You say goodbye...
Annette retires from the Como Station post office.

Meet Scott Carlson, the new Bugle editor.

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Nico’s will fill Muffuletta space this fall

By Ned Leebrick-Stryker

If you were in St. Anthony Park watching the parade on Como Avenue July 4, you may have noticed tacos and margaritas being sampled on the patio where former neighborhood staple Muffuletta once served food.

This was a preview of Nico's Taco and Tequila Bar, which will move into the space this fall.

“We only hope to be the neighborhood gem. Muffuletta was. [Nico’s] will definitely be something different,” said Jenna Victoria, who is opening Nico’s with her husband, Alejandro, and Isidro and Natalie Victoria, who just happen to be Alejandro’s brother and Jennia’s sister.

“Nico’s might be a little lighter and approachable,” Victoria said. “You can come grab a taco for $5 or $4 dollars (or) just have chips and gauc.”

The new Nico’s is not the Victoria’s first foray into the restaurant business. They opened a Nico’s on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis’ Uptown neighborhood in 2013 and had owned Amore Victoria on Lake Street in Uptown. The couple sold Amore Victoria, now Amore Uptown, nearly three years ago.

“We opened [the first] Nico’s while we were still running Amore [and] decided that Nico’s was more our forte. My husband is Mexican; he grew up eating all of this,” Victoria said.

“All of this” means “authentic street tacos, the kind you’d find in Mexico or California,” she said. “We specialize in our salsas, which are all made from scratch. We are also known for our margaritas, [which] are completely free of sugar, syrup — all that garbage that you have in some margaritas. We only use 100 percent agave tequila, pure agave nectar and fresh lime juice.”

While there will be aesthetic changes to the venue, Victoria said to expect only small alterations. “We will definitely keep the (Muffuletta) patio and make some minor changes to the furniture, colors and lights,” Victoria said. The changes include removing some of the booths in the front of the restaurant and adding a bar to the middle of the café. The restaurateurs are planning to use the courtyard in Milton Square for dining and events. “It’s a really beautiful little space,” she said.

Though an exact opening date is not known, Victoria has a rough idea of when residents of St. Anthony Park can get their hands on “indigenous Mexican specialties.”

“We’re hoping to open in the late fall,” Victoria said. “That would be ideal for us.”

Bell director hopes new museum will inspire Minnesotans do their own scientific inquiries

By Judy Woodward

Holly Menninger, the director of public engagement and science learning at the newly opened Bell Museum near the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, prides herself on being a "science communicator." Even if you didn’t know about her advanced degrees, her contagiously upbeat enthusiasm for natural history and her background as a media "Bug-spert," it takes only one anecdote to realize that this woman has powerful persuasive skills.

As an undergraduate, Menninger somehow persuaded her college roommate to share their dorm room with her pet flock of Madagascar hissing cockroaches. (About the size of a well-fed hummingbird, these are among the largest cockroaches known to science; they also take the honors as the average insectophobe’s Worst Nightmare.) "I love insects," says Menninger by way of non-explanation, "ever since I was little."

In some ways, Menninger’s current job is considerably easier than coaxing a friend into sleeping in a space shared with monster cockroaches. Nowadays she needs only communicate her passion and delight for the natural world in such a way that inspires Minnesotans everywhere "to get out and take the next step" to appreciate and interact with the "rich biodiversity" of their landscape.

Menninger thinks one of the best ways to take that next step involves the "citizen scientist" movement. Although the notion that amateurs can advance the frontiers of knowledge has been around at least since the era when Ben Franklin managed to find time to invent the lightning rod, bifocals and compound interest, we all need to be proactively gifted as the founding father to aid in the collection of data and the recording of meaningful scientific observations.

Ordinary people can extend the reach of science by working in partnership with researchers, and Menninger is determined to offer opportunities at the Bell Museum to suit every kind of budding scientific curiosity.

There are the discovery stations in the Minnesota Journeys area of the museum, where videtaped invitations from working scientists explain exactly what visitors can do individually to help promote that researcher’s project.

In the Prairie and Savannah
Como Park
The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Como Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Here’s how to connect: 651- 644-3905, district10comopark.org or District 10 Community Council on Facebook.

State Fair do’s and don’ts
Especially for those of you who live near the State Fairgrounds, District 10 will post a “cheat sheet” of what is allowed — and isn’t allowed — during the 12 days of the fair. The guide will cover street parking, lawn parking, peddlers and vendors; it will include phone numbers to call about different issues; and it will offer general advice from neighbors on common courtesy and making the most of the congestion and crowds. Look for the guide on District 10’s website, district10comopark.org.

TCGIS survey seeks design input
The Twin Cities German Immersion School, 1031 Como Ave., is surveying members of the public on what design elements they prefer in the school addition that will replace the former St. Andrew’s church building. You can find the link to the survey at the bottom of the page on the school’s expansion website, tcgisbuildingproject.org. The survey will be open through Sunday, Aug. 25.

Join District 10 for yoga
District 10’s next Community Yoga get-together will be held Sunday, Sept. 9, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Como Streetcar Station. Instructor Megan Hall of Como Park Yoga and Wellness will lead the session, which will be suitable for all levels of skill and experience. Bring a yoga mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothes.

The class is limited to 25 participants. Reserve your space district10comopark.org/CommunityYoga.html. Cost is $5, which benefits the Como Community Council.

Upcoming District 10 meetings
- Environment Committee: Wednesday, Aug. 29
- Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday, Sept. 4
- Land Use Committee: Wednesday, Sept. 5
- Como Community Council monthly meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 18

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

Falcon Heights
The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpent Ave. Contact information: 651-792-7000 or falconheights.org.

Joe Brown Thunder steps down from Falcon Heights City Council
Joe Brown Thunder resigned July 25. He and his family are moving to California. Brown Thunder was appointed to a vacant council seat in 2014 and elected in 2015 to serve a four-year term. The city is accepting applications from community members who would like to be considered for appointment to the city council. Applications can be found at falconheights.org.

Serve on a city commission
The city of Falcon Heights has approved the implementation of a new basketball court at Curtiss Field, 1551 W. Iowa Ave. The city’s staff is currently in the process of finalizing details, securing materials and ordering supplies for the construction. The half-court should be ready this fall. The court will have two hoops: one at regulation height and one a bit shorter to encourage youth play.

Lauderdale
The Lauderdale City Council met on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1691 Wabasha St. Contact information: 651-792-7630 or visit the website at lauradelndem.org.

Four file for city seats
Three people have filed as candidates for a seat on the Lauderdale City Council, Roxanne Grove, Zak Knavson and Andy Moffatt. Mary Gaach, the current mayor of the city, has filed to run again for mayor of Lauderdale. The Bugle will have more information about candidates in the November issue, which will be out two weeks before the election.

St. Anthony Park
The District 12 St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, 9-5 p.m. Registration for the sale is open. The form can be downloaded online at https://www.sappc.org/2018-garage-sale/.

Upcoming District 12 meetings
- All District 12 meetings are open to the public. All are welcome.
- The Environment Committee will meet Wednesday, Aug. 22, 7-9 p.m., at the SAPCC office, 2959 W. University Ave. The committee meets the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- The Transportation Committee will meet Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7-9 p.m., at the SAPCC office. This committee meets the last Tuesday of each month.
- The Land Use Committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m., at Jennings Community School, 2455 W. University Ave. This committee meets the first Thursday of each month.
- The Equity Committee will meet Friday, Sept. 7, 8-9:30 a.m., at the SAPCC office. This committee meets the first Friday of each month.
- The St. Anthony Park Community Council will meet Thursday, Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m., at Jennings Community School. The full council meets on the second Thursday of each month.

I support the Bugle and here’s why
Tell us about yourself. Where do you live?
I’ve rented in St. Anthony Park since my husband and I moved to Minnesota from New York City four years ago. I am an editor at Milkweed Editions, a nonprofit book publisher located in downtown Minneapolis—just a short bike ride away along the Transitway.

Why do you read the Park Bugle?
As a newcomer to both the neighborhood and the state, I’ve looked to the Bugle for orientation and insider knowledge about the state, neighborhood and the area, and how to be an active member of the community.

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Joe McGarvey

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As a newcomer to both the neighborhood and the state, I’ve looked to the Bugle for orientation and insider knowledge since we moved here. I’m always particularly excited for its coverage of events and new restaurants/businesses in the area, but I’ve also been impressed by Kristal Leebrick’s features.

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Joey McGarvey

Come home to St. Anthony Park...
Are you having trouble finding your “perfect” home with all the competition going on now?
Call me to represent you in your search. I have lived and worked in the area for 29 years and preview all houses as they come on the market.

Later this month I will be listing a brick two story on Folwell Ave. Call for information.

Cub Scout Pack 22 welcomes all
Cub Scout Pack 22, sponsored by Centennial United Methodist Church – St. Anthony Park, is enrolling new members. All youth, grades K-5, are welcome to enroll in the pack, which has been part of the community since 1948.

The pack’s year-round program includes character and leadership development through community-service projects, advancement activities and embracing the outdoors via camping, hiking and outdoor play. The program is hands-on, and parents are encouraged to play an active role in the pack.

The opening pack meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of Centennial UMC, 2200 W. University Ave. Interested families are invited to attend.

Questions? Contact Paul Snyder, cubmaster, psnyder0001@gmail.com; Brian Steingraber, assistant cubmaster, bsteingraber@gmail.com; or David Cramp Helwich, committee chair, cramphelwich@gmail.com.
She kept dog treats and a full candy jar on the counter for four-legged names, where our extended families and young visitors; she knew our living and all kinds of quirky working in the same post office for 30 years. Annette Edburn, the Como Station postmaster for three decades and a friend to many who bought stamps, mailed packages or picked up mail on Como Avenue, retired July 27.

Neighbors came to the post office that day to celebrate her with cake, hugs and tears, and a proclamation from St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, that named July 27, 2018, Annette Edburn Day. Edburn says she’s going to miss the people she’s gotten to know in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. “I’m going to miss helping people,” she said, “I’m going to miss just being here.” —Kosia Ledinck

Bell Museum from 1
section, for example, there is a kiosk where visitors to the museum can watch a videoed presentation by Professor Marlene Zuk of the U’s College of Biological Sciences on her study of the mating habits of crickets. A related video leads the viewer to the monarch larvae-monitoring project where another researcher explains how people can sign on to observe a specific milkweed patch for signs of the beautiful (and endangered) butterfly species.

In another area of the museum, a kiosk explains to prospective citizen scientists how they can participate in the Minnesota Bee Atlas, a project that draws on volunteers to map and study the habitats of native bee populations. For those whose interests focus on a more cephalic plane there is Exoplanet Explorers, a project overseen by Professor Chuck Woodward of the U’s Institute for Astrophysics, which invites amateur astronomers to help process data involved in the identification of other star systems in the galaxy. Projects like these belong to the Zooniverse, “the world’s largest and most popular citizen science platform,” which was co-founded by U Professor Lucy Fortson. It has connected research teams with volunteers in more than 100 projects, ranging from “anthropology to zoology.”

Thanks to a handy link on the Bell Museum website, potential volunteers can match their interests and skills to other projects as varied as the Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas — a digital transcription of data that has been collected over the last 100 years on the changing ecosystems of our region — to iNaturalist, a group dedicated to detecting the presence of Cerceris fumipennis (aka the smoky-winged beetle bandit wasp), an insect harbingers of the 17-year cicada in 2004 in Washington, D.C., while Menninger was a grad student at the nearby University of Maryland, changed her trajectory. As an entomologist with a knack for “traking complicated ideas accessible,” Menninger was suddenly in demand as a media expert who could help the public make sense of the life cycle of the newly hatched cicadas.

“My first interview was on CNN,” she recalls. She went on, in a later job, to run her own science-based radio program at Ithaca College in upstate New York.

The opening of the Bell Museum in its new home “gives us a new opportunity to tell the story of Minnesota’s natural history,” Menninger says. “Not just what it is, but how we came to know and understand it.” For Menninger, the chance to work for a place like the Bell gives her “the best of both worlds. We’re deeply connected to the University of Minnesota [and we are] in the situation of informal learning, as well. Find out more about the options for citizen scientist involvement at the Bell Museum and the Zooniverse at www.zooniverse.org/citizen-science.

Annette Edburn worked in the 55108 ZIP code area for three decades. Photo by Kristal Ledinck

Holly Menninger, director of public engagement and science learning at the Bell Museum. Photo courtesy of the Bell Museum

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S E P T E M B E R  2 0 1 8
September always brings change, and this fall, one big change here at the Park Bugle is that we will have a new editor. Scott Carlson will take over the job of managing this 44-year-old monthly paper starting Sept. 1. Carlson will bring a wealth of journalism experience to the Bugle. He spent nearly 30 years at the St. Paul Pioneer Press, where he won numerous awards for his work. His beats included workplace, labor, aviation, energy, legal affairs and retail. After leaving the Pioneer Press, he spent several years writing for Finance & Commerce, a Twin Cities daily paper devoted to business news. Carlson later joined AOA Rosieville Facebook, a “Facebook news and information site that he helped launch and then served as editor.

Most recently, Carlson has been a research associate in the Community Broadband Networks initiative at the Institute for Local Self-Reliance and as a media relations and communications consultant. And he recently published the book “Twin Cities Beer: A Heady History” (The History Press). Carlson lives in New Brighton with his wife, Betty.

The Bugle’s office phone line (651-646-5360) and editor’s email (editor@parkbugle.org) will remain the same. There will just be a different person answering the many queries that the Bugle receives each month. Do reach out to our new editor to help him become more acquainted with this place I have affectionately referred to as Bugeland since I stepped into these pages eight years ago.

My how time flies.

And now, it’s time for me to fly.

The Bugle was started in the 1970s, a time when many Twin Cities neighborhood newspapers began publishing through urban revitalization programs. Now, it’s the only nonprofit community newspaper being published in the Twin Cities. Nearly 49 years after its founding, the Bugle’s governing board faces the same challenge it faced in 1974: building a secure advertising base and fundraising to help with the costs of printing and distributing the newspaper and hiring skilled people to manage it all.

Please help the Bugle continue. Support it when the fund drive begins this fall. If you’re a local business, let people know you’re here by advertising in these pages. Believe me, people read the Bugle. And they support businesses that support your local institutions. To our readers, thank and support the businesses whose ads you see in these pages. Tell them you saw their ad in the Bugle.

Last: be kind to your editor because this job is truly a labor of love.

Kristel Leobrück

L E T T E R S

Can we have a conversation about Breck Woods?

Breck Woods is valuable because: It’s a continuous corridor of habitat for wild creatures, in a city where such spaces are mostly broken into small scraps. It’s a “woods bath” for human neighbors. It’s a connecting corridor for the U’s golf course, the new Bell Museum, and the Bee Lab. It’s a buffer zone, protecting neighbors from the grinding noise of cars and trains.

And powerfully, compellingly, it is real estate.

Why should Luther Seminary owner of Breck Woods, care about wildlife corridors or buffer zones, when they can view the woods as a liquid asset? All the seminary land, including the woods, has been sheltered and greened our St. Anthony Park neighborhood, ever since landscape architect Horace Cleveland laid out the curving streets in the 1880s. We who have loved the surprising beauty of our surroundings have an unspoken, unofficial bond with the seminary because of its green spaces. There is a brutality in disregarding such bonds, especially when there is a wide array of practical compromises open to the decision makers.

Can there be a conversation about compromise? Would President Robin Sneak be open to neighborhood ideas? The impact of a new apartment building in your back yard could be harsh, yet there may still be ways to find a win-win.

We ask the leadership of Luther Seminary to be a generous neighbor in seeking creative solutions to this newly announced sale of land, seeking the kind of stewardship in which we all can find comfort.

Alice Duggan
St. Anthony Park

Doesn’t that sound a bit backwards? This same attitude is reflected by others in the community who have been asking the seminary to slow down the process so good neighborhood input can be provided.

One resident commented to me that the St. Anthony Park neighborhood is of second importance to the seminary. He suggested that the seminary’s interest in the property is to dispatch and makes gains from their holdings so they can get on to their “higher calling” of educating people for service in the church.

I appreciate the mission of the seminary. As I am a graduate and am active in the church. But our seminary people for the ministry is only part of the seminary’s calling. The seminary must be challenged to walk the talk of the faith it preaches. How about the environment? Where does the seminary stand on its responsibility to be good stewards of the environment and ensure preservation of Breck Woods? It seems the seminary has only been concerned about the bottom line. Where does the seminary stand on its commitment to be a good neighbor and to listen to its neighbors? This seminary should have welcomed neighborhood input on this enormous proposed transfer of neighborhood resources. It has not done that. Now, because they are intent to play their cards close to the vest, it’s our job to call them out.

Those of us who live in this community have an obligation to one another, to other cities, to the future to create the most wonderful residential neighborhood possible.

Don Hargus,
St. Anthony Park

One simple email

I just picked up and recycled yet another issue of Bulldog Bargains that had been left in the gutter in front of my house. It is frustrating to see all this litter in our yards, sidewalks and streets.

It is even more upsetting when I see that the litter is being delivered by children. I hate seeing a mom driving down the street in her minivan, yelling at her child to run faster as he drops handfuls of Bulldog Bargains on the sidewalk (Raymond Avenue, last May). In July on Koton Street, I watched a father in an SUV get angry with his son for walking instead of running as he dropped the Bulldog Bargains; the dad drove away and left the child temporarily stranded and scared.

I shared my dissatisfaction with the Pioneer Press and was delighted to receive the following reply from Greg Moss (gmoss@pioneerpress.com): "We will immediately have the Bulldog Bargains product delivery stopped. I can only cancel with a direct communication from a customer so if you know of other neighbor who want it stopped, please pass along my email and I will have them stopped as well."

I felt powerless to stop this, but I’m encouraged to see that we can each stop it with one simple email.

Cheryl Eleanor,
St. Anthony Park

E D I T O R I A L

A hello and a goodbye

Don’t do it, please. It’s not worth it. Don’t do it.

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Deadline dates, publishing dates and where to find a Bugle

Want to submit something for the Bugle?

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

October issue: The deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 5, and it will be published Tuesday, Sept. 18.

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A Hello and a goodbye
At Hampden Park Co-op, the new manager comes around to his roots

By Mimi Jennings

Chuck Parsons, the new general manager of Hampden Park Food Co-op as of mid-April, is a Johnny Appleseed from the first step. “I’m a dreamer,” he says.

In his office beyond a warren of workrooms he hands me his business card embedded with wildflower seeds and suggests I plant it. I’m immediately aware of his enthusiasm and his gratitude for the welcome he’s received, with co-op members seeking him out to introduce themselves.

When asked what he’d like to change he doesn’t hesitate: “I won’t feel successful as a general manager if I don’t find a way to make our employees whole by providing health care benefits.”

He cites how fortunate he is to inherit a sound business from the former general manager, Christina Nicholson. “ Huge shifts and changes,” he says. “She did a lot of heavy lifting.” New produce coolers and a soup/sandwich bar “bring in a good lunch crowd. Lots of people come down.” He wants to expand the ready-made food further. How about weekend brunch food? Why not “work with farmer suppliers to bring in fresh produce and chickens, for example, for an evening meal program that would create new streams of revenue,” he says. He’d like to do this in-house and expand profitability, employment opportunities and quality control in one go.

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But it will take time, he says. “I get that not everything needs to be changed overnight.”

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“People treat this place like church,” he says. “People share your values. It feels like home.”

He comes from a military family that moved around, so he adapted easily to food tastes from Seattle to Durham, N.C., cooking for restaurants and eventually “for the two largest food contractors on the planet,” supplying aerospace companies and universities. Hampden Park Co-op is the smallest operation he’s ever managed, and he’ll need to “temper my enthusiasm” as he learns yet another culture.

“We’re getting a new start,” a new feel, having stepped away from corporate and rediscovered co-ops, he says. “Their values mirror who I am. I know farm-to-fork, neighbor-to-neighbor sharing by experience; I’m back around.” He’s always shopped co-ops as “the only place I could get certain items” but never considered them for a career.

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Do you share co-op values? Beyond being a loyal co-op shopper, how can we put our dollars to work for these values? Transition Town — ASAP is starting an investment club for neighbors who want to invest in cooperatives and other regenerative enterprises, mostly local ones. To learn more and be notified of the first meeting, email Mindy Keskinen at mindykeskinen@comcast.net. The club is a spinoff from the Transition Your Money action group, which is seeking ways to fund local sustainability. Visit the web page at TransitionASAP.org/TransitionYourMoney.

Mimi Jennings is a local poet, Transition Town — ASAP Planning Group member, former St. Paul Central High School French teacher and longtime resident of St. Anthony Park.

Chuck Parsons at Hampden Park Co-op, Photo by Mindy Keskinen
Miró Quartet opens music series

The Schubert Club’s Music in the Park Series will open its 40th season Sunday, Sept. 23, with the Miró Quartet. All concerts in the six-concert chamber music series are held Sundays at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Here are the concerts in the 2017-18 season:

- **The Miró Quartet’s program** will include Schumann and Mendelssohn and, honoring their fierce devotion to contemporary music, Kevin Pan’s third string quartet entitled “Credo.” The Miró Quartet is named for the surrealist Spanish artist Joan Miró.
- **Trio con Brio, Copenhagen** will return to Music in the Park Series Oct. 14. Founded in 1999, sisters Soo-Kyung and Soo-Jin Hong and Jens Elvekjaer (who is married to Soo-Kyung) have been exploring the piano trio repertoire. Their program features piano trios by Beethoven, Brahms and the Piano Trio in G minor by Czech composer Bedřich Smetana, written in response to the death of his daughter. Soo-Jin Hong plays a 175th-century violin built by Andreas Gurent and Soo-Kyung Hong plays a Grancino cello. Elvekjaer is Denmark’s first Steinway artist.
- **Alexander Firestein and Friends** (Elena Urioste, Nicholas Canellakis and Michael Brown) will perform Nov. 18. Firestein is considered one of today’s most exceptional clarinet performers. He won first prize at the Carl Nielsen International Clarinet Competition and received the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant. The program will include Mieczyslaw Weinberg’s Clarinet Sonata and Olivier Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time.
- **Ensemble Caprice** — renowned for its innovative and expertly informed interpretations of baroque music — will perform Feb. 10 with a program titled “I love baroque.” The program weaves together eight short stories featuring music of two centuries from five countries. Music by Bach, Falconiero, Schmelzer, Purcell and Vivaldi (among others) will highlight the drama, tenderness, joy, humor and melancholy of being in love.
- **Music in the Park Series** will debut the Horowzski Trio March 17. The trio will be joined for part of the program by Masami Per Rostad, violinist of the renowned Pacifica Quartet. Trio members are longtime friends Jesse Mills (violin), Raman Ramakrishnan (cello) and Rikko Aitken (piano) who take inspiration from pianist Mieczyslaw Horowzski’s musicianship, integrity and humanity. Their program features Schumann’s Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, a Brahms Piano Quartet and Piano Trio by Charles Widor. The Brentano String Quartet will close the series April 15 with “Lamentations,” a program that will feature music by Purcell, Haydn, Shostakovich, of Indra, Carter, Leku and Bartok. The group is named for Antonin Bertrand, who many scholars consider to be Beethoven’s “Immortal Beloved,” the intended recipient of his famous love confession.

To buy season or individual tickets call 651-292-3267 (Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) or go to schubert.org.
I've always wondered how an egg is made inside a female bird's body. I imagined some organs or glands took the whole process and then popped the egg out when it was done. My thinking got complicated when I tried to consider how the bird managed to lay as many as a dozen eggs in a clutch at the rate of one a day. How could this imagined gland complete one egg and then create another one a day later? It must take longer than a day, but wouldn't egg No. 2 be in the way of egg No. 3, and so on?

I launched into some research and, thanks to my birding buddy and fellow writer Val Cunningham, was directed to “The Avian Egg” by Alexis and Anastasia Romanoff. It turns out eggs are created in an organ, and that organ is a long tube whose cells line the entire length of the ovum. The tube is the ovary. It has two muscular layers in its walls. The outer layer consists of fibers that run longitudinally along the length of the ovum. They lengthen or shorten the ovum. The inner layer fibers run in a circular fashion around the tube and can change the diameter of the ovum. These muscles help move the ovum and the egg along. The process starts just outside the ovary. It's called the oviduct. The ovum begins to accumulate yolk at this point and then travels along the length of the ovum. The fourth section of the ovum is the uterus, where the shell is secreted around the egg. The ovum doesn't store any calcium. It's secreted around the egg. The ovum is the place where the male's sperm is introduced in what's called a “clausal kiss.”

Many birds' egg features spots, streaks, swirls and blotches in a variety of colors. Carotenoids start with capsules of worn-out red corpuscles that rupture. The hemoglobin is released and dissolves in the bloodstream. Then, as the blood passes through the liver, the hemoglobin is changed into bile pigments of red, yellow, blue, brown and black. Finally, the glands in the uterus secrete these colors onto the shell. Learning about how an avian egg is made has made me appreciate how ingenious the process is and also how arduous it is for females. Next time you see a female robin with a big tummy, realize she's probably "with egg" and regard her with some awe and sympathy.


Thank you from the 4th in the Park Committee!

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Thank you to all who contributed to 4th in the Park! Without your support, this event would not be possible.

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We hope to see you there!
Meet the Minnesota State Fair’s food vendor wizard

By Alex Lubdeu

There is so much to love about the Great Minnesota Get-Together, from just-harvested checks to height-raising rides. But let’s face it, we are here for the food. It be deep fried, on a stick or fried out of the oven, we count the days until those pesky dietary rules can be put on hold for 12 calorie-filled days.

Kids in one hand and Blue Ribbon Bargain Books in the other, the crowds snake along the avenues filled with the smells and sounds of frying oil and sugar. It’s all right there for the taking: French fries, pickles, craft beers, cotton candy in a champagne flute. But have you ever stopped mid-bite and wondered, who in is charge here? Is there a method to this tasty madness?

In fact, there is, and the conductor behind it all is Dennis Larson, license administration manager for the Minnesota State Fair. That title is really just an official way of saying Larson is in control of what is available to eat and drink at the fair. At least until the end of this year’s fair, when Larson will retire after 23 years at the fair.

Larson started his tenure at the fair as midway assistant for Jim Sinclair, the fair’s deputy general manager, and worked his way into the financial side of things. “I had always been in sales,” Larson explains. “This was before food at the fair became the beast that it is now. Food was really all about percentages, so numbers and food came together as a labor of love, and I kind of became the food guy.”

Larson is clearly comfortable in his role and is at ease talking about the ins and outs of the food and beverage “moment.” He leans back in his chair, surrounded by piles of souvenir cups and a massive collection of State Fair paraphernalia. Pints from fairs long ago hang from lanyards or cling to belted cube walls. This is a fair nerd’s dream. And in the center of it all, Larson is ready to tell his secrets. Except it’s no secret that Larson is highly methodical and conscientious about where and what to place at the fair. “I never thought I’d be licensing the length of a hot dog.” he jokes, “But I have in order to protect boundaries.” Protecting vendors from direct competition is an essential piece of the puzzle. At other fairs, one may find six corn dog stands and three lemonade carts on one block, which dilutes business for everyone.

At the Minnesota State Fair, each street mimics the restaurant experience. “Geographical balance is tricky. The blocks should be laid out like a menu: beverages, appetizer, side dishes, entrees, sweets,” Larson says. It’s all about efficiency and creating the best customer experience.

“We want the guests to have the opportunity to buy what they want where they are without having to go to the other end of the fair for a lemonade.”

That same balance must be considered when adding new vendors or even new menu items. It’s also no secret that acquiring one of those coveted vendor spots is about as easy as becoming a member of the Knights Templar. The challenge of getting in is mostly mathematical. Since the fair has no current plans to expand its already massive 320-acre footprint, a vendor spot has to vacate before a new vendor is invited in, and such turnover is rare. Of the nearly 500 applications for a new vendor spot last year, three were introduced to the fair.

“The first thing I am looking for is filling a need. Do we need a protein on that block or a dessert? Then the vendor must have plenty of related experience. I always say you have to play a lot of football before going to the Super Bowl,” Larson says with a smile.

“You need to get in and get it done. The capacity and speed is like nowhere else. We also need to have the right spot to fit the vendor’s specific needs such as truck access on the outside periphery.”

It’s all very clinical sounding, but Larson says the public is definitely heard. “We get very few complaints considering the massive crowds we get through here. But listen to what people want.”

At the end of the day, customers vote with their dollars, and there are a lot of those votes cast in Sweet Martha’s direction each and every day of the fair.

“People come to our fair to buy their favorite foods. They’ll talk about the new foods, but they are going to get what they came for, and we see that in the top-10 items. With almost 500 items to choose from, these top

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SUMMER SIZZLER!
By Roger Bergerson

The name of the Minnesota State Fair's mascot, Fairchild, is said to be a tribute to Henry S. Fairchild, whose idea it was to locate the fair on what had been the site of the Ramsey County Poor Farm.

And that's true, but it's just a sliver of a much larger and richer tale of competition between St. Paul and its uptown rival, Minneapolis, more than 130 years ago.

Things got so heated at one point that the Minneapolis Tribune dismissed St. Paul as a "picturesque and beautiful suburb" whose time had passed.

"For 10 years this city has been gaining upon her," the newspaper proclaimed, "and for three years has been neck and neck with her, and during the past two years has passed and distanced her in the race for commercial supremacy."

Mayb. Bun Fairchild and his St. Paul allies won the battle for the fair because, let's face it, everybody likes getting something for free.

There had been territorial feuds before Minneapolis became a state in 1858 and state fair ever since, all run by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society.

During its first two decades, the State Fair jostled between cities in southern Minnesota, but there was growing sentiment that the exposition needed a permanent home. The 1884 event in Owatonna solidified that thinking: Bad weather, a competing circus and a murder all contributed to what was generally conceded to be a disaster on every level.

A location somewhere in the Twin Cities made sense. The railroad line converged here, making transportation easy, and rural people were accustomed to coming to the metropolitan area, at least occasionally, to shop and conduct business.

St. Paul and Minneapolis already were blatant rivals and sensitive to criticism about it from the rural-dominated legislature. So, in November 1884, in a show of conciliation, members of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and the Minneapolis Board of Trade began meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a "Union Fairgrounds" midway between the two cities.

According to a State Fair historian, writing in 1910, "Each committee desired (the grounds) as near as possible to its home city, but with smooth dissimulation and an assumption of extreme fairness endeavored to conceal its real intention."

And, "... even though the delegations from both cities entered a council room with palms in their hands, they had knives up their sleeves."

Fairchild, a prominent real estate agent, was a member of the St. Paul committee. He suggested buying 100 acres of the Ramsey County Poor Farm for the fairgrounds.

The Poor Farm was where indigents were fed and housed and, to the extent they were able, worked to defray expenses. The county previously operated several poor farms, but by the time of Fairchild's proposal had consolidated operations on 210 acres in Rose Township, next to the University of Minnesota's agricultural campus.

Minneapolis, on the other hand, wanted the fairgrounds in a park envisioned for Minnehaha Falls, "a heaven-blessed spot," which its representatives argued was really no farther from the two downtowns than the Poor Farm.

Fairchild countered with a compromise site, near University and Prior avenues, which, from all appearances, found favor with both committees. "Harmony at Last," was the headline in the St. Paul Daily Globe. But the agreement fell apart within days and the two sides reverted to their previous positions.

The talk in St. Paul was that Minneapolis wanted the state Capitol moved to the new Minnehaha Falls park. The talk in Minneapolis was that St. Paul aspired to extend its western boundary to encompass the Poor Farm, a land grab if there ever was one. (That never happened. The site remained an unincorporated portion of Rose Township until Falcon Heights was formed in 1945.)

St. Paul City Attorney William Pitt Murray appears to have made the pivotal suggestion: that the Ramsey County Board should donate the entire Poor Farm to the cause. This was not as unward, jurisdictionally, as it might sound, because St. Paul Mayor Christopher O'Brien was also chairman of the county board.

A former legislator and city councilman, Murray knew his way around the halls of power. For that matter, it was common for city leaders at the time to have long records of public service and affiliations that overlapped. Fairchild, for instance, was a life member of the State Agricultural Society and for many years a Ramsey County commissioner.

Fairchild supported the idea of the land gift, as did a key member of the Ramsey County Board, George Hazzard, whose country home was just east of the proposed fairgrounds. The residence still stands at 1371 W. Nebraska Ave., near Hamline Avenue in St. Paul and will be the subject of an upcoming Park Bugle story.

In January 1885, at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society, O'Brien presented the offer: a gift of $200,000 worth of land and buildings, no strings attached, "at a site where you can plant your home." Society members applauded vigorously. Despite some maneuvering by Minneapolis interests, the enabling legislation was passed by the legislature and by early March, the deal was finalized.

A flurry of activity ensued that spring and summer. The city water system did not reach the new grounds, so wells were dug. A railroad spur was built, initially to bring in building materials, later barges. The Main Building, with its large dome, was constructed, as well as a two-tiered grandstand.

That first fair lasted eight days — it was closed on Sunday — and Minneapolis merchants and manufacturers put any lingering resentment aside and were well represented among the exhibitors.

Despite several days of rain, attendance was helped by the fact that the railroads offered a special rate of 2 cents a mile for a round-trip to the extravaganza. Attendance totaled about 75,000 and the society cleared $20,000.

With obvious satisfaction, the State Fair historian was able to observe, "No longer would [the State Fair] be hauled about from town to town, like a wandering circus, putting up its tents in the locality which should agree to pay the most."

Yet, the fair was finally home.
Just five new food vendors were accepted to the 2018 fair

The Minnesota State Fair will have five new food vendors when the gates open on Aug. 23. Here’s a list of the vendors and their offerings:

- Anchor Coffee House will serve cold-brew coffees, lattes, fresh-brewed drip coffee and banana-chocolate-chip gluten-free muffins. You’ll find it on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues outside Ramberg Music Café.
- The Hangar will serve breakfast items, Slider Flights (brisket, burger and pulled pork), smoked turkey legs, smoked brisket sandwiches, jumbo burgers, bacon-wrapped pork belly, kids meals (hot dog, chicken nuggets, burger with fries or fruit) and a chicken-and-waffle ice cream split topped with candied bacon. You’ll find it on the northeast corner of Murphy Avenue and Underwood Street.
- Minneapolis’ Midtown Global Market’s Mama D’s will be at the Taste of the Midtown Global Market booth at the International Bazaar Aug. 29 to Sept. 3. Its menu will include mac and cheese — regular and gluten-free, pulled-pork sandwiches, the BBQ Split (scoops of pulled pork, mac and cheese, and coleslaw served side-by-side with a pickle spear) and sweet tea.
- Another Midtown Global Market vendor, Taco Cat, will fill the market’s fair booth Aug. 23 to 28. Its menu will include Smokey Black Bean Tacos, Nacho Fries, General Tso Chicken Tacos, and a cold press coffee and horchata drink.
- The new vendor in the West End Market is Nordic Waffles, which will offer seven varieties of fresh-made waffle wraps: a breakfast wrap with eggs, bacon and cheddar; berries and vanilla ice cream; cinnamon, sugar and butter; smoked salmon with cream cheese and green onions; S’More with marshmallow cream; crumbled graham crackers and Nutella; Turkey Chipotle Club; and a black bean veggie burger with cheddar cheese, mixed greens and chipotle sauce.

The 2018 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 23 to Labor Day, Sept. 3.
Veterans for Peace convention set for Aug. 22-26 downtown St. Paul
The Veterans for Peace (VFP) 2018 International Convention will be held at the Intercontinental Riverfront Hotel, 11 E. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, Aug. 22-26. The convention’s theme is End All Wars and Reclaim Armistice Day. The public is invited to see the conference itinerary and to register, go to VeteransForPeace.org.
The conference will be hosted by the Twin Cities-based Veterans for Peace Chapter 27.
For additional information, contact the Chapter 27 office at 612-821-9141 or email Barry Riesch, bwrvfp27@gmail.com, or Dave Lopodo, dlo627@gmail.com.

Lisa Stratton
Local woman joins law firm
St. Anthony Park resident Lisa C. Stratton has joined the law firm of Schaefer Hallegen, LLC. Prior to joining Schaefer Hallegen, LLC, Stratton co-founded Gender Justice, a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking down gender barriers. Stratton began her career as an assistant attorney general with the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office. She led the Worker’s Rights Clinic at the University of Minnesota Law School and prosecuted employment discrimination claims with a national plaintiff’s side law firm.

Local woman’s memoir describes life in postwar Germany
Susanne Nevin, retired librarian and St. Anthony Park resident of more than 40 years, recently completed a memoir about her childhood in post-war Germany titled “Bookhound: A Reader’s Biography from the Postwar Years in Freiburg Lbr., Germany.”

An answering ad in the Park Bugle, Nevin connected with Emily Bledgett, a freelance book designer, and over the course of several months the two women created a book filled with images, including some of the children’s books featured in the memoir.

The book spans the author’s childhood and school years in the city of Freiburg in the Black Forest, as well as cultural, historical and political events of the time. In addition, it highlights the importance of the personal library and pays tribute to the many children’s and young adult books that helped Nevin get through the bleak postwar years of reconstruction of her bombed hometown.

The book is available at Micawber’s in Minneapolis. A lending copy is available at St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.

A little outdoor music
Penny Knights took advantage of the Plano on Parade in Milton Square this summer to help her meet a challenge from her piano instructor, Rebekah Richards. Knights’ performance was part of a studio project called "Summer Music Maestro," where students were asked to perform in the community, create original music, attend concerts and learn music theory. Knights will be a second-grader this fall at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Photo by Dan Knights

During three consecutive Tuesdays, Delahunty will discuss the origins of the Equal Protection Clause (Sept. 18), the 14th Amendment in Post-Civil War America (Sept. 25) and the Constitution Today (Oct. 2). The talks begin at 1 p.m.

These programs are free, and there is no registration required.

Great Decisions
The Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamline Ave., will present the second annual Great Decisions series Fridays, Sept. 21 to Nov. 16. Each discussion will begin at 1 p.m.

Participants can study the issues and then join the discussions led by experts. Copies of the 2018 Briefing Book for this series are available for checkout at the library. Topics and speakers include: Global Health Issues, Nathaniel Ham (Sept. 21); The Waning of Pax Americana, Tom Hanson (Sept. 28); Chinese Geopolitics, Sherry Gray (Oct. 5); U.S. Global Engagement and the Military, Chuck Woodbury (Oct. 12); South Africa’s Fragile Democracy, Tim O’Toole (Oct. 19); Media and Foreign Policy, Suda Ishida (Oct. 26); Turkey: Partner in

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Mary Ann Ambrosier
Mary Ann Ambrosier, 77, of Lauderdale, died July 7, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ron; infant son, John; parents, Lawrence and Mary Howell; and sister-in-law, Marie Howell. She is survived by her brothers, Larry (Jude) Howell and Charles Howell; six nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 17 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville, with internment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Mildred Hakomaki
Mildred R. Hakomaki died July 9, 2018. She was born July 7, 1920, in Mimbrie, S.D., to Oscar and Emma Huenner.

Mildred graduated from Mimbrie High School in 1938 and from the University of Minnesota in 1943, where she earned a bachelor's degree in a diagnostic lab tech. She worked at the U’s Veterinary Diagnostics Lab on the St. Paul campus from 1963 to 1985.

In 1944, she married Ray Hakomaki. They lived in Roseville from 1951 to 1977. She was preceded in death by her husband, brother Oscar and sister Helen.

Mildred is survived by her children, Sue (Steve Ganger) of St. Anthony Park, Jim of Denver and St. Paul, Nancy (Bill Moss) and Mark (Bill Hubeck), both of St. Paul; and grandchildren, Andrew Ganger and Marietta Huettner.

She grew up in rural Stacy, Minn., and the East Village. She died peacefully at home July 9, 2018, after a weekend surrounded by her loving family.

Kathy Harding
Kathy (Keacher) Harding died peacefully at home July 9, 2018, after a weekend surrounded by her loving family. Kathy lived in St. Anthony Park from 1974 to 1988 and returned to stay in 2008.

Kathy was born Jan. 29, 1952. She grew up in rural Stacy, Minn., with parents Joyce and Wilfred Keacher and four siblings, and attended the two-room elementary school there.

Happily married to Tim Harding for 48 years, they had two sons, Paul (Sarah) and Adam (Christine), and two grandchildren, Huuy and Roland, who also live in St. Anthony Park. She loved being a grandmother and always had toy trucks and crackers in her purse for little Huuy.

Kathy’s career began with designing clothing for local boutiques, which led to her becoming the fashion buyer for the Bender Shop in St. Anthony Park, where she was generally revered by Roxanne Free.

In the early 1980s, in partnership with friend and neighbor Carol Zapel, Kathy opened Preview, a new-wave fashion boutique at St. Anthony Main in Minneapolis. It featured unique fashions from young designers, many she found on treks to New York stores in Tribeca, Soho and the East Village.

Her next chapter was in collaboration with Tim at Harding Design Studio, where she designed art-to-wear garments for an international clientele. Kathy and Tim collaborated with architects on the design of two custom-built homes, including one on St. Anthony Park at Commonwealth Avenue and Gordon Place.

Kathy dabbled in ceramics, throwing and hand building vessels, and was able to build a pottery collection by trading her textile designs for ceramic artists’ work at craft fairs throughout the U.S.

Kathy’s passions included cooking, creating simple yet refined foods, often vegetarian fare, reflecting her travels; world music; and soccer, developed from Paul and Adam. Many enjoyable hours were spent at soccer fields around the city and the upper Midwest. Kathy and Tim even played for a while on an indoor soccer team of parents of their twin team.

Kathy was a kind, generous, strong, and authentic spirit. She will be profoundly missed.

A celebration of Kathy’s life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Great Hall at Shiverswood Park, 2500 Country Road E., St. Anthony, MN 55412.

George Packey Howatt
George Packey Howatt, 76, of St. Anthony Park, died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on July 10, 2018. He was in the company of his wife, Cynthia, and granddaughter Khloe.

Packey was born July 6, 1942, in Yakima, Wash. He was a graduate of the University of Washington and received his master of divinity from Luther Seminary.

Packey spent many of his formative years in the Cascade Mountains. This instilled in him an awe of the natural world that remained with him his entire life. It was when he also met his first wife, Vivian (Wirmann) Howatt. They moved to St. Paul so that Packey could continue his education. There they raised their three boys. He married Cynthia (Nabahlit) in 2004 and gained a daughter in Yvert.

Packey was an avid woodworker who was constantly busy by his children and grandchildren requesting one of his beautiful creations. He was a man of deep love and compassion. He had one simple desire in his life, for people he loved and to be happy, nothing more.

Packey was preceded in death by his parents, George and Norma, and sisters, Karen and Jean. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia; sons, Damon, Derek and Clayton; daughter Yvert; daughters-in-law, Kristin and Elizabeth; sons-in-law Klam; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 20 at Roseville Lutheran Church.

Ronald Jaschob
Ronald Jaschob, 83, formerly of Falcon Heights, died July 23, 2018. He was a gentle man who loved greatly and was greatly loved.

He is survived by his wife, Margery; daughters, Kari and Kristin (Jack); grandson, Cole; and sisters, Lois and Judy.

His memorial service was held July 31 at Roseville Lutheran Church, with internment at Fort Snelling.

Carol Jo Kelsey
Carol Jo Kelsey, 80, Como Park, died July 11, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and brother, David Engork.

Carol was a 1950 University of Minnesota School of Nursing graduate and earned a master’s degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1990. She was the education director at United and North Memorial Hospitals and a consultant in retirement. She chatted and served on boards for Tomahawk, Lyngbyklomsten and the U of M School of Nursing Alumni.

Driven by faith, Carol was a leader, a listener, an advocate, an educator, a friend, a connector of people and a generous supporter of the arts.

She is survived by her children, Mark (Kimerly), Heather (Randall) Quale and Michael; friend, Kathleen McCarthy; three grandchildren; Karen, Marjorie (Eilene) Espie and Kathleen (Karen) Hfigbhauser; sister-in-law, Linda (Glenn Strand) Kelsey; and brother-in-law, Thomas (Ingrid Schaff) Kelsey.

A memorial service was held July 20 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Richard Koetzel
Richard Frank Koetzel, 92, died Aug. 1, 2018. He was born in St. Paul to Catherine (Thera) and Frank Herman Koetzel on Aug. 15, 1925.

In 1943, when a senior at Central High School in St. Paul, he joined the U.S. Navy, where he trained as a pilot and then as a navigator. In 1946, he enrolled in the pharmacy program at the University of Minnesota and joined the VP 812 Naval Reserve Unit.

He married Kathleen McCoy in 1948. In 1950, Richard’s VP 812 Squadron was one of the first to be called into service during the Korean War. Richard served for two years at the Whidbey Island Naval Base in Washington, training future navigators.

After the Korean war, he pursued a career in pharmacy until he retired in 1989. Richard and Kathleen raised their family at 1525 N. Albert St. in St. Paul before moving to Roseville in 1994.

Richard participated in many volunteer activities at Church of the Holy Childhood and in the community. “Grandpa Dick” will always be remembered for his love of learning, his ability to fix anything, his interest in music (including the High Masses at Holy Childhood and the U of MN Marching Band concerts). He loved to travel.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; children, Kathleen (Robert) Marke, Thomas, Michael (Andrea), Theresa (Francisco) Kuettel-Andris and Steven (Anne); 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Church of the Holy Childhood in Como Park, with internment at Calvary Cemetery.

Peter McGough
Peter John McGough, 82, of Falcon Heights, died at home July 7, 2018. He was a bricklayer by trade, working in commercial construction. He retired early and started many successful businesses. His favorite was the food truck “Everything Apple.” Peter loved to cook and to create new recipes, so one can see why he enjoyed this business.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol (Saraian); children, sleepy dentistry for our patients!

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Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, Sept. 5, to be included in the September issue.

1 SATURDAY
The library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 1, to Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day holiday.

4 TUESDAY
Bible study discussion starts every Tuesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:20 a.m.

Community blood drive, St. Anthony Park United Church, 2-7 p.m. You can sign up online at bloodwork.org, using code SAPL.

Questions? Contact Joy at 651-644-8045.

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

Adult book club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss interesting books. All are welcome and no registration is required.

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

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Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Lutheran Seminary, 6:30 p.m. singing, 7-8:30 p.m. song. The event is free, lasts for about an hour, and is open to the public. All are welcome.

18 TUESDAY
Hood Days for Beginners, Women’s Dream Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m. No experience necessary, $5 in the door. Register at www.womensdreamcenter.org.

20 THURSDAY
Tai Chi in the Park, Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon.

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Preschool storytime, every Friday, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

23 SUNDAY
Second Alternatives Book Club, “A Communion ofSouls,” How Baby Boomers dod Dualism” by Bruce Coovert Gabry, Meinkahn, 1:30-3 p.m. All are welcome.

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John A. Mølstad, 70, of St. Anthony Park, died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm Aug. 6, 2018. Born in Madison, Minn., on July 27, 1948, to Vern and Ruth (Jean) Mølstad, he was one of three children, with an older brother, Tom, and younger sister, Mary. He was preceded in death by his parents and both siblings.

John was active in sports and music in school. He played his grandfather's baritone in the school band, as well as playing football, basketball, and gymastics. He was proud of the Madison Dragon's 1966 undefeated championship football season. John attended Moorhead State University, then transferred to the College of Associates Arts in St. Paul. While in college, he met his high school sweetheart and his sidekick on a blind date. They were married March 17, 1971. He graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree that May.

John worked as a graphic designer at the University of Minnesota Dental School. He began working for the U's Extension Service in 1976, when he and Sue bought their home in St. Anthony Park.

John coached basketball and baseball teams at Langford Park and was president of the Langford Park Booster Club during the recent redesign. He also worked with Cub Scout Pack 22 and played baritone in the St. Anthony Park Community Band.

John was a lifelong Golden Gophers football fan. As a co-worker at the U said John handled the “Minnesota Gardening” column for more than 25 years. After more than 25 years at the U, John semi-retired in 1999, starting his own freelance design company, Studio 31 Graphics.

He is survived by wife, Sue; children, Shawn (Joy), Rebecca (Nathan) Sheldon and Brad, and grandchildren, Avery and Erik. A memorial service was held Aug. 11 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Verle Rhoades
Verle M. Rhoades, 97, of Lauderdale, died July 8, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester. She is survived by their children, Peter (Jane) Penny (Gary) Bidner; two grandsons; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Patricia (Joe) Patri, Patrick.

Hers funeral service was held July 13 at University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis.

Wayne Sather

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albin and Marlys, and brother David. He is survived by siblings, Keith, Wanda (Whircorn), Steven, Deanne (Reinhart) and Krist (Oliphant). Celebrations of life service was held August 11 at the Clearwater, Minn., Legion.

Richard Schoen
Richard M. (Theo) Schoen, 89, of St. Anthony Park, died July 7, 2018. Dick was born May 26, 1929, to Floyd and Iris (Wilkinson) Schoen in Osceola, Minn., where his Swedish immigrant great-grandparents had settled. Dick loved growing up in Osceola and returned often, enjoying hunting and fishing in the area and working in the family furniture store.

He studied architecture at the University of Minnesota and was a first lieutenant in U.S. Army, using architectural skills to build airplane hangars during the Korean War. While in Colorado Springs, he met Carol Holvand of Dawson, Minn. They married and moved to St. Paul. Dick designed and built their house in St. Anthony Park, where they started a family and had lived ever since.

He co-founded several architectural firms and ended his career working from home to interesting projects. He was a private pilot and loved to work on an old Navy biplane and old cars at his hangar at the Blaine airport, where he was an active member of the airport community.

Most of all, he loved taking his family to their lake property near Grand Rapids, Minn., as well as camping around Minnesota state parks. Dick was active in AA for many years and sponsored many new members.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carol, sons, Martin (Lynne), Erik (Deolinda) and Kristen, five grandchildren; a great-grandson; and brother, David (Linda). His memorial service was held July 22 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

James Venable
James Michael “Jimbo” Venable Jr., 55, died July 13, 2018. He lived at St. Anthony Residence in South St. Anthony Park prior to his death. He was born Nov. 9, 1962, in Atlanta, Ga.

James is survived by his mother; Judith (Simberg) Venable of Roseville (twins), Jim Anderson of Escondido, Calif.; and sisters, Paige Venable of Roseville and Jill (David) Morrow of New Brighton. He is also survived by his father, James Michael Venable Sr. of Mayville, Ga.; and half-siblings, Jeremy and Jan.

Private services were held.

Neighbors from 11

Cries, Ross Wilson (Nov. 9); and Russia’s Foreign Policy, Todd Lelko (Nov. 16).

Tuesday with a Scholar
Join area scholars on Tuesdays at Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamlane Ave. All programs begin at 1 p.m. and will run through Nov. 13. For more information, call (651) 641-0371. Dr. Forrester Ball will present “A Whistle-Blower in History: Callen Rowley and the Scandal of 1981,” at St. Thomas professor Mark Oder will present the “Presidential Pardon Power” Oct. 9. Under the Minnesota Book Award nominee Nancy O’Brien Wagner will discuss her book, “Alice in France: The World War I Letters of Alice M. O’Brien” Oct. 23.

On Nov. 6, Leslie Morris’s talk, “Remembering Kristallnacht,” will look at the Nazi’s first major assault on the Jews of Germany and Austria and explore genocide in history.

Libraries host used book sale
The Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries will host a used book sale Wednesday, Sept. 26, to Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, 4560 N. Victoria St. Sale hours are noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 28 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29. An all-day $5 bag sale will be held Sept. 29. Public donations are needed for the sale. For more information, go to www.rclfriends.org.

Household items needed
Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1656 Thomas St., St. Paul, is helping gather dishes, cooking pans, small appliances, furniture and food on behalf of Crossway, an organization that helps released prison inmates adapt to living on their own.

Bring items to the church’s Donation Center indexes to the left at the Thomas Street entrance before or after worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. To set up another drop-off time, contact the church at 651-644-1421 or jehovahlutheran@msn.com, or contact Jim Seeman at 651-276-8907 or seeman@cp.com.
Angie Enos and Peter Fleischhacker have become accustomed to the occasional visitor stopping by their home at 779 W. Wheelock Parkway to reminisce about the former storefront’s past lives. The 100-year-old building has served as a couple of different grocery stores, a bookstore, the Como Bike Shop (owned by Enos and Fleischhacker), and for some of the random door-knockers — as well as Enos, Fleischhacker and their son, Jack — the second-floor apartment has been home.

The couple bought the building 30 years ago and operated the bike shop there for many years, but now the building is what Enos calls “a work in progress.” Enos, a cabinet maker and woodworker, and Fleischhacker, who has done a good amount of remodeling, have been rehabbing the main floor of the building and unearthing pieces from the corner store’s past: a metal tobacco advertising sign tucked inside a wall, old newspapers jammed into the walls for insulation, a metal wall plate from its days as Wheelock Grocery.

The couple came close to selling it this summer, but just couldn’t, Enos said. They decided they may be here to stay and celebrated July 28 with a “Celebration of the Century” to mark the building’s 100th year at the corner of Wheelock and Folsom Street. The party included nearly 100 neighbors, friends and family members, a chocolate-raspberry cake decorated with the number 100 and — they are pretty certain — they served at least 100 bottles of beer (made by Fleischhacker, a home-brewer). Enos said her love for this building comes from how well-built it is, “how much real workmanship went into it.”