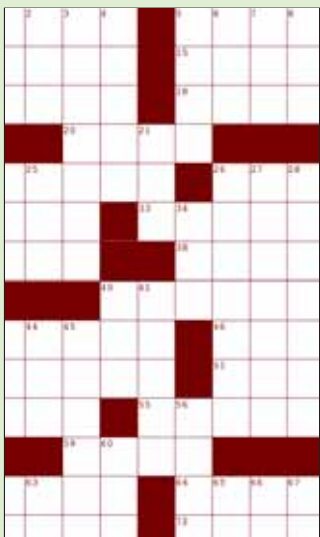




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Schneider Drug Store will be missed

Community center, concert hall, 'bastion of civic engagement': neighbors lament Tom Sengupta's departure

By Anne Holzman

Prospect Park and surrounding neighborhoods reacted with shock to the news that Tom Sengupta would soon sell Schneider Drug Store in order to face surgery for cancer in late January.

"We went up in flames," said neighbor and longtime customer Elaine Frankowski.

In mid-January, neighbors were scrambling to assemble a tribute book for their beloved pharmacist.

"Dear Tom, I hope you can accept our caring, our love and our prayers for the journey you've now been set upon," ran one of the tributes, sent in by neighbor Kutzi Priest. "You truly deserve a great helping of compassion and mercy. We feel blessed to know you, a person who actually exhibits behavior we all aspire to."

Born in Kolkata, India, Sengupta moved to the United States in 1958 to attend Loyola University in New Orleans. He moved to Minneapolis in 1961 and worked in a downtown drugstore for some years before buying Schneider Drug from the previous owner, Earl Schneider, on March 1, 1972.

He has rented the downstairs space in the building at 3700 University Ave. S.E. ever since. Built in 1906, it is owned by Lorraine B. Conger and managed by Rick and Nancy Bergman of Roseville. An apartment is rented on the second

floor.

Sengupta and his wife have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Sengupta said that upon moving to Minnesota, he became inspired by politician Hubert Humphrey.

"Humphrey influenced me quite a bit with his politics of hope," Sengupta said. "Later on, Paul Wellstone became a close friend."

He said the men's philosophies guide his business as well as his politics. "We are all struggling," he said. "Even everyday living is hard. If you can make things a little bit easier, you have an obligation to make a difference."

Sengupta said he likes to think of his business as "not a business, but a service center."

He has asked that customers wishing to express their support consider a donation to Wellstone Action. He said his vision for the future is best conveyed at his website, www.changingthenormofsociety.org.

Frankowski, who lives on Bedford Street a few blocks south of the store, said she's been shopping at Schneider Drug since before Sengupta bought the store. "It's become a community center for all sorts of things," Frankowski said. "He holds concerts and political meetings in the aisles. He has dog biscuits for the dogs."

"I try to represent how civil

Schneider Drug to 8



"One person can make a difference," says pharmacist Tom Sengupta, and for many Prospect Park area neighbors, Sengupta did just that. Photos by Kristal Leebrick



This mural on the wall outside Schneider Drug expresses Sengupta's worldview.

St. Paul DFL will caucus Feb. 3

Seven city council seats and four school board seats are up for election in November

By Kristal Leebrick

The St. Paul DFL will hold precinct caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and choose delegates to the ward conventions, some of which will be held the same evening at the same location immediately following the precinct caucus. Delegates to the city convention on Sunday, April 19, will be selected at each ward convention.

The St. Paul Republican City Committee has not announced a caucus or convention schedule. No caucuses are scheduled in the cities of Lauderdale or Falcon Heights.

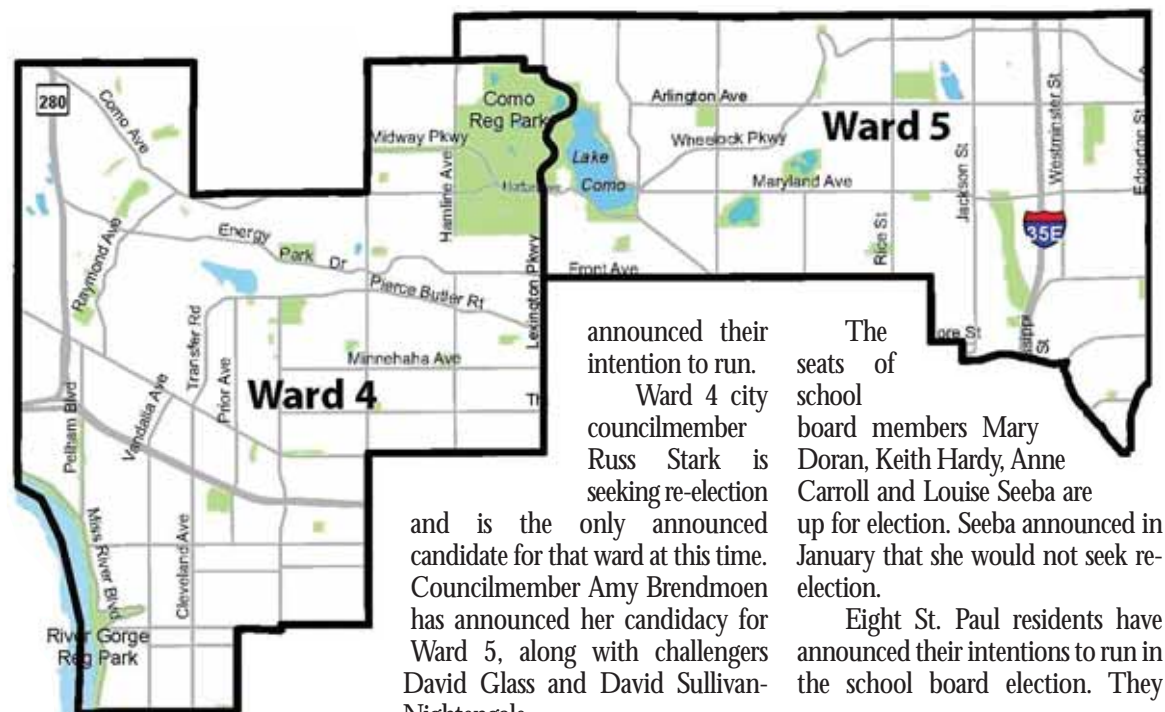
Four seats on the St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education and all seven St. Paul City Council seats will be up for election on Nov. 3. The first day to file an affidavit of candidacy for these seats isn't until July 28, but a number of candidates have

announced their intention to run.

Ward 4 city councilmember Russ Stark is seeking re-election and is the only announced candidate for that ward at this time. Councilmember Amy Brendmoen has announced her candidacy for Ward 5, along with challengers David Glass and David Sullivan-Nightengale.

The seats of school board members Mary Doran, Keith Hardy, Anne Carroll and Louise Seeba are up for election. Seeba announced in January that she would not seek re-election.

Eight St. Paul residents have announced their intentions to run in the school board election. They



C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

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

Dale Street Ad Hoc Committee

The District 6 and District 10 community councils have created the Dale Street Ad Hoc Committee to examine residents' concerns with the current design of Dale Street and whether there are potential modifications that could address those concerns.

The committee, which is comprised entirely of local residents, met in December at North Dale Rec Center and again on Jan. 22. Members are compiling residents' concerns about Dale Street and will examine potential solutions in late winter to early spring.

If you would like to provide input for the committee to consider or would like to be added to an e-mail list that receives monthly updates, send an e-mail to either district6ed@dist6pc.org or district10@district10comopark.org.

Meet your neighborhood heroes

Each year, the District 10 Como Community Council recognizes

three neighbors who have shown a sustained commitment to making the Como Park neighborhood a better place by nominating them to the City of St. Paul's Neighborhood Honor Roll.

Honor Roll recipients will be recognized by Mayor Chris Coleman and council president Kathy Lantry at a citywide event to be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the University of St. Thomas. The public is invited to the event, which includes light hors d'oeuvres and music by the Davu Seru Jazz Trio. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. You can purchase a ticket by sending cash or a check to Summit Hill Association, 860 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, or by going to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/saint-paul-neighborhood-honor-roll-2014-awards-night-tickets-15158097277>.

Here are the Honor Roll recipients:

Jon Knox

Jon Knox has been the board chair of the District 10 Como Community Council for five years. He was elected during a time of organizational crisis when the council had lost the neighborhood's trust and was effectively bankrupt. Knox's steady hand, commitment to a fair and open deliberative process, and personal time investment were major

factors allowing the council to successfully navigate the crisis and become an effective advocate for the neighborhood.

Anne McInerney

A resident of the South Como neighborhood that was annexed to District 10 in 2014, Anne McInerney has jumped full force into becoming an active volunteer with the District 10 Council. She spearheaded the effort to successfully launch a neighborhood-wide ice cream social, worked hard to help raise funds and supported other programs. Modest and willing to let others take the limelight, McInerney exemplifies the best of neighbors working together to improve the Como Park neighborhood.

Ted Blank

Ted Blank has been a board member, committee chair and treasurer on the District 10 Community Council. He later served as the sole paid staff person for District 10, where he helped create successful fundraising and community-building events. Blank helped guide District 10 through the expansion to include the South Como neighborhood.

Falcon Heights and Lauderdale

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 651-792-7600 or www.falconheights.org.

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

Lions Club offers scholarships

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club is once again sponsoring two \$1,000 college scholarships for a female and a male 2015 graduating senior from Roseville Area High School.

The only selection criterion is that the recipients be residents of either Lauderdale or Falcon Heights.

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include: St. Anthony Park Community Foundation executive director Jon Schumacher, the father of two daughters who graduated from St. Paul Public Schools; Steve Marchese, a lawyer who runs the state bar association's pro bono program and the father of a sixth-grader at Capitol Hill magnet school; Zuki Williams Ellis, the mother of a first-grader at J.J. Hill Montessori who chairs the parent-teacher organization there and trains parents for the Parent/Teacher Home Visit Project in St. Paul; Mary Vanderwert, who worked as the Head Start collaboration director for the Minnesota Department of Education from 2005 to 2014; former school board member Al Oertwig; Robert McClain, a 46-year St. Paul resident who had two daughters graduate from Central

The scholarship winners will be selected by the Roseville Area High School Scholarship Program committee. Eligible students should contact their RAHS guidance counselor to find out how to apply.

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Cromwell Ave. To find when council committees meet, go to www.sapcc.org or call 651-649-5992.

Setting goals for 2040

With funding from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, Transition Town-All St. Anthony Park (ASAP) will embark on developing a vision for the neighborhood in 2040 with a lower footprint and a stronger community. Those who live, work, worship or go to school in St. Anthony Park are welcome to participate in the community meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m., in Northwestern Hall, Luther Seminary, 1501 Fulham St.

Meet Honor Roll recipients

As part of an annual citywide event to recognize volunteer service, several St. Anthony Park residents will be honored for their dedicated service to the community: Stephen Mastey, Rich Nelson, Mary Beck and Transition Town ASAP.

Neighbors are invited to show support for the honorees by attending a gathering to recognize Honor Roll recipients from across the city 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the University of St. Thomas Binz Refectory, 2115 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and music.

You can purchase a ticket at by sending cash or a check to Summit Hill Association, 860 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, or by going to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/saint-paul-neighborhood-honor-roll-2014-awards-night-tickets-15158097277>.

Meet the 2014 District 12

neighborhood heroes:

Stephen Mastey

Stephen Mastey was instrumental in completing Phase 1 of the Raymond Avenue traffic-calming project. He worked hard managing landscape aspects of the project in coordination with the city, above and beyond what was expected from a resident acting in his capacity. He worked consecutive physically grueling days to plant community and resident rain gardens in South St Anthony in August. The neighborhood is greatly improved as a result of his efforts.

Transition Town ASAP

The Transition Town ASAP initiative has engaged the community in conversations about citizen action to lower District 12's energy use. Members of the initiative have energized and empowered neighbors to take action, developing solutions in multiple areas that can be implemented communitywide. Their passion and commitment to this important issue has garnered interest from around the metro and their vision was recently validated when they won a \$15,000 three-year grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

Rich Nelson

For the last 24 years, Rich Nelson has spearheaded the neighborhood garage sale each September. He hand-painted every one of the wooden "sale boat" signs that mark each sale; he collects the fees, places advertisements; he compiles the addresses of each sale and puts it all together in a map. He does it all. Nelson continues to build community through his garage sales in St. Anthony Park.

Mary Beck

Mary Beck, as retiring chair of the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, has overseen a time of dynamic transition for this critical nonprofit. She led a board renewal that produced a partnership with Wilder Research to undertake a major needs and concerns assessment of the senior population in District 12.

High School, has a granddaughter attending Gautier Elementary and has served as a community resource volunteer at Maxfield and Bruce Vento elementary schools and as a board member with the St. Paul Children's Collaborative, Neighborhood Justice Center and St. Paul Police Civilian Review Board; Rafael Espinosa, a father of four children in St. Paul Public Schools who has been active in his kids' schools and his community; and Jessica Banks, whose biographical information was not available at press time.

Ward 4, which covers St. Anthony Park and the eastern part of the Como Park neighborhood (see map on page 1), will caucus at Hamline Elementary School, 1599 Englewood Ave. The ward convention will immediately follow

the caucus that night at the school.


Ward 5, which covers the western half of Como Park, will caucus at Washington Technology Magnet, 1495 Rice St. The Ward 5 convention will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, at Como Park Senior High School, 740 Rose Ave. W.

Sign in at each caucus is at 6:30 p.m. The caucuses start at 7 p.m.

Delegates elected at each precinct caucus will endorse a city council candidate and school board candidates at their ward conventions.


Precinct caucuses and ward or city conventions are open to the public, but to vote, offer resolutions or become a delegate you must be eligible to vote by the November election, live in the precinct or ward and agree with the principals of the political party.

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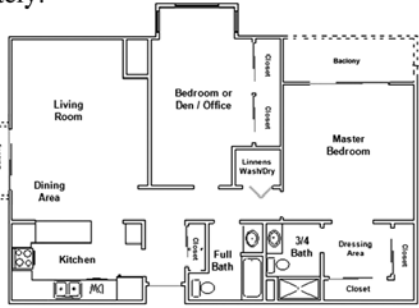


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The Artaria String Quartet will perform in February at the Music in the Park Family Series. Quartet members are Annalee Wolf, Laura Sewell, Nancy Oliveros and Ray Shows.

Music in the Park family series still wows audiences after 25 years

By Teresa Townsend

January sun reflects cool, blue light off the blanket of snow outside and into the dining room as Julie Himmelstrup spreads photographs from more than two decades of Music in the Park Family Concerts on her dining table. She has a memory for each.

A little redhead gives her first scat performance. A boy learns to play a rhythmic instrument next to its creator. Children mesmerized by the variety of instruments from across the globe. The basement of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park filled with families simply enjoying music together.

This year, the Music in the Park Family Concert Series celebrates its 25th anniversary. Not much has changed since the beginning. Himmelstrup, the artistic director, still leads the program she started. That program still brings world-class

musicians to perform concerts for children and families in St. Anthony Park. It still inspires children to enjoy and play classical music.

And according to Himmelstrup, it still wows parents who didn't expect to see high-quality musicians in a neighborhood church basement.

Himmelstrup began the Family Concert Series because she wanted to bring acoustic and classical music to the next generation of audience members. Artists who perform in the series tailor their concert for children and families. However, Himmelstrup emphasizes that there is no dumbing-down of the performance just because it is directed at children. Instead, the program brings an authentic classical music experience to children and families.

"I had a lot of adults come last year," she says. "They were in awe."

Serious fun

The series combines a serious interest

in classical and acoustic music with the joy of listening to, participating in and creating the art form. Throughout the years the concerts have allowed children to not only experience a variety of music but to perform it as well.

In November 1992, children joined with VIDA—a trio of cello, harp and percussion—to celebrate the coming of winter. Seven years later, soprano Cynthia Lohman and baritone Bradley Greenwald led participants in creating their own opera. Musicians Ruth MacKenzie and Joan Griffith taught the basics of jazz and inspired children to try their hand at scat singing in 2010.

And last year, children enjoyed seeing Windsync, a young wind quintet, perform their own version of "Peter and the Wolf."

Himmelstrup has enjoyed seeing the audience react to these

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Tom Fisher, dean of university's College of Design, to step down

By Judy Woodward

Longtime St. Anthony Park resident Tom Fisher will step down in June as dean of the College of Design at the University of Minnesota.

Fisher originally came to the U as the head of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. After an administrative reorganization, he assumed the top post at the newly formed College of Design in 2006.

Of his decision to step down, Fisher said, "[By June], I will have been a dean for 19 years, which is a long time for a person to be in any leadership position. I've thoroughly enjoyed the work, but I am ready for a new leadership challenge and I think the college will benefit from new leadership as well."

Asked about his legacy, Fisher noted that he "led the college through a lot of transition," including the "creation of a new



Tom Fisher

college" and the opening in 2002 of Ralph Rapson Hall, the greatly enlarged and renovated building on the U's East Bank, which now houses

the Architecture School.

"I also have seen the college, and design generally, play a more visible role in this community, which is important in an era in which we need new, more innovative and sustainable ways of living and working," he said.

Karen Hanson, the U's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, described Fisher as "a leader in the public interest design movement, a strong and effective advocate for using design to tackle the major economic, environmental and societal challenges facing the world."

Fisher is leaving the dean's post, but not the U. He has been named to the Dayton Hudson Land Grant Chair in Urban Design and will direct the Metropolitan Design Center (MDC), a unit of the College of Design that specializes in the study of urban issues related to the

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EDITORIAL

How to create a civil society

My first encounter with pharmacist Tom Sengupta at Schneider Drug was during one of my more challenging moments of parenting: my fourth-grade daughter had lice.

We'd bagged up the stuffed animals and pillows; washed all the clothes, linens, sheets and blankets; and now I was in search of the harshest remedy I could find to tackle what felt like a nightmare.

Sengupta stepped out from behind the pharmacy counter and walked me through the painstaking process of ridding the pest from a child's head and home. He steered me away from harsh over-the-counter chemicals. Turns out—despite the lack of “scientific evidence,” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—a concoction of mayonnaise and tea tree oil seemed to do the trick.

Sengupta spent a lot of time with me that day, something no one who has been in that store would be surprised to hear.

“I try to represent how civil society ought to be,” he told Anne Holzman

when she spoke with him for the story (see page 1) about the sale of his store at the corner of University Avenue and Bedford Street in Prospect Park.

A civil society. What does that mean?

For Sengupta, it means “making things a little bit easier” for your fellow citizens as we all travel through our life struggles. If you have the means to do that, he said, “you have an obligation to make a difference.”

It seems silly to write about a childhood case of lice when writing about a man who has spent his life trying to be the voice of hope for all. But that's the thing: for Tom Sengupta, everyone matters. The mural on the wall outside his store says, “We have the power, opportunity and obligation to change our society based not on greed or selfishness but on a real community where everyone matters.”

Tom Sengupta has made an enormous difference in many people's lives and we wish him the best as he faces cancer surgery and the sale of his business.—*Kristal Leebrick*

COMMENTARY

The Bugle welcomes readers' commentaries and letters to the editor. Send them to editor@parkbugle.org.

Downsizing for old farm kids

By Dr. Rolfe A. Leary

Eventually, most of us face the task of downsizing or leaving it to heirs to toss the bad and save the good stuff you've collected over a career.

Had I stayed on the farm rather than going to college, I could have downsized like my parents, hired an auctioneer and had a farm sale. But I left the farm and, eventually, took up scientific research. Scientists tend to accumulate stuff, too—books, reprints, Xeroxes, unfinished manuscripts and partially analyzed datasets. Some lots; others, not so much. I'm in the middle, I think.

I've been inching my way into the tossing task over the past few years. My doctor says I have severe tricuspid regurgitation, so maybe I should pick up the pace a little. But there is a limit to what gets tossed, because, who knows?

I'd contemplated tossing all the stuff dealing with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon—sponsored First International Conference on Unified

Science, a meeting at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City Thanksgiving weekend, 1972. I'd been invited to give a talk there on “estimating coaction from experimental data” by the leader of the Unified Science movement, Edward F. Haskell. Some years passed and the conference papers were not published, leaving it to each speaker to find an outlet or to work his or her talk contents into another paper.

In 1972, some speakers brought copies of their talks to share. Also on the program was Haskell's close friend Dr. William Van Orman Quine, Harvard University distinguished professor of philosophy, who spoke on “levels of abstraction.” A copy of Quine's paper has been in my “keep or discard” pile since then. I opted for the “well, you never know” hoarder strategy and kept it, and kept it, and kept it.

So 42 years later 2014 comes along and a group of philosophers at

the University of Glasgow in Scotland organize an international meeting—“Quine and His Place in History”—and put out a call for papers. Dr. Douglas Quine, son of Van Quine, asked if I wanted to work with Dr. Ann Lodge (married to Edward Haskell in the 1950s) on a paper about the Quine-Haskell collaboration on Unified Science. Both Ann and I agreed.

As we roughed out our proposed paper for evaluation by the organizers, I mentioned the 1972 paper. I was told the title is known, but no one has a copy of what Van Quine actually said. I replied, “I know an Iowa farm kid who has a copy!”

After scanning it and emailing it to Scotland, the meeting organizers were extremely pleased. Their meeting proceedings will contain a never-before-seen paper by Quine. Unheard of!

So recently, I was asleep, dreaming of trying to spread the word of my good hoarding to folks

who might appreciate it and dreamt I was in the old Hungry Mind bookstore near Macalester College in St. Paul. There were some professorial types seated at tables deeply reading whatever, and I wasn't having much luck interesting them in my Quine story. A younger woman seated near the rear raised her hand and said, “Dr. Leary, from your presentation here it looks like your thinking has progressed beyond the concave.”

OMG, I've been volunteering for too many years at Compatible Technology International trying to develop a pearl millet thresher for Africa. Talk about a “free association-instrument”—the old farm kid brain never stops.

Well, eventually, it will.

Dr. Rolfe Leary was a scientist at the USDA Forest Service lab on the University of Minnesota from 1968 to 1996.

LETTERS

The Great Turning

Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park member Mimi Jennings penned this poem at a recent poetry-writing gathering at Micawber's Books.

A Great Turning is afoot. It promises to employ kitchen methodology, so here's a recipe to consider:

INGREDIENTS:

- * Calls—1 per neighbor—resident or worker—to participate
- * 2 parts conversation (do not peel away the listening part)
- * 2 parts urgency, tempered
- * Several new connections, human
- * Similar amount of spontaneity, small dice
- * 1 Big Idea or Vision, local flavor
- * 1 generous dash political action or activism (both together would not overpower sauce)
- * Sharing to taste
- * Spice blend—1 pinch of each:

denial
optimism
resistance
forgiveness

- * Leavening:
courage
kindness
- * Persistence as needed

METHOD (note that there is no such thing as too many cooks):

1. Pre-warm heart—images of birds, oceans, grandchildren serve.
2. In a space the size of a home or as wide as a tribe or country, blend first four ingredients. Hold off on added spontaneity; at this point Vision may unfold of its own accord.
3. Gently fold in Big Ideas by turns with next four elements, preserving balance.
4. Since mix will depend on who shows up, re-introduce first ingredient. Personalities, cook time will vary with altitude; both

leavening and spice blend might need adjustment.

5. Add persistence over time.

6. Serve equal portions to all participants,

who will take it in to nourish the view of the Earth as alive, and us as some of its many cells.

*Mimi Jennings
St. Anthony Park*

Library storytime

After I read retired St. Anthony Park Elementary School principal Tom Foster's letter in the December 2014 edition of the Park Bugle (“Days of volunteer-led storytime at St. Paul libraries ends”) I was very upset and puzzled. One would have to search long and hard to find a more “professional” person to lead storytelling at the St. Anthony Park Library.

Many of us in the neighborhood who had children at

St. Anthony Park Elementary or worked for Mr. Foster there saw his devotion to the well being of children. I tried to gather as much information about what in the heck really happened and talked to many people. It all seemed like a big muddle in communication. I am glad to learn that he will be back doing what he does so well.

As a volunteer myself, I could feel the pain of receiving the message he heard. It shows what a good man Tom Foster is that he accepted an apology (that I hope he was offered) and is returning. What I think Ms. Kit Hadley, director, SPPL (who wrote a letter in the January 2015 Bugle) needs to find out is what happened.

*Cindy Bevier
St. Anthony Park*

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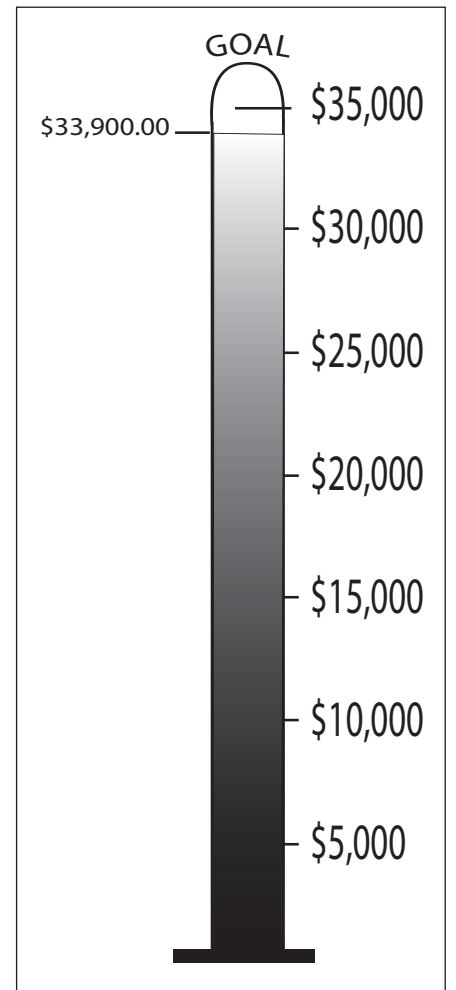
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It's Bugle poetry contest time

Poets: It's time to sharpen your pencils and start thinking about the fifth annual Park Bugle poetry contest.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 6. The top three winning entries will be published in the April issue of the Bugle in honor of National Poetry Month. All submissions will be posted on the Bugle website, www.parkbugle.org.

This year's prompt is *Speak*.

Here are the rules of the contest:
• Poems can take any form you choose.

• The word *Speak* does not have to appear in your poem. Use the word as inspiration to go in any direction it takes you.

• The contest is open to all Bugle readers. Current Bugle employees and Park Press board members and their families are not eligible to enter.

• The contest is limited to one submission per person and it must be received by March 6.

Send poems to Editor, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or to editor@parkbugle.org.

The poems will be judged anonymously by St. Anthony Park poet Alice Duggan. First place wins a gift certificate to a local business.

SAP art festival applications open

The St. Anthony Park Arts Festival is accepting artist applications for the 46th annual event, which will be held Saturday, June 6, on Como Avenue between Carter and Luther

Place.

The festival includes more than 70 juried artists, music, food, kids activities, a plant sale and a used book sale. All proceeds support

programming at the St. Anthony Park Library.

Applications will close March 6. Artists can apply at www.sapfest.org.

St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner is March 7

The 29th annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, March 7. The fun, food and neighborliness will begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist

Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. Then diners will fan out across the neighborhood to partake in a series of salad, dinner and dessert courses hosted at the homes of Progressive Dinner participants. The deadline to

sign up is Wednesday, Feb. 25.

To register, email the Progressive Dinner coordinating committee at progressivedinnersap@gmail.com or call Jane Leonard at 651-303-5263.

Letters from 4

Wake up, baby boomers!

You who were so important to changes in society's values during the '60s and '70s need to take on one more issue, treatment of older Americans.

Why? It started with a letter instructing a man to take a driving test with no reason given. Then a Hennepin County social worker came for an uninvited "visit" with him and his wife. Though the house and yard were pristine under the care of this couple, both of whom had advanced degrees, this visit resulted in the threat to their son, "You take care of them or we will put them in assisted care and we will take the house to pay for it." Next arrived a company representative who told them they were "homebound" and proceeded to take over the household. The couple told them to leave, but eventually yielded to

pressure from the county and hired their own private help several hours a week.

My mother received the same experience from Goodhue County workers, who told her she was "homebound." She didn't think she could even leave the house for a lunch date!

Another woman reported to me that she called the Minnesota Department of Human Services for advice on some handrails for her aunt. The next thing she knew, the aunt was in assisted care and her house was sold.

Hospitalized elders who are placed in a nursing home for rehab or any reason are routinely given a "cognitive test," which Medicare requires, though a person can refuse it. I was at a diagnostic meeting where a woman was told to take the driver's test. She responded, "I just took it two months ago." The occupational therapist told her to

take it again.

I was visiting a neighbor in a rehabilitation nursing home after she was hospitalized for pneumonia. The woman's "dementia" was discussed by her physician in front of her, as if she were not present. Now she was not so demented as to not know what he was saying. She keeps house for herself and a son and keeps up with news and her neighborhood. Maybe she didn't say the four numbers backward or something in the cognitive test, but so what?

What does it have to do with one's daily tasks?

The relationship between one's daily activities, including driving, to these mental tests is called validity. That is, does the test measure what it is supposed to measure?

Is it possible that a person may forget the three words when asked for them later and still be able to drive to the hardware or grocery stores in one's neighborhood?

People are having their lives curtailed based on these very gross and simple measures. A good start would be to develop more tests of functional capacity for different activities.

And what is the relationship of these private home-care companies and the counties that they can come uninvited into a home on the word of a social worker?

How should healthcare workers be trained to deal with the elderly? People should be in as familiar and normal a place as possible. This helps keep people "normal." Instead, we move them to unfamiliar places and are surprised that they seem confused. Of course, the confusion validates society's opinion.

Baby boomers, expect to be on the receiving end of the above experiences. We have work to do.

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Comodale?

Nineteenth-century home had nothing to do with shopping

By Roger Bergerson

A photograph of William G. Hendrickson conveys the impression of a man not to be trifled with, a fitting demeanor for one of the first pioneers to settle these parts.

In 1852, only three years after the Minnesota Territory was formed, the 28-year-old Hendrickson bought 80 acres of land in Rose Township on what is now the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. He married Melvine Moffet, and the following year built the home that would become known far and wide as Comodale near Snelling and Hoyt avenues.

Hendrickson's neighbors were the few other farmers in the area, Lorenzo Hoyt to the east and Heman Gibbs to the west, among them. In the 1860s, the Ramsey County Poor Farm, home to the indigent elderly, was established to the south.

A successful cattle and horse breeder, Hendrickson often competed for blue ribbons at the Minnesota State Fair, which found a permanent home on the former Poor Farm site in 1885.

When the growing Hendrickson family—he and his wife raised six children—needed more room, he simply bought another house, moved it, then connected it to the original structure.

Hendrickson commissioned Alexis Jean Fournier to paint a picture of Comodale, as he put it, “so that the young man doesn't starve to death before he gets work.” Fournier later studied in France and went on to become a well-known Minnesota-born painter.

It's not known why, but Hendrickson retired while still in his 40s and directed the affairs of his



The formidable William G. Hendrickson. All photos courtesy of Randy Quale

Hendrickson died in 1900, a few years after his wife, and was buried in St. Paul's Oakland Cemetery at 927 Jackson St., as were many other pioneers. At his funeral, the minister described him as “one of nature's noblemen, a country gentleman of the old school.”

In 1907, the State Fair acquired 40 acres of Hendrickson's former farm, including Comodale, although family members continued to live in the house for at least another decade. From the mid-1930s on, the building was used by the fair's administration for various purposes, including as an office for the tourist camp. In 1948, the addition was torn down and the rest of the building met the same fate in the mid-1950s.

family and farm from his armchair. A granddaughter recalled him thumping his heavy cane on the floor if anyone was insufficiently responsive to his wishes.

Roger Bergerson is a local historian, journalist and regular contributor to the Park Bugle.



The living room at Comodale



Artist Alexis Jean Fournier's depiction of Comodale

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Schneider Drug from 1

society ought to be," he said. St. Anthony Park resident Doug Beasley noted that where most businesses use their front windows to promote products, Sengupta has filled his with statements about ideals and politics. He also carries books by local authors, arranged on the counter where prescriptions are picked up—a space occupied by advertisements in many pharmacies. "When Miller Pharmacy in St. Anthony Park closed, we were bereft," recalled St. Anthony Park resident Mary Mergenthal. Her family "tried a large commercial outlet for a while but were put off by the impersonal nature of transactions there. When we discovered Tom could take our insurance plan, we went there gladly."

Mergenthal continued, "We had no idea how glad we'd be, however! Tom's sensitive, thoughtful pharmaceutical help has been a blessing over and over to my household and to my guests from far and wide. I pray for his healing so he can continue his service to the wider community: through social, political and personal service of many kinds."

Schneider Drug is known for its welcome to children. There is a toy section, where children freely handle the merchandise. Sengupta doles out pennies from his register for visiting children to use in his gumball machine, which bears a sign that says adults must have the permission of a child in order to use it.

Neighbor Jen Gerth recalled sending her son Raef to Schneider on his bike when he was about 9. She needed a cover for a thermometer for little brother Riley, who had a high fever. She gave Raef a \$20 bill and a



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note for the pharmacist. "I can't think of any place else in the Twin Cities you could send a 9-year-old with a \$20 bill and expect him to come back with any money, let alone the correct thing," Gerth said. "Raef came back with not only the plastic covers for the thermometer, but some kiddie Tylenol and jelly beans for when Riley was feeling better."

Sengupta has been the first source of care for many customers. Beasley said he first visited Schneider to fill a prescription. He stopped to use the blood pressure machine in the store. Sengupta advised him to see a doctor.

"Sometimes he would deliver

this harsh advice," Beasley recalled with a chuckle. Beasley did see a doctor and was diagnosed with hypertension. "He really cared about how I was doing," Beasley said.

Many customers have

'If you can make things a little bit easier, you have an obligation to make a difference.'

—Tom Sengupta

appreciated Sengupta's flexibility when it came to payment. "Both my children were born during a time when we did not have health care," St. Anthony Park Elementary School art teacher Courtney Oleen wrote in an email, "and Tom was always there to give advice and help keep costs manageable."

Frankowski said she can testify

to the convenience of keeping a tab at Schneider. "He runs credit for customers," she said. "I run up a bill with him. It's remarkable that he would keep credit."

Among Sengupta's favorite causes is public education, and he has often displayed flyers for events at nearby Pratt School.

Pratt parent Jakki Kydd-Fidelman wrote, "I ran up to the store many times when someone in my family was sick just to get advice or medicine. When I needed a gift, card or something else, I would go to the drug store and Tom usually had what I was looking for."

"Tom was supportive of Pratt school and contributed to the silent auction," she added. "He was free with his thoughts and conversation. To him we all had value. Tom is a neighborhood treasure, and he will be greatly missed."

City Pages named Schneider Drug Best Pharmacy in 2008, citing it as "one of the great local bastions of civic engagement."

In 2014, some neighbors nominated Sengupta for a Twin Cities area Local Health Hero award. In support of the nomination, Brooke Magid Hart wrote, "Tom Sengupta is not the only neighborhood pharmacist, but he is

the rock that centers our community of Prospect Park. Tom dispenses medication. He also cares for every child and adult in our neighborhood, and he does all he can to provide us with consultation, advice, and support for good health.

"In addition to being our pharmacist, Tom is an activist and community leader, relentlessly fighting for universal health care, health care equity and universal opportunity," she added. "Tom does not sit on the sidelines while others do the hard work, but he does that work himself. He leads by example. Tom helps us to create a small village in the midst of the big city, and every time we walk into his store, each of us knows that we matter."

Sengupta's comments on health care policy, frequently quoted in local media, reached national distribution when PBS Newshour's Megan Thompson, who is from the Twin Cities, interviewed her mother about the cost of generic drugs. The segment aired Dec. 23, 2013.

Sengupta has even occasionally been credited with saving a life. Jen Gerth said a visiting relative who had diabetes and forgot to pack insulin discovered the error upon arrival the evening before Thanksgiving. The family "went right to Tom," Gerth said, and Sengupta got hold of the man's doctor in New York, got the prescription and filled it. The visitor had been on trains for two days without his medication.

"He was in fairly bad shape and Tom came to the rescue," Gerth said. "I cannot tell you how much we will miss him in the neighborhood, but it is time for him to take care of himself for a change!"

Perhaps the most frequent appreciation for Sengupta, as the tributes roll in, is his memory for each customer's face and health history. Courtney Oleen wrote, "He always asked after my children, years after they were grown. My oldest son attended a social justice meeting at the store when he was in college and was amazed to be recognized that night."

As Sengupta put it, "One person can make a difference."

Anne Holzman is a freelance journalist and longtime Schneider's customer, now living in Bloomington.

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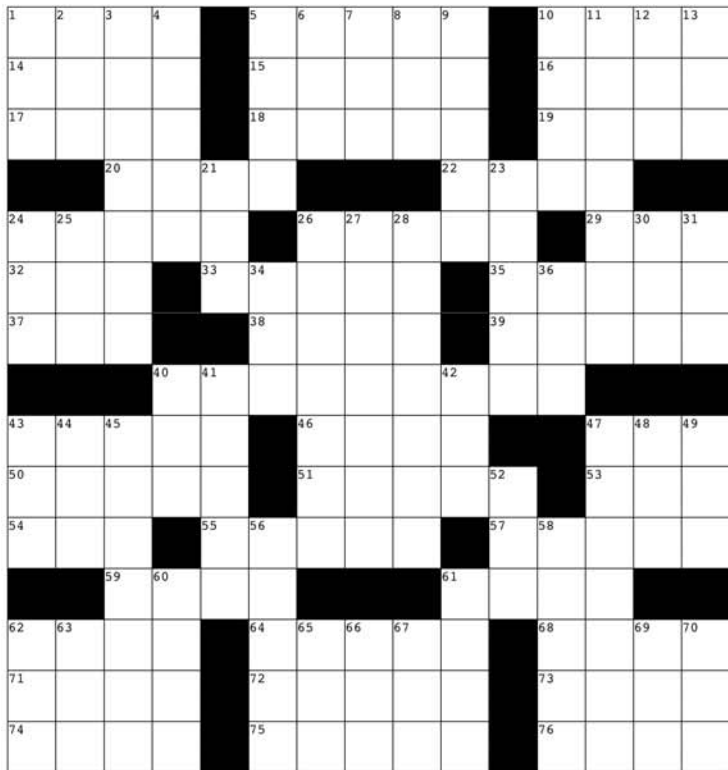
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Crossword puzzle

In the Hood

By Dave Healy

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- 5 Subway rider's handle
- 10 Didn't putt 'er there
- 14 What one does for the home team
- 15 He preached the power of positive thinking
- 16 She can't sing "I Got You Babe" anymore
- 17 Weighty reading?
- 18 Starts a pot
- 19 One grows in Brooklyn
- 20 Kind of pressure
- 22 Son of Cliff and Claire Huxtable
- 24 General ____
- 26 Break a sentence?
- 29 ____ Squad
- 32 Something to shoot for
- 33 How Greene was his valley
- 35 Vikings foe
- 37 "Go to the ____, thou sluggard"
- 38 What to do with a bar
- 39 Map feature
- 40 Where homies hang out—and the theme of this puzzle
- 43 Loser's cry
- 46 RNA sequence
- 47 ____ canto
- 50 Kindle rivals
- 51 Java tool
- 53 A pal might take one for you
- 54 Comp. nicknamed Big Blue
- 55 MLB players Helton and Walker
- 57 Wields a blue pencil
- 59 Disguise
- 61 Stag
- 62 Oaf
- 64 Mural start
- 68 Singer James
- 71 Politician's assistant
- 72 They erased marks
- 73 Kind of shot
- 74 It can follow four but not three
- 75 Imprint
- 76 Dry

DOWN

- 1 Paul's partner
- 2 Pool's pal
- 3 Agree (with)
- 4 Lasso target, maybe
- 5 Trade punches
- 6 Big ____
- 7 Informer
- 8 Pub quaff
- 9 Nuisances
- 10 Entre' ____
- 11 Works by Louis Prang
- 12 Shaq's shoe size
- 13 Death Row Records' Dr. ____
- 21 One can be electric
- 23 Preface with centric
- 24 Place for a wizard of aahs
- 25 Treat a hide
- 26 Seize
- 27 Added on
- 28 Cinnamon candy that debuted in the 1930s
- 30 The loneliest number
- 31 It ended Nov. 2
- 34 Giant Mel ____
- 36 One without a pol. party
- 40 Type
- 41 Lives it up?
- 42 Canada's most populous prov.
- 43 Start to cycle
- 44 ____ Hill, San Francisco neighborhood
- 45 Privy
- 47 Fragile
- 48 ____, Pray, Love
- 49 Vinyl
- 52 Voice of affirmation
- 56 Grapes of Wrath figures
- 58 Get decent
- 60 Arabian Sea gulf
- 61 Door fastener part
- 62 Video star, nowadays
- 63 A bad one can make
- 32 Across more difficult to achieve
- 65 One can be tough to crack
- 66 La-la lead-in
- 67 CD ____
- 69 Feathered friend?
- 70 Mimic

Music in the Park from 3

concerts. "Just watching these kids groove on these programs is really thrilling," she says. "We've been able to bring groups from all over the world."

The program has maintained an emphasis on drawing in talented musicians throughout its 25 years. But some things have changed.

"It's gotten a lot more organized," Himmelstrup says. The series is able to bring in more groups with international reputations. Younger ensembles have performed, and have brought with them a different style of training, playing both classical music and jazz for their audiences.

A Minnesota focus

This year's series features an all-Minnesotan line-up. According to Himmelstrup, they are all major

Fisher from 3

architectural planning process.

"Directing the MDC will allow me to work on projects that I didn't have time for as a dean," he said. "My goal at the MDC is to help our region thrive in the 21st century, and to creatively rethink many of our development policies inherited from the last century that are increasingly ill-suited to the changing economics, demographics and market demands of our region. I want to see the MDC also help communities envision better, more economically vital, socially equitable, and environmentally sound futures for themselves."

In whatever spare time he has professionally this year, he will also assume the presidency of the National Academy of Environmental Design, a group he helped to found.

Although he will remain a faculty member at the College of Design, Fisher has no intention of offering unsolicited counsel to his successor. "I am happy to offer advice and to support my successor when asked," he said, "but I intend to stay completely out of the ongoing leadership and operations of the college. I was dean long enough and I have no interest in becoming a shadow dean."

Retirement is not on the table for Fisher at this point, but he confesses that he's looking forward to having a little more time for his family, including two-year-old grandson, Gus, who lives nearby.

He also anticipates the chance to do more writing, adding to an output that already numbers 10 books, 50 chapters in other people's books and [as of this writing] exactly 400 articles in the areas of

influences in the music they present. String quartet Artaria will start the season off with "Making Friends through Music" on Friday, Feb. 27. Their performance will also feature a teen quartet from the Artaria Chamber Music School.

On Friday, March 13, Ross Sutter, Laura MacKenzie and Danielle Enblom will perform "Northern Gael—Music and Dance from Ireland and Scotland." The audience will have a chance to sing along, play instruments and learn some dance steps.

Leo and Kathy Lara will finish the season with "Folk Music from Latin America" on Friday, April 10. The interactive concert will introduce authentic folk instruments, and children of all ages will get to sing a Cuban lullaby and simulate the sounds of the rainforest.

There will be two 45-minute performances each night, at 6 p.m.

and 7:15 p.m.

As the sun sets on our conversation, Himmelstrup's husband, Anders, turns on a light. He believes in the value of the series too.

"It's the education of the real meaning of music—it's emotional," he says.

"Sometimes the simplest things are most effective," Julie Himmelstrup adds, remembering a performance where parents and children sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" together. "The simple act of singing or participating in something is such a wonderful thing."

To buy tickets or find out more about the concerts, go to schubert.org/family or call 651-292-3268.

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architecture and design.

As a proponent of innovative designs for living, he's eager to remain connected to issues in his own backyard in St. Anthony Park.

"I also hope to be of help to the neighborhood around development issues," says Fisher, "as I have tried to be in the past."

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Neighbors

Local 'talent' lines runway at inaugural I AM ST. PAUL!

By Alex Lodner

On a brisk evening in mid-December, some of the beautiful people of St. Paul gathered at the Amsterdam Bar in downtown St. Paul for the inaugural run of I AM ST. PAUL!, a fundraising event featuring local talent and "non-models" in a lively variety, music and fashion show.

Those runway non-models included Como's own Hans Lofgren, beer guru at craft beer distributor Original Gravity; Elizabeth Tinucci, co-owner of Colossal Café in St. Anthony Park; and South St. Anthony business owners Erica Strait of Foxy Falafel and Malia Schroeder of Junk Love.

The St. Paul show is kin to I AM MPLS!, which celebrated its fifth year at First Avenue a week earlier. Both events help fund I AM kindness, an organization that connects local artists and professionals with opportunities to network and volunteer in their community. The effort is the brainchild of fashion stylist Sarah Edwards, who hoped to bring

together a variety of people to generate not-so-random acts of kindness throughout the Twin Cities. I AM kindness coordinates outreach events that have included handing out flowers on Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, delivering bus-driver appreciation bags, and hosting beauty makeovers and photo shoots for appreciative elderly.

The organization is also a network of local talent that provides a platform for people to collaborate and participate in open discussion on how every person can help their community in little and big ways, according to I AM ST. PAUL! coordinator Carrissa Glarner.

"When you bring people together you create something new," Glarner explained. "Little gestures of kindness count as much as grand ones."

Infectious in her passion and conviction, Glarner had been working tirelessly around the clock in preparation for the I AM ST. PAUL! event, which included local music, a taiko drum line, a dance act, an improvisational comedy performance and a fashion show



Craft beer distributor Hans Lofgren walks down the runway at the inaugural run of I AM ST. PAUL!, a fundraising event that included a fashion show featuring local "non-models." *Michael Houser Photography*

featuring a group of local influencers—people you usually don't find on a fashion show runway, like Lofgren and Tinucci—who promenaded the catwalk like old pros.

"I didn't know what to expect but it was so much fun," Lofgren said

of his moment on the walkway. "I loved the choice of using 'non-models' because it speaks a lot for St. Paul. We are not pretentious; we are who we are."

"There are so many phenomenal people in this world giving their time and resources,"

Glarner said. "I am proud to be a part of this movement."

You can find out more about the event at iamstpaul.com.

Alex Lodner is a Como Park writer and regular contributor to the Park Bugle.

Neighbors briefs

Local artist to exhibit paintings at Hudson Hospital show

An exhibit of recent work by St. Anthony Park artist Linda Ricklefs Baudry will be on display in the clinic administration area of Hudson Hospital, 405 Stageline Road, Hudson, Wis., Feb. 2-April 12 as part of the hospital's Healing Arts Program.

Through a partnership with the Phipps Center for the Arts, original artworks are selected for their ability to inspire, reduce stress and create diversion and are installed throughout the hospital campus.

Ricklefs Baudry's work plays with rich vibrant colors to explore emotional spaces, using imagery loosely based on nature, she said. Her regular studio and gallery space is in the Northrup King Building in Northeast Minneapolis.

The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public. A public reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

Workshop for parents of adult children with mental illness

Transitions is a free workshop offered by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota to help parents assist young adult children living with a mental illness. The workshop aims to help parents gain tools to prepare their teen or young adult for independence, learn about special education, employment, college, transportation, life skills and housing. It includes tips for living with young adults who aren't ready

to leave the nest.

A Transitions workshop will be held in St. Paul 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Registration is requested. Contact Andrea at 651-645-2948, ext. 106.

Groundhog Day: the true story

Why should Punxsutawney Phil get all the glory when Minnesota has a far greater claim to the lore and legend of the groundhog? Learn everything you want to know about Phil and his furry forebears, from local historian, J.B. Andersen, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N.

Come and find out why Andersen's entertaining and insightful lectures on often-obscure corners of American history inevitably fill the house.

SAP United Methodist hosts young adult dinners Sundays

All young adults are invited to come to the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for a free dinner, fellowship and laughter. Young children, Bible stories, musical instruments and friends are all welcome too. Call 651-646-4859 if you have any questions.

Celtic Junction to host gala for Irish music center

The Center for Irish Music and Tom Crann, host of "All Things Considered" on Minnesota Public Radio, invite you to dress up in your finest, bring your friends and join us

at the Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave. N., for Éigse CIM, A Gaela Event, on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Éigse (pronounced egshuh, an Irish word used for festivals celebrating traditional Irish arts and culture) is a fundraiser for the Center for Irish Music (CIM).

This semi-formal evening event includes two ticket options for attendees: come at 5 p.m. to share a meal provided by Cara Irish Pubs, or come later for a silent auction and concert featuring the traditional Irish music of CIM instructors.

For more information go to www.centerforirishmusic.org/gaela-2/.

Tickets are available online or by calling 651-815-0083.

Jehovah Lutheran series explores Christianity through March

Jehovah Lutheran Church's Bible study on "Living Faith: Exploring the Essentials of Christianity" continues Sundays through March 22.

Each session includes a 25-minute DVD-based discussion led by N.T. Wright, a former bishop in the Church of England who now teaches at the School of Divinity, University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Other participants via DVD will be the Rev. Joel Quie, pastor of Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, and Marilyn Sharpe, former columnist for Metro Lutheran.

A full listing of topics is at www.jehovahlutheran.org.

The free sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the church lounge. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Jehovah Lutheran is at 1566 Thomas Ave. in St. Paul.

Cannabis research topic at February garden club meeting

University of Minnesota professor and plant biologist George Weiblen will present "Lead Us Not into Hemptation" at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 2136 Carter Ave. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Social time will begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Weiblen's talk will draw on scientific and historical facts to address common misconceptions about America's most controversial plant.

Weiblen is one of few researchers permitted by the U.S. government to study the plant. What his research has discovered challenges opinions on all sides of the issue.

Cannabis sativa, a plant cultivated for thousands of years, contains a genomic region responsible for the production of the psychoactive chemical, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). It is this chemical that earned Cannabis its illicit label, "marijuana," and motivated U.S. lawmakers to outlaw its cultivation more than 70 years ago. The resultant debate to legalize Cannabis involves many social, political and economic issues.

Cannabis took root in America during the 16th century when it was legally grown to produce paper, clothing, canvas and rope for nearly 400 years. In 1937, all forms of Cannabis became illegal to grow in

the U.S. with the passing of the Marijuana Tax Act.

To find out more about the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, contact Sandee Kelsey, kelse005@umn.edu or 651-645-9053. You can also find the club on Facebook: [facebook.com/SAPGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/SAPGardenClub).

Valentine's Day dining at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory will open its gardens for a special Valentine's Day dinner on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14. The event will include music by the Baroque Trio, a double-entrée gourmet dinner and the opportunity to see the conservatory's 2015 Winter Flower Show. There will be two seatings each evening, at 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$165 per couple. The facility is also offering childcare. Como Kids' Club will entertain children with games, crafts, story time and animal visitors from the zoo. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child. Preregistration is required by calling 651-487-8271.

To find out more about the dinner and to make a reservation, go to www.comozooconservatory.org.

Music Under Glass at Como

The free concert series, "Music Under Glass," will run through March 1 on select Sundays at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in Como Park. Concerts will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will include beer, wine, pop and light snacks to

Rock cellist to perform concert series at Underground Music Café

Rock cellist Aaron Kerr, a Como Park resident and Chelsea Heights Elementary School parent, will perform a series of Saturday shows at the Underground Music Café, 1579 Hamline Ave. N., Falcon Heights. The shows will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 28 and April 25.

Kerr will perform solo at the January show. In February he will perform with Aaron Kerr's Dissonant Creatures. The March show will include the Modern Spark Trio, and the April show will be performed with Heavy Pedal Cello.

Kerr, who is known around the Como Park neighborhood as the guy who hauls his children and cello around in a pedi-cab, has taught cello in private lessons and in an after-school program at Northwest Com Rec Center. He also composes music, writes cello curriculum and has made numerous recordings.

Tickets are \$10-15, which



Aaron Kerr

includes admission and pizza or a sandwich. Go to aaronkerr.com to find out more about the series. Go to undergroundmusiccafe.com to find out more about Kerr.

Como Park writer's play 'God Girl' opens Feb. 7 at History Theatre

Como Park resident Kristine Holmgren's play "God Girl" will premiere at the History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul, on Saturday, Feb. 7.

"God Girl" tells Holmgren's story of being in one of the first large classes of women accepted to the master of divinity program at an Ivy League seminary.

In 1975, the Vietnam War had ended, the women's liberation movement was in full swing, and Holmgren, a spirited Macalester College graduate, decided to change the world starting with her ordination to ministry. Holmgren, now a retired Presbyterian pastor and former Star Tribune columnist, tells the stories of women who broke through the stained glass ceiling of the Protestant church. Physical attacks, humiliation, sexual harassment and inappropriate use of power are a few of the experiences Holmgren writes about in the play.

"God Girl" will be performed Thursday-Sunday through March 1. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be two morning performances at



Kristine Holmgren

10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 and 19. Each Sunday matinee will be followed by a free post-show discussion for ticketed patrons about topics relating to the production, featuring artists and special guests. The Feb. 8 discussion topic is Family and Marriage, the Feb. 15 topic is Pay Equality, the Feb. 22 topic is Women's Equality, and the March 1 topic is Women in Ministry. The theater is offering two

previews at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6. The Feb. 5 preview is a pay-what-you-can performance.

You can buy tickets by calling the History Theatre Box office at 651-292-4323 or online at www.historytheatre.com/tickets/.

Holmgren's political commentary appeared in the Star Tribune for more than a decade and has also appeared in the Guardian, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun and Los Angeles Times. She is a frequent commentator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Her plays include "Paper Daddy" (Northfield Arts Guild, 2011; Talking Horse Theatre, Columbia, Mo., 2014) and "Sweet Truth" (Berlin Theatre, Columbia, Mo., 2013). "God Girl" is her first autobiographical play.

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purchase.

The schedule includes:

- Feb. 1: The May North, Americana, part-folk, part-bluegrass and a bit of breakneck blues
- Feb. 8: Erik Brandt and the Urban Hillbilly Quartet, rock, folk, country with some jazz, improvisation and Eastern European melodies
- Feb. 22: Cafe Accordion Orchestra, swing, ballads, tangos, cha-chas and more
- March 1: Sarah Morris, singer-songwriter

'Fire and Light' will open at Raymond Avenue Gallery Feb. 20 "Fire and Light," featuring the work of potter Kevin Caufield and photographer Robynne Limoges, will be on display at the Raymond Avenue Gallery Feb. 20-March 27.

An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. The lower level gallery will feature sculptures and paintings of gallery owner and artist Joseph G. Brown.

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FEBRUARY

Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, Feb. 11, to be included in the March issue.

3 TUESDAY

Baby/toddler lapsit storytime (ages birth to 2 years) every Tuesday in February, St. Anthony Park Library, two sessions, 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-noon.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club program, "Lead Us Not Into Hemptation—the History of Hemp in America," presented by Dr. George D. Weiblen, Department of Plant Biology, University of Minnesota, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. Business meeting, 6:30 p.m. Social time, 7 p.m. Presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

4 WEDNESDAY

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

Connect for Kids: Learn about becoming a mentor for a child in

Colombia awaiting adoption, CHS/LSS, 6-7:30 p.m.

5 THURSDAY

Preschool Mandarin Chinese storytime, with stories, rhymes and songs in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

6 FRIDAY

Preschool (ages 3-5) storytime, every Friday in February, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

9 MONDAY

Domestic and international adoption information session, CHS/LSS, 6-8:30 p.m.

Bubble Gum Group: activity and discussion group for adopted youth ages 8-11 and a corresponding parents' group, six sessions, CHS/LSS, 6:30-8 p.m. Register online at chfs.org/supportgroups.

Dr. Albert Amao of Peru will outline his new book, "Healing without Medicine: From Pioneers to Modern Practice," at a public meeting of Ancient Mysteries, Ancient Wisdom, the Minneapolis branch of the international Theosophical Society, Spirit United Interfaith Church, 7

p.m. Refreshments, free parking in lot east of the church, \$10 suggested donation.

10 FEBRUARY

Learn about Como Park Senior High School at the Como Showcase, Como Park High School, 6-8 p.m.

See the Mississippi River through the eyes of a couple who took their houseboat from Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico as the book "Mostly Mississippi: A Very Damp Adventure" by Harold Speakman is discussed at the River Readers Book Club, Roseville Library board room, 7-8 p.m. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. For more information, contact Kate Havelin, 651-291-8164.

Adoptive parents group: For parents who adopted children through Minnesota's foster care system, CHS/LSS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY

Learn about adopting children who live in foster care, CHS/LSS, 6-8 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

Parents of Adopted Adults, for parents whose adopted children are now adults, CHS/LSS, 6-8 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

Preschool Mandarin Chinese storytime, with stories, rhymes and songs in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

22 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert, Micawber's Books, 2:30 p.m.

23 MONDAY

The Rose Ensemble: discussion and demonstration of "The Requiem of Pedro de Escobar," which the ensemble will perform in late February in Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Anthony Park Library, 7-9 p.m. Go to www.roseensemble.org to see the concert schedule.

27 FRIDAY

Chili Night Fundraiser, Avalon School, 6-8:30 p.m.

Co-ed drum circle, Womens Drum Center, 6:30 p.m. All levels of experience are welcome. Cost is \$10 at the door. Drums provided.

28 SATURDAY

Domestic and international adoption information session, CHS/LSS, 9-11:30 a.m.

Barn dance, great band and caller, all ages, Hamline United Methodist Church, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for individuals, \$15 for groups. Questions? Call Jean at 651-771-8421.

SENIOR EXERCISE

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors:

Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 3-4 p.m.

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

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

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartment, 11 a.m.-noon

FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors:

Wednesdays, St. Anthony Park

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

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program:

Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

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

VENUE INFORMATION

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 Maryland Ave. W.

Avalon School, 700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495, www.avalonschool.org

CHS/LSS, Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

Como Park Senior High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 651-293-8800

Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 651-644-5050

Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1530 Larpenteur Ave.

Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave., 651-645-0667

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Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N., 651-628-6803

Spirit United Interfaith Church, 3204 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 651-235-6645, www.theosophical.org

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Business news

HWY North pop-up shop showcases work of local artists

By Alex Lodner

Emily Anderson follows her heart. As a child, while her friends wanted to grow up and be teachers or superheroes, Anderson dreamt of being a shopkeeper.

That quaint dream was not fully supported by her family, who steered her toward more profitable endeavors. Anderson grew up, got a real job and started her own family. But when a “For Lease” sign went up in a building in her neighborhood, Anderson saw an opportunity to make her childhood dream come true.

The building on the corner of Hamline and Minnehaha avenues in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood was the perfect location for her tiny shop, which Anderson envisioned as a place where crafters and artists could showcase their wares in a warm and welcoming environment. But it took friends, family and an extended community of neighbors to make owning a gift shop a reality. Through a crowd-funding campaign, Anderson was able to raise enough capital to open HWY North—a corner store brimming with



HWY North offers unique gifts, home goods and original art, as well as a variety of classes. Photo by Jessica Hilmanowski

handmade gifts, art and home-goods—in November. The store’s lease runs through March, but Anderson hopes to extend it.

Almost all of the items in the shop are on consignment, making it a low-risk effort for Anderson and her artists. The artists, who are

chosen by Anderson and a team that meets once a week to curate the shop, receive 60 percent of each sale of their work. Minnesota artists dominate the shop, a homey space with enormous windows that let the winter sunlight flow through the teeming store. Jewelry cases sparkle

in the light, and jars of local honey, hand-painted mugs and gorgeous ceramic vases line the shelves.

Anderson recently created a “Surviving Minnesota Winter” shelf, complete with the Grand Marais roaster Fika Coffee’s Sub Zero blend, mugs, bath salts and soaps, cozy knitted goods and up-cycled mittens.

Through a set of glass doors, a hall leads to a charming community room that is used for workshops and demonstrations on a variety of creative outlets. Classes in homesteading activities, such as soap-making and leather artistry are especially close to Anderson’s heart, who calls these “forgotten skills.” Classes in beer making, beekeeping

and weaving are also being planned. A preschool craft class on Thursdays is especially popular.

Eventually, Anderson wants to host book launches, art shows and small community soirees. Whatever the future holds for HWY North, Anderson’s vision of a homey shop that offers shoppers a variety of unique gifts, home goods and original art, along with a hot cup of tea and friendly conversation, has come to life.

HWY North is open Tuesday through Sunday. You can find the shop’s hours and see its long list of classes at www.thehighwaynorth.com.

Got an idea for ‘arts-immersive’ mini-golf?

Can Can Wonderland wants to hear from you

By Kristal Leebrick

If you are an artist, engineer, architect, designer, maker, dreamer, student, hacker, you name it, Can Can Wonderland wants you to throw your ideas into the ring to help create an 18-hole “arts-immersive” mini golf course in a 19,000-plus-square-foot former can factory at 755 Prior Ave. N., just four blocks north of University Avenue.

The group will hold its last information session about its call for artists at noon Saturday, Feb. 7, at its Prior Avenue venue. Proposals are due March 1, with a planned opening of the course on Sept. 1.

The brainchild of Jennifer and Chris Pennington, Christi Atkinson and Rob Clapp, the project has been four years in the making. The group began as Blue Ox Mini Golf with plans to open a course at the old Schmitt Brewery site on West Seventh Street in St. Paul. After that project fell through, the group found the can factory, “an awesome space,” said Jennifer Pennington.

In its call for artists, Can Can Wonderland said they aren’t building just a mini golf course, they are “building a national treasure”—an “arts-immersive, fun venue that

exposes people to arts through play.”

The goal is to create a “multi-purpose art space where we invite nonprofit arts organizations in to participate in puppet shows, dance, open mikes, slam poetry. Every time you come in it could be a very novel experience,” Pennington said. “Maybe you’ll hear great poetry, a ragtime band.

“We plan to constantly be adding art. We are drawing influence from City Museum in St. Louis and Coney Island (in New York).”

Plans to create “a really fun accessible space” include having a small counter-service restaurant, Pennington said, and possibly a bar.

“We want to be a self-funded model where we can continuously provide paid opportunities for artists,” she said.

Three of the four principals in the endeavor have worked in the arts in the Twin Cities for a long time.

Pennington has worked in nonprofits for the last 18 years and just finished her master’s degree in public administration at Hamline University. She recently stepped down as board chair with Art Shanty Projects, a biannual month-long

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Business news

Wellington Management marks 30th anniversary in December

Commercial real estate firm Wellington Management, 1625 Energy Park Drive, celebrated 30 years in business in December at a party at the Union Depot in St. Paul.

Founded by St. Anthony Park resident Steve Wellington in 1984, the firm oversees a \$350 million

portfolio of 90 commercial buildings located in 20 Twin Cities communities. Wellington manages office buildings, shopping centers and industrial properties with more than 500 tenants.

Boston natives, Wellington and his wife, Kathy, moved to St. Paul in 1974. Wellington started his career working for St. Paul Mayor George Latimer for eight years, before starting his own company in 1984. Wellington's first project was the St. Anthony Park Bank building at 2265 Como Ave. (now the Emily Project

headquarters), which broke ground in 1986.

Wellington's development projects include Bandana Square on Energy Park Drive, Emerald Gardens off University Avenue and the Snelling Office Plaza in St. Paul; the Hi Lake Shopping Center and Penn Lowry Crossing in Minneapolis; and Woodbury's City Center.

Its latest development project is a \$12 million mixed-use affordable senior housing and retail development on Lake Street in Minneapolis.

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St. Anthony Park man named shareholder at Twin Cities law firm

St. Anthony Park resident Jon L. Farnsworth was recently elected to shareholder at the Twin Cities law firm of Felhaber Larson. Farnsworth is an outside general counsel to businesses and nonprofits. He also specializes in Internet and technology law.

Farnsworth attended St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Murray Junior High and graduated from Como Park Senior High School. He later attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., and then the University of St. Thomas, where he received his master's in business administration and juris doctor degree. Farnsworth is the vice president of the St. Paul Urban Tennis board of directors.



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artist-driven temporary community that was housed on White Bear Lake last February.

Pennington's husband, Chris, is a special education teacher in Minneapolis Public Schools, and "by night and in summer when he's off school, he's an artist," Jennifer Pennington said. He founded the Minneapolis Soap Factory programs the Haunted Basement and the Ten Second Film Festival.

Atkinson worked in education at the Walker Art Center for 16 years (where she was involved with the Walker's mini golf course next to the Sculpture Garden), was a program director at the Soap Factory and was the first executive director for the Kulture Klub Collaborative, a Minneapolis group that connects

artists with homeless youth.

Clapp is a real estate broker who had been working with the three creatives, who found they "liked him so much we added him as a partner," Pennington said. Clapp also has a background in food service, which Pennington said is a valuable asset to the project.

Can Can Wonderland will pay a \$5,000 stipend for each selected design and build proposal or a \$1,000 stipend for each selected design-only proposal, which would be built by Can Can's team of artists.

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Send information about area deaths to Mary Mergenthal at mary.mergenthal@gmail.com or call 651-644-1650.

Lois Anderson

Lois E. Anderson, 77, of Como Park, died peacefully in her home on Dec. 29. She was born June 5, 1937, and lived on farms a fair bit of her younger life: first on her mother's family farm in Bordulac, N.D., and then on a hobby farm in White Bear Lake.

She graduated from White Bear Lake High School and attended the University of Minnesota. At first she majored in engineering, a woman ahead of her time. She worked for many years as secretary and then administrative assistant to a vice president at 3M. She left that position and began work for the Republican Party of Minnesota, becoming an executive secretary.

While there she met John Tracy Anderson, a state senator from St. Paul. They married on May 7, 1969. They lived on Como Lake, where they raised two children. Lois died in the sunroom of that same house, within view of her snow-covered gardens.

While their children were in elementary school, she was an active volunteer in their schools, even running for school board. Later she became the office manager for MT Properties. She was extremely active at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, where she taught 3-year-old Sunday school for at least 30 years. She organized Vacation Bible School for a number of years, as well as a number of social activities to help members get to know one another.

She is survived by her children, Jevon (Kelly Scanlan) and Tracy; grandchildren, Ginger and John; and sister, Brenda Hylle. Lois was preceded in death by her husband.

Her memorial service was held Jan. 12 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Memorials preferred to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Kitchen Fund.

Florence Carlson

Florence "Flo" (Sinna) Carlson, 79, of River Falls, Wis., formerly of St. Anthony Park, died suddenly Nov. 6. While crossing the street in front of her apartment that dark, rainy night, she was struck by a car and died the following day.

Flo had worked at Children's Home Society for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Len, and daughter-in-law, Kathy. She is survived by her children, Therese Schwartzbauer, Andy, Stephen (Angela) and Ann (Phil) Kreye; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and sisters-in-law, June Sinna and Marge Gozwitz.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Nov. 10 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in River Falls, Wis.

Edna Donovan

Edna R. Donovan, 85, of Como Park, died peacefully surrounded by her family on Jan. 4.

She was a longtime parishioner and volunteer at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Greg, son Michael, and sister Donna Mae Thompson. She is survived by her children, Kathi (Charlie) Kramer, bj (Tony) Christy, Pat (Karen), Larry (Sue), Michelle Donovan and Jackie (Rob) Hendrickson; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Lorraine Fales

Lorraine Angela Fales, 92, formerly of St. Anthony Park and Little Canada, died at home on Dec. 6 surrounded by loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Chuck, and son, Jeff. She is survived by her children, Trudy Cramlet, Gren and Chuck (Mary), and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Dec. 11 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Vadnais Heights, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Dolores Grewe

Dolores (Horvath) Grewe, 92, died peacefully surrounded by family Dec. 5. She was a lifelong resident of the south Como area and parishioner of the Church of St. Andrew. Dolores was born in the family home and continued to live there even after her marriage to Harold in September 1943. Shortly after his return from military service with the U.S. Navy during World War II, they moved two houses away where they raised four children. After many years, they made one final move together into a home just across the street.

She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, friend and neighbor who cared for and was loved in return by so many. She was an energetic, hardworking and spirited woman who welcomed many into her home, often with the smells of freshly made goodies and her famous chocolate chip cookies. She loved babies and small children, especially the little ones in her family and in the neighborhood, and always had hugs and treats to give them.

She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by children, Keith, Marlene (Ron) Plumbo, Linda (John) Gullickson and Paul; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to the staff at ElderHaven and Allina Health and Hospice. Services were held in early December with Mass of Christian Burial at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in St. Paul, and interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Mary Harrington

Mary (Schmitt) Harrington, longtime resident of Como Park, died Dec. 6. Mass of Christian burial

was celebrated at Church of the Holy Childhood Dec. 9 with private family interment.

Joan Hoffman

Joan Marie (née Winkels) Hoffman, 93, of Little Canada/Como Park, died Dec. 29.

She was a graduate of Mechanic Arts High School and the University of Minnesota. She was a clothing designer for Munsingwear, loved architectural design, local history, her Catholic faith, her family and her pets.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Richard Brennan and Richard Hoffman, and grandson Christopher. She is survived by children, Seaneen, Mary (Mike), John, Robbo (Sue), Sue Ann (John), Rose (Jay) and Joseph; 34 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Requiem Mass was said Jan. 3 at the Church of St. Agnes in St. Paul, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Ngan Yee Lau

Ngan Yee Lau, 95, of Edina, died Dec. 29. She attended the Twin Cities Chinese Christian Church in Lauderdale.

Ngan was born in Toishan, China, to Mon Shun Lau and Wai King Lee. She married Bing Kuen Choy and had eight children.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her sister, Sui Kwai Lau-Ng; and her children, Siu Yin Choy and Chen Fai Choy. She is survived by her brother, Do Hong Lau; her children, Siu Wai Choy of Prior Lake; Siu Kam Choy of Hong Kong; Wai Lan Choy of Hong Kong; Chen Shung (Sam) Choy of Knoxville, Tenn.; Chan Yan (Harry) Choy of Hong Kong; and Chan Hang (Eric) Choy of Bloomington. She had 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A service was held at Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel in Bloomington.

Mary Marrinan

The funeral for Mary I. (Beckwith) Marrinan, 94, of Falcon Heights, was held Jan. 2 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael, and two brothers, Donald and Owen. She is survived by her son, Matthew (Penny), and stepchildren, Mark (Britta), Marilee and Maureen; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was said Jan. 2, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Barbara Mikel

Barbara A. Mikel (née Mulligan), 79, of Lauderdale, died Dec. 17. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Ralph; children, Patrick (Hilda), Thomas, Joseph (Shelly), Ronald (Mia), Ralph, Mary (Allen) Tennant

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2014 Real Estate Update

Number of Homes that Sold	2014	2013
Lowest Home Price	\$169,900	\$165,000
Highest Home Price	\$572,500	\$750,000
Average Home Price	\$379,267	\$365,136
Average Market Time	53 days	126 days

- The average sale price was 94.8% of the original price.
- The average sale price increased 3.9% this year.
- At the end of the year, there were 7 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 177 days.
 - 9 houses failed to sell.
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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Her funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home in Shoreview, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Dorothy Nelson

Dorothy Elaine Nelson, 87, of Falcon Heights, died peacefully at home on Dec. 22.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Harvey Gustafson and Andrew Nelson; and five brothers. She is survived by her children, David (Maureen) Gustafson, Larry (Eedy) Gustafson, Ann Gustafson and Linnae (Tony) Bittner; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three stepchildren, Mark (Laurie) Nelson, Andrea (Harold) Bottolfson and Renee (Dean) Hanson; six step-grandchildren; and a brother, Bobby (Lorraine) Soderquis.

Her funeral service was held Dec. 29 at Sunset Memorial Park Chapel in Minneapolis, with interment in Sunset Memorial Park.

Robert Ogren

Robert J. Ogren (Bob), 92, died Dec. 12.

Born Jan. 8, 1922, Bob grew up on McKinley Street in the house built by his father and attended Tilden School, Murray High School, Mechanic Arts High School and Dunwoody Institute.

During World War II he served in the Pacific Theater in the Third Marine Division. While home on leave in 1944, he married Elaine Schusted.

He is survived by his wife; children, Denise (Jim) Schoster, Judy Ogren (partner Ted Guth) and Bob Jr. (Susie); five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Bob worked as an offset printer in specialty advertising for 40 years. At age 74, he helped set up Bookmobile's first digital print shop,

then in the Chittenden and Eastman Building on University Avenue. With a lifelong interest in art, Bob painted in oils and watercolor, most recently taking classes in the Artful Living program at Lyngblomsten.

In retirement he also started a movie-transfer business, made movies and volunteered at Minnesota Services for the Blind, Lyngblomsten Retirement Center and Como Park Lutheran Church. He was self-educated, open-minded, and openhearted. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Bob donated his body to the University of Minnesota School of Medicine Anatomy Bequest Program. His service was held Dec. 27 at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Donald Peterson

Donald Allan Peterson, 74, Siren, Wis., died Dec. 23. He was born in St. Paul on Dec. 31, 1939, to Walter and Vivian (Mickelsen) Peterson. Following graduation from Murray High School in 1957, Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving on the USS *Essex*.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Lynn (Fitzsimmons) Haaf; children, Daniel, Tedd (Jolene) and Jill (Dan) Gilgosh; eight grandchildren; brothers, Bill (Natalie) Peterson and Mick (Ruth) Peterson; and special friends, Joe Dezelar Sr. and Jerry Pias.

His funeral service was held at Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home in Webster, Wis., Jan. 3 followed by full military honors.

Shirley Peterson

Shirley L. Peterson, 88, formerly of Roseville/Clear Lake, Minn., died Jan. 6.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward. Shirley is survived by her children, Kerry Peterson of St. Cloud, Lynette Rieder of Madison, Wis., and Palma Zoia (John) of Afton, Minn.; six grandchildren; and eight great-

grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Jan. 10 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Riverview Cemetery.

Eleanor Siess

Eleanor R. Siess, 81, died Dec. 31. She was a retired nurse and longtime employee of Lutheran Social Services and Children's Home Society.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Kenneth; children, Timothy, Jonathan, Matthew (Linda), Daniel and Elizabeth (Michael) Edwards-Siess; 10 grandchildren; and four brothers.

Her funeral was held Jan. 5 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

William Utecht

William "Bill" Utecht, 97, of Rochester, died Dec. 26.

William Robert Utecht was born on May 28, 1917, in Stillwater. Bill was a World War II army sergeant who was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines. After his service, he and his wife, Maureen, settled in Falcon Heights and were instrumental in organizing that city. He served as the first mayor of Falcon Heights.

Bill is survived by his children, Linda (Don) Reardon, Eileen (Bruce) Berg, Barbara (Kirby) Bayerle, Thomas and Maureen (Keith) Buss; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and their infant daughter, Mary Kathleen.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 29 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Merikay Young

Merikay Young, 68, of Como Park, died Dec. 31. She is remembered by her friends as a kind person.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Erik and Helen Mattson; sisters, Gloria and Gayle; husband, Michael; and grandson, Orion. She is survived by her daughter, Karragh (Travis); son, Rykken; grandchildren, Kolbjorn and Kallum; and brother, Eric.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 7 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the March 2015 issue is Wednesday, Feb. 11. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

Avalon School

700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495
www.avalonschool.org

Chili Night

Avalon School will host its annual Chili Night Fundraiser from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. The night will include a chili dinner, silent auction, live auction, handmade bowls, live music and good times. If you have questions or want to make any donations, please email David at david@avalonschool.org.

Read Brave

Avalon has again partnered with the St. Paul Public Library for its Read Brave program. This year, students in grades 9-12 will read "How It Went Down" by Kekla Magoon, a novel about a black youth who is killed by a white man, but the facts of the case are few and far between. Add to that a cast of characters whose perspectives obscure as much as they illuminate the tragedy. The author will visit Avalon later in February to discuss the book and its implications.

Chelsea Heights Elementary

1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790
www.chelsea.spps.org

Food drive

Chelsea Heights Elementary School recently collected more than 1,250 nonperishable food items—a whopping total of 1,050 pounds—as part of its food drive to support Neighborhood House Food Shelves. The food drive was also a fun contest, where the winning classroom, which brought in 185 items, enjoyed a pizza lunch with Principal Jill Gebeke.

Como Park Senior High

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Holiday food drive

The Como Park Student Council collected 195 pounds of food and nonperishable items for the local Keystone food shelf during its holiday food drive. A special thanks to all students, staff and community members who donated.

Choir news

Como's choirs were busy with several events in December, including the annual Pop Concert performed in the school's auditorium. The Chamber Singers were invited to perform a concert at the Minnesota Department of Revenue on Dec. 16 in downtown St. Paul.

The Chamber Singers and Donna di Cantare (Women of Song) took their winter pops concert on the road to Hamline Elementary School on Dec. 19.

Band news

Four Como band members—Shyann Salverda, Noah Frese, Dominic Wolters and Kathryn Proper—were accepted into the Augsburg College ninth- and tenth-grade Honors Band, featuring competitive membership from the entire state. The experience ended with a concert Jan. 17 at Augsburg's Hoverston Chapel.

The Como Instrumental Concert will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at the school.

Girls basketball

The Como Park girls basketball team won its bracket at the Rochester Rotary Tournament, held at the Mayo Civic Center Dec. 29-30. The Cougars defeated Burnsville in the final game to claim the trophy. Junior Andrayah Adams leads the team in scoring with a 29-points-per-game average and was selected as an Athlete of the Week in both the Pioneer Press and Star Tribune.

Robotics Team

The Robotics Team kicked off its competitive season on Jan. 3 with the release of this year's challenge, Recycle Rush. Teams must build a robot that can move recycling containers around a field. The build season is a frantic six weeks that ends on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Check out the team's progress at beastbot2855.com.

Quiz Bowl

Como Park will send two Quiz Bowl teams to the statewide Academic WorldQuest Competition at General Mills headquarters in Golden Valley on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Como Showcase

The Como Showcase will be held at 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Families and prospective students are invited to visit Como teachers and students and learn about all of Como Park's academic offerings, musical programs, athletic opportunities, student clubs and more.

Winterfest

Como Park's Winterfest will be held Feb. 9-13. The event includes a week of theme and spirit days, a sports recognition assembly, Winterfest coronation, and a dance on Feb. 13.

Tour Como

Como will offer tours to prospective students and families on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in February at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Shadowing opportunities are also available. Call Sandy Kestner at 651-744-3997 or email sandy.kestner@spps.org if you would like to set up a visit.

Falcon Heights Elementary

1393 Garden Ave., 651-646-0021
www.isd623.org/school/falcon-heights-elementary

Carnival night

Falcon Heights Elementary School will host a Family Fun Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the school. Events will include family-friendly games, a cake and book walk, a pizza and snack bar, a raffle, silent auction, dance and movies. It's an inexpensive way to spend a cold Friday night indoors. All proceeds will benefit Falcon Heights Elementary School.

The school's PTA is looking for donations of books (preschool to grade 7) and small games and toys, new or used. Volunteers will pickup donations at the donor's convenience. Contact Mary at mnh88@hotmail.com or 651-645-7950 if you want to donate goods.

Murray Middle School

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

The show goes on

Murray Middle School will perform "Into the Woods Jr." Friday-Sunday, March 13-15, in the school auditorium. The Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7 p.m. The Sunday matinee will be at 2 p.m.



St. Anthony Park elementary school teachers Colleen Osterbauer, Judy Roe and Kathy Maguire will retire this year.



Fourth-grade teacher Linnae Blevins and school secretary MaryKay Lynch are also set to retire this year.

A page turns at St. Anthony Park Elementary School

In January, third-grade teachers Judy Roe, Colleen Osterbauer and Kathy Maguire announced their retirement at the end of this school year. Earlier this year office secretary MaryKay Lynch and fourth-grade teacher Linnae Blevins also announced that they would end their long tenure at the school and retire this spring. The Bugle will have more about these women and their years in education in a subsequent issue.

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CPHS Cougar Sports

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

Nomadic Cougars hockey team started season with 12-game winning streak

By Eric Erickson

The Como Cougars are creating a special season, playing spirited hockey whenever and wherever they can. The St. Paul Pioneer Press took notice, which has raised eyebrows in the “State of Hockey” and beyond.

High school sports beat writer Tim Leighton’s Jan. 14 story in the Pioneer Press highlighted the nomadic nature of the Cougars. The article explained that with the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum closing its hockey operations last year, Como doesn’t have an arena, or even a sheet of ice, to call its own.

The newspaper story brought immediate international support. That same morning, Como athletic director Mike Searles received a call from a local sports retailer stating that a bag of hockey pucks was waiting for the team. They had been purchased by a gentleman in Dublin, Ireland, who read the story online, promptly called the store, and charged the pucks to his credit card.

The kind gesture from across the Atlantic should ensure the most basic object of hockey is always in high supply for the Cougars, even if ice time is not.

Coach David Bakken is in his fifth year leading the Cougars. He’s grateful for his team’s acceptance of things they can’t control, and he loves

the work ethic of his team.

Bakken says his team does “all the right things on the ice that don’t bring attention to ourselves but just simply help the team win.”

“We don’t have guys trying to make highlight-reel moves that would cause a turnover with the puck ending up in our own net.”

Put another way, Como plays unselfish, disciplined and fundamentally sound hockey.

Senior forward Matt Klein and junior defenseman Eliot Berven talked about how their practices consistently emphasize the details of shot blocking and back checking. Both of those hockey tactics require great effort and are not generally considered “fun” to drill.

Berven says they practice “a lot of shot blocking and our coach really values it.”

Bakken and assistant coach Carl Hamre even take time to recognize and re-visualize the best block, best back check and best pass after each game to reinforce the “right things” that the team did and needs to continue doing.

Combine the disciplined approach to the game with the talents of hard-skating scorer Ian Tully, and an immensely skilled goalie in Carter McCoy, and your neighborhood hockey team entered the final month of its season with a



The Como Park varsity hockey team, from left: (first row) Nick Kopic, Richie Gulner, Matt Klein, Carter McCoy, Alec Johnson, Carter Inskeep and George Neisewander; (middle row) Kevin Smith, Adam Swanson, Eliot Berven, Patrick Koliass, Ian Tully, Matt Hageman and Jack Freier; (top row) coach David Bakken, assistant coach Carl Hamre, Charlie Kray, Owen Guetschow and Peter Dadlez. *Photo by Mike Krivit*

record of 15-1.

Season highlights include a 12-game winning streak to begin the season, a dramatic overtime victory over Coon Rapids made possible by McCoy’s hot hand, and winning the Richfield Holiday Tournament in convincing fashion, sweeping all three games in consecutive days.

The Cougars are averaging 5.2 goals a game while only allowing 1.6,

yet the quest for improvement is constant. Como’s toughest competition is looming with challenging opponents St. Louis Park, Minneapolis and Minnehaha Academy on the upcoming schedule. Then there are the two games in the final week of the regular season against the East Side rivals from Johnson.

It’s a classic St. Paul City showdown. Como will host its “home game” versus Johnson at the

Highland Arena on Friday, Feb. 14. That’s the reality of a remarkable team that can’t control when or where it plays, but faithfully plays for each other every time they skate on to the ice—wherever that ice may be.

Eric Erickson teaches at Como Park High School and has coached a variety of school and youth sports teams in St. Paul over the last 20 years. Follow twitter @eestp for current school sports news.

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Murray Middle School students wait to talk with judges at the school's annual science fair Jan. 13 and 14.

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Murray Middle School sends 44 students to regional science fair

Murray Middle School's annual science fair was held Jan. 13 and 14 in the school's gymnasium. Forty-four students will move on to the St. Paul Regional Science Fair at the University of Minnesota Field House Feb. 27 and 28.

The students who will be moving on to regionals and their research category are listed below:

- Animal science: Emilie Pagel, Raef Eddins and Connor Nourse
- Behavioral and social science: Celia Olson, Amira Boler, Olivia Ahrens and Eloise Rein
- Biochemistry: Eli Powell, Anna Erickson and Alex Hamel-

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 - Cellular and molecular biology: Ella Vadnais, Jared Ruskin and Austen Lazcano-Stai
 - Chemistry: Ruby Beckman, Eva Neira and Sawyer Wall
 - Computer and mathematics: Gabriel Hart, Alistair Pattison and Ben Bogie
 - Earth science: ZoA Ward, Zipporah Cohen and Alexandra Harris
 - Energy and transportation: Will Altman, Mohamed Geilani and Peter Schik
 - Engineering: Jackson Lee, Nicholas Jacobsen and James Carlson

- Environmental science: Lila Seeba
- Medicine and health: Quincy Altman, Thomas Heesch and Madison Neal
- Microbiology: Valerie Bares
- Maasia Apet and George Yetter
- Physics and Astronomy: Henrie Friesen, Adrian Yang and Zachary Konkol
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