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## Art in the Hollow



Local artists delight in sharing their talents at Art in the Hollow.

## Swede Hollow Community Fair

*Free Event Saturday, June 4, 2011, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm*

The Second Annual Art in the Hollow will feature a wide variety of artists displaying their talents, live entertainment, and art work for sale. Some of the entertainers include bluegrass band May North, Queen Nyagingai, Hmong Dancers, and Murph Dawkins singing in the tunnel. Former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's Brewery employees will be on hand to share stories of the good old days. All are welcome.

Come and explore historic Swede Hollow Park, named "Best Urban Hike" by *City Pages 2010*, while admiring and supporting local artists.

Art in the Hollow is presented by Friends of Swede Hollow and made possible in part by funds provided by Metropolitan Regional Arts Council with the support of State Supply Company, University Bank, Gregg's Auto Body, Metro Liquor Warehouse, Minnesota Music Café, Morelli's Market, Mueller Memorial, Dayton's Bluff Community Council, and individual donors.

For more information, please email Karin@ArtintheHollow.org or call 651-772-2075.

## Getting dirty for Jesus

### 1 By Youth™ helps out in Dayton's Bluff

On April 30, over 350 young people from all over the Midwest came to Dayton's Bluff to work on an array of projects. They picked up trash, did landscaping and built boulevard gardens, raked yards, and placed large flower pots in front of businesses – just to name some of their projects.

Despite the rain and cold, most of the projects were completed, except for the exterior painting. A group from Ladysmith, Wisconsin worked on the boulevard project in the Wilson Avenue Block Club area to help beautify the streetscape. They dug out the sod for the homeowner to use elsewhere in their yard. Next they loosened the soil so it was ready for the homeowner to plant. The planting will happen in late May.

1 By Youth™ is part of Group Cares™ (previously known as Group Workcamps Foundation), a nonprofit

501(c)(3) organization that provides dynamic short-term mission trips and service events that help children, youth, and adults connect to Jesus while serving people in Christ's name. Group Cares trips and events are interdenominational, focusing on the core Christian beliefs that bring the Christian church together.

Since 1977, nearly a quarter of a million participants have grown in their relationship with Christ while providing more than six million hours of volunteer service directly to people



in communities.

Thank you to the 1 By Youth™ Program for all the work they completed, and a special thanks to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for hosting the visitors. Finally, a big thank you to all the residents and people in Dayton's Bluff who helped make this project a success.

## Battle Creek 12U girls state volleyball champs



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Battle Creek Recreation Center twelve-and-under girls' volleyball team won Best in the State at the state tournament in Becker, Minnesota on May 7.

Amy Koalska, pictured at left, is the granddaughter of Dayton's Bluff resident Luella Heroff. A trophy was created by Dayton's Bluff resident Paul Garding and presented to Amy at a morning gathering at Swede Hollow Café on May 11.

Amy lives in Oakdale and attends St. Pascal's School. A number of her schoolmates are also on the team, which is also coached by a St. Pascal's teacher.

# Dayton's Bluff Rec Center

## 800 Conway Street 651-793-3885

### **East Side KidVenture SUMMER CAMPS**

This program is for youth who live or attend school on the East Side and are in grades 1-5. The East Side Arts Council, Community Education, Parks and Rec-reation and other community partners collaborate to provide a free 6 week camp program. Camps run Monday-Friday from 10:30am-4:30pm June 20-August 12. Register at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center or by calling Community Education at 651-487-7383.

### **Groups: G.I.R.L. (Girls in Real Life)**

Girls will meet and discuss issues that are relevant to them, share common concerns and issues. Girls will learn they are not alone and they can empower each other by sharing experiences, goals, hopes and dreams.

Day: Thursday Starts: June 23 Time: 6:00-7:30 pm  
Fee: Free Ages: 10-16 Sessions: 9

**Dayton's Bluff: 651-793-3885**

### **8th Annual Rockin' Eastside 5k Run / Walk at Lake Phalen**

This event is open to runners and walkers of all abilities. All participants will receive a custom T-shirt, plus trophies will be awarded to the top two men and women in each age group and to the overall men's and women's winners. Door prize drawings will be held after the race. For more information please call Phalen Recreation Center at 651-793-6600.

Date: Sunday, July 26 Time: 8:30am  
Fee: \$20 by 7/9/10, \$25 day of race Ages: All  
Youth 1k Fun Run:

Day: Sunday, July 26 Time: 9:30am  
Fee: \$15 by 7/9/10, \$20 day of race Ages: 3-18

### **ARTMOBILE**

#### **Hosted by: East Side Arts Council**

FREE art classes, rain or shine, at centers all over the East Side of St. Paul. Spend a few hours with a local artist and leave with your very own work of art! All ages welcome. No registration required. For more information, contact Libby Tschida at 651-774-5422.

[www.eastsidearts council.org](http://www.eastsidearts council.org)

#### **2011 Schedule**

##### **SESSION I: July 5-22, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Mon: Wilder Recreation Center**  
**Tue: Hazel Park Recreation Center**  
**Wed: Phalen Recreation Center**  
**Thur: Hayden Heights Recreation Center**  
**Fri: Hmong YES/Margaret Recreation Center**

##### **SESSION II: July 26-August 19, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Mon: Conway Recreation Center**  
**Tue: Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center**  
**Wed: Ames Lake Community Center**  
**Thur: Duluth and Case Recreation Center**  
**Fri: Battle Creek Recreation Center**



Multiple generations work together on a craft during the 2010 National Night Out on Dayton's Bluff.

### **Dayton's Bluff 2011 Home Tour a success**

Despite the rainy and cold weather, hundreds of people toured eight homes in Dayton's Bluff on April 30.

Visitors included Dayton's Bluff residents, as well as people from all over the Metro.

Eagan resident Sandy Scott attended the Dayton's Bluff Take-A-Hike in May, and says that she attends the Dayton's Bluff Home Tour every year to see the wonderful homes. Another group from the western suburbs echoed Scott's sentiment.

The tour featured a variety of house sizes and styles. Visitors admired beautiful wood-work, built-in side-boards, and leaded glass, among other period features.

Some of the homes had as many as 600 visitors during the tour. Thirty-six volunteers made the tour

run smoothly; special thanks goes out to those volunteers who return to give their time every year.

Planning for the 2012 Home Tour has already begun.



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## **National Night Out Kickoff Picnic**

*Start planning your block's August 2 event now!*

The citywide National Night Out Kickoff Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Phalen Park Picnic Pavilion from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. St. Paul residents are welcome to come and get information on the National Night Out planning process.

The information available includes: permits to close streets off; registration forms; and how to request police and/or fire department personnel to attend National Night Out in your neighborhood. National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 2 this year. Some neighbors celebrate with a cookout in

a neighbor's yard; others have a large party in the street with a band. In some areas, National Night Out is the only time neighbors see each other.

The National Night Out Kickoff Picnic features hot dogs, chips, cookies, and beverages – all free while supplies last! You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner for yourself if you prefer.

Register for door prizes at the picnic. The door prize drawing will take place during the picnic, and all winners must be present at time of drawing.

## Metropolitan State facilities available to community

by Harvey Meyer

For some East Side groups and individuals, Metropolitan State University is a hidden jewel when it comes to community meetings and gatherings. Rental space at the university is convenient and affordable.

"We had a very good experience" renting a university facility, said Debbie Norton, executive director of the 35-member East Side Area Business Association. The association is one of dozens of persons and groups who annually lease space at the university's Saint Paul campus.

A wide range of businesses, nonprofits, individuals and private parties rent Metropolitan State facilities for everything from meetings, workshops and conferences to weddings, proms and birthday parties. A church even holds weekly services at the university.

"We've also had *quinceañeras*," coming-of-age celebrations for many young Hispanic girls, said Diane Kromer, Metropolitan State's special events scheduler. "They are festive occasions that we've been happy to accommodate."

The university's space needs come first. But if there are facilities available, Kromer said Metropolitan State welcomes community groups and individuals. She noted that the university has a long-established commitment to serve the community.

Kromer said the many public and private events help expand the university's visibility on the East Side. She observed that a number of such events bring youth to the Saint Paul campus, exposing them to higher education.

"We're not an event center," said Kromer. "But we are here and willing and glad to help with the limited resources and staff that we have."

The largest rental space available on campus is the 317-seat Founders Hall Auditorium. The second largest facility is the 156-seat Great Hall in New Main, which offers 30-foot floor-to-ceiling windows and gorgeous views of downtown St. Paul. But the most popular space is the 96-seat Ecolab Room on the third floor of the Library and Learning Center, which also offers a sweeping downtown vista. Smaller quarters, including classrooms and labs, are also sometimes available.

Many events are cosponsored with a university partner. Such cosponsored events may result in a reduced rental rate. But Kromer noted that there may still be other costs associated with any on-campus gathering, including fees for tech support, catering, security, janitorial services and parking.

Whether or not university cosponsors are involved, Kromer said those renting space on the St. Paul campus gain access to a valuable community asset.

"In effect, they receive a large number of in-kind dollars for the space they use," she said. "And if we have the facilities and resources available, we are happy to provide them."

*Harvey Meyer is an Academic Writer/Editor at Metropolitan State.*



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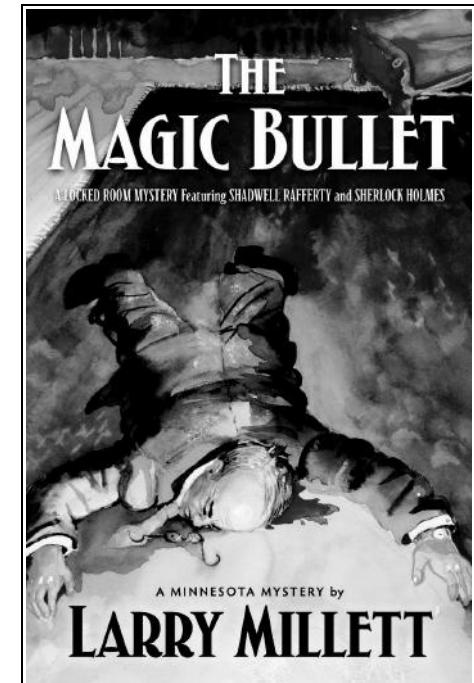


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## June 7 book reading by renowned local author/historian

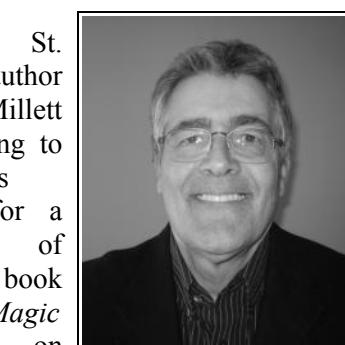
*St. Paul, Minnesota. October 1, 1917. High above the city, a renowned local financier named Artemis Dodge lies facedown on the floor of his armored penthouse sanctuary, a single bullet hole in his head. Thirty stories up, in the city's tallest building, and not a shred of evidence or sign pointing to anyone having broken into the wealthy man's fortress. It is—to all appearances—an impossible crime.*



Well-known St. Paul author Larry Millett is coming to Dayton's Bluff for a reading of his new book *The Magic Bullet* on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council meeting room at 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Larry was a very popular columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press from 1972 to 2002; since then, he has been teaching, giving tours, writing books and so on.

Larry has written numerous fiction



books featuring Sherlock Holmes investigating crime here in St. Paul and throughout Minnesota. *The Magic Bullet* is the sixth in Larry's mystery series.

Larry's non-fiction books include *The Curve of the Arch: The Story of Louis Sullivan's Owatonna Bank; Lost Twin Cities; Twin Cities Then and Now; Strange Days, Dangerous Nights: Photos from the Speed Graphic Era; AIA Guide to the Twin Cities; and Murder Has a Public Face: Crime and Punishment in the Speed Graphic Era.*

To register to attend the book reading, email [Karin@DaytonsBluff.org](mailto:Karin@DaytonsBluff.org) or call 651-772-2075.

## Got skill? Talent? The Ramsey County Fair wants YOU!

**Individual soloist, singer, dancer, musician or part of a group?** Make 2011 the year you compete at the Ramsey County Fair. Talent Contest Entries are now being accepted. Winners advance and represent the county in the State Fair Competition.

All Ramsey County residents are eligible to compete in the Ramsey County Fair Talent Contest. The contest takes place at the fair grounds at 2020 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood on July 17 at 5:00 pm.

Return the application with your \$10 entry fee to the county fair offices at 2020 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109 by **July 15**.

**Wanted: hobbyists and crafters who enjoy gardening, carving, collecting, sewing, building, photography and more...** We are looking for skilled and gifted creative people to enter samples of their work in our competitive exhibits.

The exhibitors' handbook will be available at your local library in early June. To be eligible you must submit an entry form to the Ramsey County Fair offices at 2020 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109 by **July 6**.

For details on either competition, and to download the applications, go to [www.ramseycountyfair.com](http://www.ramseycountyfair.com).

## Socially-conscious Flea Market opens

By Sophie Rodrigues

The new St. Paul Flea and Farmers Market opened on May 6, 2011. It is located at 798 Margaret Street in Saint Paul, next to the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Organization office. The market is open on Fridays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; and Sundays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We are a socially-conscious enterprise that is committed to community building by fostering and providing a platform for small business entrepreneurs to find their niche, and their success. We strive to walk alongside our vendors, and to assist them in building their businesses by pooling our resources and offering opportunities for growth. We also want to make this a place for the community to gather, and to give fellow Bluff residents an opportunity to help in the revitalization of our beautiful and historically rich area. We want to provide vendors and visitors with a unique experience and a friendly atmosphere.

Flea markets and farmers markets are found worldwide and reflect the culture and economy of the area where they are located. Their size may range from a

few stalls and booths, to several blocks of vendors. The flea market and farmers market were commonplace until they were replaced by grocery stores and shopping centers.

So what is a flea market, really? A flea market is a type of bazaar where vendors can sell old and new merchandise such as antiques and collectibles, household goods, tools, furniture, vintage clothing, and a plethora of other rare and unique items.

A farmers market is a place where local farmers gather to sell fresh organic and non-organic produce such as fruit, flowers, and vegetables. Typically, these are grown locally. A farmers market can add value to the community, while helping farmers stay in business and help to preserve natural resources.

The farmers market and flea market also help to maintain important social ties by linking rural and urban populations, and even close neighbors in a mutually rewarding exchange. This is also a place where visitors can sample local food and buy local items, and also use this as an opportunity to try something new that is reflective of the diversity in the neighborhood. Consider joining us this summer; we are looking for visitors, vendors, and bargain hunters. Visit [www.stpaulfleamarket.com](http://www.stpaulfleamarket.com) for information.

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## Letter to the editor

Yes, the neighborhood got slapped around again! You may have seen a short article in the *Pioneer Press* saying that the city and school system were involved in a real estate swap. The East Side Community Center will be given to the schools and the city will get old Franklin School Building.

Once again the city will tear down the area recreation center and the former school building will be leased to the Mount Airy Boys and Girls Club. According to the *Pioneer Press*, the public hearing "drew no comments about the issue." So what's the problem? Once again, even though the city and the schools gain, the East Side again loses something. Here's some background.

In the early 1980s, the Dayton's Bluff council wanted to have a community center, since it was one of the only inner-city neighborhoods to lack such a meeting place.

Unfortunately, the powers-that-be at the Merrick Center fought the idea because such a building would be too close to their Railroad Island location and strongly suggested they would block any money. They would help get a center further away that would be shared by other East Side neighborhoods.

Not having the strength to carry on alone, the council went along with the new plan and the center was located on some empty land abutting Harding High School. Granted, it was not a very convenient spot, but at least it was a place for some meetings. And now even this facility is being taken away. Dayton's Bluff no longer has even a small share of a community center and is back to square one.

It is disappearing like many of our local schools, recreation centers and churches that went before it. And no one felt it was worth making a comment! When are Eastsiders going to start fighting to keep what little we have left?

G.B. LeRoy  
St. Paul

*Letters to the editor are welcomed and may be submitted at editor@dayton'sbluff.org or 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., St. Paul, MN 55106. Please include your name, city, and email or phone number for verification. Deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month, for publication in the next month's issue. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.*

## Metropolitan State University announces new art exhibit inspired by Mexican *ofrendas*

from MSU news release

MSU Gordon Parks Gallery is pleased to present **Esperanza**. The exhibit, open now, runs through July 28. A reception will take place on Thursday, June 9, from 12:30-4:30 pm. Gallery hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 11:00 am-7:00 pm, and Saturdays, 11:00 am-4:00 pm. The gallery is located in the Library and Learning Center, 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul.

**Esperanza** is a textile installation exhibition by Carolyn Kallenborn of Madison, Wisc. Regarding the work, Kallenborn has said it "was inspired by the improvisational and interactive altars that I have seen during my time in Oaxaca, Mexico. *Ofrendas* (altars) are found in homes, in cemeteries, in little nooks in the wall or on sidewalks on the street. *Milagros* are small charms that are left on statues in the churches as prayers for healing the heart, the mind or the body. These physical objects become conscious visual reminders of a person, a wish or a hope. *Esperanza* means hope. This exhibition is my public *ofrenda*, or altar. It is a physical manifestation of my wish or desire for healing for myself and our world community. With objects and interaction, I hope to create a place of reflection and memories of those things that are important in life. When I think of the people I love and of how they have inspired me, it challenges me to keep those positive influences alive in my life. With this exhibition, I invite others to do the same. In a time of adversity and in desperate situations, sometimes the smallest act, intentionally taken, can help dispel the sense of helplessness."

This exhibition is cosponsored by the Surface Design Association's international textile conference, meeting in Minneapolis from June 9-12, 2011. For more information about this exhibit, contact Erica Rasmussen, gallery director, at 651-793-1631 or email erica.rasmussen@metrostate.edu.



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The Saint Paul Port Authority has submitted an application to the city for demolition of the 3M water tower and Building 24 (the big long building at Arcade St. and Reaney Ave.). Demolition is scheduled for this August.

## Editorial

### 3M Scotch Tape production plant, water tower victims of failed marketing effort

by Jane Prince

Early in May, the Port Authority announced that after a failed marketing effort, it will be demolishing 3M's Building 24 – known to neighbors as the Tape Plant, along with the landmark 3M Water Tower. For those of us in Dayton's Bluff who champion preservation of historic structures on the 3M Campus, this was a sad, but unfortunately not surprising, announcement.

Building 24 was built in the late 1940s, the length of a city block, to manufacture rolls of "Scotch Tape," for which 3M became famous. The size and scale of this factory give it a unique profile in our neighborhood, and one that we hoped could be adapted for office, manufacturing, or even as an annex to Metro State University.

I'm a member of the 3M Community Advisory Task Force, made up of about two dozen Eastside neighbors and business people and public officials, who have met for the past couple of years to hash out a consensus on the future of the 45-acre 3M campus.

"Beacon Bluff – A Next Generation Business Center" was the result of our efforts: An international marketing effort that offers cleared land for new commercial and industrial construction, centered around the restored historic buildings of 3M's original HQ. Building 21 is the mint-condition Art Deco centerpiece of Beacon Bluff.

Given the Port Authority's strengths in brownfield clean-up for new industrial development, committee members argued strenuously with the Port to preserve Buildings 14, 20 and 21 for reuse, because of the industrial and community history wrapped up in them. We won a two-year reprieve from demolition of these three buildings.

Unfortunately, the Tape Plant won only a one-year reprieve – which ex-

pired in January. The Port plans to demolish Building 24 in August, clean up the pollution and close Reaney Avenue at that site, with hopes of attracting an industrial developer who can use those 12 acres. For many in our neighborhood, the saddest news may be the removal of the 3M Water Tower which, like the Mounds Park beacon, is part of our neighborhood "skyline."

The good news for history lovers is that the Ironton Asset Fund, headed by St. Paul developers Jim and Rob Stolpestad and their Exeter Realty Company, signed an agreement in September to restore the existing Buildings 14, 20, and 21 into a revitalized commercial, office and industrial complex. Stolpestad and his team, which includes family members of the 3M founders, have been given until year's end to put the project together. If they can't meet this deadline, even those community landmarks will likely fall to the Port's wrecking ball.

The Stolpestads (Jim spent time in Dayton's Bluff growing up) and their team care about Dayton's Bluff and in particular, about the 3M history of innovation, industry and world renown. But the clock is ticking on their firm's ability to find the right tenants and uses for these treasured buildings.

I have a nagging feeling that the Port didn't try hard enough to find a buyer for Building 24. For example, were Jim and Rob Stolpestad asked to buy this remarkable building? Will the Port coordinate the development of the Tape Plant site to make sure it complements rather than conflicts with Ironton's ability to be successful?

We seek the Port's assurance that it is doing everything it can, **now, this year**, to make Ironton's vision for the historic 3M Campus a reality. Instead of setting aside money for these buildings' demolition, let's ask the Port to apply those funds **now** for rehabilitation.



Above: On April 28, members of the Beech/Margaret 654 Block Club celebrated their 14th Annual Pot Luck.

### Block club meetings

Margaret Rec Center Block Club meets on the **second Thursday of each month** at the Margaret Rec Center, at Margaret and Frank, at 6:30 pm.

Beech/Margaret 654 Block Club will meet on the **last Thursday of the month** at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church School building at 665 Forest. This block club covers the area Minnehaha, Beech Margaret, 6th, 5th, and 4th Streets between Cypress and Arcade.

If you wish to have your block club listed, or need information about starting your own block club, please contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or [Karin@DaytonsBluff.org](mailto:Karin@DaytonsBluff.org).

### Community meetings

The next Dayton's Bluff community meeting is **Thursday, June 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** at the Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council office, 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The council holds a community meeting on the first Thursday of most months to work on community issues and let neighbors know about upcoming events.

Police and/or code enforcement officers are usually present at the

meetings. Bring addresses where problems are occurring and they will check them out. If the addresses are sent to the council offices ahead of time, they can research the issue before the meeting. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

Complaints can also be made by calling 651-266-8989 or online at <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=1649>. Complainants' names are kept confidential.

erations management, marketing, financial management, how to create a successful business and how to prepare a business plan. In addition, each student will have eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor to work on individual business concepts. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

The registration fee is based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so don't wait to apply. For an application, see the contact information below.

### Meet the police

The Eastern District Police hosts its monthly meetings for community members at 722 Payne Avenue at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue.

The next meetings are on **Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, June 17, at 9:30 am**. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

### Friends of Swede Hollow

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month, generally at Water & Oil gallery, 506 Kenny Road, or at members' homes; call for location. The next monthly meeting is on **Tuesday, May 31, starting at 6:30 pm**.

FOSH is planning work in the park and a follow-up to the second annual Art in the Hollow, which is an art fest that will be held on **Saturday, June 4**. If you are an artist or know artists who would like to participate in Art in the Hollow, contact us. For more information or for the location of the meeting, email [SwedeHollow@gmail.com](mailto: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 4:00 pm - 2:00 am. Another police car will have the Dayton's Bluff beat phone during daytime hours, from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm many days.

What kind of calls should be made to the beat phone? You may call about ongoing problems in the neighborhood; concerns about people in vacant buildings after 10 pm; police-related questions, and so on. **If you need police right away or see a crime in progress call 911 or 651-291-1111.**

### Free Zumba class through EXCO

Zumba Fitness combines fun Latin and International music with unique moves and combinations to create a fun and easy-to-follow workout. Zumba is a "feel-happy" workout that is great for both the body and the mind. Drop in for a FREE Zumba class at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center on **Tuesdays from 5:45-6:45 pm** throughout the summer.

This class, and others, are offered through EXCO: Twin Cities Experimental Community Education. Through EXCO, anyone can take or teach classes, and all the classes are free. See [www.excoTC.org](http://www.excoTC.org) for more information.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow

The American Indian Magnet School, at 1075 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, St. Paul is hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Powwow on **Friday, June 3**.

Grand Entries will begin at 12:30 pm and 6:15 pm, with a Feast at 5:00 pm.

Dave Larson will emcee the event. The Arena Director is Thomas Draskovic. The Host Drum, Head Man and Head Lady will be announced at a later date.

Arts and Crafts booths are welcome; please call Michele or Thomas at 651-778-3100.

The powwow will be held outdoors, if weather permits, or indoors if necessary. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

The powwow is sponsored by American Indian Magnet families and staff, AIMS PTO, St. Paul Indian Education, American Indian Family Center, and American Indian Studies Collaborative. Call 651-778-3100 for more information.

### Tell us about your church!

What is your place of worship up to these days? Is your church, synagogue, temple, or mosque working on a community event? Hoping to grow? Excited about anything happening in the world? Share with the *Forum*, so we can share with the community.

### For more information...

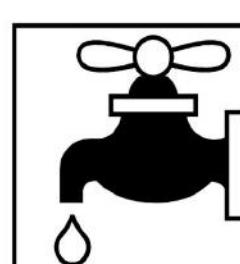
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## Restaurant review – St. Paul Saloon at 1045 Hudson

by Dan Stahley, District Council board member

The sign on the entrance to the new St. Paul Saloon is a good indicator that changes are occurring at the intersection of Earl and Old Hudson: "Pull up your pants, you aren't in prison anymore." Owner Nick Heidenreich purchased the old Paul's Lounge last April and has worked hard to clean up an old neighborhood bar. He does not tolerate crime or other dangerous behavior at his bar and has done a great job at keeping trouble away.

The St. Paul Saloon is now a working man's bar. The drinks are cheap and stiff. Check out happy hour daily from 3:00-7:00 pm, when appetizers are half-price and you can double up your drink order for an extra \$1. The food is prepared by Chef Max McKee at the adjacent East River Eats. McKee makes good, honest food, including a mean chili dog, bar tacos and fresh sandwiches with bread from the Trung Nam bakery on University Avenue. McKee tries to purchase local ingredients as much as possible. Keeping up with its working-class credentials, most menu items are in the \$5-\$7 range, and pitchers of Hamm's beer are \$5.

Heidenreich plans to have an outdoor patio ready soon, and he serves \$2 tap beer during all Twins, Vikings and Wild games. He also plans to install a bocce ball court on the patio. At its heart, the St. Paul Saloon is a sports bar, with a 130-inch projection television and seven LCD televisions throughout the bar. There is even an old-school U.S.A. v. U.S.S.R. bubble-domed hockey game.

In addition to being a sports bar, there is karaoke every Thursday night and live music (usually hard or classic rock) on Friday and Saturday nights.

## Discovering a 1921 "Girl graduate"

by Steve Trimble  
Local Historian and Forum Board Member

Once again, eBay shows that it can be a source for Dayton's Bluff history. There was a recent listing for a "Girl Graduate's Memory Book," from a Johnson High School student who graduated in 1921. While most people from our neighborhood went to Harding, there was no such school until the end of the 1920s.

So I sent an email to the seller and asked the name of the girl; he replied that it was Alice E. Uhrig. The name seemed familiar, so I looked it up on the Minnesota Historical Society website. To my amazement there were four photos of the family and they were ones I helped collect three decades ago.

I decided to take a chance and buy it to see if she was part of the Dayton's Bluff Uhrigs. After the book's arrival I was happy to find an envelope inside that showed Alice's address as 1235 Ross Street, in the far eastern part of our community. The first few pages of the volume revealed that at that time the school flower was "the sweet pea," the motto was "Play the Game," and, as is still the case today, the Johnson High colors were "Maroon and Gold."

The book was a wonderful find with a wide vari-



Alice Uhrig, who graduated from Johnson High School in 1921, is pictured here as a young woman.

ety of information. There were dozens of messages written by her friends and a few teachers. They offer a bit of information about Alice. Some of them mentioned events. Melba Larson jotted down "Say do you remember the time you went to Canoeing out at Phalen and starting going around in a circle," or Mae Bach saying she "will never forget the mud fight." Eloise Blod wrote: "Remember the expression and Printing classes. I sure do."

On page 59 there is a yellow scrap of fabric with a picture and the notation "remains of my corsage."

There were many examples of what historians call "paper ephemera" – a sheet from a municipal concert in April 1920, and some four-page sheets called EXTRAS. One of them was humorously headed "Home Brew Weekly" and contained quips about students, classes and events; a Christmas program brochure; and several leaflets for a play entitled "Miss Cherry Blossom" and a Junior Jazz event in April, 1919. There was a sheet of yellows that were designed for athletic games. One of them went, in part, "Watch our high school raise the score/ chic a cha loo cha lee cha la/ Johnson High School, Rah! Rah! Rah!"

A dance card for May 7, 1920 listed all of the musical numbers: "Johnson High Foxtrot," "Senior Waltz," a favor dance, "Junior One-step" and the "Maroon Waltz." I didn't know what a "favor dance" was and had trouble figuring out what it meant in the 1920s. Google finally gave me an answer from another school newspaper that said "the dance before the supper was again a favor dance, the girls re-

## St. John's pastor celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

by Greg Cosimini

Father George Welzbacher, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Dayton's Bluff, is observing the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 2, 2011. Father Welzbacher is also marking the 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his birth on June 13.

St. John's is celebrating these events by hosting a reception for Father Welzbacher in the church hall on the afternoon of Sunday, June 5 beginning after the 11:00 am Mass. All are welcome. In addition, the parish will have a potluck supper for parishioners on Saturday, June 11, after the 4:15 pm Mass.

Before coming to St. John's in 2006 Father Welzbacher served as pastor at St. Agnes parish in St. Paul. Among his many assignments over the years, he was a professor of ancient history at the University of St. Thomas from 1966-1995.

St. John's is observing the 125th anniversary of its founding this year. Watch for more information regarding this milestones in the months to come.

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Judy Lee

ceiving balloons, the men receiving clappers and confetti." The signature lines of Alice's card were all blank. Was she a wallflower, or did she just fail to write in the names of partners?

According to a commencement brochure that was in the book, she graduated that spring. Other messages reveal that she took commercial law, business English, office training and bookkeeping. There was also mention of a class that included basketry and pottery.

There was a Memorial Day poppy that was sold by the Girls' Club, four cards from the Shorthand Efficiency Club, and ticket stubs from the Shubert, Orpheum, and New



The remains of Alice's corsage, found inside her graduation book.

Palace Theaters. There were also many newspaper clippings, mostly from sports events. One of them was a photo that showed a frame-portable outside the main buildings. These were added because the school, designed for 600, now had an extra 200 students. The 1921 class song was pasted in and concluded with "Farewell, we now must leave thee/and our parting causes pain/Fortune wave her banner high/To our dear old Alma Mater and our dear old Johnson High."

"Well Al," wrote Fran. "I do hope our school days will not end our good times together. Wishing and knowing that your future will be one of good health, success and happiness."

So, was Fran right and did Alice have a life of good health, success and happiness? You'll have to wait until the next issue of the *Forum* to find out. If anyone knows about Alice Uhrig and her life after graduating from Johnson, I'd love to hear from you. I'm listed in the phone book and, amazingly, I now have a Facebook page.

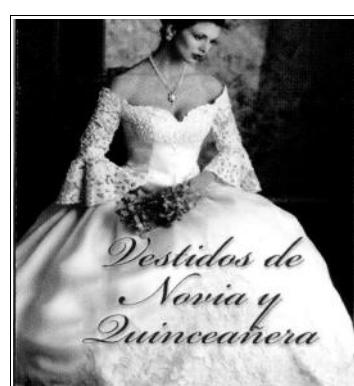
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# "Bad girl!" ...or perhaps not

## *Exploring the reasons kids misbehave*

by Mary Ann Cogelow

When I was the parent educator in the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Program at Dayton's Bluff Elementary School, the topic of children's misbehavior arose in some way in almost every parent discussion.

Sometimes adults are simplistic in their explanations of kids' misbehavior. "They're just out to get me," "She's just like her mother," "He's a bad boy," and the like are explanations I've heard many times. While the easy answers may contain partial explanations (although in my opinion "bad boy" or "bad girl" is never the answer), effective child guidance requires much more thoughtfulness and empathy from adults.

Understanding the multitude of possible reasons that lead a child to act in troublesome ways is proactive and can prevent or minimize many instances of unwanted behavior. Such understanding also helps parents choose effective discipline which supports the healthy development of their children.

Because I deeply believe that many heads are better than one, and because I wanted to acknowledge the wisdom parents bring to their roles, I sometimes asked parents to help me develop handouts to remind us of important things to keep in mind while parenting. On one such occasion, I asked parent groups I was leading in the winter of 1988-89 to answer the question "why do children misbehave?" I compiled the responses into the handout below. Although we did this work more than twenty years ago, it is still current. Children haven't changed. My only editorial comments (in italics) are to clarify resources which may be unfamiliar to current readers.

### A Reasonably Complete List of Reasons Children May Misbehave (Not Necessarily Listed in Order of Importance)

By Dayton's Bluff ECFE Parents and Mary Ann Cogelow

Children misbehave because anticipation of an event can exhaust their ability to stay in control.

Children misbehave because their circadian rhythms are out of sync with the demands of the day (i.e., "morning" children don't do as well at night; "night" children don't do as well during the early hours of the day).

Children misbehave if they don't:

- get what they want
- get enough pats, hugs, snuggles, kisses, etc.
- get enough chances to be physically active
- understand as much as they need to understand
- know the rules
- understand what is happening
- have enough routine (predictability) in their lives

Children misbehave if they can't:

- live up to their parent's expectations

• verbalize their feelings and difficulties easily

Children misbehave because they misinterpret events and situations.

Children misbehave because their parents misbehave.

Children misbehave if they have:

- trouble in their lives
- to wait too long
- too much anticipation
- cabin fever
- allergies
- too much to do/too many pressures (*described in The Hurried Child* by David Elkind)
- "child-deaf" parents
- a different way of thinking and perceiving than adults do
- tension/stress in their lives
- strong feelings
- problems in school
- poor self-image
- bad moods/bad days
- short attention spans
- poor impulse control

Children misbehave because they act their ages.

Children misbehave when they are:

- not being taken seriously
- trying out new behavior
- in a "cold prickly" exchange (see *TA for TOTS and Other Prinzes* by Alvin M. Freed)
- getting sick
- tired
- hungry
- striving for independence
- too "low pot" in Virginia Satir's sense of the phrase (*in Peoplemaking, her seminal book about families*)
- bored
- overstimulated
- testing
- neglected or abused
- living down to parent's low expectations
- ignored
- growing and developing
- not eating enough of the right things, or too much of the wrong things

Children misbehave when they feel:

- cheated (broken promises)
- sad
- disappointed
- jealous
- scared
- guilty
- nervous
- anxious
- powerless
- frustrated
- pressure from peers and/or adults
- lonely (miss someone)

Children misbehave if they need:

- more physical/emotional space than they have
- more attention

Children misbehave because they copy adults.

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by Raeann Ruth

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## New University Bank location at 1351 Arcade

University Bank has opened a new branch at 1351 Arcade Street, near Johnson High School. The bank had been looking for an East Side community location for a long time. When the old Rosemont Bank became available, they knew it was the right place. University Bank upgraded the building inside and out, including a new drive-up handicapped-accessible banking service.

Besides providing good service to customers, the bank employee's volunteer in the community with such things as Meals on Wheels, Adopt-a-Park, making blankets for family shelters, and food and clothing drives. Bank President James Conrad serves on the board of the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood

Housing Services. Senior Vice President Tammy Klinkhamer serves on the Payne Arcade Business Association.

Tammy grew up on the East Side, graduated from Johnson High School and her first job in banking was at Midwest Federal,

which was located at the current site of University Bank on Arcade. And now she is back at the location of her first job.

University Bank works with Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service and the SHOP (Sustainable Home Ownership Program) on a housing contract for deed mortgage options.

On June 29, University Bank will be having a customer appreciation day for customers, family and friends at their newest branch at 1351 Arcade Street. University Bank is part of the Sunrise Community Banks system, offering financial safety and a competitive return while generating positive community impact.



Inside the University Bank on Arcade are: Bank President James Conrad, Head Teller Julie Lor, bank teller Tekoah Whitsett and Senior Vice President Tammy Klinkhamer. University Bank will host a customer appreciation day on June 29 at the newest branch at 1351 Arcade Street.

## ReaLife Cooperative of Phalen Village

by June Bennett, Forum Administrative Assistant

Let me introduce you to real living – mind you, you must be 55 years of age or better to enjoy it.

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We would like to welcome ReaLife's new manager, Debbie Setering, to the east side. Ms. Setering was raised in Richfield and, with husband Duane, has two grown sons. When I walked into this building, I was greeted with a smile and a warm hello. Debbie's attitude is full of life and her personality fits right in with this atmosphere at ReaLife. Debbie works hard to match her residents with the best unit for them. So if you like the idea of living it up without the everyday problems of a home, give her a call.

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## Vote for the Best Taco on the East Side!

We hope many of our readers will take the time to visit some of our local restaurants and vote on which of them, in your opinion, made the best tacos.

These particular places were not chosen in any scientific way; we wanted to have them all within easy reach of Dayton's Bluff residents. Don't see your favorite east-side taco joint on the list? Write it in! We must receive votes (and comments) by June 10. Results will be shared in the July issue of the *Forum*.

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