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NYM to host meeting on potential annexation

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Newtonville could soon become part of the City of New York Mills. During its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday night, the NY Mills City Council approved moving forward with a hearing concerning potential annexation for up to 36 properties that are currently adjacent to the city limits. The council has discussed the potential annexation in recent months. City clerk Julie Roberts said a number of the residents and the township board are wondering about the city's

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Contributed photo
The Ottertail City Council recently set aside lots near the former Smokin' Iron track that were earmarked for senior affordable housing.

Ottertail sets land aside for senior housing

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

If you build it, they will come—at least that's the case for the city of Ottertail of late. Several groups of town homes on the border of Highway 108 and Thumper Pond Resort were filled just as quickly as they were constructed by private developers over the past few years. Now the Ottertail City Council is hoping to go one step further by offering two large city lots near the former Smokin' Iron track for just \$2, provided

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Contributed photo
Leona Cichy, who will provide yoga exercises to girls in the BIO Girls program, saw how the activities impacted her own daughter when she participated in a BIO Girls program held in Perham.

BIO Girls coming to New York Mills

Organization to provide leadership to young girls

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

A unique program will be coming to New York Mills, and it is exclusive to girls in grades 2-6. The program is called BIO Girls, with the acronym being Beauty, Inside and Out. The activity will be held on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. from March 1 through May 17. ¶ Director Jennifer Saewert explained the purpose of the program is to build each participant's self-worth so they see their values and talents and tap into what a life of philanthropy means. The goals of the program are reached through mentoring, large and small group activities and physical activity.

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“BIO Girls tries to build up girls to discover their self worth before high school.”

- Jennifer Saewert of the new BIO Girls program in New York Mills

Mills Lanes completes remodeling project, new scoring system

Project includes adding a full service bar for customers

By Tucker Henderson
Reporter

A special election in May 2021 enabled Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill to purchase a hard-liquor license. A period after the special election required the City of New York Mills to amend their bylaws and

draw up paperwork to accommodate the new liquor license. After obtaining the license in October, business at Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill has picked up for the family-oriented bar, grill, and bowling alley. “The struggle to get the city to change its bylaws was well worth it,” said owner Dolly Tumberg. “It's important to know what you want and to not give up on try-

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Photo by Tucker Henderson
Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill has underwent an expansive remodeling project since last May.

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Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill has added a full service bar after voters approved a referendum to become a split liquor city last year.

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ing to make a change that can make a big difference in growing a business.”

The change has brought in new faces to Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill to learn how to make some mixed drinks.

“Business has really increased,” said Tumberg. “People really appreciate that they can have a drink other than beer with their meal.”

The change has also presented an opportunity for the staff at Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill to learn how to make some mixed drinks.

“I’m learning about mixing drinks,” said Tumberg about the new offerings available. “We also got rid of our set-up license.”

Tumberg explained that the ability to serve hard-liquor prompted a bar remodel in November and hasn’t been limited to just the bar. New carpet now covers the floors by the kitchen and a new scoring system replaced the old one.

The new bar utilizes features from the former Bar on Main which Dolly and

“The struggle to get the city to change its bylaws was well worth it. It’s important to know what you want and to not give up on trying to make a change that can make a big difference in growing a business.”

- Dolly Tumberg on becoming a full service bar

her husband, Owen, also own. The back bar is one of the items repurposed from that business, which closed in 2008.

“There have been a few people that say ‘Hey, I recognize that,’” said Tumberg.

Along with the bar, one of their coolers and the four-basin sink also came from the former Bar on Main. Tumberg also noted that this is their sixth remodel since they purchased the bowling alley in 2000 to keep up with the ever changing times.

Along with making mixed drinks and finding new homes for tools that have

had their own place for two decades, Tumberg is also learning to use their new scoring system.

“The old scoring system was here since we bought the place in 2000. Young people are not afraid to start pushing buttons and figuring things out,” said Tumberg of the new equipment.

Although the remodel is not completely finished yet, the Tumbers welcome everyone to come in and try out their new scoring system with a round of bowling, come check out the new bar, and take a break from their busy lives with a family meal at Mills Lanes.

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intent of potentially moving forward with annexing the properties. The council once again pointed to the fact that there would not be a large increase in taxes for properties that would be annexed when considering the premium price they are paying for utilities. The properties would also provide additional revenue for the city, as well as more residents in the city limits.

“There is no question the increased head count will impact the city down the road. As Ehlers pointed out it is pretty much neutral winners and losers in terms of tax adjustments,” said councilman Jerry Nesland.

Roberts said the initial idea was to take on the entire 36 parcels of what is termed Newtonville, which includes many of the parcels on South Walker. By moving forward with this option, the city street department would need to maintain South Walker Ave. and any future repairs.

“Within that we are assuming South Walker and the fact that road may need to be redone someday, when that someday is we don’t know,” said Roberts.

The residents who are being annexed would also need to comply with zoning regulations for future development and the city would gain the headcount of these households for the census and future per capita allocations. By annexing all 36 properties in Newtonville, the city’s net impact on city revenue would be a positive \$5,827. That would include an increase in the city’s tax base, while also decreasing in the premium price residents in that area pay for city utilities.

The city council also looked at whether they would add just South Main Avenue, which would be just 15 parcels. When factoring in the loss of a premium price charged for



Photo by Tucker Henderson

A number of properties in Newtonville, just outside of the city limits in New York Mills, could soon become part of the city limits as part of a potential annexation.

utilities, with the increase in overall revenue, the city would increase its revenue by just \$835.

“That really doesn’t add anything to us liability wise for repairing a road and whatnot, but we would get that headcount of people for the city,” said Roberts. “So that would be kind of a wash.”

The council approved moving forward with a public hearing concerning potential annexation of Newtonville properties. The council also said potential expansion could be changed after receiving feedback from the affected property owners.

In other news

- Heard the liquor store report which stated the year to date net revenues were up 44.34 percent from the prior year and the change over year as a percent of sale was 2.02 percent.

- Heard the NY Mills

Fire Department went on 23 calls for the month of December and the department responded to 254 calls for the year. That is a record amount of calls as the department responded to 239 calls in 2017.

- Approved the hiring of Gabe Geiser as a new member of the fire department, provided he passes all of his new hire requirements.

- Heard that the NY Mills Police Department responded to 86 calls for service during the month of December with two citations written.

- Heard an update on the North Boardman road construction project that is scheduled for the summer of 2022.

- Approved a low bid from Hammers Construction of just over \$1.3 million for a public utility shop addition. The project includes a new 8,000 square foot public utility shop addition to the existing city shop.

NEW BIO GIRLS

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BIO Girls originated in Fargo, N.D. more than 10 years ago and is now in multiple cities and states. Saewert contacted the organization and found there was a group already spearheading a BIO Girls in the Perham community. Her work schedule didn’t allow for her to be a mentor for the program, as she hoped, but her daughter was able to join the program. Through her daughter’s personal growth she saw first hand the impact of the program.

“BIO Girls tries to build up girls to discover their self worth before high school,” Saewert said, noting that is typically when there is a downward trend for girls in regards to self-worth and decision making based on one’s best interest opposed to peer pressure.

Those interested in signing up a 2-6 grade girl for the program should visit www.biogirls.org or email newyorkmills.mn@biogirls.org. There is a limit of 40 registration spots.

There is a suggested donation of \$67.50 to help cover activity costs and for other things directly associated with the program, but Saewert noted there is no required donation.

BIO Girls journey to NY Mills

Saewert knew of Leona Cichy, who is yoga instructor, but didn’t know her. While at a bank conducting business, discussion about the BIO Girls program arose. When Saewert said she would love to direct a NY Mills based program, but lacked the expertise in the exercise component, Cichy’s name was brought up.

“I sent one message to her and got a response,” Saewert said, adding Cichy was immediately onboard.

Cichy became a certified yoga instructor in 2017 and had a studio in Perham, until the aftermath of COVID-19 restrictions forced the doors to close. They did not re-open, however she has continued to offer private yoga lessons for individuals and groups and has participated in school-aged programming at the Boys and Girls Club in Perham.

Cichy said the girls joining the program do not need any experience in yoga, which can provide physical and mental health benefits. The yoga portion will account for about 45 minutes each week.

“These types of programs are important,” she said. “Every girl goes through some struggles and this program tries to build their strength before the struggles come.”



Contributed photo

BIO Girls, a program to build self worth in girls grades 2-6. Pictured are co-director Leona Cichy (left) Director Jennifer Saewert (right).

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a developer would be willing to construct affordable senior housing.

“We are hoping that a builder will come in and say I would like that,” said Ottertail Mayor Ron Grobeck. “It is something we should do and we can because we have the lots to do it.”

The city-owned lots were earmarked for affordable senior housing for just six months. If a developer cannot be located in six months the properties would once again be available for single family homes. As part of the council approval, the city would not own the

properties and a developer would be required to build the affordable senior housing project within 1 ½ years. Grobeck said the large lots are “in a perfect location” and would provide residents with an option for new affordable housing that wouldn’t stretch their bud-

get.

“It’s the perfect location, because it’s walking distance to the city park and walking distance to the trail,” he said. “It just creates a win-win situation, because they can also walk to town to support businesses.”

In addition to offering the two lots for a combined \$2, Grobeck said the city has a number of other tools at its disposal, like offering a TIF, which could make the project more affordable for a developer to construct. Grobeck said the hope was to keep rent much lower

than other senior housing options that are in excess of \$900 a month.

Anyone who would be interested in developing the two Arvilla lots for an affordable senior housing project should contact the City of Ottertail at 367-2250.

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Winter is a good time to visit OTCHS

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

The winter season is a good time of year to visit the county museum (Otter Tail County Historical Society) on the west side of Fergus Falls. The exact location is 1110 West Lincoln Avenue, near Van Dyk Park.

"We built our new home here in 1973 and moved here from the basement of the county courthouse," says Executive Director Chris Schuelke.

In 1983 the agricultural wing was added to the building. The conceptual work was done by local artist, Charles Beck, who worked with numerous volunteers to create wonderful exhibits.

"Visitors always comment
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There are many exhibits at the county museum in Fergus Falls, including an otter display, old county bank and barber shop.

Photos by Tom Hintgen



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Brad Weatherhead recently opened a small engine repair hobby business in Perham.

Small engine mechanic offers pick up

Weatherhead follows in his father's footsteps

Brad Weatherhead not only brings years of repairing all types of snowblowers, lawn mowers, tillers, weed whippers, but he also provides pick up and delivery.

"I also have discounts for seniors and military

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

Finding a small engine repairman can be like locating a diamond in the rough.

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County road, bridge work planned for 2022

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

County Engineer Chuck Grotte and his employees have several road and bridge projects on the agenda for 2022, in coordination with various contractors who went through the bidding process.

Otter Tail County is larger in size than the state of Rhode Island and paved roads total 1,062 miles. This keeps the county highway department very busy.

Grotte says that 2022 roadway funding will come from county taxpayers through this year's levy as well as \$20 license tab fees and a half cent sales tax in Otter Tail County. Additional road money comes from the state and federal government



Chuck Grotte

which has been limited in recent years.

"The backbone of the highway system in Otter Tail County requires lots of financial investment," says Grotte.

An engineering section of

the Otter Tail County Highway Department, headed by Matt Yavarow, has 12 full-time people and one part-time person.

They are responsible for inspections, engineering design and construction of highways and bridge projects. This section also provides technical support to other county departments.

Roadway resurfacing with new bituminous surface

- Highway 5, from Highway 210 in Clitherall to Highway 16
- Highway 8, from Highway 80 in Perham to Highway 53
- Highway 58, from Highway 67 north of New York Mills to Highway 19
- Highway 67, from Highway 65 in Henning to Highway 210

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- Highway 67, from Highway 50 north of Henning to Highway 54

Roadway reconstruction

- Highway 35, from north city limits of Underwood to Highway 18
- Highway 34, From Highway 35 to Highway 10 west of Perham
- Highway 46, in Parkers Prairie
- Highway 92, near the new Tri-County Health facility
- Highway 95 in Parkers Prairie

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Aby Wolf concert postponed to March 11

NYM concert is postponed due to COVID-19 concerns

The Aby Wolf + Champagne Confetti concert presented by the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center has been rescheduled to Friday, March 11 due to COVID-19.

Aby Wolf and Champagne Confetti is an evening of new works for strings, voices, percussion and electronics performed by a cast of renowned musicians and friends. This rescheduled concert will be held at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

Through a creative process based in improvisation resulting in atypical song structures, Champagne Confetti is a practice in embracing uncertainty. It blurs the lines between ambient neo-minimalism, chamber music, and electro-R&B. It is inspired by the imminent universal need to find footing in an unstable world, and on both a personal and global scale, these new compositions explore that uncertainty.

Wolf is the recipient of a 2020 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts on Tour grant, which along with support

from the NY Mills Regional Cultural Center, brings this new project and residency to the NY Mills region.

Wolf is a vocalist and composer who frequently collaborates with artists across the genres of hip hop, R&B, electronic, rock, folk, jazz, and experimental music. She has worked and collaborated with a diverse range of artists from Dessa and Doomtree to The New Standards, Chastity Brown and JT Bates Grain Trio to the MN Orchestra, and released 4 stylistically diverse solo albums to critical acclaim.

As a solo artist she has extensively toured throughout the United States, as well as in the U.K, Ireland, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Germany and performs at some of the Twin Cities finest venues (Walker Art Center, Fitzgerald Theater, Orchestra Hall, First Ave). She was named "Best Female Vocalist" and "Artist of the Year" by City Pages.

Additionally, she has served as vocal director for many productions, most recently, "Dessa with the Minnesota Orchestra." She has been awarded Artist Initia-



Contributed photo

Aby Wulf and the Champagne Confetti's performance has been delayed to March 11, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The performance will be held in New York Mills.

tive, Arts Learning and Arts on Tour grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and she has been recognized for excellence by the American Composers Forum and received commissions from

the Cedar Cultural Center as well as the Prairie Fire Lady Choir.

COVID-19 safety guidelines observed. Those who are not well, please stay home. Advance tickets will

be refunded if unable to attend due to illness. Visit www.kulcher.org or call 385-3339 with questions.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through an arts tour

grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

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members, either veterans or those currently serving," he said.

The Perham resident began tinkering with small engines as a teen. He'd pick up all the mowers and snowblowers people tossed to the curb, repair them and then sell them. As an adult he also worked for a well known local business repairing small engines, before taking a job at Lunds.

"I work full time there,"

he said, noting this is just a side job he began based on demand and the need for something to do. "Last December Lunds shut down due to COVID; it was about a week and a half, but when I'm sitting around the house not doing much, I decided I needed to find something to do."

Weatherhead wants to use a path his father put in place to build his business. He explained, his father Shawn Weatherhead who started Little Bear Towing, began small. Work on the weekends eventually overflowed to the weekday and a full schedule became a thriving business.

"There is another guy in town that does this work, and maybe one day he would want to sell to me, but I need to build clientele first," he said.

Weatherhead decided on naming his business Full Throttle Small Engine Repair after using a similar name while participating in the demo derby circuit.

"Our team was Full Throttle, and I think it has a nice ring to it so I went with it," he said. "Plus, small engines tend to run full throttle."

For questions or to talk about a small engine that needs repair, Weatherhead can be reached at (218) 298-2848.

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Hunter Cooley recently received the New York Mills Civic Excellence Award.

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Cooley received NYM civic excellence award

The New York Mills Civic Excellence Award was created in January 2001. The intent of the award is to promote a strong sense of citizenship with a focus on “service to others.”

The NY Mills Civic Ex-

cellence Award is a two-part program that is based on the selection of a recipient in the spring of their junior year in high school. Part one recognizes the recipient’s civic excellence through a \$200 donation in

the name of the recipient. Part two awards the recipient with a \$400 scholarship to be used for post-secondary education.

The NY Mills Civic Excellence Award, along with many other award pro-

grams, is financially managed and funded by Footprints Foundation, Inc.

Additional information about Footprints is available at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

Arvig’s School Partnership Program hits \$1 million

Arvig’s School Partnership Program has awarded more than \$1 million since its creation in 2010 to help buy new technology and supplies for classrooms in Minnesota.

The School Partnership Program gives customers the option to donate \$1 from their internet payment each month—at no extra cost to them—to a school of their choice in the Ar-

vig service area. Arvig created the program to offset the cost of technology and general supplies for area schools.

A total of \$1,161,587 has been donated since 2010—including \$135,807 in 2021 and \$132,333 in 2020.

“It’s uplifting to see such tremendous support for this program,” said David Arvig, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at

Arvig. “The fact that more than \$1 million has been donated to date speaks volumes about how much our customers care about their local schools.”

More than 11,600 Arvig internet customers are currently enrolled in the program.

The funding—awarded to schools twice per year in December and June—has traditionally been used to

purchase computers, laptops, tablets, as well as other classroom resources.

“Connected technology is an absolutely crucial learning tool for today’s classrooms,” said Arvig. “It’s rewarding to see these funds going to schools to help cover the cost of technology and other essentials that enhance teaching and learning.”

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Bridge replacements

- Highway 35, over Otter Tail River near West Lost Lake
- Highway 41, over Star Lake channel
- Highway 75, over Mill Creek northeast of Bluffton

Roadway seal coating

- Highway 12, from Cedar Street in Dalton to Highway 35
- Highway 27, from a half

- mile north of Fergus Falls to Highway 10
- Highway 31, from Highway 4 to Highway 59 northeast of Pelican Rapids
- Highway 35, from Highway 82 in Dalton to the north city limits
- Highway 35, from Highway 41 to Highway 108 in Dent
- Highway 55, from Highway 16 to Highway 108 in Ottertail

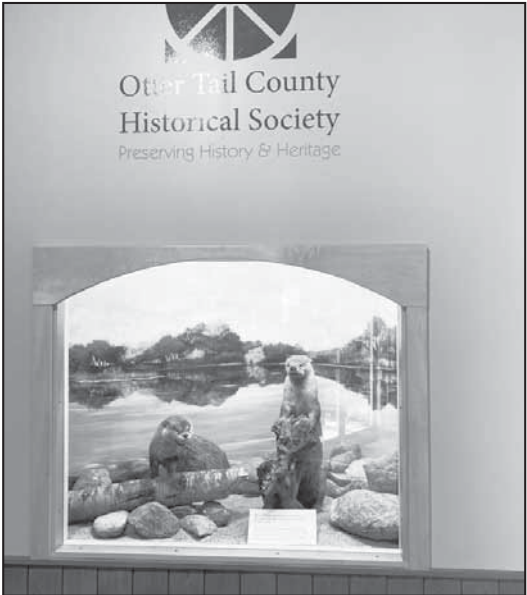


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Otter Tail County Historical Society hosts a great representation of lakes area history.

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about the size and design of our exhibits,” Schuelke says.

“Come and see what everyone is raving about.”

Everything is on one floor for easy access. “We can accommodate every-

one, from individuals to small groups,” adds Schuelke.

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1/6/2022	2	-20	Trace-Snow
1/7/2022	2	-31	
1/8/2022	14	-31	Trace-Snow
1/9/2022	21	-14	
1/10/2022	-4	-17	Trace-Snow

Date	High	Low	Prec.
1/3/2021	31	12	
1/4/2021	36	14	Trace-Freezing Rain
1/5/2021	37	7	
1/6/2021	26	6	
1/7/2021	34	15	
1/8/2021	21	12	
1/9/2021	22	12	
1/10/2021	28	21	

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.

Snow removed from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots should not be placed near a meter set, service regulator or other pipeline facility, thank you for your cooperation

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Keep Snow and Ice Away From Meters

As we enter the winter season and the snow begins to fall, customers are encouraged to inspect their natural gas meters on a regular basis and remove any ice and snow built up. This is for your personal safety. Keeping your meters clear of accumulation will help prevent damage that could result in a hazardous situation.

Why is it important to keep your meter clear of snow and ice buildup?

- Accumulated snow and ice places stress on the regulator and meter piping, and could cause gas to leak into your home and create an unsafe condition.
- Excessive snow cover may result in abnormal pressure, affect appliance operation and interrupt your service.
- If there is an emergency, response crews will need clear access to your meter.

Meters are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, but remember to protect them from ice and snow buildup during the harsh winter months.

- When removing heavy accumulations of snow or ice, do not strike meters with snow blowers, blades or shovels.
- Do not kick your meter to break or clear ice.
- Use a broom, a snow brush or your hands to lightly remove snow and ice that is capable of being removed. For extremely heavy ice buildup, please contact Intermountain Gas.
- Remove icicles and snow from overhead eaves and gutters to prevent damage to the meter as they fall. Also, dripping water can splash and freeze on the meter or vent pipes.
- Meter Location Standard Guidelines, regarding heavy snow areas, are available under the safety section of our website.

Carefully clear and keep the snow and ice away from the meter for your personal safety.

Obituaries

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Paul Sundberg, 93

Paul William Sundberg, 93, a resident of Fergus Falls, transitioned from earth to heaven with a smile on his face on Monday, January 10, 2022, in his home with his wife, Helen, by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Christine Sundberg, and brothers, Gilbert and Albin, and sisters Gladys and Agnes.

Paul is survived by his wife, Helen (Ehnert) Sundberg, and his two children, Michael Sundberg and Debbie (John) Cordova and his five grandchildren, Alicia (Matthew) Chapman, Joshua Sundberg, Jenna (Brandon) Burk, Michelle (Brian) Peterson, Olivia Cordova, and great grandchildren, Everett and Reese Sundberg, William Chapman, Shane and Justin Peterson, Azariah and Judson Burk.

He was born on March 14, 1928, at his family's farm home in Maine Township near Pickerel Lake in Otter Tail County. He described his birth as a loud cry that broke the silence of the family home. His early years were spent carefree, lots of play, and little work. During those early years, he developed a love for the outdoors: fishing and swimming. At the age of seven, he attended a nearby country school. Later, he attended Fergus Falls High School, graduating in 1947. He enrolled at Moorhead Teachers College until it was interrupted by being inducted into the Army in 1951, where he served Stateside and Japan. While on leave, he married Helen on August 23, 1952.

After his discharge from the Army, he returned to college and finished his degree in social work at Moorhead State University in 1954. He began his career as a teacher at Perham Public Schools, teaching social studies and drivers' education for one year. In 1955, he began working as a Social Worker for Beltrami County until he accepted a posi-



tion as Director of Social Services in Wadena County. Then, he was installed as the Director of Clay County Social Services in 1973 until his retirement in 1989. He spent the remaining years with his wife at their lake home on Pickerel Lake until moving to Fergus Falls in 2017.

Two achievements from his career that he was instrumental were the implementation of the Foster Parent Program and the Expansion of the State's "Open Door" program in visitation to welfare recipients during his tenure as the Director in Wadena.

One personal highlight of his life, apart from his marriage to Helen and the birth of Mike and Debbie, was to be baptized in Pickerel Lake in full view of his grandchildren. He wanted to demonstrate his love for and faith in Christ to them and to his entire family.

The family is grateful to Knute Nelson Hospice for their loving care. Memorials preferred to Knute Nelson Hospice in lieu of sending flowers.

Memorial Service to be held on January 21, 2022, at Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls (1416 County Hwy 111) with a Visitation with the family at 10 a.m., Celebration of Life at 11 a.m., followed by a light lunch.

Arrangements are provided by the Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls.

Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

Bernice Jacobson, 92

Funeral services were held for Bernice Jacobson age 92 of New York Mills, on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills, with Pastor Nicholas Kandoll officiating. The pallbearers were Ronald Jacobson, Larry "Red" Jacobson, Terry Scheidecker, Ronald Doll, Paul Rutten and Josh Jacobson. The honorary pallbearers were all of Bernice's grandchildren.

The hymns were sung by the congregation, accompanied by Janet Tumburg. Bernice was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery in New York Mills.

Bernice Arlene Blom was born on July 10, 1929 at home in Newton Township, New York Mills. Her parents were the late Peter and Anna (Hoyhtya) Blom. Bernice attended Country School District #281. On April 24, 1948 Bernice was united in marriage to George Jacobson at First Congregational Church in Wadena. Their marriage was blessed with seven children. Bernice and George made their home on the Blom family farm in Newton Township where they farmed and raised their family before retiring in 1978. Bernice and George made their home on Buchanan Lake until moving back to New York Mills in 2003.

We can only imag-



ine the joyful reunion our mom has had with our dad, (the love of her life); infant daughter, Brenda; son, Paul Jacobson; grandson, Slade Jacobson; as well as her parents, Peter and Anna; daughters-in-law: Virginia Jacobson and Laura Jacobson; infant sister, Mayme; brothers: Wal-fred, Rudolph, Adolph, and Waino; sisters: Edna, Mildred, Selma, Julia, Emily and Elsie.

Bernice is survived by her children: Ronald Jacobson of New York Mills; Arlene (Terry) Scheidecker of New York Mills; Larry "Red" Jacobson of New York Mills; Julie (Ronald) Doll of Perham; Vickie (Paul) Rutten of Pine Island, Minn.; daughter-in-law, LuAnn of Sundance, Wyo.; 22 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Deborah Trosen, 67

Deborah Trosen, age 67 of Verndale, passed away unexpectedly on January 1, 2022. Memorial Services were held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service in Wadena. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral

home.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Deborah's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liam Christensen

Kayla Grotheer and Shane Christensen, of Deer Creek, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Liam Ralph Christensen was born on December 23, 2021. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 inches long. He was delivered by Dr. Laura DuChene at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena.

Proud sibling is SJ.

Proud grandparents are Scott and Amy Grotheer; and Darla Grotheer; and Mike Hurtig.



Lane Mindermann

Courtney and Andrew Mindermann, of New York Mills, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Lane Andrew Mindermann. Lane was delivered by Tonya Diggins, Midwife, CNP, at Perham Health on January 3, 2022, at 4:16 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Lane is welcomed home by sibling Owen; grandparents Christie and Kevin, Rachel and Paul and Theron; and great-grandparents Theone and Larry,



Diane and Jerry, John and Jan.

Unemployment application fraud cases reported

Battle Lake man injured in road accident

By Tom Hintgen

Otter Tail County Correspondent

Sheriff deputies, On Jan. 10, reported several fraudulent unemployment applications in Otter Tail County.

One county resident reported that he was notified that he was approved for unemployment benefits even though he had not applied for unemployment. Deputies advised the person to contact his bank and look into credit monitoring.

Here are other tips from county and state authorities.

- Tell credit bureaus about fraudulent unemployment claims using your identity. Have credit bureaus place a fraud alert on your identity.

- If you don't have an upcoming major purchase, such as a home, consider freezing your credit. Your credit report will often be the first source that can reveal if there has been any suspicious activity.

- Contact the Minnesota Department of Labor to find out if someone is collecting unemployment in your name.

- For further assistance contact the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office at 218-998-8555.

Battle Lake man injured in roadway accident

Sheriff deputies reported, on Jan. 10, that a Battle Lake man was injured in a roadway accident in nearby Douglas County. The accident took place close to 3 p.m. on Highway 78 close to the Otter Tail County line near Ashby.

Receiving non-life-threatening injuries was Roger Eugene Barth, 58.

He was in a Ram pickup that was traveling north-

ward when the vehicle left the roadway and entered a ditch. Barth was taken to the hospital in Fergus Falls.

Fire destroys chicken coop

Fire destroyed a chicken coop southeast of Rothsay, shortly after midnight on Jan. 11. The location was near Highway 118.

Firefighters believed the cause of the blaze was a faulty heating element. The dollar loss was estimated at close to \$5,000.

Fish house break-in, theft reported

Sheriff deputies, on Jan. 11, reported a fish house break-in and the theft of items near Wintergreen Road, north of Big Pine Lake and northeast of Perham.

Taken were a generator and small tackle box. The total value of the items stolen amounted to \$1,020. The stolen generator was a Honda EU2000 model.

Injuries when car and semi collide

Injuries to two individuals were reported during a car and semi accident, shortly after midnight on Jan. 12. The accident took place near the intersection of Highway 29 and 620th Avenue, near Bluffton in the far eastern section of Otter Tail County.

The State Highway Patrol, assisting sheriff deputies, said the Kenworth semi was westbound on Highway 29 and a Honda Accord was eastbound on Highway 29 when the two vehicles collided. There was snow and ice on the roadway when the accident took place.

Injured while driving the accord was 30-year-old Krista Leanne Decker of Wadena. Injured in the semi was 47-year-old Dennis Gayland Fronning of Battle Lake. Both injuries were non-life-threatening.

Winter, Mother Nature, and ice fishing conditions

Winter has shown us this past weekend that Mother Nature is not to be taken lightly. Ice fishing is my favorite time of the year to fish but this past weekend it was downright deadly at times and I had to help rescue people on the lake that had gotten themselves into a bad situation. A lot of the lakes in the area have some roads plowed but there is a lot of slush forming from the extra weight of the snowbanks which can make it treacherous trying to get off the road and away from the crowds.

Fishing this past weekend was mixed results. You either did amazing or it was poor depending on if the fish were under you or not. Due to the weather the fish were very lethargic so if you could get on top of a school they didn't move far. The weather this upcoming week looks promising, and



Chill Fishing Report
Cody Hill

I have a feeling the bite will be amazing.

Walleye bite was surprisingly better in some deeper basins or holes than some fishing sharp breaks near shorelines. The typical One-Two punch of a spoon tipped with a minnow head jigging near bottom teamed with a bobber rod with a small sucker or shiner near bottom was working great. Due to the snow cover anything with glow and a rattle will not hurt you for attracting fish to your lures.

If you are venturing out focus on your February spots and I would start searching those areas first. Night bite was good for those willing to stay out past dark and hunker down for the late night.

Crappie bite this weekend was either amazing or you did poor. Crappies were in the beginning of the week were weed edges and flats, but some are hitting the basins on the lakes I heard from, but they didn't want to move. We watched a school for almost 5 hours sitting in a spot we couldn't fish and would not leave the spot. If you got on top of those schools, you had an amazing day because they didn't want to swim too far off from their original location. In one situation nothing was on the graph but drilled a new hole 10 feet away and the hole was loaded when the transducer

was dropped down. Glow tungsten's tipped with a soft plastic and a wax worm for scent seemed to do well for neutral to aggressive fish. A small jigging Rap style lure worked great for calling fish into your area and would get the aggressive fish to commit. Having a bobber rod with a vertical jig or a small glow hook tipped with a fathead minnow hooked behind the dorsal fin set 4-7 feet above bottom is a great second line option.

Good luck and stay safe out there. For those venturing out and concerned about lake travel don't be afraid to talk to stop in and talk to our amazing bait shops in our area and they will have a great feel for what travel is like on most lakes.

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church, New York Mills

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
(218) 445-5568
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
Father Tom Skaja
(218) 385-2201
Wednesday: 5:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday: 7 p.m. Mass
Joyful Spirit United Methodist Church
61847 State Hwy. 29, Wadena
Ricardo Alcoster, Pastor
(218) 367-2270;
joyfulspiritmnumc@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 excluding first of the month, 11 a.m. Worship

Ottertail United Methodist
104 Shores Road, Ottertail
Rev. Ricardo Alcoser
(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
All services and Bible Studies are on Facebook Live and on YouTube

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
401 2nd St. SE, Sebeka
Pastor Eric Clapp
(218) 837-5831
2nd Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Con-firmation
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 and Confession, 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.stlawrencerl.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, Eve-ning Prayer
Sunday: 9:10 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. Sev-enth 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 confir-mation
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.trinitydeercreek.org
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 Bible study and 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

NYM SCHOOL MENU

Wednesday, Jan. 19-
Breakfast: Scone, Fruit;
Lunch: 1) Sloppy Joe on Bun 2) Turkey Sandwich
Peas, Coleslaw, Grapes

Thursday, Jan. 20-
Breakfast: Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel, Fruit;
Lunch: 1) Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, 2) Roast Beef Sandwich, Cooked Carrots, Lettuce/Dressing, Manda-rin Oranges

Friday, Jan. 21- Break-fast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit; Lunch: 1) Tater Tot

Hotdish, 2) Fish on Bun Whole Grain Bun, Corn, Celery/dip, Applesauce

Monday, Jan. 24- Break-fast: Waffle Sticks, Fruit; Lunch: 1) Hamburger on Bun 2) Ham Sandwich, Corn, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, Jan. 25- Break-fast: Pop Tart, Fruit; Lunch: 1) Nachos/Beans/Meat Sauce & Cheese, 2) Egg Salad Sandwich, Lettuce/ Dressing, Apple Slices

SENIOR MENU

Wednesday, Jan. 19-
Sliced Turkey, Mashed Po-tatoes/Gravy, Dressing/ Peas & Carrots, Boston Crème Pie, Bread/Butter/ Milk

Thursday, Jan. 20- Pot Roast, Whole Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Bistro Bars, Bread/Butter/Milk

Friday, Jan. 21- Cheese-burger/Bun, Seasoned

Wedges, Green Beans, Cookies, Milk

Monday, Jan. 24- Pizza Hotdish, Garlic Bread, Let-tuce Salad, Toffee Almond Crunch Bar, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25- Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Choco-late Pudding/Topping, Bread/Butter/Milk

MILLS LANES

Sunday Night Mixed January 9

Name	Win	Loss	Individual game women	
The Stars	17	3	Mary Vorderbruggen	223
Lucky Strikes	15	5	Dolly Tumberg	191
Pin Slayers	11.5	8.5	Lois Condon	186
Google It	8.5	11.5		
3 Balls & A Split	5	15		
			Individual series women	
			Mary Vorderbruggen	530
			Ashley Freyholtz	482
			Lois Condon	479
			Team game	
			Lucky Strikes	756
			Pin Slayers	657
			3 Balls & A Split	613
			Team series	
			Lucky Strikes	1960
			Pin Slayers	1873
			3 Balls & A Split	1734

Monday Night Mens January 10

Name	Win	Loss		
Mills Lanes	44.5	24.5	Terry Geiser	602
Lunds	39.5	29.5	Jason Grabow	598
Lumber Depot	28	41	Chad Rudolph	596
Design's By Tes	26	43		
			Team game	
			Lunds	1014
			Lumber Depot	951
			Mills Lanes	897
			Team series	
			Lunds	2879
			Lumber Depot	2647
			Mills Lanes	2646
			Individual series men	
			Jeremy Freitag	630
			Joey Brasel	616

Wednesday Night Mixed January 5

Name	Win	Loss	Individual game women	
Mills Lanes	54	26	Dolly Tumberg	160
Tumberg Acct.	51	29	Tiffany Ruther	153
Kern Tech. LLC	32	48	Ronda Koehler	144
Giere Trucking	23	57		
			Individual series women	
			Dolly Tumberg	447
			Tiffany Ruther	422
			Ronda Koehler	354
			Team game	
			Tumberg Accounting	698
			Giere Trucking	674
			Mills Lanes	661
			Team series	
			Tumberg Accounting	2058
			Giere Trucking	1922
			Mills Lanes	1884

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Nothing quite like a good old snow day

Is there anything quite like a good old fashioned snow day? As many school districts across the state swap snow days for e-learning days, the excitement of a snow day or two hour late start is being lost for our new generation of youth. Last week was a perfect example as school was called off the night before for a number of school districts in our area, who opted to have students learn in front of a computer all day instead of playing in the snow, or at the very least get a little extra sleep due to a shortened school day.

Twenty plus years ago school was not called off or delayed quite as frequently as it is today—or at least that was the case with my new high school in Wheaton, Minn. From an outsiders perspective the philosophy was to have school, if at all possible, in order to not have to make up days at the end of the school year. A noble, but absolute idiotic philosophy looking back all these years.

Since we needed to make it to lunch in order for the full day to count, and the buses only traveled on plowed roads, us fortunate souls that lived in town were left with some interesting situations trying to get home in the middle of a blizzard. One such incident came during the winter of 1997-98 when a fast moving snow storm took hold of the greater Wheaton area. Let me also start the story by saying I did not bring a hat, gloves or boots to school and the snow drifts in the parking lot were knee high. Also, I had moved to town just a few months prior to this snow storm.

Typically, when school was called off early due to the weather, a person from the school office would come over the loud speaker and tell us we would be going home after lunch and to be careful on the drive home. As the snow continued to fall, it appeared at least to the untrained eye, our school administration picked a fight with mother nature and lost terribly.

Power was going off throughout the town and I will never forget the panic in the eyes of our principals eyes as he worried out loud about what would happen if electricity went out and the school had to rely on a back up generator for an extended period of time. Not only were we

not going to go home early, but there was a fear many students could have to be at the school until long after the final bell rang for the day.

The consolation, as we later learned, was those of us who lived in town could go home due to the inclement weather, provided we have our parents permission and a ride. At the time, we lived from about Frazee High School to All in All, but even that was too far away to walk home.

Even though I moved to the community just a few months earlier, I managed to find a classmate affectionately known as “Buddha” who I was able to con into giving me a ride home. When asked by my parents who was giving me a ride home, apparently a nickname of Buddha raised a few red flags, I had to put the phone down and ask him what his actual name was (I think it took me almost a year to finally remember his name).

As we prepared to leave the school the warning we got from our principal was comical, yet told the real story of the weather, if we got stuck in the parking lot we had to come back to school. However, if we made it to the main road we could go home.

In today's world I have no doubt that someone would have taken out their cell phone and recorded these four idiots pushing a vehicle through snow banks going over the front of their vehicle without so much as a hat or gloves on.

We ended up making it out of the parking lot without getting stuck, and ironically of course, I went over to Buddha's house the rest of the day and walked twice as far home in the middle of the snow storm later that night.

Today, a lot of the “adventure” of getting home from school from inclement weather has been taken away by area superintendents who use common sense in calling off school, instead of being stubborn about not wanting to add a few days of school at the end of the year. Unless of course, someone wants to go viral on the Internet by pushing an old car across a parking lot full of snow drifts and celebrating like they just won a national championship when they hit the open road.



Burma Shave signs covered local farms

A man, a miss,
A car a curve.
He kissed the miss,
And missed the curve.

I'm sure that Burma Shave actually saved some lives. People laughed and were more careful! It was a REAL “service” to America , even though it was an advertisement and it was one of the RARE “really useful” ones!

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's.

Before there were interstates, when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet... and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

Don't stick your elbow out so far
it may go home
in another car.
Burma Shave

Trains don't wander
all over the map
'cause nobody sits
in the engineer's lap.
Burma Shave

She kissed the hairbrush
by mistake
she thought it was
her husband jake.
Burma shave



Don't lose your head
to gain a minute
you need your head
your brains are in it.
Burma shave

Drove too long
driver snoozing
what happened next
is not amusing.
Burma shave

Brother speeder
let's rehearse
all together
good morning, nurse.
Burma shave

Cautious rider
to her reckless dear
let's have less bull
and a little more steer.
Burma shave

Speed was high
weather was not
tires were thin
x marks the spot.
Burma shave

The midnight ride
of paul for beer
led to a warmer
hemisphere. Burma shave

Around the curve
lickety-split
beautiful car
wasn't it? Burma shave

No matter the price
no matter how new
the best safety device
in the car is you.
Burma shave

A guy who drives
a car wide open
is not thinkin'
he's just hopin'.
Burma shave

At intersections
look each way
a harp sounds nice
but it's hard to play.
Burma shave

Both hands on the wheel
eyes on the road
that's the skillful
driver's code.
Burma shave

The one who drives
when he's been drinking
depends on you
to do his thinking.
Burma shave

Car in ditch
driver in tree
the moon was full
and so was he.
Burma shave

Passing school zone
take it slow

let our little
shavers grow.
Burma shave

Do these bring back any
old memories? if not, you're
too young.

If they do - then you're
old as dirt. like me!
I loved reading them.

Shaving brushes
you'll soon see'um
way out east
in some museum

He played a sax
had no b.o.
but his whiskers scratched
so she let him go

He had the ring
he had the flat
but she felt his chin
and that was that

When cutting whiskers:
You don't need
to leave one half
of them for seed

Don't take a curve
at sixty per
we'd hate to lose
a customer

Past schoolhouses:
Take it slow
let those little
shavers grow

From annual contests:
Her chariot raced
at 80 per
they hauled away
what had ben hur

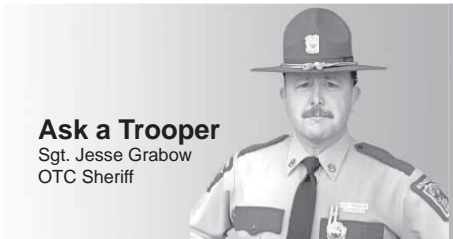
He lit a match
to check gas tank
that's why they call him
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Breck Hensch drives the ball up the court during Tuesday's game against Henning. Hensch finished with 3 points, 6 rebounds and 4 steals in the 58-56 overtime win.

Sixth ranked Eagles edge seventh ranked Hornets in overtime



Jack Peeters hands the ball off to Jonah Johnson during Tuesday's game against Henning

NYM improves to 11-0 overall, 6-0 in PRC action

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

In a battle between two unbeaten teams on Tuesday night, the New York Mills Eagles were able to hold off a comeback attempt by the Henning Hornets to remain atop the Park Region Conference standings. After leading by as many as 24 points in the second half, the sixth ranked Eagles and seventh ranked Hornets found themselves in overtime in

a packed Henning High School gym.

The Eagles ultimately were able to come away with a hard fought 58-56 win in overtime to stay unbeaten in the conference and on the season.

NY Mills went on to defeat Verndale by a score of 74-57 on Friday night to improve to 11-0 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

This week the Eagles will take on Battle Lake on Monday night, before traveling

to the Hancock on Saturday for an important Section 6A contest against the Owls.

Tuesday

Sixth ranked NY Mills traveled to seventh ranked Henning on Tuesday night for a shot at supremacy in the PRC. Both teams came into the game with a perfect 9-0 record and were tied atop the conference standings.

With a packed gym in Henning, the Eagles took what looked to be a commanding lead in the second half, before the Hornets fought back in the game and hit several shots late to force overtime. The Hor-

nets trailed by as many as 24 points at one point midway through the final 18 minutes of action.

"It was an incredibly intense game with a lot of energy and emotion from everyone involved. We raced to a massive 24 point lead midway through the second half, but faced some lock down defense and a relentless effort which saw Henning claw all the way back to tie it and send it to overtime," said head coach Mike

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Snyder, Niemi take first place at Big Ole Invitational in Alexandria

Eight wrestlers place, NYM takes fourth as a team

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Simon Snyder and Dane Niemi captured first place and eight Eagles placed at the annual Big Ole Invitational in Alexandria on Saturday. The Eagles placed fourth as a team as some of the top teams in the state converged on Alexandria High School.

In addition to the Big Ole tournament, the Eagles picked up an important Section 6A win over Barnesville on Thursday night by a score of 39-33.

This week the Eagles will host eighth ranked United North Central and sixth ranked West Central Area on Tuesday, before hosting Frazee and United Clay Becker in another triangular on Thursday.

Thursday

NY Mills won seven straight weight classes to blow past Barnesville in a dual on Thursday night.

Creed Mursu won the opening match of the night when he pinned Wesley Rotz of Barnesville at the 1:26 mark of their 106 lbs. match.

Following the early Eagles lead, Barnesville won the next four matches by either pin or forfeit to take a 24-6 lead. Following a Trojan decision at 138 lbs., the Eagles went on a run of seven straight wins, which started with a Braeden Malone decision over William Rotz by a score of 11-9 at 145 lbs.

Fifth ranked Dane Niemi secured an 11-7 win over Dawson Gregg of Barnesville to make the score 27-12 in favor of the Trojans.

Hunter Rust followed with NY Mills' third straight decision when he secured a 7-4 win over Cameron Halverson of Barnesville.

The Eagles put the match out of reach when Blake Unger and Bode Roberts picked up wins by forfeit, and Mason Unger and Bren Salo secured pins to make the score

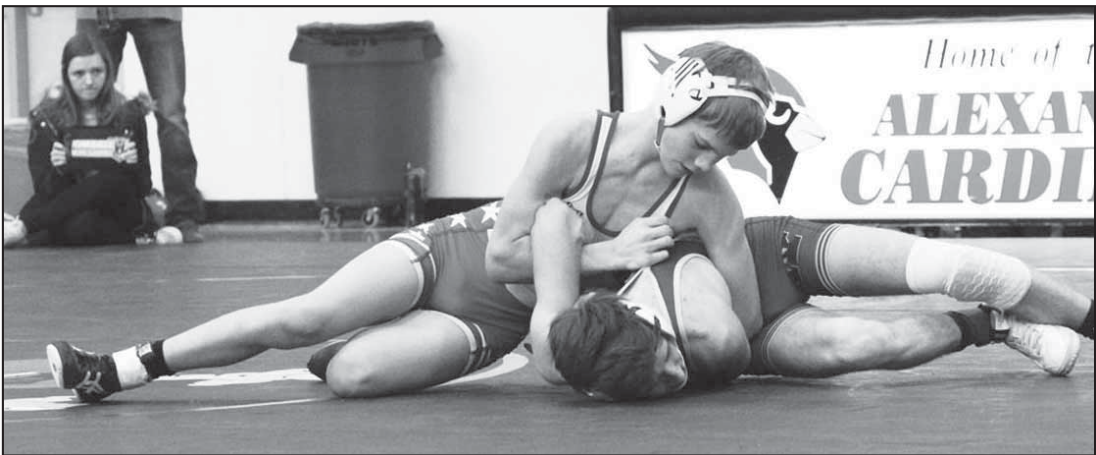


Photo by Tasha Geiser

Creed Mursu works for position during Saturday's Big Ole Invitational in Alexandria.

39-27 in favor of the Eagles.

The Trojans secured a win by fall at heavyweight, but it wasn't enough as the Eagles secured a 39-33 win to improve to 8-5 on the season.

New York Mills 39 Barnesville 33
106: Creed Mursu (NYM) over Wesley Rotz (BARN) (Fall 1:26)
113: Asher O'Brien (BARN) over Austin Geiser (NYM) (Fall 2:47)
120: Quincy Morey (BARN) over Elijah Geiser (NYM) (Fall 0:36)

126: Elias Cox (BARN) over (NYM) (For.)

132: Ayden Hauck (BARN) over (NYM) (For.)

138: Hunter Blilie (BARN) over Jay Mindermann (NYM) (Dec 9-4)

145: Braeden Malone (NYM) over William Rotz (BARN) (Dec 11-9)

152: Dane Niemi (NYM) over Dawson Gregg (BARN) (Dec 11-7)

160: Hunter Rust (NYM) over Cameron Halverson (BARN) (Dec 7-4)

170: Blake Unger (NYM) over (BARN) (For.)

182: Bode Roberts (NYM) over (BARN) (For.)

195: Mason Unger (NYM) over Gavin Grommesh (BARN) (Fall 0:51)

220: Bren Salo (NYM) over Jordan Kroll (BARN) (Fall 5:30)

285: Tim Wells (BARN) over Sawyer Wedde (NYM) (Fall 2:51)

Saturday

Wrestling teams from across the state converged on Alexandria on Saturday for the annual Big Ole Invitational. The Eagles took fourth place as a team, just behind Kerkhoven-Mudock-

Sunburg who took first place with 128 points, Kimball Area with 123 points and Albany with 109 points. The Eagles finished with 100 points and just ahead of Alexandria with 99.5 points for fourth place.

Eight Eagles placed in

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Eagles edge Bears 75-37 in PRC action



Photo by Tasha Geiser
New York Mills improved to 7-6 overall and 2-4 in the Park Region Conference after defeating Bertha-Hewitt by a score of 75-37 on Thursday night. The win snapped a four game losing streak for the Eagles after they fell to Battle Lake in non-conference action by a score of 54-46 on Tuesday night. The Eagles will hit the road this week as they travel to Verndale on Tuesday and Sebeka on Friday night for a pair of conference games. On Saturday as the Eagles will travel to Hancock to take on the Owls in non-conference action. Above: Kailey Keskitalo drives to the basket during last week's game against Battle Lake.



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Photos by Tasha Geiser
Above: Bren Salo tries to get a take down during Saturday's Big Ole Invitational in Alexandria. Below: Austin Geiser works for position during Saturday's tournament in Alexandria.

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the tournament, including Creed Mursu who took third place at 106 lbs., Austin Geiser who took fourth place at 113 lbs., Simon Snyder who took first place at 145 lbs., Dane Niemi who took first place at 152 lbs., Bode Roberts who took fourth place at 170 lbs., Bren Salo who took third place at 182 lbs., Mason Unger who took fifth place at 195 lbs. and Braeden Peterson who took fifth place at 220 lbs.

Snyder captured first place as he secured an ultimate tiebreaker win over Logan Schleske of Otter Tail Central 4-2 in the opening round of the tournament. From there, he secured a pin and a decision. He also picked up a 16-2 major decision, before defeating Jett Olson of KMS by a fall to capture first place.

Niemi dropped his opening round match to Logan Kuseske of Kimball Area by a 6-4 decision in overtime, before winning his next four matches of the tournament. He defeated Cameron Halverson of Barnesville and Tommy Ehlert of Otter Tail Central with a pair of opening period pins, before securing a 7-0 decision over Ely Johnson of KMS and defeating Kelly Johnson of Alexandria by a 5-3 decision to secure first place.

Mursu took third place by defeating Connor Carlson of Kimball Area for the second time in the tournament as he secured a pin at the 1:52 mark of his third place match. Earlier in the tournament, Mursu pinned Carlson at the 5:35 mark of the match to advance to the semi-finals.

Also taking third place was Salo who fell to Caleb Vacura of BGMR by a 6-0 decision in the semi-finals, before securing a pin over Branden Johnson in the consolation semi-finals and winning a 7-0 decision in the third place match over Masyn Olson of KMS.

106- 3rd place- Quarterfinal - Creed Mursu (New York Mills) 12-12 won by fall over Connor Carlson (Kimball Area) 6-9 (Fall 5:35); Semifinal - Nolan Fettig (Alexandria Area) 18-8 won by decision over Creed Mursu (New York Mills) 12-12 (Dec 5-3); Cons. Semi - Creed Mursu (New York Mills) 12-12 won by fall over Emmitt Isane (Badger-GB-MR) 6-8 (Fall 3:18); 3rd Place Match - Creed Mursu (New York



Mills) 12-12 won by fall over Connor Carlson (Kimball Area) 6-9 (Fall 1:52) 113- 4th place - Round 1 - Austin Geiser (New York Mills) 5-15 won by fall over Ean Hansen (Albany) 6-14 (Fall 3:06); Round 2 - Mason McGrane (Alexandria Area) 21-3 won by fall over Austin Geiser (New York Mills) 5-15 (Fall 2:00); Round 3 - Austin Geiser (New York Mills) 5-15 won by fall over Tayden Soma (Otter Tail Central) 6-21 (Fall 2:37); Round 4 - Austin Geiser (New York Mills) 5-15 won by decision over Asher O'Brien (Barnesville) 13-11 (Dec 12-8); Round 5 - Elliott Isane (Badger-GB-MR) 9-12 won in sudden victory - 1 over Austin Geiser (New York Mills) 5-15 (SV-1 6-4)

145-1st place- Round 1 - Simon Snyder (New York Mills) 24-4 won in the ultimate tie breaker over Logan Schleske (Otter Tail Central) 16-10 (UTB 4-2); Round 2 - Simon Snyder (New York Mills) 24-4 won by fall over Will Rotz (Barnesville) 5-17 (Fall 2:16); Round 3 - Simon Snyder (New York Mills) 24-4 won by decision over Cole Vatnsdal (Alexandria Area) 1-5 (Dec 7-2); Round 4 - Simon Snyder (New York Mills) 24-4 won by major decision over Spencer Kollmann (Albany) 9-10 (MD 16-2); Round 5 - Simon Snyder (New York Mills) 24-4 won by fall over Jett Olson (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) 21-10 (Fall 2:51)

152- 1st place Round 1 - Logan Kuseske (Kimball Area) 17-8 won in sudden victory - 1 over Dane Niemi (New York Mills) 25-5 (SV-1 6-4); Round 2 - Dane Niemi (New York Mills) 25-5 won by fall over Cameron Halverson (Barnesville) 8-14 (Fall 0:43); Round 3 - Dane Niemi (New York Mills) 25-5 won by fall over Tommy Ehlert (Otter Tail Central) 2-19 (Fall 1:10); Round 4 - Dane Niemi (New York Mills) 25-5 won by decision over Ely Johnson (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) 15-15 (Dec 7-0); Round 5 - Dane Niemi (New York Mills) 25-5 won by decision over Kelly Johnson (Alexandria Area) 20-6 (Dec 5-3)

160- Quarterfinal - Jaxon Rich (Otter Tail Central) 17-9 won by fall over Blake Unger (New York Mills) 9-10 (Fall 3:05); Cons. Round 1 - Blake Unger (New York Mills) 9-10 received a bye (0) (Bye); Cons. Semi - Hank Meyer (Kimball Area) 14-8 won by tech fall over Blake Unger (New York Mills) 9-10 (TF-1.5 5:01 (17-2)) 170- 4th place- Round 1 - Jonah Gruenes (Minnesota) 21-0 won by injury

default over Bode Roberts (New York Mills) 20-10 (Inj. 0:00); Round 2 - Mason Teaser (Alexandria Area) 16-8 won by injury default over Bode Roberts (New York Mills) 20-10 (Inj. 4:06); Round 3 - Hunter Tate (Albany) 8-4 won by injury default over Bode Roberts (New York Mills) 20-10 (Inj. 0:00) 1823rd place- Quarterfinal - Bren Salo (New York Mills) 19-3 won by fall over Gavin Grommsh (Barnesville) 2-10 (Fall 0:17); Semifinal - Caleb Vacura (Badger-GB-MR) 16-2 won by decision over Bren Salo (New York Mills) 19-3 (Dec 6-0); Cons. Semi - Bren Salo (New York Mills) 19-3 won by fall over Branden Johnson (Minnesota) 5-10 (Fall 0:53); 3rd Place Match - Bren Salo (New York Mills) 19-3 won by decision over Masyn Olson (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) 19-11 (Dec 7-0) 195- 5th place- Round 1 - Damien Tuura (Badger-GB-MR) 6-3 won by fall over Mason Unger (New York Mills) 10-7 (Fall 1:09); Round 2 - Owen Kidrowski (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) 9-16 won by fall over Mason Unger (New York Mills) 10-7 (Fall 4:43); Round 3 - Mason Unger (New York Mills) 10-7 won by fall over Jonny Fielding (Otter Tail Central) 3-12 (Fall 0:52); Round 4 - Nicholas Bowen (Kimball Area) 8-6 won by injury default over Mason Unger (New York Mills) 10-7 (Inj. 3:01); Round 5 - Declan Crumley (Albany) 20-8 won by injury default over Mason Unger (New York Mills) 10-7 (Inj. 0:00) 220- 5th place- Round 1 - Jordan Kroll (Barnesville) 19-8 won by fall over Baeden Peterson (New York Mills) 9-10 (Fall 1:26); Round 2 - Collin Johnson (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) 9-13 won by fall over Baeden Peterson (New York Mills) 9-10 (Fall 3:37); Round 3 - Kale Rich (Otter Tail Central) 12-13 won by fall over Baeden Peterson (New York Mills) 9-10 (Fall 1:37); Round 4 - Baeden Peterson (New York Mills) 9-10 won by fall over Luke Maanum (Alexandria Area) 9-12 (Fall 2:16); Round 5 - Hudson Scholten (Minnesota) 16-8 won by fall over Baeden Peterson (New York Mills) 9-10 (Fall 1:33) 285- Quarterfinal - Ace Meyer (Kimball Area) 15-7 won by fall over Sawyer Wedde (New York Mills) 7-9 (Fall 5:21); Cons. Round 1 - Sawyer Wedde (New York Mills) 7-9 received a bye (0) (Bye); Cons. Semi - Jason Jones (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) 17-13 won by fall over Sawyer Wedde (New York Mills) 7-9 (Fall 1:33)



Mason Unger earns some near fall points on Saturday.

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The location of the Newton Township regular monthly meetings and Annual Meeting is as follows:

New York Mills City Office Building
118 N Main Street
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The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

Lacey Schik,
Newton Township Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 56-PR-22-35

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

Estate of
David W. Bope,
Decedent

It is ordered and Notice is given that on 2/23/2022, at 1:15 PM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 121 West Junius Avenue, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Christopher R. Bope, whose address is 4220 Cedar Tree Lane, Burtonsville, Maryland, 20866 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if not objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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Dated: 1-7-2022

Dated: 1-7-2022

The hearing will be held remotely. If you wish to participate, contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date.

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Roder promoted as president at F&M

Anyone walking in to Farmers & Merchants State Bank recently looking for Nick Roder might've gotten a small surprise when they didn't see him in the office he has occupied for the past 11 years. That's because the bank's Board of Directors recently appointed him as President at their January meeting and with that title came a new office.

Currently attending the Executive Development Institute at the Graduate School of Banking in Denver, Colo., Roder graduated with his undergraduate degree from Valparaiso University in December of 2001. While there, he met his future wife, Betsy, and after beginning his banking career and married life in the Twin Cities, the two moved back to her home town of New York Mills. The opportunity to work at the local, family-owned and community-minded bank was too good to pass up.

Farmers & Merchants has always been a huge supporter of NY Mills and



Nick Roder

the surrounding area and openly encourages employees to engage in the community.

Roder and his family embody this mission, as is seen in his dedication to the NY Mills Volunteer Fire Department, NY Mills Lions Club, NY Mills Civic & Commerce Association and his volunteer coaching experiences. There are defini-

tely no plans to change that focus anytime soon.

"I am really excited to continue the strong commitment to the community of New York Mills," said Roder. "I look forward to strengthening the relationships the bank has with all who call New York Mills and the surrounding area home."

But what happened to the occupant of the office into which Roder moved? Former President and current CEO Al Berube didn't go far. He still sits on the Board of Directors and continues to work with the management team and Roder likes it that way.

"Al has been a tremendous mentor that has really taught me what it means to be a banker in a small town," said Roder.

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Plea agreement for Dalton man

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Scott Andrew Oppegard, 39, of Dalton, will avoid incarceration at the prison in St. Cloud if he remains law abiding for five years.

Oppegard was found guilty after a felony charge of fifth degree drug possession. The judge issued a court ruling on Dec. 13, 2021.

There will be local confinement in the county jail, Fergus Falls. Oppegard already has served 21 days of local confinement. He was ordered to begin local confinement no later than Jan. 13, 2022, and has the option of work release.

This option does, however, have rules and policies as stipulated by the county sheriff's department.

Oppegard was arrested on the drug charge on Jan. 15, 2021. He is responsible for court fees that total \$275.

The judge also ordered Oppegard to complete a chemical assessment and follow all recommendations of the assessment.

Perham woman receives Stay of Adjudication

Samantha Lee Ann Yiltalo, 30, of Perham, will have a felony charge for wrongfully obtaining public assistance stricken from her record if she remains law

abiding for five years under supervised probation.

Under a Stay of Adjudication, while the probation is going on, this is a pending case, the same as being charged and awaiting trial. Once probation is over the case will be dismissed.

The judge made this ruling on Dec. 20, 2021. Restitution is part of the ruling. The defendant has the option of the court establishing a payment plan. The restitution total is \$15,624.

Yiltalo agreed to cooperate with her probation agent with the random searches of her residence, vehicle, workplace and property.



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Above: Jonah Johnson tries to block a shot during Tuesday's Park Region Conference game in Henning. Below: Tate Olson recorded a pair of double-doubles last week. He scored 27 points and pulled down 15 rebounds on Tuesday.

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Baune.

Ultimately, the Eagles' experience proved to be the difference as they were able to force a turnover with less than 10 seconds left in the game to come away with a 58-56 win on the road.

Tate Olson had a big game as the senior registered a double-double with 27 points, 15 rebounds and 3 assists.

Jack Peeters had a solid night on the boards as he finished with 8 points to go along with a team-high 13 rebounds. Jonah Johnson scored 7 points and came away with 8 rebounds, while Noah Noffsinger had 6 points and 3 rebounds, Bryan Bohn had 5 points and Breck Hensch scored 3 points, 6 rebounds and 4 steals.

Friday

The Eagles improved to 6-0 in PRC action on Fri-



day night as they defeated Verndale 74-57.

Head coach Mike Baune said it was one of NY Mills' best, most complete games of the season, as they competed against the Pirates' 2-3 zone defense.

Tate Olson recorded his second double-double of the week as he scored 24 points to go along with 12 rebounds and 6 assists.

Jack Peeters scored 14 points to go along with 7 rebounds and Jonah Johnson also reached double figures with 14 points 5 rebounds and 6 assists.

Noah Noffsinger just missed joining them in double figures as he scored 9 points to go along with 8 assists and Sam Kopveiller added 5 points to round out the scoring.



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