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## Bluff Creek Outdoors opens in rural Bluffton

*Business features a mixture of hunting, outdoor items*

By Tucker Henderson  
Reporter

If you've driven down Highway 10 towards Bluffton in the past few months, you may have spotted the new Bluff Creek Outdoors sign.

The business, which is owned and operated by Wayne and Stacey Dykhoff, opened its doors to the pub-

lic in August. The business is located in the old Sunrise Christian School and has since been remodeled into a hunting and outdoor store. The Dykhoffs took over Klinnert's Seed and Outpost from Paul and Diane Klinnert over the summer.

"Paul and Diane were ready to retire and wanted to keep the business in the area," said Wayne Dykhoff. "I want to keep it afloat so

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Photo by Tucker Henderson

The new Bluff Creek Outdoors has recently opened in the former Sunrise Christian School building along Highway 10. The new business sells everything from hunting and outdoor equipment.

## Eagles blow past Warriors at state



Photo by Chad Koenen

There was plenty to cheer about on Friday night as the New York Mills Eagles advanced to the Class A state football semi-finals with a 20-6 win over Deer River. The game was played in the middle of a snowstorm at Brainerd High School, but that didn't stop a host of NY Mills faithful from making the trek up north to cheer on the Eagles. For more information about Friday's football game, check out page 9.

## Community carnival set for Friday at NYM School

*Proceeds to benefit NYM School classrooms*

By Chad Koenen  
Publisher

The sports center in New York Mills will be lined with everything from

unique baskets to one-of-a-kind items up for bidding on Friday night.

After taking a one year hiatus, due to the COVID-19

pandemic, the 10th annual NY Mills Community Carnival is set to return with a full night of activities at the school. The carnival

itself, as well as the silent auction, will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday. In the

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Photo by Tucker Henderson

The City Center building will house a new fitness center under an agreement between the PACC and New York Mills.

## Fitness center partnership approved

*Facility to be available 24/7 for NYM, Perham sites*

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The City of New York Mills will be getting a workout facility for public use.

During its regularly scheduled meeting last week, the NY Mills City Council approved a user agreement between the city and the Perham Area Community Center.

Councilman Latham Hetland said the City Center building, which was once

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## Paying respect to local veterans



Photo by Tucker Henderson

Veterans from across the region converged on New York Mills School on Thursday for the annual Veterans Day program. During the program, Isaac Geiser places a Quilt of Valor on Jerry Anderson (above).

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the high school, was purchased a while ago for \$1.

The building is located about a block and a half from the current high school, which will allow students to use the equipment during school hours for classes. Hetland noted, after school hours, students would need a membership to gain access, just like everyone else. He added a full weight room for students will be located at the school as well.

The fitness center space allows for expansion, but the workout facility will start with 926-square-foot. Equipment, such as treadmills, bicycles, weight machines and so forth will be donated by the school. Hetland said the city plans to purchase new equipment, in time.

"It will be a work in progress," he said. "If the community wants it, sees a need for it, then we can always look at expanding or utilizing a larger space."

He added the current space is in use until Dec. 15, after which minor renovations will be made as well as installing the membership software and making fobs to gain access. Hetland said when memberships become available, the city will be sure to get the word out to the public.

The fitness center partnership between the city, school and PACC is for five years.

### Project began in 2017

Latham said several years ago, the city had sessions to define future goals. Bringing a fitness center to town was a top priority for many residents. Private options were examined, as well

as potential investment groups. Then Leigh Shebeck, the executive director of the PACC, pitched an idea. He was reaching out to neighboring communities of Perham to see if a partnership option was viable.

Shebeck said from the discussions, the most common obstacle was finding an investor willing to put upwards of \$50,000 into equipment, purchase membership software and find someone to manage the facility.

Eventually the idea of utilizing PACC's already in place membership software system and management knowledge were discussed.

Shebeck explained when memberships become available for the NY Mills fitness center, those who purchase a membership are also granted access to the PACC at no additional charge. The membership fob allows access to both workout facilities 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Hetland reported the city had a public workout facility in the past. The school allowed residents to utilize the equipment, providing it was not during school hours.

During COVID-19 shutdowns, the school discontinued that option to follow mandated protocol. Hetland said another shift occurred at the same time, as the district needed classroom space. The fitness center space at the school fit the bill for the learning space needed.

The change helped push the city-owned fitness center forward with the help of the school district and the PACC.



Photo by Chad Koenen

A fire was extinguished in the rear of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank building in New York Mills on Saturday night.

# Fire reported at F&M Bank in NYM

## Bank reopened as regularly scheduled Monday morning

By Chad Koenen  
Publisher

A fire was reported at Farmers & Merchants State Bank in New York Mills on Saturday evening. The fire was reported at 5:05 p.m. on Saturday night.

NY Mills Fire Chief Ryan Brasel said the fire was contained in the back of the building. Brasel

said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank President Al Berube said the fire was pretty much contained to the mechanical room thanks to the quick work of the local fire departments and the NY Mills Police Department. He was thankful for all of the help and the quick response from the fire department.

"We are open like normal, ev-

erything is operating like normal," said Berube on Monday morning. "Thanks to the fire department for what they did. Also credit to Bobby Berndt (and the NY Mills Police Department)."

On Sunday morning Service Pro, and several bank staff members, cleaned the bank and got it ready to reopen on Monday morning. Even with the late fire on Saturday evening Berube said it was business as usual for the NY Mills bank.

Responding to the call was the New York Mills Fire Department, as well as the Perham and Bluffton Fire Departments.



File photo

The sports center at New York Mills School will once again be lined with a variety of silent auction items as part of the annual Community Serving Classrooms Community Carnival.

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event of inclement weather, the carnival will be held on Monday, Nov. 22.

Friday's carnival will be filled with games and activities for people of all ages. There will be 26 games, 2 inflatable rides and a balloon twister, all filling the sports center. Many of the games feature prizes, and tickets for the games, can be purchased during the carnival.

One of the biggest parts of the night is the large silent auction, which features everything from handmade items to unique gift baskets. Among the items on the silent auction will be burgers for a year from Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill, a hotel stay and water park passes at Thumper Pond in Ottertail, Minnesota Vikings tickets and a number of other items that are

still being received by the Community Supporting Classrooms committee. All of the items will be available on the silent auction from 4-6:45 p.m.

The night will also include a free-will offering supper of taco in a bag, cookie and a drink that will be served by the NY Mills Marching Eagles to help support their band trip to Florida in the spring. Concessions, served by the NY Mills bowling team, will also be available throughout the night.

Following the carnival, the NY Mills drama department will be hosting their annual fall play. This year's play is "The Play That Goes Wrong." The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will also be performed on Thursday and Saturday night at 7 p.m.

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my kids can take it over and make a living at it."

Dykhoff has been a hunter his entire life and has done a lot of trapping and fishing as well. Though, he may not have experience pertaining to this new venture, he says that his life experiences have helped him understand the fundamentals of the business.

A change in location from the former Klinnert's Seed store might add a couple miles to your trip, but it makes it easy for the Dykhoff's to maintain the property. Living only two miles away, their commute to work is a quick one.

Dykhoff grew up in this area and it's where he wants to be.

"There are lots of good people out in this part of the country," said Dykhoff. "Lot's of stories."

The store sits only six miles from New York Mills and two miles from Bluffton.

Dykhoff said that business was crazy before deer opener while everyone was preparing for rifle season. It's slowed down a bit since opening morning, but they're happy to see customers throughout hunting season as they stock up on ammunition, blaze orange gear, and everything in between.

Bluff Creek Outdoors takes deer hides and just started a consignment on new and used hunting equipment and clothing. While being focused on hunting right



Photo by Tucker Henderson

Bluff Creek Outdoors features a wide selection of guns and ammo (below), as well as outdoor items for hunting, fishing and everything in-between (above). The business officially opened earlier this year in rural Bluffton.

now, Dykhoff said that he plans on adding agricultural seed and chemicals in the future and that they will bring the same offerings to the table as Klinnert's Seed and Outpost.

Bluff Creek Outdoors is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact (218) 385-3576 or visit them at 35305 585th Ave, Bluffton.



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# Knowledge Bowl Team takes second

## New York Mills team competes in Fergus Falls

The New York Mills Junior High Knowledge Bowl team went to their second meet of the year in Fergus Falls on Monday, Nov. 8. This round of competition hosted 17 teams from Fergus Falls, Holy Rosary (Detroit Lakes), Morris, Barnesville, and Herman-Norcross. The Eagle Trivia Masters finished their written round in fourth and ninth place respectively. Both teams had hot first rounds putting up scores of 17 and 16 points each.

NY Mills Nickel (Emily Deyong, Ellie Scheidecker, Eli Aho, Alex Mack, Dylan

Selander) went up a room and sailed the rest of the day to a tie for fifth place.

"We had a good day, but our other team had a great day," said Dylan Selander.

NY Mills Nutmeg (Aubrey Barthel, Annika Durrud, Lucy Wallgren, Elijah Geiser, Isaac Geiser, and Brienna Honer) jumped up into the 1-2-3 room for rounds 2, 3 and 4. As they entered the final round, they began in first place. They won the round in the top room with 11 points and were quite giddy for the awards ceremony.

However, Fergus Falls Fuchsia, the team that

started the day in first place, dropped to the 4, 5, 6 room in the last round. Their sneaky sandbagging strategy proved effective as they got a whopping total of 21 correct answers. That was enough to overtake NY Mills Nutmeg by points and drop our Eagles team to second place.

"We did so much better than our first meet in the oral rounds, our buzzing was a lot stronger too," said Elijah Geiser.

Aubrey Barthel mentioned, "It's really fun to meet the people from the other teams."

Like the first meet, our teams worked hard, had fun, challenged each other and enjoyed the competition.



Members of the New York Mills Knowledge Bowl team show off their hardware following their competition on Nov. 8. Contributed photo

## Cultural Center to host 12th annual Artist Bazaar

### Event set for Nov. 17-20 in NY Mills

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center has announced its 12th annual Artist Bazaar from November 17-20. The event will bring unique, handmade gifts to the community and honor local artists.

Current 2021 featured artists include: Aryn Lill, Cheryl Bannes, Gen Keranen, Joy Cooley, Kari Briscoe, Missy Sundheim, Pam Robinson, Sandra Shaughnessy and Sue Kalseim. Items for sale will include mittens, pottery, jewelry, fiber arts, weavings and more.

This year the artist bazaar will take place Wednesday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 20. The Stock-Up Sale will be Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

During the Stock-Up Sale, all items will be available at special discounts and includes all artist bazaar items, but also gift

shop items. Spend \$50 get 5 percent off; Spend \$75 get 10 percent off; Spend \$150 get 15 percent off; Spend \$175 get 20 percent off. All Cultural Center members get an additional 10 percent off their entire purchase! New members are always welcome.

New this year, the Cultural Center will host a wine and cheese pairing 101 event on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. (cost \$30/person, call 385-3339 to register), with attendees getting a sneak peek and first chance to purchase artist bazaar items.

Once again this year, the Cultural Center will offer a special kids only shopping area to allow kids the chance to shop for the holidays. All items will be available for kids only to purchase for just \$1-5.

Part of the mission at the Cultural Center is to support working artists, and part of our vision is to connect local artists and community members, and celebrate the local.

The Cultural Center continues to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines; please stay home if sick. Call 385-3339 with any questions, or for a private shopping experience.

## Small-town newspapers attract new readership

### Otter Tail County has six newspapers

By Tom Hintgen  
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Minnesota has a strong tradition of community newspapers, says Lisa Hills, executive director of the Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA).

"Unlike many areas of the United States that are now considered news deserts, most of Minnesota's rural residents can still pick up a copy of a local newspaper," she said.

Otter Tail County has six weekly newspapers, including those in Pelican Rapids, Perham, New York Mills, Henning, Battle Lake and Parkers Prairie. Hard copies and online services are available.

The Fergus Falls newspaper used to have hard copies six days a week. It now has hard copies twice a week in

addition to online services.

The 270 members of the MNA include the newspapers in Otter Tail County and other county newspaper throughout the state. Most have circulations under 2,500.

"Some of Minnesota's newspapers, even though feeling the effects of the pandemic, actually are increasing readership," Hills said.

MNA President Justin Lessman, publisher of the Lakefield Standard in southwestern Minnesota, says his digital subscriptions are up 30 percent this year and print editions are up 10 percent.

"As I talk to publishers across the state, I'm hearing similar numbers," Lessman said. "They also tell me that the pandemic ac-



Justin Lessman



Lisa Hills

tually sparked a return to traditional journalism values."

He said there are many homes in rural Minnesota that don't have broadband access, so a printed newspaper is often the only way some people can get local news.

"We do, however, have challenges that urban journalists can easily avoid," Lessman said.

"If you wrote a story about a county commissioner in Hennepin County, you may hardly ever see

him on the streets of Minneapolis. But here in rural Minnesota, you'd maybe go to the same church together or certainly see him in the local grocery store."

The pressure is on to treat people objectively and fairly.

"Small-town newspapers are strong and in a unique position to be poised for some real growth as long as we keep doing what we're doing well," Lessman said. "We're an important part of our communities."

## Zebra mussels confirmed in Lake Leven

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed a report of zebra mussels in Lake Leven, near the city of Villard in Pope County.

A lake property owner contacted the DNR after their grandson found suspected zebra mussels on equipment being removed from the lake for the season. A DNR invasive species specialist found zebra mussels on the dock at the Lake Leven public water access, about 600 yards from the initial report location.

Lake Leven is directly upstream of Lake Villard, where zebra mussels were confirmed last year, and Lake Amelia, where they were confirmed in 2018.

"Lake property owners and lake service provider businesses play an important role in detecting invasive species, by carefully examining boats, docks and lifts when they are being removed from the water at the

end of the season," DNR Invasive Species Unit Supervisor Heidi Wolf said.

As a reminder, Minnesota law requires that docks and lifts remain out of the water for at least 21 days after removal from a waterbody before they can be placed into another waterbody. In addition, anyone who transports a dock or lift from a shoreline property to an off-site location for storage or repair may need a permit to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Important prevention considerations for lake property owners include:

Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period.

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Veterans were honored on Thursday morning for a pair of Veterans Day programs at New York Mills School. The programs featured the color guard, students' Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essays, musical performances and a Quilts of Valor Presentation. Following the programs there was a light lunch served at the NY Mills VFW.

# Veterans honored at annual program in NYM



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# Crash responder safety week: Do's and don't's

Question: I heard something about "Crash Responder Safety Week," can you talk about that?

Answer: Crash Responder Safety Week runs November 8-14. The goal is to reach out to every emergency responder, driver, and passenger to educate them in how to play their part in ensuring safe responses at crash scenes. Crash scenes can be dangerous, and it's in everyone's best interest, from emergency responders to passing motorists, to have the scene cleared quickly and safely.

Whether you are responding to a crash, involved in a crash, or passing by a crash, we all need to do our part to be sure that everyone makes it home safely.

For those working on or along the road:

•Wear your high visibility vest or apparel.

- Implement traffic control.
- Work in the shadow of the blocking vehicle.
- Never turn your back to traffic.
- Maintain situational awareness.

For those of you behind the wheel, slow down and move over. Your life and the lives of others depend on it. The days are getting shorter and the nights longer as we approach winter, but throughout the year this has been a dark year when it comes to traffic deaths



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on Minnesota roads. We've surpassed 415 deaths on our roads and are on pace to have the most fatalities since 2007. The numbers aren't just statistics. Each of those deaths represents someone who is a spouse, a child, a brother, sister, friend, co-worker, and neighbor. Lives are forever shattered by their loss. For employers, crash fatalities and serious injuries mean not only the loss of a friend and colleague, but of loss of valued talent and expertise. We're not alone here in

Minnesota. Across the U.S. and even around the world, we've seen a startling increase in traffic crashes, resulting in injuries and fatalities, particularly due to excessive speed and lack of seat belt use.

Help keep emergency responders safe and help keep yourself and other motorists safe. Don't become a statistic. YOU are important - to your families, friends, colleagues and everyone. If you drive, your time on the road is the most dangerous part of your day. Drive smart and live.

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# OTC commissioners address solid waste

By Tom Hintgen  
Otter Tail County Correspondent

The county Board of Commissioners, on Nov. 9, heard an outline for the County Solid Waste Master Plan. The presenter was County Solid Waste Director Chris McConn.

A public hearing on this subject will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the County Government Services Center located in northwest Fergus Falls, next to the former RTC campus on Fir Avenue West.

"Public engagement plays a central role in the development of this Master Plan," said McConn to county commissioners. "A major goal over the next several years is the protection of Otter Tail County's natural resources."

The Solid Waste Master Plan contains possible solutions designed to support and ultimately improve the Otter Tail County's existing solid waste management system.

An evaluation of the existing solid waste management system was conducted to determine what policies or technologies could be implemented to improve recycling, solid waste man-



Chris McConn

agement and waste diversion from landfills.

"The public meeting on Dec. 1 will hopefully result in more input that's already been collected at focus group meetings and through community surveys," McConn said.

County commissioners, with the support of many county residents who have already provided input for the Solid Waste Master Plan, are committed to a path toward zero landfilling, supporting waste-to-energy, providing quality and equitable solid waste services and adhering to

fiscally responsible investments.

Solutions were separated into solid waste categories including education, household hazardous waste, organics, recycling, waste reduction and waste to energy/ash.

"The solutions include a planning and implementation schedule throughout the 25-year duration of the Master Plan," McConn said, "in order to support the success of all programs and ultimately set a path toward zero landfilling."

McConn said the county Solid Waste Department does not want to be unreasonable in pursuit of goals. "We want to be fair minded."

County Commissioner Wayne Johnson of Pelican Rapids said doing what is reasonable is the best approach.

"Don't let the pursuit of perfection overshadow realistic goals," Johnson said. "We can revisit the County Solid Waste Master Plan every two years or so. We'll no doubt see that some aspects of the plan are working well and others are not working very well. Then we can make some necessary adjustments."

# Three injured in weekend accidents

By Tom Hintgen  
Otter Tail County Correspondent

County sheriff deputies reported three accidents with injuries the weekend of Nov. 5-7. Two of them included rollovers after drivers lost control of their vehicles.

The two rollovers were both reported on Friday, Nov. 5. One rollover accident with an injury took place east of Henning, at the intersection of Highways 210 and 75. The second rollover with injury took place just north of Fergus Falls, at the intersection of Highway 111 and 250th Street.

The third accident with injury took place Sunday, Nov. 7, at Grena Lake, southwest of Pelican Rapids. The exact location was on 400th Street.

## Watch for deer while driving in November

Historically, November is the most dangerous month for deer collisions with drivers on Minnesota roadways.

Sheriff deputies and other law enforcement agencies urge drivers to slow down, particularly at dusk and dawn.

Here are some other important safety tips:

- If you see one deer, be

prepared to see more cross the road.

- Pay attention to deer crossing signs.

- Use your high beams to see further, except when there is oncoming traffic.

- Brake if you can, but avoid swerving, which can result in a more severe crash.

- Remain focused on the road. Scan for potential dangers, including animals.

- Avoid distractions. This can cause you to not see a deer until it is too late.

- If riding a motorcycle, always wear protective gear. Keep focused on the road ahead.

# TCHC Auxiliary virtual auction set for Nov. 30

Tri-County Health Care will again be hosting their Auxiliary Auction virtually. During the auction community members bid on baskets filled with holiday themed items prepared by area businesses, community organizations and Tri-County departments.

All funds go to the TCHC Auxiliary to make an impact for patients and staff.

Due to the continued prevalence of COVID-19 and space restrictions, the auction will be held virtually in 2021. Website bidding will begin on Nov. 26. Final bids need to be placed by 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 30.

"Our amazing Auxiliary members work hard to put on this fun night of fundraising! We can't be in person this year but that isn't going to stop us from having an incredible auction," said Foundation Executive

Director Ryan Damlo.

Tri-County Health Care encourages everyone to participate. The deadline for baskets is Nov. 24. Baskets can be dropped off at the information desk in the Wadena Clinic.

A live remote showcase of the auction items will take place on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Additionally, participants will be able to purchase raffle tickets to enter them in a drawing for a prize basket. The value of the prize basket ranges from \$100 to \$300. The auction will also feature a wine pull where participants can

purchase a random bottle of wine for \$10. The randomly selected wine bottle can have a value from \$3 to \$18.

The Holiday Auxiliary Auction is a free event. Participants will be able to view the baskets and watch the live showcase at no cost.

The auction site can be accessed at [www.one.bidpal.net/tchc/welcome](http://www.one.bidpal.net/tchc/welcome)

The TCHC Auxiliary focuses on community health and education. Funds raised help provide equipment and tools for facilities across the region.

# Community Service Award given to volunteers



Contributed photos

Above: Shirley Quist presented "Good Job Awards" to Joyce White for her dedication in community service reporting and to Deb Frost and Kathy Rosenthal for their hard work in making the New York Mills VFW Auxiliary annual rummage sale a success. Below: Amanda Weller gives Wanda Smith her membership pin and patch.



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Anyone paid to remove boats, docks, lifts and other water-related equipment must be DNR trained and permitted. A list of DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses is available on the DNR website.

Contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if an invasive species is discovered that has not already been confirmed in that waterbody.

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11/8/2021	56	38		11/8/2020	64	54	
11/9/2021	48	26		11/9/2020	67	33	0.58" Rain
11/10/2021	52	31		11/10/2020	33	18	0.26" Rain
11/11/2021	46	33	0.40" Rain	11/11/2020	27	17	
11/12/2021	33	28	1.0" Snow	11/12/2020	36	19	
11/13/2021	31	25	0.1" Snow	11/13/2020	21	10	
11/14/2021	27	21	3.3" Snow	11/14/2020	35	12	
11/15/2021	23	19	Trace-Snow	11/15/2020	35	24	

A reminder that gas furnaces, water heaters, and other gas appliances should be serviced by your local plumbing and heating specialist, it is good practice to install Carbon Monoxide Detectors on each level of a house, follow safety guidelines provided by the unit manufacture. Notice for this winter season: Please keep your gas meters and regulators free of snow and ice, exercise caution when removing ice and snow from or around gas meter sets.

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# Obituaries

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## Ada Kujala, 80

Funeral services were held for Ada Kujala on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills, with Pastor Nick Kandoll officiating. Pallbearers were Lowell Stenersen, Eugene Stenersen, Lloyd Stenersen, Leroy Stenersen, Jacob Jussila, and Philip Stenersen. Music was sung by the congregation, accompanied by Louise Amberg-Jokela. Ada will be laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, New York Mills.

Ada Marie Stenersen was born on January 3, 1941, in Woodson, Ore. Her parents were the late Einar and Pearl Angie (Nelson) Stenersen. The Stenersen family resided in Brush Prairie, Washington when they weren't traveling up and down the coast during harvest season picking fruits and vegetables. Ada was a cook at a local school for a while. She also enjoyed sewing dresses, quilts, linings for fur coats, chair seat covers, and other various projects for a hobby and also for various jobs.

On May 20, 1974, Ada was united in marriage with Ronald Wilho Kujala in Brush Prairie, Wash. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter Ronda. They made their home in Stevenson, Wash., and then Hockinson, Wash., before moving to Rindge, N.H., Lantana, Flor., Bryant, S.D., Chassell, Mich., Greer, S.C., then making their home in New York Mills.

On October 22, 2013, Ronald passed away in Fargo, N.D. Recently, Ada has made her home in Perham. Ada enjoyed gardening indoors and out, hand work, writing letters and cards to people all over the world, talking on the phone, and picking berries. She could take a plant with less an



inch of green on a brown stalk and bring it back to life. She is still known far and wide as the fastest berry picker in the northwest.

On October 29, 2021, Ada passed away at Perham Health in Perham, at 80 years of age. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Preceding Ada in death were her parents, Einar, and Angie Stenersen; siblings: Loren and Leslie; grandchildren: Rodeo, Rayanna, Raina and Radley.

Ada is survived by her daughter, Ronda (Reece) Tumberg; 4 grandchildren: Rose, Rachel, Resa and Reven; sisters: Juanita Jussila; Violet Rhoades and Arlene (Donald "Boots") Seppala; brothers: Ronald (Lorraine) Stenersen; Glen Stenersen; Eugene "Skip" (Karen) Stenersen; Lloyd (Debbie) Stenersen; Lyle (Susie) Stenersen; Lowell (Jane) Stenersen and Philip (Heidi) Stenersen; sister-in-law, Marilyn Stenersen; 90 nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to leave a message of comfort and support for Ada's family.

Arrangements are provided by the Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of New York Mills.

## Dale Berry, 87

Funeral services will be held for Dale Berry, age 87 of Basswood, Minn., on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Basswood Baptist Church in Basswood.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at

the Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to leave memorials and condolences on Dale's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Services.

## Melva Ament, 80

Memorial Service were held for Melva Ament, age 80 of Wadena, on Thursday November 11, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Visitation will be one hour prior to service.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to send Melva's family a message of comfort and support.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service of Wadena.

## David Reese, 84

Funeral Mass will be held for David Reese, age 84 of Vining, on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at St. Edward's Catholic Church. Visitation will

serve one hour prior to service at church.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to leave memorials and condolences on David's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Henning.

## Laura Jacobson, 67

Laura Jacobson, age 67 of New York Mills, passed away on November 10, 2021 at her home. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in rural Perham, Minnesota. Funeral Mass will

begin at 1 p.m. at church.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to leave memorials and condolences on Laura's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of New York Mills.

## Gerald Gorentz, 86

Memorial Services will be held for Gerald Gorentz, age 86 of Vergas, on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Perham. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at church.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to leave memorials and condolences on Gerald's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of New York Mills.

## Deborah Orre, 66

Debbie Orre, age 66, of New York Mills, passed away on November 5, 2021 at her home in New York Mills. No services are to be held at this time.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com)

to leave memorials and condolences on Debbie's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of New York Mills.

## Joyce Kovar, 77

Funeral Services for Joyce Kovar, age 77, of Deer Creek, were held on Tuesday November 16, 2021, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek with Pastor Donald Wagner officiating. Pallbearers were Tim Johnson, Jeff Stevens, Ed Wegscheid, Rick Wegscheid, Dave Guse, Darren Guse, Dan Kovar, Don Melz, and Rick Garrels. Honorary Pallbearers were Andrew Bendlen, Kim Bendlen, Ryan Leaderbrand, Terance Kovar, Travis Kovar, Trina Kovar, Ashley Kovar, Stephanie Kovar, and Ana Cline. Joyce was laid to rest in Compton Cemetery, Deer Creek.



Joyce Ann Riemer was born on October 25, 1944, in Pipestone, Minn. Her parents were the late Richard John and Esther Elsie (Buchholz) Riemer. She was baptized on November 19, 1944, in Pipestone and was confirmed on May 17, 1959, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek. Joyce attended Country School in Ruthton, Minn. and graduated from the Wadena High School with the class of 1962.

Joyce was united in marriage with Joseph Kovar on August 24, 1963, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek. Their marriage was blessed with 6 children: Joseph Jr, Kelly, Kristy, Jeff, Jason, and James. Joyce's first job was at the A&W Rootbeer Drive-In in Wadena. She was also employed as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell. Joyce left the workplace in favor of being a stay-at-home mom but would still cook at the Deer Creek School for 10 years. She was also a part time waitress at the Eagles Café.

Joyce was very active in her community. She was an event coordinator for Seder Meal for 30 years, a vacation Bible School Coordinator for several years. Joyce was also a Sunday School teacher for many years. Joyce enjoyed cooking and baking, hunting, fishing, bird watching, and spending time with her friends and family.

Joyce passed away on November 9, 2021, at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. She will be dearly missed by her friends and family. Preceding Joyce in death are her parents, Richard and Esther Riemer, father and mother-in-law, Ed and Elsie Kovar and sister-in-law: Cleone Riemer.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband Joseph; children: Joseph Kovar Jr, Kelly (Wayne) Leaderbrand, Kristy (Tom) Bendlen, Jeff (Beth Kirchenwitz Cline) Kovar, Jason (LaRae) Kovar, James (Krista) Kovar; 9 grandchildren; siblings: Richard "Bud" (Pauline) Riemer, Jean (Don) Kassube, Carol (Jim) Guse, Randy (Deb) Riemer; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Please visit [www.karvonenfuneralhome.com](http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com) to leave a message of comfort and support for Joyce's family.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

## Polyps and how to deal with them

What is a polyp? I hear that question a lot. The word itself sounds foreign and strange to most, but polyps are actually fairly common. About one in four patients will have a polyp at the time of their first colonoscopy. A colon polyp is an abnormal growth of the inner lining of the colon. These growths are the result of changes in the DNA of colon cells. This change can occur at any age but tends to happen as we get older. It's important to take colon health seriously. Identification and removal of polyps are the main reason people need to have routine colonoscopies. Polyps can lead to colon cancer, and early identification can prevent that from occurring.



Dr. Timothy Monson

I know a colonoscopy can be a little daunting, but the benefit for your long-term health is incredible. Technologically, we have come a long way, and this procedure is not nearly as complicated as you might think. During a colonoscopy, most polyps that are identified can be removed immediately. Removal is accomplished with a variety of techniques, but for the most part, these growths are snared with a special instrument passed through the endoscope and removed from the surrounding healthy tissue. Complicated or large polyps may require additional planning and another procedure. If a polyp is too big or in a difficult spot, it may need to be removed by a formal surgical procedure. Follow-up procedures are typically scheduled at specific yearly

intervals depending on the number and type of polyps found.

The most significant concern of patients is the potential for complications. I want to assure everyone that complications are very rare. From my surgical perspective, the most difficult element is preparation. This process does require time and effort from patients. It is without question the most tasking part of receiving a colonoscopy. During the procedure, things usually go quite well with virtually no pain or special instructions for recovery.

Please do me and yourself a favor; the next time your doctor brings up the subject of a colonoscopy, listen carefully. Think about it. I know we don't like to subject ourselves to undue discomfort, but a coloscopy could save your life.

Timothy Monson, M.D., MBA, FACS  
Tri-County Health Care

# Time to take on the plant thugs

By Bev Johnson  
Master Gardener

Have you ever heard of plant criminals? How about invasive plants? Same thing but just a different description. An invasive plant is one that is a neat clump one week and the next is 20 feet away trying to strangle the nearest oak tree.

Here are a few plants you NEVER want to put in your flowerbed as they will push everything out of their way on the way to cover the planet.

Old fashioned tiger lilies, or old-fashioned day lilies. They reproduce like rabbits; the lilies carry a disease that can affect your hybrid lilies and the day lilies are just plain ugly. Wildflowers, oxeye daisy, butter and eggs (looks like yellow snapdragons) also called toadflax, Queen Ann's lace, and orange hawkweed. Common tansy, even the new pretty colored ones, are nearly impossible to

get rid of when you want to plant something else. Bell flower is a real stinker. It is a tall plant with blue bell-shaped blooms on a single stalk. The roots are very deep, and it spreads like mad. One gardener thought it was so pretty she transplanted some from an old farmhouse foundation to her flowerbed. She had to dig up every plant and bulb, wash all the soil off them and plant them in a new bed to free her flowers of them.

There are even water plants that can cause problems. Purple loosestrife or any of its hybrids will fill a slough in only a few years, choking out every other native plant. Flowering rush is nearly as bad in small ponds and sloughs. This plant can out compete even willows and cattails. Yellow iris is very pretty by a pond but it has the bad habit of wanting all the shoreline.

Then there are the grasses. Aumur silver grass. mis-

canthus sacchariflous is horribly invasive. The title Amur in any plant should give you pause. It means it is from an area in the orient with climate similar to ours but harsher apparently as plants with Amur in their name go crazy here.

If you want to see invasiveness in all its glory, just look around Fergus Falls in mid-summer. That pretty bright yellow "ground cover" in the ditches and on the boulevards is birdsfoot trefoil. The Prairie Wetlands is fighting this stinker. It forms dense mats of plants that choke out most other vegetation. This plant was introduced by the Minnesota Highway Department to hold slopes on the interstate. Wonder if creeping Charlie came from the same place.

Bunkey has had personal experience with several other plants that he feels are thugs too. One is purple cone flower. It spreads by seed--all over his flower-

bed. Then there is a hybrid bell flower. It looks like a purple drumstick about a foot high. It thrives on Roundup. Lily of the valley and most violets spread like mad too, but they make a nice ground cover in dense shade where Charlie is the only other option.

The U of M has trees and shrubs on a "do not plant list". Amur (there's that name again) maple and Norway maples, Japanese barberry, Siberian peashrub, Russian olive, Exotic honeysuckles, with Latin names of Lonicers tartatica and L. Morrowil, glossy or alder Buckthorn, Siberian elm and black locust, with the exception of the black locust are non-natives and will crowd out native trees and shrubs. Don't plant them and if you have them, destroy them if you can.

For information on how to destroy these criminals, try the Extension office at 218-998-8760.



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Sebeka

## Church Directory

**Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
315 Main Ave. S, New York Mills  
Pastor Nicholas Kandoll  
(218) 385-2166  
(360) 241-8450 (Kandoll's)  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible study  
8:05 a.m. Echoes of Mercy on  
KWAD  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Assembly of God**  
103 N Hayes Ave., New York Mills  
Pastor Larry Bessler  
(218) 385-2033  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible  
study 10:30 a.m. Worship

**Bethany Free Lutheran Church**  
21987 Co. Rd. 23, Blue Grass  
Rev. Curtis Emerson  
(218) 495-3771, (218) 639-4320  
www.zionandbethany-flc.org  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:15  
Sunday school

**Basswood Baptist Church**  
38188 340th St., Richville  
Pastor Bert Holmquist  
(218) 495-3771  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer, Bible  
study, Kids club, Youth group  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school,  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**Blowers Chapel**  
42772 Co. Hwy. 19, Sebeka  
(218) 837-5923  
Pastor Jay Tolleson  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer meet-  
ing  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Bible study and  
Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship

**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark St, Verndale  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship and  
Sunday school 6-8 p.m. Celebrate  
Recovery- Christ Centered Recov-  
ery Program, Childcare provided

**Firestarters Worship Center**  
107 W Main, Ottertail  
Rev. Pete Thiel  
(218) 367-3455  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship, 6 p.m.  
Worship

**First Congregational United  
Church of Christ**  
11 E Gilman St., New York Mills  
(218) 385-2587  
Rev. Sheri Nelson (218) 640-3722  
Jack Volpe, Shirley Davis  
(218) 639-3192  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

**Holy Cross Church**  
54216 Co. Hwy. 148, Butler  
Father George Michael  
(218) 385-2201  
Wednesday: 5:15 p.m. Mass  
Saturday: 8 p.m. Mass

**Joyful Spirit United  
Methodist Church**  
61847 State Hwy. 29, Wadena  
Ricardo Alcoaster, Pastor  
(218) 367-2270;  
joyfulspiritnumc@gmail.com,  
Sunday: 11 a.m. worship

**Old Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
35706 State Hwy. 106,  
New York Mills  
www.oldapostoliclutheranchurch.org  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school  
11 a.m. Worship

**Ottertail United Methodist**  
104 Shores Road, Ottertail  
Rev. Ricardo Alcoaster  
(218) 367-2270  
Wednesday: 3 p.m. Bible study, 5  
p.m. Bible study  
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Worship, Fel-  
lowship follows Worship  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Sewing, 9:30-  
11:30 Devotionals  
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on Facebook Live and on YouTube

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**  
401 2nd St. SE, Sebeka  
Pastor Eric Clapp  
(218) 837-5831  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Confirma-  
tion Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday  
school 10 a.m. In-person Worship,  
Online Worship

**St. John the Baptist Catholic  
Church**  
310 Main St., Bluffton  
Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
(218) 385-2608  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. Mass  
Saturday: 3:30 Adoration & Con-  
fession, 4:30 p.m. Mass

**Southbrook Baptist Church**  
1842 2nd Street SW, Wadena  
Pastor Jake Heppner  
(218) 631-2002  
Wednesday: 5:30 Youth group  
and Kids club  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school,  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**St. John's Lutheran  
Missouri Synod**  
31963 Co. Hwy. 61, Ottertail  
Rev. Karl Weber  
(218) 367-2470  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Bible study  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship,  
11 a.m. Christian Education Hour

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
49658 Co. Hwy. 53, Perham  
Rev. Jared Nies  
(218) 346-4302  
www.stjohnsperham.org  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Sunday school  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship will  
follow  
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Catechesis

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church of  
Rush Lake**  
46404 Co. Hwy. 14, Perham  
Fr. George Michael  
(218) 346-7729, (218) 758-2888  
www.stlawrencel.parishesonline.com  
stlawrence@arvig.net  
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass, 4 p.m.  
Mass

**St. Paul's Lutheran  
Missouri Synod**  
750 1st St. W., Richville  
Rev. Karl Weber  
(218) 367-2470  
Sunday: 8 a.m. Worship

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran  
Church**  
101 Gilman St. W, New York Mills  
Rev. Ryan D.G. Stout  
(218) 385-2011  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Vespers, i.e.  
Evening Prayer  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship, Sun-  
day school follows worship, 11 a.m.  
Confirmation

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
424 E Gilman St., New York Mills  
Rev. Kirk Douglas  
(218) 385-2450  
www.nymtrinity.org  
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. Preschool,  
12 p.m. Preschool, 4:45 p.m. 7th  
Grade Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.  
Walking Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Praise Band Practice  
Sunday: 8 a.m. Worship, 10:30  
a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. You Tube  
Service, 5 p.m. 10th Grade Con-  
firmation  
Monday: 8:30 a.m. Preschool, 12  
p.m. Preschool, 4 p.m. Exercise  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Quilters, 7 p.m.  
New Beginnings AA Meeting

**Trinity Lutheran  
Missouri Synod**  
208 N Clark St., Deer Creek  
Pastor Donald Wagner  
(218) 462-2464  
www.trinitydeer creek.org  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:15  
Bible study 10:30 a.m. Sunday  
School

**Zion Free Lutheran Church**  
Assn. of Free Lutheran  
Congregation  
602 S Jefferson St., Wadena  
Rev. Curtis Emerson  
(218) 631-2741, (218) 639-4320  
www.zionandbethany-flc.org  
Handicap accessible  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible study  
Sunday: 9:45 Sunday school  
11 a.m. Worship  
Third Saturday of Month 10 a.m.  
WMF meeting

### SENIOR MENU

**Wednesday, Nov. 17** - Pot Roast, Whole Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Pecan Pie, Bread/Butter/Milk  
**Thursday, Nov. 18** - Sliced Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Red Velvet Cake, Bread/Butter/Milk  
**Friday, Nov. 19** - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Monaco  
Blend, Cookies, Bread/Butter/Milk  
**Monday, Nov. 22** - BBQ Ribs, Whole Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Tropical Fruit, Bread/Butter/Milk  
**Tuesday, Nov. 23** - Drummies (3), Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mini Crème Puffs (3), Bread/Butter/Milk

### NYM SCHOOL MENU

**Wednesday, Nov. 17** - Breakfast: Cook's Choice, Strawberry Chex, Fruit/Juice  
Lunch: Chicken Legs, Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Fruit, Vegetable  
**Thursday, Nov. 18** - Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Sunflower Seeds, Fruit/Juice  
Lunch: Riblet Sandwich, Assorted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Fruit  
**Friday, Nov. 19** - Break-  
fast: Benefit Bar, Cheese  
Stick, Fruit/Juice  
Lunch: Assorted Pizza, Fruit, Vegetable, Oreo Cookie  
**Monday, Nov. 22** - Breakfast: Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit/Juice  
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Fruit, Vegetable  
**Tuesday, Nov. 23** - Breakfast: Muffins, Nutri-grain Bar, Fruit, Vegetable  
Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Vegetable

## Gardening tips for the month of November

Becker County Master Gardeners have earned their title through educational classes and community service to put their green thumb knowledge to use for the greater good. They got together to provide tips for November, and things one can do for their plants, including:

- Using room temperature water for all houseplants. Most originated in the tropics or sub-tropics and can be injured by icy tap water. Leave a jug of water out for several hours or test tap water on the inside of the wrist before using it.
- Buy a Christmas Cactus for winter bloom.
- Move houseplants to brighter locations within the home, to compensate for reduced light levels as days grow shorter and cloudier weather increases. South or west facing win-

dows are not too bright for low light plants this time of year. Pull shades or draw the drapes at night, though, to protect houseplants from cold air near window panes. Continue to rotate the plants regularly so they don't grow "towards the light".

- Flowers are traditional at Thanksgiving Day celebrations, but one can enjoy blooms all winter long. Many florists feature mixed bouquets at reasonable prices.
- A final gardening chore is to inspect all tools and equipment that was used this past summer. Clean and sharpen the tools, then wipe them with a light coating of oil to prevent rust. Seal bags of fertilizer and move them off the garage floor, onto a shelf where they won't get damp and hard over winter.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all of those who sent prayers, cards, and well wishes while our wife, mother, and grandmother was in the hospital. We have received so much comfort in our worry and grief and want to thank the community that rallied behind our family these past few months. Thank you to

all who attended the visitation and funeral and those who helped before, during, and after to honor her memory. We are so grateful and feel very blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.

The Lynnette Henderson Family

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Alan "Lindy" Linda  
Freelance Writer

## Deer hunting season comes to an end

Deer hunting season is once again over. Now is when the best part of deer season starts. Now is when hunters get their money's worth out of telling the story of how they got their deer.

Deer hunting is really a 12-month season, minus the weekend they hunt. There is the six months preceding deer season, when the hunter incurs the obligatory duty of reciting any deer hunting story he has heard in his life that happened to anyone even remotely connected to him.

Then, in the six months following deer hunting season, there is the required duty to tell this season's hunting tale, only better each time it is repeated.

But, like they say, truth is stranger than fiction, and a good hunting story is often even better in truth than it is in exaggeration. Take for example the picture that ran in a recent paper in the area, showing a fillet knife entangled by its leather thong with complicated knots in a deer's antlers. Now how did that happen? Stranger than fiction.

Probably one of the most expensive deer hunting tales I've heard of came from a local auto body shop a couple of years ago. The weather that fall was cold, so cold that the two women needed a warm-up in one of their husband's four-wheel-drive pickup.

Rather than unload the 30-30 rifle outside, the hunter on the passenger side elected to unload her rifle inside the truck. She dutifully kept the barrel pointed at the floor, just in case that one in a million thing should happen.

It was not only real loud, it was real devastating, from the truck's point of view. The bullet first killed the heater core, which you will note was the only thing these hunter's cold fingers really needed.

On its journey from there, the slug deflected ever so slightly, and it winged the alternator, tearing out a few pretty little bits of necessary wire.

Then it blew a hole through the air conditioning condenser, which had the misfortune of being sandwiched between the radiator and the transmission cooler.

Finally, just to add insult to injury, the bullet also put out one of the truck's eyes. Total cost, not including towing or future spousal harassment or having a story anyone would want to tell for the next six months, ran close to \$5,000.

My favorite all-time deer hunting tale happens to involve another female hunter.

It was her first hunting experience. She was rather reluctant about it to start with but after some urging by her husband, she agreed to go. However, she vowed to herself not to shoot a female deer. That, she probably figured, was the least she could do. So, freshly outfitted with

a new rifle—worth about \$500, which he said she had to have, and a new down-filled blaze-orange hooded parka—oddly enough, also worth about five hundred bucks, which she said she had to have, she headed for her stand.

As several bucks ventured in and out of shooting range, she continued to debate with herself as to whether or not she even really wanted to kill one of them—even if they were of the male persuasion.

Finally, she thought that if she just went ahead and shot one of them, she could at least go back to the house and warm up. Just then, another nicely racked buck stepped out into the clearing. She aimed ever so long, but the buck wouldn't leave. It wouldn't run or anything. She shot. The buck fell to the ground.

After several minutes, during which time the buck didn't move, and neither did her husband, who had earlier said that he would "come right over and help," she slowly and stiffly climbed down from her tree, and started to walk for help. Just as she walked past the deer, it lifted its head and completely enveloped her in the soft depths of its suffering brown eyes.

She froze. It laid its head back down. She started to walk by; it raised its head again, and looked at her. She stopped. It put its head back on the cold, cold ground. Each time she moved, it opened its eyes beseechingly at her.

She knew she should put it out of its misery, but she didn't think she could. Besides, her gun was back in the tree. So, unable to think of any other alternative, she took off her brand new down-filled orange parka and put it over the deer's head. But it lifted its head when she moved, and the parka fell off. This time, she put it on the deer's antlers, and zipped it up, and managed to leave to get help.

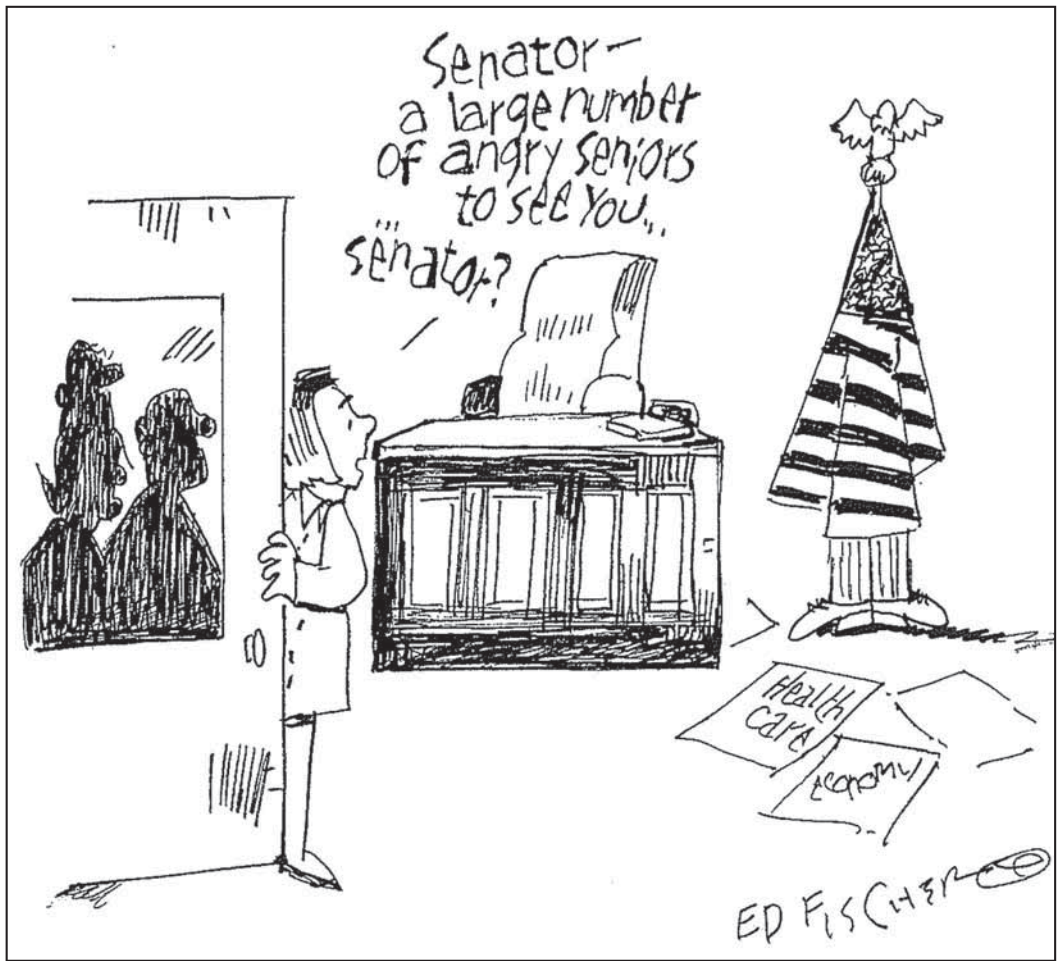
By the time she found her husband, who had unsportingly forgotten all about her, and got back to where the deer was: you guessed it. The deer had equally unsportingly come back to his senses, and left, with her designer parka securely zipped around his neck and antlers.

Furthermore, from the lack of blood, it appeared not to even have been wounded very badly, so tracking it was out of the question. Was that deer safe now, or what? Several hunters later reported seeing the fastest hunter they'd ever seen, running through the woods in orange clothing.

Finally, to once again add insult to injury, not only was the deer gone, and her parka, but so was her rifle, which someone had taken from her tree stand.

All she ended up with was a cold.

And this story.



## Never tempt fate by neglecting a superstition

I am not sure if I have ever met a person who is more superstitious than I was in my younger days. Whether it was where I sat during a football game, or parking in a certain spot at school, I made sure my ducks were in a row in order to have the best luck possible.

In fact, I could write a book about all of the strange things I did growing up to make sure that I never tempted fate. I would often get dressed the same way, put my socks on my feet in the correct order (everyone knows you put your socks on last, and only Barbarians put their socks on before their pants).

One time during my senior year of baseball I went over a month without washing my undershirt and my long black cotton socks. After all, I was on a hot streak and clearly my shirt, that I doubt my wife would even use as a rag today as there were so many holes in it, and my socks, which I am not embellishing at all when I tell you they could literally stand up on their own they were so stiff from all of the sweat and dirt, had a lot to do with my good fortunes.

Over the years I have become less superstitious, you know with all the work involved in keeping each superstition straight (I mean who can keep track of the different ways we can negate our carefully planned superstition). However, judging by the various smells coming along the sideline of a few football games this fall, I have little doubt many of the players still hold onto some of these time honored traditions of not washing socks, undershirts or headbands. That being said, can we please make sure you are washing your underwear though, as a parent I think we should all let the one about not washing your underwear die off.

Walk under a ladder and you might find yourself with a host of bad luck issues, not to mention one heck of a safety hazard. Personally, I still won't walk under a ladder after accidentally tipping one over in college, which sent



**Publisher's Perspective**  
Chad Koenen  
Publisher

But there are a lot of time honored superstitions that we should be aware of as we head into the snowy and icy part of our year. After all, I've fallen on the ice too many times to take any unnecessary risks.

You know the saying about the luck you would have if you find a penny and pick it up and all day you will have good luck? That is, of course, unless the penny is heads down, then your luck will be bad all day long. In fact, I have even taken it a step farther. There was even one time I found a \$10 bill that was face down and kept walking by, if only for the simple fact I was concerned about having bad luck all day.

I really believe there is something to beginner's luck. I have to look no farther than my fantasy football team with a group of my high school friends. Every year in which we make some kind of a big change in how we draft, or change the positions we can have on our roster, I do amazing. The next 5 years or more, my team will be terrible. This goes back some 20 years, with the exception of this year when we had a set of confusing changes that I am still trying to figure out, so maybe my beginner's luck is running out.

And of course we all remember the time honored tradition of jumping on the cracks on the sidewalk to break your moms back. That one is kind of mean if you really think about it.

Here are a few other unique superstitions from across the globe.

India has a number of

my friend falling 10 feet to the ground.

Do you have a rabbit's foot? If so, you might have a quick and easy way for some luck. Talismans and amulets are a time-honored way of fending off evil. But don't have rabbit's feet in threes as another superstition states that bad luck comes in threes.

Say something that might bring bad luck? Maybe you should knock on wood. An old wise tale states if you knock on wood after tempting fate, you will erase all that is wrong. According to folklore, the fixation on wood comes from old myths about good spirits in trees and from an association with the Christian cross.

Another one of my favorite superstitions will be a staple following your Thanksgiving meal in a few weeks, as children and adults alike will have a tug of war over the turkey wishbone. According to legend the first-century Romans used to fight over dried chicken wishbones, which they believed were good luck. If they accidentally broke them, the person with the longer part of the bone had their wish granted.

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superstitions, like if you leave the house before being swept, you'll never have a successful day. If you cut your nails or shave on a Tuesday or Thursday, or wash your hair on Saturday, you'll invite bad luck.

In Afghanistan, never allow the broom to touch the feet of anyone. If you do, one of your parents will die.

A German superstition declares that if you cheer with water you're actually wishing death upon the people you're drinking with.

If you're in Iceland, keep the knitting inside the house. There's a superstition that doing your needlework on your doorstep will keep those temps frigid.

I personally used to always hold my breath when I passed a graveyard, try explaining that one to your friends on the bus to baseball games. Turns out I may not have been too far off. In Japan, you must tuck your thumbs in to protect your parents when passing a graveyard. The Japanese word for thumb translates as "parent-finger," so hiding it protects them from death.

Women in ancient Britain often kept acorns in their pockets to ensure a youthful complexion.

Finally, in Cuba if you declare it's "el ultimo," or your last drink, then you're tempting fate, and death with shortly follow. In my eyes that means you can just stay out all night long and never worry about tempting death. But if you do declare "el ultimo," make sure to do so while knocking on wood, with a rabbit's foot in your pocket, preferably just one or two so it isn't divisible by three, but not after shaving on Tuesday or Thursday, while making sure there isn't a ladder nearby. I mean otherwise you might have bad luck.

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Eathan Ruther led the Eagles charge on the ground as he rushed for 61 yards and a touchdown on Friday night.

Photos by Chad Koenen

## NYM shuts down Deer River offense to advance to state semis

*Eagles to take on Mayer Lutheran on Saturday at US Bank Stadium*

By Chad Koenen  
Publisher

New York Mills did something that no other team was able to do this season—hand Deer River a loss.

On a cold and snowy Friday night, which featured a slick football and field conditions, the NY Mills Eagles overwhelmed the Warriors on the defensive side of the ball to come away with a 20-6 win in the opening round of the state football tournament.

After NY Mills fumbled the opening kick off, the Warriors marched the ball right down the field behind a powerful running attack. They got the ball all the way down to the 5-yard line where they had a first and goal, but the Eagles defense stood tall and didn't let Deer River in the end zone.

NY Mills took over on offense and put together a time consuming drive that ended with an Eathan Ruther touchdown run in the second quarter to give NY Mills a 6-0 lead. On the very next drive, Brayden Ehnert intercepted a pass and took it back to the end zone for 14-yards to quickly give the Eagles a 12-0 lead. Bren Salo found Noah Noffsinger in the end zone to give NY Mills a 14-0 lead.

After a Salo punt pinned the Warriors deep in their own territory, Joseph Herfindahl took the ball and scampered 97-yards for a touchdown to make the score 14-6 in favor of NY Mills at halftime. That one run accounted for nearly half of the entire total offense the Warriors accumu-

lated on Friday night.

"We played an outstanding game in all three phases of the contest. If you take away the long touchdown run they barely had 100 yards of offense," said head coach Matt Radniecki. "Our defense has played well and responded to every challenge. The first drive, stopping them four plays from inside the five, and then getting the ball and going 95 yards was a huge confidence and momentum swing for both teams."

After a scoreless third quarter, NY Mills essentially put the game out of reach when they once again marched down the field from Warrior territory on a time consuming drive that left little time on the clock. The drive was capped by a Salo 12-yard touchdown run to make the game 20-6 in favor of NY Mills.

"The boys played very crisp and we did and executed on offense," said Radniecki. "Eathan Ruther had 61 yards, Bren Salo had 48 yards, Jonah Johnson had 47 yards, and Dane Niemi had 21 yards giving us that balance in the ground game."

Throughout the game the Eagles were able to put together long, time consuming drives, even if they weren't able to get into the end zone as they dominated the time of possession.

Radniecki said he was pleased with how the team was able to chew up the clock and keep their offense on the field, especially late in the game.

"I am extremely pleased with how we were able to



Bren Salo breaks a tackle down the sideline of Friday's game against Deer River in Brainerd. Salo threw for one touchdown and rushed for another in a 20-6 win.

continue to eat up clock and not give them a chance at the end of the game," said Radniecki. "Thanks to our fans who were awesome on Friday night. It has been great and we hope to see even more of you at US Bank stadium on Saturday in the semi-finals at 11:30."

NY Mills will keep their magical season alive this week as they will take on the Mayer Lutheran Crusaders on Saturday morning at US Bank Stadium in

Minneapolis. The Crusaders won the Section 2A title and are 11-1 on the season. Their lone loss was to Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop on the opening game of the season. They defeated the Section 3A champion Murray County Central in the opening round of state by a score of 34-8.

The Crusaders are currently the fifth ranked team in the QRF and average 37.8 points per game on offense, while they give up 8.3 points

per game on defense.

NY Mills, on the other hand, are 10-1 on the season and average 31.7 points per game on offense and give up just 7.6 points per game on defense. They remain as the second lowest scoring defense on a points per game basis in Class A, behind just Minnesota.

On the other side of the state tournament bracket,

Minnesota crushed Mahanomen/Waubun by a score of 34-0 and Rushford-Peterson got by Belgrade-Brooklyn-Elrosa by a score of 18-6. They will play at 9 a.m. on Saturday at US Bank Stadium.

The two semi-final winners will play in the Class A state championship game on Friday, Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. at US Bank Stadium.



Jonah Johnson follows a Noah Noffsinger block on a sweep around the corner during Friday's state quarterfinal game against Deer River on Friday night.



Noah Noffsinger pulled down a big catch during the first quarter of Friday's Class A state semi-final game against Deer River in Brainerd. The Eagles won the game by a score of 20-6.



Madison Ruther got this buck on Sunday morning.



Marissa Uselman, age 10, is pictured with her first deer.

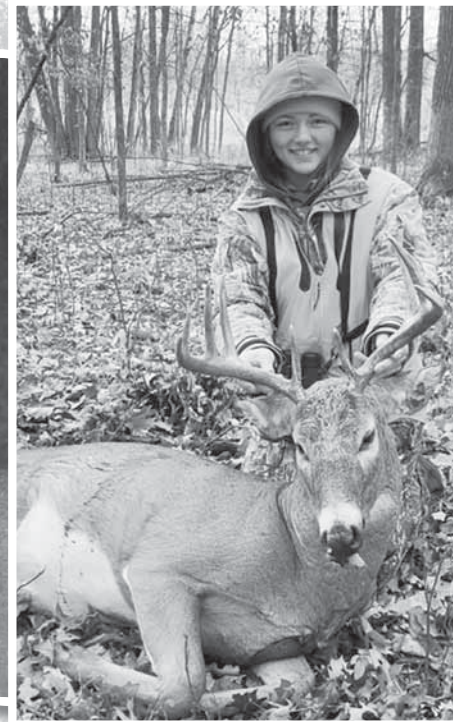


Lola Hoehne, age 14, stands with her prize deer.

## Trophies, points, and great memories



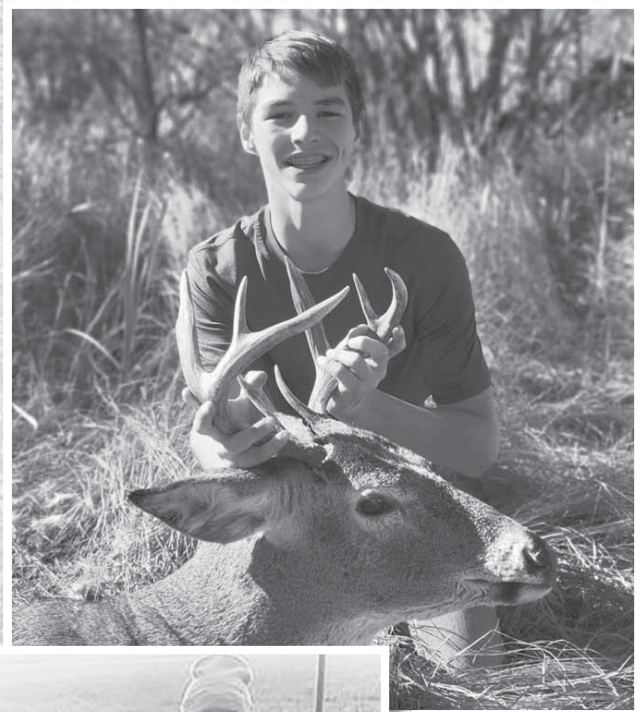
Trisha Stromme shot this 8 point buck on Thursday, Nov. 11 north of New York Mills.



Moriah Geiser collected a 9-point buck.



Left: Jeremy Kopveiler shot this 9-point buck near New York Mills during the deer hunting season.



Above: Elijah Geiser got an 8-point buck on his first solo hunt during the youth hunt.



Travis and Jake Roggenkamp both shot at this deer, which was hit by one of their shots.



Caroline Schwantes got her first deer during the youth hunt.

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## MILLS LANES

### Monday Night Mens November 8

Name	Win	Loss		
Mills Lanes	15	8	Chad Rudolph	618
Lumber Depot	15	8	Tim McKenna	606
Lunds	8	15	Jason Grabow	524
Design's By Tes	8	15	Paul Deyonge	524
<b>Team game</b>				
			Lunds	1041
			Lumber Depot	901
			Design's By Tes	887
<b>Individual game men</b>				
			Eric Maijala	269
			Jeremy Freitag	259
			Tim McKenna	233
			Chad Rudolph	229
			Isaiah Bauck	197
<b>Individual series men</b>				
			Jeremy Freitag	730
			Eric Maijala	666

### Tuesday Individual Ladies November 9

Name	Win	Loss	Individual game	
Shirley Quist	26	9	Shirley Quist	163
Nancy Neuberger	24	11	Nancy Neuberger	153
Karen Brasel	22.5	12.5	Ronda Koehler	144
Karen Miller	15.5	19.5		
Ronda Koehler	11	21	<b>Individual series</b>	
			Shirley Quist	414
			Nancy Neuberger	405
			Ronda Koehler	381

### Wednesday Night Mixed November 11

Name	Win	Loss	Individual game women	
Giere Trucking	37.5	22.5	Dolly Tumberg	164
Tumberg Acc.	31.5	28.5	Ronda Koehler	142
Mills Lanes	31	29	Kathy Tumberg	110
Kern Industries	20	40		
<b>Individual series women</b>				
			Dolly Tumberg	447
			Ronda Koehler	325
			Kathy Tumberg	305
<b>Team game</b>				
			Giere Trucking	780
			Tumberg Accounting	668
			Mills Lanes	657
<b>Individual series men</b>				
			Brent Olson	680
			Chad Rudolph	622
			Jussi Tumberg	537
<b>Team series</b>				
			Giere Trucking	2217
			Tumberg Accounting	1799
			Mills Lanes	1790

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m DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and FY 2022				ED-00110-44
<b>General Information:</b> Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.								
District Name:		New York Mills		District Number:		553		
Fund	FY 2021 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2021 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2022 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2022 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2022 Projected Fund Balances	
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 297,531	\$ 382,832	\$ 245,470	\$ 434,893	\$ 353,151	\$ 603,080	\$ 184,964	
General Fund/Other	\$ 2,024,554	\$ 8,379,910	\$ 8,068,055	\$ 2,336,409	\$ 8,827,229	\$ 9,086,789	\$ 2,076,849	
Food Service Fund	\$ 38,930	\$ 704,020	\$ 636,815	\$ 106,135	\$ 567,300	\$ 543,435	\$ 130,000	
Community Service Fund	\$ 108,984	\$ 271,323	\$ 282,006	\$ 98,302	\$ 272,925	\$ 300,120	\$ 71,107	
Building Construction Fund	\$ 6,777,273	\$ 110,257	\$ 4,171,709	\$ 2,715,822	\$ 70,000	\$ 2,785,822	\$ (0)	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 180,404	\$ 1,342,476	\$ 1,301,527	\$ 221,353	\$ 1,591,856	\$ 1,285,300	\$ 527,909	
Trust Fund	\$ 52,838	\$ 30	\$ 862	\$ 52,006	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,006	
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total - All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 9,480,514</b>	<b>\$ 11,190,848</b>	<b>\$ 14,706,443</b>	<b>\$ 5,964,919</b>	<b>\$ 11,682,461</b>	<b>\$ 14,604,546</b>	<b>\$ 3,042,834</b>	
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>				<b>Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81</b>				
Outstanding July 1, 2020	\$ 16,355,531			Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2021				
Plus: New Issues	\$ -							
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 849,290			<b>Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2021</b>				
Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$ 15,506,241			Total Operating Expenditures \$ 9,047,464.87				
<b>Short-Term Debt</b>				FY 2021 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM 724.51				
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ -			FY 2021 Operating Cost per ADM \$ 12,487.70				
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	\$ -							
<b>The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.</b>								
<b>Comments:</b>								
The FY2022 budget is as of June 30, 2021 and will be reviewed and revised as needed.								
* Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)								

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners intends to adopt the "Solid Waste Master Plan". The proposed plan will be considered at a meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners, in person, in the Commissioners' Room at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center, at 515 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. local time. The meeting will be available for viewing via WebEx.

Minnesota Statute 400 authorizes Counties to conduct solid waste management programs. The purpose of the proposed plan is to establish guiding principles and goals for long term solid waste management initiatives. This plan is different than the County Solid Waste Management Plan regulated by Minnesota Statute 115A.46.

Copies of the proposed "Solid Waste Master Plan" are available on the Otter Tail County website at <https://ottertailcountymn.us/solid-waste-master-plan/> and at the Otter Tail County Solid Waste Department located in the Fergus Falls Recycling Center, 1115 N Tower Road, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to Cedar Walters, Solid Waste Public Information and Education Officer, at (218) 998-8914. All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing in person or remotely. Those wishing to participate remotely may do so by contacting the County Board Secretary at (218) 998-8051. Written correspondence is encouraged and must be submitted to the County Administrator's office, 520 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 no later than Wednesday December 8, 2021.

Chris McConn, P.E.  
Director, Solid Waste

Dated: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Published November 17, 2021

# NYM VFW honors winners in thank you card contest

*Teaching the recognition of sacrifice*

The New York Mills VFW Auxiliary presented awards to nine local winners in the Thank You, Veteran Card contest sponsored by the MN Department of the VFW Auxiliary. The contest consisted of making a card that said "thank you, veteran" on it with whatever else the student chose to write or draw.

There was a total of 208 cards entered for competition. For judging they were

divided into three categories according to grade level.

Three were chosen from the first grade, three from the second and third grades and three from the fourth and fifth grades. These nine cards were advanced to the District VFW Auxiliary where they will compete for entry at the state level. There were many delightful cards entered which made the judges decisions difficult.

The remaining 199 cards were given to area VFW homes and nursing homes to be distributed to the veteran residents in those facilities. They were warmly received by the staff members there.

One of the comments made was "our residents can use a nice pick-me-up like these cards right now as they are quarantining in their units because of Covid. They will love the cards from the kiddos." For that reason, all the cards entered in the contest were winners.

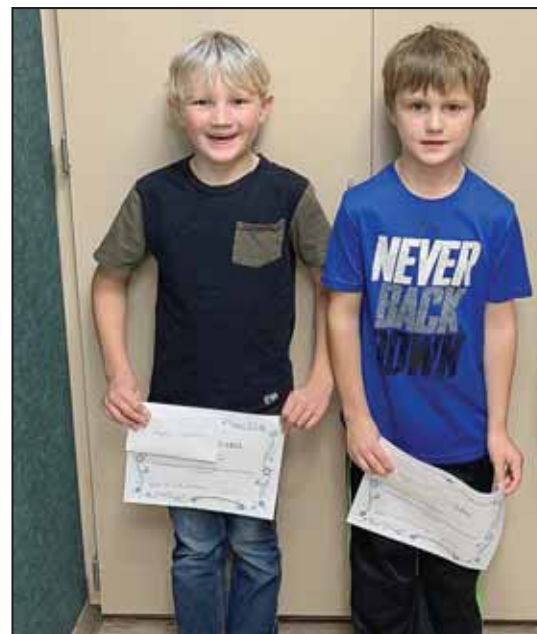
The purpose of the contest was to teach our young people to recognize the sacrifices our veterans have made in serving our country. The students came through in flying colors showing by their words and artwork that they know and appreciate what it means to serve our country.



Greysen Saewert, fourth grade; Garrett Uselman, fifth grade; Talya Vandermay, fifth grade and Joyce White.



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By Tom Hintgen  
Otter Tail County Correspondent

One person was injured in a two-vehicle accident Nov. 9 near New York Mills. The accident took place at the intersection of Highway 67 and 528th Avenue.

The time of the accident was 4:21 p.m. One vehicle

was T-boned by the other vehicle, according to sheriff deputies.

**Woman injured while trying to avoid deer**

A woman driving on Highway 60, north of Perham, was injured Nov. 11 when she tried to avoid hit-

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