Roger Bergerson — longtime Bugle writer and local historian — will be greatly missed

By Dave Healy

Roger Bergerson, who wrote for the Bugle for 10 years, died of cancer on Aug. 15.

Roger loved his hometown. A longtime resident of the Saintly City, he knew that our past includes a fair number of sinners as well as saints, and he wrote about them all.

Roger’s column on local history, “History: One darn thing after another,” was the first thing many Bugle readers turned to, and the reception met by the book of the same name that he published — a collection of his columns from 2009 to 2017 — showed that his stories deserve a life beyond the newspaper. Roger’s own life, in his last years, was closely tied to the Bugle. Over a long career, he wrote, and wrote well, for many publications, but he was especially proud of the work he did for his community paper.

Even after cancer had robbed Roger of many things, he was still able to write. He often said that he was lucky to have the Bugle. We were also lucky to have him.

Besides his history column, Roger wrote every kind of story for Going to the wall and painting for community

By Scott Carlson

Two local artists have been taking their painting canvas to the wall.

Specifically, a 60-by-20-foot wall mural on one side of the Celtic Junction Arts Center, 836 Prior Ave., in St. Paul, according to givenm.org.

Artists Carrie Finnegan and Marty Ochs have designed the giant wall mural, whose four panels will depict the four pillars of the Celtic Junction Arts Center: music, dance, education and community.

The two women began hand and digital drawings of the wall mural in late February and started painting the wall in June. They hope to complete the mural by the end of September.

Finnegan has most enjoyed “the sense of community” she has experienced since working on the project. “We are working in collaboration with people in the neighborhood,” she said, adding that residents are frequently stopping by to comment to the artists about their work. “It [the wall mural] is bringing a smile to people’s faces.”

“In this mural, Marty and Carrie are fusing traditional Celtic artwork with a fresh take on art Nouveau,” according to the website givenm.org.

Both women are accomplished artists, who together have more than 50 years of professional experience. Finnegan has a B.A. in Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin—Stout; Ochs has an associate of arts degree in art and design from the University of Minnesota.

Finnegan is known for using “a playful approach to painting, printmaking and drawing of abstracted representations of human figures and nature,” said givenm.org. She has shown her artwork in galleries across Minnesota and Wisconsin with some of her work gracing the covers of magazines, brochures and post cards, according to givenm.org.

Meanwhile, Ochs has more than 30 years of experience in graphic arts, commercial sign painting, theater set design, T-shirt design and large-scale mural art, according to givenm.org.

The wall mural in early stage at Celtic Junction Arts Center. Photo by Charles Lawson.
Police blotter: Auto Break-ins Drive Increase in Crime

From the District 10 office: A soaring number of car thefts and car break-ins drove up crime in District 10 by 25 percent in the first six months of 2018, according to preliminary data from the Saint Paul Police Department.

More than five times as many vehicles were stolen in the first six months of 2018 than in the same period 2017: 67 vs. 12 in raw numbers. Theft from vehicles also soared: 98 between January and the end of June 2018, compared with 61 during the same period of 2017. Police officials noted that a lot of this theft occurs when people leave their car running, unlocked, or with valuables in plain sight inside their vehicle.

Another trend of note: Home burglaries declined 25 percent. However, home burglaries where there was no forced entry rose. They now account for more than half of all home burglaries in the district. Police say these burglaries typically are the easiest to prevent. But if residents leave doors, windows, or garages open, they create opportunity for crimes to happen.

Get more details, and charts of year-to-year comparisons, on District 10’s website: www.district10comopark.org

Want more information? CRIME CHARTS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT http://www.district10comopark.org/auto_break-ins_drive_como_crim_e_increase.htm

Trash Pick-Up Changes in October

Six different haulers will handle trash pickup in Como once St. Paul’s coordinated collection system begins in October. Trash day for most of District 10 will be Friday (beginning Oct. 5), the same day as recycling.

For more information on the city’s website: www.mpaul.gov/garbage

Resource Fair is Oct. 13

Como Connect – a free resource fair connecting local residents with local organizations that provide a range of services and opportunities – is Saturday Oct. 13. The fair runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bethel Church, 670 W. Wheelock Parkway. You can find more details on District 10’s website closer to the event.

Upcoming District 10 Meetings

- Como Community Council Monthly Meeting: Tuesday Sept. 18
- Environment Committee: Wednesday Sept. 26
- Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday Oct. 2

I support the Bugle and here’s why

Tell us about yourself. Where do you live?

My wife and I have lived on Hampden Park for 43 years; we raised our kids there. Before that we lived in an apartment on Larpenteur Avenue. Now we are planning to move into the new senior housing at Luther Seminary. This has been a great area for all those stages.

What do you like about the Bugle?

I like the hyper-local news, for example, the new restaurant at Milton Square. Other papers might mention a new business, but the Bugle had a lot of information about Nico’s and its owners. I like the history pieces and learning how the neighborhood is evolving. The Bugle is also a handy place to find phone numbers for local services.

Why do you support the Park Bugle?

For me it is a philosophical position. Local involvement is important. I support a lot of local institutions; the Bugle is an important one. I believe that we have to create and support the kind of life we want to live.
Why are these people smiling?

St. Anthony Park Elementary School is nearing the end of a two-year, $12.4 million remodel that included a new library (where Principal Karen Duke and students are standing), a new cafeteria and front entry, increased classroom space and more. The school, located at 2180 Knapp St., will host an open house Thursday, Sept. 20, and the community is invited. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. on the front steps, and then all are invited to walk around the school and see the new space. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Luther Seminary neighborhood forum set for Sept. 19

Luther Seminary will hold a neighborhood forum on Wednesday, Sept. 19, to discuss redesign plans for its campus and solicit community reaction.

The forum is scheduled from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham St., in St. Paul.

In a press statement, seminary officials said their campus-redesign plans are in response to “the changing needs of seminary education and to continue to form leaders for Christian communities of the future. “Luther Seminary is committed to a long-term future as a St. Anthony Park neighbor,” they added. “The forum will provide an opportunity for our neighbors to participate in a conversation about Luther Seminary’s campus vision and express their priorities as we continue to refine our campus of the future strategy.”

Key elements of the seminary’s tentative plans include relocating all seminary functions to Olson Campus Center and Gullixson Hall on the upper campus, partnering with private developers to offer housing for students and the sale of Bockman Hall and the Lower Campus, including the Breck Woods.
Changing seasons, new beginnings

By Scott Carlson

Dear Park Bugle readers,

As this issue of our community newspaper goes to press, I am reminded of how much September is a month of changes, big and small. A transition of seasons, from summer to fall. Of goings and comings. Of new beginnings.

Summer vacation is over and students are back to classes, with the new school year less than 2 weeks old. Here at the Bugle, we are going through big change, too.

Bugle managing editor Kristel Leebick has left the paper for new pursuits after admirably carrying out her duties with great professionalism, skill and devotion to the Park Bugle community during her eight-year stint. And now, effective Sept. 4, I started work as your new managing editor.

I have some big shoes to fill. With time and your help, I hope to serve you, the readers, with equal care and competence.

One very sad note: Longtime journalist and chronicler of the St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and Como Park neighborhoods for the Bugle, Roger Bergerson has passed away. I regret that I will not get the pleasure of working with Roger or reading future history stories. Please see Dave Healy’s story on Roger and his career and life, page 1.

In the months ahead, I will be learning the ropes at the Bugle and delving into the nooks and crannies of our coverage area. That means I plan to start meeting lots of people in the community. You can expect us to continue providing you with a wide array of neighborhood news.

Over the next three months I expect you will see a few newoults here and there. In particular, I will be looking to see what more we can do with our website and Facebook page. But at this point, I will refrain from articulating specifics until I have a better view of the landscape.

What you can expect is my best efforts to continue the fine work of the Bugle, which is now 45 years old.

Meanwhile, keep watch on those ducks and geese. My wife Betsy has noticed they are spending time these days making practice runs for the time when they hightail it out of town.

Not in my back forest?

A long overdue “Thank you” to Luther Seminary for allowing families in this neighborhood to enjoy Bred Woods for many, many years. Luther Seminary never put up fences or “no trespassing” signs on their property, allowing everyone to enjoy the beauty of the woods.

The seminary now faces a dire economic challenge and hard decisions must be made, as I understand it, in order for survival. Selling land seems to be the only way that this institution can survive.

What a great opportunity to help create a place for low-income rentals and housing!很多玩家在看到这个标志时可能会认为它是有消极攻击性的,但在现实生活中却并非如此。它更多地被用作是一个竞选活动的宣言,而不是更消极的,期间在政治动荡期间。

Business and politics

I want to express my thanks to local businesses who did not permit any political advertising in their spaces during the recent primary and special election period.

Political decision-making has become such an extremely volatile activity that citizens and neighbors who live in proximity may struggle to find ways to do so peacefully and lovingly during the political season.

Surely it could be wonderful if there were spaces in which true discussion and dialogue over issues could take place. I would applaud any effort in that direction. But I think that a community needs to have “safe” places in which to gather. This would be a place where one can go without having to declare one’s alliance or even think about it.

When there are candidate signs posted in the window of a business, that business then appears as though they are a campaign headquarters. A potential customer may feel as though they need to have loyalty to that candidate if they patronize the business. Or, conversely, they may feel as though their own views and choice of candidate are not welcome. Such signs in the window of a business, to me, seem to send an aggressive message to the public. It is almost as if the business does not want my patronage if I do not align with its view.

I think that we need less aggression, not more, during our periods of political thrashing about. So, again, thank you to all the local businesses who refrained from proclaiming their own political favorites in their windows over the summer. I hope that you will continue during the upcoming midterm election season.

And to those of you who did not refrain, please think about it more deeply. Soapboxes out on the sidewalks, people proclaiming their views from such a vantage point, citizens arguing and discussing points with the speakers — now that could be interesting.

Susan Casey
St. Anthony Park
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not cover all available topics in order to ensure that as many people take the survey as possible. If there are any questions you don’t care to answer, please skip over them. All answers will be confidential. Any questions? Please contact Sac thongvanh at (651)792-7611 sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org.

Lauderdale
The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. Contact information: 651-782-7600 or visit the website at lauderdalnc.org

Volunteer for Halloween party
The city of Lauderdale’s annual Halloween will be held on Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m. Want to volunteer? Sign up at https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2031653/true#/invitation.

St. Anthony Park
The District 12 Community Council (SAPCC) meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-633-7644

SAPCC hires new community organizer
The St. Anthony Park Community Council welcomes Roberto de Freitas, who will serve as the district’s community organizer. De Freitas recently completed a master’s degree at the University of Minnesota from the department of Organizational Leadership Policy and Development. His work focused on the psychology of group dynamics and social interactions. As an intern with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, he gained experience working with legislators and in crafting legislation for student teachers.

Upcoming SAPCC meetings
The SAPCC Transportation Committee will meet Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m., at the SAPCC office, 2395 University Ave.
The Environment Committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7-9 p.m., at the SAPCC office.
The Land Use Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m., at Jennings Community School, 2455 University Ave.
The Equity Committee will meet Friday, Oct. 5, 8-9:30 a.m. at the SAPCC office. The regular SAPCC board meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m. at Jennings Community School.

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The property, which at the time included 10 acres of land, may have been a wedding gift from Lorenzo Hoyt to his younger sister, Hannah, when she and Hazzard married in 1867, both age 21. Five years later, they moved into their new Italianate home, an architectural style highly favored at the time, and proceeded to start a family that would eventually include six children.

Lorenzo was a prosperous farmer and justice of the peace for Rose Township. Like most of his neighbors, he also was a land speculator, planting Hoyt Avenue, named for his father. Benjamin, 50 years before any homes were built on it.

Hazzard, by contrast, was 18 years his junior and far from established in the world, but he must have impressed Lorenzo as a go-getter. He'd gone to work at age 14 as a cabin boy on the steamboats operating out of St. Paul on the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers.

In fact, it is possible that is where he and Hannah met. The Hoyts were Methodists and active in the temperance movement. Along with many others, they sometimes took a steamer from St. Paul downriver to attend meetings at Red Rock Camp, a Methodist facility near Newport.

At any rate, the Hazzards settled down and George became a successful agent for steamboat and railroad companies, before starting his own real estate business in 1883. One of his residential developments was the Foundry Addition, platted in 1885 at Front and Western avenues.

Hazzard apparently made and lost several fortunes in an era when financial panics periodically swept the region and country. During one such downturn in 1886, the Hazzards departed the villa for presumably more modest accommodations a mile or two to the south in “Hamline,” as the Midway district was known.

To look after the few head of livestock left behind, the Hazzards hired a caretaker, a young man who died tragically a year later at the hand of a drifter he befriended.

In the coverage of the murder, a newspaper reporter described the home as being in a “lonely and deserted” setting, the “load leading to it from the ramplike (Hamline Avenue) overgrown with weeds.”

If so, it must have been an anomaly, because at least three successful farmers lived in close proximity. Lorenzo Hoyt nearly 300 yards to the north of the villa, in the vicinity of Hamline and Hoyt avenues, Joshua Robertson to the east and son August immediately south.

Hazzard had been using the home as loan collateral and lost it to foreclosure in 1889, but he was by no means finished in business or public affairs. As a Ramsey County commissioner, he was one of the mainstays behind Ramsey County’s successful bid to permanently locate the fairgrounds on what had been the county Poor Farm.

In addition, as mining interests threatened the long-term viability of the Dalles of the St. Croix River, he played a key role in convincing the Minnesota and Wisconsin legislatures to establish Interstate Park at St. Croix Falls around 1900.

A succession of owners followed over the decades, many of whom modified the structure to fit their needs. In fact, there has been such a bewildering array of remodeling projects that current owner Coulter says it would be nearly impossible to restore everything to the original design, even if they aspired to do so.

One casualty over time was a formidable tower at the top of the house that presumably succumbed to the wear and tear of the elements and deferred maintenance.

Pieces of the 10-acre parcel were gradually sold off until it was down to a single acre in 1925, still a much bigger property than the sites in the adjacent housing development being carved out of August Roberts’ former farmstead.

In 1951, newly founded North Como Prebyterian Church bought the home and conducted services there for several years. After the church moved out, the residence was converted to a duplex.

Run Doromgaard, the owner prior to Dye and Coulter, bought the place in 1986 and in 1990 it became Como Villa, one of the first bed-and-breakfasts licensed by the city of St. Paul. Team ing up with his father in 2004, Doromgaard built a replica of the Hoyts’ old tower, a form idable早餐 licensed by the city of St. Paul.

At the same time, Dye and Coulter had moved into the neighborhood, and one day Sarah happened upon the villa while on a walk, not having known it was there.

“I was astonished to behold a charming, old-fashioned house like this tucked among houses of such a different style,” she recalls. “It made a strong impression on me.”

And a lasting one. More than 10 years later, the Nebraska home came on the market at the same time that Dye and Coulter were contemplating a move from their home near Lake Como.

Dye convinced her husband they should put aside most of their search criteria and purchase it.

“In many respects, the house is the opposite of what we needed, but it is beautiful, spacious, solid and well-built. The floors are still nearly 100 years old, but they fell apart last winter due to the snow and ice, which boggles the mind. The windows and doors are graceful. Dye also acknowledges that there are enough repair and update projects to keep them occupied for a long time, but she’s smitten.

“When I drive up into the driveway, I feel like I’m suddenly at a farm house out in the country where I can enjoy the luxury of privacy out in nature.”

Of course, privacy can be overrated and she says that if you’re strolling by, stop in and she’ll show you around.

Roger Bergerson shared his history with the Bugle for the last decade. Roger submitted this column the night before he died. Rest in peace, Roger. Your voice will be missed.
**School News**

**Como Park High School News**

- Construction of Como’s new academic wing continues during Labor Day weekend; before the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4. The Wexner Engineering and Construction Company worked feverishly to get the new classrooms ready for learning. Construction on other parts of the building, which are closed off and secured from teachers and students, will continue throughout the academic year.

The new addition is stunning with its airy design, natural light, high-tech science labs and unique features such as the Cougar Forum (see photo). “Both the new spaces and the renovated spaces are absolutely beautiful. It is what our students deserve,” said Como Principal Stacy Theien-Collins.

- Como Academy of Finance (AOF) students were busy over the summer. 60 AOF students had professional internships, an accomplishment made possible by students’ initiative, and the AOF program’s relationships with a variety of businesses and organizations. Seven students were placed with Brand Lab for marketing positions. 17 students worked 120 hours with Optum using business information technology skills to gather data, address challenges, and present possible solutions to meet Optum’s needs as a health service company.

Four students completed training with Genesys Works and will continue to work at Genesys Works placement sites throughout the school year. 20 students were placed at job sites around the Twin Cities for the summer through Right Track. Seven others were gainfully employed through the Ramsey County Workforce. Two students were paid by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to collaborate and develop a professional student manual. Three AOF students held positions at the Hispanic Credit Union.

- Como Park High School’s “Link Crew” is composed of 60 juniors and seniors that volunteer to be positive leaders and mentors for freshmen. The Link Crew welcomed Como’s incoming class of 2022 by hosting an orientation session on the morning of Thursday, August 30th. The Link Crew Leaders prepared for the event with training that focused on community and fellowship, leading up to the implementation of fun, inclusion activities. The event provided the new students with a chance to get comfortable and make connections before classes began on Tuesday, September 4. The faculty advisors for Como’s Link Crew are Ms. Alison Hartzell and Ms. Shelly Storlie.

- An innovative collaboration is occurring this year between Ms. Gbolo's culinary arts classes at Como and Mr. Chase’s science classes at Murray Middle School. Murray students planted vegetables last spring and have continued to be harvesting the gardens. Students at Como will be using the produce in the culinary labs as they prepare healthy meals.

- The freshmen class is scheduled to spend the school day of Sept. 26 outside on the Como turf field in team-building activities. The purpose is to develop strong relationships and build community through restorative practices as the 9th graders begin their high school journey. Como alumni, parents, and community members are invited to join for all or part of the day. Adult role models and mentors provide the support and encouragement that students need to be successful in and beyond the school walls. Those interested in helping may contact Andrew Ryan at drc.schools@gmail.com.

- Homecoming at Como is set for Saturday, September 29. For the first time ever, the Como Cougars’ homecoming football game will be played – athome! The new turf field will be the site for the 1.00 game versus Minneapolis South. Food trucks will provide fans a variety of options to enjoy as they cheer on the Cougars. The annual parade will start from school at 10:15 and proceed north on Como St. and southeast on Wheelock Parkway back to Como Lake and school. A picnic and activities near the field will follow beginning at 11:00.

**The “Cougard” Forum** will serve as a multi-purpose classroom and event space in the newly constructed academic wing at Como Park High School.
Market for craft brewing, distilling isn’t oversaturated — yet

By Alex Lodner

When the so-called Surly Bill became law in 2011, microbreweries began selling pints of their own beer onsite, fanning the flames of an already-rapidly-growing craft beer fervor in Minnesota. In 2014, the craft distillery business got a similar boost when the new omnibus liquor bill allowed small batch distillers to open cocktail rooms and serve concoctions.

In 2014, the craft beer wave is hardly a passing trend. Breweries when the new omnibus liquor bill allowed small batch distillers to open cocktail rooms and serve concoctions and distilleries have continued to apparently insatiable appetites for open to mass crowds, with.

When the so-called Surly Bill became law, locally crafted booze and brews. St. Paul neighborhoods have welcomed several new tap rooms, including Bang Brewing at 55 Vandalia, BlackStack Brewing on Prior Avenue and Dual Citizen on Raymond Avenue, just south of University Avenue. Studio Distilling, 2380 Wycliff St., just off Raymond in St. Anthony Park, is the second distillery in St. Paul. The distillery opened its doors for bottle sales of its rye malt whiskey in July.

Two distilleries call it home. For the most part, it’s about cost. This is how I explain it to my daughters,” said Phil Steger, Como resident and owner of Minneapolis’ Brother Justus Whiskey Co. “A distillery is a place where we make beer, turn the beer into a cloud, make the cloud rain, catch the drops and put the drops in a barrel. What we take out of the barrel is transformed into whiskey. So a distillery has to have everything a brewery has: all the brewing and fermenting equipment to make beer, plus we need to have skills that turn the beer into the cloud and back into liquid again. We keep paying bills and paying for production and operations while we’re waiting for the whiskey to mature.

Distilleries are also more regulated than breweries. Unlike the trendy process of turning a home-brew passion into a business, “it’s a felony to home distill,” Steger, a lawyer by day, explained. “We also can’t self-distribute the way breweries can. It’s uphill and against a headwind, but we believe we’ve got a unique Minnesota story to tell and a uniquely Minnesota whiskey to introduce to the world, so it’s worth it.”

With so many choices, how do you choose where to sip and nosh? Each spot has its own charms. In addition to crafting artisanal spirits and small batch beers, there is plenty of food choices to be had, either created in-house in Urban Growler’s full kitchen or via a rotating line-up of food trucks. During the summer months, many local breweries offer plentiful outdoor seating, outdoor games and live music. Kids and pups are welcome in most. What does the future hold for craft brewers and distillers? While the original wave could wind down, due to the perception of market saturation and the challenges of raising capital, the appetite for locally made products is strong, according to Joe Falkowski, a Falcon Heights resident and market manager at Lift Bridge Brewery in Stillwater, Minn. “I think the boom will slow, but I don’t really think we will lose drinkers,” he said.

We’ll drink to that. Alex Lodner writes about food and other delights from her home in Como Park.

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Brother Justus

It’s been a decade since Como residents Phil Steger and wife Lisa Aarons toured a bourbon distillery in Kentucky. The wooded hills, grain-filled valleys and clear water reminded Steger of his college days at central Minnesota’s St. John’s University.

“Minnesota has everything my tour guide had been telling me made Kentucky ideal and unique for making whiskey: great soil, grain, oak, water and extreme seasonal temperatures for barrel aging,” Steger remembers thinking. “We have great communities of and support for craft. So why didn’t Minnesota have a great whiskey tradition? The seed was planted then and there to try to help build one.”

Steger’s dream of making whiskey here remained through the years, and while researching the process, he found the book “Minnesota 13: Stearns County’s Wet Wild Prohibition Days,” by St. Cloud State University professor Elaine Davis.

“It turns out Minnesota has a great whiskey tradition. It’s just that it was completely illegal,” Steger said. Minnesotaans in the St. Cloud area started making whiskey during Prohibitions as a way to make ends meet. At the center of it all was a St. John’s monk who believed farm families had a right to make whiskey to support themselves, but they had a responsibility to make their whiskey right.”

The rebellious monk’s name was Brother Justus. He built high-quality whiskey stills in the monastery workshop and taught local farmers how to make pure whiskey. The

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moonshine farmers made using Brother Justus’ stills became Minnesota 13, the most coveted moonshine in America during Prohibition. Inspired, Steger began plans to open a whiskey distillery in the Twin Cities.

“This summer, Steger and partners open the doors to their subterranean distillery in Northeast Minneapolis, where brewer and distiller James Jefferson toils over a gorgeous copper still nicknamed Bill the Still, producing a single-malt silver whiskey and a single-malt American whiskey. There are plans for a cocktail room in the distant future. Steger and team are working to perfect recipes before introducing them to the public.

“We wanted it to be low cost, our proof-of-concept phase. We need to build a new distillery to scale up, and we’ll have a cocktail room in it,” he said. And the dream continues to grow. — Alex Lodner

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Crossword puzzle

One Darn Place After Another

A crossword puzzle by Dave Healy
in memory of Roger Bergerson

You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 14.

ACROSS
1. Kept in stitches?
2. Denominational Texas school
3. Outmoded
4. Latin hymn “Dies __”
5. One might get picked
6. Designate
7. Warn of
8. Show anger, perhaps
9. Dungeons and Dragons co.
10. That hurt!
11. With 6 Down, erstwhile local shopping center
12. Ome minus zine
13. One who lessens well
14. Means lead to them
15. As of __
16. Non-slip mat maker
17. Zombies, e.g.
18. Would he rather be a Savage?
19. Circle datum (abbr.)
20. See 6 Down
21. Stretching muscles
22. Snake-like fish
23. A long, long time
24. Must up, as hair
25. Something to put on, and to put that thing on
26. Closet staple
27. Capone nemesis
28. Laken
29. Muff a ground ball, e.g.
30. Thermometer contents
31. Gear part
32. ___, the wall
33. ___, to unforeseen events
34. Nothing but __
35. Type of 42 Across
36. External word, per Pintace
37. Dissatisfied customer, perhaps
38. ___, what I bargained for
39. Zone
40. See 21 Across
41. Unicrypt
42. Final resting places, for some
43. Dutch mothers
44. Give off
45. Hall of Fame second baseman Sandberg
46. Muscat or its capital
47. Dog’s nemesis
48. Exploit
49. Heel
50. Double __

DOWN
1. Recipe instruction
2. Cupid’s Greek counterpart
3. Erthwhile Como Park development
4. Born
5. “Let it __”
6. With 37 Across, erstwhile Saints venue
7. Colorado tribe
8. Struck with a certain hammer
9. Leave high __
10. He says pop, she says __
11. British submachine gun
12. “___ Meena Deeka,” 1994 Bollywood comedy
13. Miniature tree
14. Attack a pilaf, say
15. Fingered, for short
16. Place for flowers
17. She says return, he says __
18. Erthwhile Rose Township country home
19. Scruggs and Weaver
20. Stock (abbr.)
21. Took advantage of
22. Went home to St. Anthony Park...
Blocktoberfest touts evolving south St. Anthony Park area

By Scott Carlson

As economic revitalization is sweeping parts of the south St. Anthony Park area and “the creative enterprise zone” of Raymond Village, a couple of microbrewery partners are planning a daylong celebration of the emerging transformation.

Tim Kessler and Max Filter, co-owners of Dual Citizen Brewing Co., are organizing Blocktoberfest, an Oktoberfest-styled event that will be held from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at several neighborhood microbreweries with live music and other activities. Besides Dual Citizen Brewing, other participating breweries include Urban Growler, Lake Monster Brewing and Black Duck Brewing.

Blocktoberfest supporting businesses include Sunrise Banks, Can Wonderland, The Naughty Greek and The Lyric at Carleton Place.

“The idea is to have a free event that incorporates the neighborhood and engages the residents,” Kessler said. “The area is exploding in the south St. Anthony Park neighborhood. There are a lot of good things going on here. The festival will help bring awareness to that.”

The neighborhood is in part of a “creative enterprise zone” that is experiencing a lot of new office and residential construction, Kessler said. The new developments include the Carleton Lofts and The Ray apartment building, he said.

Dual Citizen Brewing Co. is located at 725 Raymond Ave., just south of University Avenue and Blocktoberfest there will be held on the backside of the building, Kessler said. For further information, contact Dual Citizen Brewing at 651-330-4750 or check its website at https://dualcitizenbrewing.com/.

Hodges Bend claims grounds for “super power” coffee

At first blush, Hodges Bend appears to be a hipster bar and restaurant along the Green Line in Prospect Park, just west of Highway 280. But since Hodges Bend’s opening earlier this year at 2700 W. University Ave., customers are discovering the delights of its coffee, whose head roaster is nationally acclaimed.

“They come for the libations and victuals. But they [customers] discover our coffee is actually our super power,” Hodges Bend general manager Jamie Jennings told the Bugle. “Hodges Bend is born of a love for coffee and service. We want to prove that coffee has a special place in any service space, not just a coffee shop.”

Jennings said one special thing about Hodges Bend’s coffee is that it is roasted in in Tulsa, Okla., by the company “also owned by one of our proprietors called Topeca Coffee.”

The head roaster at Topeca Coffee is Ian Pico, who won national acclaim as the 2018 United States Roaster Champion. “This winter Ian will represent the U.S. at the World Roaster Championship,” Jennings said. “We have no reason to believe he will not do extremely well. Beyond roasting and competing, Ian is a roaster and general coffee professional instructor and teaches about coffee all over the world.”

Another thing that sets Hodges Bend’s coffee apart: It is the only coffee company in Minnesota directly connected to the farms growing their beans, Jennings said. John Gabertino, the proprietor of Topeca Coffee, is part of the family that owns Quarto M Farms in El Salvador.

“Having coffee from the family farms allows us to have quality-control involvement and intimate knowledge about every detail in the process,” Jennings said.

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Max Goodmanson
Max Lee Goodmanson, Jr., 64, of Lauderdale, died Aug. 3, 2018. “Uncle Max,” as most knew him, was born Aug. 11, 1953, in Minneapolis.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Max Lee Sr. and Vernetta Marvin (Chelmar) Goodmanson. He is survived by his three brothers, Mel (Cami), Daryle (Connie), and Tom.
Uncle Max had a huge heart and spent much of his life dedicated to his faith, his family, and serving others. He will be missed greatly.

A celebration of life service and was held at Roseville Lutheran Church on Aug. 17.

Jeanne Griesbach
Jeanne (Chermak) Griesbach, 101, died Aug. 18, 2018. She died peacefully at Lyngblomsten Care Center, a live-in high school in Crookston, the Northwest School of Agriculture.
Opal moved to St. Paul in 1941 to begin college at the University of Minnesota. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, she moved to San Francisco to help her sister EvaPearson care for her first child while her husband was serving in the Navy.
Opal did office work and studied for a year at the University of California Berkeley. She returned to the University of Minnesota in 1947 to finish her degree in Home Economics and Related Arts, joining the Beta of Clovis Sorority, and graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science. She supported herself by working at several jobs, including as a live-in maid and secretary.
Opal married Martin Holmsten on Nov. 23, 1951, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. The couple soon moved to Kankakee, Illinois, where their three daughters were born: Lisa in 1955, Nancey in 1956, Teri in 1959. The family moved back to St. Anthony Park in 1968, to a house on Gordon Avenue, where Opal continued raising her daughters and cuting for her home and family members.
Opal worked as an employment counselor. She was an accomplished painter and pursued many other interests, such as sewing, arts and crafts, entertaining, gardening, camping, reading, classical music, theater, and the study of French. Opal very much enjoyed traveling, especially a trip to Norway in 1984. She made frequent trips to visit her daughters in New Orleans, Vancouver (Canada), and Paris (France).
After the death of Lisa in 2004 and Marlin in 2006, Opal continued living by herself on Gordon Avenue, while participating in many community senior activities. In 2013, she moved to Cherrywood Pointe in Roseville, where she lived for five years until her recent death.
Her memorial service was held Sept. 5 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with internment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, beside her husband Marlin.
Memorials are preferred to the AlzheimerCare Association or to the Saint Anthony Park Area Senior, or to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.
Florence Holmsten
Florence Holmsten, 88, of St. Anthony Park, died Aug. 15, 2018. She was a lifelong member of the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, as well as of its choir. She was a member of the P.O.E.O women’s group, to a U.M.W.M.E.
She was a 1947 graduate of Murray High School, and had attended annual church reunions.
Florence and her husband, Richard, celebrated 68 years of marriage. Their story began when they were 13 years old, in the eighth grade.
Florence is survived by her children: Allan (Susan) Holmsten, Robert (Carolyn) Holmsten, Charles (Cynthia) Holmsten, Nancy (Heath) Hedberg, 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Florence was preceded in death by her parents, her two brothers, and her sister.
A memorial service was held Aug. 23 at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Donations may be made to Centennial UMC Choir or St. Anthony Park Home.
Richard Holmsten
Dick was a St. Paul businessman who owned Holmsten Ice Rinks and Permanateur. Dick was a member of the Murray Class of ’47 and St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. He was a Korean War veteran, a member of the St. Anthony Park Association and Kiwanis, a published author and a patent holder. He also was as a recipient of many awards, including the ISA Pioneer award, the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame and the Frank J. Zamboni award.
Richard was preceded in death by his wife, and parents. Dick is survived by his children: Allan (Susan), Robert (Carolyn), Charles (Cynthia), Nancy (Steven) Holmsten, 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marion Brobeck and Carolyn (David) Oliver.
A memorial service for Dick was held Sept. 8 at Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville. Donations may be made to Centennial United Methodist Church, St. Anthony Park Home, or Kiwanis.

The family offers special thanks to the dedicated staff and friends at the St. Anthony Park Home.

Phyllis Mackey
Phyllis A. Mackey, 91, died on Aug. 25, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55-plus years, Walter; and parents, Fred and Lyudye Borchert. She is survived by her children, Cathleen Quinn, Kevin (Denise), Carol (Jamie Kujawa), Steve (Erika Heohenstein); and six grandchildren.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Oct. 20 with visitation one hour prior, at the Catholic Church of Corpus Christi, Roseville. Interment is scheduled at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Michael Monnie
Michael T. Monnie, 77, of Lauderdale, died Aug. 11, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth N. Monnie, (1919-2018) as well as his three brothers, Merl (Cami), Daryle (Connie), and three sisters, Florence (Dullum), Elanore (Bender), Corrine (Seifert), and Vernette Mavis (Chelman) Monnie.
Ruth w as a talented ceramic artist and loved music, including Suzuki recitals. Ruth’s excellent cooking will live on as her red cabbage, crescent dressing, lemon dessert and Danish open-faced sandwiches will be made for parties of excellence, curiosity, and entertainment. Her motto was Eat dessert first.
Many thanks to her wonderful Caregivers (Team Ruth) for the love they shared. Special thanks to Sadiya for taking Ruth’s beloved cat (FY)Caso.
A memorial service was held Sept. 7. Donations are preferred to the ACLU or Animal Humane Society.

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Dick was born in St. Paul in 1905. He was a St. Paul Star in 1914, graduated from Cretn High School and earned a journalism degree from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a reporter for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and held several other positions, before he and his wife, Valerie Cunningham, began working together as writers and editors for a variety of clients.
Dick knew the Bugle, both news and feature. He was an editor’s dream: willing and able to write about anything, to meet a deadline and to require almost no editing.
A newspaper is only as good as its writers, and Rogier Bergerson was one of the best. His passing leaves a hole that won't be filled, but those of us who read him over the last decade can be thankful that he found his way to the Park Bugle.

Readers of Rogier's history column, even if they were longtime residents of this corner of the world, invariably encountered something new in his writing—either a person, place or event they hadn't heard of, or a new tidbit about something familiar.
As it occurs, history may be “one darn thing after another.” But through the historian's alchemy, those things acquire shape and meaning and texture.
Rogier Bergerson gave shape to our local history. As he passes into the pages of history, he leaves a legacy of excellence, curiosity, persistence, humor, and grace. Rogier submitted his last column, which you can read on page 6, the night before he died. Rogier was born in St. Paul in 1945, graduated from Cretn High School and earned a journalism degree from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a reporter for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and held several other positions, before he and his wife, Valerie Cunningham, began working together as writers and editors for a variety of clients.

Rogier and Val enjoyed many nature and birding trips, most recently a trip on the Amazon River in Peru. Rogier was an avid golfer and birdwatcher. He was a man of great wit and laughter, and he will be missed by many.
A memorial gathering was held Sept. 12, at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony Village.

Dave Hudy was the Bugle's editor from 2000 to 2010.
OCTOBER Events

Venue information is listed at the end of each entry. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org.

2 TUESDAY
Baby/Toddler storytime, every Tuesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:20 a.m.

5 WEDNESDAY
Our Stories, Our Lives, Moon Coffee, for Adults, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-3:30 p.m.
Englišký Conversations Circle, every Wednesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 4:30 p.m.
Adult book club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come on the last Wednesday of each month to discuss interesting books. All are welcome and no registration is required.

4 THURSDAY
Caregiver Support Group, 1st Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.
Block Nurse Program, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Como Park/Falcon Heights Apartments, 9:30-10 a.m. and Como Park/Falcon Heights Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Seniors Blood Pressure Clinics, Como Park/Falcon Heights Senior Apartments, 2-3:30 p.m. All welcome. Free.

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

11 THURSDAY
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinemas screen, Como Park, 2 p.m. All welcome. Free.

12 FRIDAY
SAPNS Care Day, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon.

14 MONDAY
Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. goldfringe, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. The event is free, but a free will offering is accepted. Children welcome. Sponsored by the District 12 Community Council.

21 SUNDAY
Sunday Afternoon Book Club, “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd, Micawber’s, 1:30-2 p.m. All are welcome.

VENUE INFORMATION

St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., St. Anthony, 651-646-9052

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors
OARS: Older Adult Resource Services
“Medicare and Upcoming Changes for 2019”
Chris Abbott from North Star Resource Group will be on site to explain the changes in the Medicare market this fall and will have the ability to discuss individual needs and how to decide what new Supplemental option is right for you.

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Play tells story of Sojourner Truth
Youth Performance Company will present “A Woman Called Truth,” the story of Sojourner Truth, this fall. The show, which chronicles the life of a woman who made a significant impact on American history, will be performed Friday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 14.

Sojourner Truth was born a slave and sold away from her family as a young girl. Yet she rose to become a respected leader for abolition and women’s rights. Meet the woman behind the historic “ Ain’t I a Woman?” speech and learn the story of her remarkable life in this production. Performances will be held at the Howard Conn Performing Arts Center, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Tickets are $7 to $15.

Find out more by calling the box office at 612-623-9080 or go to youthperformancecenter.org.

Holy Trinity celebrates 130 years
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1636 Van Buren Ave., St. Paul, will celebrate its 130th anniversary with a gala celebration and worship service.

The gala will be held 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the Radisson Hotel, 2454 Cleveland Ave., Roseville. Tickets are $50 and can be purchased online at https://tinyurl.com/HT130th.

The worship service will be held 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 319 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis. Holy Trinity invites all to participate in this celebration. For more information, call the church office at 651-228-0930.

Rosen Movement class offered
Marjorie Huebner will offer a Rosen Movement class at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., Friday mornings from 9 to 10:15 a.m., starting in October. The class focuses on joint mobilization using a range of motion exercises for the joints and some gentle stretching. Huebner says the class is mainly for people 40 to 90 years old. You can find out more at www.marjoriehuebner.com.

Women’s Drum Center offers a test drive of classes
The Women’s Drum Center, 2242 W. University Ave., invites the people 16 years and older to try out the nonprofit organization’s classes during a special weeklong test-drive event Sept. 22-28. The public is invited to attend new-to-you classes for free. Drums will be provided. Class regulars may try out classes they have not attended in the past for free.

Registration is required. To register, send an email with your name, cell phone number (in case of class change), email address and class selections to info@womensdrumcenter.net. Place Fall 2018 Test Drive Registration in the subject line. Registrations will be accepted for each class until they are full. If you need to cancel, please let us know as soon as you can so we can offer your place to those on the waiting list.

All classes for the Test Drive Week and Preview will be held at the Women’s Drum Center Studios, 2242 W. University Ave., Suite B6, St. Paul. Enter at the side door on Hampden Avenue.

To learn more, go to www.womensdrumcenter.org.

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Work
The undefeated 2013 Como soccer team that won the city, section and state championships celebrated their success with try-outs and extended training sessions. Como's student athletes were immersed in a rigorous training program, preparing for the upcoming season.

**Football**

The Cougars graduated over 20 seniors from a team that went 6-3 in 2017. This year's team is young and returns just one starter from five years ago as the undefeated team from a year ago, but still allows Como to run a varsity, junior varsity, and c-team together. The Cougars have a challenging schedule, but the team is focused on positivity and supporting each other in order to take on strong opponents.

Key contributors include Alonte Johnson (LB/WR), Morris Walker (RB/LB), Alex Fusco (OL), Josh Ward (RB/DB) and Chue Chang (OL/DB). As seniors and the most experienced players on a youthful roster, they are leading underclassmen and providing excellent examples of commitment.

**Boys' Soccer**

The program is composed of 80 players on four competitive teams including the varsity, j.v., b-team and c-team. The varsity squad is led by senior captains Mu Ra Shi, Pa Sad Tit, and Yunis Mohamed. Skilled and speedy attackers include junior Ariz Ahmed and Adonay Hanns.

The team's schedule was busy in August with practices at Murray Middle School to accommodate construction at Como, and fundraising at the State Fair. According to fair officials, Como volleyball is the second longest-serving work crew at the fair (one year behind Como's JR ROTC program).

**Girls' Swimming**

Numbers are higher this year which has added energy to practices and provided depth for the program. Juniors Amira Boier and Moohlan are serving as captains. Boier was an all-conference honorable mention swimmer last season, while the Cougars finished third out of the five teams that compete in girls' swimming in the St. Paul City Conference.

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**Girls' Tennis**

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