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CELEBRATING SUMMER IN NEW YORK MILLS

Photos by Kathryn Wilkowski
Above: A number of local youth threw out candy by the handful during the annual Summer Celebration parade on Friday night. Right: John Peeters paints one of the sides of a fish house during the annual Fish House Festival in NY Mills on Friday. Local artists spent a portion of their day on Friday painting fish houses that were later raffled and auctioned off as part of the annual Fish House Festival. For more information about the Fish House Festival, LundMania and Summer Celebration, check out pages 4-5.



BioGirls makes a big impact on NYM community

New program builds confidence in local youth

By Stella Strong
Reporter

Growing up can be tough. From elementary school to that awkward transition into the preteen years. Then to high school where change seems to be happening every

day. It can be a lot to handle for anyone, especially young girls.

This spring, a new program came to New York Mills with the intention of changing that. Referred to as BIO girls, (which stands for Beautiful Inside and Out),

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Photo by Chad Koerner
Todd and Brenda Roberts recently purchased Dan's Towing and Repair from Dan and Deb Matti. The Roberts have named the auto repair business Lakeland Auto Repair.

Roberts comes full circle in new venture

Lakeland Repair comes to downtown New York Mills

By Chad Koerner
Publisher

Todd Roberts' career has come full circle. The New York Mills native is back to one of the first places he has worked as a mechanic, albeit in a much different capacity.

Roberts, along with his wife Brenda, have purchased Dan's Towing and Repair in New York Mills. He worked in the building a number of years ago under the Cenex name, but this time around he will be returning as the owner of what is now known as Lakeland Auto Repair.

"Dan said he wanted to retire," joked Roberts about

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Remodeling projects continue at NYM School

Gym floors get a fresh look for upcoming school year

By Stella Strong
Reporter

New York Mills School is doing some renovations over the summer in preparations for the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

At the top of the list are the gym floors, which haven't been redone in over a decade. Now, the gyms are set for new flooring and the lines are getting a fresh paint job too. Of the three

gyms, the main gym will be getting some extra changes. The banners located on the gym's south wall are moving over to a different wall, and the old scoreboard is being replaced with a new scoreboard that is nearly double its previous size.

The school's second goal is to expand the special education wing located in the elementary school. What started as one small classroom with a bathroom and

changing area, has slowly expanded to two connected classrooms. On the other side of the second room lies what used to be an old chemical storage room, but will now become the third classroom. Once the wall gets punched out and a door gets put in, all three rooms will be connected making the area much more spacious and lively for the kids.

The tiled floor located throughout the cafeteria and

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Photo by Stella Strong
Work continues on the gym floors at New York Mills School. The gym floor is just one of several projects being completed at the school this summer.

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Boater injured during Rush Lake accident

Several accidents reported over the Fourth of July

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Sheriff deputies, on July 3, reported two injuries following a boating accident at Rush Lake, north of Ottertail and south of Perham.

When deputies arrived at 8:03 a.m. near the public access to the lake, they located a man with a compound fractured ankle and a woman with possible broken ribs. Both people were transported to the hospital in Perham with non-life-threatening injuries.

The cause of the boating accident was a broken steering column on the watercraft. This caused the boat to make an abrupt change in direction, ejecting one of the occupants.

Weekend accidents

Otter Tail County roadway accidents with injuries included the following over the Fourth of July weekend:

- July 1, one injury when a semi overturned on Interstate 94
- One injury near Leaf River Road, north of Henning, after the driver of a Polaris Ranger (utility vehicle) was pulled into the ditch on July 2

• One person was injured in a car-deer accident July 2 near Highway 26 in southwestern Otter Tail County.

• Injuries to three people were reported north of Battle Lake, near Otter Tail Lake, after two trucks collided in a head-on crash. This took place on July 3, with the injuries not believed to be life-threatening.

Perham 180 provides path going forward

Program is showing positive results with participants

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

One of the most rewarding experiences for Otter Tail County-based Productive Alternatives board

members is seeing people develop their full potentials. P.A. has assisted special needs adults since 1959 in west central Minnesota.

A new program, starting its fifth year, is one called Perham 180.

The goal of Perham 180 is helping people in recovery

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Jolly Pops put on a show in NYM



Contributed photos
The creative musical trio The Jolly Pops brought their upbeat, original music and children's standards in a concert for all ages at the New York Mills City Hall Ballroom last Wednesday. The performance featured everything from puppets to songs and more. The event was sponsored by Viking Library System and the NY Mills Public Library.



Contributed photo
S'reenhouse recently opened its doors at Grass Roots in rural Ottertail. The business features yoga classes and small-group yoga therapy.

Holistic wellness center opens at Grass Roots

S'reenhouse to offer yoga classes, small-group yoga therapy

Newly available, S'reenHouse, is an open-air shelter tucked in a quiet back corner of Grass Roots in Ottertail. S'reenHouse

opened its stately, reclaimed barn door on Saturday, June 25 for the public to get their first peak inside.

After Saturday's open house at the new outdoor holistic wellness center at Grass Roots, the public got

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how he came to purchasing Dan's Towing and Repair.

In years past, Dan Matti told Roberts that he should purchase his family business, but the transition never quite worked out. This time around the comment about purchasing the business came to fruition.

"I have mentioned it to him the last couple of years," said Matti of Roberts purchasing the business. "It just happened to all come together."

Matti has spent the past 28 years in his building along E Centennial 84 Drive, first as a mechanic for Cenex and for the past 16 years as the owner of Dan's Towing and Repair. The longtime staple in downtown NY Mills said he originally was looking to

work another year or so, but when Roberts expressed an interest in purchasing the business, he decided now was the time to hang up his wrench and enjoy retirement.

"I was going to work another year, but it all fell together and I said let's take care of it and do it," said Matti. "I know he will take good care of my customers."

The two mechanics have a long history together as they worked together as mechanics for Cenex. Roberts eventually left the repair shop for stints at a number of locations throughout central Minnesota, but he always wanted to open his own shop. Since the repair shop was in his hometown made the transition to own-

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- Dan Matti on deciding to sell his family's business to Todd and Brenda Roberts

ership all-the-more sweet. "Ever since I was young I wanted my own shop. I figured I may as well get it done and do it," he said.

Prior to taking over ownership of what is now Lakeland Repair Shop, Roberts was working as a mechanic at Mid-State Auto Auction, which was his second stint at that NY Mills based business. His career began at

Mid-State Auto Auction a number of years ago, before he made a similar move to the same building he now owns.

Roberts said he is looking forward to serving the community and will even offer more AC and diagnostic services moving forward.

The Matti's said they are thankful for the community who have supported their

business for the past 16 years. They said they could not have been successful without all of the support.

"The success of Dan's towing and repair has come from many sources beginning with you, our valued customer. To our dedicated staff and our community support: we will miss all of you. Most of all, we will miss our conversations, which were occasionally creative, philosophical and stimulating; sometimes rambling and always entertaining. Our customers were like family," wrote Dan and Deb Matti in a message to the Dispatch.

While Dan Matti will help the Roberts with the transition over the next month, the Matti's said they are

looking forward to spending more time with family, fishing, traveling and completing many of their postponed projects in retirement.

The Matti's are encouraging the public to continue to support the Roberts family as they take over the business.

"Please, extend a welcome to Todd and Brenda Roberts as we are confident they will address your vehicle concerns," they wrote to the Dispatch.

On Friday, the Matti's and Roberts hosted a joint grand opening/retirement party for the NY Mills business. They served brats, hot dogs, pop, chips, cookies and had plenty of time for talking about the new venture for one of the community's own.

Lakeland Repair is located at 20 E Centennial 84 Dr in NY Mills. For more information, contact Roberts at 385-2785.

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Last year's LundMania champions credit techniques for success

Friends fish anywhere from 6-8 tournaments each year

By Kathryn Wilkowski
Reporter

Summer is the season of fishing tournaments here in the midwest. Friday, July 8 marks this season's annual Lund Mania fishing tournament on Otter Tail Lake.

Last year's champions, high school buddies Andrew Soderholm and Ben Hittle of Alexandria, Minn., returned to defend their title. Fishing in countless tournaments together, Soderholm and Hittle took home third place in the 2019 Lund Mania tournament and the gold

last summer.

"My dad really got me into fishing when I was really young," Soderholm said. "When I moved back to Alexandria, I got into fishing competitively with Ben." Soderholm and Hittle hit around six to eight fishing tournaments a summer and each tournament they have to try different techniques to catch the right bites.

"We try to fish a lot of different spots," he said. "If we're not getting bites in one spot, we won't wait for the fish, we'll just move to the next spot where we know

the walleye are."

At the tournament last summer, both of them knew they had a good bag of fish. Even with the other competitive Lund boat fisherman, they were up towards the top. Soderholm and Hittle fished last year in a 20' 208 Fiberglass Tiller.

"We got to meet a lot of great fishermen in the Lund tournament," Soderholm said. "We appreciate the walleye, the local bait shop, and all the hard work that goes into making a successful tournament like this one."

Soderholm and Hittle returned to defend their title at this year's Lund Mania fishing tournament.



Photo by Chad Koenen
Andrew Soderholm and Ben Hittle won the 2021 LundMania Fishing Tournament. They returned to New York Mills this year to defend their title.

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the office in the elementary school will also be taken out. In its place they're putting in new polyurea coated floors, which will help to modernize the space.

These changes might not seem like much, but they'll make a huge difference to the athletes and students that use the space so frequently. So when the school year rolls around, come by for a volleyball or basketball game. Check out the new renovations, and take pride in the community that helped make these changes possible.

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the first look at the transformation of an old and unused screened-in building. Even greater was the excitement for the intended use of the open-air facility.

The quaint space is the new home to a consortium of practitioners in various holistic health and healing modalities who will offer a variety of classes, workshops and one-on-one experiences throughout the summer, giving rise to its name, S'reenHouse, a novel play on the words "serene" and "greenhouse".

S'reenHouse currently offers yoga classes with newly certified Yoga Therapist, Michelle Harding, on Saturday's and small-group Yoga Therapy the first week of the month and by appointment.

Energy Healing with Holly Burke and Human Design assessments can be booked by appointment as well. Look forward to upcoming sound bath rituals, massage, Reiki, and various courses including: art class for adults and children, herbs, Ayurvedic lifestyle, chakra balance and crystals. There will also be presentations and lectures by experts and volunteers on eco-friendly topics such as pollinators, micro-green growing and sustainable living.

All class offerings can be found at "Screen House" on Facebook and yoga information is also available by calling or texting "yoga" to (612) 251-0768.

Practitioners in other holistic health and healing arts interested in offering their services through S'reen House at Grass Roots are encouraged to contact S'reen House by sending a message on Facebook.

2022 East Otter Tail County Fair

THURS. JULY 21st – SUN. JULY 24th

eotcountyfair.org

WEDNESDAY JULY 20, 2022

8:30 PM MOVIE IN THE PARK – BRING YOUR CHAIRS/BLANKETS
"SING 2" Popcorn & Beverages will be on sale.

THURSDAY JULY 21, 2022

VETERAN AND DAYCARE DAY AT THE FAIR
8 AM-11 AM PAINTED PALLET CONTEST & ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST ENTRY
8:30 AM 4-H POULTRY SHOW AND OPEN POULTRY SHOW
10 AM-11 AM DAYCARE DAY— SELF GUIDED TOUR OF BARN
11 AM FLAG RAISING & VETERANS EVENTS (QUILTS OF VALOR) in the Park
1:30 PM 4-H BEEF SHOW
1 PM-4 PM FLASHBACK ~ In the Park
4 PM-7 PM OFF DUTY CHIEF – TIM EGGERBRAATEN in the Park
4:30 PM 4H GOAT SHOW
7 PM FFA & 4-H SHEEP SHOW
7:30 PM CENTURY FARM AWARDS – In the Park
6 PM-10 PM WRISTBAND RIDE SESSION (FIRST SESSION)
7 PM-10 PM BINGO
9 PM-12 AM THE CROPDUSTERS – In the Park

FRIDAY JULY 22, 2022 - SENIOR CITIZEN DAY AT THE FAIR

8 AM 4-H RABBIT SHOW
10:30 AM 4-H & FFA DAIRY SHOW
1 PM—5 PM WRISTBAND RIDE SESSION (LAST SESSION)
12 PM-3 PM SENIOR CITIZEN EVENTS - MUSIC WITH JERRY & EDITH FIEGEL
2 PM-4 PM BINGO
4PM – 7PM ERIC'S DANCE BAND & POLKA IN THE PARK – In the Park
5 PM 4-H & FFA SWINE SHOW
7 PM NTPA TRACTOR PULL (GRANDSTAND)
\$10.00-13 & Older, \$5.00- Ages 6-12, FREE - 5 & under
7 PM-10 PM BINGO
8 PM-12 AM STIM PACK—VARIETY OF MUSIC

SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022, - KID'S DAY AT THE FAIR

9 AM DAIRY RECOGNITION
10 AM 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION
10 AM PLEASURE HORSE SHOW
10 AM-11 AM KID'S DAY EVENT-LEGO BUILDING CONTEST
12 PM -3PM RGB BAND "ROCKS THE FAIR" In the Park
12 PM – 6 PM RAD ZOO DEMOS – In the Park
1 PM-4 PM BINGO
1 PM 4-H SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN
3 PM 4-H OLYMPICS
5 PM ELVIS (BRAD BOICE) "WILL SHAKE THE FAIR"
6 PM DEMO DERBY (GRANDSTAND)
\$10.00- 13 & Older, \$5.00- Ages 6-12, FREE- 5 & Under
7 PM-10 PM BINGO
9 PM-12 AM BLUE ENGLISH BAND

SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022 – FAMILY DAY AT THE FAIR

8 AM-12 PM PANCAKE BREAKFAST *FREE WILL OFFERING
9 AM HORSE TRAINING WITH HORSE GAMES
10 AM-11 AM OUTDOOR CHURCH BY NORTHWOODS LIFE
12 PM (NOON)-3 PM SHERRY MARQUARDT – VARIETY OF MUSIC
12 PM (NOON) KIDS PEDAL PULL
1 PM LITTLE BRITCHES DAIRY SHOW
1 PM ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL (GRANDSTAND)
\$5.00- 13 & Older, \$3.00- Ages 6-12, FREE- 5 & Under
2 PM-5 PM BINGO
4 PM 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM & FASHION REVIEW
4 PM LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED
6 PM OPEN CLASS & NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED
6 PM EAST OTTER-TAIL FAIR CLOSES FOR 2022



DEMO DERBY



CARNIVAL TICKET INFORMATION

Family Fun Shows Carnival

2 Wristband Sessions for 2022

Thursday July 21, 2022, from 6-10 PM

Friday July 22, 2022, from 1-5 PM

Presale Tickets:	During the Fair Tickets:
May be purchased	20 Tickets for \$50.00
Noon Thursday July 21	Family Pack (Saving \$10.00)
10 tickets for \$20.00	7 Tickets for \$20.00
Wristbands are \$18.00.	1 Ticket for \$3.00
Rides are 1 Ticket.	Wristbands are \$20.00.



TRACTOR PULLS

DAILY EVENTS

CHILDRENS BARN: 10AM – 10PM (SUNDAY 6PM)
EXHIBIT BUILDINGS: 11AM – 10PM (SUNDAY 6PM)
FARM BUREAU SCAVANGER HUNT: 11AM – 8PM (SUNDAY 6PM)

CARNIVAL START TIMES:

THURSDAY: 5PM FRIDAY: 1PM
SATURDAY: 12PM SUNDAY: 1PM

Entry Times

4H NON-LIVESTOCK JUDGING: TUES. FROM 1 - 6PM
OPEN CLASS ENTRY: TUES. & WEDS. FROM 3 - 8PM
4H & FFA LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN: WEDS. FROM 7AM - NOON & 3 - 8PM
PAINTED PALLET ENTRY: WEDS. 5 - 7:30PM & THURS. 8 – 11AM



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On Ground parking is \$3.00/Car/Day

Fair Office 218-346-2750

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LIVE MUSIC EXHIBITS GAMES





Racing to the finish in NYM

Photos by Kathryn Wilkowski
The annual New York Mills Summer Celebration, Fish House Festival and LundMania featured a variety of events for people of all ages on Friday. Among the highlights was the annual Boatville Drags on Friday, which featured special referee Sam Slieter (above and below right). The coin scramble (below left) in Central Park.



Above: A group of children gather up some candy that was thrown out during the parade. Below and far left: A number of local artists joined forces to paint a pair of unique fish houses on Friday. Left: Two local youth paint a fish decoy as part of the Fish House Festival on Friday afternoon.





Photos by Chad Koenen and Kathryn Wilkowski
 Above: Andrew Soderholm and Ben Hittle celebrated their second straight LundMania Fishing Tournament championship on Friday night. The pair also won the 2021 LundMania Fishing Tournament. Below and top left: Sixty boats participated in the annual LundMania Fishing Tournament on Friday morning. The fishing tournament was held on Otter Tail Lake.



Above: Al Berube and Kyle Gylsen were the MCs for the annual LundMania awards ceremony on Friday night. The Top 10 teams were brought up to the stage one-by-one to hear their final weight total. Below: The Boatville Drags were once again a hit with local residents who lined the streets to watch the pedal boat races.



Above: Two local youth throw out candy during the annual Summer Celebration parade on Friday. Below: The Otter Tail County Relay for Life participated in the Summer Celebration parade. Bottom: Sixty boats participated in the LundMania Fishing tournament on Friday. Left: The NY Mills Marching Eagles participated in Friday's parade.





The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda
Freelance Writer

Growing up on a small family farm

What was life like before? It occurred to me that at my age, I'm rapidly becoming one of the fewer and fewer people left who experienced life before

Before what, you say? Well, lots of things weren't around when I was growing up.

I'm also becoming one of the few who grew up on a small family farm, one where the wife didn't have a job in town. One where the husband didn't, either. But that's another before.

Take for example: Before tv, I remember sitting on a linoleum-covered floor—and right there I have to stop and tell you what "linoleum" was, because all most of you know about flooring may be called linoleum by some of you, but it now is actually vinyl. Plastic. Definitely not real linoleum.

Linoleum was a product made from a variety of oils, mixed with ground cork, gums, and pigments. It didn't wear well, and from what I remember when I burned some scraps of it, it was fiercely combustible.

I remember that the floor was warm, mostly because the oil furnace was built into the floor, and helped warm the floor by warming the cellar.

Cellars were before, much like linoleum was before vinyl.

So, before tv, there was flowery-patterned linoleum.

Also before tv, there was radio. I remember several radio shows. I remember Amos and Andy, Edgar Bergen, Jack Benny, Gene Autry, and several mystery shows—Inspector Thorne, Mister Keen, The Shadow (Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men.), Inner Sanctum (Started with a scary creaking door, and a deep voice saying: "Oh, hello there. So glad you came." A voice that made you wonder if maybe you shouldn't have.), The Whistler, Perry Mason, and many others.

I vaguely remember The 64,000.00 Dollar Question, which made the change from radio to television, and some musical things, like What's behind the green door, which also made it to tv from a different origin on radio.

Mainly before TV, I remember reading, my brother and I, and it didn't much matter whether it was the radio, or books, or the television, dad spent almost more energy than he

got out of us when he was hollering at us to come do chores.

But we were kids. What did the adults do? When I think of them, I think of lots of visits from neighbors, a lot of card parties, and a lot of cigarette smoking—which the radio and then the tv said was good for you. Healthy.

From these meager beginnings, I pieced together the one philosophy I have developed: Believe nothing that you hear, very little that you read, and only some of what you see. That philosophy is a direct result of having lived long enough to talk about "befores."

When it comes to medicines from back then, we lived and died by liniment, which we now know was a combination of solvents, such as acetone—which you use when painting cars, incidentally—alcohol, and some capsaicin, which is a really hot pepper.

Any injury we got below the knee got you a soaking in hot, hot water and liniment, which would kill any germ, and you, theoretically, should you use it enough.

Iodine and mercurochrome were popular. Iodine has the questionable honor of having its very own atomic number—53. I guess that must mean something, exactly what, I don't know. Mercurochrome of course has mercury for its lineage, and that means again its own atomic identity.

Since they're not around any more, and I am, I guess it didn't do too much harm. We listened to the radio. We played cards. We read books. We used medicines that eventually antibiotics replaced.

That was then. Before. There is always a then and a before that grow more numerous as you age. Some of my Before memories memories happened before: Antibiotics; Television; Diesel farm tractors; Transistor radios; A Catholic president; Medicare; Health Insurance; Pump your own gas; Computers; Credit cards; Cell phones; A Black president; Fuel injected gasoline engines; Condensing gas furnaces; DC motors hooked to AC; Edible THC; CBD oil. And what are becoming quite common: Trips to outer space. I was born and nearly grown before all of these.

And those are just the ones that come to mind.



Four different classes of driver's licenses

Question: How many classes of drivers' licenses are there and what do they mean?

Answer: Minnesota has four different classes of drivers' licenses.

Class D is valid for:

- Single vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or less;
- Recreational vehicles;
- Certain farm vehicles;
- Towing vehicles, regardless of weight, provided the GVW of the combination does not exceed 26,000 pounds;
- Towing vehicles up to

10,000 pounds GVW when the combination exceeds 26,000 pounds GVW.

Class C is valid for:

- All Class D vehicles requiring a hazardous materials, passenger, and/or



Ask a Trooper
Sgt. Jesse Grabow
OTC Sheriff

Class B is valid for:

- All Class C and Class D vehicles and all other single unit motor vehicles including buses with proper endorsements;

• May tow vehicles with a GVW up to 10,000 pounds.

Class A is valid for:

- Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with proper endorsement(s).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why would anyone vote Democrat?

To the Editor,

I read a Letter to the Editor that caused me to question the writers call to vote Democrat. There were no facts documented, only drivel to my estimation. And yes, there was proven election fraud.

The so-called Trump carnage was a "booming economy." The alleged criminality will never be proven, it didn't exist!

Why would anyone vote Democrat when within less than a year, Trump's booming economy has been destroyed by a Democrat induced inflation, canceled energy production, unlimited Federal debt and lot credibility with world leaders all resulting in a Biden's Pandora Box.

Why would anyone vote Democrat to prolong a bro-

ken economy and nationwide lawlessness.

Les Ristinen,
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Republican trouble in OT County

To the Editor,

Perhaps you have heard of the infighting in the Otter Tail County Republicans since the Caucus in February. Some of the leaders may have committed election fraud by adding to the delegates and alternates after caucus night. Only those who were voted delegates and alternates on caucus night are reported to the State by the deadline that night, after caucuses adjourn. So how is it that the Otter Tail County Republicans, and the Republicans from 17 other adjoining counties, have caucus rolls different than the certified results from late that

night? Falsifying elected delegates and alternates is election fraud. When the fraud is then accepted by our congressional district and our Minnesota GOP, that is collusion, and most certainly corruption. The very people we should be able to go to in order to report this fraud within our own party, are complicit in allowing it to continue.

Part of the problem is that those false delegates and seated alternates were allowed to vote along with the real delegates and seated alternates in the endorsing convention. Therefore, Jordan Rasmusson was endorsed for Bill's Senate seat in the first voting round. What were Jordan supporters so afraid of that they would encourage him to take part in such an insidious plan? I don't personally know if Jordan himself participated in the fraud, but since then he has voted against doing a simple audit of the voters' list each and every time it has been

brought to a vote. This audit would be a process of comparing the list from caucus night to the list the leadership presented over two weeks later.

I am not the liar here. I am not delusional. I saw what I saw. I am surrounded by other witnesses. We have pictures. We have documentation. In my opinion, some of the leaders of the Otter Tail County Republicans committed election fraud. Then I get a letter in the mail from Jordan Rasmusson saying he fought for election integrity this past year. So who is truly delusional?

Tell me what you think about this, please. I think this act, and those who are insisting we not do an audit to make corrections, signals a corruption deeper and wider than we currently suspect. Eighteen adjoining counties, folks.

Marcia Huddleston
Vergas

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Bethany Free Lutheran Church, Blue Grass

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(360) 241-8450 (Kandoll's)
www.nymalc.org
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible study
8:05 a.m. Echoes of Mercy on KWAD
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. Worship

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www.zionandbethany-flc.org
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401 2nd St. SE, Sebeka
Pastor Eric Clapp
(218) 837-5831
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Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. In-person Worship, Online Worship

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

Southbrook Baptist Church
1842 2nd Street SW, Wadena
Pastor Jake Heppner
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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

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49658 Co. Hwy. 53, Perham
Vacancy Pastor Del Stohs
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St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Rush Lake
46404 Co. Hwy. 14, Perham
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www.stlawrenceparishesonline.com
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Friday: 8:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass

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

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101 Gilman St. W, New York Mills
Rev. Ryan D.G. Stout
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Sunday: 9:10 a.m. Worship, Sunday school follows worship, 11 a.m. Confirmation

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424 E Gilman St., New York Mills
Rev. Kirk Douglas
(218) 385-2450
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Sunday: 8 a.m. Worship and YouTube service, 9:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday: 6 p.m. New Beginnings AA Meeting
Wednesday: 5:15 p.m. Walking Wednesday

Trinity Lutheran Missouri Synod
208 N Clark St., Deer Creek
Pastor Donald Wagner
(218) 462-2464
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Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

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SENIOR MENU

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Thursday, July 14- Pot roast, whole potatoes, baby carrots, cookies, bread/butter/milk
Thursday, July 15- Cheeseburger/bun, seasoned wedges, green beans, fresh fruit, milk
Monday, July 18- Lasagna, garlic bread, lettuce salad, brownies, milk
Tuesday, July 19- Sweet n sour pork, buttered rice, mini egg rolls, butter-scotch pudding, bread/butter/milk

THANK YOU



We would like to extend a thank you to our friends, family and community for the support, cards, memorial money, food and help after the passing of Loren. Your generosity did not go unnoticed. Love, The Koehlers

The strangest things happen...it's time to retire. And so the time has come to sell Dan's Towing and Repair after many happy and productive years. The success of Dan's towing and repair has come from many sources beginning with you our valued customer. To our dedicated staff and our community support: we will miss all of you. Most of all, we will miss our conversations which were occasionally creative, philosophical and stimulating; sometimes rambling and always entertaining. Our customers were like family! The name of Dan's Towing and Repair will change to Lakeland Auto Repair owned by Todd and Brenda Roberts. Please, extend a welcome to Todd and Brenda Roberts as we are confident they will address your vehicle concerns. We look forward to spending time with family, fishing, some traveling, and completing many postponed projects. We truly thank you, for the many years of loyalty. Respectfully, Dan and Deb Matti

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Obituaries

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Douglas Anderson, 78

Douglas Anderson, age 78 of Henning, passed away on July 6, 2022 at his home with his family by his side. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Wadena Alliance Church in Wadena. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. prior to the service at church. Douglas will be laid to rest at the Minnesota

State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley, Little Falls, Minn.

Please visit www.karvonfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Douglas' Tribute Wall.

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

Jack Windels, 16

A celebration of life and a visitation for Jack Windels, age 16, of Wadena, will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in

Wadena.

Please visit www.karvonfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Jack's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

Cultural Center to host a trip to Finland

Finnish trip to take place from September 15-26

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is excited to offer a unique opportunity to travel to Finland. "Traditions of Finland" with the Cultural Center in New York Mills is planned with EF/Go Ahead Tours, and will take place Sept. 15-26.

During this 12-day tour, travelers will have the opportunity to learn about Finnish arts, culture and history. The trip includes 10 nights in handpicked hotels, cooking class, beer tasting,

wine tasting, guided sight-seeing tours to many historical and cultural sites, and a group craft at the world-renowned Iittala glass factory.

The tour is limited to 26 people and is not open to the general public on the Go Ahead Tour Site; instead, it is a specialized tour created just for the NY Mills Regional Cultural Center as part of our "Window to the World" program.

The Cultural Center's vision statement includes the organizational goal of "celebrating the local and being a window to the world." In 2019, the Cultural Center launched its "Window to the World" program, which offered a travel experience along with related workshops and events held locally. The idea behind this strategy is to offer both an actual travel experience as well as local opportunities to learn about another culture through hands-on workshops, classes, and group experiences right here at home.

That first experience focused on Italian culture and included a trip to Italy for 18 travelers in June 2019. The next trip was originally planned for Finland in 2021, but was postponed to 2022 due to COVID. 2022 travel dates to Finland are Sept. 15-26. Local workshops about Finnish arts and culture are being held throughout the summer (June 29, July 27, and Aug. 24 each from 6-7 pm). A gallery show of Finnish photographs and art is planned for December 2022.

For more information visit www.kulcher.org/finland-trip-2022/

For a complete itinerary and to sign up visit www.grouptoursite.com/tours/finland2022

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Perham Health ranked as a Top 10 Hospital

Newsweek's "World's Best Hospitals" report for 2022 is out and Perham Health is listed in the Top Ten Hospitals in Minnesota and ranked 283rd in the top 500 hospitals in the U.S.

Top 10 hospitals in Minnesota for 2022 include:

1. Mayo Clinic - Rochester, Minn. (#1 in the U.S.)

2. St. Cloud Hospital - St. Cloud, Minn. (#54 in the U.S.)

3. University of Minnesota Medical Center - Minneapolis, Minn. (#63 in the U.S.)

4. Abbott Northwestern Hospital - Minneapolis, Minn. (#109 in the U.S.)

5. Regions Hospital - St. Paul, MN (#123 in the U.S.)

6. Fairview Southdale Hospital - Edina, Minn. (#167 in the U.S.)

7. Fairview Ridges Hospital - Burnsville, Minn. (#196 in the U.S.)

8. Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital - St. Louis Park, Minn. (#199 in the U.S.)

9. Mayo Clinic Health System - Albert Lea, Minn. (#206 in the U.S.)

10. Perham Health - Perham (#283 in the U.S.)

Mayo Clinic in Rochester was also named "Best Hospital in the World."

Newsweek collaborated with Statista, a data storage and analysis company, to review three data sources—results from patient experience surveys, data on quality measures, and recommendations from medical experts (physician leaders and specialists, nurse leaders, quality and patient

safety experts, and other healthcare professionals).

"I am extremely proud of everyone at Perham Health for this well-deserved recognition," said Chuck Hofius, Perham Health CEO. "The criteria for this award favors large, urban hospitals that tend to be top-of-mind, such as Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins. For Perham Health to receive this award—the only small, rural community hospital listed in the state's top 10—is a testament to the exceptional team of professionals across our organization working together to deliver great

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- 12:30-3:00PM - PS-3'S GROUP (if needed)
- 12:00-3:00PM - PRE-K GROUP

Session schedule is subject to change as final enrollment are known. Please call us with any questions!

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Houseplants do more than simply clean air

By Bev Johnson
Master Gardener

House plants do more than clean our air, they can also boost our mood according to Mengmeng Gu, an associate professor of horticulture at Texas A&M University.

In an article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the professor says plants can quickly improve our mood.

It is not only the appearance of plants that improves our mood so quickly, but how they smell that can make a huge difference. Just think of a hospital room. Some lilies have such an overpowering perfume that it can make one nauseated in that small area.

A study done during the pandemic by people who have to work from home found that participants who had house plants had significantly fewer symptoms of depression and anxiety than those people who had no plants in their homes.

Another scientist, Melinda Kunth, an assistant professor of horticulture at North Carolina State University, did studies on how house plants affect people. She found that "plants have a huge restrictive capacity whether it's outdoors like in a yard or indoors with houseplants, nature can help us feel recharged and grounded." Any gardener could have told her that.

A theory called attention restoration states that seeing a plant can provide a spark of interest, redirect our attention, and restore our depleted mental and physical resources. This effect is supposed to renew positive emotions, increase productivity, and attention capacity. Wonder if this is effective on kids who often need their attention redirected.

These experts even have suggestions as to which plants you should use.

One 5 foot tall plant is as effective as 5 smaller foliage plants. As to color, in a study using English ivy, green-yellow

and bright green leaves made people feel more cheerful but white-ish green leaves, resulted in more negative emotions. No wonder, they look sick.

To reduce your heart rate and blood pressure, get flowering plants that have purple, red, pink or white blooms. Purple and green flowers were more effective in relaxing you, reducing anxiety and improving mood. Give your special someone red or yellow roses if they are ticked at you. They have a calming effect.

There are some chores that need to be done in the first weeks of July. Stop using rhubarb but keep pulling off flowers. Also stop taking asparagus now. Both these plants need to recover for the rest of the summer. If you just cut the tops off some asparagus spears, cut the leftover stems to the soil line. Give both plants a small amount of fertilizer and water it in well.

Thin your apples to one or two per clump and put a zip-lock bag on the ones left. Cut a corner off for drainage. The reason to thin apples is that there are only 5 spots on each clump for an apple to form. If all 5 have an apple on them, the tree can't start preparing to grow an apple on that clump next year. This is why you get apples only every other year. Bagging apples results in worm free and larger apples this year. It is like a mini greenhouse for the fruit. It also keeps the birds from picking at them. Don't leave any apples on the ground as that is where the worms winter.

Thought for the day. All gardening is good for you, even if its just houseplant gardening.

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Date	High	Low	Prec.	Date	High	Low	Prec.
7/4/2022	73	63	0.02" Rain	7/4/2021	90	69	
7/5/2022	82	66		7/5/2021	93	69	
7/6/2022	80	58		7/6/2021	89	64	0.06" Rain
7/7/2022	78	60		7/7/2021	67	56	0.25" Rain
7/8/2022	81	60	0.35" Rain	7/8/2021	68	52	
7/9/2022	80	59		7/9/2021	72	51	
7/10/2022	83	59		7/10/2021	78	54	
7/11/2022	77	66	0.56" Rain	7/11/2021	81	59	

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6/27/2022	68	51		6/27/2021	71	59	0.02" Rain
6/28/2022	80	56	0.02" Rain	6/28/2021	82	58	0.52" Rain
6/29/2022	73	51		6/29/2021	77	58	0.16" Rain
6/30/2022	79	54	0.01" Rain	6/30/2021	81	58	
7/1/2022	77	54		7/1/2021	85	64	
7/2/2022	76	56		7/2/2021	85	60	
7/3/2022	75	56		7/3/2021	87	63	
7/4/2022	73	63	0.02" Rain	7/4/2021	90	69	

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Photos by Chad Koenen

Above: Tom Tellers slides to catch a fly ball in right field during the annual fireworks game between New York Mills and Bluffton on July 2. Below: Josh Dykhoff connects with a pitch during the July 2 baseball game between Bluffton and NY Mills. Bottom: Tyler Patron connects with a pitch on July 2.

Braves edge Millers in annual fireworks game

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

In what proved to be a pitching duel, Bluffton defeated New York Mills by a score of 2-0 in the annual Braves and Millers fireworks game on Saturday, July 2.

The Braves got on the scoreboard in the top of the second inning when Josh Dykhoff hit a triple. Payton Rondestvedt was thrown out at the plate, but Josh Dykhoff remained at third base with just two outs. Justin Dykhoff followed with a single to right field to bring Josh Dykhoff home to make the score 1-0.

The game remained at 1-0 until the fifth inning when Jake Dykhoff hit an RBI single to bring Isaac Hamann around to score from second base and make the score 2-0 in favor of Bluffton. Despite a number of chances by both teams to get runs across the plate the rest of the game, the pitchers and defenses were able to keep each team off the score board. Both teams stranded a number of runners on base as Bluffton stranded 9 runners and NY Mills stranded 8.

Jake Dykhoff picked up the win on the mound for the Braves as he went all 9 innings and gave up just 5 hits, while striking out 12 hitters.

Austin Maneval took the loss on the mound for the Millers as he pitched 4 in-



nings and gave up just 1 earned run and 5 hits. Derin Gaudette pitched the final 5 innings of the game in relief and gave up just 2 hits and 1 run.

The loss dropped the Millers to 9-3 on the season.

This weekend the Millers will travel to Perham on Friday night, while Bluffton will play at Deer Creek on Saturday.

On Sunday the Millers will travel to Verndale,

while Deer Creek will travel to Park Rapids and Bluffton will host Perham.

	AB	R	H	BI
Derin Gaudette	4	0	1	0
Logan Small	4	0	0	0
Brandon Kupfer	3	0	0	0
Tyler Patron	4	0	0	0
Drey Roberts	4	0	1	0
Ethan Hendrick	4	0	0	0
Adam Patron	3	0	0	0
Maison Roberts	1	0	0	0
Collin Teich	4	0	2	0
Jonah Johnson	3	0	1	0

HITTING- 2B- Derin Gaudette
PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- Austin

Maneval 4-5-1-1-1-2, Derin Gaudette 5-2-1-1-4-4

	AB	R	H	BI
Payton Rondestvedt	4	0	1	0
Cody Geiser	4	0	0	0
Josh Dykhoff	4	1	2	1
Justin Dykhoff	4	0	2	1
Jake Dykhoff	3	0	0	0
Kyle Dykhoff	4	0	1	0
Wyatt Hamann	4	0	1	0
Tom Tellers	2	0	0	0
Isaac Hamann	3	1	0	0

HITTING- 2B- Justin Dykhoff, Payton Rondestvedt; 3B- Josh Dykhoff
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Apply by August 19 for Camp Ripley archery hunts

Special hunt to take place from October 28-30

Hunters can apply for the fall archery deer hunt at Camp Ripley near Little Falls through Friday, Aug. 19.

This year, the three-day hunt will happen from Oct. 28-30 (Friday to Sunday, application code 688).

A total of 2,500 permits will be made available. The bag limit is two and bonus permits may be used to take antlerless deer. Additional rules and instructions will be posted by early August on

the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/Hunting/Deer/Camp-Ripley-Archery-Hunt.html.

Hunters may choose from three options to apply for the Camp Ripley archery hunts:

- In person at any one of 1,500 license agents located throughout Minnesota.
- By telephone at 888-665-4236.
- Online (mndnr.gov/BuyALicense).

The application fee is \$14 per applicant. Additional transaction

fees and convenience fees may be applied depending on how the application is made. Successful applicants must buy a valid archery license to participate.

To apply, resident hunters 21 and older must provide a valid state driver's license or public safety identification number. Non-resident hunters must apply using a valid driver's license number, public safety identification number, or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources number from

a recent Minnesota hunting or fishing license. Preference will be given only if the same ID is used from previous Camp Ripley applications.

All applicants must be at least 10 years old prior to the hunt. In addition, everyone 12 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1979, must have a firearms safety certificate or other evidence of successfully completing a hunter safety course in order to purchase an archery license if successful in the lottery.

Hunters may apply as individuals or as a group of up to four people. The first group applicant

must specify "Create New Group" when asked, and will receive a group number. Subsequent group applicants must specify they want to "Join an Existing Group" and must use the same group number supplied to the first group applicant.

The archery hunt at Camp Ripley is an annual event. The DNR coordinates the hunt in collaboration with Central Lakes College Natural Resources Department, and the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, which manages the 53,000-acre military reservation.



Contributed photos

Bio Girls began in New York Mills earlier this year. The group focuses on building confidence in young women and girls, while providing activities for local youth across the region. The program started in 2013 and has chapters across the region.

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this 12 week program began in 2013 and has since spread out to numerous locations throughout the midwest with the intention of building up young girls confidence and self-esteem.

"After COVID isolation and with mental health crises on the rise in our society, this program truly is so essential," NY Mills director Jennifer Maki said.

Designed for second through sixth graders, BIO Girls works to build up the girls self-esteem. The program also focuses on a physical activity for the girls. This year they incorporated yoga into their lessons. The program was led by a team of 10 adult mentors, two directors, and one junior mentor. All in all there were about 34 girls between second and sixth grade attending the weekly sessions.

During a typical session the girls would start by getting into small groups of about three to four led by one mentor. They'd open up with a journal prompt before going into a non-denominational devotion. After that they came together

in a big group for the main message of the day.

"It really is all about setting these girls up with 'tools' to be successful," Maki said.

A big part of every session is the yoga part. Not only is yoga shown to improve flexibility and balance, it is also said to benefit mental health. Led by Leona Cichy, it's grown to be one of the kids favorite parts.

"Some girls really took to yoga. I received many positive words from parents stating their daughter(s) liked yoga so much that they would practice together on their mats at home," she said. "Another girl would even wake up and practice her yoga prior to school."

Another important feature of the program is a service trip. The program devotes one of the 12 sessions to volunteering. This year United Way partnered with the kids. Together, they helped pack dental kits.

"By having a service project day, it helps the girls to look past themselves and their own life situations," Maki said.



Throughout the twelve weeks what started as a rather shy group of girls quickly blossomed into a group that resembled more of a family. Jennifer along with the rest of the leaders witnessed as the girls became more open with each other, making new friends and getting out of their comfort zone. The girls went from building themselves up to building each other up. Together, they were the source for all things positive, constantly repeating some of their favorite mantras including, "I am enough" and "throw kindness like confetti."

BIO Girls hopes that young girls can take these

skills and apply them directly to their everyday life. Instead of becoming slaves to negative self-talk or comparison, BIO Girls is teaching them to approach situations with confidence in themselves and their abilities, recognizing that everyone brings something of value to the world.

"It fills me with so much hope for the future to help teach these girls that they are capable to make a difference," Maki said. "The world needs more kindness and more positivity, we need more encouragers and my hope is that these girls and mentors will go out and be those people."



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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that eligible persons wishing to file an affidavit for the elected office of Council Member or Mayor in the City of New York Mills may do so by obtaining said affidavit from the City Clerk's office in the New York Mills City Hall, 28 Centennial 84 Drive West.

Affidavits must be filed along with the \$2.00 filing fee between 8:00 a.m. on August 2, 2022 and 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2022, during regular business hours for those dates of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Terms to be filled are: Council Member, four-year term (2023-2026), two positions Council Member, two-year term (2023-2024) one position Mayor, two-year term (2023-2024), one position

Julie Roberts, City Clerk City of New York Mills

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-NEWTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following Newton Township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022, with term beginning in 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the first day of filing Affidavits of Candidacy for the Township of Newton, Otter Tail County, State of Minnesota will be Tuesday, August 2, 2022, and the last day for filing Affidavits of Candidacy will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Offices to be elected are:

- One (1) Supervisor Seat A - 4 year regular term
- One (1) Supervisor Seat C - 4 year regular term
- One (1) Treasurer - 4 year regular term

Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at time of filing. Candidates can obtain an Affidavit of Candidacy and remit with the filing fee to Lacey Schik, Newton Township Clerk, phone number (218) 298-1368. Affidavits will also be available from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the New York Mills City Hall Ballroom on Tuesday, August 16th.

Lacey Schik, Clerk
Newton Township

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553 (NEW YORK MILLS, MN) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 553 shall begin on August 2, 2022, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, THREE (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, Dist. # 553, Denise Kane, PO Box 218, New York Mills, MN 56567. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022.

Dated: July 25, 2022 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Denise Kane
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 553
(New York Mills, MN)
State of Minnesota

Published July 13, July 20, 2022

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN NEW YORK MILLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board for New York Mills School District #553, New York Mills, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 4:45 p.m., at the New York Mills School District office, 209 Hayes Avenue, New York Mills, Minnesota, relating to the use of property tax abatement up to \$295,000 to reimburse for project costs associated with a multi-family housing development in New York Mills, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1812 to 469.1815, inclusive, as amended. The total amount of tax abatements will not exceed \$295,000 collected over a period of 15 years, commencing with taxes payable 2024 and ending with taxes payable 2038. The following tax parcels are proposed to be included in the proposed tax abatement:

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Copies of the Abatement Resolution as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the District Office of the New York Mills School District.

All interested persons may appear at the hearings and present their view orally or in writing.

Dated: June 22, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Denise Kane

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Raising money for Ottertail community

Ottertail Community Auction set for Saturday at Ottertail Community Center

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Over the past 14 years the Ottertail Community Auction has become much more than an event to simply pass time on a warm July evening. It has become a place where a person can go fishing on the bottom of a beer bottle, race a bike and play Deal or No Deal in their own backyard.

Of course the event is also a place where people can win a half day fishing trip, Minnesota Twins tickets, enough dog food to feed the neighborhood and even pick up a few pickled eggs. Proceed from the money raised, which totaled over \$12,000 last year alone, goes back into the Ottertail community.

In the past, proceeds from the auction have helped to pay for much of the upgrades at the community park, as well as beautification projects in the Ottertail

community.

The 14th annual Ottertail Community Auction will be held at the Ottertail Community Center and Fire Hall on Saturday. The social hour will get underway at 4 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 5 p.m.

This year's auction will once again feature a mixture of gift certificates from local businesses, as well as gift baskets for everything like eggs and baked goods to bread baskets.

Some of the larger items this year include wood shelves, wooden towel rack and a wooden swing, a Mall of American package with a room donated by the Ottertail City Chamber of Commerce, tickets to the Minnesota Twins game on Aug. 15, which are in Row 3, a tree trimming package from Carr's Tree Service, a plane ride with Bill Goepferd, golf packages, pontoon rentals and a Harley Davidson gift. Each year the auction



Photo by Chad Koenen

The Ottertail Community Auction will once again be held on Saturday. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Ottertail community.

raises anywhere from \$8,000-12,000, but that support wouldn't be possible without the businesses pro-

viding items to be put up for auction, as well as the support of the people who show up to put their number in

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PERHAM 180 MOVES FORWARD

make a transition back into the community. This is attained by providing safe and affordable housing, finding gainful employment for these individuals and offering the support needed to overcome any additional barriers they face.

Located on the northwest side of town, Perham 180 housing is made up of 9 private rooms with each containing a bed, sink, micro-

wave, small refrigerator, TV and bathroom/shower.

An additional two rooms were remodeled to house the office, community kitchen, and a lounge.

Participants work at nearby Barrel O' Fun and other businesses in Perham, one of about 7 communities where Productive Alternatives serves people with special needs.

"At Productive Alter-

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natives we believe in all people," says PA President Steve Skauge. "We value each individual person in our program regardless of their path getting here."

Perham 180 received startup financial assistance from the five-person Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners.

Crisis stabilization program successful

Another Productive Alternatives program that people may not know about is the Crisis Stabilization Unit in northwest Fergus Falls.

This program includes a support team that assists people going through a crisis and helps them get back on their feet.

"We are here to help anyone going through anything," Skauge says. "Every situation is different and that's why we approach each situation with a personalized approach."

The Crisis Stabilization Unit, in operation for several years, is a 24/7 program with a residential facility and specifically focused on mental health. The facility offers short term stays (10 days or less) but can be extended as needed.

"We work with the individual to build coping skills and other skills that work for them when trying to meet their goals," adds Skauge. "We're here to help people heal and grow."

The Crisis Stabilization Unit program has bipartisan support from the Minnesota State Legislature.

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