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New principal ready to write the 'next chapter' at St. Anthony Park Elementary School

By Ned Leebrick-Stryker

Karen Duke may be walking into a new position as principal of St. Anthony Park Elementary School this fall, but her connection to the community runs deep. She grew up in the neighborhood, attended the school as a child and has been a parent there for the last six years.

On a recent afternoon in the Finnish Bistro, a soon-to-be second-grader recognized her classmate's mother and approached Duke.

"Are you really going to turn into our principal?" she asked. "I sure am," Duke said, and the two proceeded to chat back and forth about summer, the retirement of Duke's predecessor, Ann Johnson, and the young girl's missing tooth.

"The school is a really important part of our community," Duke said. "My role will be to bring people together from one chapter of the elementary school to the next."

And that next chapter begins with a challenge, as the elementary school is under major renovations for the next year. "It is going to create some stress for all of us because we're existing in a smaller space," she said. "There are going to be construction people around; there is a lot that will



Karen Duke is returning to her childhood elementary school as the new principal of St. Anthony Park Elementary. Here, she sits in the Peace Garden near the entrance to the school. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

be going on."

Still, she's confident the construction will not hurt the experience of the students.

"It is not about the beautiful

things on the walls; it's not about the space or arrangement of the desks. It is about the relationship [teachers] have with the kids," she said. "In a year, we are going to have one of the

most beautiful buildings in the city."

Having been raised in St. Anthony Park, Duke is now raising a family of her own in the

New principal to 12

Telling the climate change story

U of M Backyard Phenology project combines art, science and community to explore nature's calendar

I was born in 1970. When I was a kid . . . my mother and her father, my grandfather, had a little friendly competition each spring to see who would spot the first robin of the year.

My mom was real determined.

She'd be out on her morning walk and looking for those robins. She'd run to the phone and call my grandfather,

"Dad, I saw a robin," and then she'd be all upset because he'd be pulling dad rank: 'I saw one yesterday, but I didn't have time to call you.' My grandfather died when I was 14.

About 10 years ago, I started noticing that the robins weren't leaving anymore. I'd be out hiking in the winter, maybe January or Feb-

ruary, and I started seeing that robins were around and some of them just never left. . . . [My mother] called me in the spring to tell me she had seen a robin, and I

kind of had this immediate little emotional dilemma. . . . I was hesitant to tell her that I had been seeing robins on hikes all winter long. I said it . . . and afterwards, I com-

pletely regretted it. I could just feel it took the wind out of her sails.

Since then, every year except one or two winters that have been more severe, I have seen robins that stay in Minneapolis all winter long.

. . . and she continues to do the same thing, calls me to let me know that she's the first one, and I just let her.—This

story was recorded in the Climate Chaser (at left) at Northern Spark 2016.

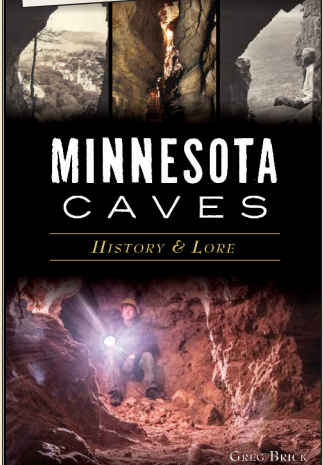
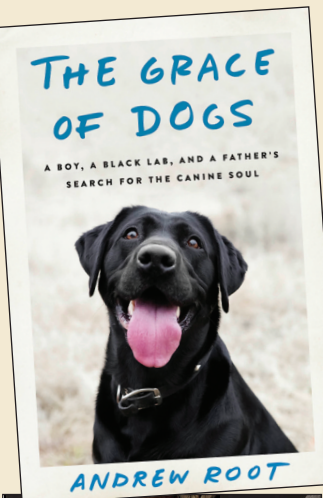
Participants were asked to talk about their observations of changes in Minnesota's climate.

The speaker is unknown.

By Kristal Leebrick

Less shoveling. Fewer bee and butterfly sightings. Little snow cover and limited days to cross country ski.

These details and the anecdote above are part of nearly



Good reads

Local authors publish new books.

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

District 10 seeks candidates from South Como and Energy Park

The District 10 Como Community Council is seeking candidates to fill one board vacancy representing Sub-District 4, which is commonly known as South Como and Energy Park.

The seat is open to anyone at least 18 years of age who lives in Sub-District 4; you can be a renter or a homeowner. Representatives from businesses or institutions based in the Sub-District also are eligible.

The boundaries of Sub-District 4 are Dale Street on the east, Snelling Avenue on the west and the two sets of BNSF railroad tracks on the north and south.

To submit your name or to find out more, contact the District 10 office at 651-644-3889 or district10@district10comopark.org. To be included on the ballot, nominations must be received by Tuesday, Sept. 12. The elected candidate will serve until April 2018; that is the end of the term for the board member who resigned to go back to school.

A special election for the seat will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. Residents of Sub-District 4 and sitting board members are eligible to vote.

The lawn signs are back

District 10 is reviving its lawn-sign safety campaign. The goals are the same: Get drivers to slow down and make our residential streets safer for everyone.

To make it work, you organize 10 to 12 neighbors who will stick a sign in their yard for two weeks. Contact the Como Community

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for
SLOWING
DOWN**

This is one of three options for lawn signs in District 10.

Council office by email at district10@district10comopark.org or by phone at 651-644-3889.

The options for signs are: "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here," "Thanks for Slowing Down," and "Slow Please: Free-Range Children, Adults and Dogs."

What we can—and can't do—during the Minnesota State Fair

The State Fair runs Thursday, Aug. 24, to Monday, Sept. 4, and that means special zoning allowances kick in for western portions of District 10. Special State Fair "overlay districts" allow vendors to set up shop on private property and allow residents to park visitors' cars on their lawns—all within limits.

For details on which blocks are covered by which overlay district; what the parking, vending and peddling regulations say; and how to report violations, see District 10's website, district10comopark.org.

New crosswalk coming to Lexington Parkway

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Dept. will build a new, marked crosswalk on Lexington Parkway after Labor Day. The goal is to create a clear, direct way to get back and forth on foot or bicycle between the Lakeside Pavilion/Como Dockside on one side of Lexington and the Como Park golf clubhouse/ski center/Cozy's Pub on the other side.

The project will include:

- A 6-foot-wide, marked crosswalk with standard warning signs.

- A 10-foot-wide curbed median with a pedestrian refuge, planted with oak trees and little bluestem grasses. The median will replace an existing painted median, which stretches from the driveway entering the golf course parking lot to the driveway for the Lakeside Pavilion's north parking lot.

- Twelve-foot traffic lanes, with a 25-mph speed limit.

- New, ADA-accessible paths, sidewalks and ramps connecting the crosswalk on each side of Lexington.

District 10 continues to work with the city, county and parks to pursue a pedestrian-activated warning light and other enhancements to make the crosswalk safer. For more details on the project, go to www.district10comopark.org.

Get rid of your junk in October

St. Paul's annual Reduce & Recycle Citywide Drop-Off Event at the State Fairgrounds will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Here is some basic information:

Volunteer: Residents who volunteer to staff the event receive a voucher allowing them to dispose of one load free. To volunteer, email district10@district10comopark.org or call 651-644-3889.

Disposal: Residents can dispose of appliances, electronics, furniture, tires, demolition debris, scrap metal and other household refuse for a set fee per item or per load. For full details on what items are acceptable, and their fees, go to the city's All-In web page: www.stpaul.gov/recycle.

Upcoming District 10 meetings

- Environment Committee: Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday, Sept. 5

- Land Use Committee: Wednesday, Sept. 6

- Como Community Council: Tuesday, Sept. 19

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, which is at the northeast corner of Lexington Parkway and Horton Avenue. Community members are always welcome to attend and participate. Whenever possible, agendas are posted in advance in the "Board News" section of District 10's website.

Lauderdale and Falcon Heights

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 information: 651-792-7650 or www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us.

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

5 K Family Fun Run/Walk coming up in September

Mark your calendars for the ninth annual Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family 5K Fun Run/Walk. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave., Falcon Heights. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the race will start at 8 a.m.

Register before Tuesday, Sept. 5, and the cost is \$15 for individuals and \$40 for a group of four. After that, the cost goes up to \$25 for individuals and \$50 for a group of four. Those who register before Sept. 5 will receive a Fun Run T-shirt.

Meet your neighbors while exercising on a lovely fall morning through the cities of Lauderdale and Falcon Heights. Proceeds go to the communities' parks system.

Falcon Heights city-wide garage sale is set for Sept. 9

The Falcon Heights city-wide garage sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Want to participate? Simply hold your garage

sale on that day and put up a sign, balloons or flags to show people that your house is one of the stops. The city will do the advertising.

If you want to be on the published list and map, please call Falcon Heights City Hall, 651-792-7600, by the end of the day on Sunday, Sept. 10. You can also go online to falconheights.org to fill out a form. Maps will be posted on the website on Wednesday, Sept. 13, and paper copies will be available at City Hall starting that day.

St. Anthony Park

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

Take the District 12 survey

District 12 wants your input. The St. Anthony Park community survey is open to share your thoughts on what our neighborhood needs to be strong and healthy for all who live, work, study in and visit St. Anthony Park. You can fill out our survey online at www.sapcc.org.

This feedback will shape community-planning priorities for the next 10 years. Please email any other thoughts or questions you have to info@sapcc.org.

SAP annual garage sale is Sept. 30

The annual St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To be included in the list of participating sales, register online at www.sapcc.org or call Rich at 651-641-1172 for more information. Registered homes will receive a yard sign and advertisement in newspapers and distributed maps of garage sale locations.

Seven candidates vie for two Falcon Heights City Council seats

By Kristal Leebrick

Seven Falcon Heights residents are running for two open seats on the Falcon Heights City Council. Pamela Harris, who has been on the council for more than a decade, is not seeking re-election. Tony Fischer, who was elected to the council in 2015 to fill a two-year term vacated by Keith Gosline, is seeking a four-year term.

The filing period closed Aug. 15. The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7. Here is a list of the candidates:

Tom Brace ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the council in 2015. Brace served as the Minnesota state fire marshal for 16 years and the Washington state fire marshal for 10 years before moving to Minnesota. His 26 years working in public safety is experience that would be helpful in the next few years in Falcon Heights, he said, as the city prepares to

contract with a new police agency. Brace has lived in Falcon Heights for 26 years and has served on the city Planning Commission.

Ronald Dixon, a recent college graduate, is a revenue examiner with the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Dixon is running on a platform "of police accountability, community action, fiscal discipline and progressive solutions," he said. He would also like to focus on issues that impact renters and hopes to encourage young people to get involved in local government.

Tony Fischer is a transportation planner with the Metropolitan Council. In his filing statement, Fischer said the past year has been challenging "but also an opportunity to begin to address long-standing suffering in the wider community. We have spent a lot of time thinking about policing and being more

inclusive. I would like to continue to be part of putting that experience into practice."

Melanie Leehy has served on city commissions and committees for the city of Falcon Heights for more than a decade. Most recently, she served as co-chair of the Falcon Heights Task Force on Policing and Inclusion, which came together last year after the killing of Philando Castile by a St. Anthony Police Dept. officer.

"I want to continue building upon the work that I have done, and strengthen who we are as a city," Leehy said. "This past year of hardship has shown that strong leadership is needed, and I believe that I provide that for Falcon Heights." Leehy runs the nonprofit Mobilizing and Releasing Caring Hearts, which works with churches and other organizations in their

outreach missions.

Mark Miazga is a research coordinator with the University of Minnesota and chair of the Falcon Heights Environment Commission. He has served on the St. Paul Long-Range Capital Investment Board and was health-care liaison assistant in the office of the late Sen. Paul Wellstone. His priorities are "healthy and strong citizen-police relationships and safe neighborhoods, vibrant parks and public places, responsive public services and reasonable property taxes, green city initiatives and healthy schools."

Paula Mielke, a Falcon Heights resident since 1990, is a member of the Ramsey County Library Board and served on the Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Commission from 2006 to 2008. Mielke helped form the Falcon Heights We Can Do Better group after the Castile

shooting. The group advocated for changes in policing in the city. As a council member, Mielke says she wants to ensure the community values developed by the city's Inclusion and Policing Task Force guide all decisions in strategic planning, policies and procedures, and budgeting. Mielke owns Grahn's Upholstery in Minneapolis.

Michael Wade served on the Falcon Heights Task Force on Policing and Inclusion. He has lived in the city for more than three years and is an author, poet and publisher at Mizchief's Ink Publications. His book "Mirror on the Wall: Reflections of Racism and Social Justice" was published in 2016. Wade could not be reached for comment.

The Bugle will have more about the election in the November election guide, which will be published Oct. 31.

A new park and more walkable neighborhood in preliminary plans for SAP's Westgate area

By Bill Lindeke

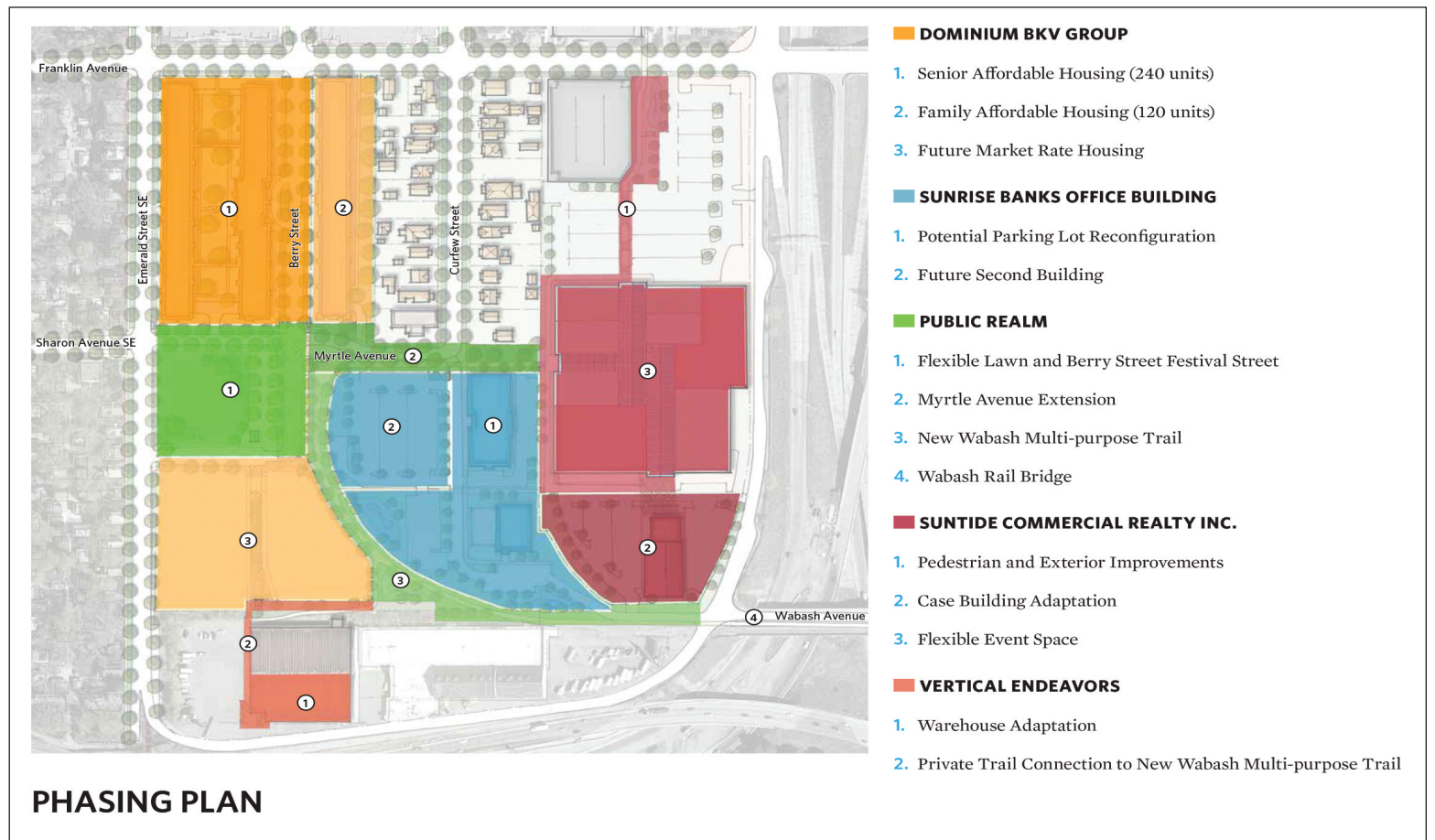
With some bureaucratic luck, by this time next year the western edge of St. Anthony Park will have a whole new, much more walkable, look and feel. And maybe even a new park, in an area that sorely needs it.

For decades, the area near the Westgate light-rail station has been marked by the Weyerhaeuser lumberyard, a massive gray building pressing up against Emerald Street and the Minneapolis border like an industrial bookend. But with the lumber giant shuttering its warehouse and selling the land for development, things are about to change in that sleepy corner between Highway 280, I-94 and the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis.

To prepare for the changes, the city of St. Paul hired consultant Urban Design Associates to prepare a report that is just now working through the planning review process. The document, "Westgate Public Realm Plan," was presented at the city's Transportation Committee earlier this month.

The consultant's report is just being finalized, according to Donna Drummond, St. Paul director of planning. "Planning staff will consider how to amend the concepts into the existing Westgate Station Area Plan."

As with similar plans for the West Side Flats development downtown, the Snelling-Midway "bus barn" site (where Minnesota United's soccer stadium is being



Urban Design Associates' diagram of the phasing of the potential projects in the Westgate area.

built) and the Highland Ford plant site, the Westgate plan is another effort to reform massive industrial superblocks by creating a smaller, more walkable street grid. The plan calls for connecting Emerald Street with Curfew Street on the interior of the block and extending Berry Street across Franklin Avenue.

The crown jewel of the plan would be a new one-block park located between Emerald and an extended Berry. The square park would occupy the center of the site and, according to the consultant report, be a "flexible park space that would be connected to the trail system." Other plans might include

a section for dogs, shaded benches, and a space for markets and events.

"This area has long been in need of park space," said John Mark Lucas, a transportation planner and member of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, at the recent city Transportation Committee meeting, where the plan was

discussed. "It would be great if we could add some mixed-use retail into the plan as well."

Dominium Development, the new owner of the Weyerhaeuser site, is planning a large senior living facility that will occupy the

Westgate to 6

Seminary Green Team installs bike repair station on Como Ave.

By Kristal Leebrick

St. Anthony Park just went up a notch in the bike-friendly world thanks to Luther Seminary's student Green Team.

A new bike-repair station was installed on Como Avenue just west of Luther Place this summer. The station is part of the Green Team's ongoing effort to create a more "ecologically conscious" infrastructure at the seminary, said Paul Drees, a member of the team.

Drees commutes on bike frequently from his home on Selby Avenue to classes at the seminary and his internship as a chaplain at United Hospital in downtown St. Paul. A flat tire on the way to Luther one day was the inspiration for the repair station, he said. "I figured there was a bike station within walking distance of the seminary," he said. There wasn't. "If there was something like this, I could have patched it."

The bike-repair station on Como joins another station at Hampden Park off Raymond Avenue in South St. Anthony. The repair stations are a small step





Paul Drees displays some of the tools that are part of Luther Seminary's bike repair station on Como Avenue. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

forward in developing a better bike infrastructure in this part of St. Paul, Drees said.

"Biking is something that helps everybody," he said. "For bikers, it's fun; it's exercise. It helps cars because

there is less traffic and it opens up more parking—and it's cheap, especially if you can do your own maintenance with something like this."

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Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park

This is one of a series of occasional columns from Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park, the neighborhood-based group working for a local response to climate change: a smaller carbon footprint and a stronger community. You can find out more about Transition Town at www.TransitionASAP.org.

A summer of resiliency work in St. Paul

By Ethan Engberg

Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park (TT-ASAP) is celebrating a summer of climate resiliency work with the Transition US National Gathering just past and an upcoming weekend of clean energy and sustainability at the Minnesota Energy Fair in September.

Transition movement gathered in St. Paul in July

More than 200 Transition Town movement leaders from across the county convened in late July in St. Paul for a long weekend of idea and vision sharing.

The Transition US National Gathering included two days of intensive training on key issues. People learned new skills to rebuild local economies and foodsheds, increase existing Transition initiatives and enforce the “inner transition”—the psychological and spiritual work involved in the movement.

The main gathering began Friday, July 28, with a keynote address by Richard Heinberg, senior

fellow of the Post Carbon Institute, an Oregon think tank. Other keynotes by international Transition movement founder Rob Hopkins and Standing Rock elder and water protector Phyllis Young took place Saturday, July 29.

The gathering featured a powerful lineup of more than 40 workshops focused on growing resilient people and households, building strong groups and effective partnerships, conducting successful projects and campaigns, and building an unstoppable movement.

Michael Russelle, member of TT-ASAP, said the organizers attempted to make the gathering carbon neutral, “at least with regard to travel to and from the meeting,” he said. “We encouraged participants to work with their family and friends back home to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions to offset the effect of traveling, and provided an easy-to-use set of examples on the TransitionGathering.org website.”

An interactive video link was used to connect participants in two workshops, one with Transition leaders in Japan, Brazil, Denmark,

Spain, France, Austria, Croatia and Mexico, and the other with Shaun Chamberlin in the UK, Russelle said. Like Hopkins, founder of the Transition Town movement, Chamberlin does not travel by airplane due to its large impact on climate change. In both these workshops, video-conferencing allowed for great interaction with the audience.

The national gathering deepened relationships, broadened participants’ knowledge of practical solutions to tough issues like peak oil and climate change, and increased strategies to bring a shared vision of healthy, sustainable and just communities to life.

Energy Fair at Harriet Island

More than ever, people across the country are seeking ways to transition away from damaging the earth, the climate and each other. If you are interested in becoming educated and empowered to try new things, start projects and learn from one another, join TT-ASAP at Harriet Island Park, Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept.

10, for the nation’s longest-running sustainability-and-renewable energy festival.

Now in its 28th year, the Energy Fair will offer interactive workshops and exhibitors, keynote speakers, live music, local food and more.

Similar to its predecessor event, the Living Green Expo, the Energy Fair’s workshops and exhibitors are at the heart of its mission: public education about renewable energy and sustainability. More than 100 workshops—80 of which will be free—will be offered on clean energy, energy efficiency and sustainable living topics. Exhibitor booths on renewable energy and sustainability feature artisans, solar installers, sustainable product vendors and nonprofit organizations are all free and open to the public.

Whether you’re new to the idea of sustainable living or well on your way, the Energy Fair will offer fun for the whole family with live music, social events, hands-on workshops for kids and other fun activities, including the Clean Transportation Show that focuses on all-electric and hybrid vehicles.

You’ll find a half-dozen local food truck options, with an emphasis on local, organic ingredients. Other refreshments and solar-brewed beer will be available throughout the weekend.

Thanks to Metro Transit, free rides to and from the Energy Fair will be available both days, including an all-electric shuttle bus from Union Depot to Harriet Island. (Limited parking will be available for a fee.)

Hosted by Midwest Renewable Energy Association, the Energy Fair is coming to the Twin Cities for the first time, adding to its annual June event in Custer, Wis. TT-ASAP is a promoting partner and exhibitor, and Transition Twin Cities will offer a Saturday workshop, “Transition Towns: Empowering Community.”

For more information about workshops, exhibitors and more, visit www.theenergyfair.org

Ethan Engberg is a student at Macalester College and an intern with Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park.

Deadlines, publishing dates and where to find a Bugle

Want to submit something to the Bugle?

Here are the deadlines and publication dates for the next three months:

October issue: The deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6, and it will hit the streets Tuesday, Sept. 19.

November issue: The deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 18, and it will hit the streets Tuesday, Oct. 31.

December issue: The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 8, and it will hit the streets Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Got a story idea?

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

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If your house was missed during our delivery week, we apologize. Here are some spots where you can pick up a Bugle:

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

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

Bugle receives two Page One Awards

The Park Bugle received two Page One Awards from the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists (MN SPJ) at its June 15 awards banquet in St. Paul.

The Bugle received second place for Best Issue for its March 2016 edition, and editor Kristal Leebrick received second place for headline writing.

Awards were given in more than 60 categories for newspaper reporting, online news, photography, television, radio and multimedia.

This is the fourth time the Bugle has won an award in the Best Issue category. The December 2011, June 2012 and November 2015 issues all received second place. The Bugle competes in the Newspaper—Less than 50,000 Circulation category, which includes daily papers such as Finance & Commerce, Duluth News Tribune and Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, and the biweekly Southwest Journal.

Support the Bugle with a cuppa Joe

There’s still time to help the Bugle raise some cash at Sunrise Banks’ charitable coffee bar, Park Perks. The bank will give all profits from August sales at its Como Avenue coffee bar to this nonprofit community newspaper.

Each month, Sunrise Banks at 2300 Como Ave. designates an area nonprofit to benefit from its coffee sales.

Thanks to Sunrise for the support and we hope you’ll help us with a cup of Joe.



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Music in the Park Series opens its 39th season in October

By Kristal Leebrick

It's the church. It's the community. And it's the music, composers and musicians all coming together.

"That's what's fabulous" about the Schubert Club's Music in the Park Series, says Julie Himmelstrup, series founder and artistic director.

The chamber music series has been held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., since its founding in 1979, and that intimate setting is a key part to what has made this series a success, Himmelstrup says.

Music in the Park will open its 39th season Sunday, Oct. 8, with the Schubert Ensemble of London. All concerts are held on Sundays at 4 p.m. at the church. To buy season or individual tickets call 651-292-3268 or go to schubert.org.

Here are the concerts in the 2017-18 season:

Schubert Ensemble of London, a group widely recognized as one of the world's leading exponents of music for piano and strings, will return to Music in the Park Oct. 8. The St. Anthony Park concert is part of the ensemble's final season. It will bring its 35-year career to a close at the end of June 2018.

The ensemble's eclectic program will feature "The Whole Earth Dances," a new, nature-inspired work by young British composer Cheryl Frances-Hoad; Vaughan Williams' romantic and rarely performed Piano Quintet in C-minor; and the grand finale, Franz Schubert's much-beloved "Trout" quintet.

The Dover Quartet with David Shifrin, clarinet, will perform Nov. 12. The quartet catapulted to

international stardom following a stunning sweep at the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition. The quartet has become one of the most in-demand ensembles in the world. Beginning its "mostly American" program with quartets by Richard Danielpour and Bartok, the Dover will be joined by clarinetist David Shifrin to perform works for clarinet and string quartet by Corigliano and American composer Chris Rogerson, along with arrangements of Duke Ellington tunes.

The Calmus Ensemble, one of Germany's most successful vocal groups, will perform Dec. 3 with a program of carols from around the world. Calmus offers the unique combination of a soprano with four male voices ranging from bass to countertenor. Work will include 16th-century Italian madrigals to traditional carols of France, Germany, Sweden and England, to American popular holiday songs.

The Parker String Quartet will perform Feb. 11 with work by Mozart, Ligeti and Bartok. Inspiring performances, luminous sound and exceptional musicianship are the hallmarks of the Grammy Award-winning quartet. Well-known to Twin Cities music lovers, the quartet made its debut with the Music in the Park Series in 2007, subsequently serving as artists-in-residence at the University of St. Thomas, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and as the first-ever artists-in-residence with Minnesota Public Radio.

Cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han will perform March 4. The two musicians rank among the most dynamic and influential forces in classical music today.

Partners in music and marriage, they were recipients of Musical America's prestigious Musicians of the Year award in 2012. A favorite of Music in the Park audiences, Finckel and Wu will make their fifth appearance on the series. Their program, "Distinctive Voices," will highlight works of Beethoven, Bruce Adolph, Mendelssohn, Grieg and a repeat performance of Lera Auerbach's "Sonata for Cello and Piano," composed for the duo and co-commissioned by Music in the Park Series in 2004.

The season will culminate on April 15 with a celebratory concert, the Lark Quartet: Now and Then (A Celebration of 30 Years). This unique concert will celebrate the past and present Lark Quartet through music old and new, with the original quartet—founded in 1985 in the Twin Cities by St. Anthony Park cellist Laura Sewell—and the current Lark Quartet members for a total of eight musicians.

In keeping with Lark's tradition of broadening the chamber music repertory through diverse commissions, members of the current and original quartets will join forces to perform the Minnesota premiere of Andrew Waggoner's work for two string quartets. Dedicated to "the once and future Lark Quartet," the commission was supported in part by the Thelma Hunter Fund of the American Composers Forum. Moving back in time to a work regarded as "one of the miracles of 19th-century music," the group will bring the Music in the Park Series season to a close with a performance of Mendelssohn's brilliant Octet in E-flat Major, written in 1825 when the composer was just 16 years old.

Westgate from 3

northwest corner of the site, by Emerald and Franklin, Drummond said. Likewise, Sunrise Banks has opened a new headquarters on Wabash Avenue, next to the existing railroad tracks.

Another appealing item in the plan is a potential bike and pedestrian link along the old railroad corridor that led into the lumberyard. By using the abandoned Wabash rail bridge, a trail connection could run from the park and new street grid over Highway 280, to link up with the under-construction "Grand Round" along Pelham Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue. In a

part of the city with impassable freeway barriers and dangerous on-ramps, a dedicated connection over the freeway would be a massive improvement.

Currently, however, that land is owned by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and no funding is earmarked for the connection. The agency would have to approve any change, though city staff has expressed hope that MnDOT might fund the bridge as part of its ongoing "Rethinking I-94" project.

Other new developments in the Westgate area include an under-

construction bouldering gym by local climbing company Vertical Endeavors. The low-slung space would appeal to practicing climbers and is currently planned for an old warehouse along the frontage road facing I-94. Just to the east, local office owner Case-Suntide has plans for a new mixed-use office space in the vacant building just south of its existing office complex at 767 Eustis St. If the company follows through with these plans, the renovated space would include a brewery or distillery, another in the growing local alcohol-production scene in St. Anthony Park.

"[The Westgate plan], which will be an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, will come to the [St. Paul] Planning Commission for a public hearing / recommendation to mayor and council," Drummond said. "I'm not sure yet on timing. I'm hoping we'll have someone who can work on it this fall."

Bill Lindeke is a member of the St. Paul Transportation Committee and an occasional contributor to the Park Bugle.

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The rise and demise of 'Broadacres'

The mid-1850s was a boom time in and around the hamlet of St. Paul, Minnesota Territory, and at the forefront of the action was a genial, energetic, wiry little man named Henry McKenty.

He was known by the nickname of "Broadacres," for his practice of acquiring and selling large parcels of property in a period of wild speculation and loose money. At one point, he was said to own more Minnesota land than anyone else.

McKenty planned to create a resort community at Sandy Lake, so he came up with a new name for the weedy pond—Lake Como—to conjure up the image of the picturesque original in northern Italy. To encourage development, he financed the construction of a road to the lake from the city limits at Rice Street. (He platted his Como Villas development on the south end of the lake, much of the land later becoming part of Warrendale.)

In August 1857, the bubble burst. A New York insurance company went bust, triggering a panic across the nation that eventually crushed the economy and many of those who had been riding the boom, including McKenty.

It had been a giddy run while it lasted.

In the mid-1850s immigrants bound for the newly opened land west of the Mississippi River flooded in from the East, reaching Rock Island, Ill., by train and then taking a steamboat up river to St. Paul, the last stop. In summer 1855, one steamboat company alone deposited 30,000 people at the levee at the foot of Jackson Street. Many kept moving west, but others stayed and the town of less than 5,000 struggled to accommodate them.

McKenty himself was a relative newcomer, having made a dramatic arrival in 1851.

As the story goes, McKenty requested a room at the American Hotel, one of the best in the hamlet.



The young lady on horseback is probably Josephine McKenty, posing in front of the fine home that her father built on the shore of the lake he renamed Como. Photo courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society

He was shown to a small room in the attic, which he declared to be unacceptable for "Col. Henry McKenty of Pennsylvania, a friend of Gov. Ramsey's."

"I don't care if you are the brother-in-law of the pope, I have no other room for you," replied the landlord. With that, McKenty walked to the front of the office, drew a revolver from his pocket and fired two shots through one of the front windows. Satisfactory accommodations were found for him.

Once established in business, McKenty fiercely defended his interests. For example, after learning that someone was trespassing on his land near Mankato, he headed there by steamer.

He brought a casket with him and had four men carry it to the door of the claim jumper's cabin. Gun in

hand, McKenty suggested to the man that he would be occupying said casket if he didn't immediately depart, which the trespasser proceeded to do.

During the craze, land originally valued at \$1.25 per acre soared to as high as \$15. McKenty held several thousand acres of prairie land in Washington County for a year or so and cleared \$23,000 on the sale. He and others loaned money at an interest rate of 5 percent—per month.

In the 1890s, an old settler recalled the real estate men of those earlier days for the St. Paul Globe: "A large share of them were purely street sharpers, having no office but the sidewalk and no capital but a roll of townsite maps and a package of blank deeds, yet all fairly coining money and spending it, in many cases, as rapidly as made on fast horses, fast women, wine and cards.

"The operators would board boats on their arrival or hang around hotels, and by a little maneuvering ... find out and manipulate strangers ... and fleece them of their means by selling them lots in moonshine towns for several hundred dollars each, not actually worth as many cents, even if they got a title at all."

However, the old-timer acknowledged there were "honorable exceptions," and named McKenty chief among them. Another newspaper writer agreed: "One thing set him apart from other land speculators—he was not a swindler."

The writer added that McKenty's funding of the Como road exemplified his sense of community, and "he always had a sympathetic heart and a helping hand for the poor and unfortunate."

How the West was bought

Henry McKenty and his fellow speculators, as well as farmers, timber companies and others, acquired what had been federal land with military warrants.

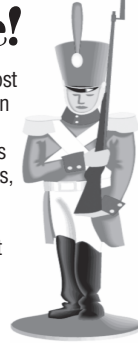
These certificates entitled each veteran of every war from the American Revolution through the Mexican War of 1846-48 to 160 acres of free land, officially valued at \$1.25 per acre.

Initially, the land had to be within a federal military reserve and the warrants were nontransferable, requirements designed to encourage veterans to settle along the "Indian frontier." But by 1852, both stipulations had been dropped, leading to widespread trade in the scrip.

In his book, "Minnesota, A History of the State," published in 1975, Theodore C. Blegen tells us that many veterans in other parts of the country sold their warrants to dealers and agents in Minnesota for as little as 10 cents an acre.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale by Clay Christensen

The appearance of a winter wren is always a pleasant surprise

I first heard a winter wren many years ago in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Our friends had a cabin there, and we had been invited to spend a week there that summer.

I'd often hike around in the woods, listening to the thrushes and the ovenbirds. Thrushes are very melodic. They have a split voice box (syrinx) so they can harmonize with themselves. They seem to favor the time of day when the sun is nearing the horizon and daylight is just beginning to fade.

The ovenbird gives a persistent "Teacher, teacher, teacher" call, increasing in volume. For as loud as they are, they are difficult to see, most likely on or near the forest floor.

One July morning, as I followed a deer trail, I heard the most angelic bird song. It was complicated, varied in pitch, and long—very long. I froze, and then looked around carefully, trying to discover the source.

Finally I saw a tiny brown bird, perched on a pile of scrap lumber, the trimmings left over from logging days. He threw back his head and sang that magical song. It was a trill of rapid staccato notes.

I was familiar with the house wren, but this bird was smaller and darker. Its tail was short and cocked nearly straight up. I checked my field guide and identified it as a winter wren, described as shaped like a little ball. It was skittish, hopping around from log to log, scooting under tree roots, disappearing, popping back up again—very mouse-like.

In my research, observers report that the male's song lasts 5 to 10 seconds. It seems much longer. And the bird manages 16 notes per second. (Try that tapping two fingers.)



The elusive winter wren Photo by Monica Bryand

This bird was on his breeding territory. In fact, I heard two that day, probably declaring that theirs was the best territory: "Come on over here, baby!"

The winter wren's breeding territory extends across the southern Canadian provinces and dips into northern Michigan, the U.P., northern Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota.

Fast forward nearly 20 years to my second winter wren encounter. I was on our backyard deck and saw what looked like a mouse skitter along the bottom of the fence at the edge of the deck. It ran—and then flew!

I ran after it, around the garage, to my neighbor's back fence, where again it stayed close to the ground and disappeared between the pickets. It obviously would rather run than fly. This was in October, so it was a fall migrant, heading to its winter range in the southern United States.

My third encounter happened when several of us were birding on a spring morning, walking along Sucker Creek in Vadnais Heights. Suddenly, a small dark bird flushed out of the bank on our side and flew across to the other side. This was the spring migrant version of the winter wren, heading back north.

The wrens had been silent in these Minnesota sightings. I had only heard them sing on their breeding range, up in the U.P., until a Monday morning this June.

Our small group of Monday Morning Birders was in Reservoir Woods in Roseville. We'd hiked through the adjoining Woodview Open Space and up the hill to the reservoir. On our way back to the parking lot, I went out onto an

observation platform to take a break.

As I sat resting my legs, I heard the unmistakable high-pitched warbling tune of a winter wren. I called out to my birding buddies: What on earth was he doing in Roseville in June? He must have given up on his northward migration and decided to try his luck here.

But looking for a mate so far south? Good luck, fella! Actually, after consulting the range map for the bird, the Twin Cities are on the southern edge of its breeding range. So he might be able to find a mate here.

My friend Monica Bryand saw our report of the bird, went to the observation platform that afternoon, and photographed the wren. The photo above doesn't show the upright tail, but Monica did get a decent shot of this elusive bird.

My buddy Julian had been with us that morning. He went back a few days later and recorded the song of the very bird Monica had photographed. You can hear the Roseville winter wren at <https://tinyurl.com/ydcnm4ot>. The audio lasts about a minute and includes a few other birds in the background.

The winter wren is a good example of why I love bird-watching. Here in the southern part of the state, its appearance is serendipitous. You might have a good chance to see one farther north, but around here, it is a pleasant surprise.

Birding is like that.

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

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Como Boys golf tourney aims to help build families

Group of childhood friends launch annual tournament to help nonprofit that aids families dealing with infertility and adoption.

By Kristal Leebrick

A quick lunch with a boyhood friend at House of Wong on Larpenteur Avenue three years ago turned into an aha moment for Tim Daulton.

Daulton was telling Mick Detbiler about Kids for Kyla, a nonprofit that grants money to couples going through adoption or infertility treatments. Kids for Kyla has a special place in Daulton's heart: It was started by his daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Ryan Mayeda of Greeley, Colo., six years ago after the couple experienced their own financial and emotional struggles with infertility and adoption.

"It was a lightning moment," Daulton said. "I thought, 'I should do something. We should have a golf tournament.'"

Several weeks later, on a brisk October day, the first Como Boys Legacy Golf Tournament was held at Island Lake Golf Course in Shoreview.

"It was colder than a well digger's you-know-what" the day of the tournament, Daulton said, "but we pulled it off. We raised \$10,000."

The tournament is entering its third year in September, and cliché or not, it's all with the help of a few friends: grade-school buddies Bob Cardinal and Greg Weyandt and the Thursday-morning coffee klatch that's been meeting at Keys Café in Roseville for nearly 25 years.

The 2017 Como Boys tourney will be held Friday, Sept. 15, at Island Lake. An awards reception, lunch and silent auction will follow at Patrick McGovern's in downtown St. Paul.

The nearly 30 guys who meet at Keys each week call themselves the Como Boys. Most of them met at the now-closed Holy Childhood Catholic School on Midway Parkway in Como Park. Many went on to Cretin High School but some, like Daulton, attended Murray High School in St. Anthony Park. That's where Pat and Diane Boehmer, owners of Patrick McGovern's, come in. "Pat's a Como guy," Daulton said, and a Murray grad.

The Boehmers have made "an enormous contribution" to the event through hosting the after-tournament lunch and walking the Boys through event planning, Cardinal said.

Kids for Kyla honors the Mayedas' first child, Kyla, their "miracle baby": conceived after two years of fertility treatments and born unable to breathe on her own. The life-threatening complication led to brain swelling and just six days after her birth, Kyla died.

The Mayedas eventually adopted a daughter and two years later Kim gave birth to a healthy boy.

It can cost tens of thousands of



Como Boys Mick Detbiler, Tim Daulton and Bob Campbell. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

dollars to adopt a child, Daulton said. "Young people trying to start families don't have the savings to support the cost of adoptions. They

don't have the money tucked away. [The Mayedas] looked to see if there

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The Metal Detector Guy

He's always looking for buried treasure in his neighbors' back yards.

By Rob Passons

Como Park is an old neighborhood with old houses and old yards. For a guy with a metal detector, it's Valhalla.

For Nick Torok, the community was a playground when he was growing up: a world to explore. "I was born and raised here," he said. "My grandpa helped build a lot of the houses around here."

It wasn't until his mid-30s that Torok delved into the dirt beneath his feet to find out what lay beneath the surface. That's when he got into metal detecting. "I saw a YouTube video and I was hooked," he said.

Torok's passion soon outgrew his own yard and the public spaces around Como Park, and he and his metal detector became something of a fixture in the neighborhood.

"People were always asking me if I was 'the metal detector guy,' so my wife set up a Facebook account called 'The Metal Detector Guy,'" Torok said. "That's how most people contact me."

Relics, coins, precious metals

Torok cleared his afternoon on July 23. He had invitations from three property owners, and Torok's excitement was palpable. The first lot on his itinerary sounded promising.

Torok had spoken to the owner prior to his arrival and got a brief history lesson. "This is one of the first houses built in the neighborhood," he said. "It was built as a store in the 1890s, and it was converted to a house sometime between 1910 and 1920."

A lot of customers had crossed the front yard with change from their purchases more than 100 years before, and Torok had high hopes.

Before he began, Torok calibrated his metal detector to compensate for the iron found naturally in the soil in Minnesota. He made adjustments on the digital readout that differentiated between ferrous (iron) and nonferrous (copper, silver, gold, etc.) metals.

"I spent a little more money on my detector so I wouldn't spend so much time digging for junk," Torok said. "I'm after relics, coins and precious metals, not old nails."

Even after his calibrations, Torok's detector continued to stubbornly chirp over a point in the test site. "I think there's something here," Torok said.

He marked the center of the signal and set his detector aside. He spread a small towel on the grass and pushed a specialized trowel into the turf. He dug a shallow hole in the topsoil and placed the 5-inch patch of grass and roots on the towel.

"I like to leave the ground looking like I was never here," he said.

Torok pulled a small pinpoint detector from his belt and prodded the soil beneath the sod. The wand beeped, and Torok followed the trail, depositing the loose soil beside the



After watching a YouTube video on metal-detecting, Torok was hooked on the hobby. Photos by Rob Passons



Torok showed Mary Wrobel a wheat penny he found in her Como Park yard.

patch of grass on the towel. A few moments later he pulled his first treasure of the day from the dirt.

"It's a wheatie," he said. "Looks like a 1922."

Pennies make up the majority of the coins Torok finds on his forays, and he divides them into "wheaties" (wheat pennies) and "Stinkin' Lincolns" (newer pennies adorned with the Lincoln Memorial).

The Lincoln Wheat Cent was produced from 1909 to 1958. With the exception of the 1943 steel cent, the average wheat penny contained 95 percent copper. The Lincoln Memorial pennies retained their copper mass until 1982, when the cost of copper far outpaced the value of the coin. Modern pennies are 97.5

percent zinc with a thin copper coating. At a cost of more than one-and-a-half cents a penny, they still cost the United States between \$55 million and \$60 million a year to produce.

Torok has yet to find an Indian Head penny, which were minted from 1859 to 1909.

Torok eyed the crusty bit of history in his hand. "Just think, the guy who dropped this penny is dead," he said. "When he dropped it there were horses around."

Buried treasure, buried junk

Criss-crossing the yard, Torok's detector alerted him to a lot of junk metal that had accumulated in nearly



Torok likes to leave the ground looking as if he was never there. Here, he digs up and puts back when he's done with his dig.



Torok's total take for the afternoon of July 24 came to 99 cents, but included a silver quarter, a Miraculous Medal and a bottle cap.



Torok's last find was a silver quarter from the north end.

130 years. He's had plenty of experience digging up old hinges, doorknobs, pop tops, nails, razor blades and bits of siding. He's learned to tell the difference between buried treasure and junk, for the most part, but sometimes he just has to dig to find out.

"I've got multiples here. It could be a pocket spill," he said as he neared the house. "I don't like the readings, but I like the sound of it."

Pocket spills are exactly what they sound like: a bunch of coins from roughly the same timeframe found in a small area. Torok once found a pocket spill of four coins from the 1860s.

"The weird thing was they were all from different countries," he said.

Torok was dubious but spread his towel and began his process. A minute later he pulled a small piece

of sheet metal from the dirt.

"I think there might still be something there," Torok said, poking his pin pointer into the trough. The detector beeped and Torok followed the trail to a 1909 wheat penny. While wheat pennies aren't uncommon finds, a wheatie from the first year they were minted is, at the very least, noteworthy.

Torok gathered his tools and loaded them into his SUV. He took a moment to eye the small pile of coins he pulled from his pocket. The total face value came to 28 cents.

"This was a productive yard," Torok said. "It's not exactly a lucrative hobby."

Torok keeps the coins he finds, but returns jewelry or lost family heirlooms to the owners of the grounds he explores. On occasion, he is called on to search for lost wedding



s up a patch of grass and roots, which he will



Torok knew he'd found a silver quarter when he saw the shiny sliver protruding from the earth. Moments later he confirmed it.



s last find of the day: a Medal of the Immaculate Conception (better known as the Miraculous Medal) buried in the end of the yard.

rings, and Torok is happy to oblige. "I never take tips or payment when I find lost wedding rings or something like that," he said. "When you hand someone something that's truly important to them, well, there's just no better feeling than that."

Torok drove a short distance to the second property on his list. Mary Wrobel came out to greet him when he arrived.

"Torok, I want to thank you for everything you do around here," Wrobel said. "It's just nice to know you're keeping an eye on things."

Torok was a reserve police officer for the city of St. Paul prior to joining the Army in 2006. He served with the Military Police for five years, including 15 months in Iraq, before returning home to work as a full-time law enforcement officer.

The tiny front yard of the

Wrobel property proved fruitless, but when Torok moved to the side yard his detector began to talk. Torok added a few more Stinkin' Lincolns to his haul and another wheatie. He also found a 1989 dime and a 1987 quarter that looked like it had been soaking in coffee for decades. The U.S. Mint ceased production of silver quarters in 1964.

"If that were a silver quarter it would be as shiny as the day it was made," Torok said. "They don't make money like they used to."

In four years of detecting, Torok has only found three silver coins. "A Mercury dime is definitely on my bucket list," he said.

Torok added the new finds to his growing pile of coins. "Feel free to come back if you ever want to look

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neighborhood.

"My parents moved here from Ohio [and] my dad attended Luther Seminary," Duke said, "I grew up in a house down on Scudder by the school." She attended St. Anthony Park Elementary for only fifth and sixth grade, but it left a lasting impression.

"I loved it," she said. "It was structured, smaller with a community, and it was a really good fit for me."

The school still has these same qualities that she became fond of, she said. "It feels really similar in the

sense that there are really strong ties to the community.

"We had the carnival [and] many of the same traditions. . . . We went to Isabella, now Wolf Ridge."

The staff and the parents make a deliberate attempt to make it feel like a community, she said. "It's its own community that really values making kids feel they are part of it." And she wants to ensure that "kids who come in from other places feel like they [belong to] the school as much as my kids on Doswell."

Duke will have a second-grader at the school this fall and a sixth-

grader at Murray Middle School. She believes this gives her a unique perspective when it comes to her new job.

"I always have my parent hat on," she said. "Whatever it is we are doing at the school," she asks, "how is that being received by parents and how is that facilitating their success in parenting and how is that facilitating their ability to support their kids?" However, Duke's priority is the children.

"It's important they get the academics," she said, "but just as important is: Do they love school?"

Do we foster that sense of curiosity, and do they feel safe? Do they feel like they belong?"

Duke began her career in SPSS as an American Sign Language (ASL) teacher, later becoming principal of Randolph Heights Elementary School and then training and coordinating professional development with principals across the district.

As the beginning of the school year approaches, Duke wants parents to know that she's ready for the next chapter of St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

"I still feel like I'm very much a newcomer coming in," she said. "I'll be following the teachers' lead for the year on what's important to keeping the school up to its standards. I'm going in with humility and gratitude for the people willing to be patient and helpful. Anyone can always come to me with concerns. I want people to feel good as we go into this next chapter."

Ned Leebrick-Stryker is a student in the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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As the financial crisis that began in 1857 deepened, McKenty's business began to fail, his inventory of land steadily losing value. He pieced together a small stake to invest in the new Pennsylvania oil fields and briefly tried his luck in California.

All was for naught, and by the summer of 1869 he was back in St. Paul, in such reduced circumstances

that he and his family had to move in with friends.

Despondent, McKenty took his own life that August at age 48.

Recognizing the cost he had borne for the Lake Como road, the state Legislature awarded \$5,000 to his grieving widow, Johanna. But the family's sorrow hadn't ended. The youngest McKenty daughter, also named Johanna, died of an unknown cause at age 16 in 1879. A year later, the surviving daughter, Josephine,

discovered to her grief that her mother had hanged herself in the kitchen of their home on Wabasha Street.

Eventually, Josephine, a schoolteacher, may have found happiness when she moved east and married a wealthy Philadelphian.

The section of Jessamine Avenue in the Como area was once named McKenty Street, for the man who made and lost a fortune "selling dirt," as he put it.

Como Boys from 9

was a resource or any foundation to help, and that's when Kids for Kyla began."

The foundation began in Greely, where a 5 and 10K race are held each year, along with a wine-

and-cheese fundraiser.

The foundation has chosen a Minnesota couple to receive a grant this year, and that presentation will be made at the lunch following the golf tournament.

Interested in joining the tournament? Cost is \$75 per golfer and \$300 for a foursome. Non-golfers are welcome to join the reception and lunch at McGovern's. Cost is \$30.

The Como Boys welcome sponsors or just heart-felt donations, Daulton said.

"There are a lot of young couples out there who would make wonderful parents; they're just short a few thousand dollars to put them in that arena," he said. "We'd like to help them out."

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Climate Chaser from 1

200 stories a group from the University of Minnesota has gathered over the last two years, using a restored 1970 Boler camper dubbed the Climate Chaser as the vehicle to record and share people's observations of seasonal changes in the lifecycle of plants and animals.

Those observations are called "phenology," the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena. The Climate Chaser is part of Backyard Phenology, a project that is engaging U of M faculty and citizens in working to understand how seasonal cycles in Minnesota are affected by a changing climate.

The mobile lab made its debut at Minneapolis's all-night Northern Spark festival in 2016, where the recordings began.

You can hear a sound collage and a podcast of those tales and share your own observations in the Climate Chaser at the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 24-Sept. 4. The trailer will be set up in the Eco Experience building, 1615 Randall Ave.

For Rebecca Montgomery, associate professor in the Department of Forest Resources at the U of M and coordinator of the Minnesota Phenology Project, these stories are helping her see connections between what lay people have noted and the data she and her colleagues are collecting. They may also lead her to new areas of study, she said.

"Collecting stories is a different way of thinking about change in the environment," she said. And to her surprise, even climate change skeptics have stories.

Backyard Phenology was started by Montgomery; Christine Baeumler, artist and associate professor in art and social practice; Kate Flick, an educator and graduate student; and Beth Mercer-Taylor, coordinator of the Institute on the Environment Sustainability Education program. Additional team members include Nick Jordan, professor of agronomy and plant genetics, and Mae Davenport, a professor in the Department of Forest Resources whose work focuses on the human dimensions of natural resource management.

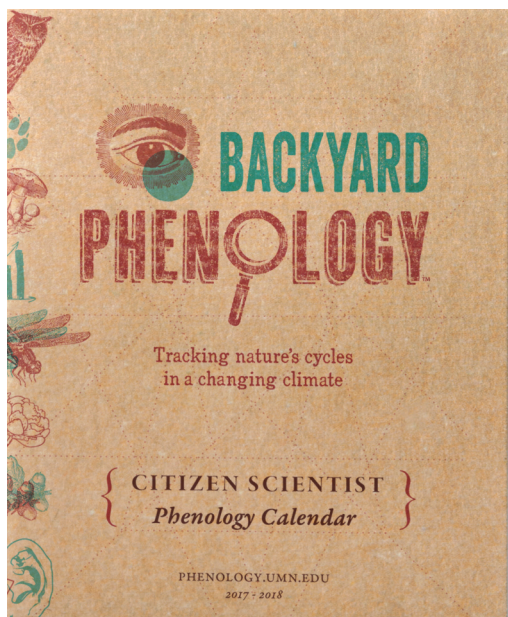
The program began after Montgomery and Baeumler met teaching "Making Sense of Climate Change: Science, Art and Agency," an interdisciplinary course in the U's Grand Challenge Curriculum. The course, co-taught with Jordan and Flick, had students design a public art project addressing climate change for the 2016 Northern Spark festival. The festival's theme for 2016 and 2017 was Climate Chaos/People Rising.

Baeumler and Montgomery taught the course again last spring, and students worked on the Climate Chaser to present at the 2017

Northern Spark and other venues throughout the state. This year, the Climate Chaser included the stories that were gathered the previous year.

Phenology walk

The Climate Chaser is just one component to Backyard Phenology, which has partnered with several metro-area locations and will be working with community groups through September 2018 to develop site-specific "phenology walks" that include observation, artistic projects and reflection.



Citizen scientist phenology calendars will be handed out at the State Fair exhibit in the Eco Experience building. You can also get one at Micawber's in Milton Square at Carter and Como avenue in St. Anthony Park.

The U's Native American Medicine Gardens just off of Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues on the St. Paul Campus is one of those sites. This summer, the group has been holding phenology workshops at the gardens.

At a session in early August, Montgomery trained a dozen participants to use the USA-National Phenology Network citizen science program Nature's Notebook to record their observations of the plants and animals around us: When did leaf buds break on a specific tree? When did the leaves unfold on that tree? When did fruit appear and what are the dates for the appearance of more than 10 fruits? More than 100?

Tracking these changes from year to year can help observers see changes in seasonal patterns.

Nature's Notebook includes an app that helps participants note their observations of the plants and animal species they are tracking.

A number of trees and plants at the Medicine Gardens have been tagged for tracking. Each of these plants or trees dons a pink ribbon and nameplate, and you don't need to download an app to track them. A wooden box on the property contains Nature's Notebook forms that ask about the participants' observations of specific plants, as well as the date and time of the observations. Participants are asked to fill out the form and return it to the box.

The workshop will be repeated again in September, and participation is open to the public



The USA-National Phenology Network has an app called Nature's Notebook that allows backyard phenology observers to track changes on their phones. Photos by Kristal Leebrick



Prof. Rebecca Montgomery leads a workshop on Backyard Phenology in August. This sunflower is one of the plants marked to be tracked through the season.

and encouraged. (You can find the schedule of events at phenology.umn.edu/events.)

Observing as you go

Backyard Phenology will hold workshops twice a month on the St. Paul campus over the next year. The winter workshops will be held inside and storytelling will have a larger focus, according to Francis Bettelyoun, master gardener and coordinator of the gardens. Bettelyoun, who also goes by his native name Cante Suta, is Oglala Lakota from Pine Ridge, S.D. He holds a talking circle after each workshop, something that helps build community, he said.

"Probably the most important part is [the talking circles] build relationships, build trust," he said. "People are allowed to speak their truths. Storytelling is part of phenology."

The sound collage that you can hear inside the Climate Chaser at the fair includes a story from Bettelyoun: "There is a Lakota phrase that means, literally, observing as you go, or as you walk through life. We've forgotten how to do that. . . . When you are on your journey here, with that intention of observing as you go, you are more aware of things. You are more aware as you are walking. . . . It's not just your eyesight and your ears you're listening through, it's your spirit."

"Once you get to the point of walking with your spirit and walking with intention and you're paying attention, you're there," Bettelyoun said. "Our phenology is this: It's observing as you go."

Visitors to the Climate Chaser will receive phenology "passports," pocket-sized calendars that can be used to track nature's cycles in your own backyard. The calendars will also list a schedule of monthly phenology workshops and other events in the Twin Cities. (If you can't make it to the fair, the passports will be available at Micawber's in Milton Square at Como and Carter avenues in St. Anthony Park.)

The Climate Chaser made a brief appearance at the State Fair last year: for one day, sandwiched between food booths. Most of the visitors came to the trailer because they were attracted to the vintage camper, Baeumler said.

"You'd explain the project and people would say, 'I don't have anything to share,' or they might be skeptical, but then they'd start talking," Montgomery said.

"Everyone had a story."

To learn more about Backyard Phenology, go to phenology.umn.edu. To learn more about the USA-National Phenology Network and Nature's Notebook, go to usanpn.org.

On page 1: The Climate Chaser at Northern Spark 2017. The lab will be open at the Minnesota State Fair in the Eco Experience Building, 1615 Randall Ave.

Notes from the underground by caveman Greg Brick

By Judy Woodward

What fascinates Greg Brick is what the rest of us mostly never see. The Como Park author has made his name with books that explore the hidden places and the shadowy recesses of the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota.

His latest book, "Minnesota Caves: History & Lore" (Charleston, S.C.: History Press, 2017), came out in August. Brick says it's the first comprehensive guide to caves—both natural and manmade—in the state, since the National Speleological Society published a survey back in 1980.

"There have been a huge number of developments since then," he says. That's partly because new caves have been discovered but also because caves, more than most landmarks, are subject to the vagaries of an ever-shifting landscape whose human stewards rarely make cave preservation a priority and sometimes actively seek to seal caves or even obliterate them from public memory.

That applies even to the most famous caves in the state. Take Carver's Cave, located on the banks of the Mississippi near downtown St. Paul. It's not particularly long or especially spectacular, but Brick says, "It's the first [Minnesota] cave to enter the published literature." One long-ago local newsman described it as resembling "the roof of a man's mouth seen through a looking glass," but Brick quotes an old caver's adage: "The shorter the cave, the longer its history."

In 1766, Carver's Cave became the first cave in Minnesota to be explored by Europeans. Englishman Jonathan Carver carved the British royal arms on its soft sandstone walls that year, thereby initiating a graffiti tradition that persists among some

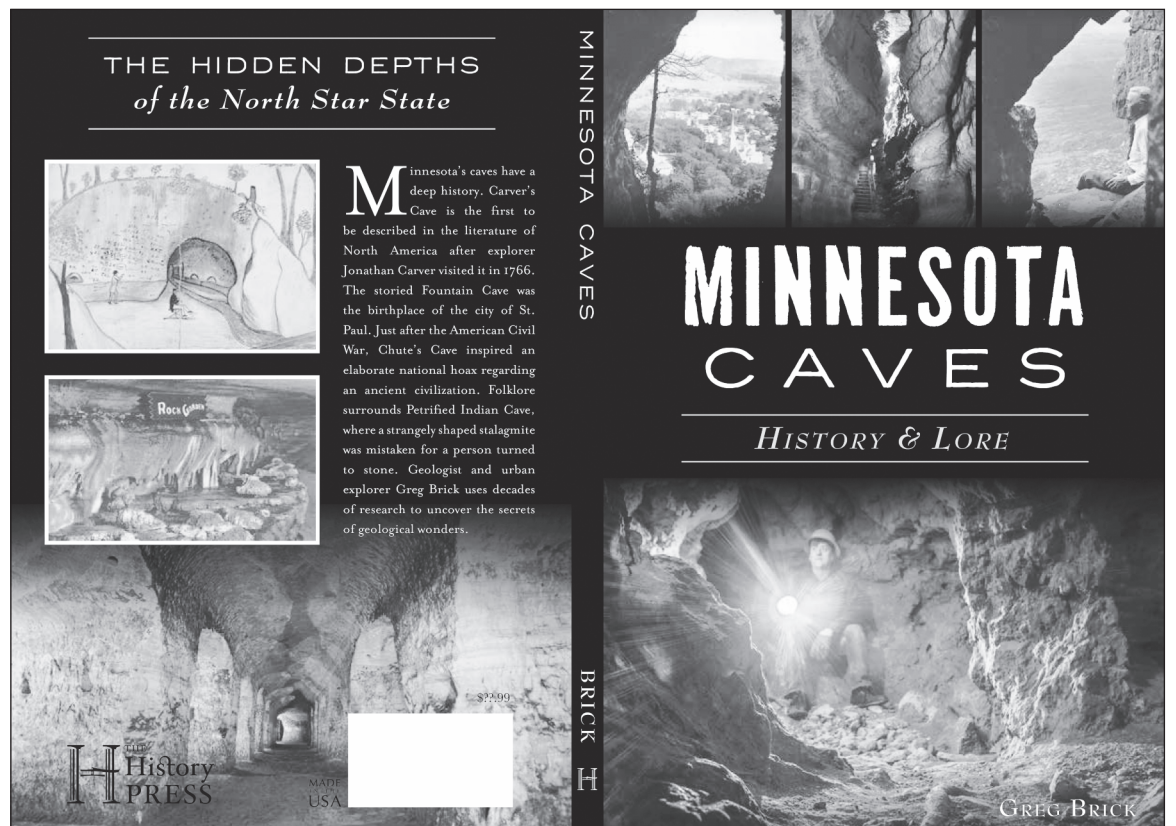
cave enthusiasts to this day. Since then, the cave has been subjected to continual cycles of ballyhoo followed by neglect. Described in the 19th century in ever more enthusiastic terms by writers who often had never actually set foot in the cave itself, Carver's Cave was alternately celebrated for its Indian petroglyphs and allowed to fill with refuse when railroad construction encroached on the landscape.

"A cave will cover itself up," Brick says. "[It] was lost and rediscovered once a generation."

Nearly 100 years ago, Carver's Cave even became the focus of a brief commercial war when rival businessmen attempted to develop the cave's interior as a tourist attraction. "There were incidents involving dynamite," says Brick, but it was changing tastes in entertainment that led the cave to fall once more into obscurity. Now the centerpiece of the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, it was sealed by the city of St. Paul as recently as 2015.

Since 1988, Brick, 54, has explored every existing cave described in his book, but unlike many amateur cavers, he has no boyhood adventures to look back on when he talks about his interest in speleology. "I grew up in Highland Park, but even as a teen I never explored the caves," he says.

Brick notes that plenty of area residents "slake their thirst" for cave exploration by spending their teenage years attending illicit keg parties (and more) underground. Brick, on the other hand, developed his interest in the lower depths as a graduate student in geology at the University of Minnesota. By then his interests were more scholarly than recreational. "By the time I got into caves, I didn't see the kegs; I saw the



stratification," is how he puts it.

When he's not exploring caves or writing about them, Brick works for the Minnesota DNR as a hydrologist. Even though he's more interested in science than underground thrills, he has had more than one close call. There was the time he was exploring a tunnel he believed led to the well-known Fountain Cave near downtown St. Paul.

"This was back before the Internet, when we had no accurate weather forecasting," he says. Unbeknownst to Brick, it suddenly started raining—hard—outside. Water quickly filled the tunnel, and

Brick was lucky to be able to make a quick exit before the level rose too high. "It was dead silent in the tunnel and [then suddenly] the water started roaring [through]."

On another occasion, Brick and fellow explorers were in downtown Minneapolis, trying to find a route through the storm sewer lines to Schieks Cave, which is located 75 feet below the surface. They had pried off a manhole cover and Brick started climbing down the rebar-rungs cemented into the side of the deep shaft. Unfortunately, they hadn't reckoned on the corrosive power of sewer gas on metal.

"I made it down 20 feet, and

then the rungs started crumbling under my feet. . . . So I started coming back up and the rungs began to crumble off above me, too." Brick made it back to surface by climbing up the residual nubs of metal, narrowly avoiding a plunge into the abyss.

It is adventures like that that helped put an end to Brick's days of active cave exploration. "I've seen them all, by now," he says.

It also explains why Brick deliberately conceals the location of some of the caves he describes in his book, and why he politely declines all

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Professor Combs goes underground

By Judy Woodward

At least one resident of St. Anthony Park found fame and professional fortune in the musty recesses of the sandstone caves catacombed throughout the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown St. Paul.

In 1925, Willes Barnes Combs, newly appointed professor of the dairy industry, arrived at the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota and moved into a fine, spacious house on Chelmsford Avenue. One day a few years later, while buying mushrooms grown in a cave on South Wabash Street, Combs was struck by similarities between the atmosphere of the Minnesota cave and the famous French caves where the King of Cheeses—Roquefort itself!—was ripened.

Could Minnesota put itself on the gourmet map as a center of sophisticated cheese production?

Combs was not one to shy away from a challenge. As the Great Depression loomed, Minnesotans were hardly known for their sophisticated palates or their fine-dining traditions, but there was one vital ingredient that our state had: milk. Desperate dairy farmers were producing it faster than cash-strapped Americans could consume it. In the depths of the Depression in 1933, Combs persuaded the state of Minnesota to give him a \$500 grant with which to convert some of that milk into Roquefort cheese.

Only he couldn't call it Roquefort. No sooner had Combs leased caves from the Villaume Box & Lumber Co. (along what is now Plato Boulevard) and

set up business, than a visitor from the French Foreign Trade delegation swooped down on Minnesota to inform the upstart cheesemaker that there was only one cheese in the world that could legally be called Roquefort, and that came from la belle France, monsieur!

And there the matter might have ended, except for World War II. Among the lesser victims of the Nazi war machine were French luxury exports. Suddenly, Minnesota had the American blue cheese market all to itself. Business boomed, and no less than the New York Times declared that St. Paul was "well on its way to become the blue cheese capital of the world."

If only.

Although peacetime did not bring an end to the production of Minnesota Blue, as Combs' cheese was known, the state never again rivaled France for leadership of the upscale fromage market.

Meanwhile, manufacturing methods had modernized, and cheesemakers no longer depended on caves for aging their products. By the time of Combs' death in 1959, the Villaume caves, where it all began, were quiet and soon to be abandoned once more.

Learn more about Willes B. Combs and the St. Paul cheese caves in Greg Brick's article "St. Paul Underground" from the Fall 2003 issue of Ramsey County History, published by the Ramsey County Historical Society.

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'Grace of Dogs' explores the intellectual, emotional and spiritual dimensions of our relationship with canines

By Michelle Christianson

If you have ever lost a dog you adored, you will identify with the grief Dr. Andrew Root felt when he and his family watched their beloved dog, Kirby, draw his last breaths. But what his son, Owen, did next sent Root on a journey of exploration and insight that lasted several years.

Owen got a glass of water, made the sign of the cross on the dog's head, lifted his hands up and said, "I love you, Kirby," consigning him to God.

How many of us have looked in to a dog's eyes and wondered why and how they loved us? How many of us have buried dogs in our yards with a short service of some sort? How many have heard well-meaning friends tell us we will meet those faithful companions again after we die?

Shocked by the depth of his grief, Root, who is the Olson Baalson associate professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary and had written numerous academic works on youth ministry and practical theology, has now written a book that explores the intellectual, emotional and spiritual dimensions of our relationships with the dogs we love.

Delving into biology, history, theology, medicine, paleontology, cognitive ethology (the study of animal minds), as well as many personal accounts of humans and their canine companions, Root eventually read 25 books by a wide range of authors, looking for answers to his and other's questions.

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requests for more information about them. He's concerned about safety—both for the public and for the caves.

"To protect the caves," he says, "I can't give away locations." And that also means that he won't be giving out directions to the exact entry point for the 5-mile-long man-made tunnel that leads from one end of Lake Como all the way to the banks of the Mississippi in downtown St. Paul.

For would-be cave explorers, Brick has some advice: "Join a recognized caving club like the Minnesota Speleological Survey or the Minnesota Caving Club." And while you're at it, don't call yourself a "spelunker."

"That [word] is associated with the people who use their cellphone



The culmination of his studies is "The Grace of Dogs: a Boy, a Black Lab, and a Father's Search for the Canine Soul," a book that is both informative and entertaining.

It was published by Penguin Random House in June.

First, Root looks at a dog's innate desire to be near humans, to watch their faces, read their gestures

and anticipate their intentions. He shows how dogs use empathy and kindness, bonding and healing play to build strong relationships with their owners. Finally, he shows that these relationships demonstrate that dogs can truly love us, giving us unconditional acceptance, which is the definition of grace. If, as Root says in an interview in Psychology Today, "soul isn't something we individually have, but something we express with others," then dogs must have souls that connect with ours.

One theory that Root explores is that dogs and humans evolved together, dogs becoming more "kind" and humans becoming more spiritual. Because dogs protected and served as alarm systems for their families, humans had more time to think and daydream, to speculate about the future and their place in the cosmos.

Trying to answer the question about dogs and heaven, Root quotes theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who told a weeping child that the boy loved his dog and God loves him and all animals, so yes, Bonhoeffer did think the boy would see the dog in heaven, because "God loses nothing that God loves," meaning love "transcends biology, chemistry and history." Love lasts forever.

The belief that we will be reunited with our pets explains why

humans in every culture around the world have been ritually burying their dogs for more than 26,000 years.

So why does a noted professor, author and lecturer write a book about dogs? There was the large investment of time and money in his search for answers, of course, but also a desire to help others on their journeys, to give them a language for their feelings and to gather some previously overlooked scientific research to support his theories, he said.

Root will be speaking in area churches, and Duke Divinity School will be running an excerpt and interview on its Faith and Leadership site, faithleadership.com/people-news/writers/andrew-root. To find out more go to andrewroot.org.

"The Grace of Dogs" is available locally at Micawbers, Barnes and Noble, Costco, Walmart and most other bookstores, as well as online. It's a wonderful book for both scholars and dog lovers.

Michelle Christianson lives in St. Anthony Park and is a longtime contributor to the Park Bugle.

lights to navigate underground . . ." right up to the moment where they have to be rescued—at considerable public expense—by the authorities. The correct term for what Brick does is "caver."

As for the future, Brick has turned his sights back toward the academic side of his profession. His next project is a technical textbook on the caves of Minnesota and surrounding states. "I guarantee it's not going to be a best-seller," he says.

You can find out more about Greg Brick's work and his upcoming speaking dates at his website, www.GregBrick.org

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5 TUESDAY

Baby/toddler storytime, every Tuesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Fall community blood drive, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2-7 p.m. Register at redcrossblood.org and use the code SAPL.

6 WEDNESDAY

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

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

7 THURSDAY

A Caregiver Support Group and a

Bereavement Support Group meet the first Thursday of each month at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

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

Dialoggers Toastmasters, Thursdays Northern Research Station, 1992 Folwell Ave., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

8 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

Preschool storytime, every Friday, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

14 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema Series, "La La Land," St. Anthony Park Library, 2 p.m. All welcome. FREE.

15 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

Tablet/smartphone drop-in clinic, St. Anthony Park Library, noon.

18 MONDAY

Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. gathering, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. FREE. Children welcome.

22 FRIDAY

Co-ed Drum Circle, Women's Drum Center, 6:30 p.m. \$10 at the door. Drums provided.

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. FREE.

24 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande, Micawber's, 1:30-3 p.m. All are welcome.

25 MONDAY

Community art project: Help create a community mosaic commemorating St. Anthony Park Library's 100 years in the neighborhood. St. Anthony Park Library, 5-7 p.m. All ages.

30 SATURDAY

Continuation of St. Anthony Park Library's community art project. St. Anthony Park Library, 2-4 p.m.

SENIOR EXERCISE

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors Mondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m.

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

Wednesdays, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

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

FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program:

Fourth Monday, Falcon Heights City Hall, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

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

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

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors (SAPAS)

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

First Friday of the month, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday of the month, Seal Hi-Rise, 3-3:30 p.m.

VENUE INFORMATION

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 W. Maryland Ave.

Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-603-8946

City Gables, 1611 Pleasant St., Lauderdale

Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1530 Larpenteur Ave.

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

Micawber's, Carter & Como, lower level Milton Square, 651-646-5506

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 1490 Fulham St.

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

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

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Paul Gordon Anderson

Paul Gordon Anderson died July 8, 2017, at the age of 96. He graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and practiced for more than 30 years at Arona Street and Como Avenue.

He loved biking and rode the Minnesota Ironman twice, was a baritone horn player, and won several blue ribbons for his whole wheat bread at the Minnesota State Fair.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothea Elsner. He is survived by a daughter, Thea Sanborn and her husband, Bruce; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

David Ryrie Brink

David Ryrie Brink, of Minneapolis, died July 20, 2017, just one week shy of his 98th birthday. He was born July 28, 1919, to Carol Ryrie Brink and Raymond Woodard Brink and raised in the University Grove neighborhood of Falcon Heights.

His mother, Carol, was a distinguished novelist, most famous for her Newberry Award-winning children's novel "Caddie Woodlawn" (1935), and his father, Raymond, was a math professor at the University of Minnesota.

David served in the Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Minnesota School of Law.

He joined the firm that is now Dorsey & Whitney LLP as an associate in 1947. In 1953, he became partner at Dorsey, succeeding the late Harry Blackmun (later Supreme Court justice) as the head of the Trusts & Estates Department. He retired in 1989.

David is survived by his sister, Nora; four children; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life reception will be held Sat., Aug. 26, 2-4 p.m., at 6 Smith, located at 294 East Grove Lane, Wayzata. RSVP to David O. Brink at dbrink@ucsd.edu.

Barbara Kahn

Barbara Ruth Visscher Kahn died peacefully in St. Anthony Park Home on Aug. 12, 2017.

She is survived by her three children, Susan, Kathryn and William, and her three grandchildren, Kevin and Laura Farr and Amelia Kahn, as well as extended family, friends, colleagues and students.

She grew up in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis and attended Pratt School and Marshall High, University of Minnesota undergraduate and medical school where she received her M.D. She met Fredrick H. Kahn while doing her internship in San Francisco. They married in 1952 and in 1954 moved to West Los Angeles. Barbara earned an MPH and DrPH in epidemiology from the UCLA School of Public Health, where she went on to teach and do research until 2010.

She was a girl scout leader and

Sunday School teacher for the Unitarian-Universalist Society for many years. With her family, she hiked and nordic skied in the California mountains, learned to sail with the family, and sailed with her daughters to Catalina Island. She spent her last years closer to family in Minnesota.

Marc Kolden

The Rev. Dr. Marc Kolden, 77, of St. Paul, died July 15, 2017.

Marc was a 1962 graduate of Harvard, a 1966 graduate of Luther Seminary and received his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago in 1969 and 1976, respectively. He joined the Luther Seminary faculty in 1981, assuming the position of academic dean in 1996 and was Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology.

Marc is survived by his wife, Sally; son, Michael (Marisa) Kolden; grandchildren, Eres and Asher Kolden; brother, Rolf (Peggy) Kolden; and stepbrother, Roger (Barbara) Grier.

His funeral service was held July 20 at the Chapel of the Incarnation at Luther Seminary, with interment at Elmhurst Cemetery.

Carol Lindig

Carol Lou Lindig, 82, of Vadnais Heights, formerly of Falcon Heights, died July 14, 2017. She was born in Minneapolis. As a youth, she lived on Larpenteur Avenue, where her parents had a nursery. She attended Murray High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Lil. She attended Gustavus Adolphus College and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Carol was a life member and past president of the American Dental Assistants Association and St. Paul Dental Assistants Society.

Matthew Lopez

Matthew Paul Lopez, 55, of Lauderdale, died July 20, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his father, Antonio, and brother, Tony.

Matt was an expert fisherman, who passed on his love of fishing to his children, Teri (Rich) O'Neil, Tim (Jen), Scott (Kathryn), Ebin and Eva. He is also survived by two grandchildren; his mother, Esther; his partner, Roxanne; and his siblings, Thomas, Phillip, Laurie, Marietta, Cathie, Michael and James.

His funeral was held July 26 at Roseville Memorial Chapel.

Harry Loveridge

Harry J. Loveridge, 80, of Lauderdale, died July 28, 2017. He is survived by his brother, Warren (Betty) and sister-in-law Edith.

His service was held at Rose Hill Alliance Church Aug. 5, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Laura Jane Richard

Laura Jane (Stordahl) Richard, died July 24, 2017.

She was born Nov. 27, 1924,

and lived most of her life in Lauderdale. She was a kind and fancy Norwegian lady with a big heart and much love for her family and friends. She will be missed.

She is survived by her son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Kathy; grandsons, Jaime and Joe; and five

great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; son, Bruce; and granddaughter, Kirstin.

Her funeral was held at Roseville Memorial Chapel on July 27, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Fredrick Steinhauser

Fredrick Robert (Freddie) Steinhauser, 99, of St. Anthony Park, died with his family at his side on Aug. 13, 2017. He was born July 16, 1918, in Lamberton, Minn., son of Emil and Ella (Albright) Steinhauser.

Lives Lived to 20

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Neighbors

Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute names new director
Samantha Sencer-Mura has been named the next executive director of Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute (MOI), tutoring center, the corner of Raymond and University avenues in St. Anthony Park.

MOI supports under-resourced students ages 6 to 18 with writing skills and homework. Sencer-Mura is a graduate of Minneapolis public schools, has a bachelor of arts in critical theory and social justice from Occidental College in California, and has been a teacher and program administrator in New York, the Bay



Samantha Sencer-Mura

Area and Boston. She recently completed her master's in school leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Murray seeks volunteer tutors
Tutors are needed at Murray Middle School, 2200 Buford Ave., St. Paul,

for the Pilot One-on-One Tutoring Program that works with students who are academically challenged. The program focuses on students who typically do not have strong home support and are often living in crisis.

Students work with a tutor individually each day to study and develop the tools to improve their study skills.

Tutors are needed Monday through Friday for one to three hours. All volunteers must attend a 90-minute training and orientation. Training sessions will be held Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 8 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. To sign up or to learn more, contact Cindy Thrasher at 651-293-8740 or cindy.thrasher@spps.org.

Breath, Life & Potent Metaphors at Raymond Avenue Gallery

The work of potters Richard Gruchalla and Carrin Rosetti and painter Riki Kölbl Nelson will be on display at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., through Friday, Oct. 20. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and special Saturday hours Sept. 16 and Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Learn about organic agricultural research at the U in September

Cornercopia, the University of Minnesota's student organic farm, will host an open house and field day Thursday, Sept. 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m., on the farm, located at the intersection of Lindig Street and Dudley Avenue on the St. Paul



The indoor/outdoor living room

Park Bugle reader Mary Peterson of Roseville stumbled across this woody living area on a path through the Willow Pond area north of Roseville Area High School off of County Road B2. Apparently, an unknown neighbor took some discarded furniture and created an outdoor living room. No report on how the space has held up in the rain.

campus. There will be tours, tasting and more. The event is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available, bit.ly/UMN2017fieldday.

Square Dance classes start Sept. 25

Dakota Grand Squares will host a weekly beginner square dance program from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 25, at the West Seventh Community Center, 265 Oneida St., St. Paul. Dress is casual and pre-registration is not required. For more information call 651-225-9709.

Fall registration opens at St. Paul Parks and Recreation centers

Here are the September and October

activities, area St. Paul recreation centers.

Langford
www.stpaul.gov/LangfordRec, 651-298-5765

Chess, #20069, ages 7-12, Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Dec. 6, 6 p.m.

Tumbling, #20103, ages 3-5, Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.

Youth Yoga & Guardian #20104, ages 6-11, Tuesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 6 p.m.

Teen Yoga, #20094, ages 12-17, Tuesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Baseball/Softball Clinic, #20102, ages 7-11, Thursdays, Sept. 7-28, 6 p.m.

30/30 Moderate Intensity Workout/Yoga, #20073, adults, Mondays, Sept. 11-Nov. 20, 7:45 p.m.

Pickle Ball, ages 13+, Wednesdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

Men's 35+ Ice & Advil Basketball, #20084, Saturdays, Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 11 a.m.

Pilates, adults beginner & intermediate, Thursdays, Sept. 7-Nov. 9, varying times

Magic & More, #20064, ages 8-12, Tuesdays, Oct. 3-17, 6 p.m.

Robotic Surgeons, #20227, ages 7-14, Mondays, Oct. 9-30, 6 p.m.

Bugs #20253, ages 3-5, Monday, Oct. 9, 6:15 p.m.

Tot Time, Thursdays, beginning Oct. 5, 9-10:30 a.m.

Soo Bahk Do, Thursdays, ages 6-adult, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Northwest Como
www.stpaul.gov/northwestcomoRec, 651-298-5813

Lice: Everything You Wanted to Know, #20201, adults, Wednesdays, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Men's 35+ Ice & Advil Basketball, #20016, Saturday, Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 11 a.m.

Simple Electrical Repairs, #20215, adults, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.

Creative Writing Club, #19994, ages 7-12, Wednesdays, Oct. 4-Nov. 1, 3:15 p.m.

Family Yoga, #20078, ages 8+, Mondays, Oct. 2-Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

Archery, #20002, ages 9-14, Mondays/Thursdays, Sept. 25-Oct. 30, 3 p.m.

Kids Badminton, #20199, ages 10-16, Thursdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 19, 6:15 p.m.

Kids Volleyball, #20200, ages 9-14, Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 18, 6 p.m.

Knitting, Youth or Parent/Child, #20005, ages 8+, Mondays, Sept. 25-Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m.

Taekwondo Jr., #20052, ages 4-5, Tuesdays/Thursdays, Sept. 5-28, 5:30 p.m.

Artist Workshop, #20013, ages 7-12, Tuesdays, Oct. 3-Nov. 14, 3:15 p.m.

Comic/Cartoon Drawing #20196, ages 8-13, Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m.

***Back-to-School Dance, Friday, Sept. 22, ages 10-14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$5

***Welcome Bonfire, Friday, Oct. 13, all ages, 6:30-8:30 p.m., free

North Dale Recreation
www.stpaul.gov/northdaleRec, 651-558-2329

Songwriting, #20161, 14-18, Tuesdays, Oct. 10-24, 3 p.m.

Teens Basic Yoga, #20075, ages 13-17, Mondays, Sept. 11-Nov. 20, 3 p.m.

Building Models That Move, #20158, ages 4-6, Saturday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.

Jr. Engineering Crazy Con-cOct.ions, #20228, ages 4-6, Wednesdays, Oct. 4-25, 6 p.m.

Skateboarding Beginners, #20128, ages 6-9, Thursdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5, 6 p.m.

Skateboarding Intermediate, #20129, ages 8-14, Thursdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5, 5 p.m.

Creative Movement & Tap, #20124, ages 3-4, Tuesdays, Sept. 26-Nov. 21

Music Together, #20163, ages 1 month-6, Mondays, Sept. 25-Nov. 27, 6:15 p.m.

Parent/Child Tot Time, begins in October, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Tap & Ballet, ages 5-6 & 7-12, Tuesdays, Sept. 26-Nov. 21, 5:50-6:35 p.m. & 6:40-7:25 p.m.

Line Dancing, adults, Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11, 6:10 p.m.

Men's 35+ Ice & Advil Basketball, Saturday, Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 11 a.m.

Earth Moon Yoga, adults, Tuesdays (7:40 p.m.), Saturdays (11 a.m.)

Challenge Square Dancing, adults, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Laughter Yoga, adults, Thursdays, 12 p.m.

Pilates-Mind/Body/Strength, adults, Mondays/Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.

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Reviewing his father's life, son Paul said, "Three wars, four children, six grandchildren, seven continents (yes, he hung with penguins in Antarctica), and one wife of 68 years!"

Fred received a bachelor's degree with special honors at Mankato State College in 1949 and a master's degree at the University of Chicago in 1951. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1960.

He taught in rural schools, 1937-40; was a member of the University of Minnesota faculty, 1957-86, serving as professor of social studies 1960-86 and head of social and behavioral science 1979-86. He retired in 1986.

Fred was an organizer for the Association of St. Paul Communities, a charter member of St. Paul's Capital Improvements Committee, chair of

St. Paul Citizen's Finance Committee and served on the St. Paul Public Schools Bond Committee.

Fred was an active member of the St. Anthony Park community for years and on July 4, 2009, received the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation's Spirit of the Park Award. St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman dedicated that date as "Fred Steinhauer Day in St. Paul" in honor of his 50 years of service here.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kurt. He is survived by his wife, Joan; their sons, Mark of Little Canada and Paul of White Bear Lake; and daughter, Louise Radle (George) of Maplewood. Paul reports that his father was always proud that the whole family was able to find productive jobs without moving far from home.

Those wishing to send

memorials are asked to send them to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

Emily Taylor

Emily Taylor, 43, of Como Park, died Aug. 8, 2017. She created the 2014 Minnesota State Fair souvenir poster. She was a talented artist, educator and loving mom, wife and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Chris; sons, Cedric and Quincy; mom, Gail (Terry); sister, Savannah; brother, Sam; grandparents, Don and Donna; and a large loving extended family. Her funeral service was held Aug. 14 at the Cremation Society of Minnesota.



Carolyn Johnson Wesenberg

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Carolyn Johnson Wesenberg, 90, St.

Anthony Park, died peacefully July 18, 2017.

Dr. Johnson had a long and distinguished career in family practice with an emphasis on obstetrics. She studied medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School, graduating in 1952 and was one of four women to graduate in her medical class. There was little doubt that she would follow in her father's footsteps and pursue a calling in medicine as far back as age 7, when he first mentored her in the fine art of tying a surgical suture knot.

After an internship at Miller Hospital (a predecessor to current United Hospital) she joined her surgeon father as a family practitioner in his Frogtown neighborhood office. That was the beginning of a varied, full and rich clinical career spanning more than 50 years.

Dr. Johnson's interests and expertise were wide-ranging. She practiced at the time when it was not uncommon for a family doctor to make house calls, assist in the surgical suite and provide obstetrical care in addition to their clinic and hospital responsibilities. She delivered nearly 6,000 babies, most of them in hospitals, though many were home deliveries done with safely planned specialty backup. Dr. Johnson

practiced medicine at various locations, including 11 years with Dr. David Gilbertson at St. Anthony Park Clinic, now occupied by Colossal Café.

Dr. Johnson's remarkable professional activities were not a deterrent to leading a full family life away from her offices and hospitals. She married her childhood sweetheart, Clarence "Wes" Wesenberg (chair of the Department of Educational Psychology at the U of M), and together they raised six children. Dr. Johnson admitted to juggling and balancing their busy work schedules with that of their home responsibilities and attributed their success in that realm to her husband's excellent meal-planning and cooking skills.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence (Wes); son, Noel; and brother, Carl Johnson. She is survived by her sister, Suzanne Reller; children, Nicholas, St. Paul; Nathaniel (Betsy), Roseville; Nanette (Jeff) Trent, Maryland; Nina (Jason) Steiner, Roseville; and Ned, Roseville, owner of Park Service in St. Anthony Park; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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for more beer money," Wrobel said.

The bucket list

The final property of the day was a prim four-square built in 1926. The back yard had been excavated, and with the exception of a few bits of scrap siding it gave up nothing.

The front yard appeared undisturbed by excavation, and moments after Torok began his sweep he got a strong signal. He dug into the turf with his trowel, dipped his pinpointer into the cavity and got multiple readings. Torok found three

wheat pennies, all from the 1940s. "Yep, this is a 1940s pocket spill," he said.

As Torok continued, the yard gave up more wheaties and an old watch buckle.

Torok shifted his focus to the east side of the yard. Moments later he froze, staring intently at the digital readout on his detector. "This one sounds really sexy," he said. "It's definitely not iron."

Torok knelt in the grass and creeping Charlie and began to dig. As is often the case, he was slightly off center, and the leading edge of a coin

peeked from the side of the small hole.

Torok stopped his excavation. "It's silver, and it has grooves so it's at least a quarter," Torok said. "I've never found a silver quarter before."

Torok paused a moment, reached into the hole and gently brushed dirt away before pinching the coin and wiggling it from its burrow.

Torok ran his thumb across the face of the coin, and the dirt fell away. "Oh my goodness, look at the shine—1942," Torok said. "Absolutely stunning. That's a bucket-lister for sure."

Torok's hands were still shaking when, a few minutes later, he made his last find of the day: a Medal of the Immaculate Conception (better known as the Miraculous Medal) buried in the north end of the yard. The silver talisman hung from a chain, its clasp still connected. The cross and capital "M" on the backside of the medal were still easily identified. On the front the Virgin Mary stood on a snake that writhed on the top of a globe. Her likeness had been rubbed to the point it was barely discernable.

Torok's total take for the day came to 99 cents at face value, but he won't soon forget the thrill of the hunt or the neighbors he connected with, however briefly.

"The best part of this is meeting people from the neighborhood I never would have met without this hobby," Torok said.

Rob Passons lives near Mille Lacs Lake where he worked as a reporter for the Mille Lacs Messenger for seven years. He is a frequent weekend visitor to the Como Park area.

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