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PRINCESSES, GOBLINS, GHOSTS, OH MY!

Photos by Chad Koenen
The New York Mills Cultural Center was filled with everything from super heroes to sports legends and a few princesses during the annual community Halloween celebration on Saturday. The day featured a variety of arts and crafts projects, games and plenty of candy. In addition to the event at the Cultural Center, Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill hosted a Halloween bowling special on Saturday. On Sunday, the annual trunk or treat event was held at the City Center building in NY Mills. Above: Kylee and Tyler Beiswinger complete an arts and crafts project at the Cultural Center.



NYM School receives positive marks from audit

Expenses were less than budget last year

By Jenna Baker
Correspondent

The main topic of discussion at the October New York Mills School Board meeting was the presentation of the school's 2019-20 audit by Eide Bailly. Present

via Zoom was Courtney Richman of Eide Bailly who gave an overview of the findings, funds and balances of the school district.

Overall, Richman said that all findings were very common not only for schools, but for businesses of all types and were also

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Contributed photo
Talli Schmitz went on a youth hunt with her uncle Jeremy Fiatau of Perham. She brought home a nice sized buck.

NY Mills teen bags first 'real buck'

Youth hunting season a success for Schmitz

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

Hunting is a family affair for Talli Schmitz. When deer hunting season rolls around the rifles are cleaned, safety checks performed and scopes sighted. And, many family members pack their

bags and travel to family-owned property where memories are made annually.

"We have party hunts where all the cousins and family come," she said. "When I was younger, I looked forward to reaching the right age so that I could join them."

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A group of community volunteers gathered last year to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal at Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery. This year's Thanksgiving Eve meal will be served at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Thanksgiving Eve meal returning to NYM

Meal to be prepared by Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery, served at Trinity church

By Tucker Henderson
Reporter

Trinity Church will once again be hosting a community Thanksgiving meal on November 24.

After 10 years of preparing the annual meal, Barb and Gary Schultz of Concept Catering, have passed the baton to Lisa Kopveiler, owner of the Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery.

The meal was canceled last year due to COVID-related concerns and will feature a few changes this year.

Changes in execution from previous years will include menu items. This year's feast will include turkey or ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, glazed carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, and a pumpkin dessert. Dine in

at Trinity Lutheran Church will take place on Nov. 24 from 4-6 p.m. Worship will be held at 6:30 p.m. following the meal.

Delivery will be available in a limited capacity by calling Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery at 385-3035 for more information. Delivery and pick-up reservations must be ordered by November 19 and will all be deliv-

ered by 3:30 p.m. on November 24. Reservations can be made with Karen Brasel at 298-2214 or 385-2772.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery are requesting people to call ahead, if possible, if they are planning to attend the meal.

Volunteers are also sought out for preparation, set up, deliveries, and clean up. Get in touch with the

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Interactive Smart TVs installed in New York Mills School classrooms

New TVs to replace SMART Boards, provide new learning opportunities

By Tucker Henderson
Reporter

During the week of MEA break, the IT team at New York Mills School updated the former SMART Boards with state-of-the-art ViewSonic IFPs (Interactive Flat Panel). These new screens are a timely upgrade from the former SMART Boards being used throughout the district. The state-of-the-art IFPs have many capabilities that SMART Boards lack.

Teachers no longer need to turn off lights, replace dead bulbs, or worry about visual quality anymore. ViewSonic IFPs don't require costly projectors to utilize their whiteboard feature. Larger groups are now able to interact with the screens together in contrast to one sole teacher with a

SMART Board. Updated sound systems and a webcam are included to enable a teacher to teach from home or teach students that are limited to home learning.

Whiteboard notes can now be saved and shared with students, which helps in instances of distance learning, make-up work, and saving class notes.

"The possibilities go far beyond this as the companies keep adding more and more to their software," said said Technology Coordinator Nick DeVillers.

The capabilities of each flat panel will increase the more widely they are used. Roughly 50 units were installed in the NY Mills classrooms in the past weeks. There are 10 on mobile carts that will be used for kindergarten and science classes.

Staff training will be held in multiple sessions throughout the coming school year as well as next year. Zoom sessions will cover the basics for all staff, and on-site trainers will be coming in between November and January to teach longer, interactive sessions. Trainers will stay to assist with lessons during the first days of use.

While COVID-19 lingers, the future of distance learning vs. on-site learning is still unknown. The ViewSonic IFPs are a much needed and powerful tool at the disposal of any teacher. Whether distance learning becomes essential for students again or not, the new IFPs will give students and teachers a leg-up on every-day learning.



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New View-Sonic IFPs have been installed in a number of classrooms at New York Mills School. The interactive TVs will replace the SMART Boards that were previously used at NY Mills School.

HARVESTING HER FIRST BUCK

The daughter of Angela and Kyle Rienke, and Chad Schmitz, has been hunting four times since those days of anticipation. And, before this youth season concluded, she captured her first "real buck."

During youth season, those 10-17 years of age, are invited to hunt deer with the guidance of an adult, who need a hunting license. This go around, the seventh grader at New York Mills High School ventured into the woods with her uncle Jeremy Flatau of Perham.

"I just said, 'Hey, the youth hunt is coming up' and he was onboard," she said. "We have stands on my grandparent's land in Perham. There is a good spot in the back."

The two went to the hunting grounds as the weekend rolled in. They walked to the stand as the sun fell from the sky, highlighting the clouds with a heavenly glow. While the temperatures felt like fall, Schmitz said their box stand had a window that

was in direct contact with the sun for much of the day.

"When we got in there it was super hot; we didn't need a heater," the rural NY Mills resident said.

The two got comfortable and Flatau shared stories of many bucks cantering across the field on trail cameras leading up to the hunt. Schmitz expressed excitement of capturing her first "real buck."

"I got a button buck in 2019, but that wasn't a real buck," she explained, noting she was aiming for a full rack.

When in a deer stand, time can slip by without much thought of tracking it.

"We were out there a half hour, or maybe it was an hour," Schmitz said. "I'm not sure, but a doe came out."

The doe sat by itself on the edge of the woods and provided a clear shot, but Flatau told his niece to wait for the buck. Schmitz took a seat on the floor.

"I was in a chair, but I



Contributed photo

Tali Schmitz bagged a 9-point buck this youth hunting season.

needed to sit on the floor so I wouldn't see it," she said. "If I didn't see it, I wouldn't

shoot it." The phone came out and time was passed by surfing

the internet while eating popcorn. Eventually, her uncle whispered a notification that a buck had approached. Schmitz darted up to look out the window.

"He told me to move slow because there were four under us and three in the field," she said, noting she gave him a look said, "And you're just telling me this now?"

Schmitz decided to give her uncle grief later and focus on the moment. She steadied her gun and viewed the targets. There was a "unicorn with one horn" in the bunch. She took aim.

"Then it looked straight at me, turned its body and ran away with several other deer," she said. "So, I missed that chance."

The missed opportunity was soon followed by two fawns walking into view. Behind them were two bucks.

"They were about 100-yards away, maybe 125," she said. "When I sighted in the gun I was shooting targets 100 yards away, so I had

confidence."

While the target was in range, Schmitz couldn't control her breathing. She was nervous she would make a noise or miss the shot and her pumping adrenaline didn't help matters. So, she took a deep breath and held it. With the buck in the cross hairs, she fired.

"By then it wasn't completely dark, but the sun was down," she said. "The buck was a few yards from where I was; my uncle knew right away I hit it."

The two waited. With flashlights on, they followed the blood trail a few yards away to the 9-point buck. With an ATV, the deer was brought back to a nearby shed. The two prepared the deer to extract the meat for processing for steaks, burgers and more.

When the family gathers for the upcoming rifle season in early November, Schmitz plans to punch her doe tag and share the story of capturing her first "real buck."

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THANKSGIVING EVE MEAL

Bakery if you can help. The Senior Center, Trinity Lutheran Church and Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery are all places that sign-up sheets will be available for the meal. The meal will be free-will offering and any additional

donations are well appreciated. All proceeds go to Santa Anonymous similar to prior years.

"Trinity would like to share their blessings and give thanks as a community," said Brasel.

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Church has made sure to highlight this in its 10 years of serving meals to the community. Starting at 250 meals its first year, large community involvement has peaked it at over 1,000 meals served during its best year.

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consistent with the previous year. She explained that the district received a "clean" report, noting that this is a professional opinion and that it is one that was also given last year.

Another highlight noted by Richman was the district's expenses were less than what was budgeted for, which she accredited to conservative budgeting. She also thanked the district, including Business Manager Marsha Maki, for their hard work to help prepare the audit.

Richman also shared that the district has seen growth in the total fund balances over the years. She explained that certain funds are classified as restricted or assigned, with restricted funds being controlled by the state in regards to what they are used for and assigned funds being controlled by the district.

Additionally, Richman provided a recommendation for the district to strive to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance in an amount that is no less than six weeks of operating expenditures.

Superintendent Blaine Novak noted that while the district isn't quite at the six week mark, they are almost there and are much closer to

that number than in years past. He also said that overall, the audit was very positive.

Later in the meeting, the board approved the receipt and review of the 2019-20 audit.

Also present at the meeting were a handful of teachers who are new to the district for the 2021-22 school year. The board took time to hear from those present regarding their experience thus far. All staff present noted having a positive introduction to the district and community.

The newest additions to the teaching staff at New York Mills include: Doug Schulz (high school science), Kate Schanning (high school special education), Kelsey Pieschke (high school social studies), Alecia Wahlin (5-8 special education), Cambria Jacobs (5-12 band director), Taylor Lehti (third grade teacher), Madison Cichy (second grade teacher) and Adele Esala (elementary interventionist).

Additionally in regards to staffing, the administration gave a shout-out to the district's technology staff of Nick DeVillers and Jason Hoaby for all their everyday work, particularly with installing the interactive TVs

in classrooms and educating on their use.

Also at the meeting, the board heard from High School Principal Michelle Young who provided a variety of updates from the high school end. She informed the board that environmental sensors have been installed in the high school bathrooms to detect vapors, extreme noises and the like. Young explained that students are aware of these sensors and that there are also cameras placed in the hall, outside the bathroom entrances which turn on if the sensors detect anything so those coming out of the bathroom at the time of the incident are recorded.

In addition, Young and Novak noted the numerous events that have recently wrapped up or are coming up for the district. The end of the quarter is November 5 with conferences on November 11. In the elementary, they recently participated in Walk to School Day as well as bus safety training. Events that are also on the horizon are playoffs for most fall sports, the school play and Community Carnival.

The next regular meeting for the New York Mills School Board is Monday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

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Photo by Tom Hintgen

Phelps Mill foundation repairs should be completed by May 2022.

Phelps Mill foundation repairs set for next year

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

The Phelps Mill foundation is in need of repairs, and funding to help Otter Tail County in this endeavor has come from the state of Minnesota.

A grant of \$275,500 is coming to the county from the Minnesota State Historical Society.

"There is a required county match," says Deputy County Administrator Nick Leonard. "We anticipate that opening bids for the project will take place on Nov. 2 this year."

Awarding of bids will likely take place later in November, Leonard added. "If all goes according to plan, we could complete

the project of repairs to the Phelps Mill foundation by May 2022," Leonard said.

The historic mill was built in 1889, so the Phelps Mill structure is now 132 years old.

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It's go-slow approach for county ditch work

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

County commissioners, on Oct. 26, voted to proceed with a cautious approach to cleaning Ditch 25 near Big McDonald Lake, northwest of Dent and close to County Highway 35.

Key issues are water quality and water quantity. Property owners north of Highway 35 would like to see Ditch 25 cleaned south of Highway 35, in order to make sure water can continue to flow through the ditch system.

Property owners close to Big McDonald Lake have concerns about poor water quality coming from the north. The lake area resi-



Kenneth Fellbaum

dents want to see a vegetative filter in place along the ditch system.

"This has been an area of

concern for many years," said county ditch director Kevin Fellbaum. "That's why we are taking baby steps in proceeding forward in order to restore the ditch to a more functional state. At the same time we will make sure that we are aware of the water quality concerns."

Fellbaum said the county also wants to make sure that it is accomplishing a project that does not negatively impact anyone.

"This project was discussed and accepted by

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East Otter Tail County 4-H had 15 youth who attended the "ignite your Spark" camp at Camp Haven near Battle Lake. Youth who attended the event includes: Front row: Isaac Geiser, Elyana Ruther, Kelly Wagenman, Kylee Arndt, Alexis Midtling and Caroline Schwantes. Middle row: Lucey Minten, Kacie Riepe, Ella Horn, Caylee Seedorf; Back: Kerry Bakken, Eva Blashack, Nathan Blashack, Isaac Blashack and Brock Ruther.

EOT 4-H attend leadership training

Camp was held at Faith Haven near Battle Lake

4-H Junior Leader Workshop (JLW) "ignite Your Spark" was held October 21 at Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake.

The camp is designed to inspire and enable each participant to uncover unique abilities, develop greater confidence and master strategies for success as a leader in their 4-H program. It is essential for the future of rural communities to develop leaders to become productive and contributing individuals. A total of 60 youth in grades

6-9 attended, representing eight 4-H programs to discover their sparks and develop their leadership skills.

Youth participants are part of different planning committees. These committees are used as vehicles to empower youth to become more confident, learn to work as part of a team and to showcase their skills to others. Committee members plan activities and implement them throughout the camp. Committees are

guided by Continuing Committee Members (CCM's) who were chosen after last year's JLW through an application process.

In addition to working in their committees, participants took part in workshops to further develop their leadership skills. Workshops included: Team building, social emotional learning, communication, problem solving, stress management, exploring the Minnesota 4-H State ambassador program and learning about themselves.

For information about 4-H contact the East Otter Tail County Extension Office at (218) 385-5420



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Groffs invite strangers into their family

Former para offers Host Home in rural Perham

By Barbie Porter
Editor, Frazee-Vergas Forum

The Groff family of rural Frazee began adding strangers to their family in 2011. Lori and David Groff became a Host Home provider, which offers family-style living for individuals with disabilities.

"Those we host become a part of our family in all aspects; living right in our home, going and doing what we do, if they choose," Lori said, adding she and her husband are dual licensed by the state for adults and children.

When the idea of being a Host Home was presented to the family, Lori said everyone was on-board. So, the next steps were taken.

"There was a lot to do," she said, noting paperwork, home inspections and making the house handicapped accessible were all part of the process.

The Groffs started their journey to help others as a subcontractor with Lutheran Social Services. Lori noted those that live with them have their own parents; the adults may have disabilities and be transitioning into independent living, whereas children come to them for foster care.

"Each individual comes



Contributed photo
David and Lori Groff offer Host Home services to adults with disabilities and foster children.

to us with their own specific wants and needs," she said. "We work with this individual as a family along side of the state, county, their health providers and many others to support this individual in a full life. This can include, community involvement, social skills, vocational and independent skills, health and wellness."

Lori noted their longest resident was with them for four years, and after

the person gained skills for independent living and moved out, they are still invited to all family functions.

"It's very challenging and rewarding at the same time," she said.

The Lori's have two children, and while they are now adults, she said they learned a great deal from growing up in a Host Home.

"I think they developed more empathy and understanding that we all have

something in life that is a challenge, and you take it step-by-step," she said. "They also saw we treated everyone who lived with us equal."

In addition to learning about challenges of those with disabilities, as their children grew into young adults, they took classes to provide respite care. Respite care offers the full-time caregiver an opportunity to go on vacation or step away from the 24-hour duties of caring for someone.

For many years, in addition to giving extra support to those living in their Host Home, the two worked outside the home. Lori was a paraprofessional for special education students. Her time with both the Frazee-Vergas School District and Perham School District introduced her to working with case managers, which is something she must do as a Host Home provider. Lori took a leave of absence last year, due to COVID-19. This year, she decided to resign her position and fully focus on caring for those in the Host Home program.

"My husband is still working full time with Essers in Perham," Lori added.

During their tenure as a Host Home, the Groffs have had three individuals long term and two kids. They are limited to two and currently have a teen and provide emergency foster care.

"It is a challenging job and requires a 24-hour commitment," she said, adding anyone interested in learning more about Host Homes can visit www.lssmn.org.



Contributed photo
Chris Koza will be performing at the Cultural Center in New York Mills on Nov. 5.

Koza to return to New York Mills for concert

Cultural Center to host singer on November 5

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is hosting Chris Koza in concert on Friday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Koza is a performing artist who utilizes his comforting and raw vocals to sway people into his compositions. A composer and performer, originally from the Pacific Northwest, Koza is comforted in Minnesota by the outstanding music scene that

compliments his roots in folk, country, and rock 'n' roll music.

The music Koza produces is rooted in Americana, but heeds his own spirit. Born out of folk, country, storytelling and rock 'n roll, Koza both honors

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COUNTY DITCH WORK

both parties, the property owners to the north of Highway 35 and the residents near Big McDonald Lake," Fellbaum said.

County commissioners followed a ditch inspector's recommendation to perform brush removal only, as a first step, south of Highway 35.

Only chain saws and hand tools will be used while removing any brush or trees that have fallen down or are in the channel of Ditch 25. No mechanical work will be conducted, at this time.

Living trees and brush on the banks of the ditch corridor will be left in place in order to maintain the vegetative bank.

A drainage system representative will be onsite when the work is being done to verify what can and what cannot be removed. County ditches are regulat-

ed by the County Ditch Authority which is comprised of the five-person Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners.

The five county commissioners (Wayne Johnson of Pelican Rapids, Dan Bucholz of Perham, Betty Murphy of Maine Township, Kurt Mortenson of rural Underwood and Lee Rogness of Fergus Falls) manage the systems according to Minnesota State Statute 103E.

The Ditch Authority is responsible for maintaining and repairing a drainage system as nearly comparable to the original design as possible.

Repairs are determined to take place by requests from the benefitted property owners of that ditch or by the annual inspections performed by county ditch inspectors.

PHELPS MILL REPAIRS

Located in Maine Township of central Otter Tail County, the mill was designed to produce 60 to 75 barrels of flour per day.

At the height of the wheat grinding season, 25 to 35 wagons loaded with stacks of wheat would line up outside the mill. Nearby was a restaurant, general store and blacksmith shop. Phelps Mill was very successful until 1900, but after that year business gradually declined. William Thomas sold the mill in 1919.

By the 1930s the railway was in place and it became easier for county farmers to ship their grain to Minneapolis. Phelps Mill went out of business in 1939.

In 1965 Otter Tail County purchased the mill and sur-

rounding land as a recreational site.

The nearby picnic grounds, operated by Otter Tail County, is a popular place for family reunions. Each summer the park is also host to the annual Phelps Mill arts festival.

County board members, in 2019, approved the purchase of 71.8 acres of land just north of the current Phelps Mill Park. This more than doubles the park from the original 51.2 acres.

Phelps Mill was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Thousands of photos have been taken at the mill site over the years, and painters have also produced artwork of Phelps Mill.

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Agent Hallie Metcalf receives the Probation Officer of the Year award for her service with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Metcalf named Probation Officer of the Year

Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Minnesota (MADD) held its Statewide Recognition Awards event on October 19, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center.

MADD presents these awards to "honor and thank all of you for your dedicated services to Minnesota and your communities and for your partnership with MADD's mission to end drunk driving and drugged driving."

County employees Hallie Metcalf and Deputy Allen Mekash earned awards at the event. Jenna Kavanagh, an Otter Tail County DWI Court graduate, was named



OTC AWARDS Deputy Allen Mekash received the Outstanding Service Award for his efforts from the Department of Public Safety.
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Tri-County Health Care adds a new primary care provider

John Lindblom, DO, is the newest member of the Tri-County Health Care team. Dr. Lindblom practices osteopathic medicine and will see patients as a primary care provider.

Osteopathic medicine brings a holistic approach to patient care – treating the entire person rather than just the symptoms. DOs focus on preventive care to help patients develop attitudes and lifestyles that fight illness while helping prevent it. This practice also focuses on the musculoskeletal system, which provides a better understanding of

how an injury or illness in one part of the body can affect another.

Dr. Lindblom is from the Fergus Falls area and has a strong passion for the outdoors. He enjoys metalworking, welding and exploring the wilderness of Minnesota with his trusty metal detector.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Lindblom, please call (218)631-3510. To learn more about our providers, please visit www.tchc.org/primarycare and follow Tri-County Health Care on social media for regular updates.



John Lindblom

Changes in COVID-19 testing notifications

Tri-County Health Care is changing the COVID-19 test result notification process. In an effort to reduce clinical workload, negative test results will be predominantly communicated via MyChart and mail. Patients with positive test results will be contacted by phone and MyChart.

It is strongly recommended that patients sign up and use MyChart. This service allows for the efficient distribution

of medical information and instructions, including test results. Patients often receive test results much faster by utilizing MyChart. Sign up for MyChart on www.TCHC.org/mychart.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, The Minnesota National Guard will be overseeing a COVID-19 rapid testing site in Wadena. It will operate on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11-6 p.m. at the Wadena Armory located at 517 N

Jefferson St. It will continue until the end of December. Tests can be arranged by appointment or walk-in. Testing is free.

Additionally, medical staff at Tri-County Health Care anticipate the COVID-19 vaccine will be approved for children, ages 5-11. Please continue to check local newspapers and TCHC.org for further updates.

KOZA RETURNS TO NYM

and builds on Americana traditions by incorporating a unique pop-music sensibility, subtle synthesizers, rich harmonies, and imaginative production choices.

Both solo and with his band Rogue Valley, he has supported and shared the stage with artists such as Brandi Carlile, Ingrid Michaelson, and The Jayhawks, among others. His music appears regularly on ABC's General Hospital and 60 Minutes, and his song Be Wild is featured as the soundtrack to a State of Minnesota tourism campaign. His song (Rogue Valley)

The Wolves and the Ravens was featured in Ben Stiller's film The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

Koza and his band were in New York Mills in September 2019 for a week-long residency, where they spent time in local schools, senior care facilities, workshops at the Cultural Center, and breweries, connecting with local residents. Everyone who worked with Koza and his band spoke highly of the experience. We are so happy to welcome Koza back for this solo show.

Tickets to the November

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Above: Gage Aanenson is pictured with his 8 point buck that he got by Big Pine Lake.



Above: Dixie Dykhoff is pictured with her grandpa Rowland Bauck and her 8 point buck.



Above: Maggy Weller, age 11 New York Mills, got this 11 point buck during the youth hunt.

Youth capture deer, memories during youth hunt



Above: Ryder Davis is pictured with his first buck.

Below: Paxton Hendrickx, age 10, shot a 10 point buck in Hillview during his first time hunting.



Left: Parker Hendrickx, age 12, is pictured with the deer he shot over the weekend in Hillview.



Above: Reed Rastedt shot this buck during youth hunt.



Above: Talli Schmitz, youth hunt, shot this 8 point buck.



Above: Father/son bow hunt, Sam and Noah Tumberg got this deer on October 4.

City of New York Mills Public Works

Date	High	Low	Prec.	Date	High	Low	Prec.
10/25/2021	45	30		10/25/2020	29	18	0.2" Snow
10/26/2021	49	30		10/26/2020	26	18	Trace-Snow
10/27/2021	53	38	0.05" Rain	10/27/2020	26	11	
10/28/2021	44	41	1.06" Rain	10/28/2020	31	12	
10/29/2021	54	31	0.02" Rain	10/29/2020	42	19	
10/30/2021	55	30		10/30/2020	29	18	Trace-Snow
10/31/2021	55	28		10/31/2020	41	29	
11/1/2021	40	31		11/1/2020	46	19	

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

The City Utilities 24 hour emergency on call service at 218-385-2213 (subject to after hours call pay) Regular hours are 7AM to 4PM Monday - Friday

OTC AWARDS

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Offender Speaker of the Year.

Metcalfe, Otter Tail County DWI Court Probation Officer, received the Judiciary Award: Probation Officer of the Year. She has served on the Specialty Treatment Court for 13 years. Earlier this month the Otter Tail County DWI Court Team earned the 2021 "Excellence in Corrections Award" by the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO).

"I am humbled by this recognition from an organization with an honorable mission," said Metcalfe. "This work is challenging, yet seeing clients begin to succeed and dramatically change

their lives is rewarding and saves lives."

The Outstanding Service to Greater Minnesota Award was given to Mekash. He also received a bronze pin as a DUI Enforcer Award. Mekash is a 3-time Minnesota Department of Public Safety DWI All-Star honored for his work and dedication to impaired driving enforcement.

"Deputy Allen Mekash continues to make the roads of Otter Tail County safer due to his dedication to traffic enforcement and taking impaired drivers off the road," said Sheriff Barry Fitzgibbons. "Thank you for your continued work protecting Otter Tail County and those on our roadways."



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Sebeka

Church Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Joyful Spirit United
Methodist Church**
61847 State Hwy. 29, Wadena
Ricardo Alcoser, 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
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
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Confirma-
tion Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday
school 10 a.m. In-person Worship,
Online Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Driver injured near Rush Lake

By Tom Hintgen
Ottar Tail County Correspondent

The driver of a vehicle was injured near the south side of Rush Lake at 5:07 a.m. on Oct. 23. The accident took place near the intersection of Highway 54 and Boys Shore Road. Sheriff deputies identified the victim as 19-year-old Presten Newborg of New York Mills. Newborg lost control of his vehicle and entered the

north ditch. He then struck a grove of pine trees.

He was transferred to the Perham hospital by Perham Area EMS and then was transported to Sanford in Fargo via helicopter. The good news was that his injuries were non-life threatening.

Also assisting sheriff deputies were fire and rescue personnel from the town of Ottertail.

SENIOR MENU

Wednesday, Nov. 3- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Strawberry Rhubarb Pie, Bread/Butter, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 4- Sliced Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Baby Carrots, Butterscotch Pudding/Top., Bread/Butter, Milk

Friday, Nov. 5- Chick-

en Kiev, Rice Pilaf, Mediterranean Blend, Carrot Cake, Bread/Butter, Milk

Monday, Nov. 8- Baked Chicken, Twice Baked Potatoes, Cream Style Corn, Crème Pie, Bread/Butter, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 9- Ribs/Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Angel Food Cake, Bread/Butter, Milk

NYM SCHOOL MENU

Wednesday, Nov. 3- Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy, Hardboiled Egg, Fruit/Juice; Lunch: Pizza, Baked Beans, Fruit, Vegetable

Thursday, Nov. 4- Breakfast: Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Fruit/Juice; Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Goldfish, Fruit, Vegetable

Friday, Nov. 5- Breakfast: Benefit Bar, Sunflower Seeds, Fruit, Vegetable;

Lunch: Cheesy Pull-a-Parts, Marina Sauce, Fruit, Vegetables

Monday, Nov. 8- Breakfast: Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit/Juice; Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Fruit, Vegetable

Tuesday, Nov. 9- Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Betty Crocker Bar, Fruit/Juice; Lunch: Taco in a Boat, Refried Beans, Fruit, Vegetable

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Obituaries

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Gloria Setterholm, 80

Funeral services were held for Gloria Setterholm of Battle Lake, on Saturday, October 29, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills with Pastor Kirk Douglas officiating. Music was provided by Janell Brakel. Pallbearers were Jeff Perala, Joel Perala, Jay Perna, Jarl Perna, Duane Koehler, Gary Luebben, Mike Nagel, Chuck Ross, Janna Luebben and Tamara Uselman. Honorary Pallbearers were Gloria's grandchildren: Taly, Ainsley, Cailyn and Lauren. Gloria was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, New York Mills.

Gloria Jean Hepola was born on July 26, 1941 at Wesley Hospital in Wadena. Her parents were the late Ernest and Agnes (Emas) Hepola. Gloria graduated from the New York Mills High School with the class of 1959. She moved to St. Paul where she was employed with Northwest Mutual.

On September 15, 1962 Gloria was united in marriage with Roger Setterholm at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills. Their marriage was blessed with 3 children: Chad, Bret and Kurt. Gloria and Roger made their home in New York Mills where Gloria was employed with Parta Printers. In 1963 they moved to Appleton, Minnesota where Gloria was employed with the Federal Land Bank and Roger had his first teaching job. Moving back to New York Mills, Gloria worked for the Wadena Pioneer Journal and then back with Parta Printers. Since she spoke fluent Finnish, Gloria enjoyed type setting and proof setting for the Finnish Newspaper that Parta Printers published.

Gloria was also employed at Homecrest Industries in Wadena for many years as a traffic coordinator. From 1976-1984 Gloria and Roger owned



and operated the Gambles Hardware Store, that later changed to Our Own Hardware in New York Mills. In 2001, both Gloria and Roger retired from full time jobs and enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren. They loved attending all sporting and fishing events their children and grandchildren participated in. Gloria enjoyed reading, crocheting, knitting, fishing, being outdoors and pontoon rides with family and friends.

On October 24, 2021 Gloria passed away at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, N.D. at 80 years of age. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Preceding Gloria in death were her parents, Ernest and Agnes Hepola; siblings: Shirley and Gordon "Butch."

Gloria is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Roger Setterholm of Battle Lake; children: Chad (Jeanne) Setterholm; Bret (Leslie) Setterholm and Kurt Setterholm; 4 grandchildren: Taly, Ainsley, Cailyn and Lauren; siblings: Gayle Hepola; Gary (Jane) Hepola; Jerry (Diane) Hepola and Mary (Floyd) Luba; many other relatives and a host of friends.

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

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

William Schmock, 83

William "Glenn" Schmock, age 83, of Park Rapids, Minn., passed away on October 23, 2021, at Heritage Living in Park Rapids. No services will be held at this time.

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to leave condolences and condolences on Glenn's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

Temporary vehicle restrictions begin with deer opener

Recreational use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) will be restricted in some areas where hunters may use rifles during the firearms deer hunting season, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Vehicles affected by the restrictions include all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and registered off-road vehicles such as four-wheel drive trucks that are not being used in conjunction with deer hunting by a licensed deer hunter.

The restrictions apply to designated OHV recreational riding trails on state land. These include grant-in-aid trails and state forest trails and access routes, but not state forest roads.

"Recent riding seasons have seen many new OHV enthusiasts hitting the trails for the first time, and many of them may not be familiar with these longstanding temporary closures," said Bruce Lawrence, recreational vehicle coordinator for the DNR Enforcement Division. "The goal of these closures

is simple: To protect public safety and reduce potential conflict between riders and hunters."

Licensed deer hunters may still use these routes in conjunction with their hunting activity:

Before legal shooting time.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. After legal shooting hours. Effective dates of the recreational riding restrictions are:

Nov. 6 - 21 for the northeastern Minnesota 100 Series deer season.

Nov. 6 - 14 for the Minnesota 200 Series deer season, in those permit areas where hunters may use rifles.

The restrictions do not apply in the shotgun zone of the 200 Series of permit areas, or in southeastern Minnesota, where recreational OHV trails close by Nov. 1 each year.

Visit the DNR website for specific trail closure information. For more information, see the 2021 deer season map online or contact the DNR Information Center at www.info.dnr.state.mn.us or (651)296-6157 (888)646-6367 toll free.

Dorothy Endres, 96

The Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy Endres of Bluffton was celebrated on Friday, October 29 at 11 a.m., at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father Gabriel Walz as celebrant.

Visitation was held on Thursday, from 5-8 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with Christian Mothers Rosary at 5 p.m. and Prayers at 6 p.m. Visitation resumed at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Dorothy, age 96, passed away on October 22, 2021, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. She lived the last three years of her life at Fair Oaks Lodge, where she received loving care. In the last year of her life, she also received caring support from Knute Nelson Hospice.

Dorothy was born the fourth child of fourteen to Luke and Margaret (Cain) Marden. She was born at home on January 4, 1925, in Staples, Minn. She grew up in a large Irish Catholic family of seven boys and seven sisters amidst the Great Depression. She had many stories to tell about the hardships her family endured during this time. Throughout her life, she was very proud of her Irish heritage. Dorothy attended Sacred Heart Catholic School in Staples through the eighth grade and graduated from Staples Public High School in 1944.

On May 28, 1955, Dorothy married Sylvester Endres at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They made their home in Bluffton where they raised six children. Dorothy was always a willing volunteer. While her children were growing up she was a 4-H leader and also taught religious education. She belonged to a Homemaker's Club, volunteered as a Pink Lady and was a long time member of the Christian Mothers. Dorothy's Catholic faith was very important to her. In her free time, Dorothy enjoyed playing cards and never turned down an opportunity to play Bingo! It's also no secret she had



a lifelong love of anything with the word "Hershey's" printed on it.

Preceding Dorothy in death were her husband, Sylvester (1996); parents, Luke and Margaret; an infant daughter; and son, Mark; siblings, James, Ken, Philip, Robert, Richard, John, and George Marden, and Lorraine Shannon, Maxine Doyle, Elizabeth Nelson, Joan Kern, and Marylou Sigfried.

Left to remember Dorothy are her children, Gregory (Jody) Endres of Carrington, N.D., Joseph (Chris) Endres of St. Louis Park, Minn., Maureen Endres of St. Cloud, Minn., Ellen (Steve) Wallgren of Bluffton and Teresa (Steve) Hansen of Hankinson, N.D.; grandchildren, Abby (Adam) Wortman, Brady Hansen, Emily (Tyler) Bosh, Libby Wallgren, Joe Wallgren, Erin Endres, Claire (Jacob) Bitz, Ann Endres, Jill Endres and Luke Endres; great-grandchildren, Finley, Graham and Graecy Wortman, Leo and Lennox Bosh, and James Bitz; sister Jeanette Warner; sisters-in-law Lorraine Marden, Marinda Marden, Carol Marden and Gloria Marden.

Active pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Bluffton.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com)

James Peters, 74

Funeral Mass will be held for James "Jim" Peters age 74, of Wadena, on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton. Visitation will be held from 9:30-11 a.m.

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

Arrangements are provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation.

Randy Hamilton, 67

Memorial services will be held for Randy Hamilton age 67, of Frazee, Minn., on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the memorial service.

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

Arrangements are provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service.

Joanna Dean, 69

Funeral services will be held for Joanne Dean, of Trumann, Ark., age 69, on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

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

Arrangements are provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service of Wadena.

Ronald James, 82

Ronald "Ron" James passed away on October 24, 2021, at Lake Region Health Care in Fergus Falls, at 82 years of age. Arrangements are currently pending.

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to leave condolences and condolences on Ron's Tribute Wall.

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

Lynnette Henderson, 71

Lynnette Marie (Menze) Henderson passed away on October 20, 2021 in the Sanford Broadway Clinic in Fargo, N.D. She was surrounded by family and passed into the Lord's care around 3:15 p.m.

Lynnette was born September 5, 1950 in Perham, to Orland and Delores (Perala) Menze. She was baptized (September 17, 1950), confirmed (March 22, 1964), and educated (1962-64) at St. John's Lutheran Church and Parochial School of Ottertail. Lynnette grew up on a farm in Otto Township, Minnesota and lived until her teen years in the former District #160 Prairie School. She attended kindergarten through sixth grade at New York Mills Elementary. She also attended high school in Mills and graduated in 1968.

Afterwards, she continued her education at Wadena Area Technical Institute for Data Processing. She utilized her new skills at the Gambles Store headquarters in St. Louis Park, Minn., as a Data Processor as the occupation was becoming obsolete. This is where she picked up the name "Lynn" because "Lynnette" was too close to a coworker's and when either was called, it caused them both confusion.

Lynn met a fellow farm kid, Dennis Duane Henderson of Henning, and they were soon engaged on her 19th birthday and married on her 20th birthday. Their first son, Troy Shane, was born in 1971. They moved to Parkers Prairie for a few years before settling down in rural New York Mills. A daughter, Denise Lynae, was born in 1975 but passed away at only two hours old.

Lynn and Denny purchased her parent's former roller rink business, Orlie's Log Cabin, where Lynnette had previously worked concessions. They remodelled the log structure into a home and have lived there ever since. As the building is quite spacious, a dedicated space was built to house Lynn's home-based industrial sewing business, Lynn's Log Cabin. Two sons, Derek Orlin and Wyatt John, were born in 1981 and 1984, respectively.

One of her great passions in life was sewing. Having learned from an early age, she could sew, mend, or quilt just about anything. She started sewing stuffed-animal turtles for the Perham Turtle Races around 1984 and sewed around 30,000 of them during her time as "The Turtle Lady." She gained so much joy from the many children and adults that would come to buy a turtle during the summer months. Most don't know that she didn't profit monetarily off of this endeavor as once you added up the price of materials, time, and labor, she was actually losing money. This didn't bother her one bit. These contributions were an investment into the community and made her soul happy.

Being a cosmetology graduate, Lynnette worked in her mother



Dede's home-based business, Country Beauty Shop, from 1979 until her mother's retirement in 2001. She also served as a leader for the Otto Otters 4-H club for 40 years. Her parents had started the club for their children to be a part of. Lynnette was a charter member in 1959 and was still there for the final meeting in 2012 when the club disbanded. Part of her leadership included enrolling her children and grandchildren, serving on the committee to produce a Leader's Handbook, and managing the food stand at the EOT County Fair for multiple years.

A woman of great faith, Lynnette brought her boys up to be Christians. She enrolled them in the St. John's Parochial School where she and many others in her family had attained their education. She was a lifelong member of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Ottertail and also a member of their sister-church, St. Paul's Lutheran in Richville during her later years.

A Jane-of-all-trades and a master at most of them, Lynnette also filled the roles of Avon saleswoman, census enumerator, tax preparer, respite caretaker, cosmetology teacher, seamstress, cake maker and decorator, and many, many others. She enjoyed working in her flowerbeds, deer and turkey hunting, collecting water pitchers, and visiting friends and family. She will be and already is sorely missed by all who knew her.

Preceding Lynnette in death are her parents, Orland and Delores Menze; siblings, Brian and Baby Girl Menze; daughter, Denise Henderson; and daughter-in-law, Jessica Henderson.

Surviving Lynnette are her husband, Denny; siblings, Dianne Menze, Dale (Linda) Menze, Karen (Hank) Weber, Pam (Paul) Rosen, Glen (Grace) Menze, (Lori) Menze, Wade (Deb) Menze, Twila (Gilles) Despraires, and Fay (Tad) Pary; children, Troy (Lisa) Henderson, Derek Henderson, and Wyatt Henderson; grandchildren, Jasmine, Tanner, Tucker, Shloh, and Tait Henderson; and her beloved great-granddaughter, Camillia "Millie" Henderson. A large host of friends and relatives join the survivors in their grief.

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

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

Ada Kujala, 80

Funeral services will be held for Ada Kujala age 80, of Perham, on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6 p.m. at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills.

Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Friday.

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

Arrangements are provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service.



Above: The New York Mills linemen celebrate as Dane Niemi reaches across the goal line during Saturday's Section 6A semi-final game against Pine River-Backus. Below: Jacob Guck brings down a Pine River-Backus ball carrier during Saturday's game against the Tigers. Photos by Tasha Geiser

Eagles defeat Tigers to advance to section title game

NYM to face Breckenridge for the right to advance to state

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

New York Mills pulled off a pair of thrilling wins in the opening two rounds of the section tournament last week. They are just one win away from the state football tournament.

The Eagles opened the playoffs with a 36-0 win over Menahga, before traveling to Pine River-Backus on Saturday for a match up between the second and third seeded teams in the section. The Eagles defeated the Tigers by a score of 36-20 to advance to Friday's section finals.

The Eagles will take on the Breckenridge Cowboys in the Section 6A finals after the Cowboys defeated top seeded Otter Tail Central on Saturday. Friday's game will start at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

NY Mills bounced back from its first loss of the season in a big way on Tuesday night as the Eagles defeated the Menahga Braves by a

score of 36-0. After a scoreless tie in the first quarter, the Eagles went to work to score 36 points in the final three quarters of action.

"We played a very good game after a slow start," said head coach Matt Radniecki. "Menahga came ready to play and if we don't make that goal line stand in the first quarter the game might have been different."

Dane Niemi put the Eagles on the scoreboard in the second quarter when he scored on a 1-yard run. The two-point conversion failed to leave the game at 6-0. Bren Salo scored NY Mills' second touchdown of the quarter a short time later on a 15-yard run. Eathan Ruther converted the two-point conversion to leave the score at 14-0 heading into halftime.

"We really were able to move the ball on the ground and we have 4 quality run-

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Swim team sets 25 personal records to finish out the season

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The Perham/New York Mills swim team set 25 new or all-time season PRs and a pair of new middle school records on Thursday night. The team also set a new high school record and came away with four all-conference and all-conference honorable mentions.

"We are so incredibly proud of these girls, and so impressed with everything that they have accomplished this season! For the girls who are done for the year, we cannot wait to see what they do next season. For the rest of the team, we have two more weeks until sections, and then state the week after that," said head coach Jensen Grimley.

During the meet Brittney Lorentz won all-conference

honors and earned 44 more points than her previous PR. In the process she set a new high school 11-dive record of 421.5, breaking Dena Fischer's mark of 416.5 that was set in 2019. Sophomore Avery McAllister took second place and earned all-conference honors, while senior Madison Ruther took fifth place.

In the 200 medley relay, the team of freshman Elle McDonald, senior Irene Mursu, junior Lucy Schultz and eighth grader Taylor Ziemke cut 2 seconds off of their time to move up into second place and earn all-conference honorable mention honors.

Mursu also earned all-conference honors by dropping 1.5 seconds in the 200 individual medley and seventh grader Megan Gal-

brecht cut 4 seconds in the event.

Josi Mindermann cut 3.5 seconds from her 200 freestyle time and seventh grader Jaelyn Rodewald dropped 6 seconds in the 200 freestyle.

Ziemke won all-conference honors in the 50 freestyle and broke her own middle school record in the process. Freshman Molly Meyer dropped over a half of second in the event and broke the 30 second mark for the first time. Lucy Meyer also cut almost a half of a second in the event.

In the 100 butterfly, Schultz dropped almost 2 seconds and eighth grader Maggie Vickmark cut 5 seconds, while McDonald cut 1 second.

In the 100 freestyle, Ziemke dropped over 2 sec-

onds to win all-conference honors, and in the process, she broke her own middle school record. Lucy Meyer cut a quarter second in the event, while Rodewald and freshman Katelyn Kratzke each dropped 3 seconds.

In the 500 freestyle Molly Meyer cut 4 seconds from her time.

Mursu captured all-conference honorable mention honors in the 100 backstroke by taking second place. Mindermann dropped 4 seconds, Jasmyn Olson cut 1 second and eighth grader Madison Lohse dropped 8 seconds in the event.

In the 100 breaststroke, Kratzke cut 1 second, Vickmark and Galbrecht each dropped 2.5 seconds.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Irene Mursu, Kaydi Mursu, Schultz and Ziemke

came in third place to earn all-conference honorable mention.

As a team the Yellowjackets took third place at the Mid-State Conference with a team score of 335. Park Rapids won the meet with a score of 485 and Detroit Lakes took second place with 438 points.

200 Medley Relay: 2. Elle McDonald, Irene Mursu, Lucy Schultz, Taylor Ziemke 2:03.72 6. Lucie Meyer, Katelyn Kratzke, Maggie Vickmark, Jasmyn Olson 2:22.91

200 Freestyle: 7. Kaydi Mursu 2:28.61 10. Josi Mindermann 2:40.78 11. Jaelyn Rodewald 2:41.68 12. Madeleine Lamb 2:48.14

200 IM: 1. Irene Mursu 2:28.37 7. Elle McDonald 2:45.41 11. Megan Galbrecht 3:00.08 12. Jasmyn Olson 3:12.01

50 Freestyle: 1. Taylor Ziemke 25.73 7. Molly Meyer 29.96 9. Lucie Meyer 30.52 12. Madison Lohse 37.08

100 Butterfly: 5. Lucy Schultz 1:12.85 6. Maggie Vickmark 1:13.93 8. Elle McDonald 1:19.11

100 Freestyle: 1. Taylor Ziemke 56.50 9. Lucie Meyer 1:06.89 10. Jaelyn Rodewald 1:14.28 12. Katelyn Kratzke 1:18.43

500 Freestyle: 5. Kaydi Mursu 6:43.17 7. Molly Meyer 6:51.28 11. Madeleine Lamb 7:31.77

200 Freestyle Relay: 4. Elle McDonald, Lucie Meyer, Molly Meyer, Kaydi Mursu 2:00.30 6. Josi Mindermann, Jasmyn Olson, Megan Galbrecht, Maggie Vickmark 2:15.75

100 Backstroke: 2. Irene Mursu 1:08.84 9. Josi Mindermann 1:22.02 10. Jasmyn Olson 1:23.40 11. Madison Lohse 1:24.66

100 Breaststroke: 8. Lucy Schultz 1:25.74 9. Katelyn Kratzke 1:26.47 10. Maggie Vickmark 1:29.74 11. Megan Galbrecht 1:31.81

400 Freestyle Relay: 3. Irene Mursu, Kaydi Mursu, Lucy Schultz, Taylor Ziemke 4:13.96 6. Molly Meyer, Jaelyn Rodewald, Madeleine Lamb, Josi Mindermann 5:05.21

Team Rankings:
1. Park Rapids w/ 485
2. Detroit Lakes Lakers w/ 438
3. Perham/New York Mills w/ 355

Fourth seeded Eagles fall to Raiders 3-1 in section opener

NYM ends season with a record of 18-8 overall

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Fourth seeded New York Mills had its season come to an end on Wednesday night as the Eagles fell to fifth seeded Lake Park-Audubon in the opening round of the Section 6A tournament.

The Eagles won the first game by a score of 25-18, before the Raiders narrowly won the next three games by scores of 25-19, 28-26 and 25-22.

Ayla Olson had a big game

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Photos by Tasha Geiser
Above: Natalie Pederson watches a ball go over the net during last week's Section 6A opener in New York Mills. Middle: Seniors on the New York Mills volleyball team this year included: MacKenzie Gilster, Mairyn Erp, Moriah Geiser, Megan Riedel, Natalie Pederson, Aliya Gerber and Hayley Hudalla. Right: MacKenzie Gilster was one of seven senior members on the New York Mills volleyball team this fall.



Above: Moriah Geiser wrapped up her senior year of volleyball with 6 kills last week. Above middle: Mairyn Erp had 8 kills in last week's game against Lake Park-Audubon.

Cross country teams wrap up season

The New York Mills Eagles' Cross Country team traveled to Bagley last Friday to compete in the Section 8A cross country meet.

The Eagles had complete boys and girls teams in the races with the girls team placing 11th and the boys placing 15th. In the girls race there were 19 schools competing and for the boys there were 21 schools with runners.

The girls' team included: Kaitlyn Geiser, Macy Koljonen, Morgyn O'Dea, McKenzie Draves, Jada Goeson, Rosemary Laudensch, and Brielle Malone. The boys team this year was made up of Bryan Bohn, Breck Hensch, Aiden Tumberg, Braeden Malone, Simon Snyder, Jeron Witt and Austin Geiser.

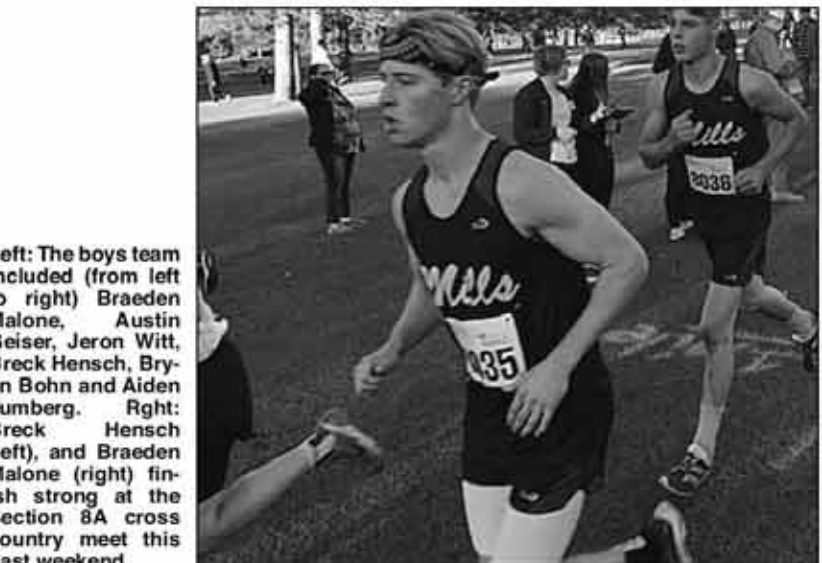
Individually, Aiden Tumberg was the first Eagles boy to finish, while Jada Goeson came across the finish line as the first New York Mills girl. Numerous NY Mills runners had their best times of the year, including: Brielle Malone, McKenzie Draves, Rosemary Laudensch, Breck Hensch, Braeden Malone, Bryan Bohn and Jeron Witt. During the season every runner improved their race times by over 3 minutes, some by over 5 minutes.

As the season comes to a close, Coach Esala said, "I could not be more proud of our athletes for the effort they put in throughout the season. We saw great improvement in race times, which shows how hard they were all willing to work.



Contributed photos
Above left: Morgan O'Dea pushes to the finish line. Above right: The girls team included (from left to right) Brielle Malone, Macy Koljonen, McKenzie Draves, Rosemary Laudensch, Jada Goeson, Morgyn O'Dea and Kaitlyn Geiser.

The Eagles cross country program continues to grow and improve because of the hard working students who participate. It is a pleasure to be their coach."



Left: The boys team included (from left to right) Braeden Malone, Austin Geiser, Jeron Witt, Breck Hensch, Bryan Bohn and Aiden Tumberg. Right: Breck Hensch (left), and Braeden Malone (right) finish strong at the Section 8A cross country meet this past weekend.

NYM VFW, Auxiliary honor local first responders



Contributed photo

New York Mills VFW Post 3289 and Auxiliary and the Trinity Mission and Outreach Board hosted a meal and short program honoring the First Responders and their families in the area on October 28. This date is recognized as National First Responders Day. This year is the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Pictured above are: Jerry Anderson, Nick Roder, Kyle Vorderbruggen, Bryce Bernu, Bobby Berndt, Shannon Kline, Scot Maki, Shirley Quist, Barb Puckett and Karen Brasel.

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ners in Bren, Eathan, Dane, and Jonah Johnson. Our line and receivers blocked very well and I was very happy with how the defense played in the second half," said Radniecki.

In the third quarter, Niemi scored his second touchdown of the game as he reached the end zone for the second time. Salo converted the two-point conversion to make the score 22-0.

The scoring came to the end in the fourth quarter when Monte Briard scored on a 9-yard run, with Jonah Ruther converting the two-point conversion also Eathan Ruther scored on a 3-yard run to make the game 36-0 in favor of NY Mills.

The defense was once again a strength for the Eagles as they posted their fourth shut out of the season.

Radniecki also thanked the fans for their support at each of NY Mills' five home games this season.

"Thanks to our fans who have been very supportive this year and it was nice to give the seniors one last game on the home field," said Radniecki.

Saturday
NY Mills is heading to the FargoDome after defeating second seeded Pine River-Backus by a score of 38-20

on Saturday afternoon. It was the second time the Eagles defeated the Tigers this season, after defeating them by a score of 26-12 on September 24. The two losses were the only two losses the Tigers have suffered all season long.

"We played a great game on Saturday, probably our best of the year," said head coach Matt Radniecki. "The defense played very well in stopping the run. We gave up a couple of plays on the pass, but we were there and they just made the plays."

Pine River-Backus opened the scoring early in the first quarter on a 64-yard pass. The two-point conversion was good to put them in front 8-0.

The Eagles bounced right back with a pair of touchdowns later in the quarter on a 13-yard run by Bren Salo and a 2-yard run by senior running back Dane Niemi to put NY Mills in front 14-8 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Tigers tied the game at 14-14 with a 13-yard run.

Not to be outdone, Salo reached the end zone for the second time in the half when he scored on a 4-yard run. The point after attempt failed to leave the score at 22-14 at halftime.

NY Mills got a bit of



Photo by Tasha Geiser

Bren Salo scored three touchdowns in Saturday's Section 6A semi-final game against Pine River-Backus.

breathing room in the third quarter as Salo scored his third touchdown of the game on a 4-yard run and Niemi converted the two-point conversion to put the Eagles in front 30-14 heading into the fourth quarter.

Pine River-Backus scored on a 75-yard touchdown pass, but the two-point conversion failed to leave the score at 30-20.

Jonah Johnson got some momentum back for NY

Mills when he scampered across the end zone on a 31-yard run and Niemi converted the two-point attempt to give the Eagles their eighth win of the season and a spot in the Section 6A champion-

ship game.

"Pine River is a very good team and we were fortunate to beat them twice this year. The offensive and defensive lines did an outstanding job of controlling the line of scrimmage for the most part," said Radniecki.

The Eagles, who are 8-1 on the season, will now turn their attention to the section championship game. NY Mills will take on Breckenridge on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the FargoDome after the Cowboys upset previously unbeaten Otter Tail Central 26-8 on Saturday. The Cowboys were the fourth seed in the section playoffs and come into the game with a record of 6-4 overall. They are currently ranked 19th in the QRF, while the Eagles come into the game with a QRF ranking of 8.

"I am very proud of this team and what they have done and we look forward to playing in the FargoDome on Friday," said Radniecki. "The team has been working hard and has reached a goal that it set earlier this year. Breckenridge defeated a very good OTC team so we will have our hands full, but we look forward to the opportunity that we have. Thanks to our fans we had a big following and we hope to see you on Friday as well."

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for the Eagles as she finished with 14 kills, while Mairyn Erp finished with 8 kills and Megan Riedel had 7 kills of her own. Erp also had 8 blocks to lead the way with for the Eagles.

On the defensive side of the court, Bella Bauck had 33 digs, while Moriah Geiser had 20 digs and 6 kills. Aliya Gerber led the Eagles with 27 assists and 13 digs in the loss.

The loss ended the Eagles' season with a record of 18-8 overall. They also finished in second place in the Park Region Conference.

SERVING- Ayla Olson 10-13, Moriah Geiser 11-12, MacKenzie Gilster 13-16, Jaida Newborg 15-16, Kaylee Meech 3-4, Bella Bauck 11-11, Aliya Gerber 18-21

KILLS- Ayla Olson 14, Mairyn Erp 8, Megan Riedel 7, Moriah Geiser 6, Natalie Pederson 2, Alayna Baune 2, MacKenzie Gilster 1

BLOCKS- Ayla Olson 2, Mairyn Erp 8, Megan Riedel 2, Moriah Geiser 1, Natalie Pederson 1, Alayna Baune 3



Photos by Tasha Geiser

Above: Aliya Gerber sets a shot near the net during last week's section opener in New York Mills. Right: New York Mills senior Megan Riedel sends a shot past a pair of Lake Park-Audubon blockers last week.

ASSISTS- Ayla Olson 8, Moriah Geiser 2, Kaylee Meech 1, Aliya Gerber 27

DIGS- Ayla Olson 8, Megan Riedel 7, Moriah Geiser 20, Alayna Baune 1, MacKenzie Gilster 3, Jaida Newborg 10, Bella Bauck 33, Aliya Gerber 13





The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda
Freelance Writer

Benefits of dismissing the evidence of senses

A Pulitzer prize-winning author said, in a book which I once read: "One cannot help admiring women for their ability to dismiss the evidence of their senses."

I say to that: Thank the Lord! If women were not able to dismiss the evidence of their senses, then:

Car mechanics the world over would be buried beneath the avalanche of automotive repair work that would occur. Those sounds which ensue from the bowels of a car when a machine is in dire threat of casting its metal guts out would no longer be dismissed; those sounds would be heard; would no longer be treated by women as some friendly communication from The Machine Gods. Instead, those sounds would immediately be referred to the current Machine Guy, almost always a husband, who would then redeem himself by mounting a crusade to seek the cause.

Note here that by "friendly communication" from The Machine Gods, we are of course referring to that entire spectrum of squeaks, squeals, knocks, bangs, clanks, blinks, and assorted symptoms that various brakes, oil systems, drive trains, and miscellaneous moving parts make as they are torn asunder. Out of sight, out of mind, hmmm?

Him: "I just took your car to town. (Barely made it back, but to bring that up would unnecessarily throw a monkey wrench into getting lucky with romance anytime within the next lunar cycle.) Say, Hon, it seems to have quite a knock when it's steered to the left (Quite a knock doesn't do this justice; two cannonballs in a 55-gallon steel drum rolling downhill is closer.). Have you noticed that?"

Her: "Ummm, yeah, I did hear that a couple of weeks ago, but it quit making it." (She's at the kitchen counter. Supper time is coming. Good husbands don't monkey around with The Machine Gods at meal time. Is he a good husband? We'll find out.)

Him: (What can she possibly mean—it quit!) "Dear, I'm dying to know—how did you get it to quit?"

Her: "Simple. I never turn left." She giggles, as if

he should have known this without asking. He's so silly.

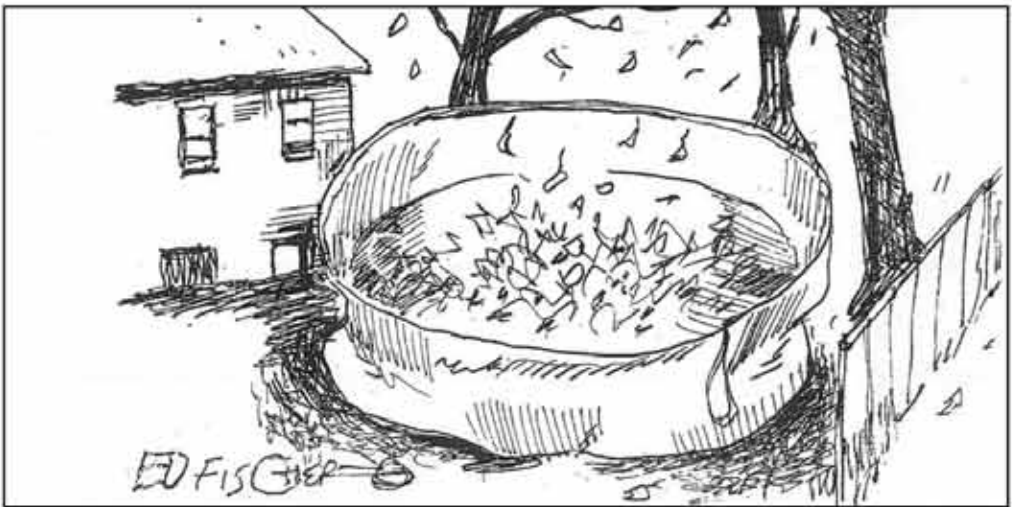
Him: "But how do you get to town?" (Town is left. True, it's right at the end of the driveway, but left down at the main road. He beams blissfully at her, the best smile he has, a smile that says he's proud of such a woman, who can figure stuff like this out so good. Inside, his stomach burns from the knowledge that she, by ignoring a message from The Machine Gods, has placed his afterlife in jeopardy, an afterlife which up till now he had pictured as a heavenly cross between the Indianapolis 500—where he would be a successful race driver—and Iron Ike's Motor Repair—where local folks bring their cars in to be repaired and serviced, as soon as everyone has had as much coffee and leisurely conversation as they can possibly absorb. All this is at risk, all his good mechanical deeds done so far in faithful pursuit of this idyllic next world in Heaven gone for naught.)

Her: "Simple. I turn right at the main road, away from town, turn right into The Yurho Brothers' driveway, swing right around their drive around, cross the highway into their hay field, swing right in a circle, turn right onto the highway, and into town." (She gives him a look. The look says: I'm going to dismiss the evidence of my senses here that seem to indicate you're an idiot for not knowing how to do this, and continue loving the You that I've kind of made up.

Surely The Machine Gods are too busy to bless every dry wheel bearing, every squeaking disc brake, every clicking universal joint (whatever those are) and every low tire. She, however, knows that by cooperating with Them, They are happy with her. Stuff gets bad enough soon enough, it'll get fixed then.)

Him: He knows when he's licked. "When's supper ready?"

Moral of the story: Were it not for women ignoring the evidence of their senses, the human race would number in the thousands instead of the billions and men would have to wash their own underpants.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A new world order is coming

To the Editor:

We have all noticed over the years that we as us citizens are supposed to be sensitive to immigrants and their cultures and put our beliefs aside to make them feel welcomed.

Personally, I like my culture and if people want to come here for a better life, then adjust to our lifestyle or go back from which you came. I don't care what your language is, it's your responsibility to learn mine. I don't care if you want to worship a fence post at Christmas, but don't expect me to not say Merry Christmas or God bless you.

If your country hangs

dead people from cranes and kills women, I'm good with that because I believe in your freedom to do whatever you want. Besides there's absolutely nothing I can do about it. Just don't bring that demented way of thinking to our country. I want my rights!

We as citizens have to quit turning the other cheek, especially when it comes to religion, school boards, vaccinations and critical race theory. Why am I expected to take a vaccination in order to travel or eat because President Biden wants me to drink the Kool-Aid, but illegal immigrants don't have to and Biden disemi-

nates these (unvaccinated) people through our country in the dead of night? But then fires cops for not vaccinating?

The government is stealing our money and telling us what they will do with it, just like schools are telling us what they will teach out kids without our input, and if you speak out for your child's rights you are branded a terrorist?

There is a new world order coming and not one we are familiar with.

January 6 was touted as an insurrection when people displayed the right to protest, and voice their opinion, an unarmed woman was shot and killed, but

nothing was done about it.

The Democrats said three police officers lost their lives because of this lawless outbreak, one officer died on January 7 because of a heart attack and two others committed suicide two weeks later. These people will do and say anything to get their way. Thinking everything will be OK and get back to normal is just wishful thinking.

I want to wake up happy and still feel I live in the best country in the world but the reality is I will have to fight for it.

Mike Wasche
Perham

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

To the Editor:

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, a time to recognize and celebrate this specialized type of care—care for the whole person, including medical, emotional, personal and spiritual care, as well as grief support for the person's loved ones.

Hospice care impacts the lives of so many, from those who are facing a terminal illness and their families and caregivers to our community members who are dealing with grief and loss.

Experiencing end of life and grief are two absolutes in each of our lives—and there is support available to people during these tender

times in life. Hospice care is a benefit our community members are entitled to receive, and it's about living the best quality of life possible, comfortably in wherever you call home.

2021 marks Hospice of the Red River Valley's 40th year of providing comfort and care through life's journey. We're proud to be the region's longest-serving hospice as we reflect on our roots as a community-based, nonprofit hospice. We're also humbled to say our values and work still reflect the same excitement, passion and purpose they did four decades ago.

Our co-founder, Dr. Joy Query, and a host of volun-

teers first brought hospice services to our region with the belief that everyone, including those who face end of life, deserves dignity and quality of life. They could see a better future for our communities—just as you and countless individuals have by investing in our care.

We express our deepest gratitude to the region, communities, families and individuals who have entrusted us with the sacred gift of helping families and friends create more meaningful moments together.

This includes those whom we've cared for, volunteers, donors and staff; you all make this work

matter. Thank you for the incredible support and care you have given to ensure our mission continues well into the future—and beyond our founders' original hopes and dreams.

Choosing hospice gives people the peace of mind and the care they need, while also providing them with moments of joy, peace and comfort. If you're unfamiliar with the benefits of hospice care, please visit our website or call (800) 237-4629 to learn more.

With gratitude,
Tracee Capron
Executive Director
Hospice of the Red River
Valley

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Question: Why is it legal for trucks hauling turkeys to spread feathers everywhere?

Answer: According to state law, drivers carrying turkeys do not need to provide a fencing around the vehicle to keep the feathers from escaping.

Minnesota law also allows exemptions to motor vehicles operated by a farmer or the farmer's agent when transporting produce such as small

grains, shelled corn, soybeans, or other farm produce of a size and density not likely to cause injury to persons or damage to prop-

erty on escaping in small amounts from a vehicle.

Turkey feathers are not the size and density likely to cause injury to anyone

Ask a Trooper

Sgt. Jesse Grabow

OTC Sheriff



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utilities@cityofnewyorkmills.org. Application packets are available on the city website at www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com. Applications for this position will be accepted through noon on Thursday, December 30, 2021, or until position is filled.

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MILLS LANES

Sunday Night Mixed October 24

Name	Win	Loss	Individual game women	
3 Balls & A Split	61	19	Lois Condon	175
Pin Slayers	48	32	Maureen Baymler	173
Lucky Strikes	43	37	Ashley Freyholtz	150
The Stars	42	38		
Google It	28	52		
			Individual series women	
			Lois Condon	463
			Ashley Freyholtz	412
			Mary Vorderbruggen	411
			Team game	
			3 Balls & A Split	599
			Lucky Strikes	580
			Pin Slayers	573
			Team series	
			3 Balls & A Split	1747
			Lucky Strikes	1642
			Pin Slayers	1633

Monday Night Mens October 18

Name	Win	Loss	Jason Grabow	617
Lunds	69	46	Nic Pederson	608
Design's By Tes	56	59	Chad Rudolph	588
Mills Lanes	54	61	Jon Tumberg	571
Lumber Depot	51	64		
			Team game	
			Lumber Depot	1008
			Lunds	994
			Mills Lanes	917
			Team series	
			Lunds	2931
			Lumber Depot	2784
			Design's By Tes	2547
			Individual series men	
			Jeremy Freitag	631

Tuesday Individual Ladies October 19

Name	Win	Loss	Individual series	
Karen Brasel	14.5	5.5	Nancy Neuberger	506
Nancy Neuberger	13	7	Shirley Quist	428
Shirley Quist	13	7	Karen Brasel	412
Karen Miller	10.5	9.5		
Ronda Koehler	4	13	Season high scores	
			Nancy Neuberger	217
			Shirley Quist	161
			Karen Brasel	159
			Season series high scores	
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT
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 Notice is hereby given that the city council of New York Mills will meet in the council chambers of the city building located at 118 North Main Avenue, New York Mills, Minnesota, at 5:30 p.m. on November 9, 2021, to consider making improvements to North Boardman Avenue, from U.S. Highway 10 to Centennial 84 Drive W. (CSAH 84), by reconstruction, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$802,532.75. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Julie A. Roberts
 City Clerk

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Homestead Township Notice
 The regular monthly meetings held November 2021 through March 2022 will be held at Steve Bohne's address 56855 Minnesota St. at 6:00 p.m.


Jason Cooley, Clerk

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Getting all ready for Halloween in New York Mills




Photos by Chad Koenen
Area children turned out in a big way on Saturday for a pair of Halloween events in New York Mills. In the afternoon the Cultural Center hosted a special Halloween party with everything from games to arts and crafts projects. Later in the evening, Mills Lanes and Lucky Strike Grill hosted a Halloween bowling special. Pictured above: Diane George helps her granddaughter Braelyn George throw a ring around a target. Far right: Christopher Cameron tries to throw a rate through a target at the Cultural Center on Saturday afternoon.

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NYM Library raffle, event set for Nov. 9

Event to be held at NYM Cultural Center

By Tucker Henderson
Reporter

A silent auction will be held at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center on Tuesday, Nov. 9 and bidding starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and raffle ticket winners will be announced after the auction closes at 8:15 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library and all proceeds will go the New York Mills Public Library to sponsor community programs and events. Auction items are still needed and can be dropped off at the Library during business hours.

Raffle tickets are be-

ing sold in a few locations around town. People can pick them up at the library, Farmers and Merchants Bank, and Mills Country Market. They are also available from any Friends of the Library members and will be sold at the Cultural Center prior to the drawing at 8:15 p.m.

Raffle prizes include two handmade quilts by Linda Menze, Sharon Imsande, and St. Peter's Piecemakers, multiple bottles of homemade wine donated by Shelley Wessels and Denise Pelletier, as well as gift cards to Designs by Tes and Farmer's Daughter Rustic Bakery.

This event was formerly sponsored by the New Horizons Women's Club. Due to dwindling participation over the past several years, the club has since disbanded. The group had been operating since 1971 when a few of the younger members of the former Candlelight

Study Club had the idea that New York Mills could benefit from another active group in the community. The club was organized as N.O.W. Club (Neighborhood Organization of Women), which later changed its name in 1978 to New Horizons to avoid association with another group known by that acronym.

The Candlelight Study Club sponsored New Horizons and the newer club sponsored projects such as a new recycling center, purchasing playground equipment for Smith Park, raising money and volunteer hours for the library, baby-sitting clinics, development of Lund Park, and many more. One motto taken up by many members was "living each day, trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist."

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