Census shows big changes for Dayton’s Bluff
by Carla Richle Forum staff

According to newly-released data, Dayton’s Bluff is becoming a far more diverse place to live, a trend that has continued over the last 20 years.

Dayton’s Bluff residents have also become a little poorer in the last ten years. In 2009 dollars, median household income went from $44,374 in 1999 to $41,864 in the 2005-2009 period. The median income went from $44,374 in 1999 to $41,864 in the 2005-2009 period. The

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council encourages every-thing into one common vision for Dayton’s Bluff. When we join all the ideas, energy and opportunities into one common purpose, the results will be far greater than the sum of the individual efforts. Let’s pull together and focus the energy. For example, what if this community newspaper became the communication center for all the coordinated work happening in Dayton’s Bluff? Or what if the tremendous aca-demic resources of MSU were harnessed to help apply for funding of an array of united projects? Businesses and organizations that want to maintain or create a presence here will help drive new building and renovation ef-forts. We can focus strategically on bringing as many resources to our community as possible, building momentum and a true sense of possibility realized.

I want to hear from any of you who are working toward a goal that will benefit the whole community. Call me at 651-331-0914 or email dean@daytonsbluff.org if you want to be part of the movement to Make it Happen.

WANTED: DIVERSITY
Council vacancy offers challenge, opportunity

There is a currently a vacancy on the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council in sub-district A (check out the map of sub-districts at www.daytonsbluff.org to see which sub-district you live in). The current members of the board have the power to appoint a resident of that sub-district to fill out the remainder of that term. As Executive Director of the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, I’ve spent a number of months listen-

ing and observing the many positive features of this community. First and foremost is the friendliness and upbeat attitude of the residents and business owners. There is an extraordinary will-
ingness to participate in and support community improvement efforts. We have access to remarkable public green spaces in Swede Hollow Park, Bruce Vento Trail and Indian Mounds Park. The Community Design Center brings fresh food grown by young leaders from the community, Metropolitan State University brings resources through community partnerships, and the Community Council actively pro-motes community betterment through volunteer leadership. A large group of residents are working to bring a food co-op to Dayton’s Bluff and others worked with the city to create a detailed plan for community revitalization as well as the many more things each council member could name when asked about Dayton’s Bluff.

Dayton’s Bluff “my neighborhood,” can we find the bonds that unite us? Many believe the future economic and social vitality of any community de-pends on the ability of its people to work together in cooperative spirit and with common purpose.

As Executive Director of the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, I am making a call to cooperative action. Let’s harness the energy of this extraordinary community and attract the resources we need to move forward on our vision for Dayton’s Bluff.

Dayton’s Bluff currently have only three board members who are people of color and we have no representation from the African American or Hmong communities, two of the largest eth-nic groups in Dayton’s Bluff.

But diversity does not just mean race. Dayton’s Bluff also has a great deal of rental property. We have only two board members who are not homeowners. With a com-munity of renters, it is vitally important that those interests are represented on the board. We also need the voices of business owners in our commu-nity. Without the voice of business owners we may not have the adequate information to know what busi-
nesses need to thrive in our community.

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council encourages everyone from any background who resides in sub-district A to apply for the vacancy in the board. We are inviting the in-
terested individuals to our board meeting on Monday, December 5 to discuss with us why they are ready to serve on the board. We will then decide whether to fill the va-
cancy. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075.
Weekly Senior Cards – Seniors get together on Fridays from 12:00 - 4:00 pm to play 500. All are welcome.

Parent and Tot Gym Play time: Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Dayton’s Bluff Theater is offering a FREE family entertainment events on Friday, December 16.

Open gym for teens is on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 pm and for 8th grade and younger on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Free Zumba class on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm at Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center dance room. Call 651-793-3885 for more information.

Free Arts holds a Teen Art Class on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Come one, come all and join us in doing fun projects.

Eastside Kidventure is a free program for youth K-6th grade who live or attend school on the East Side of St. Paul. Register by calling 651-487-7383. This program runs 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, December 27-30 at Dayton’s Bluff Recreation center.

Dayton’s Bluff fitness center is now open Monday through Thursday from 3:00-8:00 pm and Friday from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Fitness memberships are $30 per year or $3 per day; use them at rec centers throughout St. Paul.
Successful Community Dinner Oct. 17

The evening started off with great concert from the Wellstone Children drumming group playing the pail drums. Dinner was catered by the Dari-ette, and more delicious food was donated by the New French Bread Bakery, Bars Bakery and El Guanaco Bakery.

Mount Carmel and the transfer of its functions in the neighborhood. The Roger Tetu Award will be given each year to residents who work hard at making Dayton's Bluff a better place to live.

Next, very nice spoken-word performances were given by community activists Tou SaiKo Lee and Chilli Lor. Then Dayton's Bluff resident Sherry Johnson introduced the Dayton's Bluff Community Asset Network (CAN)—connecting people with similar gifts and mobilizing that power of connection.

Following that, the annual State of Dayton's Bluff address was given by Kathy Lantry.

Deanna Foster, the Dayton's Bluff Executive Director, described the new “Make It Happen on East 7th Street” project. Then, election results were announced. Sage Holben won an at-large seat; District A: Stefan Pomrenke, District B: Angela DuPaul and District D: Alex Bajwa and Deborah Martin.

By Cassandra Moe

During the November 6 worship service, members of Mount Carmel Lutheran Church passed its Paschal Candle to Saint Ourael's Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and First Lutheran passed its candle to Shobi's Table. The Paschal Candle, or “Easter Candle,” is a symbol of faith and community that is usually placed in a prominent spot on the altar during worship throughout the liturgical seasons. The passing of the Paschal Candles was symbolic of several significant events in the Eastside community: the dissolution of Mount Carmel and the transfer of its ministry to First Lutheran; the relationship between Mount Carmel and Saint Ourael's; and the beginning of the new ministry of Shobi’s Table.

Mount Carmel began in 1924 as a mission congregation of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran, St. Paul. It was located at Earl Street and Geranium Avenue. In 2008, Mount Carmel sold its building to St. Ourael's. St. Ourael's dedicated its ministry at the Earl Street location in May 2009 after worshipping in a number of locations while searching for a permanent location for four years. The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church is one of the oldest Christian Churches in the world. “It was hard to see [the building on Earl Street] sold,” said long-time Mount Carmel member Marie Lorensen. “But if it had to be, it is great to see it go to St. Ourael’s. They have visibility in the neighborhood. They care for the community.” Mount Carmel will officially dissolve on December 31.

The November 6 service also marked the beginning of another ministry. Mark Kopka was ordained and installed as the pastor of a new mission called Shobi’s Table. Shobi’s Table developed from the Love Grows Here Wellness Center ministry at First Lutheran. The Wellness Center Ministry provides a variety of services to the Eastside community, including the Community Meal, Second Harvest Heartland, Metropolitan State University Nursing Practicum health care services (such as foot care and blood pressure checks), human services (such as walk-in counseling and resume building), holistic health care (chiropractic, acupuncture, Spring Forest Qigong, and Reiki healing), Ministering Angels (clothing and household goods), and transportation services.

Eileen Tetu accepts an award from the St. Paul Fire Department on behalf of her late husband, Roger Tetu, who often picked up trash from streets and parks.
St. John’s observes 125th anniversary
by Greg Cosimini
Forum staff

St. John’s Catholic Church began its 125th anniversary observance on October 22 with a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. A nearly full church watched as the Knights of Columbus Honor Court, led by Bishop Nienstedt, Pastor George Welzbacher, and Deacon Ron Smisek up to the altar. St. John’s choir, directed by Stephen Schmull, provided music for the High Mass. Charlotte Lawson accompanied the choir on organ. The music had aGermanflair. Major portions of the liturgy were from Franz Schubert’s, with additional music by Ludwig von Beethoven, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn.

Archbishop Nienstedt’s homily focused on the 125-year history of St. John’s in the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood. He congratulated the parish for the many priests, nuns, brothers and deacons it had produced over the years and wished the congregation well as it moves forward with its merger with St. Pascal’s.

The Mass was followed by a potluck supper in the church hall. Tables of food and desserts guaranteed that everyone was well fed. A history display showing all of St. John’s pastors since 1886 and the original and current church and school buildings gave people plenty to talk about. Obviously no one was around from the earliest days of the parish but there were those who remembered as far back as the 1930s. Stories concerning one of St. John’s most colorful pastors, Father Edward deCourcy, were particularly popular.

A booklet detailing the history of the parish and a pen with a color photo of the church sanctuary as it appeared in 1960 were produced to commemorate St. John’s 125th anniversary and sold as a fundraiser. There are still a limited number of each available. To purchase either item call Carol at 651-771-3690. The history booklets are $8 each and the pens are $3 each or two for $5. They would make great Christmas gifts for former members of St. John’s or for history buffs in general.

Besides the anniversary celebration St. John’s held a few other events in October. There were multiple fundraisers/gatherings on the weekend of October 15 and 16 that included a bake sale, a boutique and a pancake breakfast sponsored by VFW Post 1171. Then on Sunday, October 30, a going away party was thrown for Mary Smisek who had spent 35 years in time and talent with St. John’s for many years as co-music director with her husband Deacon Ron Smisek.

But along with all the celebrations in October came some sad news. An appeal, made by several parishioners to the Vatican in Rome to keep St. John’s open, was denied. As things now stand, St. John’s will cease to exist no later than July 1, 2013 when it merges with St. Pascal’s.

Meanwhile St. John’s is continuing to look for photos, memorabilia, stories, facts or anecdotes concerning St. John’s Church and School in order to put together a definitive history of the parish before it closes. Information concerning the period of 1940 through 1970 is especially needed. If you have anything you would like to share, please contact St. John’s at 651-771-3690 or stjtjats@stjp.org. All photos will be carefully handled, copied and returned to the owners.

Please visit www.stjp.org to learn more about St. John’s and its history.

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For more information, please visit www.thegatewaycorridor.com.

Gateway Corridor transit study adjusts station locations based on community input
submitted by the Gateway Corridor Commission

Over the past few months, the Gateway Corridor study team has been busy meeting with community groups and business leaders in the Dayton’s Bluff area, including the East Side Business Association and District Community Councils, to obtain input on the eight transit options currently being studied.

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Midwest Karate – E/B Productions – Active by Anita
Eastside Entrepreneurs: Joel Ertl and Anita Bendickson

Dayton’s Bluff is home to Midwest Karate, one of the most successful karate schools in the United States. The school is a traditional Shotokan Karate dojo recognized by the Japan Karate Association and was started as a branch of the Midwest Karate Association of Minneapolis in 1975. Since 1979, husband and wife Joel Ertl and Anita Bendickson have been teaching on East 7th Street. Sensei Ertl is a 6th degree black belt, and Sensei Bendickson is a 5th degree black belt, some of the highest-ranking black belts in this style.

Anita and Joel have other businesses that complement the karate school. Their video production company, E/B Productions, creates karate instructional DVD that are sold all over the world. Anita teaches self defense at the University of Minnesota and Macalester College, and well as many area community groups and corporations.

For the past several years, Anita has also been teaching yoga classes at Midwest Karate. On top of that, Anita does custom sewing with her business, Active by Anita. She makes karate gi (uniforms), yoga apparel, eye pillows, and bags of all sorts.

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Photos courtesy of Cassandra Moe.
Meet the police
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The next monthly meeting is on Wednesday, December 14, starting at 6:30 pm. For more information, email SwedeHollow@gmail.com or call 651-776-0550.

Dayton’s Bluff beat phone
The Dayton’s Bluff Police beat phone, 651-341-7637, is available for residents’ calls.

Four officers in two police cars carry the phone from 6:00 pm - 9:00 am each day.

What kind of calls should go to the beat phone? You may call about ongoing problems in the neighborhood; concerns about people in vacant buildings; noise and improper behavior; criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other issues, concerns or good things going on in the Bluff.

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Meetings started in December of 2005. Each month, neighbors and block club members come and meet with Code Inspectors and police to help deal with neighborhood issues.

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Whoops!
Last month in our November issue, several readers noticed the typo in Steve’s page 6 story about St. John’s hospital. They should have read “1985.” Thank you for reading!

Sage Holben’s page 3 article about the shooting at 4th and Bates contained an incorrect date. The shooting occurred on October 26. The Forum regrets the errors.

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Donations are a tax-deductible way to help Dayton’s Bluff become a better place to live.

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The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour and the Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour will take place on the first Saturday and Sunday in April, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2012. This home tour is of occupied homes to show visitors what it is like to live in Dayton’s Bluff.

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The St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll, started in the 1980s, consists of St. Paul residents who have done outstanding service in their neighborhoods over a long period of time.

Every year, each of the 17 community councils may add three names to the honor roll. The St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll is located in the hallway on the third floor of City Hall. Past honorees have contributed a variety of services and include community, church and school volunteers, block club leaders and residents of projects like buckthorn removal or community events.

Last year the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council added Ali Artoli, John Barbee, and Mike Voss for their years of service in the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood.

The council is looking for three people in Dayton’s Bluff to add to the honor roll this year. If you know of someone who has done an outstanding job of volunteer work in our neighborhood, email karin@Daytons bluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

WANTED: Forum Board Members/Treasurer
The Forum is looking for fresh faces for our board. Attend one meeting and see if you like what we do. We need about 12 people to serve.

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The Forum runs on a shoestring budget, but we’d be delighted if you included us in your year-end monetary contributions. If you value this community resource, consider donating a few dollars. Call 651-772-2075 for more information. And thank you!

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Welcome New Neighbors” Meeting
If you have a new neighbor – or if you are a newer Dayton’s Bluff resident – you are invited to come to the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council meeting room at 798 East 7th Street on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm. Come and meet other Dayton’s Bluff residents and learn more about Dayton’s Bluff and the opportunities here. This is one of the ways we welcome new neighbors to Dayton’s Bluff. Long-term and short-time residents are welcome to come and help welcome our new residents.

When people are new in a community, they wonder where things like the nearest YMCA, recreation centers, schools, restaurants, or parks and trails can be found. The New Neighbor Welcome is also an opportunity to learn a little Dayton’s Bluff history. Light refreshments will be served.

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Two old neighborhood schools remembered

by Steve Trimble

For this month’s article, I decided to try to combine three of my passions (well, maybe “interests” is a better and less dramatic word): local history, eBay, and Google. I recently made two online purchases: photographs of Mound Park and Sibley School, both located in the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood.

What I bought are called “real photo postcards” (RPPC). As opposed to printed postcards, these were made in small numbers, by a house’s owners, or in this case for people who might have been involved with certain schools.

One of the reasons I wanted to do some history of these two schools is that little has been written about them. Van Buren School, also in Dayton’s Bluff, has been featured in several articles. It turned out to be fairly difficult to find information. So what you will read here is just a beginning.

Sibley School

Sibley School, which no longer exists, was the older of the two. It was built in 1884 at 583 Frank Street and was originally a two-story structure with eight rooms. It was later added to, to hold 600 students. Most of the information found was in the searchable files of the St. Paul Globe and tended to be short snippets describing social and educational events of the schools.

Although limited in scope, they did provide some sense of what the schools were like between 1880 and 1920. In 1902, for instance, the newspaper wrote that “memorial services appropriate for Decoration Day were held in the Sibley School.” A musical and literary program was given by the children and “addresses were made by the members of the G.A.R. and a recitation by Miss Margaret Lennon.”

Some of the special events, according to an 1899 article, was “Arbor and Bird Day.” Sibley School celebrated inside: “each room carried out a programme of music, concluded by a talk by the teacher upon birds and trees.” The kindergarteners and primary children planted two elms. Inserting a little patriotism to the day, Miss Martin gave “an interesting talk on the sentiments of the day, told the children the story of Dewey and his wonderful victory at Manila.” The United States had recently been involved in the Spanish American War and George Dewey was the naval commander who won an impressive victory over the enemy fleet in the Philippines. Another 1899 issue of the Globe had the headline “Magnificent Memorial Day exercises at the Sibley School.” It read: “The charming little ones did their parts well and the school and patrons present were honored by the presence of four orators.” The speakers included the state chemist, an attorney, a veteran and a pastor from the East Presbyterian Church.

Sometimes the school went outside academics to teach civic duty. In 1899, Sibley students were the first in the city to have a benefit for cyclone sufferers in New Richmond. Besides songs by the sixth through eighth grades, a “Mother Goose” play was given. “The church was well filled,” the Globe reported, “and a neat little sum was netted for the cyclone sufferers.”

Sibley students still had occasional duties even after the summer vacation began. The June 18, 1889 edition of the Globe mentioned the formation of a “Tidy League” that had been established. One person from each room was selected and might be called during the vacation “at any time within the summer when Mrs. Bergmeier may think she needs the help they will be able to give.”

The paper also revealed that there was an active Sibley Mother’s Club and gave brief notices that give an idea of their interests. At its 1899 annual meeting, about 70 women attended a talk by a member of the Dayton’s Bluff Women’s Civic League. There was a musical and literary program and refreshments were served.

Naturally, many of the club discussions dealt with children and family issues. At one of the meetings, two women read papers on “child discipline” and another time “demonstrations in soups” were given by several members. Other issues were broader, such as the one on “temperance and social purity.”

One of the unexpected finds in a 1902 issue of the Globe had to do with the St. Paul Kindergarten history. It had been considered “a fad” but was now accepted and there were 27 classes, when 11 years before there had only been one. The surprise is that it all started in a small room in the Sibley School.

At the time, the paper said, “many people sniffed whenever it was mentioned.” After a year’s trial, however, Mound Park School — yes, “Mound” (not the plural) was used. You can check it out on the front of the structure that still stands at the corner of Cypress and Pacific. It was designed by the well-known architectural firm of Buechner and Jacobson and built in 1902 out of Twin City red brick with trimmings of Kettle River stone. Its initial eight rooms had low-pressure steam heating on the gravity plan.

Unfortunately, there is not as much information as there seems to be for Sibley. Mound Park was built quite a bit later, and the files of the Globe only go into the early 1900s. There was some cursory information that gives some idea of the early days of the school.

The building was designed with a capacity of 450 students. According to a September 1902 article in the Globe, 348 students showed up the day the doors opened, and many more were admitted in the following days.

Within a few years the school was using parts of the basement for school purposes and two rooms were on half-day sessions. A school board committee was “of the opinion that additional sittings are required for this school and we recommend the purchase of four additional lots adjacent to the present school.” In 1910 there was finally an addition built on Mound Park School.

There were no reports in the newspaper of what happened in the classroom or parents’ clubs. The only mention I could find on curriculum was an article on increasing efforts to include “industrial work” in St. Paul schools. A September 1902 Globe reported that six of the eight rooms in the new Mound Park School would have some new offerings, including wood work, sewing and cooking.

While the Sibley School building has disappeared, the Mound Park Elementary School building still stands, now comprised of housing units. Sibley was merged with Deane School — another story — and they became Parkview. Van Buren and Van Buren were paired together and became Dayton’s Bluff Elementary. I’m sure there are readers who have additional information, photos, or memories of the two subjects of this article. Please contact the Forum if you can add to our local historical knowledge.
Upcoming events at Mounds Theatre
by Raeann Ruth

“God bless us, everyone!”

“A Christmas Carol,” performed as a radio broadcast, will be performed live on stage at the historic Mounds Theatre this December 2nd through the 18th.

Back before television, a holiday season tradition in America was listening to “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens as performed on the radio by Lionel Barrymore and narrated by Orson Welles. Originally aired live on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1939, this radio broadcast has lived in the memories of those that heard it for a lifetime. If you want to recapture those magical days of your childhood Christmas, or have never heard it, but want to experience the magic of live radio theatre and create new memories for you and your family, “A Christmas Carol” radio broadcast will become a treasured part of your holiday enjoyment for years to come.

DATES AND TIMES:
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Visit our website at www.moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets.

Ye Olde Holiday Music Concert

Come join the Elizabethan Syngers at the Mounds Theatre on Tuesday December 13 for a night of holiday music featuring well-known carols, wassail songs, and instrumental performances. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 dollars, children 5 and under are free.

The Elizabethan Syngers are celebrating their 40th season of “Preserving, Promoting, and Performing Music of and Inspired by the Renaissance.”
For more information visit www.moundstheatre.org or www.elizabethansyngers.com.

Merrick food shelf moves down the block

In October, Merrick Community Services moved its food shelf from 1053 Hudson Road to the Holden Building at 1075 Hudson. The new location has much more room and will allow Merrick to offer more services and greater food options.

The art deco style Holden Building, owned by Roger Holden since 1975, is now also home to Arlene’s Hair Fashions in the basement and has two offices available for rent. Interested parties may call 651-247-9724 for more information.

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Learn about your neighbors; attend the Bridging Cultural Understanding series at Metro State

This school year, Metropolitan State University is presenting a series of introductions to various cultural communities. Each session will cover a brief history of that month’s selected culture, as well as information about traditions, names, identity, communication, family structures, belief systems, and health.

The Hmong, Latino, and American Indian cultures have already been featured. On February 8, learn about the Somali culture. Upcoming events in the series include:

March 28: Karen Community
April 11: LGBTQ Community

These events are free and open to the public; light refreshments or dessert will be provided. No RSVP required. Contact 651-793-1542 for questions or details. This event is sponsored by the Asian and Asian American Student Services, Diversity Learning Task Force and, in part, by student activity fees.

Crime prevention tips
by Karin DuPaul

Over the last few months, there has been an increase in “shots fired” calls to the police in the Eastern District. When the police come to investigate, sometimes they find bullet casings and other times there is no evidence found. The callers can help by providing the police with as much information as possible. The more information you can give the police, the better. If you see people, let the police know how many, their descriptions, which way they went, the address of the house that may be the problem, and so on. In talking with neighbors, police often find that some of these booming noises are fireworks. Remember that all fireworks that boom are illegal in Minnesota.

Burglaries are another crime that had been on an increase until a couple of people were arrested. Here are some helpful hints that may help keep burglars away:

1. Keep your doors locked when you are inside or outside of your home – even if you are just in your yard.
2. Keep your valuables out of sight from doors and windows. In the evening, leave a light on when you are out. Report strangers hanging around your area. Keep your car locked at all times and do not leave valuables in plain sight. For more information about crime and crime prevention, email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin 651-772-2075.