Your VOTE counts!

Deanna Abbott-Foster
Executive Director, Dayton’s Bluff
Community Council

Elections are the foundation of our democracy, yet many people don’t believe their vote really counts. This year is critical to our community and our nation. While we are electing a President of the United States and many local and state representatives, there is a hyper-local election right here in Dayton’s Bluff!

The role of St. Paul’s 17 district councils is to ensure community participation in St. Paul’s planning and decision-making processes. Community participation facilitates effective, informed, and representative participation of neighborhoods in government and self-help initiatives. District councils provide a channel for communication with elected officials, City department staff, and other relevant agency representatives.

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The Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour cruises through Swede Hollow

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Forum Staff

This year, the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour went through beautiful Swede Hollow Park, along the Bruce Vento Trail, past the old Hamm’s Brewery (now Flat Earth) and on to Lake Phalen. A major highlight of the course is the Seventh Street Improvement Arches – spiraling stone courses cut from Mankato limestone support this rare helicoidal bridge, completed in 1884. Only a handful of these unique arches were built in North America.

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Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike

The hike is back! Now on the second Saturday of most months, the Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m.

The next hike will be on Saturday, October 8. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email kirindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. Email kari@swede hollow.org or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting’s location.

Dayton’s Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The Forum is seeking help with writing, online content, idea generation, and ad sales. Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7th Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email editor@dayton sbluff.org for more information.

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

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affor- dable, healthy food directly into un- der-resourced neighborhoods. The Market Mobile Market at Parka- dens Apartments, located at 1145 Hud- son Road, on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Eastside Open Market is a live music, food, art, and farmers market lo- cated at 463 Maria Avenue, Open Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 651-815-8823 for more in- formation or Eastside Open Market on Facebook.

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There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Call Emma Spillman at 651-379-8432 to apply.
Mounds Park United Methodist Church

1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl and Euclid); 651-774-8736
Mounds Park United Methodist on Facebook

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is a neighborhood congregation where cultures meet, located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton’s Bluff. Sunday worship starts at 10:30 a.m. Come and meet your neighbors!

Weekly in October: Fall After-School Program for area Youth, sponsored by MCV Youth Partnership of Hamline University. This is an after-school program for all community youth grades 5-12 at Mounds Park Church from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week offering cooking classes, games, homework help, field trips, and help learning English.

Wednesday, October 26: Starting at noon, join Mounds Park United Methodist for a Community Friendship Gathering with hot lunch. The day will begin with a hot lunch of pork loin and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert, followed by a program featuring Sherwin and Pam Linthom singing favorite songs of various periods. All are invited to come; the focus of this event is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of $8.00 is suggested.

Monday, October 31: Community Halloween Party and dinner at the church, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come dressed in your Halloween costume! While you are out trick or treating, stop in at the church for a safe and dry place to warm up. There will be free dinner for all, games to play that earn candy prizes, and a warm place to meet new friends and neighbors. There will also be an opportunity to get your child’s picture taken in their Halloween Costume. All are invited!

4th Annual Walk & Roll to Remember

Anne Kolar
Ceremony Marian

Ceremony Senior Care – Marian of St Paul held its 4th Annual Walk & Roll to Remember event on Thursday, September 8. This event is held annually to honor and support loved ones with memory loss and their dedicated caregivers.

Elders enjoyed viewing a number of classic cars as they listened to live music from the 50s and 60s. Dancing and reminiscing filled the lovely early fall afternoon.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Ceremony Marian: On Monday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m., Be Wise, Be Informed, Be Empowered by Gary Johnson – a dynamic speaker on protecting yourself and others in today’s marketplace, and senior outreach manager for the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Johnson has been with the BBB since 2004 and has more than 40 years of business experience as a speaker. Be Wise, Be Informed, Be Empowered will cover topics like scam alerts, BBB business reviews, and topics related to recognizing threats to safety and security.

Wednesday, October 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ceremer Marian will offer an AARP Smart Driving Course. Cost is $15 per person, and participants may receive up to 10% off of their car insurance for completing the course. All drivers 55 and older are encouraged to attend this course at least once every three years.

Hispanic Heritage month kicked off on September 10, at CLUES Fiesta Latina with an outdoor celebration of family, community, and Latino culture, held at 797 E. 7th Street.

East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe:
History of Beer Brewing on the East Side

Janet Golden
Executive Director, East Side Elders

Back by popular demand! On Thursday, October 13, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul) East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe: History of Beer Brewing on the East Side. Hear master brewer Tod Fyten talk about the brewing industry on St. Paul’s East Side.

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Jude Mercedes DeRango

Two student-written plays to premiere at Metropolitan State University

Premiering as part of Metropolitan State University’s fall theater season, two new student-written plays will take place on audiences on journeys through an ab- surd comedy of frustration and into a raw and intimate experience of the jus- tice system.

Dream Dig, by Mark Stewart, and 58 Months, by Benjamin Granger, both won last year’s Metropolitan State Play- writing contest and then went through several months of development to focus and expand the stories.

In Dream Dig, the opportunity to join an archaeological dig provides the in- centive of a lifetime for a bright, ener- getic, and slightly unscrupulous young college man. But he must first earn the money he will need to study abroad. The other is a raw and intimate journey into a young man’s experience with the justice system and his own contrary inclinations.

Both plays will be performed at 7:00 p.m., November 9 through 12, at the Stage door Theater, which is located in the Whitney Fine Arts Center at 1424 Yale Place, Minneapolis. On-street parking is available, and a free shuttle is provided for participants to get “in the map” and go exploring. There might even be Pokémon along the way, if that’s your thing.

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Honoring the Self-Taught Photographic Artist to be exhibited at Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery

Jude Mercedes DeRango will be featured artist at The Goat Coffee House for the month of October. At age 14, DeRango already possesses skills which allow her to express great feeling through her artistic medi- ums. While her current phase features mostly human forms, her styles vary and frequently portrait mysterious and mys- terious elements. “Art is my way of putting my emotions, my point of view, into a form that can be experienced” she said. An art opening event will take place Thursday October 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All friends and neighbors are encouraged to come and celebrate this local talent at her first art show. Her works will be showcased at The Goat Coffee House, located at 699 E. 7th Street in St. Paul, throughout the month of October, and at the Saint Paul Art Crawl on October 14, 15, and 16.

Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery presents NEXUS: Honor- ing the Self-Taught Photographic Artist. This group exhibition features the work of Hmong, Laotian African-American, and Caucasian artists involved in NEXUS, a professional development program for self-taught communi- ty-based artists living in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The program, administered by the non-profit In-Progress, is dedi- cated to providing professional mentor- ship and exhibition opportunities to artists that have developed their skills outside of traditional learning settings. For this exhibition, six artists will present a diverse body of digitally pro- duced images under the guidance of Minneapolis based photographer and guest curator Xavier Tavera. Participating artists include Alvon Washington, Lor Cha, Melissa Vang, Negussie Nentsat, Dowls Nikol, and Mary Rickhardon.

“Self-taught artists are often self-di- rected and have the ability to find solu- tions to obstacles they encounter and continue doing art,” Tavera said, regard- ing the exhibition. “I am excited to ex- hibit, contact Erica Rasmussen, gallery director, at 651-999-5942 or e-mail her at eri- ca.rasmussen@metrostate.edu.

The exhibit opens with a reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thurs- day, September 15. The exhibit will be shown through October 25. gallery hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon- day through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The gallery is located at University’s Saint Paul campus in the Library and Learn- ing Center, located at 645 East 7th Street. For more information on the ex- hibition, contact Erica Rasmussen, gallery director, at 651-999-5942 or e-mail her at erica.rasmussen@metrostate.edu.

Art Crawl Eastside – it’s “in the map”

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Don't shortchange the East Side

Jane Prince
Ward 7 – City Council

You might have seen the headlines in September that reported that the East Side has not gotten its fair share of capital investment by the City of St. Paul. At the request of the East Side Neighborhood Development Corporation (ES NDC), the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the University of Minnesota studied Saint Paul’s investment of CIB funds across the city over the past 10 years, and finds it unequal across the city. Though the East Side includes 33 percent of city residents, the City has only invested 19 percent of its capital improvement bonds in our communities east of I-35.

CIB funds are used to invest in roads, recreation centers and public facilities including recreation centers and public safety facilities. Since I joined the City Council in January, Ward 6 Councilmember Dan Bostrom and I have fought for the renewal, replacement and retention of public facilities that are needed now more than ever on Saint Paul’s East Side.

Early this year, we prevented the City Administration’s proposed relocation of a so-called “super medic” unit away from Engine 9 on the East Side, preserving vital emergency response resources for our community. Yet despite our efforts, Johnson Parkway, slated for reconstruction as part of the Saint Paul Grand Round, was delayed indefinitely. Highland Hills Recreation Center has been permanently closed, and the soccer field promised to Highland neighbors never opened this summer. The Margaret Playground CIB project has been delayed because the bids were too high. Among the resource gaps on the East Side is the dearth of youth programming in the heart of Ward 7, since the closing of the Eastview Rec Center in 2008. Neighbors there are understandably frustrated that along with the closing of the building, the condition of the tot lot, tennis courts, basketball half court and playing fields is substandard. Crimes like drug dealing and home burglaries have been an uptick, and gunshots this summer have the community on edge.

Some Eastview neighbors decided to take a field trip to the Merriam Park Center in early September, when they learned that the tot lot there was slated for replacement because it was ranked to be in the worst condition citywide. What they found there, on a Thursday evening, was a recreation center that was fully staffed, fully lit and fully occupied by neighborhood residents from toddlers to seniors. The tot lot, basketball half court, tennis court, skate park, gym and indoor facilities were all in use. When they drove home to Eastview, there was no activity on the fields and facilities, because there were no lights, and the building was closed to the public as it has been since being leased several years ago to a private operator.

What the CURA study shows us is that the City’s unequal investment is also inequitable. Children and families on the Eastside need good public recreation centers because they need quality, affordable, safe and accessible places to gather and play – just like neighbors enjoy in Merriam Park.

Now is not the time to accept the hand we’ve been dealt. The time is now for all of us to stand together and advocate for a stronger East Side.

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Dayton's Bluff Resident Jeanelle Foster answers education questions

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

Jeanelle Foster was endorsed at the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum in July for the Saint Paul School Board. She has raised two children on the East Side where she has lived for 13 years. She was a teacher and has worked for many years with children and families offering parent education and leading diversity groups. Last year, Foster was elected to the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council. If she wins, Jeanelle would be the sole representative of the East Side on the School Board. We asked the candidate three questions. The following is Jeanelle’s reply.

Q: Why are you running for School Board? "I am running for the St. Paul School Board for a variety of reasons; I care about the success of our schools, our children, and the teachers who create space in which to learn and be successful. I, and my children, are products of St. Paul schools. I am an educator, a parent, and a community member who is vested in ensuring success for our kids, and I truly believe my values line up in accordance with other stakeholders who want to see St. Paul schools thrive for our kids, neighborhood, city, and state.”

Q: What are your qualifications? “I have 25 years working with children and families professionally; as an educator, administrator, parent educator, and advocate for children and families. I have a Masters degree in Education, a Bachelor’s degree in Human Services focused on Family Studies, as well as an Early Childhood Education degree. I have done and continue to do this work, and I am passionate about it. I am the face of many of our children in our classroom today. I am the educator who has struggled to gain support and resources to ensure that ALL children’s needs have been met. I am the administrator who has worked to bring all stakeholders together to ensure success for EVERY child, every teacher, every parent.”

Q: What would be the first thing you would work on to make some improvements to the current system? “This is a loaded question, understanding the urgency in multiple areas. However, my first job is to talk with teachers, parents, and administrators to hear and understand their perspectives, contributions, concerns, and frustrations, as well as how they think we can all work together to move our district forward successfully.”

Dayton’s Bluff District Forum

Rep. Sheldon Johnson wants you to know about:

The Homework Center at Dayton’s Bluff Library

(Dayton’s Bluff Library shares a space with Metro State)

Monday - Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm

Homework centers are comfortable spaces at the library where students of all ages and grades can drop in and work on their homework independently or with the help of volunteer tutors. The centers are equipped with Wi-Fi, computers, printers, reference books, and school supplies for student use.

Where: Dayton’s Bluff Library - Homework Center - 645 E 7th St
When: Monday – Wednesday 4 to 7 pm and Sundays 1 to 4 pm

For more information, contact Terry Ginther at 651-793-1699 or at terry.ginther@d.stpaul.mn.us

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October 2016
533 new citizens from 81 countries sworn in as U.S. citizens

Jennifer Orr
Senate Majority Media

On September 6, 533 refugees and immigrants were sworn in as new citizens of the United States of America by Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau of the United States District Court.

Minnesota Senator, John Hwang, became the first state senator of Asian descent to give the welcoming remarks at an Oath of Allegiance ceremony celebrating new citizens. Senator Hwang came to America as a Hmong refugee from war-torn Laos in 1976. He took the Oath of Allegiance and became a USA citizen in 1982.

“You are the brave and have sacrificed much. You demonstrated resilience...and have overcome much adversity, to be where you are today,” said Sen. Hwang before an audience of new citizens and over 2,000 family members and friends. “I was born in Laos and came to this county as a refugee in 1976, so I know firsthand of the challenges preparing for and becoming a citizen.

“I am sure, you and your fellow immigrants will proudly care for this land, make improvements in our communities, and represent this country, when called upon. I have faith in you, as earlier Americans had in me.”

Jennifer Orr can be reached at jenniferorr@senate.mn.

St. Paul business incubator wins grant

Janice Bitters
Finance & Commerce

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A planned business incubator in St. Paul’s Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood is the next step in an effort to turn East Seventh Street, a road once dominated by car dealerships, into a more people-oriented and entrepreneurial corridor, community planners say.

City officials awarded the incubator a $535,000 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant this year—the largest award in the 2016 batch.

The STAR funding is a critical piece of the $2 million endeavor to revamp an early-stage business incubator in the northwest corner of Arcade and East Seventh streets, was home to the Animal Ark Thrift and Pet Store until it closed earlier this year.

“Seventh Street was like an auto dealership street at one time,” said Erchul. “We want to know how people talk about the name University Avenue? The same thing was going on Seventh Street. I had auto dealers and car dealers because they were doing research on it.”

Though the renovation plans are in the early stages, the building is scheduled to be up and running in the first half of 2017.

The marking investment marks the second in recent years the neighborhood has seen a significant investment from the city’s STAR Program. A $500,000 STAR grant from 2012 was aimed at boosting the community’s goals to boost economic development along East Seventh Street by supporting local property ownership, improving buildings and signage, and encouraging shared parking and landscaping.

The last of that 2012 money, which was overseen by the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, will be spent on the corridor and economic development along East Seventh Street by supporting local property ownership, improving buildings and signage, and encouraging shared parking and landscaping.

“With all the things going on at East Side Elders, the most fundamental element that drives the organization to succeed is the volunteer opportunities. First and foremost is the cadre of amazing volunteers who take on just about any task: giving rides, cleaning, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, and the friendly visits. The volunteer opportunities are also there for the seniors. “By volunteering, it gives seniors a bit of purpose,” says Golden. “It gets them out of their apartment to really enforce the fact that this is neighbor helping neighbor — we’re helping each other.”

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Where have all the old streets gone?

Steve Trimble  Forum Historian

Lately there has been a lot of talk about naming rights in relation to sports venues or naming buildings after prominent figures in sports. Local folk’s know that Maria and Bates streets were named for Lyman Dayton’s wife. However, the Forum decided to focus on street names that have disappeared from the face of Dayton’s Bluff.

Johnson Street is no more. It used to be found on early plat maps of Suburban Hills, which was more or less what is now called the Mounds Park area. It was named for Bates A. Johnson, a surveyor and civil engineer who came to St. Paul in 1855. His name was affixed to a street in 1876, so he may have been considered a prominent resident, since he was chief engineer of the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad. Or perhaps, as a surveyor of numerous early additions to the city, some real estate developer may have wanted to toss him a favor.

Another lost roadway is Hoffman Avenue – also affected by creation of a new road. It was named for James K. Hoffman who came to St. Paul in 1851. He ran the sawmill of William L. Ames at the foot of Dayton’s Bluff and was also a businessman – grocer and a politician who served as a member of the City Council in 1872, and from 1873 to 1880 was State Inspector of Rail, (whatver that was).

Hoffman Avenue’s name replaced that of an earlier Dayton Avenue, surely named after the local Dayton family. Savannah Street, Edward Devin, a member of Congress and a United States District Judge, lived at 716 Van Buren Place and attended Van Buren School. His house is gone as is the name of his boyhood street. Its remains are called Surrey. Do you get as confused as I do with the frequent renaming?

Whatever happened to Hester Street, once the fourth street east of Mound Street in what was the McLean Reservation? It was named for the wife of Nathaniel McLean. Hester Nutt was 17 when she married Nathaniel in Ohio. He came alone to Minnesota in 1859 and was named the Indian Agent at Fort Snelling by Millard Fillmore – at least the President did something worthwhile during his term in office. Hester followed soon after, eventually having one son and six daughters, lived near the corner of today’s Mound Street and McLean.

1938 Ice Palace is found

Greg Cosimini  Forum Staff

The 1938 Winter Carnival Ice Palace in Phalen Park was not the first on the East Side. That honor goes to one built in 1933 in Dayton’s Bluff. An obvious question is: Where in Dayton’s Bluff? The Winter Carnival website doesn’t give an exact location.

Mounds Park would seem a logical location and several references do place it there. A number of people who saw the Ice Palace as children agree and remember exactly where it was located – in front of the pavilion on East St. or maybe down by the tennis courts. However, comparing the background buildings visible in postcards of the Ice Palace with the area surrounding Mounds Park ruled it out.

Other references say the Ice Palace was located in Mounds Park Playground while neighborhood lore places it in the Bluff Playground. There was a playground known by many names over the years – Tuxedo, Mounds, Mounds Park, Dayton’s Bluff, Bluff Recreation Center or simply Bluff Playground. It was located between Euclid and Wilson south of Maria Ave. Articles in the major newspapers of the time put the Ice Palace in that general area but never mentioned the playground. Unfortunately the background buildings in surrounding area changed extensively in the years after 1938 and the playground disappeared completely when I-94 cut through Dayton’s Bluff in the 1960s.

John Davidzen, a longtime resident who played football and baseball at the Bluff Playground in the 1950s, saw an Ice Palace postcard printed in the Forum and recognized the houses in the background as being on Plum St. about a block from the playground. Those houses are still there on the south side of I-94. Our own historian Steve Trimble found a postcard message that stated the Ice Palace was two blocks from 670 Short Street, which also implied it wasn’t in the playground but closer to Plum.

Finally an article in the January 26, 1938 St. Paul Daily News was discovered that pinpointed the Ice Palace location at the intersection of Plum St. and Mounds Blvd., not in the playground proper. The 1938 Ice Palace was built on empty land near the playground. It was oriented with its back side on Plum, facing towards the northwest. Although most of the area occupied by the large ice tin in front of the Ice Palace is gone, the spot where the actual Ice Palace stood remains.

The city of St. Paul has been gradually enlarging Mounds Park since the 1950s and in a quirk of fate, a few years ago it bought what remained of the land where the 1938 Ice Palace was built and annexed it to the park. Therefore, it can now be said that the 1938 Ice Palace was in Mounds Park, but not the Mounds Park that existed in 1938. Maybe we should place a historical marker or monument in that spot so the Ice Palace won’t get lost again.

For those who are wondering, the postcard display of the 1938 Ice Palace that I entered in this year’s State Fair Creative Activities competition won a blue ribbon in the Minnesota postcard category.

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Our goal for the year is $2,000; as of this printing we have raised $1,187.29 – Will you help us?

Sincerely,
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East Side Eating – Trimble’s Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble ate 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 59 may now be found online at daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org: click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonstbllf@gmail.com.

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Tracy is our neighborhood mail carrier, who always has a smile for everyone on her route – well, almost everyone. I had told her of the Taste Trek and she said that she’s always wanted to go to The Strip Club, but didn’t have the budget for it. So I told her I’d take her there for a Christ- mas gift.

It is often quite busy, so I made reservations for 5:00 p.m. We met there five minutes early and had to stand outside a bit before they opened the doors.

We were ushered to a table for two located by a fake fireplace and under the upper floor area. There were eight tables of various sizes on the first floor.

The décor is a black and white color scheme. Black woodwork, black tables and chairs, black pillars, and white walls that have a few red decorations and some mirrors. The lighting was dim.

Here’s some of what was on the menu:

Starters of Soup Du Jour, bread and butter, and two salads. What they call the “small plates” or “nibblers” include Meat On a Stick, crispy fried veggies, fresh fruit, kimchee, Prairie Portage Poutine which features french fries with Perigueux gravy and “The Devil’s Eggs” made with chile oil and curry. Sandwiches include ham and cheese, hot schnitzel, which is breaded pork. Then there are the featured meats (a bit spendy) such as grilled filet mignon, a house-smoked pork chop, and duck breast. There are several choices of sides and sauces. To accompany these there is a full bar with many choices of beer, wine, and liquors.

There is a special brunch on weekends with a menu that includes Beer Tartare, Pork Carnitas, Benedict English muffin, Italian Breakfast consisting of bacon, sausage, sourdough, spinach, Arrabiatta, two eggs, Buckwheat, shrimp, and scrambled eggs with heirloom tomato, lemon and basil. There is also Steak and Eggs with grilled grass-fed hang- er steak, two eggs, hash browns, and béarnaise sauce.

I had the regular hamburger with tomato and onions. Tracy went with the “Chef’s Loaded Hamburger” which had bacon, cheese, onion, and mushrooms. According to the menu, it’s the chef’s fav- orite. Both of our burgers came with a lit- tle metal container filled with upright French fries. I had a Midwesterner Pale Ale Michigan Beer. My companion said here was the best burger ever be- caused she was a gardening major and loved our server Samantha proclaiming “Samantha is the Bomb.” I assume that is a positive statement.

Have Forum, will travel... Alfred Johnston paid a visit to the Archive of the Indies in Sevilla, Spain, along with his favorite newspaper, of course.

Several readers sent us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you’d like to do the same, please email photos to editor@daytonsbuff.org.

Some of the pictures we received:

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Aliens at the Fair! Gregory Kelly’s rendition of Swede Hollow Cafe was displayed at the Ramberg Senior Center throughout the duration of the 2016 Minnesota State Fair. Mr. Kelly explains that when he moved from California to Minnesota to marry his wife, Dana, a Minnesota native, he fell in love with the Swede Hollow Cafe. No longer an “alien” himself, Kelly explains that Swede Hollow Cafe “is a very special and heartwarming place for us, and aliens also!”

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