I had seen the building at 798 and 804 Margaret Street, when I lived in the neighborhood years ago, but it looked like it had lost its grandeur. A man named Cleo Kelly bought the building in the 1990s. It is now owned by a partnership of the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the Latino Economic Development Center. What is now called the East Side Enterprise Center was something different when it was first built in 1885.

I met the great-granddaughter of the man who built the building, Camille Riggs. It was Camille who told me about her great grandfather. He came from Germany with $30,000 cash and his name was George Pabst. Now George did not come alone, he came with his cousin who is better known for starting the beer business here in America.

It was here in America that George met his wife, Mary Baetz. Together, they started a family and a large business. When George had the elegant building built, he lived upstairs with his wife and children. His business, a grocery store, must have lost its grandeur. A man named Cleo Kelly bought the building in the 1990s.”

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The Most Happy Fella coming to the Mounds Theatre
Amerigo Yegucci
Forum Musical Theater Critic

After a very successful run of Così fan tutte in March, Skylark Opera Theatre is bringing another show to the Mounds Theatre in October. However, it is not another opera but instead a classic musical.

In the words of director Bob Neu, who also directed Così, “The Most Happy Fella is everyone’s favorite musical—they’re never seen. For lovers of music theater, the piece is somehow solidly part of our internal repertoire but yet very few of us have actually seen a production – and this is probably because the piece is darned difficult to cast and produce. It requires strong (almost operatic) voices with great acting skills, and it requires a production that can clearly communicate an epic story that is filled with hope, longing, redemption and love. We think Skylark Opera Theatre is up to fulfilling these demands.”

The Most Happy Fella was written and composed by Frank Loesser, better known for musicals like Guys and Dolls and How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. Unlike those shows which started as Broadway plays and then were made into motion pictures, Fella never made it to the big screen which also helps explain why so few people have seen it. However, it features songs that should be familiar to persons of a certain age, such as “Standing on the Corner (watching all the girls go by),” “Big D” and “Somebody, Somewhere.”

Fella is the story of a May-December romance between Tony, the older Italian owner of a Napa Valley vineyard and his young mail-order bride Rosabella. Any play that features Italians and wine must be good. Right? Local favorites Bill Marshall and Sarah Lawrence star as Tony and Rosabella, respectively.

Skylark’s mission is to stage famous musical plays in small, non-standard locations that normally never see such productions. Rather than focusing on special effects, huge sets, and large orchestras, Skylark prefers to focus on intimate story-telling that will create an engaging experience for audiences.

The Most Happy Fella will be presented at the Mounds Theatre, 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106 on October 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m. and October 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online by phone and at the box office beginning one hour prior to start time. All tickets are for general admission. Tickets prices are: Adult - $50, Student with ID (high school and up) - $42, Senior (age 65+) - $45.00, and groups (10+) - $42. For ticket ordering information visit moundstheatre.org or skylark-opera.org or call (712) 343-3390.
Dayton’s Bluff District Forum

Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the second Saturday of most months, the Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m. or call 651-776-6550 for more information and the meeting’s location.

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 Thursday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. Email karindupaai@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting’s location.

Dayton’s Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The Forum is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales – join us at our next meeting on Saturday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonbluffdistrictforum@g. mail.com for more information.

Police Community Meetings

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

The next meetings are on Wednesday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended to be a time to talk about and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

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

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar. Participar en el programa SNAP puede facilitar el acceso y la ayuda en casos de emergencia.

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

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 11-20: The Most Happy Fella. SkyLight Opera presents The Most Happy Fella by Frank Loesser (Guys and Dolls; How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying). Directed by Bob Neu (Costa fan tutte) and starring local operatic talent Bill Marshall and Sarah Lawrence, this show is a classic piece of musical theater. It is not an opera although some of the songs verge on being operatic, and it features familiarities like "Standing on the Corner," "Big D" and "Somebody, Somewhere." Show times: October 11, 12, 18, 19 – 7:30 p.m., October 13 and 20 – 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone and at the Box Office beginning one hour prior to start time. Tickets: $52-$65-$70.

October 18-22; Real Haunted Tours. One hour night-time presentations of our well-known haunted venue. Walk and learn historical information and stories about our resident spirits! The last tour of the night has an option to upgrade to a three hour tour, which includes the regular tour, plus the basement and time to explore on your own. On Sunday October 27, we will run two "Sunset Tours" which give an opportunity for kids 8-15 to take the tour (accompanied by an adult) before grocery shopping and schedule a day and time that works for you and the volunteer for delivery.

Grocery Shopping

Did you know that East Side Elders can help you and your loved one with grocery shopping? Let East Side Elders take a chore off your long to-do list! To get help with grocery shopping, call 651-683-3226 or email Info@EastSideElders.org with a detailed list. From there, East Side Elders staff will put a call out to their grocery shopping team and schedule a day and time that works for you and the volunteer for delivery.

Real Haunted Tours

City by City by City

City by City by City is an ongoing series of guided tours exploring the city’s history and development. Join East Side Elders and other volunteers for a guided tour of the city, learning about the city's past and present. More information and registration can be found at www.landmarkcenter.org/sundays-at-landmarks.

Learn About Medicare and Help Others

Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites, such as senior centers and libraries, in the seven-county metro area.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare counselor. Help people understand their Medicare options. Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer to learn more.

Sundays at Landmark

Fall to spring, Landmark Center has a full calendar of art, cultural, and holiday celebrations. The 2019-2020 season consists of free (unless noted) family friendly events.

Volunteer with East Side Elders

Did you know that East Side Elders provided over 1,600 rides to seniors on the East Side last year? With the help of our incredible volunteers, we help older adults get to medical appointments, the bank, the grocery store, and other errands. Each ride helps senior remain an active, vital part of their community.

As we receive more and more requests for help from our senior neighbors, we need to grow our team of volunteer drivers! Sign up by calling East Side Elders or by applying online at EastSideElders.org/V olunteer or by contacting us at 651-683-3226. Volunteer drivers have a flexible schedule and help out when they can, as often as they choose. Gas cards are also available for volunteer drivers!

Business Classes

The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Class training lasts 12 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, the marketing of your business, business plan development, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and developing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan.

Those who successfully complete the course are eligible for ongoing business support services (they have to locate their business in target neighborhoods to be eligible).

The course is sponsored by the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so sign up now. Please notify the training department at 651-379-8113.

Free Help for East Side Pets

The Animal Humane Society’s Community Outreach program offers special clinics for pets on the East Side. The events provide free wellness exams, vaccines, nail trims, spay/neuter appointment scheduling, guidance for the AISV behavior team and St. Paul Animal Control, free pet food, and more.

For upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit http://animalhumanesociety.org/outreach-ser vices-frogtown-and-east-st-paul.
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Exciting new events coming to Swede Hollow!

Karin DuPaul
Friends of Swede Hollow

Don’t miss The Clemency of Tito’s Tennis Club at Picnic Operetta, on Saturday, September 28, at 2:00 p.m., in Swede Hollow Park. The Picnic Operetta is a yearly event in Swede Hollow.

In this adaptation of Mozart’s opera, a rag-tag group of players is resurrecting a defunct tennis club. Backstabbing, bitterness, and a murderous revenge plot threaten their rise to the top of Rome’s championship match. Will they find redemption before Mount Vesuvius wipes them in ash? When can cheaters be forgiven? All is presented in the Picnic Operetta’s trademark style of playfulness, satire, and hope. Classic arias and duets from Mozart’s La Clemenza di Tito soar across the garden alongside new wave and synth-pop hits by Devo. Operatic athletes will serve the audience some fresh edible bites as well. For more information call 612-619-2312.

On Friday, September 27, join your neighbors for the Annual Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun on the Red Brick Brewery event. Starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by the annual “Chat and Chew.” See the sun set and the bright glow of the brewery building. After the sun sets, the evening food and socializing begins. Former Swede Hollow residents, Hamm’s employees, and everyone else are welcome. For more information, call 651-776-0550.

Finally, enjoy the Ghost Sonata at Swede Hollow Park on September 28, and 29. Sod House Theatre received a Knight Grant to present the Ghost Sonata at Swede Hollow. Through poetic dance and movement, original live music, vignettes from Strindberg’s play, and re-constructed shanty house facades set within the historic Swede Hollow park, Sod House Theater will welcome audiences into an immersive experience of the immigrant community that once lived in Swede Hollow. Contact sodhousetheater@gmail.com for more information.

Non-fiction Book Review

Madame Fourcade’s Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France’s Largest Spy Network Against Hitler

Theresa Wanta
Special to the Forum

As with other books penned by Lynne Olson, I wished Madame Fourcade’s Secret War would never end. But then the war wouldn’t have.

The book was most informative. I had no idea the largest and most important allied intelligence network in France, “Alliance,” provided so much important intelligence to MI6, the British Intelligence Agency. And less so, did I know it was led by a woman. I was surprised to learn that U.S President Franklin Roosevelt did not understand what the Vichy government of France really was, and that many of her women spies were able to keep secrets under torture. Women then, and even today, minimize the importance of their achievements while, as Olson states, “those who had done the least spoke the most.”

This powerful book required a great amount of research to pull it together. Lead-in sentences and choice of words for seemingly repetitive actions kept me interested and are much admired. And as picayunish as it may sound, I really appreciated the correct usage of the English language throughout. Put simply, the writing style pulls one in.

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It is remarkable for the author to weave so many individuals and subplots into a coherent, understandable historical narrative while maintaining suspense to the very end. Her narration made the events seem present. Madame Fourcade’s role as a distinct, yet unifying element among her spies, reads like fiction.

I can’t imagine Fourcade, who once escaped prison, bearing a child during this time. Many of her women spies were able to keep secrets under torture. Women then, and even today, minimize the importance of their achievements while, as Olson states, “those who had done the least spoke the most.”

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Merrick Community Services — Celebrating 111 Years
Mark Gallagher
Associate Editor

Merrick Community Services started off as the Christ Child Society of St. Paul back in 1908 as a branch of the Christ Child Society that Mary Virginia Merrick had started earlier. Mrs. Quinlan, who had traveled out west to Washington D.C., was enameled with Mrs. Merrick and decided to start a chapter here in 1908. A little before that, the Christ Child Society became disassociated with the Catholic Church. “In 1990, we were chartered again with the State of Minnesota when we changed our name from The Christ Child Society of St. Paul to Merrick Community Services as an homage to Mary Virginia Merrick who passed away in 1955.”

Before it became Merrick Community Services, the Christ Child Society was originally located at Railroad Island, which was a port of entry for immigrants and new arrivals in St. Paul. Railroad Island is an area that was closed off by railroads on at least three sides, so it was bordered by Payne Avenue on the east, 35E on the west, and Phalen Boulevard on the north. It is now located in Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, which is at 1669 Arcade Street, Suite 4, in St. Paul.

“ar the original mission when the Christ Child Society of St. Paul first started,” said Dan Rodriguez, Executive Director of Merrick Community Services, “was to provide services to anybody who was in need, particularly immi-
grants and new arrivals. Originally, it was probably limited to people who were part of the Catholic Church. Back then immigrants would have been Germans, Swedes, and Italians. It was primarily focused on women and their chil-
dren.

“ar the Christ Child Society would knit layettes. A layette is what you wrap an infant in, so if you think about the Christ Child story where Mary and Joseph wrap the Christ Child in swaddling clothes, that is what it was — recognizing that infants needed that kind of support.

“I think soon after The Christ Child Society of St. Paul was founded, people recognized that not only did the in-
"sants have needs, but their mothers had needs, the other siblings had needs, and other members of the family had needs — then bit by bit more services began.”

“ar was founded in the tradition of ‘settlement houses.’ A settlement house was a movement that started in the 19th century and went over to the 20th century. It was started in Europe but primarily in England.”

“A settlement house was a new arrivals and im-
giniers, in particular, to receive services to get settled in a new place. There they could become full citizens, so they were registered on citizenship classes and they were taught to speak English, classes on job training, and they took those classes so that they could be successful. It was a place where kids could have some positive role models, and program-
ing.

There were activities for the girls, as well. It was a safe place for people new to an area who may not have been citizens, or may have not spoken English, or may not have had a lot of skills, to become successful and fully embedded in the American society.

“The Christ Child Society started in Europe, and it was just a model of what the public schools were not doing. A lot of the kids were not speaking English, and the teachers didn’t know how to teach English, classes on job training, and they took those classes so that they could be successful. It was a place where kids could have some positive role models, and program-
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Merrick Community Services has many programs that benefit the residents of the East Side of St. Paul. “We have five program areas,” said Rodriguez, “and I will list them in no particular order. The first one is for youth, and we have programs after school and out of school. The youth are currently working with Urban Roots on the East Side where we have a garden. The youth also work at a food shelf where they are dealing with hunger, and they have an opportunity to earn a little money.”

“Then we have a seniors program. We have one of the largest ‘Meals on Wheels’ programs in Ramsey County where we deliver hot meals every day with our volunteers to upwards of 90 or so people, and those people are all on the East Side. We actually do serve some people outside of the East Side, including in South St. Paul, who might be in Woodbury. We also serve people in Oakdale.

“The other programs include: family services where we serve people who are in crisis. Often times we are dealing with domestic violence, other instability, and homelessness. We have a county contract were we will provide ser-
"ices for individuals there, and we also have career or em-
ployment services where we provide support and training to individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. Working with various funders, we provide credentials and work with employers who can get people to work for liv-
\"ing wages.

“Lastly, our largest program is our food shelf where we serve over 10,000 households. It is kind of sad that there are so many people who are hungry in this country of afflu-
ence and wealth. It’s a shame, actually, but we’re still for-
tunate to have funders, volunteers, and donors who support our projects, so we can help the households who are hungry. Many people come to the food shelf once a month, and that is the guideline we use, although we don’t turn anyone away.

“Then again, that’s 10,000 households, so you can imag-
ine if there are two, three, or more people per family, you can see the impact we are having. I think this year we are on pace to serve over 700,000 pounds of food. The dona-
tions come from corporations, businesses, families, and churches that do food drives for us. Second Harvest Food Shelf is a close partner with us, along with Hunger Solu-
tions, and we could not do that work without our volun-
ters and our donors.

“Another program that Merrick Community Services has that benefits the residents of the East Side of St. Paul is the Christmas Gift Distribution, which is usually held a week or two before Christmas. The kids develop a food shelf 30 years with the Salvation Army. Individuals in the Salvation Army have a partnership with the Marine’s Toys For Tots, which we receive gifts, and Merrick gives as well. Merrick Community Services has other partners, and they have also have a relationship with the Sal-
vation Army, and the Marine’s Toys For Tots. It’s because of the generosity of the community who donate toys and of the churches and individuals who donate toys is how Merrick is able to serve over 700 to 750 families during Christmas season.

“We are very fortunate to have pro bono support from 3M as we were recreating our logo,” said Rodriguez. “It’s a colorful, multi-colored logo that represents the diverse commu-
nity and the multiple colors of people we serve in the community. It’s a circle, which also represents community. It has a circle that is part of missing, which is how we say it’s ‘incom-
plete work’ that the people who some people like to think it looks like a budding flower ready to bloom. We think that would represent the work yet to be done on the East Side in individuals’ lives, so their potential can be fully realized. We realize that it is in full bloom, a very positive ‘glass is full’ view of things — which is how we see things. If you look at it to be an ‘N’ some people see a heart, like the heart of the community. So it means different things to dif-
ferent people. Our tolwme is ‘Growing. Stronger. Toget-
herness.’ and that is really important because we really believe the only way we grow is together, and when we grow together, we are stronger.

“Merrick Community Services is growing and has poten-
tial, and that’s a positive affirmation of the organization, of the community of the East Side, which has not always been viewed positively, and most importantly, the people we serve have the potential for growth and they are grow-
ning. They are strong and in fact they’re getting stronger, and again, a belief in the resilience of the people we serve, the East Side, and the organization. And lastly, none of that can occur unless we do it together. In fact, we say that we know a lot about community because, after all, our middle name is ‘Community.’

“There are so many people in our society who are made to feel less than, and that’s not who they are,” said Ro-

guez. “That is one of the reasons I’m so happy to be at Merrick Community Services. I think that’s my mission in life. If someone is dealing with domestic violence, or homelessness, or unemployment, or hunger, or wanting to be in their own home as a senior, or a youth who is trying to figure out what they want to do with their lives, Merrick has been a great place for me to be able to continue to serve those people, which has been a motivation for me all through my life.”

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October 2019

Historic St. Paul October Days

Steve Trimble
Forum Historian

Here are some interesting items from our early and more recent times. Were any of our readers at the Zion Nebraska State Fair?

October 7, 1935: Amelia Earhart made a visit to St. Paul on this day. She had a special reason for welcoming this famous aviator—she lived here for a time. She was also a board member of the Hoffman-Olson Audubon Club. Amelia attended St. Paul Central High School and was class valedictorian. She spoke at the Women’s City Club, and Officers of the St. Paul Police held a reception and banquet in her honor. She gave her message on “the heroism of the Peruvian navy in the Battle of Angamos in 1947, and declared that October 1 is the National Day. The government has just passed a national resolution on the National Day. It is the Day of Resolution on the National Day, the Day of National Day. It is a day that is set aside to honor the heroism of the Peruvian navy in the Battle of Angamos. The Sunday is the National Day.

October 22, 1919: Amelia Earhart made a visit to St. Paul on this day. She had a special reason for welcoming this famous aviator—she lived here for a time. She was also a board member of the Hoffman-Olson Audubon Club. Amelia attended St. Paul Central High School and was an excellent student. Her academic courses included physics, Latin, and German and she was on the girls basketball team. She was only there for her junior year because the family moved on to Chicago.

In the winter of 1920, Earhart saw her first air show, took her first airplane ride, and was hooked. Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and Pacific. Earhart made her first solo flight across the Atlantic on May 20, 1932, and her first solo flight across the Pacific on November 13, 1935. Earhart was despondent over the restrictions of his parole.

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October 11, 1118: St. Paul officials drafted regulations governing closing and opening of public places to comply with the city's liquor control laws. It was a success.

October 30, 1935, saw a sudden upturn of cases and 1,946 houses were put under quarantine. St. John's Hospital was turned into an isolation location. The local Red Cross handed out thousands of soup boxes. On November 4, schools, shops, churches, theaters and other public places were shut down. People were eager to see work places opened and entertainment venues to be the star. The Eighty Annual Twin Cities Zombie Pub Crawl took place on this day and over 30,000 zombies “rose from the dead” for the event that took place in St. Paul and Minneapolis. When wristbands were collected from participants and counted, there was a new record of 195,888.

October 19, 1902: Jim Younger, a former member of the Jesse James Gang, killed himself on this day at the age of 53. He had been incarcerated for 25 years for his participation in the ill-fated robbery of a Northfield, Minnesota bank and was let out of Stillwater Prison by special act of the legislature. According to newspaper reports, he was despondent over the restrictions of his parole.

Younger had become a theosophist in prison and because of a shared belief, came to know and then engaged to a young woman in St. Paul. They hoped to marry, but the parole board denied him the right to have a wedding. In his words: “Oh, lassie, goodbye. Jim Younger.” On the other side were these words: “Oh, lassie, goodbye. I’m not just staying away from me. No crocodile tears wanted. Reporters, be my friends; burn me up. Jim Younger.”

October 22, 1919: New rules for behavior in St. Paul dance halls were revealed in today’s issue of the Pioneer Press. They had been instituted by 65 year old Chief of Police, Richard O’Connor. According to the paper, they included the following: Rule one was “Dancers must not dance in pairs and must not cross the floor.” The second rule was “Neither shall they wiggle like a snake while turning the corners of the dance floor or when they turn around.” The next rule was “They must not raise their hands above their heads.” The third rule was “They must not tap on the floor.” The fourth rule was “They must not raise their hands above their heads.” The fifth rule was “They must not tap on the floor.”

October 13, 2012: The Guinness World Record for largest gathering of zombies was set at St. Paul’s Midway Stadium on this day. A few thousand zombie events were started in 2005 and kept growing. 8,027 of “the walking dead” showed up at Midway Stadium, aka Zombie Island. The day was called the “Deadliest Day.”

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Terroric Tree Trek

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Forum Contributor

If you are an outdoors person as I am, let me tell you about an experience I just found out about. It is the Terroric Tree Trek, a recreational opportunity in our own neighborhood. It is all within Indian Mounds Park and contains 3 different tree species. Each tree’s sign has a QR code that link to more information. Get your kids off screen and do some walking and learning outdoors. Think of it the next time your children or grandchildren are asked to do a school or scout project about trees or leaves. Take your out-of-town visitors to this special spot.

Visit www.moundsparkstreektrek.ewebly.com, to download a map with the location of each identified tree and a looped trail that starts and ends at the pavilion at Earl and Mounds Boulevard.

The Tree Trek was created by several community folks, St. Parks and Recreation Department staff, along with members of the University of St. Thomas’s Department of Forestry Resources Urban and Community Forestry Outreach program and is one of a very few such places in Minnesota. Maybe I’ll see you in the park this summer and we can talk trees. Perhaps a group would like to create a Tree Trek for the Phalen Park area.

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**East Side Eating – Trimble’s Taste Trek**

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton’s Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town. There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 60 may now be found online at daytonsbuffldistrictforum.org; click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbuffldistrictforum@gmail.com.

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I try to keep track of new sit-down restaurants on the East Side (by the way, if you know of a new one in a remote area let me know and I’ll mention your name) so I was happy to hear that an old spot was now going to offer more than a typical frozen pizza. You may remember it as the Mounds Park Lounge. For the last five years or so it has been known as the Mounds Park Sports Bar. Owner Bill Spiess has done a lot of remodeling recently and now the establishment offers an array of food. The remodel made room for a kitchen and a bar set up in the basement for parties and other events needing room for large groups.

Jennifer Gasgoine and Nick Duncan, two long-time members of the Forum newspaper crew, wanted to accompany me on the latest Taste Trek, so we met there on a recent Friday. It was not packed when we arrived around 6:15 p.m., but it was definitely lively with a good-sized clientele. Inside we found six large flat screen televisions that keep track of the sports that give the establishment its name. There are eight tables with some decorations hanging on the top of the walls and there are some decorations hanging on-screen televisions that keep track of the sports that give the establishment its name. There are eight tables with some chairs near the front windows and another eight tables in the back. There is a long bar on the western wall that has 15 stools and a full selection of various liquors. Check out the “Drink of the Day.”

Year-round Christmas-style lights are strung up on the roof and they give a warm glow to the room. Year-round Christmas-style lights are strung up on the roof and they give a warm glow to the room. As we made our way through the menu, we noticed that there are a lot of Italian dishes. The menu includes a variety of hot and cold appetizers. Some of the appetizers are deep fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks, pepper poppers, onion rings, and garlic butter toast. Entrees are grilled ham and cheese, club sandwiches, pepper poppers, onion rings, and garlic butter toast. Entrees are grilled ham and cheese, club sandwiches, pepper poppers, onion rings, and garlic butter toast. Entrees are grilled ham and cheese, club sandwiches, pepper poppers, onion rings, and garlic butter toast.

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