Luther Seminary exec: Still committed to “beautiful campus”

By Scott Carlson

Luther Seminary intends to maintain “a beautiful campus” despite its plans to sell off 15.5 acres, including the Breck Woods.

Michael Morrow, Luther vice president of finance and administration, offered that comment at a recent neighborhood forum where he and other school representatives discussed campus plans for a major renovation.

Luther’s lower campus area, including Lockman Hall, at the 2400 block of Como Avenue, was put on the seller’s real estate market in July. “We have gotten a number of proposals and have started to look at them,” Morrow said.

“Our goal is to identify a lead developer late this fall and have an [sales] agreement in early 2019,” he continued. “The closing will take time with due diligence and planning.”

The university’s asking price for the 15.5-acre parcel is $11.9 million, Morrow said. “We don’t know what will be developed. Once someone is in the process, they will have to go to the public with their plan.”

Morrow stressed the seminary’s restructuring plans need to address the neighborhood’s concerns on preserving Breck Woods green space.

“While we don’t need it [Breck Woods], we understand the importance of that space,” he said, adding that Luther Seminary is open to any proposals offered by the community for that land.

Community groups and residents are lobbying to save Breck Woods, contending it is an irreplaceable natural resource. Breck Woods is home to some endangered species such as the rusty patched bumblebee, and appears to represent some last relatively undisturbed section of the historic Mississippi River gorge, the St. Anthony Park Community Council stated in a letter to the seminary. In fact, the Mississippi Watershed Management emphasized the importance of protecting Breck Woods in the 2006 Bridal Veil Creek Report.

Scores of people are sharing their comments about the significance of Breck Woods on a website called “Save Breck Woods” (https://savebreckwoods.com/). And at least one group has been exploring whether they can assemble an offer for Luther Seminary to 16

Daisy has a baby

Daisy, one of Como Zoo’s giraffes, is a new mom!

She gave birth on the morning of Oct. 2 to a long-legged female who came into the world 5 feet, 8 inches, and 120 pounds, according to zoo spokesman Matt Reinartz.

The new baby female is the 22nd giraffe birth at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory in the last 24 years, according to the Zoo. Como’s current herd consists of Daisy (mother of eight), Skeeter (the father), sibling Lover and the yet-to-be-named calf. This is Skeeter’s sixth offspring, five of which have been female.

Some giraffe stats: They are the tallest land-living animal, towering upward of 18 feet with prehensile tongues up to a foot-and-a-half long. A giraffe’s gestation period lasts 14 to 15 months. Like human fingerprints, the markings or spots of a giraffe’s coat are unique to each individual. Reticulated giraffes are native to the dry savannahs and open woodlands of sub-Saharan Africa.

In other news, Como Zoo is continuing construction of Como Harbor, its new seals and sea lions exhibit that is shooting for a 2019 opening. Lancer Hospitality recently donated $1 million toward the exhibit’s funding, according to a Pioneer Press report.

The new exhibit will provide year-round indoor and outdoor use that will meet or exceed all regulatory and animal-care requirements, according to Zoo officials.

In 2017, the Minnesota Legislature awarded a $15 million bonding appropriation for the asset preservation of the Seal and Sea Lion Habitat. Como Friends, the nonprofit partner of Como-Zoo, is expected to raise the remaining $5 million needed for the new Como Harbor habitat.

Como Zoo’s seals and sea lions exhibit has been a fixture for more than 60 years. The Sparky Show, which began in 1956, remains one of Como’s most popular attractions with nearly 500,000 students from across the region taking part in the show annually.

—Scott Carlson

Michael Russell, a member of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, was among a large gathering of people attending Luther Seminary’s recent neighborhood forum to discuss its renovation plans. Photo by Scott Carlson
Como Park Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Como Street Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Here’s how to connect: 651-644-5089, district10@park.org or District 10 Community Council on Facebook.

District 10 Seeks Organizer

The Como Community Council is seeking a part-time community organizer to lead outreach to rental communities in the neighborhood. The application deadline is Oct. 31.

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Rev. Scott Simmons, pastor, 612-637-3651, 1148 Como Avenue W.
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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/claim/invitation2?recurl=20318653true/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 University Ave. The council offices are located at 2395 W University Ave, Suite 300 E. Contact information 651-649-5992 or www.sapcc.org

Upcoming SAPCC meetings

• Environment Committee, 7-9 p.m., Oct. 24, at the district office.
• Land Use Committee, 7-9 p.m., Nov. 1, at the Jennings Community School, 2455 University Ave.
• Equity Committee, 8-9:30 a.m., Nov. 2, at the district office.

Halloween

With the change of seasons, the Falcon Heights Streetcar Station is now open only on the first Sunday of each month. Stop in to pick up organics recycling bags or starter kits (while supplies last), or chat with a District 10 board member who is staffing that day. Hours remain the same: noon to 4 p.m. Upcoming dates are Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. The Historic Streetcar Station is at the northeast corner of Lexington Parkway and Horton Avenue.

Upcoming District 10 Meetings

Environmental Committee: Wednesday, Oct. 24
• Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday, Nov. 6
• Land Use Committee: Wednesday, Nov. 7
All meetings begin at 7 p.m., typically at the Como Park Streetcar Station. Renters, homeowners, and other community members are welcome to attend and participate. Whenever possible, agendas are posted in advance in the “Board News” section of District 10’s website.

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W Larpenteur Ave. Contact information: 651-792-7600 or falconheights.org

Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse program

The block nurse program provides an array of services and support to residents who wish to remain in their homes safely and independently.

Free blood pressure checks are available every fourth Monday of the month at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. The next clinic is Oct. 22 from 1-2 p.m.

Meanwhile, free yoga classes for seniors are held on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at City Hall. The weekly sessions run through Oct. 31.

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

This organization helps seniors maintain their independence and remain in their homes as long as they wish and it is safe to do so. It offers, among other things, free exercise classes and blood-pressure checks to seniors who live in Falcon Heights and Cleveland Avenue. For more information, check the website at http://sapaseniors.org or call 651-642-9052.

Lauderdale

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1991 Walnut St. Contact information: 651-792-7650 or visit the website at lauderdalemn.org
Local Dough on the rise: An investors’ club with a conscience

By Mindy Keskinen

Putting their dollars to work for local, sustainable enterprises, a dozen area neighbors are launching an investment club they have named Local Dough.

They will pool their funds at $100 per member per month and meet quarterly to invest it in co-ops and, very likely, in other local regenerative enterprises, including small businesses, startups, and other projects consistent with the goal of a smaller carbon footprint and a stronger community. Newcomers are welcome at Local Dough’s founding meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 31. (See sidebar below)

Local Dough is modeled on the clubs based nonprofit. Cooperative Enterprise Zone (http://thecp.coop), a Minneapolis-based nonprofit. Cooperative Principal outlines some of the advantages of investing with a club:

• Members help each other stay informed
• Emotional investing is minimized
• Investing discipline is maintained
• Risk is spread throughout the group

Membership in Local Dough can grow to about 30 people, draw n from the “Bugleland” readership areas of St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Falcon Heights, and Lauderdale, and surrounding communities. SAP resident Mindy Keskinen will serve as Chairperson for the first year; Mike Blandford of Falcon Heights will be treasurer.

Neighborhood resources—talent and money

“Here in St. Anthony Park, we have lots of forward-thinking entrepreneurs in the Creative Enterprise Zone,” Thompson said, referring to the economic development initiative in the south St. Anthony Park area. “The artisans, artists, and creative professionals here may well offer projects in need of funding. Local Dough will provide a way for them to thrive, while giving neighbors a way to make it possible. And the return need not financial—we can see the projects benefitting our own neighborhood.”

Thompson and Eagles serve on the boards of the Creative Enterprise Zone and the St. Anthony Park Community Council. They hope that Local Dough members will bring their own ideas and networks to the group. Learn more at the Transition Your Money webpage, www.TransitionASAP/TransitionYou$tMoney:

Mindy Keskinen is a book editor who also coordinates communications for Transition Town ASAP.

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“Local Dough” investment club: Founding meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 8-9:30 a.m.: Light breakfast provided 2388 W. University Ave., first floor, St. Paul (at Raymond Avenue, southwest corner)

Newcomers: Please RSVP by end-of-day Monday, Oct. 29. The group will provide background so you can be an informed participant. Send an email to mindykeskinen@comcast.net.

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By Liz Danielson
Chairperson of the Park Bugle Board of Directors

When I retired three-and-a-half years ago, I began looking for meaningful volunteer activities. Someone mentioned that the Park Bugle might be looking for people to join in board of directors. What a wonderful way to get more involved in my community! I applied and was delighted to join the board in 2015.

I soon developed a deeper appreciation of what a tremendous asset the Bugle is for the communities it serves. The Bugle is a unique reflection of the neighborhoods we live in. —Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, St. Anthony Park. The Bugle strives to reflect who we are, and to give voice to our many interests and opinions, our commitment to our neighborhoods, and to the quality of life we cherish.

Although I had enjoyed reading the Bugle since I moved to Falcon Heights in 1995, I had never thought about how it was put together — how it became a newspaper. The Bugle is delivered to some 14,500 homes and businesses each month without charge. But this doesn’t happen without paying for writing, editing, photography, production and distribution. Currently, advertising revenue covers about 60 percent of these costs. The balance comes through the annual fund drive. I am proud to support the Bugle by giving my time and energy, by patronizing Bugle advertisers, and by donating each year during the fund drive.

I hope you will join me in helping the Bugle reach this year’s ambitious fundraising goal of $52,000, which reflects the fact that, like many other papers across the country, we have seen a reduction in advertising. It also reflects the increased cost of people, production and distribution.

Members of the Bugle communities have always come through to support the Bugle. We are confident that we can, once again, count on our readers to ensure that the Park Bugle continues to survive and thrive. Thank you for your support!

E D I T O R I A L

Why not an either/or proposition?

In reply to Mary Baker in the October issue of the Bugle:

NIMBY? (Not in My Backyard) is not the issue. Change is inevitable, growth is optional. We know this. From what we understand, Luther Seminary is no longer in dire need of money, according to a Michael Morrow. All the parcels they have sold have helped their situation. We are so grateful to have been able to enjoy the woods, thanks to the Seminary.

If Mary had read the first couple of pages on the savedecrossroads.com website, she would know that our concerns are about losing an historic green space. It’s a natural habitat full of birds, animals, dog walkers, families, students from the U of M and the Seminary taking a short walk to revitalize themselves.

The environmental impact of losing a small but significant corridor that connects the woods to the golf course, Gibbs Farm, the U of M fields, and the Bee Lab is not a small loss. We know there may be development; that was once the edge of the Mississippi and destroy more habitat when a sensitive developer could build near but not through this area.

This is from the Luther Seminary website on the environment. “Caring for God’s creation is an ever-evolving topic in the world, especially with each new natural or human made disaster. As stewards of the world, we are called to examine our behavior toward creation. We need to be careful that we maintain good stewardship and do not exploit the wonderful things the earth provides.”

Woudn’t it be a win-win for all of us if the Seminary would reduce the price or donate the woods? It could be a park for St Anthony Park, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale for the next generations of walkers and visitors to enjoy. It could be an educational experience for the Bell Museum or the U of M Forestry. Thanks for the wonderful memories and comments on the website. Please keep them coming.

Ann Szel
Lauderdale resident since 1970

Letters to 5
Supporting Janice Rettenmeyer

We support incumbent Janice Rettenmeyer for re-election to Ramsey County commissioner District 3. As more women enter politics, they infuse fresh perspectives and new vigor into the system. But these new waves of energy do not necessitate washing out incumbent candidates for the sake of change alone. This coming generation must be able to look to seasoned and grounded public servants for not just guidance and leadership, but for some of the essential institutional knowledge that can go lost in the constant shuffle of offices. Tenacity and drive are not exclusive to youth but can be tempered and honed through years of success and failures, wins and losses, and the tiny and immense labors of local office.

Janice Rettenmeyer has energetically served District 3 as our Ramsey County Board commissioner for 21 years. We consider the experience and perspective she’s gained during her tenure an incredible asset to the county and to our community. Prior to being elected to the Board she was a St. Paul City Council member and the director of the Saint Paul Housing and Information Office, and a VISTA (the domestic version of the Peace Corps tasked with alleviating poverty) volunteer who served our country for several years. For her career she has been a public servant.

Janice isn’t your typical elected official. Like many of you, we’ve known her for several years and we each have stories of how she went above and beyond to help us solve problems in our communities. Janice actually listens to people and carefully weighs all sides before making decisions. She isn’t afraid to take unpopular positions, which frustrates some people. Going with the flow just for the sake of getting along is not something Janice will ever do — and we are better because of it. This is a rare quality in a person, it is even more rare in an elected official. She believes that government should be transparent and accessible and that without occasional disagreement and open dialogue there can be no progress.

Janice does not have a curated Instagram page or a robust Twitter following. She doesn’t have a Facebook account on which to post selfies or monologues on ideology politics. What Janice has is thousands of personal interactions accumulated over years of service, a track record of successfully collaborating across boundaries for the benefit of her constituents, especially those who are most in need, and a relentless drive to improve people’s lives.

Let’s hope you see yourself what qualities you value in an elected official and like Janice always does, we hope that you do your homework before you go to the polls.

Supporting Trista MatasCastillo

I first came to know of Trista MatasCastillo’s commitment to community while we were neighbors near Brairлен Avenue in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood of Saint Paul. I had heard of her tireless work on behalf of affordable housing efforts, veterans’ services and attempts to better the quality of Ramsey County mental health services. My civic work in those days was focused on service with the Saint Paul Long Range Bonding Commission, Ramsey County Courts, and access to quality and affordable school lunches. Unfortunately, I never had the privilege of working a significant amount of time on any of the same efforts Trista was involved with.

Since then, I have been fortunate to continue my community work as a commission chair and city council member for the city of Falcon Heights. During this time, I have interacted with Trista more frequently and met numerous people who have spoken highly of her knowledge of Ramsey County, energy, and effective advocacy on behalf of Ramsey County residents. I have found her enthusiastic, integrity, optimism, and solid work ethic to be refreshing and inspiring. I am confident that Trista will bring her years of experience as a veteran, non-profit founder, children’s advocate, and Ramsey County legislative aide to better the quality of life for the residents of District 5 going forward. I will proudly cast my ballot for her on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and hope that you will too.

Ralph Baumgartner
St. Anthony Park

The Preemption Issue

We have an important election coming up on Nov. 6. Among the many issues before us is that of preemption. There have been bills in the Legislature to give the power to the State of Minnesota to nullify laws and ordinances passed by local governments. This particularly applies to ordinances regarding paid sick and family leave, and $15 per hour minimum wage. So far, a preemption law has not been passed.

Let’s not take away power from our local governments which are closest to the people on decisions that most affect their lives. Inquire of your candidates for state office their position regarding preemption. Making paid sick and family available, as well as increasing the minimum wage, will go a long way to reduce poverty in our society.

Ralph Baumgartner
St. Anthony Park

I support the Bugle and here’s why

Terri Banaszewski, Vice President for Business Development at Sunrise Banks

Terri lives in Como Park and has been a long-time member of the St. Anthony Park business community. She grew up in a small town in mid-Minnesota with one paper and understood early on that the paper is the life blood of a small town – like our Bugle neighborhoods. Terri has supported the Bugle in many ways – opening the bank lobby for our events, providing meeting rooms and adding the Bugle to the mix of non-profits that benefit from the banks’ Park Perks program.

What do you like about the Bugle?

Terri is a “front page reader,” who appreciates the timely coverage of local events and issues and looks for the business implications of the stories. Additionally, she refers to school news to see what activities are happening at our nearby schools. Business news is also a must read. Equally important, she appreciates that the Bugle works to provide all perspectives on local issues.

Why do you support the Bugle?

Terri said Sunrise Bank has been part of the St. Anthony Park community for 100 years and has been an important supporter of the Bugle for the past 44 years. The bank is dedicated to supporting local small businesses and non-profit organizations. Terri knows that a local newspaper helps to build the community and contributes to the success of its local businesses.

The Park Bugle appreciates the support of Terri and the Sunrise Banks.

Join us with a gift to the Bugle today! You can donate online at www.bugle.org or send a check to the Park Bugle, PO Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.
Contested elections are taking place this fall in three state House of Representatives districts in the Bugle circulation territory.

House seat 64A was vacated by Erin Murphy, who ran unsuccessfully for the DFL nomination for governor earlier this year. Patrick Griffin (R) and Kaohly Her (DFL) are contending for the open seat. The district includes southern St. Anthony Park.

In House District 66A, it's a race between two familiar opponents. Incumbent DFLer Alice Hausman, who has been serving since 1990, is running against Republican challenger Jon Heyer, who also ran against her in 2014 and 2016. The district includes Falcon Heights and parts of Roseville and St. Paul.

In House district 66B, John Lesch (DFL) is seeking re-election for his ninth two-year term. He is being challenged by David Richard (R). The district includes part of the Como neighborhood.

We asked each House candidate to tell us about the experience they would bring to the job and the priorities they would seek to pursue if elected.

House 64A

Patrick Griffin (R)

Kaohly Her (DFL)

I am a recent graduate from college and I come with what I think is an important perspective on the challenges facing younger generations, as well as the duty we all have to communicate across generations. I also have a history of service, the most important of which has been the achievement of my Eagle Scout. This opportunity afforded me experience in leadership, hard work, goal setting and compassion, which I intend to take with me to the Capitol.

My greatest priority is to try and build social trust in Minnesota, both between citizens and between the citizens and our government. To do this, transparency and the free exchange of ideas should be encouraged through the reformation of the single subject clause, through the strengthening of university free speech codes, and through the moving back of the primary date so that candidates have more time to meet their constituents.

Kaohly Her (DFL)

I have an undergraduate degree in finance, an MBA, and am pursuing my doctorate in education leadership. I have over 20 years of leadership experience spanning financial services, business consulting, education administration and public policy. I have also been a stay-at-home mom to my two girls and caregiver for my aging parents.

The relationships I have built with organizations and partners representing a broad group of residents and issues makes me the best representative for 64A. My public service includes the Saint Paul Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission and the Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission.

Educating our children must be a priority. I will work to secure greater investments in early childhood education and fight to restore funding for public education to pre-recession levels. Our healthcare system is difficult to navigate and is costly. There are barriers that prevent access to adequate healthcare and disparity in pricing that place an undue burden on families. I will advocate for a single payer system.

And in economics, raising the minimum wage is not enough. I will address the housing needs of our growing Minnesota population, improve food security, provide access to transportation and ensure affordable healthcare in order to break the cycle of poverty.

House 66A

Alice Hausman (DFL)

I have lived in the district since 1977. My first legislative session was 1990.

House 66B

John Lesch (DFL)

My qualifications for this office include: 16 years of experience as a lawyer, 18 years as an attorney in the criminal courts including 15 of those years as a prosecutor, as a U.S. Army Infantry Captain (Ret.) in the Minnesota National Guard, as a husband and father, and as a small business owner (Lesch & Duren LLP).

I am most proud of my Minnesota House to 7
Janice Rettman, incumbent

Janice Rettman has been on the Ramsey County Board since 1997, representing residents living in Falcon Heights and portions of St. Paul. Prior to that, she served more than 11 years on the St. Paul City Council, representing the North End, South Como and Como Park areas and part of the East Side. She is also a past director of the St. Paul Housing Information Office and former chairwoman of the District 10 Community Council.

Credentials and priorities

Rettman said, “Some of what I bring daily to the job includes but is not limited to the following: Experience at multiple levels of government, the ability to listen to citizens and formulate balanced policy based on differing needs, the ability to analyze minute detail in a $730 million budget. Rettman also said she believes “people come first, people before politics. I am running to continue to be a voice for all people regardless of income or status. In doing so I will continue to make sure that there is equal access to services, and equal opportunities to be a part of the decision-making process, whether it is services, infrastructure like streets, policies, financing or new county investments or reinvestments, such as:
• Keeping property taxes down
• Providing the best services that meet the needs of the community at the best price
• Making sure that there is a return on our investment that benefits all members of the community when we invest taxpayer dollars or provide breaks
• Providing affordable housing throughout the county
• Training workforce of the future
• Continuing to engage citizens in the decision-making process

To do this, I personally attend meetings, door knock and listen to residents to ensure that I am listening and accessible—when and where residents are available.

Favorite book or movie:

There are four movies that have been and are significant for me: Sound of Music, Working 9 to 5, Man of La Mancha and Coat of Many Colors. Each has the theme of dreaming to be the best you can be and then going for it; and enjoying and fostering the faith that can sustain yourself through the good and the bad times and the courage when taking a stand to do what is right and the courage to live it!

(For more information, visit Rettman’s campaign website at Ramsey3.com)

Trista MatasCastillo, challenger

Trista MatasCastillo is a mother, a wife, a veteran, and a vocal advocate, over the years, for issues such as affordable housing, homelessness, mental health, disability services, autism research, urban agriculture and veterans’ services. Her career has included U.S. Navy, Army National Guard, community organizer for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and founder of the Homes for ALL Coalition. She said her difficulties in navigating the county’s social services on a behalf of her son Hunter is what motivate her to run for county commissioner.

MatasCastillo said these are her top priorities for the county:

1. Housing: Having a Place to Call Home
We have a housing crisis in the Twin Cities, which not only harms our poorest residents but damages our competitiveness regionally and nationally. I’m committed to ensuring more families have access to high quality housing they can afford. I will work to ensure the county is securing affordable ownership opportunities and partner with local elected officials and others to build and restore more housing throughout my district.

2. Economic Development: Building a Working Economy
We need to work closely with St. Paul and Falcon Heights to bring quality living-wage jobs and development throughout the district.

3. Transit for all
Building transportation networks that work for all of us is key to staying competitive in a time when employers and residents are increasingly looking for places that are more walkable, bikeable, and transit-connected. I will be a champion for Ramsey County’s recent All-Abilities Transportation Network policy, and I will work hard to bring improved and expanded transit throughout my district.

Favorite book or movie:

Little Bee by Chris Cleave. A favorite passage reads, “On the girl’s brown legs there were many small white scars. I was thinking, Do those scars cover the whole of you, like the stars and the moons on your dress? I thought that would be pretty too, and I ask you right here please to agree with me that a scar is never ugly. That is what the scar makers want us to think. But you and I, we must make an agreement to defy them. We must see all scars as beauty. Okay? This will be our secret. Because take it from me, a scar does not form on the dying. A scar means, I survived.”

Ramsey County

Toni Carter, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer Labor Party. Carter has no official opposition.

Election districts:

1. District 3
2. District 4
3. District 5

Priorities and credentials: Neighbors and friends, I’m very happy to serve as your District 4 Ramsey County commissioner, and I am excited to be running again in 2018. I look forward to continuing the conversations we’ve begun to ensure that the political system is a true partner to elevate the real common good and restore the promise of equal opportunity for everyone.

As District 4 Ramsey County commissioner, I am leading system change for effectiveness and equity in:
• Cradle-to-career education and opportunities
• Strong families and communities
• 21st-century transportation
• Healthy and sustainable environments
• Economic security for all

Favorite movie: Thanks to my grandkids, I’ve really enjoyed watching Coco with them!

Minnesota House from 6

authorship of Minnesota’s Earned Sick and Safe Leave Bill, of my leadership and passage of the “end revenge porn” act, better known as Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images; of my championship of consumer protection measures; and as the chair of the only House committee which passed the Marriage Equality bill.

The challenges for 66B can best be addressed by fighting wage stagnation, healthcare inflation, and solving a dangerous housing shortage. These are the priorities I will advance in the upcoming legislative biennium.

David Richard (R)

David Richard did not respond to repeated attempts to reach him.
Voters in Lauderdale will elect a mayor and two City Council members.

Mary Gaasch seeks re-election as mayor and is unopposed. Council members Roxanne Grove and Andi Moffatt seek re-election to the City Council; they are being challenged by newcomer Zak Knudson. The Bugle asked each candidate to list their top three city issues and how they would address them. We also asked each person what makes them a strong candidate for election.

Mayor

Mary Gaasch served two terms on city council, became mayor pro tem in 2014, and was elected mayor in 2016. Her top three issues for the city are: buying back and repairing some country roads; redeveloping a recently purchased site for housing, ideally for seniors; and conserving nature areas and public access around Luther Seminary land that is under consideration for proposed sale for development.

Gaasch listed these accomplishments during her tenure: creating a new park; developing a Farmer’s Market; improving housing stock; developing a new source of revenue: dog park improvement; and new sidewalks.

She added, “I am most proud of the civil way we conduct business as a council, disagreeing respectfully, listening to all of our citizens, and deeply engaging all stakeholders. In Lauderdale, we practice genuine democracy, and we provide great quality services to our residents at a low cost per capita.” Gaasch is a program director at Hammer Residences, a nonprofit serving people with disabilities.

City Council

Three candidates are vying for two seats on the City Council.

Roxanne Grove was first elected to the council in 2008. She listed city priorities as “infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure,” including individual properties owned by the city; reconfiguration of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue; and “the future of our Larlenteur downtown area.” He wants “to beautify our city, create a more walkable, safe city for our pedestrian and car traffic, all while preserving the character of Lauderdale.”

Knudson, a data analyst at Coloplast, added, “I started serving my community at age 17 in my hometown, serving as youth representative on the Economic Development Authority Board. Since then, I worked as a tutor for three years at a local elementary school while attending college, and have been involved with Lauderdale’s Comprehensive Plan. I am passionate about improving our city through safety, beauty, and preservation.”

Andi Moffatt was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council in January 2017. Her

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Priorities for the city are:

- redevelopment of the former school/church site now owned by the city; maintaining and developing, preserving and improving roads, including the green space while providing for “limited development.”

- county-to-city turnback of the wooded area in connection with Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue stretches; and use of Lauderdale elections for county purposes.

By Anne Holzman

St. Paul voters will cast ballots on a levy referendum, which is approved would raise an additional $18.6 million annually for the city’s public schools to supplement state revenue assistance that a school board member said hasn’t kept pace with inflation.

The district’s ballot question seeks to revoke its existing operating levy of $704.52 per pupil and replace it with a new authorization of $1,179.52 per pupil. Ballots left blank on this question will not count toward the total votes cast.

The reason some people oppose the measure is clear: the replacement levy would add about 4 percent to homeowners’ property taxes and may cause landlords to raise rents as well. The amount would increase with inflation over its 10-year span.

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“We have tremendous students filled with hope and passion,” Schumacher said. “They are our future, locally and globally. They are brilliant, creative, resilient and committed to making this a better world,” he noted. “We cannot waste their talent or their lives,” he said, “the cost is too high.”

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A century of memories—Eleanor Gorden is turning 100!

By Michelle Christianson

When I was young, I never knew anyone who reached the age of 90. People in their 70s and 80s seemed very old and, from my vantage, mostly took life easy.

But Lauderdale resident Eleanor Gorden—who turns 100 on Nov. 14 and who worked as a nurse until her mid-70s—still remains very active.

These days, Eleanor quilts every Thursday at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, sews at home and, with the help of her son Tom (who lives with her), tends her garden.

“We’re farmers!” she says. They grow strawberries, raspberries, currants, zucchini, carrots and squash. (I even was given a jar of Tom’s homemade strawberry-currant jam.)

Eleanor began her life on a farm in western Minnesota, near Kerkoven. But after her father died when she was 7-years-old, it was too hard for the family to maintain the farm, so they moved to Truman, Minn., where Eleanor’s grandparents lived. After watching the nurses take care of her father, Eleanor decided she, too, wanted to be a nurse. And she never wavered from that course.

After graduating from high school, Eleanor attended the University of Minnesota for the required one year, and then studied nursing for three years at St. Andrew’s Hospital in south Minneapolis. (The building is now a boarding house.) She worked for three years at St. Andrew’s. Then, after only a six-month interlude at a small hospital in Mankato, she was called back to St. Andrew’s to serve as the director of its nursing department.

Many nurses volunteered to serve in World War II at that time, but Eleanor— who is tiny in stature— didn’t weigh enough to join the Army, so she continued working at St. Andrew’s, making do with a small staff. There were some student nurses to help out, but they could only work six hours a day after their courses, so Eleanor worked extra hard, with long hours. (She never did gain any weight!)

In 1943, Eleanor married her first husband, Warren Thompson. Like many men of his era, Warren didn’t want his wife to work fulltime, so Eleanor worked night shifts part-time. At the same time, she raised four children: Jeannie, Tom, Lois and Bill. Unfortunately, Warren died after only 17 years of marriage, so Eleanor went back to work three or four nights a week as a private duty nurse at the U of M hospital. As such, she was responsible for only one patient at a time, many of them heart patients.

In 1952, Dr. C. Walton Lillehei had assisted Dr. F. John Lewis with the first open-heart surgery using hypothermia at the University of Minnesota, and later pioneered the use of the first heart pacemakers. Eleanor was one of the nurses in charge of those fragile patients during night shifts. Lillehei realized that some of them died overnight, he recruited her to teach the other night nurses the importance of turning the patients at regular intervals, which lowered the mortality rate.

In 1972, Eleanor married her second husband, Eugene Gorden. She agreed to marry him but she would continue working night shifts, which she did until she retired. After Eugene died in 1986, Eleanor continued to be employed at the University Hospital, and later worked about two nights a week there, assigned by the Nurse’s Registry.

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Former Bugle editor chronicles ‘The Golden Age of Minnesota Department Stores’

By Judy Woodward

Kristal Leebrick may have laid down her editor’s pen, but she is far from ending her lifelong pursuit of writing.

Leebrick, who left her position as an eight-year Bugle editor in August for a new job, has a new book coming out in early November, “Thank You for Shopping: The Golden Age of Minnesota Department Stores” (Minnesota Historical Society, 2018). It is a lavishly illustrated tribute to what she says, “weren’t just places to shop, but were cultural centers” all over the state.

Leebrick’s official book launch will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Minneapolis’s Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St., where an accompanying exhibit of photos and artifacts from Minnesota department stores will run through February 2019.

On Tuesday Nov. 27, Leebrick will appear at an author’s event from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Milton Square, 2262 Como Ave., St. Paul, hosted by Scabrough Fair and Micawber’s Books. She will also speak at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamline Ave.

From the founding of Donaldson’s in the mid-1880s to the rise of the suburban shopping mall in the 1960s, the downtown department store was the summit of Minnesotans’ consumer aspirations. For an older generation, the phrase “shopping downtown” evoked glamour and elegance, the pinnacle of high-end fashion at Dayton’s Oval Room followed by the comforting ritual of dining at the store’s Oak Grill.

That time is long past. Neither St. Paul nor Minneapolis has a downtown department store anymore and, with the rise of Internet shopping, even some suburban malls are struggling.

As for the great, made-in-Minnesota, shopping hubs, Leebrick says, “Minnesota department stores are becoming extinct. The time is right for this book.” She cites a recent conversation she had with a college student. When told that Leebrick was researching the history of Dayton’s department store, the young woman responded, “Never heard of it” and asked if it was “any relation” to Minnesota’s current Governor.

Leebrick has plenty of memories of Dayton’s. She bought her wedding dress in Dayton’s Oval Room, and she recalls her young family’s annual expedition to the famous eighth-floor Christmas display.

“I always took the kids [there] during the Holidazzle parade, so it wouldn’t be that crowded,” says Leebrick, who now is an administrative specialist at the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences.

In fact, it was those Dayton’s eighth-floor auditorium extravaganzas that provided the impetus for her latest book. After finishing an earlier history of Dayton’s (Dayton’s: A Twin Cities Institution, History Press, 2013), Leebrick wanted to write more about Jack Barkla, the theatrical set designer who was responsible for so much of their visual magic. She devotes a full chapter in the new book to Barkla and colleagues, such as local painter/sculptor Dan Mackerman.

For Leebrick, the decline of locally-owned department stores reflects more than changing habits in shopping. “The families [that owned those stores] were benevolent, generous supporters of their communities,” she says. Citing the Dayton family’s gifts to institutions like the Minnesota Orchestra, the Walker Art Center and the Minnesota Institute of Art, Leebrick also notes, “The Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis is built on land donated by the Donaldson family.”

And then there was the role of department stores as “cultural destinations,” even in smaller cities in the state.

Leebrick says, “They offered flower shows, author visits, foreign film showings, concerts” in addition to clothing and other merchandise for all occasions, sizes and needs. Leebrick says, “What will replace this?”

You can find out more about the book and the Mill City Exhibit at fb.me/TFSPMinnesota or http://www.mnhs.org/millcity/calendar/6332

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Honors galore for Como Park High students!

By Eric Erickson

Students at Como Park High School have earned hundreds of college credits, according to results released this fall by the College Board, which administers the national Advanced Placement (AP) Exam. AP scores are categorized on a five-point scale for each test taken in a specific subject, with colleges and universities generally awarding credit for scores of 3, 4 or 5.

The rigor of AP courses help high school students prepare and succeed for future college studies, and with colleges and universities generally awarding credit for scores when they are applying for college admission, according to the College Board.

The College Board also disclosed its list of “AP Scholars,” those students receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Como AP Scholars with Honor include Lucas Carmichael-Tanaka, Elizabeth Frese, Elyss Hammond, Joseph Newman, Bridget Proper, Gabriel Reynolds, and Keila Stillwell-Jardine.

Meanwhile, the AP Scholar with Honor award is granted to students who earn an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Como AP Scholars with Honor include Lucas Carmichael-Tanaka, Elijah Frese, Eva Hanson, Jacob Kingsom, Joseph Newman, Bridget Proper, Gabriel Reynolds, and Ilak Stillwell-Jardine.

The AP Scholar with Distinction is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Como’s National AP Scholars include Christian Berger, Dylan Brady, Grace Commer, Noah Frese, Jackson Kerr, Eli Patterson, Vincent Portuese, and Dominik Wolters.

Como’s long-running AP program challenges and supports students opting to study rigorous courses of their choosing at the college level in more than 20 subjects taught by College Board certified Como teachers.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has recognized Antero Sivula, Peter Schik, and Jackson Lee from Como’s class of 2019 for their academic excellence. They each received a Letter of Commendation for exceptional academic promise and outstanding potential, demonstrated through their coursework and performance on the PSAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

More than 20 Como seniors enrolled in AP Government and Politics classes will serve as Ramsey County election judges in the upcoming Nov. 6 election. Participating students will receive training and then work at their local precincts along with a team of judges.

Como students will also participate in the “Students Vote” statewide election sponsored by the Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office. Prior to Election Day, AP Government and Politics students will monitor and facilitate an election in which all Como students will have the opportunity to participate in a mock election. Students will use the official Minnesota ballot and Como’s results will be reported to the state where they will be tabulated along with other participating schools.

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a longtime coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.

Como seniors Antero Sivula, Jackson Lee, and Peter Schik (left to right), earned Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. The award is reserved for those who score in the top 2 percent of all participants nationwide. (Photo by Eric Erickson)
Iceland—A Picturesque Destination

By Janet Wright

Have you ever considered visiting Iceland?

After reading the Travel & Leisure inflight magazine a few years ago, my interest was piqued. So recently, my family (including my husband, daughters, mother-in-law and sister) vacationed in Iceland for two weeks. I was initially surprised to learn it has become one of the top vacation destinations for Americans. However, after experiencing both its urban and rural delights, I certainly understand why travelers are flocking to this unique and picturesque country. It is a land of natural wonders and historic landmarks.

We flew to Iceland on a Sunday evening in June. After departing a few hours late, we arrived at Keflavik airport at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. After meeting up with my sister, we went on a bus tour, since it enabled us to cover a lot of territory in a short amount of time. Our tour group and began our six-hour tour, mostly along the 825-mile Ring Road that circles the island. Our charming and engaging guide provided insightful commentary along the way. Each day we made several stops to explore a variety of natural and cultural sights that included magnificent waterfalls, local museums, a turf church, Icelandic horses, a glacial lagoon, lava formations, a geothermal nature bath and the site of the first Parliament. Each evening we stayed in a different hotel. Bountiful breakfast buffets were included, but we were on our own for lunch and dinner. I thoroughly enjoyed being on a bus tour, since it enabled us to cover a lot of territory in a short amount of time.

Self-driving adventure

After the tour ended, we spent two additional nights in Reykjavik then rented a van and embarked on our self-drive adventure to the rugged and remote West Fjords. We set out for Stykkishólmur, northwest of Reykjavik, where we boarded the car ferry to Ísafjörður, where we enjoyed the restaurant while overlooking a scenic fjord, a long, narrow sea inlet between cliffs.

The following day, our main destination was the Latrabjarg bird cliffs on the far western edge of Iceland. We were expecting to see hundreds or even thousands of exotic birds. We started out by visiting the Folk Museum in Hóttar, which was chock-full of interesting items from yesteryear. Once we arrived in the parking lot adjacent to the bird cliffs, I immediately saw a puffin lift its head up over the edge. As we moved closer we noticed hundreds of puffins, all nesting on the cliffs below. We were just a few feet away from these colorful and charismatic birds. And though it was cold and rainy, we barely noticed. We took loads of pictures and marveled at the excitement of connecting with puffins in the wild. We finished out the day by driving to Patrekfjörður, staying in a cute hotel overlooking Stjórnarfjörður, a majestic, fantastic waterfall. Then we continued north to Ólafsvik, which required driving through low-hanging clouds on winding gravel roads loaded with potholes and lacking guardrails. Once we arrived at our destination, we enjoyed dinner at a pizzeria followed by a walking tour of the old-fashioned downtown. The next day we visited the Arctic Fox Centre.

Exploring downtown and bus tour

The next day we took a long walk to thoroughly explore downtown. The city itself is quite compact and easy to navigate. The capital region, which includes Reykjavik and its suburbs, is home to two-thirds of Iceland’s total population of 350,000. We visited Hallgrímskirkja, which is one of the icons of Reykjavik. It is an unusually plain church built on a hill and visible from all over the capital. From there we walked to the main retail and restaurant district. Afterwards, we went to the Settlement Exhibition, which was just a few blocks away. We also visited the oldest house in Reykjavik, which contained several informative photography exhibits.

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Joseph W. Barrett
Joseph W. Barrett, 77, died Sept. 24. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret (née Ivory); children, Steve (Christa), Brian (Anne), Erin Howrutt (Adam), Colin (Melissa); 14 grandchildren and a grandson due in October; as well as siblings, Mike, John, Pat, George, Greg, Rosemary, Elise, and Threse. Joseph was preceded in death by brother Tony; sister Susan; and brother-in-law Frank Ivory.
A U.S. Navy veteran, Joseph was a Melvin Jones Award Winner and longtime member of the Falcon Heights and Lauderdale Lions. He was the founding organizer of the Corpus Christi Giving Garden.
He also was proprietor of the Big Pepper at the Minnesota State Fair, where at the Xcel Energy Center, member of Club 67 and was known for his Irish coffee.
Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 29 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville. Memorials suggested to Our Lady of Peace Hospice or Corpus Christi Giving Garden.
Richard Foster
Richard LaFoster, 77, pastor at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church from 1969-72, died Sept. 10 in Sioux Falls, S.D. He was born in 1941 in Buffalo, SD, and Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Besides St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Foster also served Lutheran parishes in Western North Dakota; Los Angeles; Berlin, Germany; New York City; and as Episcopal Lutheran Chaplain at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.
He leaves a host of beloved patriarchs, a sister, Marcia (Arlen “Woody”) Graul, and a brother, Dr. Fayl (Marian) Foster.
He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Judson and Carl; son-in-law, Harry Johnson, and Dorothy (Thomas) Johnson and Dorothy (Thomas) Johnson; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and brother, Richard (Jane) and David (Mary Jo) Frentz.
Memorials may be directed to Disabled Veterans or Second Harvest Heartland.
Lorraine Lilyquist
Lorraine Lilyquist, 95, died Sept. 8. The devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was an avid golfer, and astute bridge player. She enjoyed golf vacations with her husband Bud and European travel.
Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband Leon (Bud); son Doug (Mary), daughters Lee Ann Oczak and Susan Lyquist, daughter-in-law Pam Tschida; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Church of the Holy Childhood in Como Park on Sept. 15 with interment at Fort Snelling. Memorials may be directed to Disabled Veterans or Second Harvest Heartland.
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Her funeral service was held Sept. 5 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Como Park Lutheran Church, Global Health Ministries or donor’s choice.
Lily-Beth Frentz
Lily-Beth (Wahlberg) Frentz, 79, died Sept. 9. In her early years, she lived in Kerrick, Askov, and St. Paul, Minn.
Lily-Beth attended Gustavus Elementary (first named Murray School) at Como and Commonwealth, graduated from Murray High School and attended the University of Minnesota.
She was predeceased by her parents and son, Fred Frentz. She is survived by her sons, Patrick McDougall, Daniel and Eric Frentz; daughter, Carol Bordon; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sister, Daniela Schoeder; and brothers Mark and Kevin Wahlberg.
Her memorial service was held Sept. 25 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul.
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Her funeral service was held Sept. 5 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Como Park Lutheran Church, Global Health Ministries or donor’s choice.
Tuesday's Scholar program continues

The Roseville Library's “Tuesday's with a Scholar” program continues through Nov. 13 with professors and others sharing their knowledge on specific subjects, from World War II remembrances to reflections on the 2018 elections.

The talks are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Oct. 23 and Nov. 6 and 13 at the Library, 2180 N. Hamline Ave. Guest speakers include Richard Painter, a former White House counsel.

All programs are free, and no pre-registration required.

Here is the schedule of the remaining Tuesday Scholar talks:

Oct. 23 — Alice in France: World War I Letters

One hundred years ago, 26-year-old Alice O'Brien of St. Paul sailed for wartime France as a volunteer. High-minded and high-spirited, she wanted to contribute to the Allied Cause—and she was about to have the time of her life. Join Alice's great niece, Minnesota Book Award nominee Nancy O'Brien Wagner, for the story of Alice and the Great War. Copies of Wagner's book, “Alice in France: World War I Letters of Alice M. O'Brien” will be available for sale. Nancy O'Brien Wagner is a partner at Bluestem Heritage Group. Her career includes historian, writer, project manager and interpretive planner for over 15 years.

Nov. 6 — Remembering Kristallnacht

Eighty years ago this month, November 1938, even before the start of World War II, the Nazis unleashed the horrific violence of Kristallnacht, their first major assault on the Jews of Germany and Austria. The question of how to grapple with Nazi genocide is still present in German culture. University of Minnesota professor Leslie Morris will discuss the ongoing, complex engagement of genocide with history and memory, and investigates how the legacy of the Holocaust has continued to shape public discourse.

Morris is a professor of German and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the U. She is the author of five books that explore contemporary German-Jewish culture and post-Holocaust art and literature.

Nov. 13 — Ethics and the 2018 Elections

Distinguished University of Minnesota law professor and former White House Counsel Richard Painter will look at the recent elections in light of historical standards of ethics in American government.

Painter, in addition to his other accomplishments, was most recently a candidate for the DFL nomination for United States Senator.

Roseville Gift & Craft Shoppe Annual Holiday Sale

The Roseville Gift & Craft Shoppe Annual Holiday Sale is Oct. 25 to 27 at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B. Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Sale items will include baked goods, pottery, wood toys and game boards, weaving, jewelry, clothing, photography, winter mittens and hats and holiday decorations.

Sale proceeds support the artisans and the services and programs offered by the Roseville Area Senior Program. For more information, call 651-604-5529.

Hmong author talks

St. Timothy Lutheran Church women will host Kao Kalia Yang, local Hmong-American author of “The Laotianhomecomer,” at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. Yang’s topic will be “Reflections on Belonging,” observations about Hmong refugee and immigrant experiences. The church is located at 1465 N. Victoria St., St. Paul.

Holiday Fair Trade Market

New Life Presbyterian Church, 965 W. Larpenteur Ave., will hold a Holiday Fair Trade market from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18 at the church. Handicrafts and food items from around the world will be for sale. Proceeds will be used to help fair trade artisans and food producers.

Theatre production at Hamline U

Theatre & Dance kicks off its 88th season with its production of “SHÉ KILLS MONSTERS,” a play that explores the world of fantasy role-playing games. The dramatic comedy debuts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and runs Nov. 10, 15, 16 and 17 at Hamline University’s Anne Slimley Theatre. Tickets are $2 for Hamline students, $5 for ACTC students and staff, $8 for adults and $5 for outside students and seniors. Reservations are recommended and can be made through the Hamline University Theatre Box Office at 651-523-2905 or via e-mail at tickets@hamline.edu.

Last session of Growing Through Loss

The final session of a six-week grief and loss education program and support group will be held from 6:45-9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22, at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 W. Roselawn Ave. The Rev. Sara Spohr, associate pastor at Roseville Lutheran Church, will speak on “Where is God in Our Suffering?” This final session will include a service of healing and hope.

The program is sponsored by the 18 churches of the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition in Fridley, Columbia Heights, Lino Lakes, Mounds View, New Brighton, Roseville, St. Anthony and Shoreview. For information visit www.growithloss.org or call 763 755-5335.

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to buy Breck Woods.

In May, the seminary’s board of directors approved selling the 15.5-acre parcel in line with its “Campus of the Future” plan. The sale includes the campus epicenter, Bockman Hall, as well as Northwestern Hall, Stub Hall dorms, the LDR Apartments, and Breck Woods, the 7 acres of wooded land bordering the Lauderdale Nature Area.

The land sale is all part of repurposing a campus that no longer houses all of its students throughout the school year.

“We need a different campus,” Morrow told the Bugle last spring, “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.”

“For us, it’s not what we are getting rid of; it’s what we are moving to,” Morrow told the Bugle in May. “We can meet our needs with Olsohn Campus Center and Gullixson Hall. Bockman would be a good housing place, but we don’t really need all of that.”

Along with downsizing its physical footprint, Luther Seminary needs extensive renovation to some campus buildings and facilities, Morrow said at the neighborhood forum. That includes renovating Bockman Hall, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, and create space that the seminary can use for short-term student housing.

The seminary also intends to renovate the Olsohn Campus Center with a new entrance. Morrow said the seminary also intends to maintain a large circular walking path, as part of maintaining a beautiful campus.

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 Greenway Village. Senior housing developer Ecumen bought 1.6 acres at Luther Place and Como Avenue in 2015 to build Zogo, a 49-unit coop currently under construction. HealthPartners purchased 4.5 acres of land across from its Como Avenue building in 2016 to build a replacement clinic.

Iceland from 13

in Sudavik. We learned a lot about this reclusive animal — the only mammal indigenous to Iceland. The next day was departure day. We took the FlyBus back to Keflavik airport. Even though we arrived more than three hours early, it was barely enough time to check our bags, clear security and eat dinner. The airport was crowded and chaotic.

What we learned

During our two weeks in Iceland we learned so much about its culture and traditions. Black licorice (liquorice) is the favorite candy and many chocolate bars are flavored with it. Finding a laundromat was an unexpected challenge, but after some research we were able to use the facilities at the Reykjavik campground. Lys (liver oil) is served at breakfast buffets. Some of the locals fill up their water bottles directly from waterfalls. Colorful and warm handmade wool sweaters are worn by many Icelanders. The midnight sun made sleeping difficult at times, especially in hotels with inadequate draperies. Meals (and everything else) are extremely expensive, so be sure to budget accordingly.

Icelanders are proud of their heritage and happy to share it with visitors. Nearly everyone spoke English and locals were very helpful. I recommend a trip to Iceland if you are interested in unusual volcanic landscapes, bountiful scenery, and learning more about this lovely and peaceful Scandinavian island nation.

Janet Wight is a resident of Como Park where she lives with her husband and daughters.

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3 SATURDAY
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, local Hmong author Kao Kalia Yang at 1 p.m. The church is located at 1465 North Victoria St., St. Paul.

6 TUESDAY
Baby/toddler storytime. Every Tuesday. St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:30-11 a.m.
Roseville Library, Tuesday Scholastic talk, “Kronotuary, Kandilowish,” 1 p.m.
Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors free exercise program, Tuesday and Friday in November, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

7 WEDNESDAY
English Conversation Circles, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. An opportunity to practice speaking English if it is not your first language. Co-sponsored by the U of M Retirees Volunteers and Partners in English.

8 THURSDAY
Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors free Cinema Series, 6:30-8 p.m., Saint Anthony Park Library.

9 FRIDAY
STEM preschool storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday except for Nov. 23, Saint Anthony Park Library.

13 TUESDAY
Roseville Library, Tuesday Scholastic talk, University of Minnesota law professor Richard Painter, 1 p.m.

17 SATURDAY
Holiday Fair Trade Market. New Life Presbyterian Church, 965 W. Larpenteur Ave., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

18 SUNDAY
Holiday Fair Trade Market. New Life Presbyterian Church, 965 W. Larpenteur Ave.

St. Anthony Park Library events, classes
The St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., is holding the following:

special events and classes in November
Thursday, Nov. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. ToddleTrot Obstacle Course. Adults must walk with children for the duration of playtime. Appropriate for ages birth to 3 years. Limited to the first 40 people.
Thursday, Nov. 8, 2-4 p.m. St. Anthony Park Area Seniors free Cinemas Series. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30-8 p.m. Starr Parry with Mike Lynch. Marvel at the moon, constellations, planets, galaxies and more with Mike Lynch, meteorologist at WCCO Radio! Event will begin with an indoor orientation on astronomy followed by opportunities to view planets, new moons and other wonders of the night sky. Dress for the outdoors!
Thursday, Nov. 15, noon-2 p.m. Smartphone/Tablet Drop in Clinic. This clinic is for ALL tablets and smartphones. If we can’t answer the question, we’ll find resources or organizations that can!

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By Clay Christensen

As I started out on our morning walk with Chance, our cocker spaniel, it looked like the rain that was forecasted might begin at any minute.

Suddenly a large flock of crows arose noiselessly from a block or so to the east and headed in our direction. They were chasing something and squawking about it.

They had alighted in the top of a tree near Lauderdale City Hall, less than a block from where Chance and I stood. The tree had a lot of bare main foliage and in those branches arose noisily from a block or so to the east. What precipitated such a hasty retreat from one incoming hawk? And what had led the hawk to challenge so many crows?

Chance and I continued our walk. Within a few minutes, I saw the adult Cooper’s hawk take off toward the east.

Here’s my theory: A few mornings earlier, Chance and I had been over a block or two to the east and heard the soft kek, kek, kek of a young Cooper’s hawk begging its parents. Neighbors in the area had found this young hawk and decided to harass it. One or more crows joined by every crow that heard the ‘caw.’ The hawk was driven out of its nest tree and headed west, stopping after a few blocks at the cluster of trees where the flock of crows took up their mobbing in earnest.

After sufficient time passed to let the youngster learn from the situation, Mom or Dad Cooper’s figured enough was enough and headed over to bust up the party. But why did the whole flock of crows bail at the appearance of one adult Cooper’s?

It turns out that Cooper’s hawks prey on crow nestlings. And as I think back, I have seen a Cooper’s hawk flying away with a crow nestling in its talons, being pursued at a distance by an adult crow, a poignant reminder of nature, red in tooth and claw.

A full grown Cooper’s hawk is about the same size as a crow, so maybe no one member of the flock felt like taking it on. Harassing a perched predator as a group is one thing, but if that same hawk is coming at you with talons raised and beak open, maybe not.

I wonder what that parent Cooper’s told the youngster. Maybe congratulated it on surviving the mob!

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Young Cooper’s Hawk. Credit Harris Mallory.

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Facts about crows mobbing:

- **Mob:** A large flock of crows, usually 25-30, will gather together to mob a predator. One of the purposes of mobbing is to drive predators out of their neighborhood. Other crows join to lend their voices, but also probably to learn where the threat is and keep an eye on it.

- **Mobbing:** A mixed flock of smaller birds: chickadees, downy woodpeckers, and white-breasted nuthatches. And as I think back, I have seen a Cooper’s hawk flying away with a crow nestling in its talons, being pursued at a distance by an adult crow, a poignant reminder of nature, red in tooth and claw.

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I searched the trees for the large, rounded shape of an owl, but didn’t see any owl-like shapes.

The older crows get the safest roost. The older crows get the safest spots toward the center of the roost tree. Younger crows are left to take up spots toward the outside of the tree. That makes them more liable to a predator attack. In exchange, the older crows help the younger ones find potential foraging sites the next morning.

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I searched the trees for the large, rounded shape of an owl, but didn’t see any owl-like shapes.

We stood and watched for a while. Occasionally a crow would leave its perch and dive toward a part of a nearby tree, but I couldn’t see any actual target.

Then, from the east, the same area from which the crow mob had arrived, came a single hawk, flapping strongly toward the tree of crows. It was a Cooper’s hawk!

Suddenly, the whole flock of crows erupted in caws and disbursed to the west. What precipitated such a hasty retreat from one incoming hawk? And what had led the hawk to challenge so many crows?

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For Cougars, at last, There’s no place like home!

By Eric Erickson

Homecoming week at Como Park High School has always had a strange feeling for the traditional culminating event. After sprinkling fun and festive activity into the school week, football players would ride a bus to a rival school in order to play the homecoming football game, most often at Central High School.

For 39 years, that reality frustrated alumni, students and staff who believed that homecoming should be celebrated at Como, on home turf.

Then on Sept. 29, it happened: The Cougars played their first homecoming football game at the Como campus to the delight of hundreds of smiling supporters.

Although the Cougars lost to Minneapolis South 33-14, the events on the new Como Field filled the school community with a special sense of spirit, just hosting the game on campus spurred several activities coordinated by the Como Park Booster Club.

Booster Chairwoman Anne Levin and Treasurer Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn worked with the club members and Como staff to pull off a parade in the neighborhood on Saturday morning. That event was followed by a picnic and activities on the school grounds, catered by local food trucks that offered their specialized fare before and during the game.

“The Booster Club works to build community,” LaCroix-Dalluhn said. “With the first-ever hosting of homecoming here at school, we wanted to invite community members to experience this great new field and celebrate with our amazing students and staff!”

Weins family’s Como connections

Tina Weins is another Como Park Booster Club member and a 1996 graduate of the high school. Back then, she was Tina Cook and eventually married her high school sweetheart Brian Weins, who graduated from the same class.

Tina and Brian's daughter Anna Weins, a sophomore, is now the starting goalie on the varsity girls' soccer team. Anna’s grandmother, Jackie Fellman, was a member of Como's first graduating class in the spring of 1980. As a third-generation Cougar, Anna’s involvement at homecoming was a source of great pride for her family.

Anna played her flute with the pep band on Saturday and played in the homecoming soccer doubleheader on Friday night. The boys' soccer team hosted Johnson for its homecoming game at 5 p.m. and rose to the occasion with a 7-0 victory. The girls kicked off at 7 p.m. under the lights and produced a convincing 9-1 win.

Tina and Brian enjoyed watching Anna play in the soccer match on Friday night and then taking in the football and festivities with fellow parents, alumni, students, Como staff and community members.

But the moment was also bittersweet. “I couldn’t help but think back to all of my soccer and football playing friends who were denied having the same moment,” Tina Weins said.

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“At the same time, I am thankful that the community finally got this right and my daughter gets to have this moment. There is nothing better than watching your kid take the field, under the lights with the school logo in the center of the field.”

Leonard Franco, a member of Como’s first-ever football team in the fall of 1979 (and Como’s Athletic Hall of Fame), was also happy for Como’s real homecoming. “It was great to see homecoming football on the new field,” Franco said. “It’s important for the kids to have their own field that can feel like their home. Kids seeing that field, growing up and seeing it in your own back yard, it makes the community stronger.”

Cougars athletes also voiced gratitude to have their own home field for homecoming.

“Going to Central’s Griffin Stadium for homecoming football games all these past years never felt right,” Gianna Gabrielli said. “Playing games on the new field gives us a great sense of pride in our school!”

A change of Como A.D.s

One longtime St. Paul educator who appreciates the community’s Cougar pride is Nate Galloway. After a career of more than 40 years in St. Paul Public Schools that included 20 years as the athletic director at Central, Galloway retired in 2011.

However, Galloway graciously stepped out of retirement to be interim athletic director at Como in December 2015. Since then, Galloway has helped navigate transitions, facility challenges, and run the department.

“I’ve enjoyed my time working at Como Park High School,” Galloway said. “Students have been enthusiastic about committing to be better student athletes.”

“Cougar Pride is about never giving up. There’s a great spirit here around the school and community.”

On Oct. 22, Galloway will retire again and Kous Yang will take over as athletic director. While Galloway has helped train the new A.D. in operations and procedures, Yang needs to introduction to Como: “He’s a Cougar from the class of 1994.

Yang was a stellar student, wrestler and tennis player at Como. He’s been teaching and coaching at Harding High School since 2000, inspiring students in social studies classes and coaching boys’ and girls’ tennis teams to multiple conference championships.

“It is an incredible honor to come home to Como Park after so many years,” Yang said. “Some of my most formative years as a young adult were forged by the experiences at Como Park. I’m excited to give back as the new athletic director.”

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a long-time coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.