

The Eagles Club on Maria Ave.

Mark Gallagher

The Fraternal Order of Eagles was founded on February 6, 1898, and the organization was formed by six theater owners sitting on a pile of lumber in Moran's shipyard in Seattle, Washington. All six theater owners were competitors who decided to meet and exchange ideas on what to do about a musicians' strike.

After some discussion on the topic, the six men agreed to a peaceful settlement and formed an organization that started out as "The Order of Good Things." The membership was growing, and in April 1898, the bald eagle was selected as the official emblem. A charter, a constitution, and bylaws were set in motion with a name change to "The Fraternal Order of Eagles. John Cort, one of the six men who founded the organization, was elected the first president.

A chapter of The Fraternal Order of the Eagles is known as an "Aerie," and aerie is defined as an eagle's nest. So, Aerie 33, the Eagles Club at 287 Maria Ave. in Dayton's Bluff, is the 33rd Aerie of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in America. An Aerie is known by its instituting number and the name of the city in which it is located. Eric Zidlicky, vice-president of Aerie 33, said there are over 1500 aeries or chapters of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles."

"Our Eagles Club just had our 125th anniversary in November of 2024," said Zidlicky, "but I think this is the second or third location for our Eagles Club. We have pictures of one over by the State Capitol that was near the Ford Building, which was torn down on University Ave. close to the State Capitol."

People join the Eagles Club to get together with other people for the camaraderie and fellowship. There is a bar in the club, which helps to support the club, and it enables people to have a drink or drinks and socialize. They have always been based on a group of people who want to help other people. The Eagles Club tries to raise money for the things

they want to do and pay for the building.

The Eagles Club used to be just for men, and then they added an auxiliary for women, but a lot of the aeries have removed the auxiliary and brought the women in with the men—it's called a fraternity. It is an old rule, and nobody has changed it. In the rules for the ceremonies, they talk about brothers, so everyone was a brother, but in the Maria club, they have adopted brothers and sisters, where it is about equal genders. The national Eagles Clubs have a lot of female members now, also.

"We have about 56 members," said Zidlicky, "so we are pretty small right now, but much smaller than we used to be. We used to have a business office upstairs that took care of everything, and we had a staff that were here five days a week, but we are not anywhere near that now. Our peak membership was about a couple hundred, and back when we had more members, we would have dances, serve food for people, and all kinds of things.

"Serving food to people is just one way we can help people feel like they are part of the community, and it is easy for us to make dinner at home and bring it here to serve to the people who might need a meal. But we want to focus on doing more for people like getting music and more entertainment in here. We want to bring people in and not charge them to come in, but we hope they have a few drinks from the bar because that is a few drinks from which we can make some money."

The Eagles Club is open to the public, and the general public pays the same for the food and drink as the members. Their food service is limited because they have a basic food license, so they cannot actually prepare the food at the Eagles Club because they don't have a kitchen. They grill steaks outside every Wednesday even in the winter, and have done that for a good 10 years or more. The last president, whose name was Jack, started the Wednesday steak fry, and he had been doing that for a long time.

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Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 33 Facebook Page

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 33 Eagles Club, is located at 287 Maria Ave.

Easter Egg Hunts in the Area

Cost: \$8
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Family Fun Twin Cities

Easter Stories, Crafts, and Bunnies

April 19
@St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave, Saint Paul

An egg hunt, Bible stories, crafts, and live bunnies geared toward kids ages 2-6. Enter via the Parish Hall.

Free
10:30-noon

Oakdale Mystery Egg Hunt

April 19
@Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4444 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale

Hunt the trails of the Oakdale Nature Preserve for eggs to exchange for a surprise. Other fun stuff included in your ticket: a petting zoo, games, face painting, picture with the bunny, refreshments, and prizes. Event begins at 9 a.m., hunt commences at 9:15 a.m. Registration required (**deadline April 11 or until hunt is full**).

Cost: \$13 for children 10 and under
9-11 a.m.



Marcus Theatres Hop to the Movies

April 19
@Oakdale Marcus Cinema

Easter activities for kids under 11: Egg hunts, photos with the Easter bunny, crafts, and candy before seeing your pick of the movies *Hop* (10 a.m.) or *The Wild Robot* (9:45 a.m.). Egg Hunt begins 30 minutes before showtime.

Cost: \$9
9:15 a.m.-noon

Find more events at familyfuntwincities.com/twin-cities-easter-egg-hunts/

Sundays in April: Romanian Easter Traditions

April 6, 13, 20, 27

@Landmark Center

"Hunt" the Romanian American Cultural Center gallery for the beautiful eggs, while learning about Romanian Easter traditions, including painted eggs, customs and painted icons.

Free
1-3 p.m.

Inver Grove Heights Flashlight Egg Hunt

April 11

@Oakwood Park, 3534 78th Street East (78th and Clayton), Inver Grove Heights

Kids ages 10-13 can search for eggs after dark with a flashlight. **Registration Required.**

Free
10-11 p.m.

Spring Egg Painting

April 12

@Battle Creek Rec Center

Kids ages 7-12 can register to dye and decorate eggs to take home.

Cost: \$5 residents; \$7.50 non-residents
10-11 a.m.

Inver Grove Heights Aqua Egg Hunt

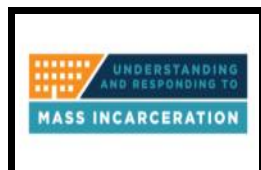
April 13

@Veterans Memorial Community Center, 8055 Barbara Ave, Inver Grove Heights

Dive for eggs to trade in for goodies. Registration is required for one of two time slots (9:30 or 10:30 a.m.)

Understanding and Responding to Mass Incarceration (URMI) Conference Being Held April 11

Brian Higbee



On April 11, the annual Understanding and Responding to Mass Incarceration (URMI) conference returns to Metro State University. The URMI 2025 theme Wrongful Conviction, Wrongful Incarceration will amplify the voices of those whose lives have been disrupted by wrongful conviction and incarceration — those unjustly incarcerated, their

loved ones, and their communities. Wrongful conviction may occur due to prosecutorial and police misconduct, ineffective legal counsel, dubious or flawed forensic evidence, false confessions, and mistaken eyewitness identification.

Wrongful conviction and incarceration disproportionately affect communities of color, thus bolstering the system of mass incarceration and disenfranchisement. These realities damage the marginalized and the public good, demanding urgent response. Join us for a powerful gathering where we will hear from those with lived experience, alongside experts, panelists, and in breakout sessions. We will explore these critical issues and offer specific action steps toward systemic change. URMI is free and open to the public. Registration details coming soon.

Register
forms.office.com/r/azpjxget3f



The Gordon Parks Gallery Presents 2025 Student Salon

Metro State University

The annual Student Salon exhibit at Metro State University's Gordon Parks Gallery features multimedia works produced by undergraduate Studio Arts majors in their final year of study.

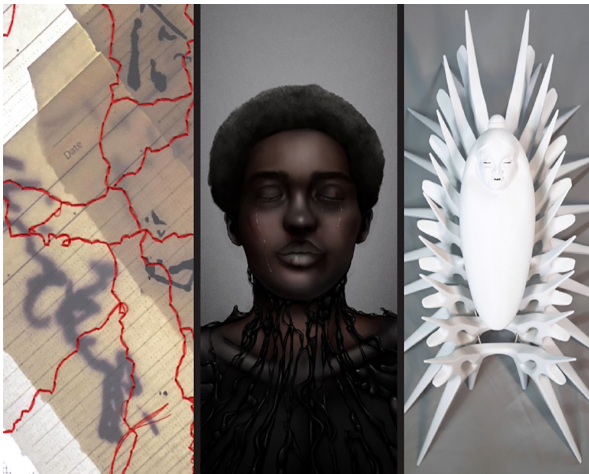
Visual artists include: Katrina Barnett, Plymouth; Ethan Denninger, Maple Grove; Kai Fleming, Minneapolis; Mu Ku Hser, Saint Paul; Aryn Lill, Monticello; Jennifer Lopez, Minneapolis; Oliver Marshall, Brooklyn Park; Yulitza Nava Gonzalez, Maple Grove; Richard Osuji, Saint Paul; Kim-Anh Pham, Saint Paul; Kim Reedich, Saint Paul; Sam Van Vo, Minneapolis; Kou Yang, Oakdale; and Hong Zhou, Shorewood

"This year's exhibition features work

produced by 14 Studio Arts majors," says Gordon Parks Gallery Interim Director Dr. Megan Arney Johnston. "This year's Student Salon reflects rigorous and highly creative works that showcase the strong Studio Arts program at Metro."

"The work in this exhibition evokes curiosity through a variety of subjects and the way each artist brings the viewer into their process. There is a range of media present from 3D printed objects to hand-sewn photographs, paintings, prints, installations, and artist books," Amy Sands, associate professor of Studio Arts, said.

The exhibit opened with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. The show will continue through April 10. Gallery hours are 1 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, at the university's Saint Paul Campus.



Screenshot from Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher's Live on Patrol educational broadcast

The new Saint Paul Fire Station No. 7 on Ross Avenue near Earl Street is nearing completion. It is set to open later this year.

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Our meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 765 Margaret St., back entrance. For the most accurate information on the next meeting, email Michel or follow us on Facebook.

The meeting is **April 15** and starts at **6:30 p.m.** and is an excellent resource for park updates and events. For more updates email taylor672@comcast.net or call Michel at 651-442-3366.

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 **Friday, April 4 at 11 a.m.**

If you'd like to attend, email daytons-bluffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information.

We are currently meeting at the Dayton's Bluff Library.

Need Groceries?

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

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

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

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

partner sites.

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

Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer.

Police Community Meetings

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

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

Call Jacque Englund at 651-266-5548 or email Jacque.Englund@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

New National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Text or Dial. 988 was recently launched as an alternative to calling 911.

Xcel Phone Numbers

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At no charge, Xcel will have a trained technician check the area on your property or on the boulevard to make sure there are no wires, pipes, or other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the 'no-dig' area with painted lines, and everyone is safe!

Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is inviting everyone to attend the meeting on **Monday, April 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street.

Come meet your neighbors, share your ideas, hear from others, and elect board members. Your voice matters!

Welcome address from the Board President, remarks from other local officials, and open discussion with your neighbors and board members are on the schedule. Looking forward to seeing you and serving your neighborhood needs. All are welcome.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to smrls.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, and more. You can also call if you're behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc. If an interpreter is needed, SMRLS will provide one.

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



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April 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13: *The Tin Woman*. Reeling in the wake of an unexpected heart transplant, Joy finds herself drawn to contact the donor's family. A tempestuous meeting ensues resulting in a roller coaster of tears, laughter, and healing. An intimate and poignant play, *The Tin Woman* explores the power of human connection. *The Tin Woman* is a play by Sean Grennan, directed by Joy Donley. Performance times: 7:30 p.m. on all dates with 2:30 p.m. matinees on April 5 and 12. Tickets \$25 - General Admission; \$35 - Front Row General Admission; \$5 - \$35 (Pay As You Are Able) on Sunday April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Visit moundstheatre.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

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

Chess Club

Come join us at Karibu Grocery and Deli, located at 719 Payne Ave. in St. Paul for a weekly game of chess. All levels are welcome. We play every **Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.**



Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library This Month

Dayton's Bluff Library

There are lots of things happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library! Besides our regular Teen Tuesday programming and various book clubs we have some special programming as well:

April showers bring May Flowers: Did you know we have a Seed Library? You can take up to five seed packets per visit by signing them out at the front desk. The East Side Seed Library is located inside the Dayton's Bluff branch of the Saint Paul Public Library. It is operated in partnership with the Metro State University Library and Learning Center, as well as Urban Roots. All of our seeds are procured through donations and partnerships and we could use your help! If you have seeds to donate, we would love to take them. A huge thank

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First-of-its-Kind Mental Health Urgent Care for Youth Helps Close Gaps in Care

Ramsey County

Last year, Social Services staff were given a unique opportunity through a state grant to expand services provided at the Mental Health Urgent Care. The Mental Health Urgent Care located at 402 University Ave. E. became the first in the state to support youths ages 13-18 and their families with extended, urgent care hours, the 24/7 crisis line, and off-site respite services.

Ramsey County has offered crisis mental health services for adults at the Mental Health Urgent Care for several years, but not to youths. The expansion aims to reduce the burden on local emergency rooms, provide more appropriate mental health crisis interventions, and respond to feedback from community about the need for more resources for youth. The grant-funded expanded services and remodeled

you to the West Side Seed Library and the folks at Growing West Side for inspiring and supporting the creation of the East Side Seed Library.

Dayton's Bluff Puzzle Swap: Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle! It's easy to get bored with doing the same puzzles over and over! Help yourself to a new puzzle at our puzzle swap. You don't need to take a puzzle to leave a puzzle, and you don't need to leave a puzzle to take puzzle. If you are leaving or taking more than three puzzles at a time, please let library staff know.

April is not just spring, it's also National Poetry Month: Saint Paul Public Libraries are celebrating with Poetry Trading

Cards. Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. This is the fourth year in a row we have created trading cards with new poems and poets for you to discover. Poetry Month is a great opportunity to celebrate and discover new poetry.

space are intended to serve as a model for the rest of the state to support the health and well-being of our communities — particularly our young people — and help close current gaps in care.

Community feedback

Community, hospital partners, and staff attended information sessions and participated in a survey that guided programming and decision-making throughout the expansion. Family involvement is key at the Mental Health Urgent Care and puts families at the center of decision-making on their path to stabilization.

The youth expansion was soft-launched in August and now, after a revision of the billing structure based on important community feedback, is being promoted widely to reach youths and their families across Ramsey County.

At a time when the U.S. Surgeon General has declared youth mental health a public health crisis, these new resources are needed more than ever. The Mental Health Urgent Care empowers our youth and families to care for their mental well-being by increasing access to psychiatric and mental health care 365 days a year. Ramsey County is here to help, every step of the way.



Greg Cosimini

The businesses near the Earl Street Gold Line station on Hudson Road are ready to welcome the new customers who will be brought to them by the Gold Line buses. The Gold Line began operation on Saturday, March 22. Rides are free through Friday, March 28. For more information visit metrotransit.org/gold-line

East Side Elders Services

East Side Elders

Rides (transportation program re-opening soon)

Many seniors have given up their car keys but still need to get out and about. Volunteer drivers take seniors to medical appointments, the grocery store, and other destinations, such as a senior program or special events.

Friendly Callers (in-person visits currently on hold)

A friendly chat can do a great deal of good for a senior who is unable to leave their home, particularly in bad weather, or doesn't have family around to drop in to make sure all is OK. ESE volunteers can be matched with a specific senior, or can be on-call on an as-needed basis. A quick phone call is sometimes all that is needed to make sure that the senior has what they need.



Chores

Volunteers can help with outdoor and indoor chores such as changing a light-bulb, organizing a closet, or raking leaves.

Weekly Wellness Program

Volunteer nurses and other healthcare volunteers can check your vital signs, such as blood pressure, talk to you about good nutrition, or your health in general. We offer the Weekly Wellness Program for the residents at Parkway Gardens Apartments and the Elders Lodge.

Caregiver Support

Our staff will work with you to see how we can best support you in your caregiver journey. Give us a call today!

Legal Clinics (currently on hold)

Our volunteer lawyers can help you with a will, healthcare directive, or power of attorney. Call us today to ask about our next clinic.

Resource Referral

The East Side Elder's program staff are a great resource for information about other services in the area — give us a call today at 763-325-3473 or 651-335-8840.



You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

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

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Want to write about something that interests you? We want to hear it! Submit your stories and articles to the email above.

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Deadline for the May issue of the Forum is April 10, 2025.

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Met Council, City of Saint Paul Approvals Pave Way for Downtown Development

St. Paul Planning and Economic Development

A 20-story apartment tower and a six-story building connected by a skyway over the METRO Green Line are proposed on a critical piece of undeveloped land in the heart of downtown Saint Paul.

Following recent approvals to enter into a tentative developer agreement by the Metropolitan Council and Saint Paul's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Indianapolis-based Flaherty & Collins will now begin the process of moving forward with its \$130 million plan to build on what's known as the Central Station Block.

The developer's plans call for 300 market-rate housing units and 10,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space on the now vacant site adjacent to the Green Line's Central Station. The site is also served by the METRO Gold Line and several bus routes.

Under the tentative developer agreement, Flaherty & Collins must meet several milestones for public engagement, funding and budget, designs, and approvals before negotiating terms and conditions of a final development agreement. The goal is to have a purchase agreement in place by the end of 2026 with construction to commence shortly after.

The Central Station Block is two parcels owned separately by the Met Council and City of Saint Paul. The properties were acquired as part of the Green Line's construction over a decade

ago. "We are excited to advance the transformative Central Station Block development," Met Council Chair Charlie Zelle said.

"This pivotal project will not only revitalize a key urban hub but demonstrate our commitment to smart growth principles. By strategically increasing density around major transit modes, we're creating a more sustainable, equitable, and economically vibrant region that benefits all residents and positions us competitively on the national stage."

"Central Station is a key intersection for commuters, residents, and visitors to access our urban core," Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said. "Flaherty & Collins' ideas to reimagine this area with housing and retail echo our vision for a vibrant, connected, and revitalized downtown Saint Paul."

"After working for the last six years to deliver on a pivotal project for our downtown, I am excited about this transformational investment in the Central Station site," Council President Rebecca Noecker said. "Flaherty & Collins' vision of transforming this area into a vibrant, mixed-use space with residential, retail, and public components holds tremendous potential for revitalizing our downtown corridor."

Transit-oriented development continues along transitways

The effort to develop the Central Station Block comes as construction continues along Metro Transit's high-frequency transit corridors, bringing more housing, jobs, and tax revenue to the region.

According to the Metro Transit Transit Oriented Development Office's latest Development Trends Along Transit report, \$19.2 billion in development has been permitted along high-frequency transit since 2009. The report shows 38.4% of regional development has been permitted on less than 4% of the region's total land.

Photo in the top right corner provided by the City of St. Paul



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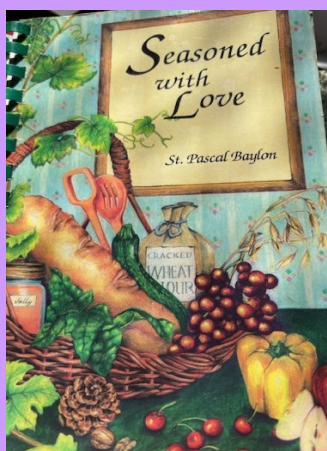
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Some Recipes from an East Side Cookbook

By St. Pascal Baylon 1993
Edited by Steve Trimble

"Seasoned with Love" was a cookbook published by St. Pascal Baylon parish in 1993. St. Pascal's, established in 1946, was one of a few parishes established just after World War II.

Unlike cookbooks from parishes started for ethnic groups which are filled with old world recipes, this cookbook has only a few offerings of ethnic foods.



French Meat Pie

Ann Lemke

- 2 pounds ground pork, not sausage
- ½ cup white wine
- 2 medium onions
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 5 potatoes, cooked and cubed
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- garlic powder
- 2 pie shells
- salt and pepper to taste



Place ground pork in heavy skillet. Pour in small amount of water and cover. Cook on low heat. Add onions, cooked potatoes, wine and all seasonings. Simmer until mixture is thick but not dry. Place in pie shells and cover with crust. Pierce crust and brush with egg white. Bake at 350 F until crust top is golden brown.

Grandma's Molasses Cookies

Florene McCaughtley

- 1 cup shortening
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 4-6 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon



Combine ingredients and chill at least two hours or overnight. Roll out and put sugar on top. Bake at 375 for 10 minutes. This is a soft cookie.

Pancit (Filipino Noodle Dish)

Victoria Francisco

- 1 package rice noodles
- 1 cup shredded chicken breast
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 2 sliced carrots
- 1 small can chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce



Wash noodles, drain, and set aside. Sauté the vegetables in minced garlic and salt to taste. Add the shredded chicken breast and set aside. Boil 2 cups of water. Mix 1 can chicken broth and let boil.

When boiling, add the drained noodles in a simmering heat and mix evenly for around 3 or 4 minutes. Add the cooked mixture of vegetables and chicken and mix sparingly.

Garnish with thin slices of onion leaves and slices of lemon. Ready to serve.

Eagles

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Tara, who was born and raised in St. Paul, started volunteering for the Eagles Club about nine years ago when she would do the set-up for events. After some time, the Eagles Club needed a cook for the Wednesday night steak fry, and since her grandma taught her how to cook when Tara was a little girl, she volunteered.

She developed her cooking chops while she worked at Tin Cups for a couple years and Savoy Pizza as a cook. Since the day Tara first volunteered to cook steaks, she has been a fixture there for just about every Wednesday. It doesn't matter what the weather is like outside, she cooks steaks in the heat of summer, the cold of winter, and even in the rain. "Everybody that comes here for steak on Wednesday," as Tara delights in saying, "is like family. I enjoy seeing people happy as a result of something I did."

On Wednesdays, Tara starts washing potatoes at 9 a.m. in her own kitchen then wraps the potatoes in tin foil and cooks them for four hours. After she finishes with the potatoes, Tara makes the biscuits that go with the steak, potatoes, and lettuce, then creates the homemade French dressing that some people put on their lettuce. The Eagles Club on Maria Ave. has two kinds of lettuce: iceberg lettuce and just a regular green lettuce salad which contains some tomatoes and cucumbers and cheese. Then she goes to the Eagles Club to cook the steaks and gets home at about 9 p.m. So, on Wednesdays, Tara usually puts in a 12-hour day preparing the extras and cooking the steaks to make a delicious meal for her second family.

"We generally serve 30 to 40 steaks on a Wednesday night," said Zidlicky, "and that is 30 to 40 people who come here for steaks, and most of those people are regulars. We pay regular price for the steaks; we don't get a discount. We buy a big loin cut from a butcher, and we cut the individual steaks from that. The Eagles Club makes sure that the steaks are about the same size and quality, and we usually just break even. That Wednesday steak fry is probably the best meal some people are going to get that week, and for ten dollars, it's pretty good deal. We make a couple dollars on the Wednesday steak fry, and it all helps in the end — we operate on a very small margin. The Wednesday night steak fry is our most regular event that you can count on, but we are going to have Karaoke on Friday nights. Other specials will happen during Vikings' games on a Sunday.

"I am the vice-president, Drew is the president, and Curtis is the treasurer of the Eagles Club on Maria Ave., and all of us work together. Because this work is all volunteer, I work at the Washington County Environmental Center in Woodbury, where they have a contract with Clean Harbor out in Massachusetts. It's all environmental cleanup — household hazardous waste.

"I am supervisor of that whole group out there, and I have been out there for three and a half years. I also am the president of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, and I am on my third year of being president. I have been on the council for maybe six years."

The Eagles Club is an all-volunteer run and managed business, and they don't have a lot of sales, so it is really easy to manage their books. They usually have three regular volunteers who bartend,

and several others will step in on occasion, including Zidlicky. He usually volunteers one night a month just to pitch in a little bit on a Saturday night. He works an eight-hour shift on Saturday at the Environmental Center then he comes to the Eagles Club until he decides when to close. They hardly ever have people there real late, so they are seldom open very late. If the Eagles Club had a special party, they would abide by the city rules because they fall under the regulations of a bar.

"We kind of rent to who we want," said Zidlicky. "We usually host the American Legion Post 599, who has their own space, and their flags are hanging from the ceiling in that space. All their signs are here, and we let them come here for free. It is the 3M Post of the American Legion, so anybody who is or was an employee of 3M can be a member. We give them the space to hold their meetings here at no charge.

"As we become better established, we would like to be open all day on Sundays for all the games, and on Monday nights because of Monday Night Football. People love football, and they can have a drink while they are watching a football game. We spend a lot on our cable bill to make sure we have access to all the cable channels for football games, but then we also have to provide a bartender here who is willing to be here and work. We do not do Thursday Night Football just because Thursday nights are one of our slow nights — sometimes we are not even open. Just because of the Wednesday night steak fry, we usually take Thursday night off, but if there is a bartender available, we will be open on Thursday night."

The Eagles Club on Maria Ave. is working with a group called the TriLingua Cinema, and they have been doing movie groups. They have been trying to do movies outside at the Sculpture Park on East Seventh Street. They have had two nights where they host a movie, and then the Eagles Club ties a drink to it. The last time TriLingua Cinema had the movie night, they played the movie called "The Big Lebowski," and they served "White Russians" for five bucks. Both the Eagles Club and the Tri Lingua Cinema had an \$800 bar tab that night — it was a great success.

"We are trying really hard with the influx of new members to take the Eagles Club on Maria back to what it used to be," said Zidlicky. "Trying to make it into a dance hall, and that is a thing of the past, but we can do different things with this space. Most of the tables and chairs fold up and can be moved to the side, so we have a nice big space. It's a good space for wedding receptions and family reunions, and there are lots of good ideas for the space.

"We want to get some live music in here. There are a ton of local musicians in this area who are just looking for a place to play. So, they can come over here and play, and we can sponsor them and really talk about the musicians, and not even charge them and hope some people come in and listen to them."

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View From My Porch

Sage Holben

My neighborhood. I realize I have talked about this topic before. I love my neighborhood; the mix of people, even those with whom I clash. Your neighborhood may not be anything like mine; maybe you think it is, especially if you work for the city and what you see are simply houses in varying condition, or simple yards where weeds and flowers compete, but what is a weed after all?

Some residents see their homes as a place of security, only family or whatever entertains and amuses them at the end of the work day. Perhaps a little patio hidden by some shrubs for a bit of privacy. Nothing wrong with that. But it's not for me. I realize it on the treasured days of warm sunshine as flowers bloom, rabbits and squirrels frisk, bikers and scooter riders race down Fourth Street, neighbors walk their dogs, our mail carriers caution us about unleashed running dogs and remark on abandoned vehicles for us to report.

It's not that any of these sights are unusual or particular to only our Dayton's Bluff area, but that our neighborhood consisting of not simply one block, but many blocks, a neighborhood not simply of architecture and sidewalks, but of individuals of all economic, social, and ethnic backgrounds; ages and genders, dreams to be lived out and dreams lived and fulfilled. What is the adhesive of our neighborhood? It is that people care. For the most part I believe people care about each other, even if there are times of abrasiveness and hurt. Pride, love, empathy, strength.

People in my neighborhood are hard workers. Some are hard players in this life we live. Shots fired too close to home, bullets left in our inner and outside walls, an unclaimed casing occasionally found in a driveway, a neighbor tossing fizzing firecrackers at a

neighbor he doesn't like, 12-year-olds "car-shopping" in the darkened street, non-residents dumping their discarded furniture and garbage in others' property, and "nuisance" property owners who live in other cities, leaving their property to become an unsafe, unhealthy eyesore for tenants and neighbors. And then a 14-year-old on life-support after a bullet to his head. Prayers and tears offered, and 'what ifs'. Everyone, when a child is lost, feels their own pain, often transferred from their own deep, buried pain.

We have found we can solve some problems — Kari and I met with a property manager of a 'problem' building and the manager appears to understand and is actively working on creating a safer and healthier rental building for its tenants. Our Ward 7 Councilwoman Cheniqua Johnson asked to join us, which she did. We finally caught the attention of our city reps, well a couple. The point is, WE is the two-letter word that carries power and hope.

I was at the Grove Street Police Station picking up more Dayton's Bluff area incident reports when my out of town son called. When I shared a bit of the challenge and hope saga, Sam texted the following Andy Warhol (1928-1987) quote from The Philosophy of Andy Warhol:

'They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.'

It is in each of us to take responsibility to make the change we need. We can rewrite a City Ordinance and submit it to our City Council. We can introduce ourselves to absentee property owners and respectfully (respectful does not equal meek; persistent does not equal nasty). You — WE — are capable. WE can do some groundwork for our city to follow-through with ordinances and formalities. And if they are too slow or not doing their job WE can prod. And, if you are not yet a WE or simply want to learn more....well...Give me a call and Kari and I will help.

Mounds Park Wildlife

Photos by Bob Roth



Historical April Events

Steve Trimble

April 1, 1918: The statue of Germania was removed from Saint Paul's Germania Insurance Company Building on this day. It was during a wave of anti-German feelings after the country's entrance into World War I. The Germania Life Insurance Building was a twin-tower structure with an 18-foot-tall brass statue of Germania that was melted down after its removal. After that the company and was renamed the Guardian Life Insurance company.

The anti-German attitudes led to other actions. The St. Paul public schools stopped teaching German, sauerkraut was renamed "Liberty Cabbage," and St. Paul school children were reported to have ripped pictures of the Kaiser out of their textbooks. The state established a Minnesota Commission of Public Safety with a wide range of powers to promote patriotism and investigate alleged anti-war activities. The seven-member commission was appointed by Gov. J.A.A. Burnquist, a St. Paul resident.

They closely watched the state's immigrant population and targeted German Americans, considering them most suspicious. In 1918, they required non-citizens to register their property and report family data. It also attacked those who spoke a foreign language or who belonged to unions and supported strikes. The Commission did provide a few useful services including distributing food, controlling the prices of goods, and conserving fuel.

April 7, 1933: A crowd outside the Hamm's Brewery let



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Hamm's distribution truck.

out a cheer at 12:01 on this day early in the morning. They had been gathering since the evening before, prepared to celebrate the end of Prohibition.

The breweries had known for around two weeks that this moment was coming and had been ramping up production to be ready for the change. Hamm's set off long, drawn-out blasts from a whistle and long lines of trucks that were piled high with cases and kegs of beer rolled out onto the

St. Paul streets.

Within an hour or so, many people were having their first legal sip of their favorite brew in many years. St. Paul never really dried up while bootleggers and speakeasies and private stills flourished. When prohibition, with its lucrative illegal sales of liquor ended, the gangs sometimes switched to kidnapping for money.

Like other breweries, including Yoerg's and Schmidt's, Hamm's had struggled to exist after 1929, when the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution banned the manufacturing, sale and transportation of alcoholic beverages. They survived by making near beer, industrial alcohol syrups and soft drinks. The company now increased its number of employees as the sales of Hamm's Beer increased and spent money on improvements for the brewery.

April 14, 1970: Harry Blackmun was nominated as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court on this day. His family had moved to St. Paul in 1910 and lived at 847 East Fourth Street in Dayton's Bluff. His father was a businessman who owned grocery stores at 198 Bates and 376 Maria. Blackmun attended Van Buren Elementary School along with Warren Burger and both were in the same Boy Scout troop.

He graduated from Mechanic Arts High School and won a scholarship to attend Harvard University and also graduated from the Harvard Law School. Starting in 1950, he was resident counsel for the Mayo Clinic and described the job as "his happiest time" as opposed to later judicial work where, in his words, he "performed his duty."

Blackmun was appointed to the Eighth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1959 and stayed there until he was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1970. Blackmun slowly began siding with the liberal faction of the court. He is probably most remembered for his written opinion on Roe v. Wade in 1973, but was also very concerned with First Amendment rights of free press, Sixth Amendment rights of fair trial and the need to end capital punishment.

April 16, 1965: The Mississippi River flood in St. Paul crested at a record level of 26.01 feet high on this day. There were other floods over the years and communities along the river, including the Dakota village, the West Side Flats and "Little

Italy" under the High Bridge were affected. The '65 event was only the latest of many floods that menaced the city since its earliest days. The flood of 1952 was the most destructive St. Paul had ever faced,



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In 1965, the Mississippi River crested at record heights.

displacing 5,000 people and causing millions of dollars in damage. Work on a three-mile flood wall protecting the new West Side Industrial Park started in 1961 and was completed in 1963.

What happened to create the flood?

There was a very harsh winter, and the frost went deep into the ground. There was also a lot of snow during March that had piled up. Finally, there were several inches of rain. Normally it would mostly seep into the ground, but now it went into the streams and rivers. Despite this unprecedented deluge, damage was largely limited to businesses along Shepard Road and in Lowertown. Only 45 St. Paul families registered for Red Cross Flood assistance by the time the water began to recede.

April 22, 1970: St. Paul celebrated the first Earth Day on this date. The event was founded by Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, who said that the idea was inspired by the student anti-war movement. With a national coordinator and eighty-five staff members, he was able to create a movement where twenty million Americans eventually "took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment."

The first St. Paul events were limited and somewhat small the initial year. At Hamline University, a professor of botany gave a lecture on "man and his vanishing environment" and a series of faculty presentations at Norton Field House discussed "poverty, racism, and pollution," "the economics of pollution" and "theology of nature." Later there was a mock legislative hearing to prepare a bill on the use of non-returnable bottles and cans.

Macalester College announced an environmental teach-in on pollution problems, a rally where petitions circulated on nuclear waste and use of DDT and a paper recycling project was initiated. Macalester geographer Hildegard Johnson spoke on "Americans and their lands" and the Mac Weekly editorialized on clean water and air goals. Mounds Park Junior High students preferred action to lectures and picked up litter in Indian Mounds Park.

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