

ADVOCATE



EVERY PICTURE, RECORD HAS A STORY TO TELL

Photo by Chad Koenen
Dick Strand has spent most of his life collecting rare autographs and rubbing shoulders with celebrities. Now the Ottertail resident has turned his attention to helping a friend find records for his collection of vinyl.

Ottertail resident is in search for collectable autographs, records

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Dick Strand has a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

How else do you explain how a man who is originally from

Madison, Minn., can chalk up the likes of Charles Lindberg as a friend, party with Ricky Nelson and meet some of the most iconic celebrities like Johnny Cash in a hotel lobby in Bloomington, Minn. After all, the current Ottertail resident

has collected over 20,000 autographs and met countless celebrities by just simply walking through hotels—even though he had a pretty good idea they would be there.

His knack for being in the right place at the right time

could very well be in his blood. After all, Strand's dad, Harry Strand, was a talented athlete.

Harry was part of an all-star amateur baseball team that got to play against the Minneapolis Millers in 1933, and his pitching held up against the professional baseball team that day. As it turns out, Harry was just as talented on the basketball court as Strand said he became the first white man to play basketball with the Harlem Globe-

trotters back in the 1930s.

Strand said his father hurt his knee while playing against the Globetrotters as a member of a local amateur team in Sacred Heart, Minn. When one of the Globetrotter's players got injured, Harry was asked to fill in for the team. He ended up

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A new look Henning School Library features more front facing book shelves, decorations, new paint and carpet. Below: New benches feature old books that were utilized for the base that would otherwise be disposed of at the school.

Remodeling project completed at Henning School Library

New front facing shelves display book covers

By Chad Koenen
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As the old saying goes, never judge a book by its cover—unless of course you are talking about a book itself.

A new look Henning School Library is hoping students do, in fact, judge a book by its cover thanks to

an expansive remodeling effort over the summer. The transformation includes new front facing books along two walls in the library, and an effort to make seeing the covers of books easier for

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Ottertail looks into future water options

City council holds informational meeting for local residents

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With less than eight years remaining on a 30 year water service contract, the Otter-

tail City Council held a special information meeting on Wednesday night. The meeting was aimed at updating the public on its options for how water will be provided for the year 2029 and beyond. Approximately 30 people

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Students return to the classroom at Henning School



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Students and staff returned to the classroom on Tuesday morning at Henning School. A total of 351 students were enrolled in grades K-12 on the opening day of school with 46 more students enrolled in preschool.