



Al Berube was awarded an American flag after spending the past year as chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota. The organization represents 188 community banks in the state.

Representing banks of all sizes

Berube finishes a term as ICBM Chairman

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Al Berube has spent the better part of a decade being an advocate for community banks across the state of Minnesota. That advocacy culminated in August when Berube wrapped up a

one year term as chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota Chairman.

As the chairman, Berube represented the interest of community banks across the state from communities a fraction of the size of New York Mills to some multi-billion dollar community

banks in the Twin Cities and beyond.

“There are 188 banks in the state that are members,” said Berube. “There are some large banks, but they are community banks.”

The President of Farmers and Merchants State Bank in NY Mills joined the ICBM Board of Directors as the District 8 representa-

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“There are 188 banks in the state that are members. There are some large banks, but they are community banks.”

- Al Berube on the membership of the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota

NYM council updated on Boardman project

Project planned for summer of 2022

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The New York Mills City Council received a brief look at what a new N Boardman Ave. could look like next

year. During its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday night, the city council heard an update on next year’s N Boardman Ave. project from Michael Weber of Apex Engineering. Weber said the pavement along the road are in poor condition with quite a bit of cracking, some of it being pretty

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The Ottertail City Council heard of a plan that would potentially put a drive-thru coffee shop in the Ottertail mall near the Ottertail City Hall.

Ottertail to rezone ag property

City hears of potential drive-thru coffee shop

By Jenna Baker
Correspondent

The September Ottertail City Council meeting opened up with a public hearing to

discuss rezoning two parcels of land in the Deer Run Estates Development from Agricultural to Single Family.

Jake Huebsch of Sourcewell was present to provide background on both zoning and this particular proposed change. He explained that

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From illegal immigrant to United States citizen

Perham man with NYM ties uses life lessons to become United States citizen

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

When Jose Urbala crossed the U.S. Mexico border for the first time at the age of 17, he did so with the help of a coyote.

A coyote is not a canine down south. It is what they call a person who is paid to smuggle migrants into the U.S. Urbala arrived in the

land of the free with intentions of working hard and making money.

As is the story of many ill-gotten youthful adventures, Urbala learned if he wanted to live the American Dream, he needed to play by the rules. The first step was obtaining a work visa, then a Green Card; then becoming a U.S. citizen.

The Perham resident re-

cently passed his test to become a U.S. citizen and New York Mills native Jamie Teberg couldn’t be more proud.

Road to stability and family began with a good work ethic

Urbala grew up in the farm fields of Mexico plucking tomatoes and beans under the unforgiving sun. While working in the field as a teenager, he examined his parents. They worked hard

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Jose Urbala recently became a U.S. citizen. The Perham resident first entered the country illegally as a 17-year-old boy, before figuring out life would be better if he did things legally.

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every day to put food on the table, but getting ahead was not in the cards. Unless he took a drastic measure, Urbala believed he was looking at his future.

Having the same reliable and hard work ethic as his parents, he saw possibilities north of the border. When a get rich scheme presented itself, a 17-year-old Urbala took it and landed in California. As an illegal immigrant, he had no rights; no safety net and lived in the shadows with a constant fear of being discovered and sent back to Mexico.

He said finding work in the U.S. was easy, but the good pay and benefits belonged to those with legal documents, such as a work visa or Green Card.

With time came wisdom and Urbala realized the err of his lifestyle. He returned to his homeland and took the necessary steps to enter the U.S. legally.

“I returned to California and worked in the fields picking peaches, plums and nectarines,” he said. “It was so hot; everyday it was 90-to-100 degrees. We started at 7 a.m. and finished between 3-and-4 p.m.”

But work is work, and good pay is a reason to stay. That was until Urbala learned about the vast opportunities manufacturing companies were offering in northern Minnesota.

“It was 2004 and I heard about Minnesota,” he recalled. “I heard you work inside, so no more 90 degree days or worrying about rain. I heard they pay well, too.”

His first job in the Perham area was picking eggs. As

he became more confident with his English, he applied for work at manufacturing companies and is now an employee of Shearers.

He worked hard and found promotions and opportunity available. As his work life flourished, he also found love and welcomed three children into the world.

While Urbala’s relationship with Jamie Teberg’s daughter couldn’t stand the test of time, the 1986 NY Mills High School graduate is thankful his grandsons have such a strong role model for a father.

The son of NY Mills residents Gayle and the late Butch Teberg summed it up, “Things didn’t work out with my daughter, but he is a good person; a good man. My grandsons are lucky to have him as a father.”

As Teberg encouraged Urbala to become a citizen, he looked into it and found it would be costly. However, he also knew his Green Card could be revoked or not renewed at any time, for any reason.

In his imagination, Urbala let a scenario play out where he was sent back to Mexico and complications were put upon his sons, two of which live with him. In that moment the daydream shifted to a nightmare. It was then he knew the time had come to take the next step in his journey. Urbala sought out a lawyer to assist him on his last leg.

“It was expensive and my money ran low,” Urbala said, adding he eventually asked the lawyer to lay out a plan of what he needed to do so he could go it alone.



Contributed photo
Jose Urbala is the father of three boys, two of which live with him (Ryan, 16, and Angel, 14). His children were the inspiration he needed to go from having a Green Card to becoming a U.S. citizen.

“He said that I can’t make it by myself; I needed a lawyer. I told him I had no choice, so he helped me over the phone.”

In addition to paperwork, Urbala had to take an exam. While he is usually the one helping his sons, this time they helped him. Holding the study guide, they quizzed him daily for months.

“There are 100 questions, but they only ask 14,” he said. “But, if you get six in a row right, the questions stop right there.”

While Urbala was working hard to ensure his family has the security of never being unnecessarily split

up, he kept it a secret from just about everyone.

“I encouraged him to take the citizenship in the past, but when I learned he was doing it, that took me by surprise,” Teberg said. “I didn’t know he was studying, then suddenly he was going in to take the test. That gives me a huge amount of pride for him. Many come here as refugees, on work visas or Green Cards and live with that status their whole life.”

Teberg added legal entry is good, but those that take the step to join the U.S. as a citizen are “treated different by the government.”

“I also see it as a major

accomplishment,” he continued. “Jose (Urbala) is a one of a kind human being who is an amazing father to my grandsons. He has seen his struggles, but he always succeeds.”

After passing the citizenship test, Urbala waited for the lawyer to process the necessary documents. He recalled sitting in an office, waiting to be told he was a citizen.

“At first nothing showed on the screen,” he said. “I was so nervous. Then they found what they needed; all checked and passed.”

Urbala’s smile was so wide it was obvious the

tears forming were of joy.

“I tried to get outside without crying,” he said, noting he walked passed two guards holding back his tears, but when he saw his cousin and wife waiting in a truck in the parking lot, the levy broke. “I cried and when they saw me, they cried, too. I was so happy I don’t have to worry about my family (being split up). I see a better future.”

At 49-years-of age, Urbala looks forward to attending the U.S. Citizen ceremony. He said when the invitation arrives, he knows it will be a proud moment for himself and his family.

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tive in 2010. There are 10 districts in the state and Berube was elected to the state board by the banks in his district. That district stretches from Moorhead to Ashby, Park Rapids and Mahnommen.

At the end of his six year term on the board of directors, Berube was approached about the idea of serving on the executive committee. That meant another five year commitment, but would ultimately result with him being named as chairman of the board.

Organized in 1962, ICBM was created to represent the unique interests of independent community banks. Large chain banks are not members of the organization, which provides a source of information and a powerful voice in government by uniting the influence of all of the community bankers under a single entity. The organization provides resources for everything like ATM machines, training and advocating for small community banks at the capitol.

Berube said serving on the board of directors was a great opportunity to get to meet bankers from across the state, many of whom are facing the same challenges and successes as Farmers and Merchants State Bank. He also credited Ed Buerkle and the staff at Farmers and Merchants for giving him the chance to represent community banks from across the state.

“That’s the biggest thing is learning from other bankers,” he said.

Not only was he able to represent the interest of northern Minnesota as chairman, but he was also a voice for smaller banks in the state as well. The average ICBM member bank has assets of \$300-500 million. Farmers and Merchants State Bank is smaller than that, but over the past year Berube has been working for the interests of banks his size and smaller, as well as some of the largest community banks in the state.

As far as he knows, Berube said he is only the second person from the local district to serve as chairman, joining Jim Espeland of First National Bank of Henning, Ottertail and Battle Lake. People appointed to the executive committee serve one year terms as treasurer, vice chair, chair elect and chair, before serving one more year as vice chair.

Berube’s term as chairman of the ICBM officially came to an end on Aug. 10 at the organization’s annual convention at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, Minn. He was presented an American flag, which he has displayed in his office. He will continue to serve on the board of directors for one more as past chair.

The new chairman of the ICBM is Anita Drentlaw of New Market Bank in Lakeville, Minn. Other executive committee members include Mark Toombs of The First State Bank of Rosemount, Peter Nelson of Glenwood State Bank and Tiffany Baer Paine of Security State Bank in Bemidji.

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significant, which could be attributed to a structural deficiency.

As part of the project, the roadway surface will be widened to include 11-12 feet side driving lanes with 4 feet wide paved shoulders. Weber said widening the shoulders should provide some additional safety for pedestrians and motorists on the road.

“That’s a drastic improvement over what is there. That should provide improved function for vehicles, trucks and also safety for vehicles and pedestrians to use that roadway,” said Weber.

As part of the project, the expectation will be to complete the design this fall and winter, approve the plans and authorize bidding in February and begin construction in the summer of 2022.

The estimated cost for the project will be \$802,532.75. In order to help pay for the project, the city received a \$660,000 for eligible road related construction costs. A portion of the project will be assessable to affected property owners on N Boardman.

Weber said Apex Engineering will continue to monitor the timeline over the course of the winter to see if it should adjust some of the timelines for things like seeking bids in order to get the most favorable bidding environment.

In addition to the N Boardman Ave. project, the council approved a 6 percent preliminary levy increase over the 2020 tax levy.

City clerk Julie Roberts said she feels comfortable with the preliminary levy number of a 6 percent increase, which could be lowered but not increased when it is finalized at the end of the year.

Meeting in its new council chambers in the former government services/courthouse building in NY Mills, the council discussed a need to find a name for the newly acquired building.

Councilman Latham Hetland suggested asking residents to see if they have an idea as to what to name the



Photo by Chad Koener
The New York Mills City Council is seeking nominations for a name for the Government Services building in town. The council will consider any nominations for the naming of the building at its Oct. 12 city council meeting.

building. The council suggested giving local residents until Oct. 7 to submit names to the city office to see if a new and unique name can be found for the government services building.

Residents can submit a name for the building to PO Box H, NY Mills, MN 56567 or by email at cityclerk@cityofnewyorkmills.org

The council will consider the suggestions during its Oct. 12 city council meeting.

In other news

- Heard the pool report for Legried Community Pool. The pool brought in \$22,414 in revenue this summer, the lion share being from lessons, admission and passes. There were 350 students who took swimming lessons this year, which was down just two students from last year, but up substantially from 2018 when just 264 people took swimming lessons. The pool also sold 31 family passes and 22 individual passes, both are up double

- digits from 2020.
- Heard the liquor store report, which showed that net revenues were flat from last August and the net revenues year to date before transfers currently sits at \$61,427.57, which is approximately 66 percent above last year at this time.
- Heard from Public Works Director Kyle Mattson who said the city continues to monitor groundwater levels. Even with the recent rain, the region is still in a drought and the city will continue with the non-essential water restriction. The new main lift station is online and functioning as it should. Mattson also said Hammers Construction has completed the face-lift of the T-19 shop, now the electrician can install lighting and outlets.
- Heard from NY Mills Police Chief Bobby Berndt about the need for part-time police officers. The council will continue to look into options to filling some of the

part-time police needs in the community.

- Approved a payment request for the main lift station. The payment amount requested for completed work was \$68,139.87.
- Accepted a donation from Brunswick for \$25,000 for the Lund Park Project.
- Accepted a donation from the New York Mills Lions Club for \$2,500 for Legried Community Pool and South Point Trail project. A total of \$1,000 of that donation will be for the walking trail with the remaining \$1,500 going to the pool.
- Approved 4-1 with Jerry Nesland voting in dissent, terminating a farm land lease with Dennis Tigges effective at the end of the year. Tigges farmed the land near the new South Point project. The council also approved a settlement offer for acreage that was damaged this year and for well drilling on the property.



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Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes crew includes Tobie Beckers, Killian Carr, Roxie Carr (owner) and Merlin Carr. Roxie Carr is originally from the NY Mills area.

New business makes mornings sweeter

NYM native opens Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes has made the lakes area even sweeter.

Daily, the crew at the family-owned bakery get up at the crack of dawn. Smells of fresh baked breakfast items fill the building as customers walk through the door.

“All our items are baked,” said owner Roxie Carr. “There is nothing that is deep fried. We make small batches of baked items all day. And, we do not have a freezer, so our items are fresh.”

Hungry stomachs are satisfied with donuts, muffins, apple fritters, cinnamon rolls and other morning treats. Visitors are also welcomed to relax with plenty of places to sit and enjoy the free wi-fi access from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

“We also have gluten free items,” Carr said. “Eventually, we hope to do bread, but now we make specialty break like banana and pumpkin, as well as bars, cookies, cupcakes and



Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes owner Roxie Carr is a cake specialist who has won dozens of awards for her work.

cakes.”

Cakes can be as basic or intricate as a customer desires. Carr has won more than 20 awards for her cake designs, and fears no challenge. Even the almighty wedding cake is on the table and made to impress as well as savor. Regardless of the type of cake, the flavor is created at the customer’s request. As long as she can get the ingredients, she can make the cake.

Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes also offers fresh fruit as well as a full coffee bar, meaning those specialty drinks are served to order.

“We also have coffee beans,” she said.

Carr, who was born in New York Mills, worked in the bakery trade for more than 10 years before deciding to take the plunge into business ownership.

The daughter of Karen and Carl Pieper of Frazee learned a building along State Highway 34, across from MState, was available for purchase. Carr said what sold her on the building was the drive up window.

“That was a must,” she said.

Many new business owners are told to expect a struggle the first few years. Carr figured her business wouldn’t be an exception, but she discovered the community has been hungry for her niche and since her doors opened, the business has seen continuous growth.

Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes is located at 105 Barbara Avenue and State Highway 34. Orders can be placed by calling (218) 849-7038.



Detroit Lakes Cakes & Bakes makes items fresh daily, offers a full coffee bar and has a drive-up window.

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Bongards takes first at regional competition

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

As summer comes to a close, Bongards rolls the big cheese out for competitions. This year, the premium cheese making company with a factory and store in Perham earned top honors in the Cheddar Block competition with a near perfect score.

Every day Bongards uses enough milk to fill nearly 6,000 bathtubs. With time, aging and skillful labor the company turns milk into cheese that is a cut above its competition. While some companies may have a special competition cheese, Bongards enters its products pulled directly from the production line.

“There is nothing fancy or special done with it,” said Bongards Plant Manager Justin Larson. “It is the same cheese anyone else gets when they get our cheese.”

Larson reported Bongards earned 98.600 for the winning score (out of 100) for the Cheddar Block competition, which includes all dairy product producers in the upper Midwest. He explained the judges look at the grade of the cheese, which produces distinct flavors as it ages, as well as the product’s texture and more. The product is aged around the 30-day mark before it is entered for the competition.

Bongards has entered the competition for several years. Typically, Larson said he attends along with the cheese manager and a few employees.

“We usually do very well and have a winner,” Larson said, noting he’s worked for the company since Oct. 2014. “I enjoy the people here.”

He added working for a co-op also gives him personal pride knowing the hard work of the dairy

farmers is rewarded.

Larson said the awards the cheese wins often finds its way to the Bongards store at 210 E. Main St. Perham. The older awards are replaced by newer ones, as there is limited space. He added there is also an interesting video that shows how cheese is made at Bongards, and recommended stopping in to give it a view.

The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association is a non-profit organization with a purpose of promoting the dairy industry. They host the competition and for the first time the award winning items were available to the public in a display cooler Minnesota State Fair. As the event came to a close the items were auctioned off to the highest bidders to raise funds for scholarships to be given to those entering the dairy industry or other related degree programs.



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Bongards took first in Cheddar Block and brought home several other awards from the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association competition.



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Every picture, record has a story to tell

Ottertail resident is in search for collectable autographs, records

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

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

How else do you explain how a man who is originally from Madison, Minn., can chalk up the likes of Charles Lindberg as a friend, party with Ricky Nelson and meet some of the most iconic celebrities like Johnny Cash in a hotel lobby in Bloomington, Minn. After all, the current Ottertail resident has collected over 20,000 autographs and met countless celebrities by just simply walking through hotels—even though he had a pretty good idea they would be there.

His knack for being in the right place at the right time could very well be in his blood. After all, Strand's dad, Harry Strand, was a talented athlete.

Harry was part of an all-star amateur baseball team that got to play against the Minneapolis Millers in 1933, and his pitching held up against the professional



baseball team that day. As it turns out, Harry was just as talented on the basketball court as Strand said he became the first white man to play basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters back in the 1930s.

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

Today, Strand is putting his knack at being in the right place at the right time to a new use, as he helps a friend collect records.

Collecting records
For the past 25 years Strand has been buying and selling records, mainly for a friend who collects them in Fergus Falls.

"He has a huge record collection and he also sells his duplicates and sells records to get money to buy the records he collects," said Strand. "He enjoys them a whole lot more than I do. He is a huge music fanatic."

Always one who is up for a challenge, Strand began helping out his friend to find collectable records. He hung up bright pink signs in grocery stores, gas stations and just about anywhere where people gather.

Strand has vague guidelines to follow when purchasing a record for his friend, typically older stuff like jazz, rock and roll, music from the 1950s, 60s and 70s. Even with those guidelines, it isn't very often that Strand finds a very valuable record mixed in with a person's collection. Most times he ends up selling a record that he purchased for just \$.50 or \$1, for as little as a dime apiece to someone else. "A lot the times, because I



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

am not the record collector, I don't even know that it is worth \$100. It's something I never had seen before so I bought it for \$.50 or \$1. Most of the time it is worth less than what I paid for it," he said. "But the times it is worth \$500 or \$100, that really gives you a thrill to spend a dollar and sell it for \$500. It doesn't happen very often

but it gives you a thrill."

While it can be disappointing to learn that a record that was purchased for a buck was less valuable than a piece of Laffy Taffy candy, Strand said the thrill of the chase of finding the next valuable collectable, and opportunity to learn about the story behind the record, keeps him going ev-

ery day.
While Elvis and the Beatles may have ruled the land during the peak of vinyl records, their overall value for collectors is not nearly as sought after as the music

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it is common for both property owners and cities to apply for rezoning, saying that in this case it was the city. He noted that these parcels are being considered for rezoning due to the fact that if the property is developed, it would likely be done so for single family purposes and standards for that zoning type would need to be in place at that time. Huebsch also noted that property owners have the right not to develop land just as they have the right to choose to develop, whether the public is in favor of the decision or not.

Both owners of the two parcels in question were present at the meeting. The owner of the larger parcel, which is 26.97 acres, explained that he has put a great deal of money into putting some infrastructure in place on the property, including water, with the goal of someday receiving a return on investment by developing the land.

The owners of the other parcel, which is 9.69 acres, expressed their desire to keep the area zoned for agriculture. Many members of the public were also in attendance expressing their love of the greenspace and wildlife these acres provide.

After some discussion, the council passed a motion to rezone just the 26.97 acre

parcel from Agricultural to Single Family. The 9.69 acre parcel will remain Agricultural. They noted that the rezoning of the 26.97 parcel would need to be done when wanting to be developed anyway, so this is a proactive move. The council, the landowners and the public noted contentment with the decision and expressed joy in seeing democracy in action.

Also present at the meeting were Stephanie Jorgenson and Stephanine Ellingson. Jorgenson wishes to open up a drive-thru coffee shop in the building owned by Ellingson, which currently is also home to The Grain Bin.

Jorgenson proposed two different drive-thru traffic options for the coffee shop, which would be located on the north end of the building next to Ottertail City Hall. She explained that the plan is to have two windows, one for ordering and one for pickup, which will help move the traffic along and also noted that, if busy enough, they would plan for spots for customers to pull ahead and wait, which would also assist with traffic flow.

The council expressed the notion that this would be a great addition to the city along with their willingness to work with Jor-

genson and Ellingson to make it happen.

Both Huebsch and City Attorney Sam Felix noted that with the right conditions in place, this option should be able to come to fruition. Next steps include the city working with Huebsch to create an Interim or Conditional Use Permit to allow for this type of business while working to ensure the traffic flow is as safe as possible.

In other news

- The council briefly discussed their water contract with Henning, giving a short summary of the informational public meeting that was held on September 8th. They noted that approximately 32 members of the public were in attendance at that meeting, with 25 of those expressing that they are in favor of looking into the City of Ottertail going on their own for water service, rather than contracting with Henning. Based on this feedback, the council has decided to heavily focus their resources on finding an alternate path going forward, including proceeding with the creation of a preliminary engineering report and proposal for a wastewater treatment facility with the goal of presenting that at the October council meeting.

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- Present at the meeting was Bob Schlieman of Apex Engineering, who shared an update on the water tower improvement project. He presented a task order for consideration, which included steps for preliminary and final design, bidding and negotiating, construction administration and observation/oversite along with a post-construction phase and warranty and antenna inspections. Total estimated cost of the improvements to the tower is \$405,000. Improvements to be made include replacing the exterior coating systems, spot repair of the interior wet and dry coating systems, structural repairs and modifications to ensure compliance with OSHA and MDH. The council passed a motion to approve the task order, meaning work will continue to proceed with the project with the goal of construction to take place between May and September of 2022.

- The council passed a motion to approve the preliminary levy, which is an increase of 5 percent, noting that that number can always go down if needed. Additionally, the Truth in Taxation meeting was scheduled for Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m.



Photos by Tom Hintgen
Pastor Stan Satre has, for many years during the summer months, called nearby lake cabin dwellers to the outdoor Sunday morning worshipers by ringing this bell at Camp Nidaros near Walker Lake.

Pastor Stan again serves worshipers at Walker Lake

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

In 2021 Stan Satre, 89, was the pastor for all four outdoor Sunday worship services at Camp Nidaros near Walker Lake, just down the road from the city of Ottertail.

Most of the pastors who used to fill in for Stan have passed away or are in unstable health.

Satre has been the main chaplain at Camp Nidaros since 1982, heading many of the 10 a.m. Sunday worship services himself and also lining up other speakers.

He rang the bell at 9:30 a.m. and again at 9:55 a.m. as a final reminder for worshipers prior to the start of the service.

From 40 to 50 people attended scheduled outdoor worship at Camp Nidaros on any given Sunday during the summer of 2021.

Camp Nidaros near Walker Lake, north of Otter Tail Lake, is in a sense an old neighborhood at one of Otter Tail County's more than 1,000 lakes.

This lake neighborhood has its roots in the purchase of property back in 1909 by the original founders of Camp Nidaros. They were mainly involved with the ministry, built cabins and formed an association. Of the 16 cottages, 14 are

owned by family members of the original owners.

Satre's wife Bev's grandfather, Martin Soelberg, was the builder of the first four cabins more than a century ago. Her parents, with help from Stan and Bev's brother, built their current cabin back in 1956. Stan and Bev met during their collegiate years at St. Olaf College in Northfield and were married in 1954. Stan, ordained as a minister at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1958, served in the ministry at several locations across the United States.

He retired with Bev in Fergus Falls in 2006, serving local churches on an interim basis.

"The summer of 2019 was noteworthy with the purchase of new outdoor cedar benches for our place of worship," Satre said.

Over the years, in addition to regular Sunday morning worship services, the site has also been used for weddings and baptisms. If it rained, people came to the Satre cabin which can accommodate from 40 to 50 worshipers.

"Our open-air services at Camp Nidaros have been very special over the years," Stan said. "The tradition of outdoor services is passed from generation to generation."

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9/15/2021	70	46		9/15/2020	70	42	
9/16/2021	74	46	Trace-Rain	9/16/2020	70	42	
9/17/2021	83	49		9/17/2020	70	36	
9/18/2021	66	41		9/18/2020	56	36	
9/19/2021	75	49		9/19/2020	62	42	
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Photo by Chad Koenen
Dick Strand displays his Iowa Jima flag raising collectable that includes a picture of him and Charles Lindberg.

COLLECTABLES AND STORIES

itself.
“As opposed to public opinion, the best rock records are not Elvis Presley and the Beatles. They sold a million records and everyone still has them,” said Strand. “They think they have a fortune if they have a 1970s Elvis album. They think it is great, but it is really not (for collecting).”

There are exceptions of course, like an obscure early record for one of the legendary rock bands, or an album cover with some different markings. Typically, Strand said the most valuable records are those that are either autographed or from a little known band that makes a record more valuable.

“It’s more of the obscure records or bands that make a record valuable,” said Strand. “People say ‘huh who is that.’ That is what it is more expensive than an Elvis one.”

Autograph collection

Prior to helping his friend find collectable records, Strand had a massive autograph collection that spanned generations. He was always interested in meeting stars, while also learning more about their uniqueness that made them larger-than-life figures in pop culture.

Strand’s interest in celebrities hit a fevered point in 1961 when his aunt took him to the Aquatennial celebration in Minneapolis, Minn., to see Annette Funicello. His aunt, who knew Strand was a fan of the actress, offered to take him to the airport to see her arrival with countless other fans that day. Strand managed to get a front row spot for her arrival and followed behind the star as she walked through the airport to her convertible.

While his collection of autographs totaled well over 20,000 at one point, Strand didn’t always grow up dreaming of being an autograph dealer. A pharmacist for years, he worked at a Wallgreens in St. Cloud, Minn., before moving to Minneapolis, Minn., in 1972 and working for a pharmacy in the heart of the city. He found himself unexpectedly bumping into celebrities at the pharmacy, as celebrities would often stop by the closest drug store to refill their prescriptions and purchase over-the-counter medications.

Being a sports fan, he would also attend sports banquets where he met star athletes. He started collecting autographs, and as time went on, he started writing to celebrities and asked for an autograph—something they would commonly oblige to back in the day.

“That’s how I really got started gathering,” said Strand of the sports banquets in the Twin Cities. “Then I started writing, sending photos to various movie stars and what have you. In that time you would get one back 70-80 percent of the time.”

In fact, Strand enlisted the help of his sister, who agreed to write 10 letters a day while the kids at her home daycare were napping. She did this for 10 years, getting about seven or eight autographs back for every 10 letters she sent.

When stars would come to the Twin Cities area, namely the Carlton Celebrity Dinner Theater in Bloomington, Minn., Strand would find out where they were staying

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and track them down for a quick picture, story and autograph in the hotel lobby on the way to their performance. That’s how he met Johnny Cash, as well as his wife June Carter Cash.

“We would find out where some of the stars were staying when they were performing in Bloomington,” he said. “We would meet them in the lobby and get their autographs.”

As his collection began to pile up, Strand started selling some of his autographs that included the likes of Elvis Presley, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Michael Jackson, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, the Wizard of Oz cast, Marilyn Monroe, Mother Teresa, the Beatles, Harry S. Truman and many others.

Strand even has a picture of his sister getting an autograph of famed wrestler Andre the Giant. He said the larger-than-life athlete was as big in person as his famed lore during his stint on the professional wrestling circuit.

“The pen looked like a tooth pick,” he said.

One of his most memorable nights came when Strand spent a night hanging out with Ricky Nelson. One of rock-n-rolls teenage idols during the 1950’s and 60’s played a show at the Cactus in Perham in 1984. Strand was asked to help chauffeur Nelson and his entourage to Perham from the Detroit Lakes airport.

After hauling Nelson’s equipment to town, Strand met up with the rocker and his girlfriend at Dean’s Grocery Store in Perham where he was invited to come to the house where Nelson was staying for the night. While at the house, Nelson began playing the piano for a select group of people, before the rest of the band arrived before the show.

Nelson died just 1 1/2 years later and the memory of that experience with the rock star has made his autograph by far more valuable than any other autograph to Strand.

“I don’t want to part with that one as long as I am alive,” he said of Nelson’s autograph.

In addition to Ricky Nelson, Strand has enjoyed a long friendship and correspondence with people like the manager of Gordon “Porky” Lee, who was the child actor who played Porky in the original “Our Gang” television series in the 1930s, as well as Minnesota-born celebrities like Arctic explorer Will Steger, poet Robert Bly and Charles Lindberg.

Lindberg was the last surviving Marine out of a platoon of 40 who raised the first American flag on Iwo Jima during World War II. Strand and Lindberg had homes near each other in the Twin Cities.

“I found out where he lived and went over to visit him. I became good friends with him and his wife Vi,” said Strand.

Purchasing records

Strand continues to search for collectable records for his friend in Ferguson Falls. He said anyone with a record collection or some vinyl is encouraged to call him and tell him about the records.

If interested, he will purchase the records and see if his friend is interested in them. To contact Strand, call him at 367-2614.

NYM Class of 1956 holds 65th reunion



Contributed photo
The New York Mills High School Class of 1956 recently held its 65th high school reunion at Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill. Those who attended the reunion include: Front row Dorothy Crabb Schwartz, Sheila Johanson Ouren, Shirlyn Pikkaraine Bentley and Betty Nurmi Hietala. Back row: Rueben Tumberg, Dale Jokela, Ronald Cavalier, Donald Holtti and Gladys Johnson Chase.

NYM Class of 1954 holds 67th reunion



Contributed photo
The New York Mills High School Class of 1954 recently held its 67th high school reunion at Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill. Those who attended the reunion include: Front row Marilyn (Nissi) Palomaki, Jim Tumberg, Harriet (Ellingson) Mohrbacker, Dorothy (Korby) Welter, Rachel (Brill) Eklund. Back row (L to R): Virginia (Stenerso) Koplin, Audrey (Emas) Perala, Bernice (Schwartz) Bollig, Ralph Schuartz, Ron Ehnert, Avis (Asmund) Leistico, Ann (Mischke) Hintsala. Not pictured: Roger Frost.

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Obituaries

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Louella Robben, 84

Funeral services were held for Louella Robben, age 84 of New York Mills, on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills with Pastor Kirk Douglas officiating. The hymns were sung by the congregation, accompanied by Gary Bach. Pallbearers were Scott Perala, Gene Robben, Russ Speer, Justin Beaulieu, Hank Greenwaldt and Brian Quiram. Honorary Pallbearers were Lou's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Lou was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery, Verndale.

Louella Betty Umland was born on January 19, 1937 in Bartlett Township. Her parents were the late Henry and Ella (Guetzko) Umland. Lou was baptized and confirmed at the Bartlett Church in Bartlett Township. She attended Verndale High School and graduated with the Class of 1955 in Verndale. On July 16, 1955 Lou was united in marriage to Kenneth Robben in Bartlett Township.

During their first years of marriage, they moved around a lot with Ken's job. They settled in New York Mills, in 1970. They were married for 24 years and blessed with three children: Chet, Deb and Lori.

Lou was employed with Homecrest Industries of Wadena, for 25 years until retiring on August 10, 2000.

She was a Life Member of the V.F.W. Post #3289 Auxiliary of New York Mills. Lou enjoyed flower gardening and watching birds, especially hummingbirds. She loved spending time with family and decorating for the holidays.

On September 9, 2021 Lou passed away at her home at 84 years of age. She will be dearly missed by her family



and friends. Preceding Lou in death were her parents: Henry and Ella; sisters: Margaret (Floyd) Knutson and Delores (Lester) Bain; brothers: Ed (Jo) Umland, Bob (Dorothy) Umland and Butch (Mariane) Umland; and special friends, Orville Jensen and Paul Beaulieu.

Lou will be dearly missed by her children: Chet (Linda) Robben of Granby, Colo.; Deb (Dan) Matti of New York Mills and Lori (Les) Quiram of New York Mills; grandchildren: Ty (Sourita) Robben of San Diego, Calif.; Erin (Shawn) Maddox of Aurora, Colo. and Nikki (Dwayne Odell) Robben of Greeley, Colo.; great-grandchildren: Jace Cornelison of Walden, Colo.; Graham Cornelison of Walden, Colo.; Reese Maddox of Aurora, Colo. and soon to be Reidan Kai Robben of San Diego, Calif.; brother, Norman (Judy) Umland; a host of her nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors; as well as the Matti family children, grandchildren and the entire Jensen family.

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

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

Richard White, 76

Dick passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 12, 2021, in his home at 76 years of age.

Richard "Dick" Lee White was born on October 23, 1944, in Wadena, to Charles and Edith (Dauge) White.

Visitation was held for Richard "Dick" White, age 76 of Wadena, on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at Karvonen Funeral

Home in Wadena. Memorial Services was held on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena with a visitation one hour prior.

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Allen Kimber, 77

Funeral services were held for Allen Kimber age 77, of Henning, on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Henning.

Visitation was held at 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service at the church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to send Allen's family a message of comfort and support.

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Evelyn Molash, 72

Memorial Services will be held for Evelyn Molash, age 72 of Wadena, on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Wadena Alliance Church in Wadena. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

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

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Wildfire-related burning restrictions are lifted

Recent rain and a return of near-normal temperatures and higher evening humidity have greatly reduced the chance of campfires or open burning causing a wildfire in Cook and Lake counties. In response, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is removing burning restrictions in those counties, effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Cook and Lake counties are the last two Minnesota counties under DNR-mandated burning restrictions.

These changes reflect reduced wildfire risk in these counties and across the state. However, fall is traditionally a dry time in Minnesota; fires can start easily in dry grass and leaves. Minnesotans are encouraged to stay alert and keep current with the statewide fire conditions and burning restrictions.

Forrest Boe, Director of DNR's Forestry Division, praised Minnesotans and wildfire response agencies saying, "Minnesotans' efforts in following burning restrictions, combined with firefighters' rapid and sustained suppression re-

sponse, has helped Minnesota through this unprecedented wildfire season with limited property losses and no injuries. Thank you, and let's keep it up through the fall."

The DNR will continue to monitor conditions and will reinstate county-specific burning restrictions if necessary. Of utmost importance is protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighters.

This lifting of the last remaining state burning restrictions aligns with recent changes made by the U.S. Forest Service for the Chippewa National Forest and Superior National Forest, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, as well as actions taken by tribal governments.

An Area of Closure around the Greenwood Fire remains in place and is not affected by the decision to lift burning restrictions. Under current fire operations, the incident management team for the Greenwood Fire needs to be aware of all personnel entering the area to ensure firefighter and public safety.

Suffering from Garden Fatigue

By Bev Johnson
Master Gardener

This time of year, some gardeners are suffering from "Garden Fatigue. They are praying for frost so they can stop gardening. Of course this is not true for the avid gardener. She/he would like at least another 2 or 3 months of garden weather to be sure that new plant /tree/shrub, is well established before snow man weather. Even if you are suffering from G.F., there are things that need to be done this time of year.

To ensure a weed free garden (as if there were such a thing), keep pulling weeds. Every one you leave in the garden this time of year will be a million weeds next summer. Pull all the dead vines and don't compost them. They are too woody to compost well and often carry insects and

diseases. They also have a nasty habit of wrapping around the tiller times leading to much blue air from the operator. Keep mulching. Bare soil attracts weeds like white pants attract dirt.

Bring in vacationing house plants after giving them a good bath to clean off dirt and any hitch hiking bugs like spider mites. If they have gotten too big for their pots, repot, outdoors so you don't have to clean up the mess. If needed, thin them and share the extras. (Think garden club sale.)

Keep watering. Trees and shrubs especially need to be well watered to survive the winter. Perennials will winter better if they are healthy and well watered before the first frost. (Dirty word, that.) Keep picking up any diseased leaves from trees, flowers, or vegetables and bag or burn them to

slow or stop the diseases from reappearing next summer. Many diseases enter the soil from diseased plant materials and just wait there to attack a tender, baby plant next summer. Never leave windfall apples on the ground. They harbor apple maggot eggs.

Cut the grass long, 2 ½ to 3 inches. This shades out the smaller weeds and helps prevent those ugly brown spots in the lawn during hot dry weather. Cut it shorter after the first hard frost to prevent snow mold.

Some of the later summer apples are ripe now. Cut one open and if the seeds are dark, black or brown, it's ripe. Apples will tolerate a temp down to 28 degrees without damage. Just don't touch them until they thaw out.

Fall webworms show up now. The web looks terrible but really has little

impact on a healthy tree. Just put on a glove and pull it out of the tree, squishing any worms that have escaped. Never attempt to burn the web. It will damage the tree and just warm up the worms. If the web is on a small branch, cut the branch off. Now you can burn the branch.

The birds aren't singing this time of year but they are still busy eating bugs and weed seeds. Gold finches especially love wild thistle seed. Leave a few seed heads on flowers for the birds and not only will they clean them up, you will find some of the leftovers, fully fertilized, popping up in really weird places next spring. Encourage birds to stay in your yard by having food, water and suet available for them. It's only polite to feed guests.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

By Lois Wiirre
Special to the Dispatch

Sorry, I was MIA all summer. My grandsons from Florida, spent the summer here on the farm. We had so much fun and made allot of memories.

I cooked a lot and introduced them to Minnesota foods. They laughed at the "everything on a stick" at the state fair and loved grandma's Finnish foods. They are Half Brazilian/American so we had a fun time talking about foods from Brazil and Northern Minnesota. They loved most of the foods and no so much of some others.

I had made spiced apple rings last year and they were on the table and they loved them alongside their choice of meat. As we enjoyed them and talked

about canning, they said in Brazil they have something similar called "Spicy Pickled Pineapple."

Ethan tells us that it is really spicy.

Grandpa said he'll just eat the apple rings. I stated send me a jar for Christmas. I am game to try anything once. It Is too bad that spiced apples have become a thing grandma used to make. They are really good and this recipe is so easy, so give it a try. Till we meet in the kitchen again, Coffee is on. Lois

Directions:

Wash apples. Peel and slice one apple at a time. Immediately cut crosswise into 1/2" slices, remove core area with a melon baller and immerse in ascorbic acid solution to keep the apples from discoloring.

SPICED APPLE RINGS

Nutrition
12lbs firm tart apples, no more than 2 1/2-inch diameter
12cups sugar
6cups water
1 1/4 cups white vinegar,
5 tablespoons whole cloves
3/4 cup red hot cinnamon candies or 8 cinnamon sticks
1 teaspoon red food coloring (optional)

In a 6 quart saucepan, combine sugar, water, vinegar, cloves, cinnamon candies, or cinnamon sticks and food coloring (if using). Heat to a boil, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves then lower heat and simmer 3 minutes.

Drain apples and add to hot syrup and cook for 5 minutes.

Fill prepared jars with apple rings and hot flavored syrup, leaving a 1/2" headspace.

Check for air bubbles and

add more liquid if needed to maintain the 1/2" headspace.

Process pint or quart size jars in a boiling water bath for 20 minutes .

Adjust time according to your altitude.

NOTE: This can also be pressure canned. Pressure Canner - Hot pack pints or quarts and process for 8 minutes at the pressure specified according to your altitude and / or style of canner.

Eldor Huwe, 94

Funeral services were held for Eldor Huwe age 94, of Detroit Lakes (formerly of Wolf Lake), Minn. on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Corliss, rural Perham.

Visitation as held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 4-6 p.m., with a prayer service at 6 p.m. at St.

John's Lutheran Church in Corliss. Visitation resumed one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to send Eldor's family a message of comfort and support.

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communion, 10:30 a.m. Worship
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Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship
Third Saturday of Month 10 a.m.
WMF meeting

Woman dies in Perham area accident

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Sheriff deputies reported that a 95-year-old woman from Moorhead died in a traffic accident at 3:16 p.m. on Sept 10 near the inter- section of Highways 60 and 13, northeast of Per- ham.

The victim, a passenger, was identified as Marjorie Froemke.

Driving the vehicle, in the single-vehicle crash, and injured was a 65-year- old female from Idaho.

Perham Fire Department and EMS personnel assist- ed sheriff deputies at the scene of the accident.

**Woman injured in
handgun accident**

A woman who resides at Wren Lake, northeast of Battle Lake, was injured in a handgun accident shortly after 9 p.m. on Sept. 11.

Sheriff deputies said the woman was attempting to unload a handgun when the gun fired. The bullet struck the woman in the left hand, entering through the palm and exiting.

First responders from Battle Lake and Henning were dispatched to the scene. Henning Ambulance transported the victim to the Perham hospital. Inju- ries were non-lifer threat- ening.

The victim was con- scious and had a tourni- quet on her left arm when transported to the hospital.

SENIOR MENU

Thursday, Sept. 23
Baked Chicken, Baby Bak-
ers, Peas N Carrots, Tropi-
cal Fruit, Bread/Butter/
Milk

Friday, Sept. 24
Sliced Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,
Green Beans, Brownies,
Bread/Butter/Milk

Monday, Sept. 27
Tator Tot Casserole, Coleslaw,

Angel Good Cake, Milk
Tuesday, Sept. 28
Pol- ish Sausage/Bun, Fried
Potatoes, Baked Beans,
Mini Crème Puffs (3), Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 29
Spaghetti N Meat Sauce,
Lettuce Salad, Garlic
Bread Sticks, Strawberry
Rhubarb Pie, Bread/But-
ter/Milk

NYM SCHOOL MENU

Thursday, Sept. 23
Breakfast- Bagel Bites,
Sunflower Seeds, Fruit or
Juice Lunch- Shrimp Pop-
pers, Scalloped Potatoes,
Vegetable, Fruit

Friday, Sept. 24
Break- fast- Benefit Bar, Crackers,
Fruit or Juice Lunch- Pizza,
Granola Bar, Vegetable,
Fruit

Monday, Sept. 27
Breakfast- Cereal, Yogurt,
Fruit or Juice Lunch- Kick-

in Chicken Bowl, Fruit,
Rice Krispie Bar

Tuesday, Sept. 28
Breakfast- Pretzel with
Cheese, Multigrain Bar,
Fruit or Juice Lunch- Beef
Nachos, Black Beans, Veg-
etable, Fruit

Wednesday, Sept. 29
Breakfast- Breakfast Piz-
za, Hard Boiled Egg, Fruit
or Juice Lunch- Chicken
Sandwich, Assorted Pota-
toes, Vegetable, Fruit

VFW POST 3289 AUXILIARY MINUTES

The VFW Post 3289 Aux-
iliary meeting was held
on September 9th with 11
members present and 1
guest.

A thank you card was re-
ceived from JoClaire Peder-
son and Judy Paju.

Cancer Aid and Veterans
and Family Aid raffle tick-
ets are available.

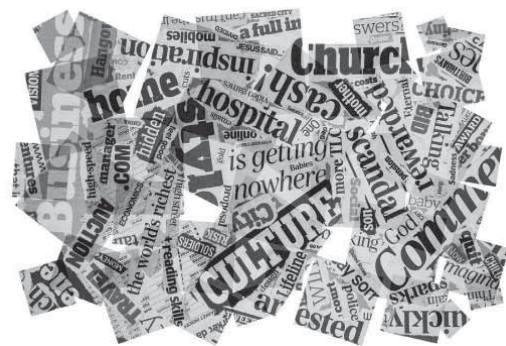
Barb did a training on
the Legislative Process.

The quilt raffle winners
were announced. A pro-
gram table was accessible
at the Corn Feed. The next
District meeting will be in
Thief River Falls on Sep-
tember 18th. Our Auxiliary
will bring a Poppy Poster.
Fall Conference is Septem-
ber 24-26 in Willmar. Plans

for the POW/MIA Program
were discussed and along
with plans for the an-
nual rummage sale. The
Auxiliary and Post along
with the Trinity Lutheran
Church Mission and Out-
reach Board will host a
meal for the First Respond-
ers on October 28th. The
Annual Membership Din-
ner will be on October 24th
from 11am-1pm at the Post.
Ways and Means Baskets
will be brought to the Dis-
trict and Department meet-
ings from our Auxiliary.
Veterans Day Plans were
discussed. 2 \$250.00 cancer
grants were awarded. The
next Auxiliary meeting will
be on Thursday, October
14th at 6 pm.

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Now We're
Cookin'
Barbie Porter

Colorado dishes for breakfast and dinner

The state of Colorado may bring about picturesque landscape scenery of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Plateau or even the plains in tucked in the western edge of the state.

Colorado is the 21st most populous U.S. state. In 2020 the population saw almost a 15 percent increase from the 2010 census and recorded 5.8 million people as residents. Denver is the capital and most populous city in Colorado.

When Colorado joined the Union on August 1, 1876, the state's population was about 195,327. U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the proclamation that admitted Colorado as the 38th state.

The state's name, Colorado, is the Spanish adjective that is the color of red sandstone. It's nickname is the Centennial State, a name it earned by getting statehood one century after the Declaration of Independence was signed.

When visiting a Coloradan's home, one might be served an eggs Benedict with southwest sauce or Rocky Mountain oysters.

Eggs Benedict with Southwest Sauce

The grocery list will include red potatoes, sweet red pepper, red onion, tomatoes, cilantro, olive oil, bacon, salt, pepper, butter, all-purpose flour, milk, Colby-Monterey Jack cheese, green chilies, white vinegar and eggs.

For a hearty breakfast for two (or light breakfast for four) take four medium-sized red potatoes and cube them. I fill a glass bowl with water, place the taters in there and microwave them until tender. Drain.

Cook four strips of bacon, with whatever method one prefers.

Grab a large skillet and add a drizzle of olive oil. Add a ½ cup of chopped sweet red pepper, ½ cup of chopped red onion and saute until tender. Add the taters, chopped strips of bacon and a dash of salt and two dashes of pepper. Saute again until the potatoes are slightly brown.

Grab a saucepan and melt 2 teaspoons of butter, stir in 1 tablespoon of all-

purpose flour and ¼ teaspoon of both pepper and salt. Stir until smooth.

Measure ¾ cup of milk (I prefer fat free) and add gradually. Bring to a boil and let it cook for about a minute or until it thickens.

Measure ¼ cup of Colby-Monterey Jack cheese and stir that in along with 1 tablespoon of chopped green chilies. Stir until the cheese is melted.

Then comes the eggs. The trick to providing the perfect Bene egg is placing about three inches of water in a skillet with high sides. Add 1 tablespoon of white vinegar and let it boil. Once there is a nice roll, break an egg and let it fall into the water. I usually cook two at a time. With a slotted spoon the eggs can be pulled from the boiling water (usually after 4 minutes). So, as the water is doing it's job, it is a good time to plate the potato mixture. When the egg whites are cooked, place the poached egg atop the taters, top with sauce and I like to add a little flair with chopped plum tomatoes and minced fresh cilantro.

Rocky Mountain Oysters

The grocery list for this recipe calls for calf testicles, beer, eggs, all-purpose flour, cornmeal, salt and pepper, olive oil and hot pepper sauce.

To prep, take about 4-pounds of calf testicles and split the skin that surrounds each testicle. Remove the skin and slice with a thickness of about ½ inch.

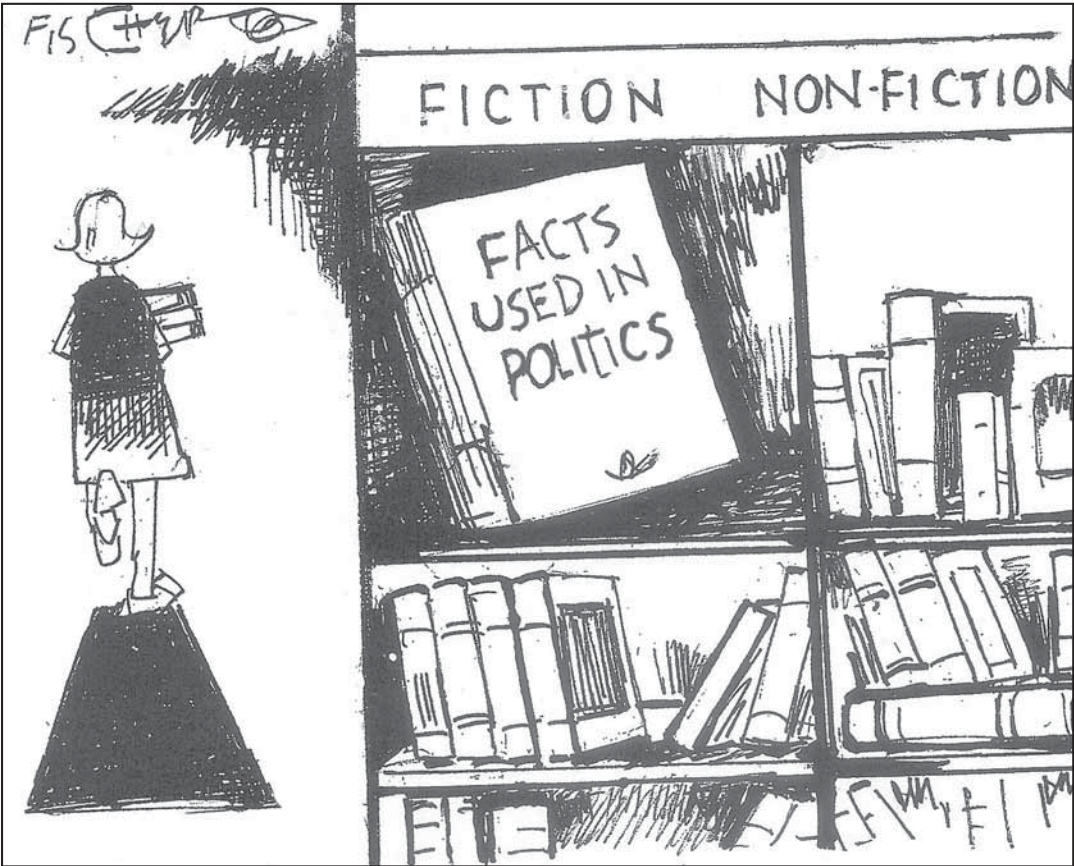
Place in a large pan and cover with beer. Let sit for about two hours.

Grab a shallow bowl and crack two eggs and beat. Add 1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour, ¼ cups of cornmeal, a pinch of salt and pepper and mix together.

Remove testicles from beer and let drain. Dredge well in the flour mix.

Take a deep skillet (or fryer) and heat with oil to 375 degrees. As they fry they transform into Rocky Mountain Oysters. Fry until they rise to the surface and are golden brown.

When done, let set on a paper towel to allow grease to drain, then serve hot with hot pepper sauce.



Summer fun in Otter Tail County

So it seems summer must come to an end, but she's not going out the door quietly. Activities abound to the extent that each weekend, you have to choose from many places to go which one to attend. Fairs. Shows. Dances. Fishing. Celebrations. Finn Fest. Demo derbies. So many choices. Some date confusion. Screwed up times and still haven't seen Larry and Eric play.

Polka Daze in Ottertail City won Friday night, and even though it has been going on for a day and a half already, we managed to get in a couple of hours of polkas, two-steps, and waltzes. We joined a large group of people inside a large "circus" tent, half of which was dance floor, and half of which was chairs, to which one moved when exhaustion threatened.

And threaten it did. We realized quite quickly that this older crowd with their campers and fifth-wheels evidently followed these bands across the state; and did it enough that they

were in good enough physical condition to never miss a dance. Dancing the polka is fun, but when it comes to out and out aerobic exercise, a full-bore polka is it. As you watch the dancers, some of them have learned how to "fake" it. Their steps are minute; their feet never leave the floor; they could do this all night long.

And then there is the other end of the polka spectrum. Their feet are barely on the floor. They apparently have rock solid inner ears, and no dizziness ever. Spin me around like that, and you better have a bucket handy.

Being there with these hard-core event followers seemed at first like being instantly transported to a foreign country. They all knew when to wave their cowboy hats in the air and shout song lines; when to respond to the singer's questions; when to holler yahoo at their lung's limits. Fun.

The weekend before this was the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion



The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda
Freelance Writer

in Rollag, which is west of everything, from us here, almost to the flat wheat lands of North Dakota. Arriving at this event? Automobiles lined up for entrance as far as the eye could see, down the highway in both directions.

And the parking. I doubt that there were less than 5,000 cars parked, up hill, down hill, in valleys, row by row, almost endless. The event? Sure. But I took pictures of the rolling hills of Rollag to send. To heck with hundreds of acres of steam machines. Well, not really.

Because, really, how great is it to walk downwind of hundreds of coal and wood fired steam machines

belching great clouds of fine smelling smoke?

And then there is the decision making involved at Rollag. Take a few years off me, and I would have just wandered from ice cream stand to ice cream stand, past the souvenir stands, past the train loading depot, through the railroad roundhouse, the blacksmith shop, the flour grinding mill, the Pabst engine-which is at the top of my list-past the water wheel, the engine shed, the millwork shop, the Osgood steam shovel.

And summer isn't over. There's still the fair at Wadena.

If summer lasted forever, we'd perish of exhaustion.

What direction must my vehicle face when I park?

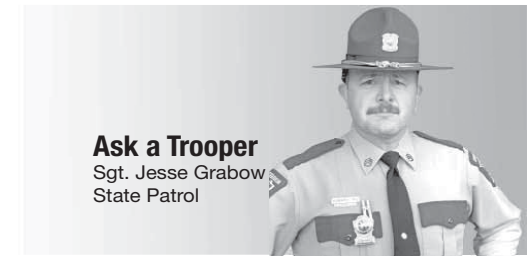
Question: In which direction must a vehicle face to be legally parking along a street or right-of-way?

Answer: The vehicle must face the same direction in which traffic is moving along that side of the street or right-of-way. Vehicles stopped or parked must have the right-hand wheels parallel with and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb. If there's no curb, the wheels must be to the right of the paved or improved or

main-traveled part of the street or highway.

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The New York Mills cross country hosted a home meet at Sonnenberg Farms last week.

NYM cross country team hosts home meet

This past week the New York Mills cross country team were busy as they had meets on Tuesday in NY Mills and Thursday in Ada.

In the meet the Eagles hosted, the boys were led by Simon Snyder who had the top time with Aiden Tumberg taking fifth, Braeden Malone sixth and Breck Hensch seventh.

Jada Goeson was NY Mills' top girl as she took fourth and Brielle Malone

10th. Many other NY Mills varsity runners also had their best times of the year including: McKenzie Draves, Macy Koljonen, Kaitlyn Geiser, Morgan O'Dea, Rosemary Laudenbach, Bryan Bohn, Austin Geiser and Jeron Witt.

In Thursday's meet in

CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS MEET
continued on 10



Defense, rushing attack leads Eagles past Wolverines

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

New York Mills was able to control its game against Wadena-Deer Creek with a dominating running attack and tough defensive pressure on Friday night. As a result, the Eagles were able to outlast their Highway 10 rival from just down the road by a score of 20-12.

"A great game between two rivals. We had a big crowd for both sides and a beautiful evening to play a high school football game," said head coach Matt Radniecki. "It was an exciting game from start to finish as both teams did what they did well."

After a scoreless first quarter, Bren Salo put the Eagles on the scoreboard for the first time in the second quarter when he scored on a 2-yard run. The point after kick failed to leave the score at 6-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Wolverines tied the game at 6-6 on a 10-yard pass. The two-point conversion failed to leave the score tied. Salo answered right back when he dashed down the field for a 77-yard touchdown run to make the score 12-6. He would also score the two-point conversion to give the Eagles a 14-6 lead.

Not wanting to go down without a fight, Wadena-Deer Creek answered that score with a 52-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-12. The two-point conversion failed.

The back-and-forth contest continued in the fourth quarter as Salo scored his second touchdown of the game on a 1-yard run. The two-point conversion failed to leave the score at 20-12. While the Eagles were able to keep the Wolverines off the scoreboard in the fourth quarter, WDC had a chance to tie the game but had a pass intercepted in the end zone by Eathan Ruther to

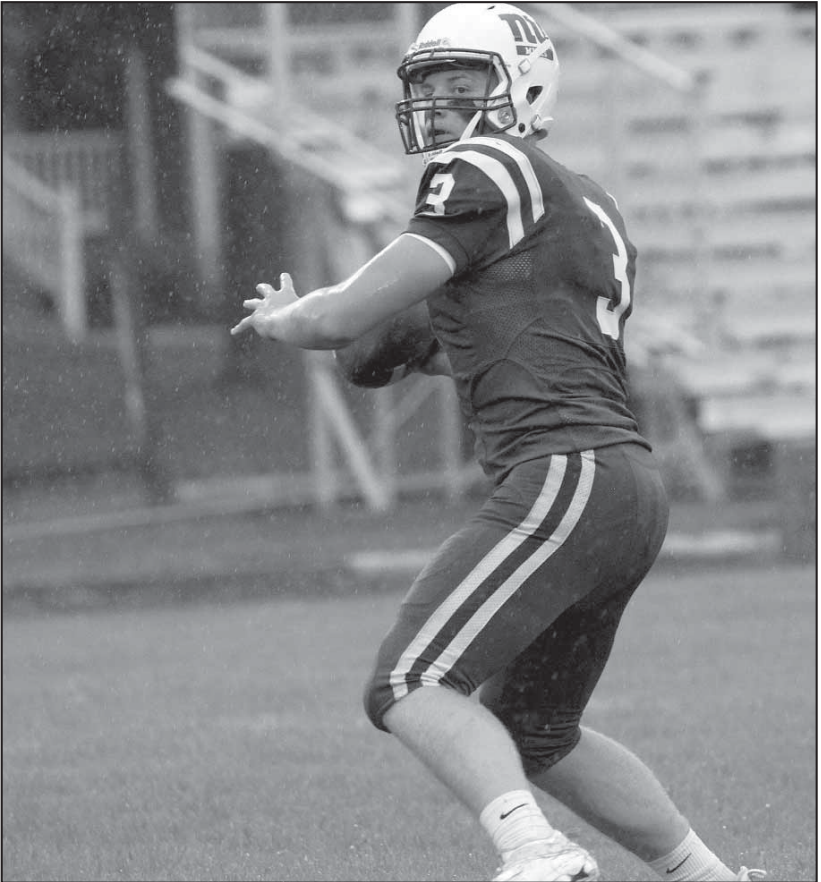


Photo by Chad Koenen

Bren Salo rushed for 176 yards as the Eagles defeated Wadena-Deer Creek by a score of 20-12 last week.

keep the Eagles in front.

"I was extremely proud of our team for not hanging their heads and making play after play, especially in the fourth quarter. We made some big plays in the fourth quarter to seal the win," said Radniecki. "We suffered some injuries before the game and during the game, but others came in and stepped up and helped lead to the victory."

Salo finished the game with a team high 176 yards rushing as the offensive line was able to create spacing for the Eagle backs all night long.

"Our line and rushing attack was outstanding all night long and pass defense came up in the fourth quarter with a big interception by Eathan Ruther in the end zone to stop a WDC drive," said Radniecki. "We had 350 yards of rushing with Bren Salo leading the way with 176 and Dane Niemi with 67 and Eathan Ruther with 103. Great job by all and the line did a very good job."

This week the Eagles, who are 2-0 on the season, will travel to undefeated Pine River-Backus. The Tigers come into the game with a 44-0 win over Walker-Hack-

ensack-Akeley, a 58-14 win over Bagley and a 33-6 win over Menahga. They come into the game averaging 45 points per game on offense, while giving up just 6.7 points per game on defense.

NY Mills, on the other hand, is averaging 31.5 points per game on offense and are giving up just 6 points per game on defense.

In addition to the varsity game on Friday night, the NY Mills JV team defeated Otter Tail Central by a score of 12-6 on Monday night. Jonah Ruther scored the winning touchdown with just 45 seconds to go in the game.

THANK YOU

To the family and friends of the late Louella (Lou) Robben we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses and for the condolences and support that we have received.

Thank you, to Hospice Red River Valley staff (our warriors in scrubs) for your remarkable support. Thank you, to Karvonen Funeral Home and staff including Entsy and Art for your guidance and comfort. Thank you, to the well represented V.F.W. Post 3289 Auxiliary for the beautiful and impressive memorial service. Thank you, to Designs by Tess for the vibrant, gorgeous floral arrangements. Thank you, to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Kurt Douglas, Kim Imsande, and to humble talented Gary Bach for your compassion, guidance and sincere concern through this journey.

Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

Family of Lou Robben

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS BIDS SOUGHT

The City of New York Mills is seeking bids from interested parties on a five-year lease of City owned property for agricultural purposes. The field available totals 48.19 tillable acres. The lease term would run for the five calendar years beginning in 2022 through 2026. The property is located at the City's sanitary sewer irrigation pivot #1 and thus will be subject to heavy watering as needed throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. The City will work with lease holders on refraining from irrigating during critical periods for crops; however, a lessee must plan to plant only crops that can tolerate heavy watering. Lessor does not guarantee irrigation in dry years. The field is a fan shaped area as follows:

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The parcel is located in Newton Township and will be subject to normal agricultural property tax rates. The Otter Tail County Assessor's office estimated that the taxes would total \$700 a year at current tax rates.

Interested parties may pick up the proposed lease agreement and bid form at the City Clerk's office located at 28 Centennial 84 Drive West, New York Mills, MN. Packets can be e-mailed or picked up in person. To request a packet, send an e-mail to: cityclerk@cityofnewmills.org or call the City offices at 218-385-2213. Bids should be received in the City offices no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, October 8, 2021.

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NYM improves to 6-2 with a pair of wins

By Chad Koenen
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New York Mills swept its way to a pair of wins last week.

After defeating Lake Park-Audubon by a score of 3-0 on Monday night, the Eagles defeated Sebeka 3-0 on Thursday in NY Mills' home opener.

This week the 6-2 Eagles will hit the road once again as they will travel to Staples-Motley in non-conference action on Tuesday night and travel to Pillager on Thursday for another Park Region Conference game against the Huskies.

Next week the Eagles will take on Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal on Monday, Sept. 27 and return home on Sept. 30 to take on Menahga.

Monday

NY Mills came out firing on all cylinders last Monday night as the Eagles defeated Lake Park-Audubon by a score of 3-0. The Eagles won the first game by a score of 25-9, before continuing to keep the pressure on the Raiders as they came away with 25-19, 25-17 wins in the second and third games.

Kali Olson led a balanced offensive attack with 8 kills, while Moriah Geiser finished with 6 kills and Natalie Pederson chipped in with 5 kills of her own.

Kali Olson and Ayla Ol-



Photos by Tasha Geiser

Above: Kaylee Meech returns a shot during New York Mills' game against Lake Park-Audubon last week. **Right:** Ayla Olson sets the ball up for the Eagles during last week's home opener in New York Mills.

son led the way with 4 and 3 aces respectively, while Aliya Gerber and Ayla Olson each had 12 digs in the win.

SERVING- Ayla Olson 8-9 (3 ace), Kaylee Meech 0-1, Isabella Bauck 8-9, Kali Olson 11-14 (4 ace), Moriah Geiser 20-20 (2 ace), Aliya Gerber 15-16 (1 ace), Hayley Hudalla 3-5

KILLS- Megan Riedel 2, Ayla Olson 3, Kali Olson 8, Natalie Pederson 5, Moriah Geiser 6, Alayna Baune 1

BLOCKS- Ayla Olson 1, Mairyn Erp 1, Kali Olson 5

ASSISTS- Kailey Keskitalo 2, Ayla Olson 11, Kali Olson 4, Natalie Pederson 1, Aliya Gerber 5

DIGS- Megan Riedel 1, Ayla Olson 12, Isabella Bauck 3, Kali Olson 5, Natalie Pederson 1, MacKenzie Gilster 1, Mo-

riah Geiser 1, Aliya Gerber 12

Thursday

NY Mills picked up its second straight PRC win with a 3-0 win over Sebeka on Thursday night.

The closest game of the night was in the first game as the Eagles defeated the Trojans by a score of 25-18, before going on to win by scores of 25-16 and 25-13.

Kali Olson dominated the Trojans at the net throughout the night as she finished with 17 kills, while Ayla Olson finished with 8 and Mo-



riah Geiser finished with 7.

Aliya Gerber led the way with 19 digs, while Kali Olson once again made her presence felt at the service line as she finished with 3 aces.

SERVING- Ayla Olson 6-10 (1 ace), Isabella Bauck 8-8, Kali Olson 11-12 (3 ace), Moriah Geiser 15-15 (1 ace), Aliya Gerber 21-22, Hayley Hudalla 5-6

KILLS- Megan Riedel 4, Ayla Olson 8, Mairyn Erp 3, Kali Olson 17, Natalie Pederson 1, Moriah Geiser 7

BLOCKS- Megan Riedel 1, Ayla Olson 3, Mairyn Erp 1, Kali Olson 4, Natalie Pederson 3, Moriah Geiser 1

ASSISTS- Ayla Olson 18, Isabella Bauck 1, Kali Olson 11, Aliya Gerber 2

DIGS- Megan Riedel 1, Ayla Olson 11, Isabella Bauck 3, Kali Olson 13, Natalie Pederson 1, Moriah Geiser 6, Aliya Gerber 19, Hayley Hudalla 3



Contributed photo

Breck Hensch nears the finish line during last week's home meet in New York Mills. The New York Mills cross country team hosted a home meet last week at Sonnenberg Farms.

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Ada-Borup, the team did well in the larger 16 school meet. The varsity girls placed eighth as a team and the boys varsity placed 10th.

Jada Goeson finished in 19th place to lead the Eagles and Simon Snyder was the top runner for the boys. This season NY Mills has been able to consistently have complete varsity teams for both boys and girls.

"It is exciting to see our

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runners improving and cutting their times. Some runners have reduced their race times by over 5 minutes! You can see that the hard work they put in at practice really helps. I expect even better things from them as the season continues," said head coach Greg Esala after the meets.

This week the Eagles compete on Thursday in a meet hosted by Pillager.

Yellowjackets to travel to Detroit Lakes on Thursday



Photo by Chad Koenen

Jane Gudmundson returns a shot during a recent tennis match in Perham. New York Mills students participate on the co-op tennis team with Perham. Results from the match were not available at the time of press. This week the Yellowjackets will host Parkers Prairie on Tuesday, before heading to Detroit Lakes on Thursday and participating in a triangular in Thief River Falls on Saturday.

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Homecoming candidates and master/mistress of ceremonies include: Jacob Guck, Bren Salo, Aliya Gerber, Breck Hensch, Irene Mursu, MacKenzie Gilster, Mairyn Erp, Dane Niemi, Moriah Geiser, Jack Peeters and Ariel Arno.

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Homecoming week to kick off Monday at NYM School

*Coronation set for Monday
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By Chad Koenen
Publisher

School spirit will be on display next week at New York Mills for the annual homecoming week celebration.

Homecoming week will kick off on Monday with homecoming coronation at the school beginning at 2 p.m. Coronation will be held in the auditorium. Queen candidates include: Mairyn Erp, MacKenzie Gilster, Aliya Gerber, Irene

Mursu, Moriah Geiser and Ariel Arno (Mistress of Ceremony). King candidates include: Bren Salo, Noah Noffsinger, Jacob Guck, Breck Hensch, Dane Niemi, and Jack Peeters (Master of Ceremony).

The dress up theme for Monday will be beach day for the high school students and dress to impress/picture day for the elementary.

On Tuesday homecoming week will continue with dress to impress day for the

high school and beach day for the elementary students. The senior class will have a dress up day of Throw back Tuesday.

On Wednesday homecoming week will feature color day at the school. Each grade will have an assigned color to dress up in throughout the day. Seniors - black, Juniors - white, Sophomores - gray, Freshman - red, 8th grade - blue, 7th grade - green, 6th grade - black, 5th grade - white, 4th grade - gray, 3rd grade - red, 2nd grade - blue, 1st grade - green, Kindergarten - orange, PreK - yellow and Staff - pink.

Thursday's dress up day will give students an opportunity to show off their American spirit for USA/Jersey day.

Homecoming week will come to a close on Friday with the spirit breakfast, elementary pepfest/red wagon parade in the gym after the spirit breakfast and a high school pepfest/Minute to Win it activities done by each grade in the afternoon. Following the football game the homecoming dance will be held at the school.

More information about homecoming week will be featured in next week's issue of the Dispatch.

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