

November 1, 2013



Music teacher dies unexpectedly, services Monday

The Perpich choir will sing at the funeral service for Aaron Hilden, former music instructor at Perpich who had just moved to the faculty of Crosswinds Arts and Science School this fall. Aaron died unexpectedly on Sunday from complications from diabetes.

The funeral will be Monday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. at the First Covenant Church, 1374 North Main St., River Falls, Wis. Visitation will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the Bakken-Young Funeral Home, 805 E. Division St., River Falls and on Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

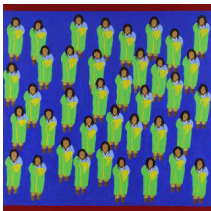
"I am so proud that the arts high choir will be singing at the funeral," said Sue Mackert, executive director of Perpich. "Music heals. Crosswinds students have been expressing their feelings by making beautiful, heartfelt cards. They have been writing of his humor, his 'coolness' and the fact that he 'is the greatest teacher ever!' So fortunate we all have been to know this fine teacher and friend. I wish you all comfort and peace."

Aaron, 37, is survived by his wife, Jennifer and his two daughters, Rowan and Rio.

The full obituary is at www.bakken-young.com

"The River Falls Journal" obituary is at www.riverfallsjournal.com

A tribute to Aaron is on the Crosswinds parents' site. www.emidfamilies.org/archives



Perpich Arts Library and Perpich Arts Outreach team up for presentation

Barbara Hackett Cox, partnering resource coordinator for the professional development and outreach division, and Leah Delia Larson, Perpich librarian, presented "Resources for Teaching the Minnesota American Indian Standards" Oct. 17 at the Education Minnesota Conference. In this interactive session they shared and modeled resources for implementing the Minnesota academic standards, focusing on contributions of Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities. A group of 50 attendees represented diverse roles, content areas and grade levels, as well as many regions of the state. They were able to experience first hand the professional development resources available through collaborations of the Perpich library and professional development staff. Many attendees expressed interest in accessing additional resources through Perpich's new Arts in Cultural Context Program, designed to provide resources and guidance for implementing the standards with artistry, sensitivity and respect.



Perpich senior policy director speaks at national gathering

Pam Paulson, senior director of policy, presented "What if education..." at the College Board Forum in New York City last week. She also moderated a panel and represented the arts at a pre-conference STEM meeting.



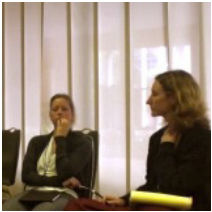
Dave Schutten guest speaker today

Dave Schutten, adjunct instructor at Minneapolis College of Art and Design and owner of his own advertising business, spoke on art and advertising at Perpich today. Schutten was responsible for many of the Hormel (Spamburger) ads, along with commercials for Pop Secret and Hallmark cards. He also appears occasionally as a character on "the Simpsons" television program.



Theater alumna turns love for local theater into a book

Perpich alumna and theater historian Macelle Mahala is the author of the recently published book, "Penumbra: The Premier Stage of African American Drama," published by the University of Minnesota Press. In a "[Star Tribune](#)" story about the book's publication, she said, "It's exciting for me, because I had some of my earliest theater experiences on field trips (to Penumbra)." After growing up in Bemidji and Brainerd, Mahala attended Perpich Arts High School. At Macalester College, she double-majored in English and theater.



Dance instructors are high profile at national conference

Diane Aldis, dance education coordinator in the professional development division, presented with Jessi Fett from Cowles Center a "Teaching Artists in Dance" webinar Oct. 25 during the National Dance Education Organization conference in Miami. They used a combination of live, laptop and handheld devices to share ideas and expertise.

Mary Harding, instructor in dance at the arts high school, also presented at the National Dance Education Organization conference while spending the majority of her time working with 11 other dance educators from around the country to refine the core standards in dance, a process begun more than a year ago.



French exchange students coming to Perpich and Perpich is going to France

Two or three French students will be spending three weeks in and around the Twin Cities during the second semester, Feb. 8 to March 2. They will be part of a group of 25 French students visiting in Minnesota. Madame Keller will be recruiting families to serve as hosts for the students while they are attending classes here. "The French kids are coming to improve their English so they do not necessarily need to be placed with students studying French," Keller says. Interested parents may email her at trina.keller@pcae.k12.mn.us.

The students traveling to France March 18-29 are Morgan Bartlow-Sibley, Evalin Becker, Sophia Deutsch, Wren Jones, Paris Mickelson, Victoria Petelin, Eleanor Quiring, Jonah Schuetz-Reid, Astraea Smart and Katelyn Varvel.

The tentative itinerary is to fly to southern France where students will have their family stays in and around Aix-en-Provence. During this time they will attend a French high school and experience French culture while living with a family. The last six days will be spent in Paris.



Artsience students host filmmaker

On Monday, artsience students got to talk with Noel Murphy, who made, "The Last Dymaxion: Buckminster Fuller's Dream Restored," a 2012 documentary film about the world's first green car produced in 1933. It's also about the legacy, mentorship and genius of Buckminster Fuller. The Dymaxion is described in the film by British architect Norman Foster, who successfully carried out the 70-year-old unrealized plans to build Dymaxion car #4.



Goodbye to Mary P.!

We wish Mary Pietruszewski, better know by all at Perpich as Mary P., the best in her new position at Anoka Ramsey Community College in the educational services department. Mary has worked at Perpich for 24 years in a variety of roles and will be missed. She was the students' choice for faculty/staff speaker at the 2013 graduation ceremonies. Mary's duties will be handled by others until a new employee is hired.

For questions you would normally direct to Mary as well as other student services and admissions questions, please contact the following:

Admissions emails to antwan.harris@pcae.k12.mn.us

Admissions calls/shadow requests to mindy.rinkenberger@pcae.k12.mn.us or 763-279-4195

School tours to peggy.rader@pcae.k12.mn.us or 763-279-4168

Navance and college readiness questions to lisa.quiring@pcae.k12.mn.us or 763-279-4266

SchoolView and TIES questions to jody.gentz@pcae.k12.mn.us 763-279-4263 or marla.riemer@pcae.k12.mn.us or 763-279-4261

Good luck, Mary P.!



Media arts student publishes article

Senior media arts student, Aidan Haarman, recently had an article published in the "Three Sixty" newspaper, Technology Issue, volume 4, issue 3. His article, "Read the Fine Print" is about online issues. Three Sixty Journalism is a youth journalism program of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of St. Thomas. For more information, ThreeSixtyJournalism.org In addition to "Three Sixty," the article also appeared in the "Star Tribune" over the summer. Way to go, Aidan!



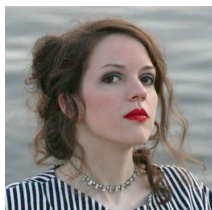
Media arts students enjoy a successful gallery opening

Congratulations to the junior media arts students on a great photography exhibition! They are shown here with their instructor, Nancy Stalnaker Bundy. The opening reception in the Tony Basta Gallery was a huge success on Oct. 24. In only eight weeks, the students created four projects photographed on film and printed in the darkroom.



Jewelry designer featured at the Walker is Perpich alumna

Karin Jacobson, a visual arts graduate of Perpich, said she fell in love with jewelry design during her time here. Today, Jacobson is a jewelry designer and sells her products online and in stores throughout Minnesota and California. Tomorrow, Nov. 2, Jacobson's work will be featured with other designers at Walker Art Center's Jewelry Artist Mart. Read this feature about her in the "Pioneer Press" where she gives Perpich a shout out in the first paragraph. Way to go, Karin!



Alumna sits on panel at Twin Cities Film Festival

Perpich Arts High School media arts alumna Kari Jo Skogquist ('06) was a panelist at the Twin Cities Film Fest Oct. 24 talking about her career in the creative film industry. She is a professional cinematographer and animator here in the Twin Cities.



Our alumni are everywhere!

While at the Arts School Network conference in New York City last week, guidance counselor Lisa Quiring and school director Carla Hines ran into a 2013 music graduate, Zosha Warpeha, now a student at the New School, a university located mostly in Greenwich Village.

Alumna rocking the Cities with new single

Claire Monestrerio (theater, '02) has released a new single with her band Grrrl Prty entitled "Night Watch." Available now on iTunes!



New mental health professional joins Perpich student services staff

Lauren Canniff has joined the Perpich Arts High School student services staff as the mental health specialist. She is on contract through Headway Emotional Health Services. Canniff has a doctorate in psychology and completed a year-long post-doctoral residency at the Arizona Psychology Training Consortium at Northern Arizona University Counseling Services in Flagstaff where she provided counseling services to students.

Her office is located in behind the receptionist's desk on the first floor. She will be at Perpich 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. Students can stop in for conversation and make appointments. For the student to receive services beyond an initial visit, an information release and consent form must be signed by parents or guardians.

Administration is in the process of developing a referral form for faculty and staff to use to send students to Canniff for consultation, but in the interim, staff and faculty may stop in or send an email at lauren.canniff@pcae.k12.mn.us. Her phone number has not yet been set up.



Artsience teacher Tory Peterson involves students in Ed Jam

Artsience teacher Tory Peterson was an organizer and leader for Ed Jam, a gathering of people on Oct. 17-19 that included teachers, non-profit leaders, school board members, parents, students, designers and developers who are interested in improving K-12 education. Peterson brought along 18 students and parents from Crosswinds Arts and Science School, Perpich's middle school in Woodbury.

Like a hackathon or service jam, Ed Jam was a 48-hour event where design thinking was used to develop working prototypes that could be used to take meaningful steps to close the achievement gap. Design thinking is the ability to combine empathy for the context of a problem, creativity in the generation of insights and solutions and rationality to analyze and fit solutions to the context. A report from the jam will be published.

Would you rather . . .

The Friday library polls reveal!

Would you rather go back 90 years in time and live in the 1920s: 56%

Or, would you rather go back 40 years in time and live in the 1970s: 44%

Deciding factor: Bad fashion and disco.

And just in time for Halloween:

Would you rather become a ghost: 60%

Or would you rather become a vampire: 40%

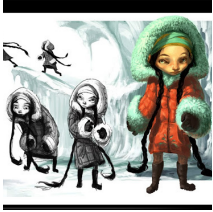
No word on a deciding factor here, but it could be an early indicator that vampire-mania is on the wane. Alert Stephanie Meyer!

Resource for parents of students with ADHD

In connection with October being ADHD Awareness Month, Wendy Sandstrom, school nurse, recommends [ADDitude Magazine](#) for parents whose kids have been diagnosed with ADHD.

Byron Richard will speak at MACTE Fall Congress

Byron Richard, education research coordinator at Perpich, will speak at the Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Fall Congress Nov. 8. His topic will be "Informing Teacher Learning: Arts Education as a Student-Centered Context."



Exciting upcoming events

The first two weeks of November will be busy around Perpich. First is the Christy Becker Exhibition beginning Nov. 4 in the Laboratory Gallery outside the library. Becker is an animator and illustrator currently working on projects for iPad games. Her website is artbychrys.blogspot.com. On Nov. 14 the Senior Literary Arts Reading is in the Black Box Theater at 7:30 p.m. On the same evening the Junior Visual Arts Self-Portrait Exhibition opens in the Visual Arts Gallery at 5:30. Make it a Perpich evening!

Calendar

Dates	
Nov 2	SAT Test
Nov 7	1/2 Day Schedule Conferences 1 p.m.
Nov 8	Conferences 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Nov 12	SAT Registration
Nov 14	Innovators and Entrepreneurs of Twin Cities 4:30–7:30 p.m.
Nov 14	Visual Arts Self-Portrait Exhibition Opening 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Nov 14	Senior Literary Arts Reading 7:30 p.m.

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Perpich Arts Outreach	Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422	Executive Director
Perpich Arts Library	perpich.mn.gov	763-279-4160

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