

Kanyar Maw Moe

Mandy Okonek

These are the people in your neighborhood — and guess what? We don't all look alike, talk alike, or even celebrate holiday rituals the same way and that's our super-power.

The newly painted mural located on the side of the building at 777 7th Street East features an art piece titled *Kanyar Maw Moe*, and she is an immigrant/refugee woman of the Karenni culture. Like the Karen peoples, the Karenni have roots in Burma and in Thailand as refugees of war. However, this is their only similarity. The Karenni people lived in their own geographic region of Burma and speak a language known as Karenni or Kayah Li, completely different than Karen.

According to The Karen Organization of Minnesota there are over 17,000 people of the Karen culture currently living in Saint Paul and only 2,000 who identify as Karenni. After my research, I revisited the mural with a fresh perspective and I discovered distinct clues within the piece that identified attributes of the Karenni peoples. The scarlet red head piece and dress in the woman's ritual clothing are symbolic of the Karenni who are also known as the "Red Karen."

I think now, every time I see this mural, I will look for something new. I encourage you to make your own observations. The weather is perfect to get outside and go on an art adventure. This mural was facilitated by local Indigenous Roots and painted by RK's Art by individual artists, R. Maw, H. Ester and Oo. M. M.

For more information about the Karenni culture please visit The Karen Organization of Minnesota at mnkaren.org/.



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Swede Hollow: A Series Do You Want to Help?

Karin DuPaul

The Woodland Gardens was started in the 1970s on the site of the old Hamm home at 671 Greenbrier, formerly Cable Avenue. The name Cable Avenue was given to the part of Greenbrier from East 7th Street to Beech Street for a number of years, when the cable cars first came up East 7th Street. Years later, I believe in the 1940s, the name was changed back to Greenbrier, when the city changed some names of sections of Street that lined up.

The Woodland Gardens was started by Swede Hollow Task Force members. The task force was headed up by Mrs. Dodge and included Saint Paul Garden Club members, city staff, and neighborhood people. There are woodchip walking paths going through the site.

On **October 9** from **9 a.m. to noon**, you can come and help haul cut buckthorn, etc. from the Woodland Gardens and former carriage road behind the Woodland gardens. Meet in the parking lot at the upper part of Swede Hollow Park at Greenbrier and Margaret Streets. Bring gloves. If you need more information call me at 651-776-0550.



Karin DuPaul

On October 9, there will be an event in Woodland Gardens to help haul buckthorn and other weeds from the area.

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- Donate electronically via PayPal at: daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com
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October Events Happening at Battle Creek Recreation Center

October 2-9, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Cost — \$65; Halloween Hoopla Art Camp: For ages four to nine. Send your little trick-or-treater to camp to make a mess of Halloween inspired masterpieces. Come ready for a scary good time! The kids are welcome to wear their costumes to camp. Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child each day.

October 7, 6:16-7:30 p.m., Cost — \$2; Friendship Bracelets: For ages eight to 14. Participants will make bracelets using a variety of materials, such as yarn, string, beads, and more!

October 18, 9-10:30 a.m., Cost — \$16; Boo Bash: For ages two to six. Park your broom at the door, come on in and create something spook-tacular! You and your young artist will get messy with paint and clay as you make a black cat, ghost or jack-o-lantern. The children are welcome to wear their costumes to class. Children must be accompanied by caregiver.

October 20, 6-7:15 p.m., Cost — \$5; Erupting Pumpkins: For kids seven to 15 years of age. Participants will cut and carve a pumpkin and make them erupt with Science Fun!

October 23, 10-11:30 a.m., Cost — \$10; Halloween Baking: For ages three to six. Participants will make yummy Halloween treats like cookies, popcorn balls and more!

October 23, noon-2 p.m., Cost — \$10; Halloween Baking: For kids seven to 12. Participants will make yummy Halloween treats like cookies, popcorn balls and more!

October 29, 6-8 p.m., Cost — Free; Drive Thru Halloween Party: For kids one to 13. Join us for a Halloween themed spooky event! This will be a drive thru event, participants will get treat bags and other special things for local community partners! The line starts on Winthrop Street just outside the parking lot entrance. The line will cut off at 8 p.m. sharp. Participants must remain in their vehicle.

For more information about these events, go to stpaul.gov/facilities/battle-creek-recreation-center and click on the Battle Creek Offerings tab.

Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike

On the second Saturday of most months, the Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Mounds Park, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way.

Due to COVID-19, hikes are canceled. Please check back for more information at a later date.

If you have any questions email karindupaul@comcast.net

Friends of Swede Hollow

Friends of Swede Hollow watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meetings.

Our next meeting will be on **October 19** starting at **6:30 p.m.** on the front porch at 668 Greenbrier Street. Anyone interested in Swede Hollow is welcome to attend.

For more information, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales – join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.**

If you'd like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information. We are currently meeting at the Cambric, in the meeting room.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Policing meetings are held at **9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors!

Call or email Robyn at 651-266-5580 or robyn.brewin@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

SNAP Food Program at Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para

alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar. Participar en el programa SNAP no afectará su estatus migratorio.

¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califica! 612-746-3500. Nuestro personal bilingüe puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

Need healthy food for your family? The SNAP program provides funds for low-income families to buy food. Even if you are not a citizen, your children born in this country could qualify. Participation in the SNAP program won't affect their immigration status.

Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for your family.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on **Wednesdays, from 2 to 3 p.m.**



December 3-5, 10-12 and 16-19: The Historic Mounds Theatre brings you our Klingon Holiday Tradition, *It's An Honorable Life: A Star Trek Fan Production*, live and on stage in December. A Klingon fears he is too great a warrior to die in battle and will instead die of old age. Q leads him on a journey through his life in this mixture of Star Trek and holiday classics. Directed by Phillip Henry and featuring a large cast of talented local Klingons, it's sure to be a lot of fun. The show is presented primarily in Klingon with projected English titles. COVID-19 safety precautions will be observed at all performances.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at **7:30 p.m.** **Sunday** performances are at **2:30 p.m.** Price: General admission \$20, Table seating \$35. Visit moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets and get information on other upcoming events as they are scheduled, such as Real Haunted Tours.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

Free Human and Health Services

United Way 2-1-1 provides *free and confidential* health and human services information for people in Minnesota, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, connecting you with the resources and information you need: Alcohol & Drug Abuse; Child Care; Consumer Regulation; Financial Assistance Programs; Healthcare; Money Management; Transportation; Animal Services; Criminal Justice & Legal Services; Employment; Food/Housing/Shelter; Tax Organizations & Services; Utilities (includes phones); Mental Health.

When calling 2-1-1 you will need to enter your ZIP code and then will hear a menu of services. Be patient, please.

With COVID-19, lines are busy. You may be given options to waiting on the line.

COVID Saliva Tests Available

Minnesota is offering at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for any person with or without symptoms, at no cost.

When you take the test, you will log in to access the the Vault virtual waiting room and do a video visit with a Vault test supervisor. You will then send the test to the lab in Oakdale, MN, using the prepaid package. Once it arrives at the lab, you will get your results by email in 24 to 48 hours.

This saliva test is available at no cost for every Minnesotan.

Go to learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota/ or health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html to learn more

Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class program helps startup and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Class training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as: operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor.

Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services. Some examples of businesses started by people who have previously taken this course include graphics, landscaping, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture, art, custom floral design, and exterior and interior painting. The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class sizes are limited, so enroll now. Please call 651-379-8432 for a current application.

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds can help single folks, too.

Here is a list of agencies that help with deposit and/or rent assistance through FHPAP:

Neighborhood House: 651-789-2500
MN Community Care: 651-266-1290
American Indian Family Center:
651-793-3803

CLUES: 612-746-3550

YMCA: 763-493-3052

Face to Face: 651-224-9644

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999.

Call 811 Before You Dig: Before starting that roto-tiller or heaving that shovel into the ground for *anything*, call 811. At no charge, Xcel will have someone check the area on your property or on the boulevard to be sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day (allowing a couple days is helpful), marking the 'no-dig' area with painted lines...and everyone is safe!

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eligible to receive a box of nutritious food every month from Second Harvest.

This box is part of a program called NAPS, and we can help you apply!

Give us a call at 651-683-2326 and someone will assist you with your application.

Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people understand their Medicare options.

Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer to learn more.

Financial Assistance

Increased financial assistance is available for Ramsey County residents who lost income due to COVID-19 and need help paying for housing costs.

Residents may be eligible for Emergency Assistance that can help pay for past due rent/mortgage, a damage deposit, or prevent utilities including water, electricity, and heat from being disconnected.

Go to ramseycounty.us/EmergencyAssistance an application or call the Emergency Assistance hotline at 651-266-4884.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to smrls.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, immigration, and farm workers. Other: behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc.

If an interpreter is needed, SMRL will provide one.

Hours: **Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.**

Helpful Phone Numbers

Social Security Admin: 1-800-772-1213 — Service available from **7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** on business days. Call to provide notification of death or to inquire about survivor benefits.

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA): 1-800-827-1000 — Call for survivor benefits, burial benefits, or to provide notification of death.

United Way: 2-1-1 and Metro: 2-1-1 or 651-291-0211.

Free, confidential, multi-lingual information is offered 24 hours every day.

St. Paul Celebrated Joyce Maddox Day

Steve Trimble

Dayton's Bluff resident Joyce Maddox discovered that her husband, Larry Meuwissen, had secretly asked a group of neighbors to come to a gathering to celebrate her 80th birthday. There was a second surprise that revealed that St. Paul had declared August 5, 2021 was, and will be, Joyce Maddox Day. Jane Prince read the proclamation to onlookers.

Here is some of what it said: "Whereas, Joyce Maddox was appointed by Mayor George Latimer to the Saint Paul Planning Commission and concurrently to the Board of Zoning Appeals on January 27, 1987.

"Whereas, through reappointment by six subsequent mayors, she continued to perform public service to the City of Saint Paul and to her community over the course of nearly 34 years including 18 years as board chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and...

"Whereas, in addition to her service on the planning commission and board of zoning appeals, Joyce served on the Saint Paul Charter Commission, the Pastoral Council for Saint Stanislaus Church, as a board member and treasurer for the North East Neighborhood Development Corporation... and Whereas, her commitment to this work and steadfast dedication to public service provided wise and valued counsel in shaping the development of Saint Paul; therefore be it Resolved, the city extends its sincere gratitude to Joyce for her service and on the occasion of her 80th birthday, declares August 5, 2021 to be Joyce Maddox Day in the City of Saint Paul."



Jane Prince

Larry Meuwissen and Joyce Maddox pose for a photo on Joyce's 80th birthday and St. Paul's official Joyce Maddox Day that was celebrated on August 5.



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Kendall's Ace Hardware

Providing Friendly Service to the Community

Allison Lund-Zalewski

Kendall's Ace Hardware, located at 840 Payne Avenue in East St. Paul, provides full service to its community in a variety of areas such as fixing windows to helping find the right size bolt for your car.

Ashley Lloyd, the store manager, has been involved with the store since she was eight years old, selling suckers in front of her family's store on Dale and Como.

"I have slowly moved my way up learning more and more about the business. At first, I was not super interested in hardware and fixing things but when we opened the Payne Ave store in 2005 my dad told me I could bring my animals to work which changed the way I looked at this business," Ashley explained.

Ashley did rescue work for animals and proceeded to bring in two rescue cats who live at the store. The cats became a big part of the community with people coming in just to see the cats! Ashley would also bring their family dog to work, and she also became a huge part of the store and community.

"People love animals and have a warm-feeling atmosphere when being in the store with them. I then began to love helping people and sharing it with my love of animals," Ashley said.

The philosophy behind Kendall's Ace is to have the friendliest staff in their stores. Each worker has this mindset when they come in to work every day.

Ashley's biggest inspirations in her life are her pets and the love they share with her and the community. The satisfaction of helping someone else when they are having problems around their house is also a great feeling she has.

"We have such a great community, and they give and teach us just as much, if not more, than we help them. I believe we have a really good team here at the hardware store. We are like family and work hard at making this place a fun place to be at," Ashley stated.

Ashley and her team at Ace do friendly competitions with rewards for the winner. Every Wednesday, which is their order day, the staff will have lunch together. Having a cat and a dog in the store makes the team's day to day work enjoyable, as well.

If you have a question about home improvement or want to come by and say hello to the store cats, Stanley and Makita, and Cleo the dog, be sure to stop at Kendall's Ace Hardware.

You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes – send yours to:

daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com

Opinions expressed in contributed articles may not represent the views of the *Forum*.

Deadline for the November edition of the *Forum* is October 10, 2021.



Steve Trimble

Both pictures above show the Sacred Heart corn roast fiesta held on September 12.

Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Dayton's Bluff Library offers **Career Lab** hours Monday - Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. Career Labs provide services to residents as they seek employment, build career skills, and navigate career transitions. Career Labs offers access to computers, Wi-Fi, printers, and more as well as quiet spaces to job search, interview, work on your resume, and more. Reservations are recommended if one-to-one assistance is needed but walk-ins are welcome. To make a reservation, please visit sppl.libcal.com/reserve/dayton-s-bluff-career-lab or call 651-793-1699.

Dayton's Bluff Library's collection boasts many works of **local history**. Notable titles include a collection of the *Upper Swede Hollow News* from March 1989 through January 1999, *Walk on the East Side: Pictures and Stories from Residents of St. Paul's East Side* by Hans Mourtizen and Carol MacAllister, *Up & Down the Avenue: 100 Years of Change: A Collection of Oral Histories About Payne Avenue and Saint Paul's East Side* edited and published by the East Side Arts Council, *The Life of Swede Hollow: A Pictorial History* by Angela DuPaul, and *Open House: If These Walls Could Talk: an exhibit based on the people of 470/472 Hopkins Street, St. Paul, Minnesota*, a collection of oral history interview transcripts from the Minnesota Historical Society. Come on in and learn about our neighborhood!

Dayton's Bluff Library recently acquired some new **board games for teens** to play in the library! Come on in and play Sushi Go, Bears vs. Babies, Exploding Kittens, Here to Slay, New Phone, Who Dis? and more!

Dayton's Bluff Book Club is a great fit for folks who love reading a diversity of books by local authors and discussing them with a group of dedicated readers. The Dayton's Bluff Book Club is a collaboration of the Metropolitan State University Library and the Dayton's Bluff Branch of Saint Paul Public Library whose members live, work, or attend classes on the East Side. We prioritize our selection of titles to those written by Minnesota authors, that have a local setting, or that are written by people of color and other diverse authors. Book discussions usually include issues related to social justice, equity, and anti-racism. We encourage book club members to use both the university and public libraries in pursuit of lifelong learning and the joy of reading. Discussions are frequently facilitated by authors, Metropolitan State faculty, or other guests from the community. For more information on how to join, please visit guides.sppl.org/dbbook-club.

Dayton's Bluff Library Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The outdoor book drop is open all the time. Current hours are available online at sppl.org/locations/DB/ or call 651-793-1699.

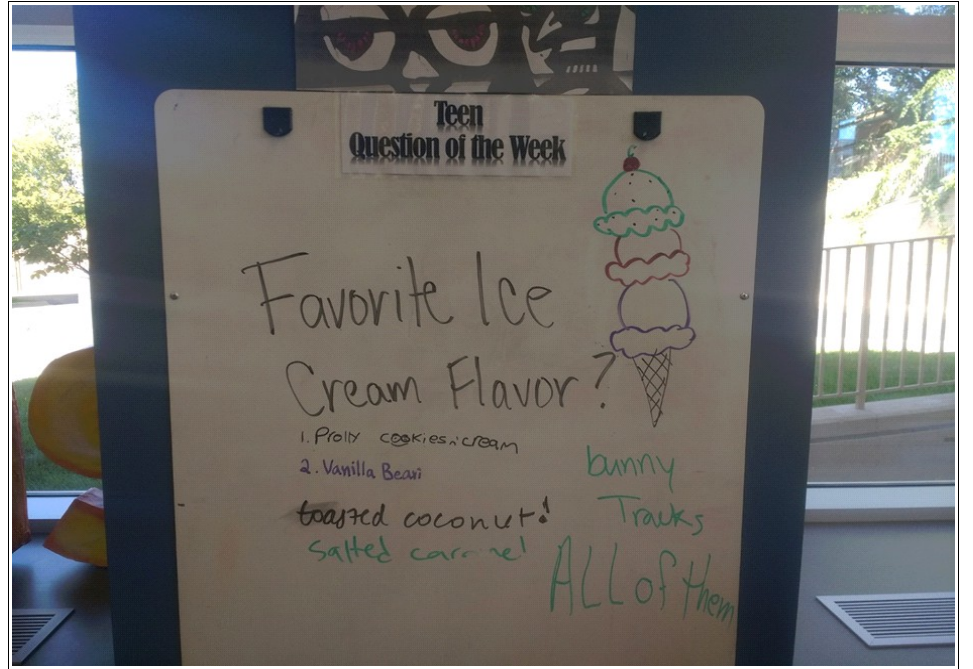


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Screen captures from Sheriff Bob Fletcher's Live on Patrol Facebook livestream

A vehicle was stolen in Woodbury on the night of September 10. In the early morning hours of September 11 during Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher's "Live on Patrol" Facebook livestream broadcast, Fletcher received a report that it was spotted in Dayton's Bluff. The good news: Fletcher and his ride-along partner Rev. Darryl Spence located the car at the intersection of 4th and Maria. The bad news: The vehicle had been crashed and set on fire and the driver/thief was gone.



Dayton's Bluff Library

Pictured above is one of the teen questions of the week found at the Dayton's Bluff Library.

St. Paul Farmers' Market Dates for October

St. Paul Farmers' Market

Our Farmers' Markets bridge the gap between local growers and the neighboring communities by providing access to healthy foods, and helping to sustain the lifestyle of small, independent farmers, local food makers, and their families.

The St. Paul Farmers' Market (SPFM) allows only fresh, locally grown produce to be sold, directly from the grower to the consumer, making it unique among

many farmers' markets. The baked goods, artisan foods, confections and other products offered are produced locally as well.

The Saint Paul Farmers' Market is an extremely popular attraction in downtown Saint Paul. Free street parking (on Sundays only) as well as paid parking locations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Street East location and see

The Saint Paul Farmers' Market is located at 290 5th Street East in downtown Saint Paul.

The SPFM will run every Saturday and Sunday in October. **Saturdays** are from **7 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and **Sundays** are from **8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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Swede Hollow, Then Up on the Street Part Two

Steve Trimble

This is an article that continues a look at a booklet that was written by Gentile Yarusso in 1968. Part 1 explained life in Swede Hollow where many Italians and others started out their lives in the United States. Now let's look at those who came to reside in the Railroad Island and Payne Avenue area, or "Up On The Street" as he called it. I am really editing the voices of someone else for length and making some comments so when they are exactly what Gentile penned, they will be inside quotation marks.

He starts out at Michael Yarusso's Bakery during the winters, run by his grandfather. "So I walked on remembering other days. On Fred Street, there was Lincoln School. The happy hours we children spent there! I can remember how we had to march the steps every day, Miss O'Toole playing the piano and we kids trying to keep in step with the music... We were scared of Miss Thuet, the school principal, yet we loved her. She did more for us Italians than any other public official."

Then there was the old playground on Brunson Street. "We called it the Brunson Speedway. It is a hill two blocks long, during the month of August... the annual Columbian Club little squirts chug derby was a about to be held... There was tension and courage on the part of small boys who would race down the hill in their homemade chugs, steering with the clothes-lines they had borrowed... A neighborhood band played at the ceremonies before the start. The parish priest would usually lead the one hundred boys up the course."

Across the street was Fatty Joe's old ice house and he sold to the people in the neighborhood and to various taverns. "Just west of the ice house was 464 Hopkins Street, my old home.... I had lived there many years. The fence around the garden plot had been torn down. The place where once the fruits and vegetables grew...The outside shed was gone, the shed with the oven where my mother

and her friends baked such wonderful loaves of bread. We kids would carry wood from the woodshed to the ovenshed and place them the brick oven."

Gentile wrote quite a bit on the Villano's garden where he sometimes stole a cucumber or tomato and it was frightening if they were caught. There were also local institutions recalled by Gentile. As he wrote: "Our little St. Ambrose Church held and sponsored at least six religious festivals of the church grounds every summer... We would dress in our Sunday best, all the girls in their white dresses carrying flowers... There would be a big parade... A religious statue was carried by six men. On it were ribbons to which money was pinned by people who stood on the route. Leading the parade was Father Pioletti accompanied by six or eight altar boys."

Yarusso then recollects his parents and how they enjoyed life especially after a hard day's work. "How they loved, too, to tell of their trip across the ocean to America. It was a journey they never forgot. And we children never tired of hearing of this experience. The trip had actually terrified our people. It took most over thirty days by boat... Water was unfit to drink, and the food was terrible.... What they talked about mostly was, not for food, but the hunger for opportunity."

Prohibition on Railroad Island meant little, since almost every family made their own wine.

Fathers traditionally had a little wine with dinner but mothers drank very little but might dip a piece of fresh bread into a glass of wine. "Every fall we children would go down to the cellar to watch my dad and his friends make the wine. In the early days they had no wine presses... Grapes would be placed in a large vat and my dad would soon be seen stamping them with his feet... smashing them to a pulp.... I remember how the juice squirted between his toes, warm and sticky like blood. My dad seemed so happy... refusing a glass of wine when offered by our people was an insult; it was a sign of disloyalty."

There were other excitements for young boys. "One of them was food! I don't care what street or alley I walked up or down, the fragrance of food was everywhere. I could tell just what every family was having for supper or dinner by merely walking near the home. In our neighborhood, wherever I might go, I always found warmth hospitality; no matter in whose home we were, there was always a welcome."



Minnesota Historical Society

The Fiesta of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is being celebrated at St. Ambrose Church



Minnesota Historical Society

Lincoln School near Burr Street.

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The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* staff is asking you to support our newspaper! Just a small donation can help us get our newspaper back to the printing press and mailed right to your door!

Your donation will go toward printing and mailing costs. We miss having our newspaper delivered right at your front door and displayed in the businesses on Seventh Street.

We are so close to meeting our goal and we know your donations would bring us one step closer to printing your favorite paper!

Saint Paul Bike Factory

Mandy Okonek

Our East Side neighbor David Blessing is a hard man to pin down because he's always on the move. I was able to catch him after bus driver school, where he is training for a side gig, for a quick chat before he went to work setting up his new business, The Saint Paul Bike Factory, for its grand opening celebration.

David's new full-service bike shop is located at 623 Watson Ave., in a large warehouse space along with several other local artisans also launching new ventures, including metal shop Helter Smelter, a perfectly named metal working studio.

David is excited for all the space he has which allows him to offer winter bike storage for customers with limited apartment space. David has a large stock of bike inventory available for purchase. However, his expertise lies in building customized bikes. He prides himself on his savviness in economy and can build the bike of one's dreams with recycled parts, saving the customer a lot of money.

David said in the 30 years he's been in the bike business, he is always asked the same question. What is the best bike for me? David likes to tell people that the bike they already own is the best one. He likes to start there; with the bike you already have, and then work to make it the perfect bike for you.

Saint Paul Bike Factory is open only by appointment now, as David begins his temporary job as a school bus driver. However, he is working towards opening up his shop with more regular hours very soon. He encourages customers who want a new build or winter tune-up to set up an appointment with him and drop off their bikes for the winter. More information about Saint Paul Bike Factory can be found on David's website, stpaulbikefactory.com.



Greg Cosimini

Some festive Halloween flamingos were seen feasting on some tulips in the neighborhood.

Dayton's Bluff at the State Fair

Amerigo Vespucci

Forum State Fair Reporter

It was risky going to the Minnesota State Fair this year. If COVID-19 didn't get you, a thunderstorm might hit you with a lightning bolt or drown you in a sudden down-pour. Nevertheless, I ventured out there to check for signs of Dayton's Bluff at the Great Minnesota Get Together.

First I checked the Creative Activities building where one of our neighbors sometimes enters the postcard competition. Sure enough, there wasn't one but two postcard frames from Greg Cosimini. Both of them were about dolls, of all things. It seems a Saint Paul woman named Edna Knowles King collected dolls in the 1930s. As a matter of fact, she collected thousands of dolls, wrote a book about them, published dozens of postcards of her dolls and even had a gigantic doll house built for them that measured 24' long by 10' wide by 6' high.

Cosimini's first postcard frame displayed 24 of Edna's doll postcards. The second one was about her doll house which eventually became known as the Lux Memory Doll House. It was displayed around the country and at our own State Fair in the 1940s and 50s.

It wasn't quite the same as Suni Lee winning gold, silver, and bronze Olympic medals and the tens of thousands of dollars that go along with them, but Cosimini did win purple sweepstakes, blue first place and red second place ribbons for his efforts and received a check for \$10. As is often said, it's all about the fame, not the fortune.

I then checked out other possible areas that could see a touch of Dayton's Bluff, but it wasn't looking good. I couldn't find any pies, cakes, pigs, chickens, or giant pumpkins from our neighborhood. But then I headed over to the Crop Art Show in the Agriculture-Horticulture building. There I spotted two versions of our beloved Hamm's Bear made of seeds. One had the Bear campaigning for Minnesota governor in 2022 and the other showed the Bear promoting biking in St. Paul. He may be gone, but he certainly isn't forgotten.

Both photos on the right provided by Amerigo Vespucci



October Events at Dayton's Bluff Library

October 2, 2-4 p.m.: FunLab: Felt Pencil Topper—Join us for a drop-in FunLab craft perfect for kids seven to 11 in age. We will be making felt monster pencil toppers out of felt material and other craft supplies. Make your monster as silly or creepy as you like!

October 6, 6-7:30 p.m.: Dayton's Bluff Book Club—Dayton's Bluff Book Club is a great fit for folks who love reading diverse books by local authors and discussing them with a group of dedicated readers. The October meeting will be held on Zoom. To join DBBC, please email daytonsbluffbookclub@gmail.com.

October 7, 14, 21, 28 10:30-11 a.m.: Family Storytime—Join us in the Children's Area of Dayton's Bluff Library for a lively storytime! We'll read stories, sing songs, learn rhymes, dance, and practice ASL together. Our storytimes are created to have a mix of developmentally appropriate books and activities for toddlers and preschool aged children, but older siblings will have a blast too! We encourage caregivers to participate fully and actively to make storytime fun and enjoyable for everyone.

October 12, 6:30-7:45 p.m.: Teens Know Best—Join Teens Know Best (TKB)! TKB is for teens, ages 12-18, who want to read and review YA books that aren't available to the public yet. YA publishers read TKB reviews and use them to influence the future of the publishing industry. We're a safe space to meet other teens from around the city who love books too.

For more information about these events, go to spl.org/ and search the calendar of events.



Mike Yungers

The picture above is Sunisa (Suni) Lee in the parade held in her honor on White Bear Ave. on Sunday August 6 after returning from the Tokyo Olympics. Left to right, Suni's mother, Suni, Suni's sister.

St. Paul and Maplewood Students Recognized on Dean's List and Honors List

The University of Wisconsin-Stout recognizes graduate Sam Blee from the St. Paul area. As well as students on the dean's list: Gabrielle Boyles, Matthew Dahlseide, Autumn Lamparty, Jessica Lundberg, Audrey Tchaa, Senior, and Natalie Watters.

The St. Cloud State University dean's list recognizes these students from Maplewood and St. Paul. Cuong Ha, Siong Moua, Yengkong Thao, Emilee Vang, James Vue, and Pin Yang.

Whitman College of Washington recognizes Samuel Dale-Gau with an academic distinction. This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls recognizes these St. Paul area graduates: Naomi Hudak, Allison Lackey, Meghan McCarthy, Hsa Ray, Madeline Ursino, Pachia Xiong, and Kia Yang.

The St. Cloud Technical & Community College dean's list recognizes Koau Her.

The Normandale Community College dean's list recognizes Nicholas Lambrecht, Andy Phan, Ashley Schueller, and Whitney Travisano.

The University of Minnesota, Duluth's dean's list recognizes these students: Emily R Schabert, Shamus T Boe, Athena R Bolton-Steiner, Alexander P Hickman, Paw Nay Hser, Yossef M Kassaw, Hannah M Latulippe, Aaron E Reiser, Jacob G Rohde, Bee Xiong, Sunshine Yang, Keshon L. Hughes, Ella King, Eh Eh Puang, Malee Vang, Vue Vang, Jessica Winters, and Khula Yang.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison dean's list recognizes Evan Hammond, Tieney Boler, Eleanor Jablonic, and Lorenzo Reyes.

The Iowa State University dean's list recognizes Austin K. Fall, Ava Simone Frase, Grace Dorothy Ledvina, and Samuel R. Rodriguez-Foster.

The Gustavus Adolphus College dean's list recognizes Brock Bertelsen, Matthew Venzke, Dang Her, Amaduwurie Jalloh, Veronica Kemna, Mula Lay, Pa Ying Lor, Tania Perez Barrios, Abegeya Tadesse, Titania Thao.

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota dean's list recognizes Vincent Hurley, Josephine Borchert, Corinna Hafner, Tzolquin Pinedo.

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities dean's list recognizes Gabriella Bjello, Michelle Bohnen, Sarah Ley, Sophia Poppert Alvarez, Joelle Safiya Poyatos, Jony Reynoso, Odell Sackie, Jatinder Singh, Luke Solheid, Matthew Solheid, Laura Kevin Vander Heyden, Lauren Venzke, and Savannah Witschen of Maplewood.

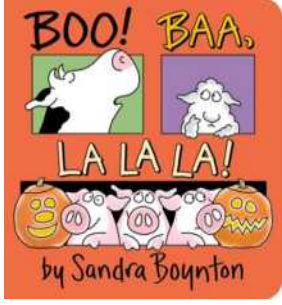
Rauf Abeidi, Evelyn Baxton, Thomas Boehlke, Elizabeth Brost, Yasmeen Caballero, Kyjuann Cager, Paola Casillas, Elizabeth Chaney, Mao Chang, Brady Chuhel, Margaret Cook, Margaret Engstrom, Rachel Forseen, Cora Gertjeanssen, Gao Shee Her, Kanyanee Her, Minnie Her, Maryn Hetzel, Shea Hinshon, Andrew Hoang, Celina Huerta, Linh Huynh, Mae Hyser, Fatuma Jama, Nicholas Johnson, Malik Khadar, Ayan Khalif, Maxwell Kuschel, Charles Lamont, Aliah Lopez, Adar Makhtal, Ellen Malmon-Andrews, George Masson, Samantha McKelvey, Benay McNamara, Tehamer Melaku, Matthew Mengistu, Elias Mohamed, Sumaya Mohamed, Emma Moore, Amber Nguyen, Lam Nguyen, Jackie Vang, Lucky Vang, Mai Yer Vang, PajFuabcha Vang, Patrick Vang, Pazau Vang, Pong Tay Vue, Yibeltal Wattero, Tsion, Cheemeng Xiong, Makaiya Xiong, See Xiong, and Vang Xiong of St. Paul.

Kids Corner

Vio Nikitina

Dayton's Bluff Library Children's Specialist

Boo! Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton



This cute boardbook is perfect for the littlest readers. On Halloween, she tries out a new word — “boo.” In response, someone answers, “baa!” Cow goes on a quest to figure out who called out to her in the night. You can have so much fun with the rhyme scheme in this story. The illustrations are fun too — little ones are sure to love it! (Ages 0-2)

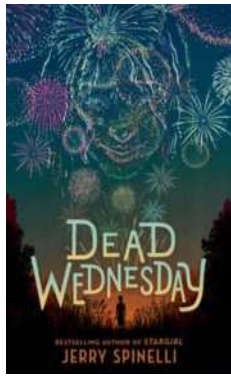
We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt by Goldie Hawk, illustrated by Angie Rozeelaar



We meet cats and bats and a host of other spooky surprises trying to find our pumpkin. Based on the rhyme scheme of “We're Going on a Bear Hunt” this brightly colored picture book is a fun adventure that features bold illus-

trations and bright-eyed creatures. (Ages 3-7)

Dead Wednesday by Jerry Spinelli



Every year on Dead Wednesday, Worm Tarnauer's school assigns each eighth grader the name and identity of a teenager who died in the past year. They wear black clothing and become “invisible.” The eighth graders think it's their chance to get away with what they want, but Worm doesn't count on Becca Finch, the teenager he's assigned, to get into his head. Lovers of paranormal stories and quirky, eccentric characters may enjoy this moving, thought-provoking book. (Grades 3-6)

Apocalypse Taco by Nathan Hale



Fast food becomes dangerous for three kids who are humanity's last hope of survival. This science fiction graphic novel features two 11-year-olds and their 16-year-old driver and is from the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series. (Grades 3-7)

Intertribal Mural Jam

Mandy Okonek

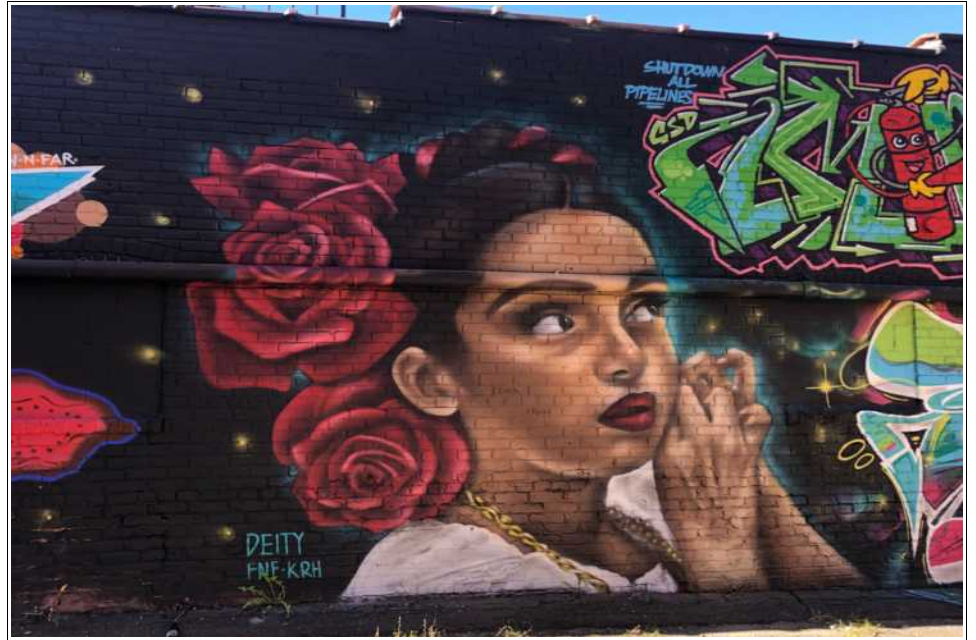
On Labor Day weekend, Indigenous Roots hosted their second annual Intertribal Mural Jam. A three-day event with a myriad of food trucks, DJs, and graffiti artists.

Five different artists hand selected by event curator, Thomasina Topbear, spent the weekend transforming the side of Cristy's Bridal into a collaborative mural. Cans of brightly colored spray paint were lined up on a table, and the alley bustled with artists and community members who were encouraged to come back each day to actively participate in the transformation of the black brick canvas.

Anyone who travels along East Seventh Street can view the larger-than-life murals brightly painted in the alleyways and across the walls of local businesses that showcase the vibrancy of Indigenous culture. Each mural, a marriage of art and activism, ties into the important cultural work of Indigenous Roots. Their mission to build, support, and cultivate opportunities for Native, Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples through cultural arts, which has turned East Seventh Street into an outdoor art gallery.

The mural painted during the Intertribal Mural Jam is available for public viewing at 794 E 7th Street. For more information about artist Thomasina Topbear, check out this interview in the most recent edition of *Minnesota Women's Press*: womenspress.com/city-mischief-murals-topbear-miskitoos/.

Photos below provided by Mandy Okonek.



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Some St. Paul Trivia

Submit your answers to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com to have a chance to see your name in the November issue!

There are three judges from Saint Paul who served on the U. S. Supreme Court. What are their names?

A Saint Paul drive-in opened in 1951 was famous for its spaghetti and meatballs, which became so popular that customers stocked up on the sauce when it closed for the winter. In 2013 it was named one of the country's twelve best drive-ins. What is its name and where is it?

What was Carol Kennicott, a main character at the start of Main Street by Sinclair Lewis

- A. A Saint Paul leader of the Minnesota Women's Party
- B. A Saint Paul librarian
- C. A Saint Paul settlement house worker
- D. A Saint Paul union activist

In 1937, what movie was a Black student group at University of Minnesota protesting against?

There are two streets in Saint Paul's Dayton's Bluff neighborhood named Maria and Bates. Why are these names there?

Recipe

Crazy Cake

Sage Holben

Bake: 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3 C. flour
- 2 C. sugar
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 2 tsp. Baking soda
- 1/2 C. cocoa powder
- 1/2 C. white vinegar
- 3/4 C. salad oil
- 2 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 C. lukewarm water

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together in one bowl, or in an ungreased 9" x 13" cake

pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

Easiest cake ever...and soooo moist. I like this because it happens to be non-dairy and too often I've run out of butter, eggs, or milk.

Once I make a recipe following given instructions, I like to play with the ingredients. With Crazy Cake, I often add any or all of the following: 1 C DARK chocolate chips or shaved chocolate, 1 C sour cream, and substitute 1 T almond extract for the 2 tsp. Vanilla.



If you'd like to submit your favorite recipe, please send it to: daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

East Side Eating Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton's Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town.

There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 60 may now be found online at daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

Cups & Cheers

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Weekends from 11:00 p.m. – midnight
Facebook: @CupsAndCheersStPaul

On my infrequent runs up White Bear Avenue, I hadn't noticed this restaurant until a year or so ago. It was not open during the COVID-19 quarantine, so I decided to see what Cups & Cheers was like. On their sign on the front, it was listed as the International Sports Bar. So, I decided to add it to the East Side Taste Trek. When I saw it in front of the strip mall it seemed to look small.

However, when I got inside it turned out to be quite large. There were around 20 tables that seat four. High ceiling and walls display various sports memorabilia. There is one huge television and several other smaller ones on the walls. There is a pull tab machine and a full bar at the east end of the room with its own seating. It was, as Hemingway once wrote, a clean and well-lit place.

There is a party room in the back and a very large annex on the east side that houses a series of small meeting rooms that are named after local high school teams including the Knights (Harding), the Governors, (Johnson) the Minutemen (Central) the Polars (North St. Paul) and a few others. They also have private karaoke rooms that can be reserved and

be used for small meetings as well. I was able to chat with my server for a bit. She is a relative of Nufue Chang, the Hmong owner of the establishment. If I remember, her name is Sarah Chang. She lived on the East Side and attended Harding High until moving to Blaine. She is taking college classes in the area of business. The family, she said, decided to offer a mixture of Hmong, Thai and Vietnamese foods. They do not take checks.

Appetizers are egg rolls, spring rolls, deep fried chicken wings, sweet and chili chicken feet, meat balls and others.

Entrees offer Pad Thai, pho noodle with bean sprouts egg, garlic green onions both mild, medium, and spicy, fried rice, deep fried pork belly Hmong sausage, pork belly laab, seafood salad, ta-Mee, a pho noodle papaya salad, pho-hoa-a Vietnamese bone marrow broth with brisket tendons, tripe, meat balls, green onions and basil, boat noodle with pho noodles, dark beef broth with meatball beef tendons, tripe shrimp and fried pork skin. Then there was Kapon, a curry noodle dish and vermicelli noodle soup with chicken that comes with entrees. Looking for seafood? There are three different tilapia dishes as well as steamed catfish or tuna laab, and there are two more expensive dishes — crab or lobster entrées.

There are a few sides like purple sticky or jasmine rice, fries, soybean milk drink, coconut drink, and hot tea and coffee. For dessert there is tri-color assorted tapioca pearls with coconut milk. It looks like some of the patrons might want pizza. Since they don't have ovens, the menu says there are several different Heggies Pizzas that are available.

I decided to order my usual go-to meal of Pad Thai. But what to drink? The menu listed Coke beverages, lemonade, coconut juice, and soybean. I was going to have a coconut milk that was one of a few drinks available, but I realized there were liquors even though they were not mentioned on the menu. I should have known since they have a bar area at the back. But there was a little stand-up card labeled Speciality Drink Menu on my table that suggested drinks. Here are some of them: The Cup & Cheers Long Island Iced Tea with Captain Morgan Rum, Bloody Mary, Margaritas, and a couple more classic choices. I was hoping to find an Asian beer but settled for a Corona to complete my meal.

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