Luther Seminary will put 15 acres of buildings, land on the market in July

Sale is part of “Campus of the Future” plan, which includes free tuition and a trimmer campus

By Kristal Leebrick

Luther Seminary’s new “Campus of the Future” plan will bring big change to the school by offering free tuition to all incoming students starting this fall and to the St. Anthony Park neighborhood when it sheds 15 acres of land and buildings in the northwestern part of its campus.

In May, the seminary’s board of directors approved the sale of a parcel that includes Northwestern Hall, the administrative building at 1501 Fulham St.; Sudd Hall, a dormitory at 2329 Hendon Ave.; several houses and the LDR apartments on Fulham Street; a vacant home in an alley off of Hoye Avenue in Lauderdale; and the 7 acres of wooded land known as Breck Woods, which abuts the Lauderdale Nature Area. Bockman Hall, what many consider the centerpiece to the St. Anthony Park campus at the top of the hill on 2400 block of Como Avenue, will also be sold.

Michael Morrow, Luther vice president of finance and administration, said the school is hoping to find an “outside partner” that would renovate Bockman Hall, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, and create space that the seminary can use for short-term student housing.

“I know the noteworthy change for the neighborhood is the change to the campus, but we’re excited about the new vision we’ve adopted,” Morrow said. That “new vision” includes the new Jubilee Scholarships, which will give free tuition to all incoming students this fall and increased scholarships to current students.

“We are very concerned about Luther Seminary to 8

Coyote attack suspected in local dog’s death

By Kristal Leebrick

Laura Manning was working at her computer about 10:30 p.m. on May 9, when her 12-year-old Jack Russell terrier, Leo, wanted to go outside.

She let him out into the front yard, which is surrounded by an invisible electric fence, and within minutes she heard him yelping.

When she stepped outside to check on him, “he was on the sidewalk, on the opposite side of the invisible fence,” she said. He then ran down the sidewalk, through the alley and crossed through the invisible fence into the back yard, where she found him wet and whimpering. He had a large bite in his left side and two puncture wounds.

Manning and her husband, Chris, immediately took him to the after-hours clinic at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center, where they learned the dog had two punctured lungs and several broken ribs. “We had to put him down,” Manning said.

Later, as they were driving home from the clinic, they saw a coyote walking the sidewalk right by the university’s student center on Buford Avenue just a few blocks from their home.

“We went back to the vet and asked if it could have been a coyote attack,” Manning said. The vet “felt confident that it was.” Leo was covered with what the vet thought was saliva and had been attacked from the stomach area, which indicated the dog was probably
Meetings will address parking pressures from State Fair and park District 10 is looking at ways to deal with the parking pressures that major events cause on our streets. On Monday, June 25, the district will host two meetings to explore challenges in different parts of the neighborhood.

The first meeting will focus on streets between Hardline Avenue on the west, Larpenteur Avenue on the north, Victoria Street on the east, and Arlington Avenue on the south. Specifically, they are looking for resident feedback on two ideas: whether it makes sense to expand the number of streets on which parking is restricted to one side during the fair; and second, whether it makes sense to expand the parking overlay district for the neighborhood.

The second meeting will be held June 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the back room at Gabe’s by the Park, 991 Lexington Parkway.

Join the next wave of rain gardens Capitol Region Watershed District will lead a hands-on workshop and scouting expedition to identify locations for the next wave of boulevard rain gardens in District 10.

Details: The free workshop is Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Como Park Station.

Make your ComoFest plans now District 10’s Ice Cream Social will launch ComoFest 2018, which will run through the summer. The free workshop is Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Como Park Station.

Lakeside Pavilion.

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Dave Hansen’s photos have told thousands of Minnesota stories

By Paula Mohr

A boastful comment made more than four decades ago set David Hansen on a career path that will continue to impact the stories of Minnesota agricultural research for years to come.

Hansen, who has been making photographs for the University of Minnesota since 1974, recently announced his retirement.

As a U of M photojournalism major, Hansen, then a senior, figured he had taken all the photography classes available. And supposedly he did — at least those offered on the Minneapolis campus. A chance encounter with Don Breneman, a U of M Extension photographer and instructor at the time, challenged Hansen’s assumption.

“I was reading a technical photography book [while at his on-campus winter term job], and a guy came up and asked me some questions about photography,” Hansen recalls. “I also told him I knew a lot about photography and that I had taken every photography class at the U. The guy looked at me and said, ‘No, you haven’t. You haven’t taken my class.’”

The man discussing photography with Hansen was Breneman, who was on staff in the ag journalism department on the St. Paul campus. He was teaching close-up photography to agronomy students. His class at the time was full, yet he made room for Hansen.

Something clicked for the soon-to-graduate college student as he attended the class. He enjoyed focusing his camera lens on these new subjects revolving around scientific discovery.

“It was the luckiest thing in my life,” Hansen recalls, of ending up in Breneman’s class. As Breneman observed Hansen’s talent, he soon realized that Hansen did know a lot about photography, and he asked Hansen to help with class and eventually work as an Extension photographer. Over the next decade, Hansen evolved into a full-time photographer for the U of M Agricultural Experiment Station and completed his master’s degree in science journalism.

Familiar photos

Though you might not know Hansen by name, chances are you will know his photography. From apples to small grains, from Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park’s 2018 show, “As You Like It,” will be performed by area high-schoolers in late June. Shakespeare’s beloved comedy of love and self-discovery is a musical, funny and heartfelt romp through the woods and perfect for all ages.

Everyone is invited to the two-hour shows Thursday, June 28, and Friday, June 29, at 7 p.m. in College Park, 2223 Carter Ave. A free matinee will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 29, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave.

The College Park performances will move to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church if it rains. The performances are free, but donations will be accepted to support the program are appreciated.

You can find out more about this annual youth program at sapshakespeare.org.
E D I T O R I A L

Freedom, flags, fire trucks—and a whole lot of volunteers

What would the Fourth of July be like without the decorated bikes, trucks and wagons, unicycles and lawn-chair brigades making their way down Como Avenue in the 4th in the Park Grand Parade on Independence Day morning?

And, let’s not forget all the fun at Langed Park that follows the parade: horseshoes, tennis and volleyball tournaments, music, family picnics—and this year, food trucks and a fun happy hour (see pages 1 and 10 for more information).

For 71 years, volunteers have pulled this event together and it’s still managed by a core group of volunteers—Josh Becerra, Jeanne Hansen, Galleen Healy, Marie Linter and Emmy Sefried—and they need your help.

Want to keep this neighborhood institution going? Volunteer. Log on to www.4thinthePark.org/volunteer.php and pick the task and the time. Even an hour of volunteer time helps. And if you’d like to find out more about all the happenings at the July 4 celebration, turn to page 10 for a complete list of activities.

Speaking of volunteers

The St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, the annual June fundraiser for the St. Anthony Park Library Association, is another volunteer-run institution. We give a shout out to Party Splitman, who did a hero job managing the festival this year, and Susan Dean, who for years has been running the used-book sale, an integral part of the festival and the St. Anthony Park Library Association’s main fundraiser.

You can wait until next year when, the call goes out for help or put it on your to-do list now. Email Info@SAPfest.org to find out how you can help with the festival.

And the winner is . . .

Speaking of the arts festival, we had more than 30 readers from every community in our coverage area participate in our word scramble in last month’s Bugle, and all who brought their entries to the Bugle booth at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 2 got it right. What did that scramble of letters spell? Art Builds Community. We believe that.

We all placed all the entries into our magic Bugle contest box and drew the winning name: Mary Pettford of Como Park. Mary won a $50 gift card to Anthony’s Speedy Market. Congratulations, Mary, and to all of you reading this, thanks for reading the Park Bugle.

E N V I R O N M E N T

10-year plan is based on the ideas and viewpoints of nearly a thousand people who live, work, study here and was produced under the leadership of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

Our council is the local body that helps us learn about, think through and decide how to address issues and plan for the future. In addition to a small staff, it’s committees and board are all volunteers. For me, working with the marvelous and talented people on the council is a stimulating, meaningful and satisfying way to serve our community.

Is serving on the council something for you, too?

It may be, if you live, work or study in the neighborhood; if you have an interest in working toward a better community; if you’re willing to share your expertise, to learn and to broaden your perspective to find solutions to complex problems; and if you have a few hours to contribute each month.

If you are not already familiar, attend a monthly meeting of the Equity, Land Use, Transportation or Environment Committee to see whether it’s a good fit. Or sit in on a board meeting to get an overview of the committee and staff’s work. Details usually are posted on the SAP Linnser and Nendzo St. Anthony Park before each meeting and are available at sapc.org/get-engaged.

Whether or not you are able to serve on the council at this time, please take the visions of the community plan to heart. In small and large ways, we each can help preserve what is great and improve what is not in St. Anthony Park.

Shirley Erstad’s campaign: Let’s elect her

Mary Maguire’s letter (Bugle, May 2018) supporting Shirley Erstad’s candidacy makes the point directly: Elect her. The Ward 4 campaign supporting Shirley Erstad as our sharp-as-a-tack candidate for St. Paul City Council is gearing up. This summer, before the Tuesday, Aug. 14 primary, many of you will visit with Shirley at planned events in Ward 4. In addition, local, inspired and friendly Erstad folks will also be chatting with families at their front doors in Ward 4 neighborhoods.

Conversations with neighbors can cover Shirley’s 25-year experience as a mom, homeowner and leader in St. Paul, her values and positions on current issues. Workers will also be there to answer your questions about what you think about St. Paul and Ward 4 issues and opportunities. We will take notes. See you soon.

Jim Hudbert
Ward 4

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Move Minnesota and neighbors aim to change cars-only culture

By Mindy Keskinen

St. Anthony Park is home to dozens of nonprofits that share one or both parts of Transition Town—ASAP’s goal: “smaller footprint, stronger community.” One group that shares both is Move Minnesota, the newly renamed merger of Transit for Livable Communities and St. Paul Smart Trips, two nonprofits with a 20-year history of advocating for a variety of transit options.

At its June 4 launch at Dual Citizen Brewing, 725 Raymond Ave., Move Minnesota’s executive director Jessica Treat announced the name and its “new mission: to lead the movement for an equitable transportation system in Minnesota that puts people first.” The goal is “to expand transit, walking, rolling, biking and shared options, because that’s what it will take to knock down decades of a cars-only culture,” she said. “[W]e’re changing hearts, minds and habits.”

Drop a car? It could be easier than you think

Thanks in part to that advocacy, our metro area is — by national standards — both bike-friendly and well-linked by public transit. As some of us see it, cars are becoming redundant. In May, Pat Thompson co-led a Minneapolis Community Ed “Drop a Car” class. A St. Anthony Park Community Council member and Transition Town leader, Thompson taught the session with Leslie Mackenzie of Transition Longfellow in Minneapolis and a representative of Hour Car, which offers short-term car rentals.

“One year I car pool a bit more about Metro Transit, dropping a car seems more doable,” said Thompson. “It’s a big money saver, and the Transit Assistance Program offers reduced fares if you qualify.”

“It’s convenient, especially with a GoTo card and a smart phone, which shows instantly when the next bus is due at any stop,” she said. “People are finding that their household can manage with just one car, or sharing a car with a neighbor, or even going car-free.”

Some St. Anthony Park residents are already setting that trend. When Grant Abbott and Elaine Tarone sold their second car five years ago, “it took a little getting used to,” said Abbott. “But today, with our GoTo passes, we are seasonized users of Metro Transit. Bus access is easy in north St. Anthony Park, where we live. Want to visit downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul? Hop on the No. 3 bus. Want to get to Rosedale, the Green Line or Highland? Take the 87. Need to go north or south on Snelling? Grab the 84 or the A Line Express at Como and Snelling. From these three routes, you can connect to nearly all the others in the network.”

“Here’s our suggestion for two-car households,” he added. “Park your second car for a couple of weeks and try Metro Transit. I think you’ll be surprised how well it works.”

Another neighbor, Betty Lottermann, took it a step further. Since she went car-free in 2015, Lottermann has often been seen on the bus, light rail or her sturdy vintage Schwinn (with baskets for shopping trips). “I began to live locally in ways I hadn’t thought of before,” she said. “I’m figuring out which of my needs and wants I can meet within walking or biking distance of my home. I spend less time trying to ‘get there’ and more time enjoying my own neighborhood.”

You can learn more about Move Minnesota at MoveMN.org. Learn more about Metro Transit’s GoTo card at metrottransit.org/tap-riders.

Park Press annual meeting set for July 9

The annual meeting of the members of the Park Bugle, publisher of the Park Bugle, will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, July 9, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2325 W. Como Ave. The agenda will include the election of directors and other matters that may be raised by members. All are welcome to attend.

Park Press Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization guided by an elected board of directors. Current board members are Josh Becerra, Ted Blank, Betty Carrie, Elizabeth Danielson, Michael Griffin, Gabrielle Lawrence, Beth Magistad, Joey McGarvey, Bob Milligan, Steve Plagens, Mercy Reidahl, Glen Skovbolt, Matt Vierling and Kathy Wellington.

Join the Bugle board!

The Park Bugle is seeking candidates to fill openings on its board of directors. The board consists of residents and business owners from the communities served by the newspaper.

If you’d like to help shape the strategic direction of your local, nonprofit newspaper, send a short note and biography to editor@parkbugle.org, with DIRECTORS in the subject line. Or send a letter to Park Bugle, PO. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, Attn: Directors.

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Making memories

Write down your relatives’ stories before they are lost forever.

By Mary Maguire Lerman

Each year we celebrate our siblings in April, our mothers in May, our fathers in June and our grandparents in September. When we bury our relatives it is often said, “May their memories be a blessing for us.” These memories will be a blessing provided we have them stored in our minds and shared with others in a more permanent way.

This summer, when you sit down with your relatives at family events, take time to learn more of those memories. Once our relatives have left us, memories previously untold are lost forever.

Here are some ideas on how to collect those memories from your parents, grandparents and siblings: FamilySearch.org is a free genealogy web site managed by the Church of Latter Day Saints. The site is easy to understand and it would be a great intergenerational project for family members. All you need is a laptop computer to take to family gatherings to record the information collected on this website. Once on the site, it will be there for future generations to access and supplement.

Why is it so important to record in writing or by computer the knowledge or relatives hold? The stories they tell may only be told to one member of the family, when a conversation stirs a memory.

A case in point
My father, Bernard George Maguire, was a retiree at the age of 65 and was a great student of history. He had read all the books he could get his hands on about World War II and the Holocaust. He had many stories of his time in the army and how he got out of Germany without being captured by the Gestapo. He was a great storyteller and loved to share his tales with his children.

One day, he told me about a time when he was in Paris during the war and how he had to escape from the Nazis. He told me about how he hid in a basement and how he had to trick the German soldiers into thinking he was dead. He also told me about how he had to pretend to be French in order to blend in with the locals.

I was moved by his stories and wanted to write them down. I asked him if he would like to write his stories down and he said yes. We sat down and wrote for hours every day. I learned so much from him and it was a great way to bond with my father.

Mary Maguire Lerman lives in St. Anthony Park.
Poet, politician, ‘Larry Ho’ liked people, and it showed

One of St. Paul’s most remarkable characters in the first decades of the 20th century was Laurence Curran Hodgson, newspaperman, poet, four-time mayor and a true people person if there ever was one.

What else would you call a fellow said to be on a first-name basis with 15,000 Minnesotans?

“Larry Ho,” as he was known far and wide, was a renowned and sought-after public speaker, snappy dresser and staunch Democrat. A man with a famously sunny disposition, he moved nimbly back and forth between journalism and politics without ever succumbing to the cynicism that can be an occupational hazard in either profession.

Hodgson was born in Hastings in 1874, the son of a district court judge. He got into the newspaper business delivering the Hastings Dispatch at the age of 14 and gradually worked his way into the newspaper business.

After moving to Minneapolis and attending the University of Minnesota — for one day — Hodgson decided that college wasn’t for him and went downtown to see James Gray, managing editor of the Minneapolis Times. Gray had published a few pieces of writing that Hodgson sent him from Hastings and gave the young man a job.

It was Gray who bestowed the moniker by which Hodgson was known for the rest of his life. As the cub reporter was turning in what would be his first signed feature, his pencil broke after the first “o.” Gray said, “Better let it go at that, Larry Ho.”

Before long, Hodgson headed across the river. Why St. Paul? He once claimed that after reading that a city woman “had hit upon the happy scheme of turning her flapsacks by putting popcorn in the baskets,” he concluded it “was a pretty good town for a shiftless man to move to.”

There were a half-dozen daily newspapers in St. Paul at the time and Hodgson wound up working for most of them, starting with the St. Paul Dispatch. His column for that paper was entitled “Cabbages and Kings.” His newspapering also included general reporting, sports reporting, covering the legislature, and writing editorials and book reviews.

Hodgson loved baseball, particularly the St. Paul Saints, and once got so incensed when the team blew a game that he tore up his press pass and swore he’d never return to Lexington Park. He quickly changed his mind, of course.

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During his 1920 campaign for governor, Hodgson campaigned with the Democratic Party’s candidate for the vice-presidency, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Both lost. The following year, Roosevelt was stricken with polio at the age of 39, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down.

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Roger Bergerson writes about history and community news regularly in the Park Bugle.
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the cost of higher education and people going into ministry with large levels of debt,” Morrow said. Student debt has hindered the number of people going into ministry with large and Master of Arts students will get full tuition. The land sale is all part of reshaping a seminary that no longer houses all of its students throughout the school year.

“We need a different campus,” Morrow said. “We have a much different student base. The campus we have was designed for larger enrollment with everyone here taking classes full time. Today we have 500 students. About half are in the distributed-learning program, which means they live all over the country [and] take most of their classes online. We don’t have that many people here. When students do come to campus, it’s for two to four weeks out of the year, he said.

“For us, it’s not what we are getting rid of, it’s what we are moving to,” he said. “We can meet our needs with Olson Campus Center and Gullixson Hall. Bockman would be a good housing place, but we don’t really need all of that.”

Olson will be the campus entrance and center and will remain open to community gatherings, Morrow said. For several years, the St. Anthony Park Community Sing has used the center on the third Monday of the month for a neighborhood sing. That should not be affected by the changes to the campus, Morrow said.

The seminary properties will be offered as a package and put on the market, he said. The seminary could sell Bock Woods separately if proposals were made, he said. “We know there are people interested in doing something with the woods, and if they want to make a proposal, we would be open to listening.”

A group of residents who live near Bock Woods have been looking at avenues to protect the woods from development.

“We have been advised that one of the nimblest resources for securing Bock Woods for the public is the Trust for Public Land,” said Cynthia Ahlgren in an email. “Trying to put together a consortium to buy the land requires a longer lead time and the seminary’s timeframe to sell is short.”

The group sent a letter to the city of Lauderdale, the Trust for Public Land and Luther Seminary on June 11 supporting conserving Bock Woods for public use and wildlife habitat. “Any decision to develop and change this valuable natural resource will be irreversible,” the letter said.

“We support preserving the woods, recognizing the importance of green space not only for ourselves but for the wider community.”

Luther Seminary has slowly been selling under-used portions of its property for several years. In 2014, the seminary sold five apartment buildings on Eustis Street to Greenwood Village. Senior housing developer Easeman bought 1.6 acres at Luther Place and Como Avenue in 2015 to build Zvago, a 49-unit co-op currently under construction. HealthPartners purchased 4.5 acres of land across from its Como Avenue building in 2016 to build a replacement clinic. The date for the clinic groundbreaking has not been announced.

The large grassy lawn along Como Avenue will remain part of the seminary property for now. “It is not part of what we will be bringing forward [in July],” Morrow said. However, “we are not convinced that we have a long-term need for that property.”

As far as the current package that will be up for sale and any future sales, “we know that we are picking who our next neighbors are,” Morrow said. “We are real concerned about picking someone who is a good neighbor.”

The incident has changed the way Lunaris approaches coyote sightings. “It is a common myth that you can scare coyotes away by making a lot of noise,” Lunaris said. “We know this is just making the coyotes more likely to respond to the trigger to hunt.”

He suggests planning the fence or mesh under the fence 12 inches into the ground, to prevent animals from digging their way in or out, and using a “coyote roller”: a wire strung with PVC tubing across the top of the fence. Animals that try to jump the fence won’t be able to grip the tubing because it rolls.

Lunaris encourages owners to keep cars inside or on a lead and under close watch “to be respectful to neighbors who garden or children who have sandboxes and also to protect the cars from wild animals.”

Also, make sure you aren’t feeding coyotes, Lunaris said. “Their primary prey is rabbits or mice and voles, but they are also scavengers. If you are feeding feral cats and leaving out food, they will go for that. They might even eat food out of birdfeeders if there’s a lot of food on the ground. Think about what is in your yard that might be interesting to coyotes. Try to keep the area under birdfeeders cleaned up so you aren’t attracting animals. Also make sure trash cans are secure.”

And if you encounter a coyote, haze: Make noise, bang pots and pans, shout, spray them with a water hose. “Coyotes are typically fearful animals,” Lunaris said. “They may come up in search of food but will run away after being confronted. We encourage people not to run away from coyotes. They are a type of animal and every type of animal is more likely to respond to the trigger of something to chase. Stand your ground, as long as it’s safe to do so.”

If you see a wild animal acting abnormally, call 651-266-1100. “We do want to know,” Lunaris said.

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flipped over and then attacked. When the Mannings returned home, they noted that the attacking animal probably came through a flowerbed and into the yard. “We are thinking [the coyote] pulled him out through the [electrified] fence and it shocked both of them [because the coyote had the dog in its mouth], and that’s how Leo got away,” Manning said.

Molly Lunaris, St. Paul’s Animal Control supervisor, said she has not received reports of problem coyotes in the St. Anthony Park area, but there have been anecdotal reports of sightings around the St. Paul campus, at the U’s golf course on Larpenteur Avenue, and in Bock Woods, the wooded area off of Fulham Street.

The incident has changed the Manning home. Their second dog, Teddy, will not be let out without someone with him now, she said. And that’s the advice Lunaris gives for protecting pets from wild animals like coyotes: Install a physical fence to prevent pets from escaping or “being exposed to all harm that can come from animals coming into the yard,” she said, and don’t leave them unmanned. “These things can happen in a blink of an eye.”

Even with a physical fence, pets can escape and wildlife can get in.
Summer cello series returns to Twin Cities

The International Cello Institute summer recital series will bring three distinguished recitalists to the Art Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Gallery at Hennepin Avenue United Ave., in July.

Kasower, principal cellist of the Eau Claire, Wis.; Astrid Schween, Cleveland Orchestra (and native of cellist of the Juilliard String Quartet; and Brannon Cho, recent Minnesota Orchestra WAMSO winner and top prize winner in the Queen Elizabeth Competition of Belgium. The International Institute’s field trip program for new Americans and Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park, a middle school performance experience for middle-schoolers.

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The recitalists are all part of the International Cello Institute, a three-week student program held at St. Olaf College in Northfield each summer. The program offers serious young cellists, ages 12-24, the opportunity to work with master teachers from around the country.

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Sherman Eagles named Spirit of the Park winner

The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation has named Sherman Eagles as the recipient of its annual Spirit of the Park Award. Eagles is a longtime neighborhood volunteer, activist and community supporter.

Eagles has served on countless city and district committees to help direct environmental and traffic programs in the community and in the city of St. Paul.

He was a key supporter of the neighborhood voice when he participated in the West Midway/South St. Anthony Project Area that eventually became part of District 12. In 1975, Eagles chaired the citywide task force charged with setting up the community council boundaries. He has since been active in various roles with the council over the years, serving on the full board and its committees numerous times.

Eagles has been part of the Transition Town organization and is currently helping to form a group to discuss ways to keep personal investments in the Twin Cities, and even more closely, in St. Anthony Park. He was an early leader in sustainable food efforts. He and his wife, Sue Connor, organized and continued to coordinate the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens. They were instrumental in efforts resulting in District 12 purchasing the garden site and have spearheaded the planting and maintenance of the prairie garden next to the gardens.

Eagles is currently the moderator of the neighborhood listserv, co-chair of the District 12 Land Use Committee and board member/liaison to the Creative Enterprise Zone. "I've been in this community for over 35 years and Sherman's name kept popping up over the years," said Jon Schumacher, the foundation's executive director. "When I was hired by the foundation, I really started to understand how important he was for our community. He really deserves this honor."

The Spirit of the Park Award is an annual recognition given by the foundation on behalf of the community. The award is presented during the 4th in the Park celebration at Langford Park to a neighbor who has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to the St. Anthony Park community.

In addition to the award, $500 will be granted in Eagle's name to the 4th in the Park committee.
of black and white negatives and color slides dating back to 1950, plus his digital images. Over the years, he has also made time to exhibit his photography at university events, agriculture and horticulture shows, and at public galleries and event centers.

When asked what his favorite photos are, Hansen is hard-pressed to name any:

“Like shooting everything. I have no favorites,” he says. “There is great variety here. Minnesota has so many unique places.”

Hansen, who lives in St. Anthony Park, officially retires June 30. Immediate plans call for him to spend more time at his family’s Christmas tree farm — Hansen Tree Farm — in Ramsey, Minn., and spend time with his family: wife Karen Lilley, daughter Britta and son Kell.

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Norman Borlaug, by David Hansen: “Norman Borlaug accomplished more than anyone I’ve ever known or read about. I photographed him in Mexico when he was 92 years old and still an activist to improve the world’s food supply. He was a close personal friend of my father, who taught him forestry when Norm was an undergrad on the St. Paul campus. [In this photo,] I wanted to show Norm with wheat, so we found a location that had been desert before he built the Yaqui Valley research station where he developed his ‘shuttle breeding’ concept. It is now productive as far as the eye can see, all the way to the mountains in the distance.”

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I shot these barley stem rust samples in Kenya when a new, virulent race (UG99, discovered in neighboring Uganda) was beginning to spread across the continent. It is a disease that threatens the world’s wheat crop, and therefore bread supply. They show at a glance how breeding has increased resistance. The image was used by the Gates Foundation in their annual report to show why they fund this research.” —David Hansen

The Honeycrisp apple, by David Hansen: “This is my most used photo of Honeycrisp apples, shot in 1993 in my back yard. I put the arrangement on a little picnic table I’d built for [his daughter and son] Britta and Kell, and then I wet the whole thing down, mainly to make the dry, gray wood darker. To get a natural looking background, darker than the arrangement, I moved the table near a bed of ferns. Keep in mind that this was before any consumer had tasted or heard of Honeycrisp.”

Test fields on the St. Paul campus, by David Hansen: “Campus scenes can be pretty routine to shoot, and boring to look at,” says Hansen. “Fortunately I live right next to the St. Paul campus, so if there is unusual lighting or weather conditions I can just cross the street and hope to set up some unique images. I was on the way to the grocery store when I saw this out the car window. I ran back and got my camera and tripod and shot as long as the sun was on the campus buildings. I love the wet, rich soil and the water droplets on the soybean leaves. And the “M” on the water tower forever brands the shot. Getting U of M credit for photos is sometimes a challenge, so if I can work a U of M logo on a hat, shirt, sign or vehicle into the photo then I’ve done my job.”

Park Perks raised $457 for St. Paul Urban Tennis in May.

During the month of July we are collecting for 4th in the Park.
Gordon Amundson

Gordon James Amundson, 81, died May 15, 2018.

He grew up in Wapeton, N.D., where he excelled in sports. He played football on scholarship for the Valley City Vikings and he played semi-pro baseball for the Breckenridge-Wapeton Twins. He also ran track, played tennis and enjoyed a lifetime of playing golf with his son and his friends.

He graduated from Valley City State College in 1959 and received a master's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1964. He lived in the Chicago area until 1967, and son and first wife, Colleen Coglan.

and his poker buddies, the YMCA and going out for a beer with the boys.

He especially enjoyed his grandparents, Cecilia and Simon. He was a constant in his life, and they had many good talks on the golf course. He is survived by his wife, Leslie; son, Charlie; step-daughter, Nata Alexander; and siblings, Darlene Johnson and Ken Amundson.

His memorial service was May 27 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Gary Clements

Gary L. Clements died May 12, 2018.

He was born and raised in Nebraska, where he loved the land and small-town life. As a youth, he attended Camp Widjiwagan, where his love for wilderness adventure and faith grew strong. He was a counselor, coach, teacher, librarian, media specialist and web designer. He loved the world and all the people he met along his journey.

Garcia is survived by Jane, Kathryn, Greg, Tish, Katie, Claire, Jordyn and many other friends and family members. A memorial service was held June 2 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Ruth Farding

Ruth E. Farding, 95, died May 17, 2018.

Ruth was born in Chicago on May 27, 1922, to Swedish immigrants Nils and Mathilda Rosenkrantz. Ruth earned a bachelor's degree in music education and piano performance at Northwestern University. She married Sheldon Fardig in 1946. They moved to St. Paul in 1956 to teach music at Bethel College. They also taught at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Ruth as organist and accompanist and Sheldon directing choirs.

Ruth and Sheldon raised their boys in St. Anthony Park. After Sheldon died in 1997, Ruth married her widowed former pastor, William Hylleberg, the man who had hired her for her first organist position in Chicago. She and Bill shared five wonderful years until his death in 2004.

Ruth was music director and organist at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel for 10 years before retiring at age 86. She continued to make music with her lifelong friends, Lois Stahl. The two performed four-hand piano duets and various concerts.

Ruth was preceded in death by husband Sheldon Fardig, second husband William Hylleberg, brother Carl and sister June Rosenkrantz. Ruth is survived by a loving extended family, including four sons, Paul (Judith), Portland, Ore.; Stephen (Sandra), Kingston, N.Y.; Peter, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Timothy, Minneapolis.; five grandchildren; and devoted friend Kevin Harmsberg of Minneapolis.

A memorial service was held May 26 at Augustana Apartments.

Vernon Kenny

Vernon Wesley Kenny, 87, died March 31, 2018, in Palm Springs, Calif.

Vern was born April 4, 1930, in Chicago to Mahlon and Olive and Kenny. As a teenager, Vern achieved Jam baree in Paris.

Chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After serving stateside as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he finished his master's degree at MIT and later earned an MBA from Rutgers. In 1997, while working for Eso in New Jersey, Vern met a young nurse from Minnesota named Gail Johnson and they married.

In 1999, Vern landed a job at 3M, and he and Gail moved to the Twin Cities. Vern spent the rest of his career at 3M. Among the highlights of his career was a two-year assignment with 3M’s photographic division on the Italian Rivera.

Vern and Gail had three children, Dave, Kris and Jan.

A memorial service was held May 19 at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Louise McMillen

Louise "Weez" McMillen, 80, died suddenly on May 8, 2018, as the result of injuries sustained in a house fire.

West was born on Nov. 9, 1937, in St. Paul. She grew up in St. Anthony Park and attended Murray High School. She attended the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State University, where she obtained a degree in elementary education. She spent nearly four decades teaching at Webster Magnet School in St. Paul. She never really stopped teaching or looking at the world through the eyes of a curious kindergarten teacher. Her zest for life, compassion for everyone she met, and spontaneous joy will be sadly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Mildred Williams; her husband, Chuck; and her daughter, Julie Ludwig. She is survived by her son, Jeff McMillen; two grandchildren, brother, Robert Williams, and his wife, Socia; sister-in-law, Marge McCarty; daughter-in-law, Genevieve Gagnon; and son-in-law, Seth Ludwig. She is also survived by a vast tapestry of friends whom she accumulated along her wonderful life journey.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at the Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holston St.

Margaret Stahmann

Margaret Jeanne Stahmann of Gaineville, Fla., died May 26, 2018, at the age of 91. Jeanne was born in Belle Plaine, Iowa, on Feb. 26, 1927, where she grew up on a farm as Jeannie Hart, daughter of Lawrence B. and Besie (Burg) Hart.

She married James Stahmann on Dec. 22, 1946, and the couple moved to Lauderdale so James could pursue a degree in electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota. Jeanne and Jim raised their family there — Robert, Nancy, Cheryl Stahmann Bunn and Jane Stahmann Thomas.

Jim’s employment and educational needs caused a move to Gainesville, Fla., to pursue his doctorate. Later, her family lived in Hollywood, Fla., followed by a move to Merritt Island, Fla. She returned to Gaineville in 1993 after the passing of her husband.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister, Betty Schute. She is survived by her children; brother, Gordon Hart (Judi); son-in-law, Ben Bremen; daughter-in-law, Mary Stahmann; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral service and burial were held in Gainesville in early June.
Urban Growler farmers market

Urban Growler Brewing Co., 2325 Endicott St., opened its Sunday farmers market June 3. The market will be open through October from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The market will feature fresh produce, cottage foods, handmade goods and more. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, send an email to anja@urbangrowlerbrewing.com. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith attended a Farm Bill listening session May 31 at the Good Acre, 1790 W. Larpenteur Ave. Nearly 50 people came to discuss local and regional food systems and U.S. Department of Agriculture programs, which include school nutrition programs, resources for farmers, wildlife conservation programs and more. The Good Acre works with food growers by providing space and the infrastructure to wash, process and store fresh product, and it helps connect small farmers with wholesale buyers. It also offers a commercial kitchen for rental and culinary classes. Here, Smith tours the Good Acre kitchen. Smith is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and has been holding listening sessions across the state as the 2018 Farm Bill begins to be written. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

CEZ launches billboard campaign

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Prelude en Blanc at Scarborough Fair

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Billboard locations include University at Cleveland Avenue and Transfer Road, 3600 University Ave., University Ave. near Vandalia and on Vandalia south of University.

The billboards were funded with a portion of a major grant from the Knight Foundation that also supported a series of Make it Here events, data collection and other activities that enhance the Creative Enterprise Zone’s efforts to advance the area as a center of creative economic development. For more information, visit CreativeEnterpriseZone.org.
2 TUESDAY
Rhymes & Fun Cong. Centennial United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-noon. Two-day camp will teach basic drumming 5-7 p.m. Visit womensdrumcenter.org. Call 651-642-0411.

8 SUNDAY
United Calendar, 2325 Exelrod St., 6-7 p.m.-8 p.m.

13 FRIDAY
SAPAS Cowl Day, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.- noon. Cost: $10. Free for our music leaders and to make the songs possible. Children welcome.

16 MONDAY
Community Sing, Arbor Pointe Apartments, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call 651-828-4673.

18 SUNDAY
SAPAS lunch outing to the Naughty Owl, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit www.comofest.org.

21 SATURDAY
ComoFest 5K Walk/Run for Everyone, Como Lakeside Pavilion, 10:30 a.m. (www.comofest.org)

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7 FRIDAY
Drum Circle, Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival, 2-3:30 p.m.

9 SUNDAY
Summer Spark summer reading program, Rainy Day Singers, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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28 SATURDAY
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29 SUNDAY
Como Park/Falcon Heights Outdoor movie at Hampden Park: "My Little Pony," dusk. The park is across from Hampden Park Co-op, 928 Raymond Ave.

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**Saturday, July 21, “My Little Pony”**

**Saturday, Aug. 18, “Coco”**

**Scholarly Tuesdays in June**

at dusk.

**Monday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 3,**

**M**

Friday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.,

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**together several ensemble drum-and-
dance pieces, which will be**

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in St. Anthony Park.

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'Music We Forgot About’ June 29

Pianists Liz Lupien and Karl Jones

About” Friday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m.,

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summer. The park is just across the

street from the co-op.

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair

and enjoy the sights of Everyone is welcome. Movies begin at
dusk.

This summer’s schedule is as follows:

- Friday, June 29, “Mozma”
- Ultimate Frisbee Camp, ages 8-
  14, June 25-29, 9 a.m.-noon, $80
- Hoops in the Park, ages 5-11,**
  Mondays, July 9-30
- Healthy Eating, Healthy World
  Camp, ages 5-7, June 25-29, 9 a.m.-
  noon, $90
- Intro to STEM with LEGO Camp,
  ages 5-7, June 25-29, 1-4 p.m., $115
- Challenge STEM with LEGO Camp,
  ages 8-12, June 25-29, 9 a.m.-
  noon, $115
- Beginning Acrylic Painting for
  Adults, July 12, 9:30-7:30 p.m., $35
- Water Conservation Course for
  Adults, June 27, 6-7 p.m., free
- Zumba for Adults, Fridays, June
  22-Aug. 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m., $54
- Hip Hop Dance, ages 6-12, Wednesdays,
  July 11-Aug. 1, 6-1:15 p.m., $40
- Creative Movement, ages 3-5,
  Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 1, 1:30-
  7:45 p.m., $40
- Volleyball Camp, ages 9-14, July
  16-19, 10 a.m.-noon, $80
- Fort Building Camp, ages 6-12,
  July 16-20, 9:30 a.m.-noon, $74
- Survivor Island STEM Camp,
  ages 8-14, July 23-26, 9 a.m.-
  noon, $115
- Construction Zone STEM Camps,
  ages 4-8, July 23-26, 1-4 p.m.,
  $110
- Outdoor Adventures, Science
  and Swim Camp, ages 7-12,
  July 27-30, 8-2 p.m., $174
- Twinkle Art, ages 3-5, Thursday,
  July 26, 6-7 p.m., $15
- Mini Sports Camp, ages 4-6,
  July 30-Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-noon, $25
- Pickle Ball Camp, ages 6-14,
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- Beginning Acrylic Painting, ages 7-
  11, Thursday, July 31, 10 a.m.-
  noon, $30
- Move in the Park, Friday, Aug. 10,
  "The Secret Life of Pets," activities begin at 6:30 p.m., moves start at 8:30 p.m.
- Join the Langford Park Booster
  Club by contacting Courtney
  Mortay at Langford Park.
- Northwest Como Recreation Center
  ages 8-14, July 9-13, 10 a.m.-
  noon, $80
- Soccer Camp, ages 5-12, July 9-
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- Artwork Workshop Camp, ages 8-
  16, June 25-29, 9 a.m.-noon, $90
- Dodgeball, Tuesdays, through Aug. 7,
  6-7:30 p.m., free
- Babysitting Training, ages 11-
  17, July 13, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., $60
- Teen Mondays, aged 13-17,
  Mondays through Aug. 6, 6-8 p.m., free
- Creative Writing Camp, ages 7-
  12 on July 16-20 from 10am-noon,
  $50
- Java Minicraft Modding Camp,
  ages 10-15, July 16-20, 1-3 p.m.,
  $110
- Multi-player Minecraft Camp,
  ages 9-10, July 16-20, 10 a.m.-
  noon, $110
- Outdoor Games, Science, Swim
  Camp, ages 7-12, July 16-20, 6-
  8 a.m.-noon, $90
- Dance Workshops, ages 3-17,
  July 23-27, $40
- Artwork Workshop Camp, ages 8-
  19, July 23-27, 9 a.m.-noon, $90
- Flag Football Camp, ages 6-12,
  July 30-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-noon, $89
- Artwork Workshop Camp, ages 5-
  10, July 30-Aug. 2, 9-11 a.m., $80
- Young Minis 5-on-3 Basketball, ages
  15-20, Wednesdays, through Aug.
  15-20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., free
- Campout and Movie Night, Friday,
  July 27, activities begin 6:30 p.m.,
  “Beauty and the Beast” will begin at 9 p.m.
- North West Como Booster Club by contacting Thao
  Vue at NorthComo.
Como Park Badminton — For the second consecutive season, the Como Park Badminton team finished third in the Minnesota State Tournament. Like many St. Paul schools, Como’s program was large with more than 50 players participating on three competitive levels.

The varsity squad faced tough teams during every match of the St. Paul City Conference schedule, finishing in a tie for fourth in the seven-team conference. However, the benefit of playing the state’s top teams in conference revealed itself as the Cougars and their rivals matched through the state brackets.

Of the 25 varsity badminton teams in the state, the four teams that advanced to the semi-finals were from St. Paul, including Johnson, Washington, Harding and Como. In the semi-finals, the Cougars lost to Johnson, the eventual state champion, by a score of 6-1. Despite the loss, to the four-time defending champions, the Cougars knew they were playing as well as they had all season and bounced back with a 4-3 victory over Harding in the third-place match.

In the two days of individual tournaments at state that followed the team competition, Como senior captain Ti Lor El Paw worked her way into the semi-finals and earned the third-place medal for singles. At the state tournament show what a special situation and positive year of badminton it was for the Cougars.

Softball — After two years of agonizingly close losses in the chase for a conference championship, the Cougars came through this year and earned the St. Paul City Conference title with an 11-1 conference record.

It was a thrilling and rewarding run for a team that had graduated its star pitcher and came into the 2018 season uncertain about its prospects.

Expectations stayed high, and sophomore Bailey Hupfer-Becker stepped up to the mound, becoming a reliable pitcher who could throw strikes and maintain composure. Freshman Bella Prosper emerged as a reliable catcher, and returning infielders Alexus Barnes, Gigi Gabrielli, Isabelle Hoppe and Adrianna Tarver made defensive plays, along with outfielders Jade Sklar, Bridget Proper and Jessica Koch to keep the Cougars close until their bats came alive.

The team staged several dramatic come-from-behind wins, none larger than the one at home versus Central when Como rallied from seven down to win in the bottom of the fifth inning on walk-off fashion.

Girls’ golf — The Cougars’ golf team had a successful season despite limited time outside and challenging playing conditions. Because the ground was soggy from snow that hung around until May, much of the practice time was spent hitting into nets in Como’s field house. Two of the most challenging matches, on the hilly Como Golf Course and at Lake Phalen, were played in extreme heat and heavy rains, respectively. The girls persevered, however, and they had fun and improved their scoring as the year progressed.

Seniors Shyann Salverda, Olivia Mancia Chavez and Grace Commers, who all played three years of varsity golf, earned All-Conference and Honorable Mention players. Senior Caudia Patrin and junior Georgia Langer were also selected as All-Conference players.

Track and field — Senior Florance Uwajeneza capped off her high school running career by qualifying for the Minnesota state track meet in the 3200 meters. To do that, she had to run a personal best, and even with her record time of 11:55, she was in a photo finish with four runners. The review that ensued seemed like an eternity before it was determined that Uwajeneza had finished second. The top two finishers qualify for state.

On the boys’ side, senior Lukas Walton repeated as the St. Paul City champion in the 300M hurdles. He also took second place in the 110M hurdles and sixth in the high jump. Walton was a top-10 finisher in the same three events in the Section 4AA meet.

Adapted bowling — Nine Cougars participated in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) adapted bowling tournament May 18 at Bowlero Brooklyn Park. The MSHSL sanctions the activity for physically impaired (PI) and cognitively impaired (CI) students. Como teacher Janesin Hedren and retired teacher Bob Prifelt brought their team to Sun Ray Lanes on St. Paul’s East Side once a week for five weeks prior to the qualifying event and state meet.

The efforts paid off. Como senior Two Thousand finished second in the state meet’s PI Division. Sophomore Heh Ku Hoo placed seventh in the CI Division. Additionally, in CI Doubles, Heh Ku Hoo and his brother Sar Lay Hoo finished seventh in CI doubles.

The bowlers enjoyed the activity and the camaraderie outside of their usual school setting. “When these students are participating, there is great joy and a sense of success that they feel and excitement that they’ve achieved something beyond academics,” said Hedren.

Baseball — In the St. Paul City Conference, Como finished with a record of eight wins and four losses in a tie for third place, challenging for the championship through the last day of the regular season.

The condensed schedule with multiple doubleheaders in the same week was a challenge to manage because of state-mandated pitch counts and wanting to protect players’ arms from overuse. Nonetheless, the Cougars managed the situation and several players had solid seasons both defensively and offensively that earned recognition.

All-Conference players included senior Donny Ventrell and juniors Matt Sprandel, Tommy Freberg and Reid Eddins. All-Conference Honorable Mention players were

Como and Murray spring sports wrap up

Como Park’s varsity badminton players posed with their third-place team trophy and medals from the state tournament. Photo by coach Michele Diaz

Como’s adapted bowling team succeeded in the annual state tournament on May 18 at Bowlero Brooklyn Park. Photo by Cheryl Jackson

Como Area Ultimate members were all smiles in their unique spotted-cow uniforms following their 8-7 victory over Robbinsdale Cooper in the title game of the D2 state tournament. Photo by Tim Chase
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AP students show their stuff
Nearly 300 Advanced Placement (AP) students at Como Park Senior High School took national AP exams in May. More than 600 tests were taken in 20 different AP courses, ranging from U.S. History to Calculus, English Literature to Biology and several other academic disciplines.

Student exams are comprehensive assessments of college-level curriculum, which are evaluated by college professors and highly trained AP teachers from across the nation. College and universities grant credit based on student scores that meet the school’s standards, which has meant hundreds of college credits for Como students annually.

Sports from 16
senior Patrick Cornetta, Collin Columbus, Gunnar Olson and sophomore Ephemre Mau.

Boys’ tennis — The Cougars did well in their nonconference matches. They were triumphant over teams such as North St. Paul, Tartan and Smiley. The St. Paul City Conference was tougher as Como recorded two wins against four losses. Wins over Humboldt and Washington were convincing with scores of 1-0 and an extremely competitive match versus Central was a 4-3 loss.
Senior Gabe Reynolds and junior Will Larson were both all-conference selections. The doubles team of senior Lab Hnoo and junior Antonio Srolia achieved all-academic honoree mentions.

Boys’ Ultimate Frisbee — Como Area Ultimate (CAU) pur together an unforgettable season. From a dominant victory over Minnetonka in their first-ever game on the new field turf at Como, to the new spectacular spectated-cow uniforms and the state tournament, this spring was a seasonComo Area Ultimate (CAU) put together an unforgettable season. From a dominant victory over Minnetonka in their first-ever game on the new field turf at Como, to the new spectacular spectated-cow uniforms and the state tournament, this spring was a season.
All hands on deck for Blue Ribbon celebration at SAP Elementary

By Jonah Van Why

St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s lunchroom doubled as a place of celebration May 18, as students, teachers, parents and school board members were joined by St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter to recognize the school’s achievement of being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2017.

Last fall, the school was one of eight Minnesota schools to secure the prestigious award from the U.S. Department of Education. The annual award recognizes outstanding public and nonpublic schools between student subgroups.

Murray and Como Park Senior High will see new leadership this fall

By Ned Leebriick-Stryker

Stacey Theien-Collins—will step in as the new principal of Como Park Senior High School this fall, after finishing her 28th year in education and her fifth year as principal of Murray Middle School. She will replace Theresa Neal, who is retiring.

Moving to a high school “feels like coming home because I spent 18 1/2 years in St. Louis Park High School,” Theien-Collins said. “(I’m) excited to see students through four years. There is something rewarding about being there for that journey.”

Theien-Collins has been in education for much of her adult life, starting as a special education teacher in North Dakota and then working in special ed and as a dean of students in St. Louis Park public schools for more than 18 years. As Theien-Collins reflected on her time at Murray, she says she found something that set Murray apart from some of the schools she has worked at.

“The difference here is we have a community. The community is very supportive,” Theien-Collins said. Community support “and the way parents want to make Murray a better place” has made it a great school, she said.

Theien-Collins wants to continue to foster a helpful community at Como Park.

“I have a good and strong relationship with the community that I am going to be taking with me to Como,” Theien-Collins said. “I want to make student voices a part of the school.”

Theien-Collins doesn’t see much change in her approach to leadership as she transitions from a middle school environment to a high school. “As a leader, my laser focus is always on student success,” Theien-Collins said. “That’s going to stay the same for me.”

Murray Vice Principal Jamin McKenzie has been named Murray’s new principal. McKenzie has been with St. Paul Public Schools for 17 years. He taught eighth-grade science at Battle Creek Middle School before coming to Murray in 2013. Many of the programs started under Theien-Collins will continue under his leadership, he said.

“We’ve developed a vision around creating partnerships with the community (and) having teachers collaborate. The bulk of what I want to do is continue great work.”

 McKenzie “is stepping into a climate that is focused on student success,” Theien-Collins said. “We have an amazing group of educators. He is stepping in where shared leadership is our model and our strength.”

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