinson)
- 40 Career soldier's child, colloquially
- 41 A tube to go in a tube
- 44 Residence for a college big shot
- 47 One with an eye for an I
- 49 Certain screen, for short
- 50 Minimalist building
- 51 Quintilla rhyme scheme
- 52 A board might adhere to it
- 53 Haymaker?
- 55 Where the Minutemen and Minutewomen play
- 57 Nintendo's \_\_ and the Celestial Elephants
- 59 Poetry: an \_\_\_, asking a shadow to dance, per Sandburg
- 60 St. Paul pub owner Tom
- What to click when you're done composing
- 64 Paul Molitor, for one (abbr.)

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Fall combination: Wood asters and pink phlox create a lovely scene in the fall garden.





#### Gardens from 1

rhododendrons, magnolias and lilacs add their lovely blossoms to the mix. A few hardier annuals, such as nemesia, snapdragons and dianthus, may be offered in stores, but it is still too early for most annuals to go into the ground.

The blooms keep coming from May into June. This is also the season when those pests and diseases you had forgotten about over the winter and early spring start to show up. Do not despair. Plants defaced by insects will likely rebound later, though Japanese beetles can really do a number on some favorite blooms. This time of year brings the perennial flowers clematises, daylilies, peonies, wild indigo, oriental poppies, lady's mantle and beardtongues. Bulbs of the season include alliums, Siberian irises and tall bearded irises. Azaleas and roses also burst into bloom.

After the last threat of frost, usually mid-May (but keep your eyes on the weather forecast), annuals of all kinds can safely be planted in the ground, as well as in window boxes and pots for continuous color. To keep annuals in containers looking and flowering their best, remember to deadhead them and add fertilizer every two weeks until frost comes again.

From late June through August, the heat is on and vibrant annuals such as petunias, zinnias and salvias overflow their containers and brighten up bare spots in the garden. A profusion of perennials—monarda, purple and yellow coneflowers, milkweeds, rudbeckia, sundrops, heliopsis, royal catchfly, prairie larkspur and wild petunias—



Magnolia and serviceberries: Include spectacular spring-flowering trees and shrubs like magnolias and serviceberries in your garden. *Photos by Sharon Shinomiya* 



Fall crocus: A single fall crocus stands out in the late fall garden.



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are joined a bit later by hostas, phlox, globe thistle and hyssops. Asiatic and tiger lilies are bulbs that provide vivid blooms in summer while the large flower heads of hydrangea shrubs brighten up shady spots. Such a wealth of blooms keeps pollinators and gardeners alike very pleased.

the garden would be spent, but it's brighten up the garden, too. not done yet. The asters, goldenrods

have yet to make their appearances. Colchicums, bulbs with large crocuslike blossoms in shades of pink or white, also put on their show now. A few fresh blooms of feverfew, a shortlived white daisy-like perennial that blooms all growing season and After all this, you might think reseeds itself prodigiously, might

Just when you think there will and turtleheads of September be no more, the garden ends as it followed by the Japanese anemones begins, with crocuses—beautiful chrysanthemums (both lavender fall-flowering crocuses that

perennial and annual) of October might cause passersby to stop and look twice.

> To enjoy an ever-changing garden no matter how big or small, choose plants for every season and look forward to new blooms from beginning to end.

Sharon Shinomiya has gardened in the Como Park neighborhood for 23 years.



Summer combination: Yellow heliopsis, purple prairie larkspur, and red royal catchfly are striking in the summer garden and all native to Minnesota.













## One darn thing after another

Roger Bergerson chronicles our remarkable past

# Gibbs' were friendly hosts to the Dakota

By Roger Bergerson

We don't know why Heman Gibbs decided to buy that particular 160acre plot of land in 1849, but one result was the happy reunion of his wife, Jane, with friends from her extraordinary childhood.

For the Gibbs farm near today's intersection of Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues lay directly on a trail that Mdewakanton Dakota traveled each fall to reach their favorite spots for hunting and gathering wild rice.

Among these Native Americans were many Jane had known as a child while living with a missionary family near the village of the Dakota chief, Cloud Man, at Lake Harriet. The site in modern-day Minneapolis is now Lakewood Cemetery.

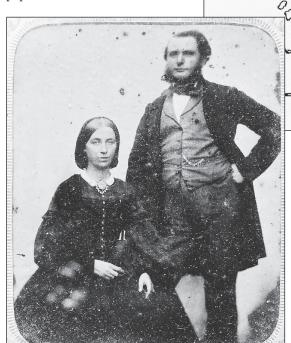
As a 5-year-old, Jane DeBow had been taken by the missionaries from her own family in upstate New York — essentially kidnapped — a story that so intrigued the Dakota that they named her "Little Bird That Was Caught." She learned the language of her playmates, as well as many Dakota songs and rituals, and was influenced by the experience for the rest of her life.

When Jane was 12, the missionaries moved on, taking her with them. One of their stops was near Galena, Ill. When they left, Jane, now 17, stayed behind and found a job, eventually meeting Vermont native Gibbs.

The two were married in late

1848 and in spring of the following year took the steamer War Eagle to St. Paul, joining the flood of settlers into the newly created Minnesota Territory. Gibbs built a sod-roofed, dugout shanty on the eastern edge of his holding where they lived for five years until a one-room frame house was constructed.

Ox teams were used to break the ground and Gibbs soon became one of the earliest and most successful of the market gardeners that later would proliferate in the area, raising fruits and vegetables for the burgeoning population of St. Paul.



Jane and Heman Gibbs, possibly on their wedding day.

Dakota trail ST-ANTHONY PARK AREA AS TRACED BY MRS. E. STEWART former historian RAMSEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A map of the Dakota trail reproduced from the spring 1996 edition of "Ramsey County History" magazine. Images courtesy of the Ramsey County Historical Society

the Gibbs had visitors. Jane became reacquainted with members of Cloud Man's band regained command

their language.

The Dakota trail through the Gibbs holding ran from the Minnesota River to the ricing lakes north of St. Paul. In 1914, the Gibbs' eldest daughter, Abbie Gibbs-Fischer, recalled her mother saying that many of the Native Americans were dissatisfied with the treaties of 1851 that opened much of their former land to white settlement.

"The big treaty at Traverse de Sioux was especially distasteful to very angry at my father because he put a rail fence across their trail and would have killed him if it had not been for my mother."

Instead, the Dakota teased Jane about her choice of a husband more than a dozen years older than she who was losing his hair. They named him "Prairie on Top of his Head."

The Gibbs opened their home to the visitors, who dutifully gave their guns to Jane to keep while they were in the house. Abbie recalled the kitchen floor covered with sleeping

"Mother knew all their superstitions," she said. "One was that if a woman jumped over their feet they could never run again. I can well remember my gay, lighthearted mother running and jumping all over their feet in succession as they lay asleep in her kitchen and the way her eyes danced with mischief as she stood jollying them in Sioux. We

noticed that none of them lost any time in finding out if they were bewitched."

These encounters continued through the 1850s, but tension was building between the races. Abbie recalled the last visit of her mother's friends, "sullen and despondent," in May 1862, several months before the bloody uprising that became known as the Dakota War.

"Well do I remember the dramatic gestures of their chief as he eloquently related their grievances," she related. "My mother followed every word he said, for she knew how differently they were situated from their former condition.

"He said his warriors could hardly be kept from the warpath against the whites. That, so far, his counsel had prevailed, but every time they had a council it was harder to them," Abbie recounted. "They were control them. That their hunting and fishing grounds were gone . . . there was no food for the squaws and papooses . . . their rations were long overdue and there was hunger in the

"[(My mother)] stood and watched them sadly as they mounted their ponies and vanished down the old trail."

#### ... Hoyts, not so much

Less than a mile to the east of the Gibbs property was the farm of Benjamin Hoyt and his family, in the vicinity of today's State Fair water tower. Hoyt, after whom the street is named, was a real estate speculator and lived on the claim while having a home built in what we now know as downtown St. Paul.

From a recollection of one of Hoyt's sons, William, published in 1901, we can conclude that the family's relations with Native

Americans was considerably less cordial than the Gibbs'.

According to William, there was another Dakota trail that ran from Little Crow's village at Kaposia (South St. Paul) to Lakes Josephine and Johanna. This trail roughly followed Lexington Avenue and bent northwesterly past the west side of Como Park and near the Hoyt farm.

On a Sunday in the fall, when only Benjamin, William and his sister were present, 300 or 400 Dakota passed through the area, most of them well to the west of the farmhouse.

". . . [B]ut a dozen or more of the young braves came up and sat down on our wood pile or leaned against the staked and ridered [sic] fence which enclosed the farm,' William recounted. "Some of them began to amuse themselves by pointing their guns or shooting their arrows at our pigs and chickens."

When one of the young men vaulted a fence to lead the way into the Hoyt watermelon patch, Benjamin set the family dog on him, driving the group away.

"My sister and I were greatly relieved and patted and caressed old Caesar and thought him as great a hero as his celebrated Roman namesake," said William.

That night, the crops in one of the Hoyts' fields were laid waste, presumably out of revenge for the watermelon incident, a transgression which Benjamin Hoyt reported to the agent at Fort Snelling.

The family soon moved to their new home, which was probably just

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by Clay Christensen

# The nuthatch is an acrobatic and friendly little bird

I really enjoy looking through old bird magazines and the like, looking for nuggets that I can share with my readers. The title for this column comes from an article in the February 1903 edition of "American Ornithology," a small-format monthly magazine of about 50 pages. It has black-and-white photos of birds, some poetry, a column for young folks and letters from readers, at 10 cents a copy.

The article is about the members of the nuthatch family, birds that are very comfortable inching their way headfirst down a tree trunk.

They'll sometimes pause as they head down the trunk and bend their head way back, perpendicular to the trunk, so they can look around to see if there are any predators nearby. Nuthatches are regular visitors at bird feeders. When they come in to a feeder, they almost always land head down or immediately turn that

Here in Minnesota, we have two nuthatch species—the whitebreasted and the red-breasted. I'll cover the white-breasted in this column. The white-breasted nuthatch occurs all over the eastern United States with the exception of southern Florida.

The white-breasted nuthatch is 5 to 6 inches long. The male has a dark black cap. The female's cap is more of a gray. Each has a black collar, a blue-gray back, a white face and white undersides. The undertail coverts are chestnut. The bill is nearly as long as the head and seems to tilt slightly upward.

The average weight of a whitebreasted nuthatch is 21 grams, the equivalent of four nickels.



A white-breasted nuthatch. Photo by Lawrence Syverud

In his "Essential Field Guide Companion," nationally renowned author Pete Dunne describes the white-breasted nuthatch as "a chunky, neckless, child's fist-sized wind-up toy of a bird whose ability to hop head-first down tree trunks distinguishes it as a nuthatch."

A nuthatch foraging for food will probe bark crevices, but it will also chip away bark with its beak to reveal food hidden in crevices. When individuals find a food item, they often wedge it into a bark crevice and hammer with the bill to open or tear it apart. The name nuthatch is a corruption of *nuthack*, in reference to this feeding behavior of wedging a nut in tree bark and pecking at it until it breaks open.

Nuthatches are acrobatic. I have a platform feeder that has a rectangular screen floor with a post at each corner, supporting a roof. Recently, a white-breasted nuthatch landed on the edge of the tray and then proceeded to work its way underneath the screen, probing for morsels from the underside, perfectly at ease being upside down.

Nuthatches are pretty much permanent residents in their territory.

They eat a variety of insects and plant matter, including acorns, nuts, etc. In the fall and winter, they scatterhoard food. That is, they disperse stores throughout their territory, using each storage site or cache location only once, storing just one item in each place.

They do join mixed flocks of chickadees and woodpeckers that roam about their territory looking for food. There's safety in numbers. But when they come to the edge of their territory, they drop out of the group and the nuthatch pair residing in the new territory takes their place.

Courtship behavior starts at the end of winter. There's much chatting back and forth between the pair. They often give a nasal yank-yankyank as they keep in touch with each

Nuthatches are cavity nesters, using natural cavities or old woodpecker holes. They don't excavate a cavity on their own, but may enlarge existing holes.

Some nuthatches perform an activity called bill sweeping, in which the bird sweeps the inside and outside of the cavity with a crushed insect, usually a beetle that exudes a

nicotine laden filters. These may be attempts at chemical defense against tree squirrels.

bark shreds, twigs, grasses, rootlets, eggs, incubates for about 12 days, hatching. The male feeds the female while she's on the nest and the new arrivals when they've hatched.

White-breasted nuthatches seem quite accepting of humans. My buddy Jim and I had a family of Mom, Pop and three or four and bookstores.

pungent oil. One nest was found youngsters skipping all over the big lined with cigarette butts and their maple in Jim's yard, yanking at each other, kids begging for morsels from their parents, unconcerned about us.

One year, during a snowy The female lines the cavity with Christmas Bird Count, we had a nuthatch fly just ahead of us as we fur and hair. She lays an average of six hiked the trail. It spent some 15 minutes leading or catching up with and has fledglings 26 days after us. I guess it wanted to be sure it got counted.

> I love this friendly, inverted "wind-up toy" of a bird.

> Clay Christensen's book, "The Birdman of Lauderdale," is available at local bird



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# **EVENTS**

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, April 11, to be included IN THE MAY ISSUE.

#### 2 MONDAY

Middle School Book Club, St. Anthony Park Library, "Golden" by TARA Sullivan, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome.

#### **3 TUESDAY**

Baby/toddler storytime each Tuesday AT St. Anthony Park Library, At 9:30 A.M. AND AT 10:30 A.M.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club: "Backyard Shade Gardening" presented by Sue Bagge of Sun Gro

Inc., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m. social time, PROGRAM is 7:30-8:30 p.m. QUESTIONS? CONTACT SANGEE Kelsey, kelse005@umn.edu or 651-645-9053.

#### **4 WEDNESDAY**

Maker Break: Bee Real, Bee Everywhere. St. Anthony Park Library, 1-2 p.m. Katie Black from the Minnesota Natural Resources will offer bee-pollination education.

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

St. Anthony Park Adult Book Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m. All are welcome. No registration

#### **5 THURSDAY**

CAREGIVER AND BEREAVEMENT SUDDORT Groups, first Thursday of Each Month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Preschool storytime in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

Dialoggers Toastmasters meets every Thursday, U of M St. Paul Campus, Northern Research Station, 1992 Folwell Ave., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **6 FRIDAY**

Preschool NatureSmart storytime each Friday, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Explore A different nature theme each week.

Walking in the Langford Park gym from 2-3 p.m. every Friday. Free and OPEN TO Adults.

#### 12 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors cinema SERIES, "Victoria and Abdul," St. Anthony Park Library, 2 p.m. All welcome. Free.

#### 13 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon.

Tablet/Smartphone Drop-In Clinic, St. Anthony Park Library, noon-2 p.m. This clinic is for all tablets and SMARTPHONES.

#### 15 SUNDAY

North Suburban Evening Lions Club 'All The Waffles You Can Eat' Breakfast, Roseville Skating Center, 2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, 8 A.M.-12:30 p.m. Sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice are included.

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There will also be a cake walk and raffle. Free for ages 5 and under and \$8 for ages 6 and older. Ticket proceeds go to community projects. Bring old eyeglasses, Hearing aids and THEIR USED DATTERIES TO THE EVENT.

#### 16 MONDAY

Community Sing, Olson Campus CENTER, LUTHER SEMINARY, 6:30 p.m. GATHERING, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. The EVENT IS FREE, BUT A HAT WILL BE PASSED for our music leaders and to make the sings possible. Children welcome. Cosponsored by the District 12 Community Council.

#### 20 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon. No Charge or registration required.

#### **22 SUNDAY**

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "Mother Tongue" by Bill Bryson, Micawber's, 1:30-3 p.m. All are WELCOME.

#### 28 SATURDAY

Sustainable Actions Fair, Falcon Heights Community Park, corner of Cleveland and Roselawn avenues, 10 A.M.-2 p.M.

Back to the '80s, Chelsea Heights Elementary School fundraiser, Gabe's By the Park, 991 N. Lexington Parkway, 7 p.m.-midnight.

#### **30 MONDAY**

Middle School Book Club, St. Anthony Park Library, TBD, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 ARE WELCOME.

#### **SENIOR EXERCISE**

St. Anthony Park Area SeniorsMondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays, St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10:30-11:30

Fridays, chair yoga at St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program:

FOURTH MONDAY, FALCON HEIGHTS City Hall, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe SENIOR APARTMENTS, 10-11 A.M.

Fourth Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 11

#### SAINT ANTHONY PARK AREA SENIORS (SAPAS)

Wednesdays, Centennial United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Friday, April 6, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, Seal Hi-Rise, 3-3:30 p.m.

#### VENUE INFORMATION

ARBOR POINTE SENIOR ADARTMENTS, 635 W. Maryland Ave.

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Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St., 651-298-4673

St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 COMO AVE., 651-642-0411

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

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Underground Music Café, 1579 N. Hamline Ave., undergroundmusiccafe.com

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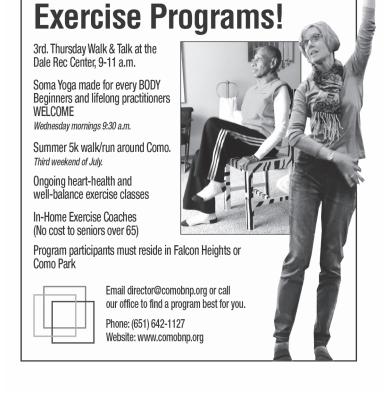














#### Como golf club seeks members

The Como Men's Golf Club invites all golfers of any ability level to consider joining what it calls "one of the most active clubs in the Twin Cities area." The club's Spring Mixer is set for Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the Como Golf Course Clubhouse, 1431 N. Lexington Parkway. Member dues are \$100, and there is an optional season-long hole-in-one contest for \$5.

Membership includes access to preferred weekend tee times and registration in the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) handicap system, allowing golfers to play in both Club events and events sponsored by the USGA and Minnesota Golf Association.

The Club sponsors events every weekend morning from mid-April to October. Members play in events as their time permits. An application form and additional information are available at the Club's website, www.mensclubcomo.org, and the clubhouse once the course opens.

Questions? Contact Schmall at 651-646-0852.

#### Learn how to use citizen science apps to record science data

Celebrate National Citizen Science Day, Saturday, April 14, at a free twohour, hands-on workshop and learn what it means to be a citizen scientist.

The workshop will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Parkway, in Como Park.

Participants will explore several including iNaturalist and eBird, which can be used to contribute data to citizen science projects. The submitted data via these apps are used by scientists around the world.

The workshop is free, but space is limit to 30 participants, so registration is recommended. Please dress to be outdoors and bring a smartphone, tablet or laptop computer. The workshop is suitable for adults to youngsters (children ages 10 and over are welcome with an adult). Note that there is limited parking in front of the Stre Station.

Contact Britt Forsberg, forsb118@umn.edu or 612-626-2690 with any questions. You can register online at http://bit.ly/2DD8PZ6.

#### Finding common ground in divisive political landscape

Political and social divisiveness permeates national and local news every day. While the issues are complex, finding shared values is possible. An annual community forum to discuss this topic will take place Thursday, April 12, from 7:15 to 9:15 a.m. at the St. Paul Town and Country Club, presented by St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Minneapolis City of Lakes and Woodbury.

"Beyond Political Polarization:

Finding Common Ground for the Common Good" will be presented by Bill Doherty, Ph.D., a University of Minnesota professor of Family Social Science and a marriage and family therapist. Doherty leads depolarization workshops throughout the country through Better Angels, a national bipartisan citizen's movement, dedicated depolarization and unifying our divided nation by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes and to form working alliances.

The forum will offer new strategies for initiating conversations that focus upon learning how to respect the integrity and worth of every individual's views.

The Town and Country Club is located at Marshall and Otis avenues, St. Paul. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$25 and includes breakfast. Pre-registration and payment by Thursday, April 5, is required at StPaulSunriseRotary.org.

#### Take the 2018 City Nature Challenge at Como Woodland

On Saturday, April 28, anytime between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., put your new citizen science knowledge to work (see story above). Take part in the 2018 City Nature Challenge and help document what lives in the Woodland Como Outdoor Classroom (CWOC).

The City Nature Challenge is an international effort to find and document plants and wildlife in cities across the globe. It's a "bioblitz"-style competition where more than 60 cities worldwide will compete to see who can make the observations, find the most species and engage the most people.

Human populations worldwide are increasingly concentrated in cities. But there is nature in every city, and a good way to study it is by connecting community members and scientists through citizen science. Data is collected through the website and mobile app iNaturalist.

The third annual City Nature Challenge calls on current and aspiring citizen scientists, nature and Plant Exchange. The event will be and science backgrounds to observe and submit pictures of plants, animals and fungi from across the

Como Woodland volunteers will be on hand to answer questions April 28 at the CWOC, 1221 Wynne Ave. For more information about the CWOC, go to comowoodland.org.

#### League to discuss Minnesota's clean-energy economy

In observance of Earth Day, which is April 22, the League of Women Voters Roseville Area will host a symposium Tuesday, April 17, celebrating steps Minnesota is taking toward energy efficiency.

The symposium will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 N.

Victoria St., Roseville. J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy science policy director, will be the featured speaker. "Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine" named Hamilton "one of Minnesota's 100 influential people who make things happen." She will highlight how solar and geothermal usage can affect a typical home in our community. The event is free and open to the public.

#### Want to live greener?

The city of Falcon Heights **Environment Commission will host** a "Sustainable Actions Fair" Saturday, April 28, at Community Park (at the corner of Cleveland and Roselawn avenues). The event will include workshops and a variety of organizations will have informational tables set up to help residents explore topics such as "Becoming a Zero Waste Household," "Solar Options for Everyone" and "Household Energy Efficiency Upgrades."

Featured presenters will include:

- Minnesota Plug-In Vehicle Owners: Members of this local group will have their vehicles on-site and will field questions.
- The GoodAcre: Representatives will present information on its Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions and food classes offered at its site at 1790 W. Larpenteur Ave.
- Pollinator-friendly gardening: Find out how and what to plant to support the health of our pollinators.

Activities will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to take away one or more tips or ideas that will help them move toward living more sustainably. An activity for elementary-age children is planned for the morning, and light food and beverages will be available.

You can keep informed of workshop scheduling and other updates by following the City of Falcon Heights Facebook page.

#### Seed and Plant Exchange May 5

Exchange your excess seeds, plant starts and perennials for something new to you and your garden Saturday, May 5, at the Seed and science fans, and people of all ages held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.

> In addition to plant and seed exchanges, there will be information on a variety of garden topics:

- Learn the mosaic of soil health for you and your garden.
- Bring your garden challenges queries for educators to answer.
- Share your green thumb and stories with neighbors.
- Create seed-packet art and enter it in our seed-packet design contest.
- Learn how to invite beneficial companions—bumble bees, wasps and birds—to garden for a larger harvest
  - Enter to win a seed-saving

basics kit (must be present

If you bring plants to exchange, be sure they are healthy, pest-free perennials and annuals. Try to package them individually, with labels that include their name, variety and any appropriate growing or planting information. If you're sharing something that was shared with you, feel free to include the

Share commercially grown seeds in the original packaging (preferably heirloom, organic and untreated seeds) or saved seeds labeled with as much information as possible, including seed type, common name and variety, grower's name, what year it was grown, if organic and any other pertinent growing information and seed story. Was it your grandmother's favorite? Did you get the seed from a neighbor? While traveling?

include The event will demonstrations and other information to help build your gardener's toolbox of skills plus your seed-saving resources. All participants will leave with something, so share what you can even if it's just your great gardening story.

Volunteer at the May Mosaic Plant and Seed Exchange and get a preview of what's available and a special thank you gift.

The Como Community Seed Library, a mobile seed library, was founded in fall 2015 to give the community access to free organic seed and garden education with a focus on cultivating a community of seed savers who sow, grow and share.

For more information, contact Dawn Lamm at 651-366-0017 or ComoSeedSavers@gmail.com. You can find the group on Facebook and Instagram or on the website at comoseedsavers.geopoi.us.

#### Raise a glass for pollinators

April showers bring . . . Flores de Mayo! The Wildflower Project invites the public to come out to Urban Growler, 2325 Endicott St., Saturday, May 5, from noon to 5 p.m. for a pollinator party.

In addition to great food and beer, there will be live music from The Back 40s, Part Time Ex's and the Wayward McCoys. Come meet the Wildflower Project's pollinator friends from Bare Honey, Pollinator Friendly Alliance, Minnesota Native Landscapes and Monarch Joint Venture and learn gardening tips from the professionals. Bridgeman's Ice Cream will be dishing out cold treats, and there will be a Pet-a-Corgi pen. What's a Pet-a-Corgi pen? You'll have to come to find out. This event is family friendly.

Urban Growler will donate \$1 of every Flagship pint sold during the event to build new pollinator habitat (wildflower gardens) in the Twin

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#### **Gwen Christiansen**

Gwen (Lindholm) Christiansen, 94, of the Heritage at Lyngblomsten, Como Park, died peacefully Feb. 24, 2018, surrounded by her family. Beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she will be keenly missed.

A longtime St. Anthony Park resident, Gwen was born Jan 19, 1924, in Audubon, Iowa, to Danish immigrant father Holger Lindholm and wife Minnie Andersen. She met C. Arthur Christiansen at Dana College in Blair, Neb., and married him in 1947. Together they raised five children while also balancing the responsibilities of Art's role on Dana's faculty and later Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Quick to smile laugh, care, and give, Gwen was an open-hearted person who did much to support her family, friends, church, and community.

A memorial service was held March 10 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, where she had long been an active member. Memorials are suggested to the Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn, Iowa.

#### **George Davis**

George H. Davis, 92, longtime 3M engineer, most recently of Roseville, died Feb. 23, 2018.

He and his family had been longtime residents of St. Anthony Park, living on Hillside Avenue and active in St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church (now Centennial Methodist, St. Anthony Park campus).

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley. He is survived by three sons, Dan (Gloria), Mark (Hong) and Todd (Maureen Mullen); four

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grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

His funeral service was held March 3 at Path of Grace United Methodist Church in Maplewood.

#### Raymond Hakomaki

Raymond I. Hakomaki, 97, died March 4, 2018.

Born on Oct. 25, 1920, in Sparta, Minn., he graduated from Gilbert High School in 1938 and from the University of Minnesota in 1943, with a degree in aeronautical engineering. In 1947, he received a master of science in the same field from the U.

He joined the Army Air Force in 1943 and served one tour of duty. On Dec. 23, 1944, he married Millie Huettner in Mobridge, S.D.

Ray was inducted into the University of Minnesota Swimmers' Hall of Fame in 2005. Nicknamed "the Flying Lion," he specialized in the 50-yard freestyle, capturing the Big Ten bronze medal in 1942 and silver medal in 1943. At the 1986 United States Masters National Championships, he won all six events he entered. He was inducted into the U of M Aquatics Hall of Fame in

Ray is survived by his wife, Millie; their four children, Sue (Steve Granger), Jim, Nancy (Bill Moss) and Mark (Bill Huebsch); and two grandchildren.

A brief memorial service will be held May 3 at 6:45 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, preceded by a 5 p.m. visitation.

#### Mildred Hempel

Mildred T. "Millie" Hempel, 99, a Como Park resident for many years,

the art dentist

died Feb. 18, 2018. Millie was a her dad, mom and sister and is longtime parishioner and volunteer survived by many loving friends and at Holy Childhood Catholic family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; daughter, Sally Jean; sister Eva Larson; and brothers, Merle H., Patrick and Harrison Wood. She is survived by her sister Phyllis Wood and special cousins Marion and Dennis.

Her family says, "Thank you, Millie, for all the chuckles you gave us through the years. We will miss you and your baking.

Her funeral service was held Feb. 23 at Roseville Memorial Chapel, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

#### John W. Johnson

John W. Johnson, 92, of Falcon Heights, died Feb. 20, 2018.

John was preceded in death by his infant son, Joseph, and siblings, Alfred and Helen. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Kathryn Kelley Johnson; children, David (Katherine), Kathryn Ryan (Peter Beck), Marie (Doug) Fell and William (Ruth); 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial for John was held March 5 at Church of the Holy Childhood, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

#### Mary Johnson

Mary Helen Johnson was born July 8, 1932, and died Jan. 17, 2018.

Mary was born to Harry Johnson and Helen Wegfors in Minneapolis and lived in the Twin Cities her entire life. She graduated from Minneapolis North High School in 1950.

She pursued her passion for dogs by raising and showing cocker spaniels for almost 10 years.

Mary was a preschool teacher and then a director of activities in a nursing home for several years before she let her entrepreneurial spirit take over. She bought, fixed, lived in and sold houses like the TV show "Fixer Upper" until she was in her 50s. She then moved into the Luther Seminary area and mentored students there until last summer.

Mary was preceded in death by

A service of thanksgiving for her life was held Feb. 28 at Lyngblomsten Care Center, Como Park, where she lived the last six months of her life.

#### **Anna-Marie Klein**

Anna-Marie Burgess Klein, 86, died Feb. 20, 2018. She grew up in St. Anthony Park, the second of five children of Andrew and Constance

At Minnehaha Academy, she met her best friend, Jody LeVahn, a friendship that endured a lifetime. She majored in religious studies and English at St. Olaf College (class of 1953), then headed west, working in Lutheran mission churches.

In 1955, she married Don Klein, wearing a blue brocade dress, a sign of her unique spirit. They first lived in Norfolk, Va., where she taught school while Don was in the U.S. Navy. They lived in Liverpool, England, and St. Paul, moving to Kirkland, Wash., in 1968, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

They have four children, John (Maria Pastoor), Andrew (Mary Gabriel), Joanne and Paul, and two grandchildren.

Anna-Marie lived a life of faith. She brought her natural leadership skills to her work for Lutheran Home Missions as a young woman and again in her 60s. She served on ELCA mission committees, often as the only woman and layperson. When asked to act as secretary or make coffee, she politely declined.

Anna-Marie lwill be very much missed by her husband, Don; her children and grandchildren; her brothers, Andrew (Jan Schuetz) and Joseph; and her brother-in-law, Richard.

A memorial service was held at Bothell, Wash., March 21.

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#### David Noble

David Watson Noble Sr., 92, beloved husband, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, uncle, teacher, and friend died March 11, 2018.

Noble received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1948, and his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1952. That same year he began his long career in the history department at the University of Minnesota.

He had lived in St. Anthony Park for decades and was much loved for his popular lectures on historical figures, for which he dressed the part of each subject.

A memorial was held March 17 at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis. Memorial donations are suggested to Planned Parenthood, Second Harvest Heartland or the David Noble Graduate Research Fellowship at the University of Minnesota.

#### **Phillip Stokes**

Phillip Stokes, 82, of Roseville, died Feb. 20, 2018.

Phil was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carol; his parents, Alfred and Bertha Stokes; and his sister, Yvonne Rude.

Phil is remembered with affection by his children Michael, David (Nicole), Melissa Lundquist (Mark) of St. Anthony Park and Jeff (Marisa); grandchildren Ian (Siwen), Danielle, Sam, Cassie, Jake, Jonas, Cole and Evan; great-granddaughters Kayla and McKenzie; his brother, Jim (Rhonda); many relatives, friends and students.

Memorial services were held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Roseville, on March 10. Interment was held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on March 13.

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# Como, Murray winter sports summaries

#### **Como Park Cougars**

Boys' swimming — The Cougars entered the season knowing where they wanted it to end — at the University of Minnesota in the state meet. With most members of the 400 Freestyle Relay team that reached state in 2017 returning to compete this year, the four boys in the top relay team knew it was possible to get there again if they put in the work. The work included practices before and after school, which helped them reach their goal: The Cougars finished the year at state.

Along the way, the Como team was deep enough to finish second in the St. Paul City Conference Meet after steady time improvements through the season. Leading the way were seniors Cole Napierala, Jared Czech, Noah Frese and junior Josef Miller. They set a school record in the 200 Medley Relay at the Section 4A meet. Then, after finishing third out of 24 teams in the 400 Freestyle Relay, they qualified for state. Miller also qualified for state as an individual in the 100 Freestyle after placing second in the section.

While the Cougars didn't earn any medals at the state meet, they did trim down their time from sections, a huge point of pride for all those involved in the program.

Wrestling — Como started the season strong with wins against city opponents Central and Highland and victories over a couple of Minneapolis teams. The Cougars were challenged in tournaments and had a difficult time through the middle of the season. However, the hardest-working individuals on the team persevered and continued to improve, setting up for a successful Section 4AA Tournament.

Sophomore Alonte Johnson and junior Gerrick Beasley both medaled in the section, finishing fourth and sixth, respectively, in their weight divisions. Senior Drew Barnard capped off four years of commitment and determined effort by earning second place in the 145-pound division, which qualified him for the state tournament.

Barnard's dream was realized in dramatic style with a takedown of his opponent in the final seconds of the Section 4AA match to determine who would move on to state at the Xcel Energy Center and whose season would end. While Barnard didn't advance through the brackets at state, he battled the state's best in his two matches and proudly represented Como on the big stage.

**Boys' basketball** — The Cougars had an up-and-down season that concluded with more wins in the second half of the schedule. Senior leaders on the team included



Como wrestling captain Drew Barnard participated in the state wrestling tournament after qualifying with a second-place finish in the 145-pound division of Section 4A.

Malique McCoy, Robert Adams, Tim Simmons, Lukas Walton, Louis Carter, Jevon Bobo, Deahveon Tucker and Jayviar Johnson. Junior Donn Ward led the team in scoring with 16.5 points a game.

Coach John Robinson continued to prioritize academic accountability for all players in the program. The varsity and junior varsity teams had the thrill of playing a game at the Target Center on the home floor of the NBA's Timberwolves in a special interstate match-up versus a team from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Nordic skiing — The boys' and girls' teams kept working through weather challenges all season. From dry-land training, to snow with crazy cold temperatures, the practice routine was uneven and difficult to manage. Yet the Cougars carried on with organized coaching and strong senior leadership resulting in growth and meaningful experiences.

Participation levels were high with just over 30 skiers in the program. Senior leaders included Eva Hanson, Eli Pattison, Gabriel Reynolds, Dominic Wolters, Earl Eldridge and Lucas Carmichael-Tanaka. At the conference meet, junior Antero Sivula and eighthgrader Saylor Landrum earned all-conference honorable mention for their team-leading times.

Girls' basketball — For the fourth consecutive season, the Cougars claimed the St. Paul City Conference championship and the Twin Cities

title in girls' basketball. In conference play, the Cougars went undefeated and extended their conference winning streak to 40 games. They defeated the Minneapolis champion, South High School, in the Twin Cities game, keeping bragging rights in St. Paul for another year. The Cougars overall record was 19-9. They advanced to the Section 4AAA semifinals before losing to the No. 1 seed Mahtomedi.

Senior Makayla Van Nett surpassed 2,000 points for her career, an extraordinary achievement to top off her Como career. Seniors Raiyne Adams, Autumn Tucker, Don'nikka Patterson and Zarina Sementelli all played significant roles in leading the Cougars to their titles. Every one of the five seniors have been accepted into college and four of the girls are planning to play basketball at the next level.

*Girls' hockey* — As previously reported in the Bugle, the St. Paul Blades are the cooperative hockey team for St. Paul Public Schools. The team was extremely young, but

leadership from the few upperclassmen helped the team come together to have a fun and rewarding season.

Senior goalie Taylor Nelson recorded victories for the Blades against Rochester Century and Mankato East/Loyola. She also kept the Blades competitive in many other games. Junior captain Gigi Gabrielli was the Blades' leading scorer with 14 goals. Senior captain Eliza Donnelly and junior captain Grace Dodge were tireless workers who added scoring punch and solid defending. The Blades moved into their new full-time home at Oscar Johnson Arena, which is an asset the program is excited to use in the upcoming years.

Gymnastics — The Cougars were young and competed against much more experienced gymnasts in meets this year. Going forward, the youth can continue to develop and gain confidence. New participants are always encouraged, especially with the summer training programs that are planned. Victoria Hartwich-Cedillo and Wynter Cross were the leading point producers for the team this season.

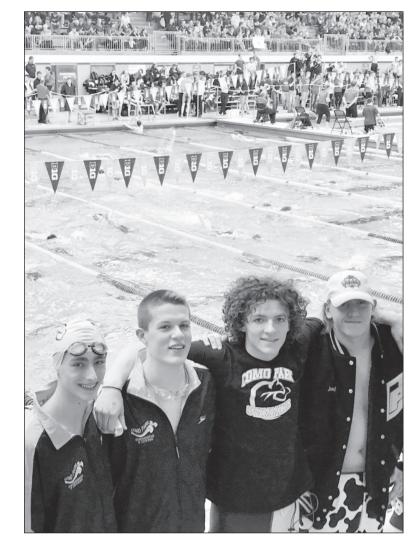
#### Murray Pilots

Wrestling — Of 19 wrestlers on the Pilots' team this season, only seven had previous experience in wrestling. Maintaining a top-tier finish in the conference seemed like a tall task, but the Pilots proved to be quick learners who worked extremely hard to earn third place in the city out of eight teams. Twelve Murray wrestlers placed in the top four at the conference tournament.

St. Paul City titles were earned by Believe Mihigo, Julei Hei, Sergio Newell and Justice Deloach. Royal Lee and Mitchell Straw took second place in their weight classes. Coach Kirby Scull said it is a lot of fun to work with student athletes that put in such great effort and strive to improve.

*Girls' basketball* — The Pilots put together another strong season in the

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Como swimmers Jared Czech, Noah Frese, Cole Napierala and Josef Miller (from left to right) concluded their season at the state tournament.



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#### **School News**

We welcome news about area schools and students in our coverage area. Send your news about local schools and students to editor@parkbugle.org. The next deadline is Wednesday, April 11.

#### Chelsea Heights Elementary

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#### Easy fundraisers

Chelsea Heights PTO will host two "no-work" fundraisers for Chelsea Heights in March. Just head to the participating establishments, tell them you are participating in the Chelsea Heights fundraiser and that a portion of the money you spend will be donated to the school.

Here are the venues and dates for the March fundraisers:

- Mudslingers, 2154 N. Lexington Ave., Tuesday, April 3
- St. Paul Bagelry, 1702 N. Lexington Ave., Thursday, April 12
- Urban Growler, 2325 Endicott St., Sunday, April 15
- Davanni's,1905 Perimeter Road, Roseville, Thursday, April 19

#### Back to the '80s

Break out your '80s gear, dust off the Aqua Net, put on your acid-washed jeans and come to the sixth annual silent auction for Chelsea Heights Elementary Saturday, April 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Gabe's By the Park, 991 N. Lexington Parkway. Eighties gear is not required, but there will be prizes for the top three '80s outfits

There will be more than 100 items to bid on, including gift cards to restaurants, experiences, baskets full of goodies and teachers offerings. The evening will also include a raffle, drinks, appetizers and a DJ. Admission is \$15 per person, which includes one drink and appetizers. Call the sitter and leave the kiddies at home.

#### **Como Park Senior High**

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

#### Seniors go to Washington, D.C.

Twenty-six seniors currently studying AP Government and AP Macroeconomics recently returned from a busy week of action and touring in Washington, D.C. The students were part of the national Close Up program, which promotes education in democracy and uses the capital as a living classroom. Como



Como AP Government students participated in the national Close Up program had policy meetings on Capitol Hill with their elected officials March 7. The students are pictured with Congresswoman Betty McCollum (far left) in her Washington office.

student highlights included visiting the House of Representatives in session, the Supreme Court, Senate committee meetings, a U.S. Capitol tour, national monuments, memorials, Smithsonian Museums and prominent Washington neighborhoods.

The students had policy meetings on Capitol Hill with Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith and Representatives Betty McCollum and Tim Walz.

Throughout the week, Como students were also in policy discussions and simulations with peers from across the nation. Students examined issues from multiple perspectives, listening to alternative points of view, while developing a greater sense of political efficacy to make a difference in their community and country.

#### JROTC rocks Academic Bowl

Cadets in the Como Marine JROTC earned a spot in the National Academic Bowl Finals for JROTC programs. William Farley, Joseph Newman, Anderson Xiong and Francisco Dominguez advanced to the championships in Washington, D.C., which will take place in June. This is the second consecutive year that a Como Marine JROTC team will have competed on the national level. The cadets prepared by diligently studying and trying to master fundamental ACT and SAT knowledge, which is the base of the

#### Blood drive was successful

Seventy-nine students participated in the March 1 blood drive organized by the Como Student Council. In total, 52 pints of blood were collected.

#### AP exams are coming up

AP Exam registration is under way at Como for all students who have been studying Advanced Placement courses this school year. AP coordinator Molly McCurdy expects to administer more than 550 exams, which will allow the students to demonstrate their proficiency in their coursework and earn college credits. Como students will be taking the national exams in 18 subjects, including art history, environmental science, human geography, calculus and many more.

#### Robotics competition is coming up

BEASTBot is the Como Robotics team and they have recently completed the construction of their robot during the six-week "build season." Now they are eagerly awaiting the chance to roll it out in competition at the Minneapolis regional competition March 29 and 30 at the University of Minnesota.

#### Booster Club awards grants

The Como Park High School Booster Club has announced the 2017-18 grant awardees from Como's extracurricular clubs, teams and programs: BEASTBot (Robotics); Cougar Journal; Close Up Washington, D.C.; Student Council; MJROTC; Youth in Government; Technovation Apps Club; boys' soccer; choir; instrumental music; and the Pan African Student Union.

Funding from Give to the Max campaign and Como FUNraiser donations make the Booster Club grants possible.

Many thanks to the community members who support Como Park Senior High School and the many wonderful programs that help serve students.

#### Murray Middle School

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# **Students head to state science fair** Seventeen of the 40 Murray students who participated in the Twin Cities

who participated in the Iwin Cities Regional Science Fair on March 2 will move on to the Minnesota State Science Fair April 8-10 in Brooklyn Park

The state competition qualifiers are: Hemetii Apet (BC), Gajan Dileepan (BC), Owen Finley (BC), Maggie Fuller (BC), Adam Gaudio, Betty Hebble (BC), Betsey Hofer (BC), Katherine Kozak (BC), Max Mills (BC), Levi Nichols, Annelise Purcell (BC), Lyra Sato (BC), Isabella Shapland (BC), Soren Sackreiter (BC), Kevin Torstenson (BC), Peter Wenger (BC) and Sebastian Zarkower (BC). ("BC" indicates the student qualified for the Broadcom Masters National Science Fair Competition):

Oliver Pletch qualified as an alternate to the state competition.

Three students received the Science Excellence Award: Adam Gaudio, Betsy Hofer and Sam Skinner.

A number of students (and one teacher) received specialty awards at the regional competition:

Hemetii Apet, Caffeinated Student ISEF Alumni Award; Ayden Brudnak Voss, Naval Science Award; Tim Chase, Inspiring Excellence Teacher Award; Taylor Branson, American Chemical Society; Collin Farnham, 3M Commercial Solutions Division; Maggie Fuller, 3M Film and Materials Resource Center; Betsey Hofer, Joel Wagner Caring Bridge Award (for cancer research); Gay Htoo, Emerging Scientist; James Kahn, U.S. Air Force; Isadora McGinley Myers, Minnesota American Society of Microbiology; Annelise Purcell, 3M Commercial Solutions Division; Soren Sackreiter, Broadway Party and Tent Rental Sponsor Award and 3M Film and Materials Resource Center; Kaya Solheid, NASA Earth Science Award; Bodie Treiber, Minnesota State Horticultural Award; and Peter Wenger, Naval Science Award.

#### Thank you, Sunrise Banks

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Murray Middle School sent 40 students to the Twin Cities Regional Science Fair March 2.

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#### Sports from 17

middle school division of the St. Paul City Conference. After winning the last couple of conference championships, this year's team was challenged by having three of the top eighth-graders play up with the Como varsity team.

Despite that situation, the girls who represented Murray on the court did a great job of coming together, working hard and using their skills to finish 9-2, which was good for a third-place finish out of the 12 schools that field girls' basketball in the city.

Boys' basketball — A mix of returning and new players for the Murray boys took some time to develop as a unit. After a 2-2 start that included losses to Ramsey and Highland (who sit at the top of the standings), steady growth occurred for the Pilots as they piled up seven consecutive wins to conclude their regular season with a record of 9-2 in the St. Paul City Conference. As the Bugle went to press, the team was scheduled to play in the conference third-place game versus Parkway.

Spring sports — Murray baseball, softball, badminton and track begin practice on April 9.

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



Break a leg!

Murray's theater department will present "The Little Mermaid Jr." March 23-25 in the school auditorium. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. Advance tickets are available online at pay.spps.org. Performances on Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24, will be held at 7 p.m. The Sunday, March 25, performance will be held at 2 p.m. You can help the theater department raise money at a pre-show spaghetti dinner on Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students ages 5-18, and \$25 for families (up to five family members). The meal will include spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, beverage and dessert. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

#### School News from 18

at the Roseville Area High School Performing Arts Center Wednesday, March 21, to Sunday, March 25.

RAHS drama students including a student director, musical director, choreographer and stage manager — will lead the spring production. The play is the main fundraiser to send RAHS drama students to the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Neb., in June.

Curtain times are 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 (senior matinee); 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 22-24; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25.

Reserved tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. General admission tickets are \$5. Tickets may be purchased at www.RAHSdrama.net/box-office.

RAHS drama students will present "The Snow Queen" May 9-18. Go to www.RAHSdrama.net for updated information.

#### St. Anthony Park Elementary

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on calendar at St. Anthony Park A family-friendly science night will be held at St. Anthony Park Elementary School on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted.

You can learn about the future of the school in April at three information sessions that will outline the enrollment and growth trends at the school and the upcoming budget. The meetings will be held at the school on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided.
- Thursday, April 26, at 8:30 **Science night, information sessions** a.m. A Somali interpreter will be
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