The color men
New art gallery opens in South St. Anthony.

Poetic puzzle
Poetry is the theme of this month’s crossword puzzle.

Head first
Musings on the nuthatch.

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 uses.

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 part 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 long-industrial area comes at a time when the south St. Anthony Park and West Midway neighborhoods are seeing a host of later spring perennials blooming 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, hacinths, gloxinias, and dwarf bearded and crested irises. A host of later spring perennials blooming. Poetry is the theme of this month’s crossword puzzle.

Poetry Palooza
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.
make a difference

Eight positions on the Como Community Council 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.district10com.org. The positions on this April’s ballot include vice-chair, treasurer, one representative from each of the four geographic sub-districts and two at-large 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 a brief biography by Tuesday, April 10. Nominations submitted after that date will be treated as write-ins. Ballot 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 fleecing 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 Safety Series. Patty Lambers, crime-prevention coordinator for the St. Paul Police Department, will share tips in natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, access control and 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 southeast corner of Lexington and Henn. 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 23, at 3 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 763-391-4949.

Things to look forward to

• Saturday, April 21: St. Paul Parks Recreation Spring Clean-up, 9 a.m.-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-cuts rain gardens, 9 a.m.-noon, Historic Streetcar Station

Upcoming District 10 meetings

• Como Community Council
  - Wednesday, March 20
  - Environment Committee, Wednesday, March 28
  - Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee, Tuesday, April 3
  - Land Use Committee: Wednesday, April 4

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at 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 Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 2707 W. Larpenteur Avenue, Contact Council at 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 Roselaw 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.”

• Minnesota Plum- In Plug Owner: Members of this local group will have their vehicles on-site and will field questions.

• The Good Ace Rep: Representatives will present information on Co-op Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions and food classes offered at its site at 1790 W. Larpenteur Avenue.

• Palomino-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.

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council (SPCC) meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jenning Foundation Center, 2455 University Ave. The council office are located at 2500 St. Anthony Ave, Suite 300. Contact information: 651-459-5992 or www.sppc.org

Kasota Ponds Cleanup in April 14

Come enjoy your neighbors, and help protect our water at the annual Kasota Ponds Clean Up. Saturday, April 14. Volunteers gather each spring to pick up debris near the ponds, near Highway 280. All ages are welcome. This year, local entomologist Margaret 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 Minnesota Watershed Management Organization will explain the results of water quality monitoring at the ponds for several years. Always 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; extra 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 more out, including postponement details, at www.sppc.org/event/2018-kasota-ponds-clean-up.—Betty Wheeler, District 12 Environment Committee

Learn the results of air quality, soil quality project

Learn the results of the St. Anthony Park Community Council’s air-quality monitoring project and see a new GIS map resource for your neighborhood Tuesday, April 3, at the St. Paul Neighborhood Network (SNN) meet up 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 through two GIS-trained interns.

For more information about SPNN, the meeting host, go to www.sppn.org.—Betty Wheeler, 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 Thongvahn, 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,” Thongvahn 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, Thongvahn identified the corner of Snelling and Larpenteur avenues as a concern.

“A common theme of the outreach was that the intersection of Snelling and Larpenteur should be more pedestrian and cyclist-friendly,” Thongvahn said.

According to Minnesota Department of Transportation counts, more than 55,000 cars pass through the intersection every day, making it by far the busiest corner in Falcon Heights that features sidewalks.

Thongvahn expects that a draft will be ready for public and governmental feedback by summer. At that point, Falcon Heights will 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, the city’s Planning Commission is taking the lead on deciding what should be in the plan. Anyone interested in commenting or adding their ideas into the mix of the comprehensive plan process can email Paul Moretto at paul.moretto@falconheights.org.

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’ 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.

As a freshm an 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 canvases, 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 and from time to time other “big hoops,” Ross says.

The studio’s first show will feature abstract artist Bret Anderson. The work of the six WHA artists will be showcased in their studios next to the gallery. The artists include portrait and plein air painter Philip Alexander Carlton, writer and illustrator Brooke Dierkhising, graphic designer and abstract painter Jas McCroskey, post-modern and abstract painter and sculptor John Vieno, Ross and Dillon.

The opening weekend will include evening receptions and a drawing Sunday for a painting by Ross. Event co-promoting partner, Urban Growler, will provide two-for-one 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 and abstract art but welcomes all art mediums.

You can find out more about the gallery and studios at www.2281artgallery.wordpress.com or www.facebook.com/WestHampdenArtists.

Wish Shakespeare a happy birthday

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 Jon Schumacher.

Come for dinner. Stay for fun, a glass of hippocras and cake. Finnish Bistro is located at 2264 Como Ave.
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 34. 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.

The overwhelming number of survey comments were positive. Many people love the Bugle. They like reading Roger Bergstrom’s history column and Mary Mengenthal’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 one reader.

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

Deadlines, publishing dates and where to find a Bugle

Want to submit something to the Bugle? Here are the deadlines and publication dates for the next three months:

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

June issue: The deadline is Wednesday, May 19, and it will be published Wednesday, May 16.

July issue: The deadline is Wednesday, June 13, and it will be published 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? If your house was missed during our delivery week, we apologize. Here are some spots where you can pick up a Bugle:

• District 10 Como Community Council office, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway
• Dogwood Coffee Bar, 825 Carleton St.
• Finnish Bistro, 2264 Como Ave.
• Hamden 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, 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.

E D I T O R I A L

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 Russell’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 Russell and Transition Town for nudging us toward responsibility.

Dave Haady
St. Anthony Park

Wood smoke is toxic

“We'll have to agree to disagree” was the reply of a neighbor when I asked why I smelled wood smoke.

It’s 10 o’clock in the morning. I think the neighbor is burning litter with the wet wood. I don’t find it pleasant. It’s 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 wood smokehouse fantasies away from those who value clean air.

Frank Stare
St. Anthony Park

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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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To apply, please send a short note and biography to editor@parkbugle.org with DIRECTORS in the subject line, or send a letter to Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, ATTN: Director.

Wabash Avenue from 1

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Port Authority, which often the community,” and the St. Paul Planning Commission in March, wrote that the plan “will bring the site back to life [and] connect with infrastructure along nearby streets. The proposal passed the city of St. Paul Planning Commission in 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 summer.

Community Worship Directory

1. CATALYST COVENANT CHURCH
   1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, 55108
   Pastor, F. Timothy Clouster
   Weekend Masses: Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 9:15 a.m.
   Wedneday Masses (Mon. - Sat.): 7:45 a.m.
   Confession: Sun. 7 - 7:30 a.m. & 4 - 4:30 p.m.
   Parish office: 651-644-4705, catalyst@blessedlady.org
   + Lord’s Supper, March 29, 7 p.m.
   + Lord’s Passion, March 30, 3 p.m.
   + Easter Vigil, March 31, 7 p.m.
   + Easter Sunday, April 1, 9:15 a.m.
   Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
   Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 -1921)
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2. HOLY CHILDHOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
   1845 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, 55108
   Pastor, F. Timothy Clouster
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3. SYDIA PLACE COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES — ELCA
   Rev. Scott Simmons, pastor, 612-899-1314, sydiaplace.com
   Evening prayer and hymns, fourth Monday of each month
   7 p.m. Dubliner Pub, 2162 W University Ave., St. Paul 55114
   Sunday worship: 5 p.m., Door Art Gallery
   2242 W University Ave., St. Paul

4. MOUNT OLYVE LUTHERAN CHURCH—WELS
   A Caring Family of Christ-Concord Brethren
   www.mtcwels.org
   Find us on Facebook
   4400 Almond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108
   Pastor All Schlesness
   Sunday worship: 9 a.m.
   Bible study and Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.

5. PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
   1750 Smith St., St. Paul, 651-444-5671
   Staffed nursery available / Handicap-accessible
   Pastor Glenn Berg Moberg and Pastor Jill Rode
   651-645-3058 | www.stmatthewsmn.org

6. ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
   2323 Como Avenue W., 651-644-7644
   10 a.m., Sunday contemporary worship
   9-10 a.m., Branch
   + Lord’s Passion, March 30, 3 p.m.
   + Easter Vigil, March 31, 7 p.m.
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7. ST. MATTHEW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
   The Rev. Blair E. Pogue, rector | 2130 Colfax Ave.
   651-444-3000 | www.stmatthews.org
   Hours: 9-3 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday - Friday
   10-10 a.m. (Lenten) & 1-3:30 p.m. (Commemorative) | 6:30 p.m. Dinner
   Monday - Thursday, Mar. 29: 5-7 p.m. (为目的) & Service (7 p.m.)
   Good Friday, Mar. 30: Seven Last Words (7 p.m.)
   Easter Sunday, Apr. 1: Easter Breakfast (9 a.m.) & Festival Service (10:30 a.m)
   No Existing Service

8. ST. CECILIA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
   2357 Blythe Place, 651-644-4922
   Handicap-accessible
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   www.meccecu.org

9. ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
   2129 Commonwealth Ave. (corner of Commonwealth and Chelmsford)
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    Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
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A great garden of verse

As per spending several days poring over 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 Clark—“there’s always more gorgeous produce than I can possibly take home,” Cohn said. “These

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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.

Wild ramps and morels are more fleeting than gold.

I am seduced by radishes and feel dizzy from baskets of mizuna, arugula, green garlic, and spinach.

Peapods inspire ravenous, sultry lines.

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.

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1. Bidding Farewell to Gibbs-Nelson poems feel like a small sample of the variety of what poems can do for us, what people can do with a poem.

Cohn’s first-place choice is a poem that “captures in image and form the giddy exuberance of an important moment in our seasonal calendar,” Cohn wrote. “I love the image of people ‘diving into buckets of rhubarb’ and how ‘Peapods inspire ravenous, flirty lines’ plays around 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 PACES Brussels Sprouts” 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.”

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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. Widmer—my 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 “while they’re still white, alive plant them in your soul.

There to grow and bind, nourish togetherness.”

Now, I pause in thoughtfulness and wonder what and how I should tell you—my new Greenhouse Management students—of the northwest greenhouses rooted in me, reverberating in our brand-new, state-of-the-art greenhouses—a 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.

3.
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
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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 Waggone’s work for two string quartets. Dedicated to “the once and future Lark Quartet,” the commission was supported in part by 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.

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

The original Lark Quartet: Kay Stern, Robin Mayforth, Anna Kruger and Laura Sewell.
Crossword puzzle
Poetic justice

A crossword puzzle By Dave Healy

You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 16

ACROSS
1 Kellor’s “The ___ Who Would Not Take a Sauna”
5 One might be outstanding in his field
10 Bill’s partner in tumbling
14 1847 Melville novel
15 “To ___ own self be true”
16 Type of hygiene
17 Tuna
18 A stereotypical one has palm trees
19 ___ Reader
20 Poetry: ___ recollected in tranquility, per Wordsworth
22 What to call a favorite
24 Mudd or Maris
26 IKEA
27 Description of God, for some
30 Health insurance giant
32 Offspring of Japanese immigrants
33 Royal address
34 It might get plastered
35 Operate
39 Unposed photos
42 Cedar Rapids college
43 Ready to be driven
45 Ditch
46 ___ firma
48 Bag’s nemesis
50 Map part
51 Residence for monks’ overseer
54 Dreams, 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 Boux Max
67 Tornado
68 A mini bars it
69 How things sometimes go
70 See for middle management!
71 “Swooney ___”

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 The top of my ___ were taken off, I know that is poetry.” (Emily Dickinson)
6 “If I feel physically as if the ___ of my ___ were taken off, I know that is poetry.” (Emily Dickinson)
7 Macbeth, for one
8 Composition of cubes in Cologne
10 Poetry: the ___ of a sea animal living on land, per Sandburg
11 Oklahoma city
13 “Acrabat” and “Currian,” for two
15 Star Wars droid
16 Auster
18 Ascend
20 Statement of comprehension
21 Like some Greek columns
22 Central fastener
24 Ditch
25 They lost Super Bowl II
27 Certain fastener
28 Ascend
31 The Emerald Isle
33 Knife, old style
35 Plot element
36 Rent
37 “If I feel physically as if the ___ 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 Miniature building
51 Quinella rhyme scheme
52 A board might adhere to it
53 Haymaker?
55 Where the Minutemen and Minutewomen play
59 Poetry: an ___ asking a shadow to dance, per Sandburg
60 St. Paul pub owner Tom
61 What to click when you’re done composing
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A few harder annuals, such as
nemesia, snapdragons and dahlias,
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 clematis, daylilies, peonies,
wild indigo, oriental poppies, lady’s
mantle and beardtongues. Bulbs of
the season include alliums, tibetian
irises and tall bearded irises. Anemones
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 flowing 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, milkweed, rudbeckia,
sundrops, heliopsis, royal catchfly,
prairie larkspur and wild petunias—

Gardens from 1

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

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.

Front Ave Pottery april 2018.qxp_Layout 1  3/6/18  1:05 PM  Page 1
are joined a bit later by hostas, phlox, globe thistle and hyssops. Asian 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.

After all this, you might think the garden would be spent, but it’s not done yet. The asters, goldenrods and turrellheads of September followed by the Japanese anemones and chrysanthemums (both perennial and annual) of October have yet to make their appearances. Colchicums, bulbs with large crocus-like blossoms in shades of pink or white, also put on their show now. A few fresh blooms of feverfew, a short-lived white daisy-like perennial that blooms all growing season and reseeds itself prodigiously, might brighten up the garden, too. Just when you think there will be no more, the garden ends as it begins, with crocuses—beautiful lavender fall-flowering crocuses that 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.

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**Gibbs’** were friendly hosts to the Dakota

By Roger Bergerson

We don’t know why Heman Gibbs decided to buy that particular 160-acre 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 marrying Vermont native Gibbs.

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

On 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.

And soon, the Gibbs had visitors. Jane became acquainted with members of Cloud Man’s band and regained her command of their language.

The Dakota trail through the Gibbs holding ran from the Minnesota River to the ricing lakes north of St. Paul. In 1854, the Gibbs’ oldest 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 them,” Abbie recounted. “They were 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 men.

“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 trailed. “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 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 camp.

“[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 to the west of the farmhouse.

“. . . [But a dozen or more of the young braves came up and sat down on our wood pile or leaned against the stacked and rided [sic] fence which enclosed the farm],” William recounted. “Some of them began to amuse themselves by pointing their guns or shooting 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 Hoyt’s fields were laid waste, presumably out of revenge for the watermelon incident, a transgression which Benjamin Hoyt reportedly to the agent at Fort Snelling.

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

The Gibbs Farm Museum is operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society. You can find out more at www.rchs.com/gibbs-farm.
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 1983 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 way.

Here in Minnesota, we have two nuthatch species—the white-breasted 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 underparts. The underparts coverts are chestnut. The bill is nearly as long as the head and seems to tilt slightly upward.

The average weight of a white-breasted nuthatch is 21 grams, the equivalent of four nickels.

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 moths 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 chattering back and forth between the pair. They often give a nasal yank-yank-yank as they keep in touch with each other.

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 cracked insect, usually a beetle that exudes a pungent oil. One nest was found with a cigarette butt and their nicotine laden filters. These may be attempts at chemical defense against tree squirrels.

The female lines the cavity with bark shreds, twigs, grasses, moths, fur and hair. She lays an average of six eggs, incubates for about 12 days, and has fledglings 26 days after 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 youngsters skipping all over the big maple in Jim’s yard, running at each other, kids begging for monies from their parents, unconcerned about us. One year, during a snowy Christmas Bird Count, we had a nuthatch fly just ahead of us as we hiked the trail. It spent some 15 minutes leading or catching up with us. I guess it wanted to be sure it got counted.

I love this friendly, inverted “wind-up toy” of a bird.


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**FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS**

**Conso Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program**

**Fourth Monday**, Falcon Heights City Hall, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Third Thursdays**, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon

**St. Anthony Park Area Seniors (SAPAS)**

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

**Friday**, April 6, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, Seal Hi-Rise, 3-5 p.m.

**VENUE INFORMATION**

**Susan P. Scott Senior Apartments**, 635 W. Maryland Ave.

Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-646-8946

Lindenbloo Pub, 216 W. University Ave.

Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

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Come 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, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Member dues are $100, and there is an optional season-long hole-in-one contest for $5 per hole.

Membership includes access to preferred 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 starting from mid-April to October. Members play in events at their own pace. An application form and additional information are available online at www.mensclubcomoor.org, and the clubhouse once the course opens.

Learn how to use citizen science apps to record science data

Celebrate National Citizen Science Day, Saturday, April 14, at a free two-hour, 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 St. Paul Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway, in Como Park.

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

The workshop is free, but space is limited 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 young children (ages 10 and over with an adult). Note that there is limited parking in front of the St. Paul Station.

Contact: Britt Forsberg, forsb118@umn.edu or 651-366-0017 or 651-999-5537.

Finding common ground in divisive political landscape

Political and social divisiveness permeates national and local news every day. While the issues are complex, solutions are shared values possible. An annual community forum to discuss this topic will take place from 6:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the St. Paul Town and Country Club, presented by St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club, in cooperation with the League of Women Voters/Minneapolis City of Lakes and Woodbury.

“Beyond Political Polarization: Finding Common Ground” will be presented by Bill Doehrly, Ph.D., a University of Minnesota professor of Family Social Science and a marriage and family therapist. Doehrly leads de-polarization workshops throughout the country through Better Angels, a national bay. Join in the citizen’s movement, dedicated to 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 Onu avenues, St. Paul. The event is open to the public. Admission is $25 and includes breakfast. Pre-registration and payment by Thursday, April 3, is required at StPaulSunriseRotary.org.

A 2018 City Nature Challenge at Como Woodland

On Saturday, April 28, anytime between 9 a.m. and 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 who lives in the Como Woodland 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 “blokit” style competition where more than 60 cities worldwide will compete to see who can make the most 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 science fans, and people of all ages and science backgrounds to observe and submit pictures of plants, animals and fungi from around the world.

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 Minnesota in taking toward energy progress.

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 be more affordable in your community. The event is free and open to the public.

Want to live greener?

The city of Falcon Heights Environmental Commission will host a “Sustainable Foods 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 Householder,” “Solar Options for Everyone” and “Household Energy Efficiency Update.”

Featuring presenters will include:
• Minnesota Plug-In Vehicle Owners: Members of this local group will have their vehicles on-site and will field questions.
• The Good Acre: Represented will be the group’s new seed information on its Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions and food classes offered at 1790 W. Larpent Avenue.
• 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 Plant Exchange. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic St. Paul 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 and queries for garden educators to answer.
• Share your green thumb and seeds with others.
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• Create seed-packet art and enter it in our seed-packet design contest.
• Learn how to invite beneficial companions—bumble bees, wasps and ladybugs to your garden for a larger harvest for all.
• Enter to win a seed-saving basics kit (must be present to win).

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 instructions. If you’re sharing something that was shared with you, feel free to include the story.

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?

The event will include demonstrations and other information to help build your gardener’s toolkit 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 Flagship: Urban Growler

Volunteer at the May Mosaic Flagship: Urban Growler 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 45, Part Time Exi and the Wayward McGees. Come meet Urban Growler’s pollinator fund raisers from Bare Honey, Pollinator Friendly Alliance, Minnesota Native Landscapes and Monarch Joint Venture and learn gardening tips from the professionals. Bridgeham’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 Cities.
George Davis, 92, longtime M. engineer, most recently of Roseville, died Feb. 23, 2018.

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

The funeral service was held 3 March 3 at Park 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 Huertner in Mpls, SD.

Ray was inducted into the University of Minnesota Swimming 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 1987.

Ray is survived by his wife, Millie; their four children, Sue (Steve Granger), Jim, Nancy (Bill Mos) and Mark (Bill Hubsch); 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, of Como Park resident for many years, died Feb. 18, 2018. Millie was a longtime parishioner and volunteer at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fern; her parents, 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 inducted into the University of Minnesota Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005. Nicknamed “the Flying Lion,” he specialized in his infant son, Joseph, and siblings, Alfred and Helen. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Kathryn Kelley; children, David (Katherine), Kathryn Ryan (Peter Becker), Marie (Scott) and William (Thad); a 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 Wegforus 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 Lutheran Seminary area and mentored students there until last summer.

Mary died preceded in death by her dad, mom and sister and is survived by many loving friends and family members.

A service of thanksgiving for her life was held Feb. 28 at Lynbrook 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 Burgess.

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 brocaded dress, a sign of her unique spirit. She first lived in Norwalk, 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 Pasto), Andrew (Mary Gabriel), Jeanne 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 will be very much missed by her husband, Don; her children and grandchildren; her brother, Andreas Schauer; and Joseph; and her brother-in-law, Richard.

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

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

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

Phillip is remembered with affection by David Stokes (his children, Michael, Malissa, and Nicholas); his grandchildren, Steven, Scott, and Samuel; and his great-grandchildren, Michael, Mary, and Morgan.

Memorial services were held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Roseville, on March 10. Interment was held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on March 15.

Poetic justice
Crossword puzzle answers from 9

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Como, Murray winter sports summaries

Como Park Cougars

**Boys’ swimming** — 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 Akonte 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 take-down 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 Malique McCoy, Robert Adams, Tim Simmons, Lulaka Walton, Louis Carter, Jevon Bobo, De’jaunn Tucker and Jayvair Johnson. Junior Down 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.

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Murray Pilots

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School News

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Chesapeake Heights Elementary
1557 Huens St., 651-293-8790
www.chesapeake.spps.org

Easy fundraisers
Chesapeake Heights PTO will host two “no-work” fundraisers for Chesapeake Heights in March. Just head to the participating establishments, tell them you are participating in the Chesapeake 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:
- Muddlengers, 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
- Davaninis, 395 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 Chesapeake Heights Elementary Saturday, April 22 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 goods and teachers offering. The evening will also include a raffle, drinks, appetizers and a DJ. Admission is $15 per person, which includes one drink and appetizer. Call the sitter and leave the kiddies at home.

Como Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
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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 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
Caders in the Como Marine JROTC earned a spot in the National Academic Bowl Finals for JROTC programs. William Fairley, 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 contest.

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 McCarty 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 biology, 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.

Boosters Club awards grant
The Como Park High School Booster Club has announced the 2017-18 grant award recipients 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 FUNdraiser 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
2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murray.sp.org

Students head to state science fair
Seventy of the 40 Murray students who participated in the Twin 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: Hemetti Apet (BC), Guajun Dileepan (BC), Owen Finley (BC), Maggie Fuller (BC), Adam Gaudioso, Berry Hibble (BC), Beney Hofer (BC), Katherine Kneirak (BC), Max Mills (BC), Levi Nichols, Aftinlee Purcell (BC), Lyra Sano (BC), Isabella Shapland (BC), Soren Sackerer (BC), Kevin Torrenton (BC), Peter Winger (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 Gaudioso, Betsy Hofer and Sam Skinner. A number of students (and one teacher) received specialty awards at the regional competition:

Hemetti Apet, Caffinated Student ISF Alumni Award; Ayden Bradshak Voss, Naval Science Award; Tim Chase, Inspiring Excellence Teacher Award; Taylor Brannon, American Chemical Society; Collin Farnham, 3M Commercial Solutions Division; Maggie Fuller, 3M Film and Materials Resource Center; Beney Hofer, Joel Wagner Caring Bridge Award (for cancer research); Gay Htoo, Emerging Scientist; James Kahan, U.S. Air Force; Isadora McGinley Meyers, Minnesota American Society of Microbiology; Aftinlee Purcell, 3M Commercial Solutions Division; Soren Sackerer, 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 Winger, Naval Science Award.

Thank you, Sunrise Banks
Thank you to Sunrise Banks for donating proceeds from the Park Perks program in February to the Pilot One-on-One Tutoring Program at Murray Middle School.

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RAHS to present ‘Willy Wonka’
“Willy Wonka,” will be performed

School News to 20
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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 variety 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.

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**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, photographer 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.

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Science night, information sessions 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.
- Thursday, April 26, at 8:30 a.m. A Somali interpreter will be provided.
- Friday, April 27, at noon.

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Murray’s theatre 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

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