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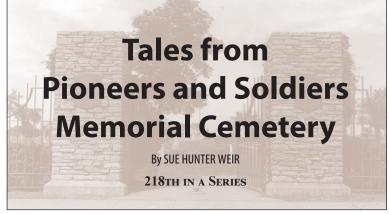
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49 years of community news!



A Life in Six Paragraphs

It's been almost 150 years since Jacob Hodnefjeld died. Cemetery records have little to say about him. His burial permit notes that he was buried on November 14, 1875, but not the day that he died. His birth year was recorded as 1841 but doesn't give a precise date and doesn't mention where he was born. No cause of death was given.



Jacob Hodnefjell 1841/1875

He never married or had children but someone in his family knew his story and wrote it down. His photo and a six-paragraph biography are posted on ancestry. com. Those six paragraphs were published on page 273 of a family genealogy. As brief as it is, that biography fills in many of the gaps in Jacob's story. It captures his hopes, his struggles, his relationship with family and friends, and offers a detailed description of the days leading up to his death.

We now know that Jacob Hodnefield was born in Hodnefield, Norway on October 30, 1841, and emigrated to the United States in 1871. He accompanied his sister Inger and her family. Inger went on to settle in Kandiyohi County but Jacob stopped briefly in St. Paul where he hoped to find work. His trunk was lost on the voyage over and was never recovered. While in St. Paul, he met B. P. Strand, a man who was later his roommate at Augsburg Seminary and who became a close friend who cared for Jacob during his final days.

Jacob couldn't find work in St. Paul and set off on foot for Farmington, Minnesota where he hoped to find work in the harvest fields. Unable to find work as a farmhand, he worked for a railroad company.

In 1874, he enrolled at Augsburg

'Writing is the gift of your presence forever.'
- Anna Quindlen

Seminary but his academic career was short-lived. He died the following year. According to a letter that was written to Inger's husband by Reverend B. P. Strand, Jacob "was sick for 12 days, his illness beginning with pains in chest and back and in two or three days he developed a severe hemorrhage from the nose, one hemorrhage lasting from 5 a.m. until noon." The hemorrhaging stopped briefly but started again and "[f]rom then on, he did not look for recovery." Strand cared for Jacob in their room until he was moved to the college's infirmary where he was cared for by a nurse. He died on a Sunday with "Mr. Strand, Prof. Wenaas [credited with being one of the founders of Augsburg,] and another student present."

Jacob's brother, Johan, asked that his brother's belongings be sold and the sale netted about \$100.00 which was used to pay



Jacob Hodnefjeld's family replaced his original marker which was most likely made of marble with a granite marker in 1938. It is located in Lot 53, Block M.

"his debts about the city" and his funeral expenses; the hearse and coffin cost about \$18.

His college friends purchased a marker, most likely made of marble, but when family members visited his grave in 1935, they "found it crumbled" and had it removed. In 1938, sixty-three years after Jacob died, he had a

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Something I Said

Native Women Write About Protecting Little Earth

A Chapbook Edited by Marcie Rendon and Diego Vazquez, Jr.



Reviewed by DWIGHT HOBBES

Native Americans matter. Shouldn't need to be said. Twin Cities black communities weren't the only ones devastated by the George Floyd uproar. All that came to many minds was the most visible and vocal, black folk. Unconquered (Wiishkoban) Nations reflects on the thoughts and feelings of women of Little Earth (Minneapolis) who saw their neighborhood put through hell. Brilliantly. The Unconquered Nations Writing and Healing Project gathered seven prose-poets, Little Earth Protectors to convey, along with property damage, the shock, hurt, dismay and personal experiences, a glimpse inside their personal and communal realities.

Author Marcie Rendon and co-editor Diego Vazquez, Jr.

shepherded the project. Rendon, who has spent a successful career looking into and looking out for Native women's concerns, stated in an interview, "During the school year of 22-23 I, with Sigwan Rendon and Serene Eidem, met with the women who are Little Earth Protectors one time a month. During that time I encouraged them to write their story of their actions immediately following the George Floyd uprising and what they did to protect the Little Earth housing and surrounding community. In June 2023, we published a chapbook of their writing. Since non-native folks arrived here, our stories have been written by everyone else. Sigwan Rendon and Serene Eidem provided Reiki healing to the women who wanted that. This was the opportunity for these courageous women to write their story, from their perspective for future generations to read."

Al Sharpton and other social crusading celebrities hit town for sound bytes. "It's time for us to stand up in George's name", he vowed, "and say, 'Get your knee off our necks.' Then he



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hopped back on a plane. Even local so-called leaders got their 15 minutes, then went back to business as usual.

An excerpt from "Food" by Sandra Corona crystallizes in simple terms what didn't make the media. "Went to other stores to get food for my house & my family & other communities," she writes. "Sometimes I went to 10-15 different stores to get what we needed. Went to places that gave out free food. Shared what food I got to help others. Some people hid stuff. Everyone helped each other out when needed."

Excerpted from Shontal LaJeunesse's "We Need an Apology", "I'm in disbelief about what the police officers

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the alley Delivery Changes Start March

The leadership of Alley Communications has decided to stop door-to-door residential delivery with the March 2024 issue of *the alley* newspaper. This will allow us to reduce litter and use of plastic bags and will help our small but mighty group of staff and volunteers to focus on using our precious resources to create a newspaper that **ALL** the many diverse peoples of the Phillips Community want to read because it represents their voices.

That being said, we still want to come to your home if that is the best way to reach you! If Alley Communications can get a minimum of 200 names and addresses of people who want to receive the alley newspaper delivered by mail each month, we will qualify for a USPS nonprofit bulk-mailing permit. Sign up TODAY for your FREE SUBSCRIPTION to the alley each month! It is easy and simple to do. Encourage your neighbors, too!

Go to 'DELIVERY AND COMMUNICATION' on the alley website to sign up for free mailbox delivery!

https://alleynews.org/delivery-and-communication/

You will still be able to find a copy of the alley at coffee shops, community centers, stores, and other businesses!

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- promoting art and culture.
- advocating for issues, building healthy community
- facilitating deliberation,
- lifting every voice,

forward.

- agitating for change, giving truth and democracy a jog
- **Guided and Informed by:** Phillips residents

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Submissions due the 12th day of the previous month

SCI-FI/FANTASY BOOK

Join a discussion of new and interesting sci-fi and fantasy titles. Register at hclib.org by January 20 at 11:30 AM.

Online Saturday, January 20 at 12:30 - 1:30 PM

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Hennepin

By CARZ NELSON

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Hosmer Library Saturday, January 27 at 1:30 - 3:30 PM

The library has a large range of programs, information and opportunities. Find out the latest at hclib.org.

ASK THE LIBRARY

Have a reference or library account question? You can chat, email, text, or call the library. Chat or email at www.hclib.org/ contact, text to 612-400-7722, or call 612-543-KNOW (5669) Register at hclib.org by January to reach library staff by phone.

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Carz is a Phillips resident and an enthusiastic patron of Hennepin County Library.

Peace House Community - A Place to Belong

Conflict: The Doorway to Greatness

Dave and Ray Davies, the brothers who have led the British band The Kinks since the 1960s, have a famously volatile relationship. Even though they managed to stay in a band together for over 40 years, they often despised each other and had explosive arguments. They addressed their relationship in the song Hatred (A *Duet*), which featured the lines:

You wanna be my friend, well it's too late My love for you has turned to hate

And I think that it's a permanent condition You say you wanna make the peace

Smile and turn the other I can't put myself in such a weak position

Now I'm willing to accept this fate You and me just can't cohabitate

We agree to hate and that's our last decision

That's just the first verse. The rest of the song features many creative ways of expressing the same feelings. But the Davies brothers don't continually make war. When they performed the song on The Tonight Show in the 1990s, Jay Leno asked, "You guys have always had creative tensions, wouldn't you say? Do you guys get along?" "Sometimes," replied Dave. "Like today, we're getting

on really well. The Davies aren't the only bandmates who put together great music while loathing each other. The members of Pink Floyd disliked each other so much that



they sometimes parked their tour trailers in a square with the doors facing out so that they wouldn't accidentally encounter each other when they stepped outside. Johnny and Joey Ramone remained in the Ramones for 15 years without speaking to each other (literally) after Johnny started dating and then married Joey's girlfriend.

While I appreciate the music of all these bands. I wish they had been more functional. Imagine what they could have done if they could have cooperated more. think. If they could have put more energy into their music and less into their conflicts, just think of what they could have done. But then I realize that they accomplished what they did because they were willing to endure their conflicts, and to work together despite their personal feelings. They wanted to produce great music, and they were willing to pay a huge price for their accomplishments. Their tensions often created their art, rather than getting in its way.

I have to admire that level of commitment. To honestly express such strong negative feelings, and then to continue working together in spite of those feelings, takes a dedication most people don't

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Orchids to Cathy Strobel-Ayres, Outgoing Alley Board Chair for 20+ years!

A beautiful award-winning Orchid would be the most fitting of all gifts as Alley Communications bids farewell to Cathy Strobel-Ayres' service as an Alley Communications Board member for more than two decades! Orchids represent the anniversary of 49 years - the num-

ber of years the alley newspaper will have been in publication as of 2024.

Cathy's leadership and everyday participation (steady advice, taking notes, pulling together meeting agendas, supporting paid staff, schlepping stuff to community info fairs, et al) has buoyed the organization as it begins its 49th year of publishing the

She is a sterling example of a farm-girl who did well in the big city as she brought her awareness of the need to keep connected - learned growing up in a rural area at a time without cell phones and only a "party-line" hard wired phone. Before retiring a few years ago, Cathy spent time working at the Minnesota State Legislature, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the University of Minnesota School of Medicine.

Newspapers large and small are her go-to place every day to keep up on the news and stay connected to her communities. Thank you, thank you, Cathy for choosing the alley newspaper to practice your dedication and leadership on the importance of staying connected through community journalism. To read more about Cathy, check out the December 1, 2022 issue of Lavender Magazine: lavendermagazine.com/our-lives/ family-friends/a-day-in-the-life-cathy-strobel-ayers

How to write a LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed and will be published. Three important criteria: no foul language, do no harm to an individual, must be "signed" by the author. Letters may be edited for length.

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Saturday, January 27th

Introduction to Community Journalism

2pm-4pm

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Is there something going on in Phillips that should be noted in the alley?

Let us know all about it by sending your sentences and/or photographs to: copydesk@alleynews.

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Writing, cont.

do to our Native men or any man of color. This has been ongoing for decades and now we need to stand together and fight, so our kids and grandchildren don't ever have to feel discriminated against by the police. I wonder about the truth of the stories of the police taking Native American men down to the river and beating them."

The other writers are, Maricela Diaz, Margaret Percy, Jolene Roberts, Rachel Sundahl and Marcella Torrez, each a distinct voice among those whose lives matter, yet have been unheard.

Unconquered Nations was sponsored by the Minneapolis Creative Response Fund.

Dwight Hobbes is a long-time Twin Cities journalist and essayist.

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Attention Midtown & East Phillips Residents

The Midtown Neighborhood Institute (MPNAI) and the East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) are considering merging organizations. Here are some of the initial pros and cons to merging. We want to hear your thoughts! Please email us at info@eastphillips.org

Pros

Streamlined Decision-Making & Administrative Processes: Merging neighborhood boards can simplify decision-making processes, reducing bureaucracy and administrative overhead. This streamlining effort enables quicker responses to community needs. With overtaxed boards and shrinking budgets, consolidating efforts can result in a larger financial impact.

Resource Pooling: The merger could create a larger pool of financial resources, allowing more efficient allocation for community projects and services. Shared resources, including staff, volunteers, funding, and expertise, offer a sustainable foundation for neighborhood development.

Strategic Planning: A merged board can engage in strategic planning, focusing on longterm community goals. This approach guides the organization toward a shared vision, enhancing advocacy efforts and providing a platform for joint grant applications.

Cons

Resistance to Change: Fear of a loss of identity or influence. Overcoming this resistance requires effective communication and a transparent process that includes community input, addressing concerns about neighborhood loyalty and the potential for blanket solutions.

Resource Allocation Challenges: While a merger provides access to a larger resource pool, challenges may arise in managing and allocating resources effectively.

Complex Governance Structure: Larger organizations often come with more complex governance structures, leading to bureaucratic challenges and slower decision-making.

Integration Difficulties: Integrating staff, volunteers, and resources from different boards may be challenging, especially if there are significant differences in organizational culture. Investing time in team-building activities and training can facilitate a smoother integration process.









JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

from the alley

What Does It Mean To Be a Community Newspaper?

By ALLEY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The first issue of the alley was produced in January 1976, making this small but mighty community newspaper going on 49 years old! Alley Communications is the community-governed non-profit (501c3) organization which publishes the paper. Neighborhood residents are the publication's reporters and writers telling their stories in their own words. *the alley* is made available free to readers, a reflection of the commitment to providing barrier-free access to information and provide space for covering events and articles specific to the Phillips Community.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS IN 2024

- · Grow our revenue base with more organizational partners, advertisers, fundraising and project-based initiatives that also help develop other parts of our
- In partnership with Phillips West Neighborhood Organization, bring community journalism training workshops, led by Cirien Saadeh of the Journalism of Color Training Center, (see announcement, pg. 2) to the community, using funds provided by the City of Minneapolis Partnership Engagement Fund.
- Expand the cultural voices within the pages of the paper and in the leadership of the organiza-
- Build the Board membership of Alley Communications. Now is an excellent time to join the Board to help us guide these exciting and positive goals into place, and to build the future of this important and longstanding community media organization!





AUGUST











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WRITE FOR THE ALLEY – cover events, critical issues, controversies, local personalities, inspiring neighbors... Found some new hobbies and communities in the pandemic? Any new recipes? Share them with the community! Stretch your creative wings with poetry, humor, cartoons, drawings...we love to include local art on the cover. Attend a neighborhood event? See a cool new mural? Send in a photo, or make a little photo series for the paper!

ADVERTISE -Do you have a small business? Tell your story, and/or consider a small ad in the paper! Or sponsor an ad for your favorite small business.



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JANUARY EVENTS

Puppet Lending Library Story Hour Saturday, January 6 and 20

10:30-11:30 AM The Avalon Theater 1500 E Lake Street Free

Join In Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre (HOBT) every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in the Puppet Library to listen, sing, dance, play, and become more joyful citizens! A mesmerizing puppetry storytelling session with and librarian Chelly awaits, PLUS, the Puppet and Mask Lending Library will be open from 10am-2pm. See you at "The Avalon!"

Faraway Home: Tibetans in Minnesota **Through Spring 2024 Hennepin History** Museum 2303 3rd Avenue S Pay As You Can

This exhibit highlights the Tibetan refugee and resettlement experience and the Tibetan community in Minnesota today, as well as Tibetan history, Buddhism, and art. Photographs by local Tibetan photographer Tenzin Phuntsok Waleag are featured in the exhibit. For visitor hours and information on other exhibits, go to hennepinhistory.org.

Music, Fire, and Fun! Friday, January 12 4:30 - 6:30 PM **Peavey Park** 730 E 22nd Street

Gather around our fire pits to dance and listen to music with

provide the fire and Hot Cocoa!!! Grab your mittens and hats then join us for outdoor fun!

26th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Day Celebration** Monday, January 15 10 AM - 2 PM **Powderhorn Rec. Center** 3400 15th Avenue S

You are invited to gather in community and celebrate Dr. King's vision and actions toward advancing equity and justice in our world. The celebration will include live performances, clear examples of equity forward work, engaging gift boxes for kids, a free lunch for attendees, and more. A collaboration between The Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association and Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board, this annual event is committed to uplifting voices for change, creating space for community connections, and modeling the power of intergenerational and multi-cultural joy. For more information, go to ppna.org/mlkcelebration.

MGM Saturday Sounds with Duo CORDA Saturday, January 27 12 - 2 PM **Midtown Global Market** 920 E Lake Street Free

Join us at the Midtown Global Market stage for a free performance by Duo CORDA, a project of Jacqueline Ultan, a singularly creative cellist and composer, and Pavel Jany, a contemporary jazz guitarist whose long musical journey encompasses many

friends and community. We will styles. From acoustic jazz-fusion to a variety of international music styles, that's the repertoire of Duo

Book Launch: Breathing in Minneapolis Thursday, February 1 **7 PM**

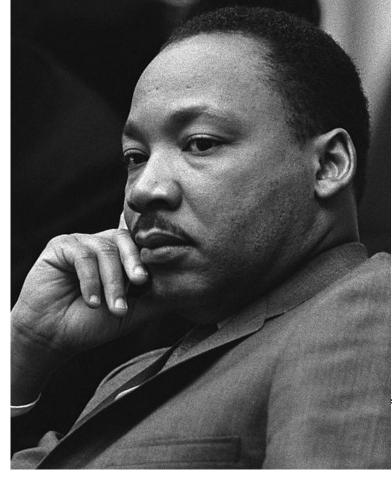
Holy Trinity Lutheran 2730 E 31st Street

Phillips poet and beloved *alley* fiction contributor Patrick Cabello Hansel will read from his new book of poetry, Breathing in Minneapolis, which chronicles the challenging events of 2020-2022 in our city. Hansel will be joined by poets Joyce Sutphen, Walter Cannon and Dralandra Larkins, and the Chilean musical group Ina Yukka. We would love to see you there!

TOP PHOTO: The Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day **Celebration at the Powderhorn Park Community Center honors** the legacy of Dr. King by uplifting voices for change and creating space for community joy and connections.

BOTTOM PHOTOS: Check out the fun and catch Turnip the dog at **HOBT's puppet library story hour** every 1st and 3rd Saturday at the Avalon Theater.







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VENTURA VILLAGE

Honoring Sacred Waters Gathering at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church **By: Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell**

On November 21, we at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church hosted a gathering of 15 faith communities across the Twin Cities metro to support the ministries of All Nations Indian Church. We made over 100 pizzas from our backyard pizza oven – involving folks of all ages in rolling dough, topping, and of course eating! After the dinner, the gathering continued in the sanctuary. Representatives of all 15 congregations shared in an opening litany honoring the waters, reading passages from Scripture about what the Christian tradition says about the sacredness of water and pouring vessels of water into the baptismal font.

Then the Ikidowin Acting Ensemble performed a play by Sharon Day, Executive Director of Indigenous Peoples Task Force, called "We do it for the Water." The play, performed by youth, weaves stories of Indigenous (i.e., bikes) that are left in the yard and/or porch. struggles to protect our water beginning with saving Camp Cold Water Spring, the Mother Earth Water Walks, the Nibi Walks and the North Dakota Access Pipeline. The water walkers and water protectors presented a nonviolent message that united Native people and non-Native environmentalists. This project continues the awareness of Indigenous rights and the capacity of the individual to take action for the environment.

After the performance, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, who was on her second day of serving as the new interim minister of All Nations Indian Church, shared an update on the community at All Nations and invited ongoing further relationship and support, noting that it is not enough for predominantly white churches to make land acknowledgements. The church is called to make reparations and to actively build relationships. An offering was collected for All Nations for around \$3500. The event was well received by all, and Sharon Day noted that it was a good experience for the youth to perform for such a great audience. We at Our Saviour's hope to have more events like this where we can bring community members together, support the amazing work of Ikidowin Acting

There are so many devices today, that it is nearly impossible to Ensemble, build relationships across communities, and promote healing, understanding, and work for justice and positively ID the owner of a device without the owner providing a

One of the realities of living in a city is dealing with litter and trash

Our neighborhood is a crossroads where many more people pass through than actually live here. As a result of that there is more litter and trash per capita than usual. The people who live here do what they can, the city provides and empties trash receptacles, and events like Phillips Clean Sweep are held.

An organization that is also helping is the American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC). Their shelter residents are offered the opportunity to participate in a stipend-based community cleanup program. Their participants work together and wear blue vests to identify themselves. They begin each workday with a talking circle focused on traditional values and recovery. They then spend several hours picking up and disposing trash and litter in different areas of the neighborhood.

AICDC has found that residents who participate in this program do develop more pride and a sense of responsibility to the neighborhoods around them. Waiting for someone else to take care of the problem doesn't solve it. You can! We appreciate your help. Article by Steve Dreyer

With all the divisions in mod-

ern society, it's easy to see those

Protect Your Personal Property By: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

Theft of valuable items like electronics and power tools can be a big hassle for victims, but it doesn't have to be! From garage burglary to home burglary, or theft from motor vehicle, theft is often a crime of opportunity. Reduce the opportunity by practicing good habits: Install and use proper locking mechanisms on all doors and windows (including garage service doors), do not leave anything in plain view in your car, lock up loose property

Most items of value sold today have their own unique serial or identification number. It is extremely important to create a log of these serial numbers to have on hand if the property is ever lost or stolen. A log of serial numbers can help with the following:

- Positive Identification: the owner of stolen or lost property can easily be located through existing records.
- Helps Criminal Prosecution: Recovered stolen property can be used as evidence in pursuing the case through the courts.
- Aids Recovery: stolen and/or lost property is more likely to be returned to the owner.

serial number as proof of ownership. We recommend that you keep a log of your valuable items,

including receipt, pictures of the item, the serial number, brand name, model, etc.

The following list is a sample of items that contain serial numbers:

- Generators

Head phones

Computers

Printers

- TV's
- Snow blowers Lawn Mowers Sound systems
- Power tools
 - Game systems

Our first general membership meeting in 2024 will be Wednesday, January 10th, at 7 PM. We'll be meeting in person at ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue, and also via Zoom.

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Conflict, cont.

possess. The musicians hated each other, but they didn't hide it or this dynamic. But these bands tiptoe around it. They embraced remind us that sometimes, when it. And in the middle of it, they someone challenges us, it's an worked together to produce the opportunity for us to push ourbest music they could.

Davies gave a nod to their abili- work. Working with those who ty to work together despite their criticize our ideas and show us animosity:

Hate's the only thing we have in common There's no escape, we'll always be this way So we might as well just learn to live together 'Cos we're gonna be this way till our dying day

we disagree with as enemies. A lot of social media and radio programming is designed to feed on selves further, rather than to dig Late in Hatred (A Duet), the in and defend ourselves or our our own weaknesses is unpleasant and often downright painful, but it can also be the doorway to our greatest accomplishments.

•••••• Marti Maltby is an avid cyclist, Director at Peace House Community, and an obnoxiously proud Canadian.

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Tales, cont.

what they knew about him.

In her book, "Write for Your Life," author Anna Quindlen forgotten. She asks: "If you could community. look down right now and see

new marker. And in 2024, almost words on paper from anyone on one hundred and fifty years after earth or anyone who left it, who he died, his story lives on sim- would that be?" It's time to start ply because someone wrote down writing before all of those stories get lost.

••••• encourages readers to write about Sue Hunter Weir is chair of Friends their lives. She wrote: "Writing is of the Cemetery, an organization the gift or your presence forever." dedicated to preserving and main-But, as in Jacob's case, it isn't taining Minneapolis Pioneers and just about writing about your own Soldiers Cemetery. She has lived life. It's about capturing the lives in Phillips for almost 50 years of others who might otherwise be and loves living in such a historic

Dave Moore & Linnea Hadaway have lived here since the Reagan 80s and became life partners while originating the cartoon series "Spirit of Phillips."





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After a series of three workshops with community leaders and urban design planners from the University of Minnesota, the youth will be able to showcase their designs and ideas at a community fair and share their work with East Phillips and Midtown residents.

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