Committee floats idea for new Langford Park bandstand

By Scott Carlson

An exploratory plan to build a new bandstand at Langford Park met with mixed reviews at an initial neighborhood meeting convened by the plan’s proponents, the 4th in The Park Committee.

The 4th in The Park Committee, which holds various events at Langford Park on July 4, said a new bandstand could better meet the needs of the community band and other groups, providing them with more space, a place for a screen to project movies, accessibility

"This [current] bandstand is a little small for arts events," 4th in The Park committee member Josh Becerra said at the neighborhood meeting in late May. (Other 4th in The Park committee members are Jeanne Hansen, Colleen Healy, Marie Lister and Emma Seeley.)

But some residents, like Phill Duff and Lydia Midness, raised concerns about the 4th in The Park Committee's tentative plan. Duff contended it would be a "mistake" if the bandstand were torn down, noting the 107-year-old structure is historic and the last of its kind in the city.

Midness said she is concerned about the park losing more green space, noting there has been “over time an encroachment on green space.”

But other residents at the meeting, like Janet Lawson and Bruno Bornstein, said they can see the need for a new bandstand. Sometimes the neighborhood is a bit too reticent to embrace change, Bornstein said.

Meanwhile, Lawson, executive director of the summer youth theater troupe Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park, said the current bandstand is neither beautiful nor useful. A new bandstand “is something we could take pride in,” she said.

While the 4th committee has met with the Saint Pauls Parks and Recreation to discuss a possible project and it has very preliminary architectural drawings on what a new bandstand might look like, Becerra assured neighbors nothing is definite, at this point.

“We are seeking [neighborhood] opinions,” he said. “We know there are differences of opinion and that’s OK. But can we move ahead on something that would be good? We are planning more meetings.”

For further information, check out the 4th in The Park’s website at https://www.4thinthepark.org/ Bandstand-Project.php

SAP garden tour set for June 29

By Mary Maguire Lerman

In the 1980s, a grand tradition began in St. Anthony Park: the garden tour. And it’s back again this year for a 29th showing.

On June 29, St. Anthony Park will again be filled with gardeners who come from near and far to get ideas for their own gardens. Ten private gardens and several business/public gardens will be on display. During the day, visiting gardeners can also enjoy local businesses and restaurants.

Advance tickets are $12 and on sale at Speedy Market and Scarborough Fair Boutique and may be purchased online at www.StAnthonyParkGardenClub.com.

On the day of the tour, tickets can be purchased for $15 at the booth on the St. Anthony Park Library lawn, 2245 Como Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Diane Emerson, a Hillside Beautiful flowers, like the ones pictured above, will be on display in the biennial St. Anthony Park Garden tour. Photo by Mary Maguire Lerman.

Later, local gardeners helped organize the tour with SAPA, which evolved into the St. Anthony Park Foundation. In the spring of 1997, the St. Anthony Park Garden Club was formed and since then, the garden club plans and manages the biennial tour. Held only in odd-numbered years, the funds raised help provide for the yearly plantings at the St. Anthony Park Library and the Incredible Edible Gardens in our neighborhood. Funds raised also provide two horticulture scholarships for University of Minnesota students, awarded each spring at HortSci Day on the St. Paul Campus.

What makes the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour unique? Topography, topography, topography and shade! Glaciers rolled through our area creating the most unusual lots and the owners of these properties have chosen innovative ways to cope with their land mass. But oaks from the savanna that covered this land pre-settlement, continue to shade much of our neighborhood. So, if you combine unique topography and shade, you get gardeners

• who have constructed rock gardens to deal with steep slopes
• who have planted delightful combinations of wildflowers and shade perennials
• who are determined to grow edible and sustainable landscapes, despite the shade, and
• who are concerned for our pollinators and have planted appropriately.

When visiting gardens on the tour, be sure to bring your camera. Photos can inspire you with ideas to transfer to your garden. Take time to question the gardener and the Master Gardener at
**Ice cream socals are coming**

District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council

National Night coming

This year National Night Out is on Tuesday, Aug. 6, and the District 12 Council is reaching out to promote the Hampden Park block party in South St. Anthony Park. The Council is also encouraging residents from Seal Hi-Rise, Hampden Square, the C&CE Lofts and Flats and others to join the party, meet your neighbors, share food and stories, and make connections that may have seemed impossible before, says Emily Rodriguez, community organizer.

“The webpage and registration form can be found at www.stpaul.gov/nn. There is an updated participant guide, and announcements can be found in the coming month!”

Land Use:

First Thursday of the month 7-9 p.m. (Held at Jennings Community School)

Transportation: Last Tuesday of the month 7-9 p.m. (Held at SAPCC office)

*Times and locations subject to change.

---Submitted by Emily Rodriguez, community organizer

**District 10 Como Community Council**

Ice cream social coming

**July 12**

The Como Community Council’s annual Ice Cream Social is Friday, July 12, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Como Park Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.

This free event features giant bubbles, face-painting and other diversions for kiddos; music by the Incredible Shrinking Men from 5:30-7 p.m.; and Shakespeare in the Park—“The Merry Wives of Windsor”—by Classical Actors Ensemble at 7 p.m. And yes, oh, yes... ice cream.

In addition, an expanded Como Connect gives you the opportunity to meet all kinds of community organizations, find resources and figure out where to share your skills.

**Tour gardens with a purpose**

A free “pollinator-friendly” garden tour of the Como neighborhood is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wander at your own pace and admire 10 public and private gardens in Como that prove making pollinator preservation a priority doesn’t detract from beauty. Plus, learn how to improve your landscape for bees, butterflies and more. We will have online and downloadable maps to guide you.

ComoFest is Right Around the Corner

The ice cream social and garden tour are part of ComoFest—the annual amalgamation of affordable, family-friendly fun in the neighborhood almost every weekend in July. You can get more details at wwwComoFest.org. A quick rundown of other ComoFest events:

**Friday July 19:** Lyngbomsten Mid-Summer Festival, 2-8 p.m., Como Park

**Thursday July 25:** North Dale Summerfest, 5:30-7 p.m. 1414 N. St. Albans St.

**Friday July 26:** Northwest Movies Night and Campout, 6-9:30 p.m. until Saturday morning, 1550 N. Hamline Ave.

**Saturday July 27:** Community Picnic, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., TopLine Federal Credit Union, 976 Lexington Parkway.

**Como Park’s “shortest marathon” begins at 11:55 a.m.**

**Saturday July 27:** Gabe’s Mini Mingle, 1-5 p.m., Gabe’s by the Park, 591 Lexington Parkway.

**Protecting the Lake and River: Part 1**

Three dozen neighbors on June 1 got into canoes or kayaks, waders or mud boots, to pull trash from the water and shoreline of Como Lake 1. The cleanup was part of District 10’s ongoing commitment to the lake’s water quality. We’ll do it again on Saturday mornings Aug. 3 and Oct. 12. The clean-up is supported by the Capitol Region Watershed District.

**Protecting the Lake and River: Part 2**

District 10 is competing against five other district councils to see which neighborhood can adopt more storm drains this summer. The best thing: This is a contest where everybody wins.

In Como, keeping storm drains clear of leaves, trash, and other debris—and doing so year-round—directly improves the water quality of Como Lake and connected waterways. It’s easy to adopt one or more drains near your home, school, organization, or business. (You can even name your drain)! Here’s how:

• Go to www.adopt-a-drain.org.

• Once you get to the interactive map, look for a red drain—that means the drain is available. (Green means someone else has already claimed it.)

• Pick one or more of the available drains to adopt.

• Then, diligently keep the drain clean so debris doesn’t flow into the lake or Mississippi River.

As a reminder to you and your neighbors, a lawn sign will “mysteriously” show up, pointing out your role.

**District 10 Board now full**

Congratulations to Jill Henrickson, who was elected in May to fill a vacant at-large position on the Como Community Council Board.

**Party assistance available**

District 10 has street barricades and portable recycling containers that community members can use for block parties, neighborhood, or family events.

You can borrow the recycling containers for free.

---Submitted by Michael Kachta, District 10 Community Council executive director

The city of St. Paul requires street barricades when you block off your street or alley, but District 10 says its barricades are more affordable than those from Public Works. Barricades require a $50 deposit. District 10 returns $40 when you return the barricades.

To reserve any of this equipment, call the District 10 office at 651-644-3889. Reservations are first-come, first-served.

**Update District 10 Meetings**

• Land Use Committee: Tuesdays, June 25 (rescheduled from July 3).

• Environment Committee: Wednesday, June 26.

• Neighborhood Relations Committee: Tuesday, July 2.

• Como Community Council Board: Tuesday, July 16.

All meetings typically begin at 7 p.m. at the Como Park Streetcar Station, which is at the northeast corner of Lexington Parkway and Horton Avenue. Renters, homeowners, and all 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.

---Submitted by Michael Kachta, District 10 Community Council executive director

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**Senior housing project proposed for Lauderdale**

By Anne Holzman

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Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park

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

Crossroads for community: CoCreatz sets grand opening

by Mindy Keskinen

Since last fall, the co-working and meeting venue known as CoCreatz has quietly become an indispensable asset at the corner of University and Raymond avenues in St. Paul.

Now the team behind CoCreatz has announced its official grand opening the week of June 24-28. Events will include an open-house party, a reception for Ward 4 St. Paul city councilmember Mitra Jalali Nelson—who holds office hours there—and even a meet-and-greet with exotic fauna from Twin Cities Reptiles. Plus, there is free co-working each day: “Try it out. Details at CoCreatz.org.”

For a quieter tour before or after that week, stop by any weekday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. to see the variety of meeting spaces and co-working, or shared working space options. Or mingle at an open house every Tuesday, 4:30-6 p.m.

A prime spot

The CoCreatz venue is the brainchild of a four-member team that leased the space in 2018, after the departure of the former first-floor tenants. Three of the team are neighbors in St. Anthony Park: Sherman Eagles, Michael Russell, and Pat Thompson. The fourth is Dan Nordley of Minneapolis, who moved his design firm, Triangle Park Creative, into a nook at CoCreatz.

“A corner is a prime spot, and we saw a chance to turn it into a community crossroads,” Eagles said. “It fills several needs. South St. Anthony Park has a shortage of meeting rooms for business, social, and art events. And there are freelancers in the area who need co-working space—not only for basic office services, but also for the collaborative potential.”

The CoCreatz location is ideal for that. Midway between downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul, CoCreatz is housed in the fully accessible first floor of 2388 University, a century-old building half a block from the Green Line’s Raymond Station. A business and nonprofit hub, the area is also at the heart of St. Paul’s Creative Enterprise Zone; in fact, the nonprofit CEZ has its office space at CoCreatz. Other regular users are the St. Anthony Park Community Council, the Bi-POC Project, the Social Impact Strategies Group, and the local investment club Local Dough.

A home for climate action

Transition Town—ASAP also meets at CoCreatz on the fourth Thursdays at 7 p.m.; all are welcome. The group is active throughout the neighborhood, too. At the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival in June, Transition Town representatives attracted 150 people to “Make a Postcard for the Planet.” Visitors used paints and markers to show their favorite climate solutions: windmills and solar panels, buses and bicycles, gardens and pollinators. They added a personal message—many supporting a Green New Deal—then addressed the postcards to local and state politicians. An display of the postcards will be on view at CoCreatz, now through July.

Flexible spaces and options

CoCreatz also has a year-round gallery wall for Twin Cities artists, currently provided by Dow Gallery. “And soon we’ll have artwork at the entrance to our CoVault,” Pat Thompson said, referring to the hideaway behind a bank vault door, which dates back to the building’s early days as Twin Cities National Bank. Graphic design intern Débora Zoa is working on an image to bring the vault a new life.

Larger meeting spaces at CoCreatz hold from four to 30 people, and dedicated desks and floating co-working areas are available at a range of prices. Perks include fair-trade coffee, big-window views with morning sun, and office amenities like photocopying.

“New ideas need old buildings,” Thompson said, echoing writer Jane Jacobs. “We want CoCreatz to be a place where people come together and solve problems they didn’t even know they were working on.”

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From the desk of the editor

By Scott Carlson

Welcome, Wendy! With this issue of the Bugle, we welcome Wendy Holdman as our new graphics coordinator. She takes over from Steve Parker, who retired at the end of May after 17 years with this newspaper. Wendy brings a wealth of experience to the Bugle. In the past 35 years, she has worked in publishing services, concentrating on book design, composition, print management and customer service for such clients as the Minnesota Historical Society Press, University of Minnesota Press, Living Justice Press, Redleaf Press, the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, Quarto Publishing Group, and Ramsey County History Magazine.

From 2001 to 2017, Wendy contracted with Pearson VUE to coordinate pick-up/repeat print advertising and do layout and design work on other collateral material such as catalogs. Other publishers that Wendy has served include Graywolf Press, Faber & Faber (Boston), Milkweed Editions, Hungry Mind Press (later Ruminator Books), Cowley Publications (Cambridge, Massachusetts), and several other small publishers and self-publishers.

In the coming issues, look for Wendy to help me make some design tweaks to the Bugle.

Delivery problems

Thank you to over 130 tutors who tutors! The students have experienced a significant improvement in their academics. They have a better understanding of what needs to be done in their classes and more confidence in their work about their work!

The Park Bugle board is interested in recruiting at least two or three new directors. The agenda will include the election of directors and other matters that may be raised by members. All are welcome to attend.

Park Press annual meeting set for July 8

The annual meeting of the members of Park Press Inc., the publisher of the Park Bugle, is scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday, July 8, at CoCreate, which is at the southwest corner of Raymond and University Avenue.

The board will include the election of directors and other matters that may be raised by members. All are welcome to attend.

The Park Press annual meeting will be held in recruiting at least two or three new directors.

Current board members whose terms are expiring are Bob Milligan, Ted Blank and Michael Griffin. Meanwhile, Joey McGarvey is leaving the board due to relocation for a new job. Directors whose terms continue for another year are Liz Daniszewski, Beth Maghguiz, Michael Griffin, Chris Guzman, Gabrielle Lawrence, Beth Maddox Maguair, Joey McGarvey, Bob Milligan, Matt Vierling, Becki Lonnquist, and Matt Vierling.

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Join the Board!

The volunteer board consists of residents and business representatives from the communities we serve: St. Anthony Park, Como, portion of Como Park, Lake Harriet and community members. The Bugle offers great space for these local uses and am glad it can be so enjoyed.

We’ve heard of the (stand) proposal by the 4th in the Park Committee is for an expansion of at least twice the current footprint that would allow seating for a band or orchestra, as well as renting to outside groups for various events, to the tune of $200,000-$400,000. If this is true, I am definitely opposed to such development for the following reasons:

• This amount of money could be better allocated for other uses such as renovating and maintaining the current band shell, providing more educational and recreational programs, maintaining the Rec Center, which currently is in need of repairs, and as I understand it, the landscape promised after the school addition was completed has not been finished.

• As far as concert space, the Como Pavilion was developed for and is well used for just this kind of entertainment - do we need two places within a few miles of each other?

• We need to preserve our trees and green spaces for so very many reasons, from quality of life, providing habitat for raptors and other birds, to reducing atmospheric carbon, and lowering the heat index, to name just a few.

• As an almost life-long resident of SAP, I feel we should be good stewards of this fine gift from Horace Cleveland and recognize its value as a historic, albeit small, yet unique landmark for our neighborhood. The band shell needs maintenance and handicap

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Missing Micawber’s bookstore

By Helen B. Warren

I joined the capacity crowd at St. Anthony Park UCC on Sunday, May 19th to witness words spoken over the departure of Micawber’s from St. Anthony Park.

It was a wonderful gathering, full of music, spoken words and tender remembrances for Micawber’s owners and staff. I was delighted by Melvin Carter’s proclamations designating that day as Tom Bolenburg Day in St. Paul.

The gathering renewed my devotion to reading and writing. So, I accepted an invitation to join a book group that planned to gather the following Thursday. I left the church and headed straight to a big box bookstore in Roseville to purchase Barbara Kingsolver’s “Unbeloved,” the裝卸 of several other books. I entered the store through the mall entrance and recognized that I was not in a bookstore. The bank of registers just inside the door was unattended. An announcement on the PA system warned that “The mall entrance will close in five minutes. Customers who entered the store through that entrance will not be able to exit the store to the mall.”

Hearing this, I proceeded quickly, scanning the aisles for a clerk. I ignored signs beckoning me to the play area and the Starbucks Café. I passed two or three stations where clerks might have been found but they were all unattended. I spied a clerk in a section of the store devoted to used books. “We buy private libraries” a sign proclaimed. I greeted a congenial young woman and asked about “Unbeloved.” No flutter of recognition.

“Were you looking for a used copy?” the clerk asked. “Because if you are, I'll tell you that we don't inventory our used books. So I can’t tell you whether we have a used copy.”

“I'm reading the book for a book club that meets next week,” I said. “So I want to know whether it is to be had in the store.”

She checked the computer. “Yes, we have it. You'll find it in the fiction section, which is filed alphabetically by author. It’s in the middle of the store.” Then her eyes and attention went back to the screen in front of her.

I proceeded to the center of the store, glimpsed a bank of shelves labeled “Fiction” and strolled till I found the Ks. I found the Kingsolver book and headed to the checkout. There was still a chance I could exit the store through the mall entrance and head to the grocery store without a walk outside in the windy rain.

Three clerks were staffing the registers. Five people waited on line in front of me. Each transaction was identical: Are you a member of our store club? “If so, I can enter your membership number. If not, would you like to join? Membership offers discounts and special notices about upcoming sales events.”

When it was my turn, I approached the register. “I'm hoping to exit the store through the mall so I can get to the grocery store.” The clerk spoke into the mike that dangled from the earphone around her neck. She asked her colleague ready to the lower the gate on the mall entrance to wait for “a little woman in a black beret.”

Then she resumed standard operating procedure. “Are you a member of the B&N club? If you are, you can enter your number. If you're not a member, would you...”

“No, I am not a member. No, I don’t want to be. I'd just like to complete my purchase, please.”

While the clerk rang up the sale, I looked past her at a display shelf behind the counter. There were five copies of “Unbeloved” sat side-by-side. The clerk who directed me to the middle of the store apparently didn’t know that the book I wanted was a featured title at the checkout. If I had known that, I could have proceeded directly to the register.

I didn't go to the big box store expecting to encounter staff who read books. But I thought the clerks would notice which titles were featured at checkout. Just like the clerks in grocery stores know what's in season.

After finishing my book purchase, I realized how different this shopping experience stood in stark contrast to my remembrances of Micawbers, a cozy neighborhood bookshop that was special to all.

—Helen B. Warren, St. Anthony Park

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secure private financing for such a project, and keep the prospec-

tive housing units affordable, a building of about four stories looked inevitable. “The reality is it’s going to be taller” than the old building now on the site, she said.

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New retailer boreal continuing spirit of Bibelot

By Aarohi Narain

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So, when Roxanna Freese opened the first Bibelot Shop in St. Anthony Park, she truly changed the game. She curated a unique shopping experience, brought enterprise and creativity to her neighborhood, and fostered an enduring sense of community that continues to shape St. Anthony Park.

More than a half-century later, Bibelot is gone from St. Anthony Park. But its legacy lives on through its successor—boreal.

Co-owned by former Bibelot employees Peggy Merrill and Janet Haugan (who served as general manager), boreal debuted in May in the same commercial space that boreal, which in Latin means “from the north,” will grow into a neighborhood mainstay that continues “to seek out unique, special gift items, creative clothing and a wonderful selection of greeting cards” that delight customers of all ages.

And while boreal will carry on the spirit of Bibelot, Haugan and Merrill are considering some changes. Merchandise will remain on the first level, Haugan continued. “The idea (for boreal) came about once we discovered that the Como Avenue space was available. Roxy started Bibelot in that location almost 55 years ago, and Peggy began her Bibelot career there as well.

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German Immersion School gains in quest for new building

By Scott Carlson

The Twin Cities German Immersion School’s plans to raze its current building—the old St. Andrew’s Church—and replace it with a new 24,000-square-foot facility took a big step forward when the St. Paul City Council voted to not grant historic designation to the current structure.

That unanimous 5-0 vote on June 6 came even as a neighborhood preservation group called Save Historic St. Andrew’s (SHSA) filed a lawsuit in Ramsey County District Court earlier in the week seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent the officials at the German charter school from razing the building. Besides declining historic designation for the former St. Andrew’s Church, the City Council granted three variances and site plan approval for the Twin Cities German Immersion School (TCGIS)’s building proposal.

The school’s building plans have deeply divided the Como neighborhood. Some people accuse school officials of ignoring the neighborhood’s history while TCGIS supporters counter that the preservationists aren’t looking to the future and the needs of students. Whatever their stance, TCGIS board chairman Sam Walling, expressed hope that the school can move forward with its plans.

“The Council did the right thing in not sacrificing St. Paul’s future to preserve a small part of its past,” Walling said in a statement. “Hopefully, we can now move forward with our building project and focus on continuing to provide a thriving, academically successful public charter school option, which plays an important role in St. Paul’s future, and provides a real school choice to the families of St. Paul and the greater Twin Cities.”

Meanwhile, representatives for SHSA were disappointed by the City Council’s votes.

“We anticipated that the council would vote the way that they did, which is why litigation became the only option for us to stop demolition,” said Tom Goldstein, a SHSA spokesman.

“People have hoped throughout the past year that the school would be willing to consider alternatives to demolition, but every attempt at starting such a process has been rebuffed.” A recent effort to mediate talks between the two sides have, to this point, failed.

Meanwhile, the fate of SHSA’s lawsuit was undetermined, at press time. The group is suing the German Immersion School to p. 12
School News

Como Park High

Members of Como’s three advanced choirs traveled to New York City for five days over Memorial Day weekend to sing at Carnegie Hall. After much practice in St. Paul, they rehearsed eight hours around the country under the direction of renowned conductor, Maestro John Rutter. The concert, which included the accompaniment of a professional orchestra, received a standing ovation.

When the Como choir students were not singing, director Carole Whitney led them on visits to the Statue of Liberty and the 9/11 Memorial Museum, navigating the subway from their hotel in Midtown. Other sites included Times Square, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Central Park, Rockefeller Center and the Top of the Rock.

Additional highlights were eating huge pieces of pizza for $1 a slice, taking in a dinner-and-dance cruise around the southern tip of Manhattan, and seeing two Broadway musicals, Kinky Boots and Kiss Me, Kate.

Rosmery Moran-Osorio, a Como Park junior and leader of the Marine Corps JROTC program, was selected as a Semper Fidelis All-American. The award comes with an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., in July to compete in the Marine’s Battler Wins Academy. Cadets may choose one mentor to participate in the program with them, and Rosmery has selected her Spanish teacher, Angela Butler.

The prestigious Semper Fidelis All-American honors high school students who have faced overcoming serious challenges and obstacles to excel academically and emerge as leaders in their communities. Rosmery is a first-generation Guatemalan American student and will be the first in her family to graduate from high school. She earned a cumulative 3.5 grade-point average.

Moran-Osorio’s application essay revealed her perseverance and her initiative to succeed “Leaving Guatemala, being born in the U.S. and making a fresh start in the United States has been a godsend for my family,” Rosmery said.

While in Washington, D.C., the students and mentors will participate in community service event, team-building outings and high-intensity daily workouts at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Twenty-seven Como students participated in the annual A Vous la Parole French-speaking contest held in Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota. The annual event is sponsored by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, with support from the University of Minnesota Department of French and Italian.

The contest recognizes excellence in French speaking skills and this year drew 1,220 student entries from across the region.

The various categories include prose and poetry recitations, theater presentations, song performances, extemporaneous reading, extemporaneous conversation, as well as original skits. Students are rated on a four-star system with four stars earning blue, three stars earning red, two stars earning white and one star receiving recognition of participation.

The following Como students earned blue or red awards at this year’s contest:

Four-star blue: Sophie Lancaster, Deborah Franzezera, See Reh, Fonna Hatch, Emilie Pagel, Dune Saboe, Amaara Abou-Shemab and Kevin Iragaiba.

Three-star red: Kayla Selbruchka, Maddie Neal, Ian Brudnak Yoss, PanRa Lee, Lily Sticha, Tess Turner, Kaeden Warnberg-Lemun, Jillian Brenner, Molly Swanson, Nick Jacobsen, Sawyer Wall and MaXeng Thao.

The third annual edition of the Cougar Journal, a student-produced arts and literary magazine, was released with an event in the school library on May 29. Senior Cadence Paramore was the editor-in-chief, organizing the publication, which features artistic works of writing, poetry, drawing, painting and photography.

The release party included the first viewing of the collected artwork, as well as authors reading their pieces. Assisting editors included Lily Raschke, Kaysa An-dersson, Caroline Raschke and Theo Lucy. Ivy Bucks designed the magazine’s cover.

The Como Park Fashion Club was formed this school year and club members held their inaugural “Fashion Glam Event” after school on May 30. Master of Ceremony Roselyn Yehoab and President Ly Xiong worked with other club members and the school community to stage an extravaganza, including dance, music and Como students as runway models on the “red carpet” at the base of the Cougar Forum.

More than 100 students and staff attended the event with Miss Hmong Minnesota in attendance.

Seniors from the Class of 2019 and their families celebrated accomplishments at several events in May and June. Senior Honor Night was held in the Como gymnasium on May 14, with the recognition of academic awards and scholarships. The Como Park Booster Club hosted the Senior Barbeque on May 31.

Graduation was held at Roy Wilkins Auditorium downtown on June 5, followed by the traditional all-night graduation party within the school, concluding at sunrise on June 6.

—Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School.
The Schubert Club, Minnesota's oldest arts organization at 137 years, will stage six concerts for its Julie Himmelstrup Music in the Park 2019-20 Series at Saint Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

The Music in the Park Series, an audience favorite founded by Artistic Director Emerita Julie Himmelestrup, presents chamber music concerts at the acoustically and architecturally superb SAP United Church of Christ, home to the series since 1979.

The 2019-2020 season features debut performances by established ensembles, such as Montrose Trio and Modigliani Quartet, as well as outstanding emerging groups like the Catalyst Quartet. Baiba and Lauma Skride will return with the Skride Piano Quartet, and Minnesota Orchestra’s First Associate Concertmaster Susie Park will give a recital with pianist Benjamin Hochman.

The Schubert Club’s featured ensemble for the 2019-20 season is the Danish String Quartet, which will perform a series of Beethoven string quartets next spring; they will perform the full cycle of his string quartets on the Music in the Park Series. The Danish String Quartet made its debut at the Copenhagen Summer Festival in 2002. Their program for this concert by Israeli pianist Benjamin Hochman.

Subscriptions sales to the Music in the Park Series began this spring; single tickets will go on sale starting at 11 a.m. Aug. 1. Go to https://schubert.org/ for ticket information.

Here is the concert series lineup:

Montrose Trio—
Sunday, Sept. 22, 4 p.m. Formed in 2013, the Montrose Trio, composed of pianist Jon Kimura Parker, violinist Martin Beaver, and cellist Clive Greensmith, has quickly established a reputation for performances of the highest distinction.

Modigliani Quartet—
Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. Formed in 2003, the Modigliani Quartet performs regularly at the world’s top chamber music venues, touring America, Japan, Korea, China and European countries. Their program for their Music in the Park Series debut features Stravinsky’s Three Pieces for String Quartet, Haydn’s Quartet in D minor “Fifths,” and Tchaikovsky’s Piano Quartet No. 3 in E-flat minor.

Skride Piano Quartet—
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, 4 p.m. The Skride Piano Quartet is comprised of four like-minded musicians who have each achieved success as a soloist at the highest levels: Baiba Skride, Lise Berthaud, Harriet Krijgh, and Laura Skride. Their program for this concert by Israeli pianist Benjamin Hochman.

Violinist Susie Park—
Sunday, March 29, 2020, 4 p.m. Violinist and current Minnesota Orchestra first associate concertmaster Susie Park launched her international career at age 16 and has since grown into a musician distinguished by unusual passion and versatility. A native of Sydney, Australia, Susie will be joined for this concert by Israeli pianist Benjamin Hochman.

Catalyst Quartet—
Sunday, April 26, 2020, 4 p.m. Hailed by the New York Times as their Carnegie Hall debut as “invariably energetic and finely burnished...playing with earthy vigor,” Catalyst Quartet is comprised of top Laureates and alumni of the internationally acclaimed Sphinx Competition.

The Danish String Quartet—
Sunday, May 10, 2020, 4 p.m. The Danish String Quartet made its debut at the Copenhagen
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2245 Como Avenue
All events and classes take place in the St. Anthony Park Library auditorium unless otherwise noted. For more information about upcoming programs, please call the library at 651-642-0341 or visit www.spld.org. Please note the library will be closed on July 4.

Special Events and Classes
1 Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Middle School Book Club
For 6th- to 8th-grade students. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.
3 Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Book Club
Join us on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss interesting books. All are welcome and no registration is required.
9 Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Summer Spark: Wendy’s Wiggle, Jiggle, and Jam
Have a blast with music and movement in this fabulous interactive music program!
11 Thursday, 2-4 p.m. Senior Cinema: “First Man”
This is the riveting story behind the first maned mission to the moon. Co-sponsored by the Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors.
16 Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Summer Spark: Roe Family Singers
Get your family dancing to the rhythms of the banjo, guitar, aumahp, and more with this award-winning local band.
23 Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Summer Spark: Hunter Marionettes
From classical music to lively dance tunes, hand-crafted marionettes will entertain you with their own special talents.

Ongoing Events and Classes
1 Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Seniors Free Exercise Program
Enjoy fun, gentle exercises for adults, led by a qualified instructor. Co-sponsored by the Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors.
11 Thursday, 2:30-3 p.m. (No class on July 4) Memoir Writing for Adults
Begin or continue the process of preserving your memories and recollections by joining this five-week class taught by Susan Cook.
11 Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. titled “Songwriting Basics”
Bring writing materials to class along with something larger than a journal or diary to write in. Registration is required and class limited to 15 participants.
14 Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m. English Conversation Circle
If English is not your first language, come and practice in casual conversation. All are welcome.
15 Monday and Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m. (No class on July 5) Mandarin Chinese Conversation for Youth Practice your Mandarin language skills in conversation and group activities. Intended for elementary-through high-school students who are learning Chinese and want to maintain their skills over the summer! Registration is required and class limited to 20 participants.
16 Tuesday, 10-11:40 a.m. (No storytelling on July 5) Nature Play Storytime—held outdoors in the library garden.
Kids age 5 and older get to discover nature, with a new topic, books and hands-on learning each week. Program will be held outdoors (except for severe weather) and play clothes suggested.
11 Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. One-to-One Tech Help
Have a question about your tablet and smartphone? If you can’t answer the question, we’ll find resources or organizations that can! This is a drop-in session and no registration required.

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For more information, call 651-298-5765 or go to www.spld.org/langford

JULY EVENTS
Saturday, July 6
July 2-25 Latin Arts Workshop Camp ages 6-10 from 9 a.m.-noon, $80
July 15-19 Artis Workshop Camp ages 8-12 on July 15-19, from 9 a.m.- noon, $90

Monday, July 8
Badminton Camp ages 8-18 on July 15-19, from 9 a.m.-noon, $80
Soccer Camp ages 6-12 on from 9 a.m.-noon, $150
Basketball Camp ages 11-16 from 1-4 p.m., $150
Flag Football Camp ages 6-12 on from 1-3 p.m., $70
Volleyball Camp ages 7-12 from 3:30-5 p.m., $50

Tuesday, July 9
Dance Jam Fitness for Adults, from 6-7:30 p.m., $50

Wednesday, July 10
Canvas Painting for Adults, from 10 a.m.-noon, $20

Thursday, July 11
Spark: Hunter Marionettes ages 5-9, from 10 a.m.-noon, $100

Friday, July 12
Play-Doh for Adults, from 10 a.m.-noon, $20

Saturday, July 13
Hands-on, drop-in activities.

Sunday, July 14
Free! at dusk in the park

Monday, July 15
Mandarin Chinese Conversation for Youth

Wednesday, July 17
The Park Celebration

Friday, July 19
Spark: Roe Family Singers

Saturday, July 20
Spark: Hunter Marionettes

Monday, July 22
Badminton Camp ages 7-12 on from 9 a.m.-noon, $80
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Basketball Camp ages 11-16 from 1-4 p.m., $150
Flag Football Camp ages 6-12 on from 1-3 p.m., $70
Volleyball Camp ages 7-12 from 3:30-5 p.m., $50

Tuesday, July 23
Dance Jam Fitness for Adults, from 6-7:30 p.m., $50

Wednesday, July 24
Canvas Painting for Adults, from 10 a.m.-noon, $20

Thursday, July 25
Spark: Hunter Marionettes ages 5-9, from 10 a.m.-noon, $100

Friday, July 26
Play-Doh for Adults, from 10 a.m.-noon, $20

Saturday, July 27
Hands-on, drop-in activities.

Sunday, July 28
Free! at dusk in the park

Monday, July 29
Mandarin Chinese Conversation for Youth

Wednesday, July 31
The Park Celebration
Shakespeare, pollinators and more

Shakespeare in the Park
The youth troupe Shakespeare In St. Anthony Park will perform three free shows of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at the following dates, times and locations:
- Thursday June 27, 7 p.m. in College Park, 2223 Carter Ave.
- Friday June 28, 2 p.m. at St Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. (accessible and air conditioned) and
- Friday June 28, 7 p.m. in College Park

Being lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Donations are appreciated. In the event of rain, performances scheduled at College Park will move indoors to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. For more information go to sapshakespeare.org or email Janet at sapshakespeare@gmail.com

Women’s Drum Center class
The Women’s Drum Center, 2242 University Ave., will offer a class in hand drums for beginners on July 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is $10. Drums are provided. For further information, visit womensdrumcenter.org.

The Women’s Drum Center is a nonprofit organization providing opportunities for women and girls to learn, teach, and play percussion together, and to energize the community at large through their lifecycles.

Pollinators at Como Zoo
A new exhibit called “Pollinators: All The Buzz” is open now through Labor Day weekend at the Como Zoo. This seasonal exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. — 6 p.m. and features pollinators from all around the world with signage, statues and live bees for visitors to observe in an indoor 2,500 square-foot greenhouse garden filled with pollinator plants. The wide variety of plants come from the zoo’s Marjorie McNeely Conservatory collection showcase the different pollinator syndromes, as well as how different flowers attract their own pollinators.

Blue Orchid Mason Bees, Alfalfa Leafcutter Bees and Eastern Bumblebees will be on display in covered enclosures so visitors can safely observe them through their lifecycles.

Como Woodland survey walk
The Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom project will host “Butterflies & Other Insect Nature Survey Walk” from 6 to 8 p.m. July 18 at the Kilmer Fireplace, 1221 Wynne Ave. (SW Como Park) in St. Paul. The free program will feature Britt Forsberg, Minnesota Bee Atlas coordinator from the University of Minnesota Extension program.

To participate in the walk, please RSVP Woodland committee chairperson: teri.heyer@gmail.com

New to Como Zoo: a baby zebra, which was born on May 30. Photo courtesy of Como Zoo.

To keep tabs on the baby zebra’s progress and the rest of the zoo’s growing animal family, please follow @comozoo and @comofriends on Twitter.

Good Acre summer kids’ cooking
The Good Acre, a Falcon Heights-based nonprofit that supports sustainable food systems, is holding a series of summer cooking camps for youth. There are two sessions for kids age 9-12 and two sessions for kids ages 12 and older. Leading these camps is Dina Berray, a Culinary Instructor at Upper Mississippi Academy.

For further information, see Good Acre’s website at https://thegoodacre.org/

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Kathryn Ulviden Moen, 99, long-time St. Anthony Park resi-
dent, died May 16.

Moen’s life was devoted to her love of music. She spent a
Fullbright year in Norway at the Oslo Konservatoriet, a sabbatical
year in Paris as an organ student of the famed André Marchal, and
with a year with Heinrich Fleischer
at the University of Minnesota. She
also studied in the Nether-
lands, France, Switzerland, and
Czechoslovakia.

Kathryn played organ recit-
als locally, nationally, and in-
ternationally. She served three
Lutheran churches, including
St. Anthony Park Lutheran
Church, and Luther/North-
western Seminary as organist/
choirmaster.

During her career, Kathryn
also served on the faculty at La-
ther and Augsburg Colleges. She
was also a faculty member at the
University of Wisconsin-River
Falls for 32 years. Her husband,
four siblings, and one niece pre-
ceded her in death. She is survived
by nine nieces and nephews.

Besides Vernon, Frieda was
preceded in death by four sib-
lings. She is survived by her chil-
dren, Carol (Peter) O’Brien and
Ellen (Raymond) Wolf; a grand-
son; and a sister.

Her funeral service was held
May 29 at Emmanuel Lutheran
Church in Elk River, Minn.

Lynn Sweetland Loughrey
Lynn Sweetland Loughrey, 75, a
former resident of St. Anthony
Park, died on May 23.

In St. Anthony Park, Lynn
attended Guttersen and Murray
Schools. Lynn worked 30 years
for the Veterans Administration,
first here in St Paul where she was
chosen the Civil Servant of the
Year in 1984, and then in Austin,
Texas, until she retired in Stous
Falls, S.D.

Lynn enjoyed art, music and
reading. Lynn was known for her
perseverance and her wicked sense
of humor. Her final words of wis-
dom were “Life should be fun.”

She is survived by her siblings,
Stephen L. Sr. (Carol), Lark and
Heather (Steven Cox).

Sharon Ziegenhagen
Sharon L. Ziegenhagen, 79, died
on May 28.

Sharon worked as a Nurse’s
Aide for over 28 years at
Lyngblomsten Care Center, ad-
mired for her smile and hap-
piness.

She is survived by her hus-
band, Paul; daughters, Carisa
(Tim) Richner and Stacy (Brian)
Drost; and two granddaughters.
A memorial service was held
June 7 at Como Park Lutheran
Church. Please direct memori-
als to the family or to the church.

James Warner
James “Jim” E. Warner, 90, long-
time Falcon Heights store owner,
died June 7. Over several decades,
he built a small Falcon Heights
appliance shop into the St. Paul-
based Warner’s Stellan empire.

He started as a bookkeeper, but
soon moved to sales. He bought
into the business in 1971.

A celebration of Life gather-
ing was held at Lyngblomsten
Care Center’s chapel on May 27,
with a funeral at Fort Snelling
Cemetery.
Luther Seminary development update

The District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council is hosting a public meeting on July 31 that will be an update on potential development plans at the Luther Seminary campus.

The meeting is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Northwestern Hall auditorium on the Seminary campus at 1501 Fulham.

“We will hear from representatives of Luther Seminary and the development team that has been chosen to purchase and develop about 15 acres of Seminary land,” said Emily Rodriguez, District 12 community organizer.

“The development team is Master Properties (market rate housing), United Properties (senior housing), and CommonBond (affordable housing). The land involves the cities of St. Paul and Lauderdale.”

At a community meeting earlier this year, the developers said they may build up to 450 units of housing on a 15.5-acre redevelopment site at Luther Seminary. But the team is also promising to preserve as much of that property—called Breck Woods—a prized, seven-acre parcel of open space, as possible.

Representatives for the Seminary and the development plan to make brief presentations and open the session for Q and A from the audience.

The district plans to live-stream the session for Q and A from the audience.

Garden tour etiquette

Garden tour etiquette requires that you do not remove plant labels or snap cuttings. Visitors are also asked to stay on the tour’s designated paths.

For security reasons, the tour organizers never reveal the locations of private gardens before or after the tour. Only when you attend the garden tour will you have the opportunity to see their beauty.

However, there are several business/public gardens on the tour this summer. Check out the amazing plantings at businesses along Como Avenue and, in particular, the quaint Milton Square urban sanctuary in the Urban Growler’s parking lot.

Urban Growler, 2325 Endicott Street, is its pollinator garden which is being created in collaboration with The Wildflower Project. Matt Wildenauer, from that project, will be there and will speak about the theme and challenges. They can help answer your plant questions and direct you to resources.

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Gibbs Farm launches 2019 season

By Aarohi Narain

With its 2019 season now underway, Gibbs Farm: Pathways to Dakota & Pioneer Life is offering a wealth of new programs, along with popular favorites from previous years.

Visitors can gain insights into the lives and cultures of the Dakota people, as well as the multi-cultural heritage of pioneers who settled, farmed and raised families in 19th-century Minnesota. The farm’s 2019 season began Memorial Day weekend and runs through Halloween weekend, Oct. 27. The farm is open weekends, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Gibbs Farm programs include an expanded series of events aimed at adults. Earlier in June, Adam Regin Arvidson, author of “Wild & Rare: Tracking Endangered Species in the Upper Midwest,” led a history talk. Meanwhile, on July 20 and 27, Tom McGregor, award-winning plein-air painter, will demonstrate tried and true plein-air oil painting methods, as well as give personalized instruction based on where you are as a painter. All levels welcome. Cost is $40 per session and registration is required. For information, information, materials list and registrations:


In partnership with The Good Acre, Gibbs Farm will also be hosting Dinners on the Farm. Special evening events will have a cooking demonstration and meal by a featured local chef. Returning events include Gibbs Halloween, complete with costumes, food, and trick-or-treating; the Apple Festival, which explores the legacy of apple cultivation in Minnesota; and Prairie Festival, a celebration of the contributions of Minnesota’s first people, the Dakota, to the state through presentations on topics ranging from language to food.

The Gibbs Farm Family Friendly Saturday programs will also take up a different topic to investigate each week, and homemade ice cream will be offered to the public each Sunday (included in the price of admission). The importance of Gibbs Farm can be found in its ability to immerse visitors, child and adult, in history via engaging interpretation of 19th-century life for the Dakota and pioneers, and hands-on, activity-based learning.

Sammy Nelson, Gibbs Farm site manager, said about the museum which is operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society, “Being immersed in the past can allow visitors to make connections to the present, themselves, and their community.”

Gibbs Farm is located near the intersection of Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues, directly on a trail that Mdewakanton Dakota once frequently traveled. Parking is free for site visitors in the Gibbs Farm lot on the north end of the site off Cleveland Avenue. General admission is $8 for adults, $7 for seniors 62 and older and $5 for children ages 4 to 16. Ramsey County Historical Society members enjoy free regular admission and free or discounted special event admission.

For information on events, programs, Gibbs Farm Day Camps, or school field trips, see the website at www.rchs.com/gibbs-farm or call Gibbs Farm at 651-646-8629.
Classifieds

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By Eric Erickson

Sports news and analysis

For the Bugle community, we offer a snapshot of the spring sports season and what 15 programs produced at Como Park High School and Murray Middle School.

Como Park

Adaptive bowling—Freshman Walter White, sophomore Ethan Johnson, and senior Victoria Jef- ferson were excited to participate in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Adaptive Bowling State Tournament on May 17. They boarded a bus with their coaches Shonte Williams and Malachi Long (both Como Park educational assistants) to Bowlero in Brooklyn Park.

They returned to Como later in the day—as state champions.

In adaptive bowling, student scores are indexed throughout the season’s practice rounds. A handicapped score is established (similar to bowling handicaps) to Bowlero in Brooklyn Park.

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Track and field—Junior Allan Patterson qualified for the Minnesota State Track Meet in the boys’ 800 meters with a time of 2:00.10. Patterson’s time was good for second place in highly competitive Section 4AA (the top two finishers from each section qualify for state). The thrilling race at Stillwater High School on May 30 was a “surreal feeling,” Patterson said. As the Bugle went to press, Patterson was training for the state meet, which was scheduled for June 8 and 9 at Hamline University.

The girls’ team was well-balanced this season and finished third in the St. Paul City Conference. Sophomore Wynter Cross was the city champion in the 100-meter hurdles. Freshman Saylor Landrum placed third in the 800 meters and fourth in the 400 meters. Freshmen Laura Blumenfeld finished fourth in the high jump. Junior Emma Wolters was fourth in the 100 meters and fourth in the long jump. Sophomore Justine Wuith was fifth in the 3,200 meters and sophomore Abang Cham placed fifth in the shot put.

Badminton—More than 50 girls participated in the Como Badminton program, while the varsity team’s overall record of 7 wins and 10 losses may not impress the casual observer, the team’s 4-1 non-conference record revealed there was something special happening. Their highest hopes were confirmed when the Victoria and Ethan doubles team was announced as the first-place finishers—state champions!

Junior Allison Patterson placed fifth in the 3,200 meters and sophomore Anka Boysen was fifth in the long jump. Sophomore Seth Silvers and senior Ethan Jacobson provided senior leadership and kept improving through the year. Abby Levin, Serena Raths, and Reagan Kerr provided senior leadership and kept improving through the year.

Boys’ Tennis—The Como Cougars had an upick in participation this season with Como alum and current math teacher Kia Yang stepping intohead coach duties. All of the team’s senior captains were senior leaders on and off the court.

Baseball—In the St. Paul City Conference, Como finished in fourth place with a record of 6-6. All-Conference players included seniors Tommy Freberg and Blake Edsins, and junior Nicholas Jacobsen. Honorable Men- tion was earned by seniors Matt Ouellette, Zach Bredi, and junior Ephraim Mau.

Boys’ Golf—After a two-year hiatus, boys’ golf made a comeback at Como with a small group of guys, most of whom were newcomers. While the team didn’t win any matches, they learned the fundamentals of a challenging sport and tried their best to compete at the varsity level.

Boys’ Tennis—The Como Cougars had an upick in participation this season with Como alum and current math teacher Kia Yang stepping into the Bugle. This was the inaugural campaign for boys’ tennis at Como. All-Conference players included seniors Will Larson, Antero Sivula and Isaac Parker, and sophomore Aiden Reynolds. Sivula and Reynolds earned Hon- orable Mention in the St. Paul City Conference. Como finished in fourth place with a record of 6-6.

Boys’ Ultimate Frisbee—Como Area Ultimate (CAU) had more than 20 players with a majority of them seniors. CAU captains were Josef Miller, Jackson Lee, and Vinny Diaz. The team en- tered the season as the defending champions of Division 2 (D2). This season, the boys had some tough luck with three losses on the first day of the tournament, but then rebounded the following day. With a well-played 15-10 win over Stillwater, and a convinc- ing 15-7 victory versus Roseville, CAU ended the season on a high note.

Boys’ Volleyball—As reported earlier in the Bugle, this was the inaugural campaign for boys’ volleyball at Como. The Cougars held their own in the Central Conference of the Minnesota State Boys’ High School Volleyball Association, finishing with a 4-5 record. Ely Te Leo ’20 led the team in kills. Moua Xiong started every game and is a rising fresh- man star. Via Lee and Jacker Sow were senior leaders on and off the court.