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Hometown Happenings

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4th of July Weekend Festivities Offer a Boatload of Fun!

The New York Mills Civic & Commerce Association invites you to attend the July 2, 2010, Summer Celebration. There are many fun activities planned for the day. Friday starts out at 7:00 a.m. on the western shores of Otter Tail Lake, where the Lund Mania 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament is being held. The teams are competing for over \$30,000 in prizes, with the top 10 teams receiving a p r i z e .

Back in town, there is a free swim day from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., sponsored by Otter Tail Power Company. Beginning at 4:00

p.m. there will be kids games in Central Park, hosted by the Miss NYM Pageant Royalty. Food and beverage vendors will be set up by 4:30 p.m. in Central Park. To go along with the Lund Mania Tournament, the Eagles Café will be holding a fish fry. At 5:00 p.m., fishing pros Al Lindner and Gary Roach will hold a kids' fishing seminar-sponsored by the Perham Memorial Hospital. The annual NYM parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. The top ten teams from the Lund Mania Tournament will be included in the parade again this year. After

the parade concludes, stay around and watch the Lund Mania results ceremony on the stage across from Central park. The Street Dance will begin after the Ceremony, featuring the band Two Day's Notice. (cont. on Page 4)



2009 Tournament Winners Miles Nelson and Ray Sonnenberg

Three City Council Positions up for Election in 2010

Have you ever considered running for an elected position with your local city government?

The City of New York Mills is chartered as a statutory Plan A City with a council that consists of a mayor and four council members. The Mayor serves a two-year term. The council positions are for four years, with two seats expiring the same year and the other two seats expiring in the alternating two year period. Coinciding with the General Election on November 2, 2010, there will

be a local election for the mayor's seat as well as two of the four council seats. Any City resident interested in



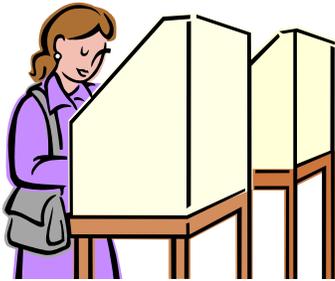
running for one of these local office positions can file for candidacy beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. A \$2.00 filing fee must be paid at the time of filing. To file, stop by the City Clerk's office at 28 Centennial 84 drive West, upstairs, to pick up the filing packet of information during the two-week filing period. The Clerk's office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Do YOU Have What It Takes?

The New York Mills Fire Department is accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. For more information, contact Fire Chief Reed Jacobson at 218-385-2868 or call the City Office at 218-385-2213.

Primary Elections to be Held August 10th



The 2010 Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday August 10th, much earlier than past primaries, according to the Otter Tail County Auditor. This is a result of the MOVE (Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment) act which was passed by Congress this past winter. This gives overseas voters more time to submit their absentee ballots. Primary Elections in the City

of New York Mills will be held at the City Hall Ballroom at 28 Centennial 84 Drive West. Polls open at 7:00 am and will close at 8:00 pm. Newton Township, who shares a polling place with the City will be open during the same hours for voting. For a Federal, State or Countywide election, you may download an absentee ballot application from the Secretary of

State's website at: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211> or obtain one from the Otter Tail County Auditor's office. Once completed the signed application can either be mailed or faxed to:
 Voter Registration/Elections Auditor
 Government Services Center
 510 Fir Ave W.
 Fergus Falls, MN 56537

ROLA RACING Offers Good Old-Fashioned Fun



Photo courtesy of vintagesleds.com

August will not disappoint those looking for events which offer excitement and a taste of the unusual in and around New York Mills. One such event, Rip Roarin' ROLA Days are scheduled for Saturday, August 7th and

will be held at the NYM Municipal Airport grounds. ROLA stands for Regional One Lunger Association, LLC and is comprised of a group of over 200 vintage snowmobile enthusiasts. The organization started out in 1999 with six men from the New York Mills area who got together to race their vintage snowmobiles on a pond near New York Mills. Today, the group competes for cash, awards and of course, "bragging rights". They started out as a

group of racers that competed in swamps, fields and area lakes, and now has grown into an organization which holds events with plowed tracks and plenty of people to make sure events run smoothly and safely. ROLA has drawn the interest and participation of racers from around the Midwest and Canada. Throughout the winter, one cylinder enthusiasts can find ROLA races in various cities and towns throughout central, eastern and northern Minnesota.

The New York Mills event on

August 7th will offer a Swap Meet, Vintage Snowmobile Drags, also 4-wheeler Drag Racing and new for this year will be Dirt Bike Drag Races. As always, the popular "Grudge Matches" will be included. The event is conveniently located along U.S. Highway 10, approximately one mile east of New York Mills. Admission is \$5 per person, kids 12 and under are free. For more information visit www.rolaracing.com. (info obtained from rolaracing.com)

OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT



The United Way of Otter Tail County, North Country Food Bank, Calvary Lutheran Church of Perham, and Otter Tail-Wadena Community

Action Council, Inc will be hosting an Operation Community Connect on Thursday, August 26, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham. Operation Community Connect is a one-day event designed to bring service agencies face-to-face with Otter Tail County citizens experiencing homelessness and/or poverty.

This event is much more than an information fair. It is an opportunity for community members to actually apply for services and

receive assistance all under one roof. This event will include a mobile food drop available to any resident of Otter Tail County with no eligibility guidelines. Operation Community Connect is mirrored after Project Homeless Connect, a national one-stop shop model for delivering services to people experiencing homelessness. Successful events have already been held in many large communities nationwide.

A free lunch meal will be served courtesy of the Salvation Army and area volunteers.

If you would like more information please contact the United Way at 218-736-5147 or 1-877-457-2185 or visit www.uwotc.org.

You may also contact Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council at 218-385-2900 or 800-450-2900.

There are many opportunities to be involved in this one-day event. If you have a heart for helping others and/or have a service that would benefit homeless persons or community members living on little, please contact us to participate.

F & M State Bank Holds Fund Drive for Wadena Area Children

Farmers & Merchants State Bank is going to be collecting donations to sponsor a number of free swim days throughout the summer for children in Wadena at the New York Mills Community Pool. The bank will be matching all donations up to \$500 received through July 9, 2010.

“After doing a little checking, we heard that what the kids in Wadena might really like is a place to enjoy some summer swim time, since their pool was right in the path of the recent tornado,” said F & M State Bank

Executive Vice President, Al Berube. “We also wanted to provide the residents of New York Mills a focused plan for any donations they might wish to make.”

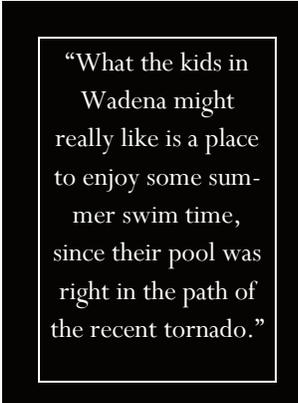
Donations can be made in a couple of ways: In person at Farmers & Merchants State Bank in New York Mills (both inside the lobby and through the drive-up lanes), or to the volunteers who will be walking the parade route at the New York Mills parade on Friday, July 2nd at 6:30 pm.

The free swim days will run

from 1-5 in the afternoon and the number of days depends on the amount of money collected. Dates will be coordinated with NYM Pool Manager Heidi Van Dyke.

Wadena Social Services will work to notify the residents of Wadena of the dates and times, as well as hopefully coordinate transportation to the free swim days.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank is locally owned and has provided financial services to the New York Mills area since 1916.



Public Works - Works for You!

With summer upon us, the construction season is also here. Remember, if you plan on doing any digging, fencing, landscaping, etc., you are required to call Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166 or 811. **It is the law.**

The Public Works Department is here to help you. The **best and proper way** to receive help is to call 385-2213. The public works department regular shop hours are from 7 am to 4 pm, but

there is a 24-hour answering service who will contact the person on call after hours. Remember that if the problem is not an emergency there may be a charge for after hour service calls.

If you are a New York Mills Municipal System customer and smell gas (a rotten egg odor), and suspect a gas leak, leave the home or building before calling 911 and/or 385-2213. **DO NOT** turn off any switches or other devices that may

cause a spark. Stay a safe distance away. Remember, your cell or cordless telephone can cause a spark also. If you have any questions about gas safety, you may contact any of our public works employees.

There will be street construction in New York Mills again this summer. This year's project will focus on South Main from Centennial 84 Drive to the southern edge of New York Mills.



Severe Weather Reminder

With the severe weather season here it is important to remind everyone of safe practices during severe weather.

The City of New York Mills has an outdoor siren that can notify the community of approaching severe weather. This siren is designed as an outdoor warning system only. People inside a building may not hear the siren

when activated. If the siren is activated all citizens should seek shelter as weather spotters have identified dangerous severe weather in the area. During times of severe weather the New York Mills City Hall basement will be made available for persons who do not have adequate shelter available to them, such as a mobile home or a home without a basement. After

a severe storm, emergency crews may be responding to the damaged areas affected by the weather.

Citizens should avoid these areas as they may hinder rescue efforts or become injured themselves. For additional safety tips during severe weather you may contact your local Red Cross Office or the National Weather Service.



NYM Princesses Give Others the “Royal Treatment”



Most of us have seen the New York Mills Royalty princesses in local parades and events such as the NYM Trade Show, Christmas Tree Festival and the East Otter Tail County Fair. But what most don't know is that they are much more than just pretty faces around town. These young ambassadors of our community are hard at work volunteering for both local and regional events, ranging from managing games in the park and selling concessions at the 4th of July Festival and August Corn Feed to volunteering in Wadena

and Bluffton area with tornado disaster clean up.

Some of the events result in very long days for these young women. Volunteers who helped out at the Fergus Falls Shrine Circus last week, began by singing the National Anthem, then tackled the tasks of making and selling cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn. They also cleaned the entire auditorium between all four shows. The girls worked long days and returned home around midnight.

Not to say that they aren't enjoying their reign. There are several fun events which include a trip to the Twins game supporting the Shriners Children, Shriners Mansion and Shriners Hospital in the Twin Cities.

The NYM Royalty also serves in more discreet, though equally valuable capacities, such as visiting nursing home residents, bringing goodies to residents and Christmas caroling, and assisting with any benefits which may arise.

They will represent New York Mills as visiting royalty at pageants in Wolf Lake, Detroit Lakes, Frazee, Parkers Prairie, Battle Lake and Henning, and will attend parades in Ottertail, Battle Lake, The Northwest Water Carnival in

Detroit Lakes, Henning, Menahga, Winter Carnival, Frazee, Vergas, Hewitt, Parkers Prairie and Underwood, as well as the Perham parade, which was held this past weekend.

NYM Royalty coordinator, Shanna Dettwiler is very proud of all of these young women. "This is what the New York Mills Royalty is all about. It is not a beauty pageant but to make a difference and turn today's girls into tomorrow's leaders." she stated.

The 2010/2011 NYM Royalty includes:

Miss NYMills Amber Geleneau
Miss NYMills Princess Taylor Geiser

NYMills Peoples Choice Brit-tany Johnson

Miss Teen Princess:
Shelsey Honer
Grace Moberg
Cailey Olson

Jr. Miss Princesses:
Hannah Barthel
Jerni Holweg
Marissa Witt

Lil' Miss Princesses:
Emma Thompson
Aliya Gerber
Bailey Jacobson

When you see one of these dynamic young women out in our community or elsewhere, show them your support and appreciation for their unselfish service and devotion to New York Mills and its people.

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NYM Royalty is only one of the many valuable service organizations which grace our community. Members of many organizations such as the NYM Civic and Commerce, Impact, NYM Lions, New Horizons, Friends of the Library, Shriners, Masons, 4-H, Boy & Girl Scouts, (to name a few) all consist of volunteers that make a difference in our community and surrounding area. If there is something good going on in town, chances are, one of these groups are behind it!

4th of July Festivities, continued from pg 1

To support this and other C&C sponsored events a \$5 donation is being requested for the Street Dance.

The annual Millers/Bluffton ball game will also be on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Park at Russ Jacobson Field. Saturday evening features a Millers/Midway ball game at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Park, followed by fireworks.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank	Modern Assemblies, Inc	Hardware Hank/Cenex
Lund Fishing Boats	Arvig Communication Systems	Vaughn Auto & Marine
Eagles Cafe	Dean's Country Market	Mid-State Auto Auction
Heart of the Lakes Credit Union	Rachel Grieger, DDS	Subway
NYM Civic & Commerce	Designs By Tes	Seip Drug
Norton Printing	Farmers Union Insurance	Tender Hearts Home Care
Mike's Plumbing & Heating	L & L Service & Snack Shoppe	Centennial Realty
MeritCare NYM	Gibb's #10 Sales	Dan's Towing & Repair
Elder's Home Inc.	Leaf River Ag Service	Karvonen & Son Funeral Home
Peloquin & Minge, P.A.	New York Mills Lions	Mills Liquors



Mayor's Corner

I am sure all of you are aware of the tragic tornado that hit the city of Wadena and the outlying rural areas around Bluffton and caused massive destruction unlike anything that many of us have ever seen before. It is after a tragedy like this occurs that the many neighbors, friends, and even strangers pitch in to offer every kind of assistance imaginable.

So it was with the city of New York Mills and all of the other communities around the county. Immediately following the tornado strike the N Y Mills Fire and Rescue Department was

called out to Bluffton and Wadena as a form of mutual aid to their respective departments. In addition to this the Fire and Rescue Department were again asked to provide two trucks for potential emergency assistance the following Saturday.

The Police Department also played an important part in security and assistance for the City of Wadena. As soon as the call came for assistance we dispatched one patrol officer who spent two days assisting with traffic control and continue to offer our assistance on an "as needed" basis.

Our Street and Utility Department also placed a call to the City of Wadena and offered whatever assistance they deemed necessary. As soon as Wadena responded we sent a city truck and department person for two days to

assist in the massive cleanup operation.

Again in offering whatever assistance we can as a City, we have contacted their summer rec. department to offer the use of our swimming pool for swimming lessons and open swim sessions. At the present time they are taking advantage of the opportunity to bring kids for the open swim sessions and as of this date we are awaiting their reply to using the pool for swimming lessons.

Last of all I can't be more proud of the citizens of New York Mills who so unselfishly gave of their time to lend, offer, and provide assistance to all those affected by this tragedy. I keep hearing from so many individuals, families, churches, and organizations that contributed and continue to contribute. A friend told me that

it is the "get-er-done" attitude of the people of this area that sets us apart from so many other parts of the country. That attitude of caring for your neighbor is what continues to make this the special place that so many of us will always want to call home.

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Community Pool News

Summer has arrived and the sun is shining! How about a swim? Come enjoy the Community Pool! Our hours are Monday—Friday from 1 to 5 pm (open swim), 6-6:30 pm (family/lap swim), 6:30-8 pm (open swim). Saturday hours are 1 pm—5 pm. The pool is closed on **Sundays** this year.

Daily admission to the pool is \$3.00 per person. We offer

water Aerobics Monday and Wednesday from 4:45 pm-5:30 pm at a cost of \$2.50 per session. In addition, we are having two sessions of morning swimming lessons with Red Cross certified instructors. Session I will run from July 5th to the 16th and Session II runs from July 26th to August 6th. There is still time and space to **register for classes!**

If the session dates won't work

with your busy family summer plans, we also offer private lessons that may work for you.

We welcome all to come enjoy the fun in the sun at the Community Pool! To register for lessons or if you have any questions, call 218-385-3200.

The tentative closing date for the Community Pool will be **August 27th**.

See you at the Pool!



Library Happenings

Whether you are a child or student looking to add some excitement to your summer, or an adult looking for a chance to lose yourself in a good book or movie, the New York Mills Public Library has something for you.

Aside from its regular offerings, the Public Library has several upcoming summer events: **Summer Reading Program** activities for children preschool

through grade 4:

Story Hours—10:30 am in the Library Meeting Room. Tuesdays July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3

Movies— 2:30 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Thursdays July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5.

Art in Your Park Activities at Your Library sponsored by the NYM Regional Cultural Center: Story Hours— 1:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room, Wednesday

July 7 and August 9

Movies— 1:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room Friday July 9 and August 13.

Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Library: Wednesday July 28: 4-8 pm, Thursday July 29: 8 am-3 pm at the City Hall Ballroom. *Donations are accepted year round.* Stop by or visit us on Facebook at "New York Mills Public Library".

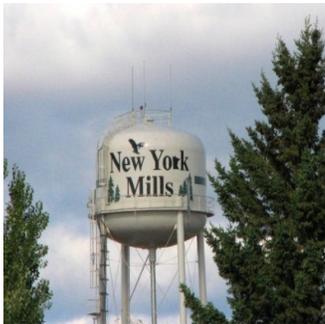


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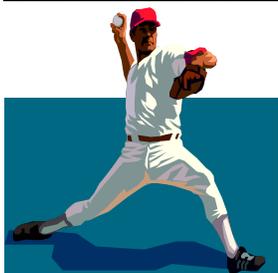
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INTO PAY YOUR
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www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com

Community Calendar



- July 2** 2nd Annual Lund Mania Fishing Tournament at Otter Tail Lake 7 am—2 pm
- July 2** Free Swim at NYM Community Pool from 1—5 pm
- July 2** **Central Park**-Kids Games at 4 pm hosted by Miss NYM Pageant Royalty, Food & Beverage Vendors, Fish Fry beginning at 5 pm, Kids Fishing Seminar hosted by Pros Al Lindner and Gary Roach at 5 pm
- July 2** Grand Parade 6:30 pm followed by Street Dance with "Two Days Notice"
- July 2** Miller's Baseball Game vs Bluffton Braves 7:30 pm
- July 3** Miller's Baseball Game vs Midway at 7:30 pm Followed by Fireworks Display at Smith Park
- July 5** Session I Swimming Lessons Begin
- July 12** Art in the Park: Smith Park 10 am-noon
Lund Park 1 pm-3 pm
- July 14** Art in the Park: South Park 10 am-noon
Lund Park 1 pm-3 pm
- July 16** Art in the Park: Central Park 10 am-noon
Central Park 1—3 pm
- July 26** Session II Swimming Lessons Begin
- July 28** NYM Public Library Used Book Sale at City Hall Ballroom—4 pm to 8 pm
- July 29** NYM Public Library Used Book Sale at City Hall Ballroom —8 am to 3 pm
- Aug 7** ROLA Grass Drags at NYM Airport
- Aug 10** Primary Election at City Hall 7 am-9 pm
- Aug 13** C & C Corn Feed
- Aug 13** NYM Fire Dept Car Wash from 4 -7 pm
- Aug 13** Summer Puppet Pageant at Cultural Ctr
- Aug 16** Art in the Park: Smith Park 10 am-noon
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- Aug 18** Art in the Park: South Park 10 am-noon
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- Aug 20** Art in the Park: Central park 10 am-noon
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- Aug 26** Operation Community Connect at Calvary Lutheran Church Perham 10 am—3 pm
- Aug 27** Legried Community Pool Closes
- Aug 28-29** Finn Creek Festival