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## Lund Mania Summer Celebration



Friday, July 1 is here, and so is the New York Mills Lund Mania Fishing Tournament and Summer Celebration! The day is packed full of fun events for young and old alike. The day begins at about 6:00 a.m. for those involved in the Lund Mania tournament on Otter Tail Lake. The tournament runs from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Back in New York Mills, the fun starts with a free swim day from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Legried Community Pool. On Cen-

tennial 84 Drive, a Classic Car Show will be held from 2:30—5:30 p.m. sponsored by Gibbs #10 Sales. Starting at about 4:00 p.m., the area around Central Park will include the Eagle's Café Fish Fry featuring Gary Roach fish batter, a petting zoo and pony rides (from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.) sponsored by the Perham Memorial Hospital & Home, and other vendors as well as the NYM Lions Beer Wagon and outdoor service by Mills Liquors.

The official weigh-in for the Lund Mania Tournament will begin at 5:00 p.m., at which time the top 10 teams are announced. Watch for the 10 teams during the annual Summer Parade which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Right after the Parade, the Lund Mania Grand Finale Results Ceremony will reveal the final team placement and the winners of all prizes will be named. There are prizes for the top ten fishing teams, one additional prize for the remaining teams which will be done by random drawing, and 20 spotter prizes to be awarded via random drawing.

The night will be capped off with a street dance on Centennial 84 Drive featuring Wild Nights Entertainment. Admission to the street dance is free this year. In case of inclement weather, many of the events will be relocated indoors to the New York Mills City Ballroom.

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## Lund Mania 2011

### Friday, July 1st

- 1-5 Pm....Free Swim at Community Pool
- 2:30-5:30...Classic Car Show
- 4:00-8:00...Petting Zoo & Pony Rides-Free
- 4:00.....Fish Fry by Eagles Café/addl vendors
- 5:00 .....Announcement of Top 10 Lund Mania Teams
- 6:30 .....Parade
- 8:00.....Lund Mania Results Ceremony
- 8:30 .....Street Dance
- Saturday, July 2nd**
- 7:30.....Millers/Bluffton Braves Baseball/
- Dusk .....Fireworks

## NYM Marching Eagles Receive Prestigious Honor



The New York Mills High School Marching Band has just been invited to represent the State of Minnesota in the 2012 National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., on July 4th. The Marching Eagles will be joining

government officials, national military units, sponsored floats, helium balloons, and other specialty units in this major national event.

Blake Groe, the director, was informed of this honor based on the decision of the National Selection Committee, which considered and reviewed the band's performances and determined the band will be an excellent representative of Minnesota.

The parade route is on historical Constitution Avenue

from 7th to 17th Streets. A street audience of hundreds of thousands of spectators is anticipated. The National Park Service and the National Independence Day Parade™ are the co-sponsors of this event.

The traditional parade will be a reflection of many American patriotic themes, historical and present.

While the Marching Eagles are in Washington, D.C. they will have a complete program of sightseeing and other cultural activities as part of their experience. Following the parade on July 4th, they will join several hundred thousand tourists to

# Historic NYM Buildings Become Part of the Past



Several New York Mills commercial buildings have literally become pieces of history, as the Homestead Building Supplies buildings and the original Standard Oil building were demolished last week.

As a requirement of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad's lease, Homestead Building Supplies was required to remove all buildings on the Railroad's property at the termination of their contract, which included the main lumber yard, additional warehouses and the former gas station building on Centennial 84 Drive. North Central Incorporated of Perham was contracted to perform the demolition, which began last Tuesday.

The first building on Homestead's lot was Fiske's Livery Barn, which burned in 1912. Dower Lumber Company built on this site in 1914, but that building also burned in 1926. Lampert Lumber brought in the current building from Bluffton to replace it in the late 1920's. Several owners

later, the business was purchased by Peavey Lumber Company, who remodeled the building in 1974. Further renovations were made in 1980 under Homestead Building Supplies' ownership.

The Standard Oil Service Station was built on the lot just east of the lumber yard in 1938, which was operated by Charles Repola, followed by Harold Windels in 1955 and then Gene Imsande in 1963 under the name of Gene's Standard Service. In 1976 Gene's Standard moved to its new location on Miller Street and the building was purchased by Peavey Lumber Company for storage.

The New York Mills location was the first location for Homestead Building Supplies chain, based out of Brookings, South Dakota. It was also the last Minnesota location to close when the company made its decision to cease operations in Minnesota.

## NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Annual Used Book Sale



**Wednesday, July 20**  
**4:00 to 8:00 pm**

Prices on Wednesday:  
 Everything \$1.00

**Thursday, July 21**  
**8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Prices on Thursday:  
 Hard covers 50¢  
 Paperbacks 25¢

← \$1/BAG SALE  
 2-3 PM

—City Hall Ballroom—

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

## OTWCAC will be Affected by Proposed State Shutdown

In the event of the state's shutdown effective July 1, 2011, Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council will be closed, except for those programs not affected by the State shutdown, until the state legislature and governor reach an agreement and a bill is passed funding state operations. An announcement was made to all vendors, volunteers and contractors that in the absence of legislatively authorized appropriations to Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, all

work, activity and performances under Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council must be suspended.

What does this mean for area residents? No payments will be made to utility companies, landlords or other vendors. Clients will not be able to apply for Energy Assistance, Foreclosure Prevention Services or other emergency services during the shutdown. Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Family Services, Early Head Start and

Child Care Resource Referral will be unavailable.

Some programs not affected by this impasse will continue to operate, such as Head Start Child Care, limited Head Start and limited Family Planning Services.

Diane Leaders, Director of Family Services stated, "We are all very concerned about our clients and hope to be up and running very soon".



## NYM Lions Host Annual Golf Fundraiser

Whether you are an avid golfer, or need an excuse to dust off those clubs in the back of your closet, the NYM Lions Golf Fundraiser is a great opportunity to get back in "the swing" of things, and at the same time help out a worthy cause.

This year's annual event will be held on Wednesday, July 6th at Balheburn Golf Course (the Legried Farm).

Tee times are set for 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Following the event, enjoy food, refreshments and prizes at the

City Hall Ballroom, beginning at 8:00 pm.

The cost of the tournament is \$30 per individual or \$120 per team (teams of four). This entry fee includes all golf games.

Funds raised from the tournament will go toward sponsoring local scholarships as well as helping with other community needs.

To make tee times, call Al Berube at 218-385-2300, or for more information, contact Eric Weber at 218-371-9335.



## OTWCAC Has Favorable Odds to Win New Toyota

Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, Inc (OTWCAC) is one of 500 finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program, which will award vehicles to 100 nonprofit organizations based on votes from the public beginning May 9, 2011.

Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program will showcase five nonprofit organizations each day for 100 days on Toyota's Facebook page, facebook.com/Toyota. Visitors to the page can vote once a day for the organization that they feel is most deserving of a new Toyota vehicle.

OTWCAC will be one of four organizations highlighted for voting on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Local residents are encouraged to support OTWCAC and their quest for a new Toyota. The odds of winning are significantly improved by the fact that OTWCAC only has to have more votes than the other three organizations showcased on the same day as them, giving them a 25% chance! They are lucky to be competing

against 4 organizations rather than 5 that day as well.

If OTWCAC receives the most votes and is awarded the vehicle, it will be used to perform multiple and varied services to lower income families such as meeting with homeless or dislocated clients; delivering emergency groceries, toys, furniture or clothing for low income families; or using it for emergency response during disasters.

Voting for OTWCAC can ONLY be done on the day they are showcased, July 7th, and you can ONLY vote ONCE. You can vote for The Otter Tail Wadena Community Action Council, by visiting Toyota's Facebook page. You can set up an e-mail reminder by following these instructions:

- Go to [www.facebook.com/toyota](http://www.facebook.com/toyota)
- Click on "Vote Today"
- Click on "View Contestants"
- Click on "Search by Date"
- Click on "July 7"
- Click on "Remind me to vote on

this day" to be sent an e-mail reminder.

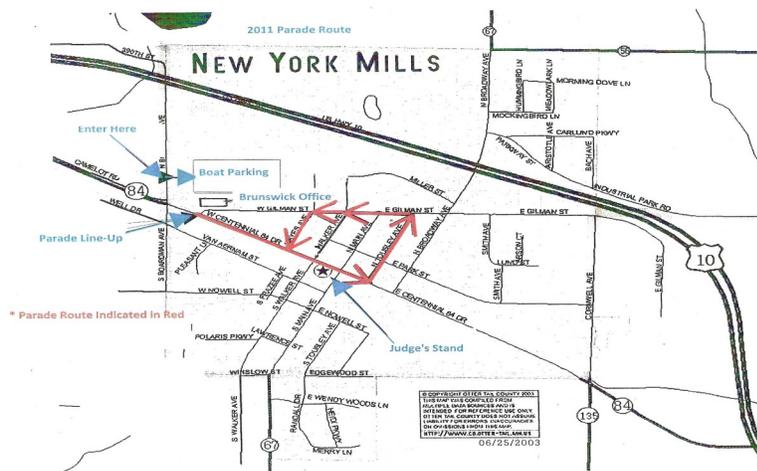
In order to apply, the OTWCAC had to make a two minute video presentation of what their organization is all about. "That was the most difficult, putting all we do into two minutes", stated Diane Leaders, Director of Family Services. Dan Skogen narrated and children from the agency were the actors. Terry Lillis of the NYM Tekkies produced the video. "It was a community effort and we enjoyed putting it together," stated Leaders. The video presentation can be viewed on the agency's website @ [www.otwcac.org](http://www.otwcac.org).



### **YOUR VOTE COUNTS !**

Support OTWCAC in their quest to win a Toyota car in the TOYOTA 100 CARS FOR GOOD PROGRAM!

## Parade Route For July 1st



### Lund Mania Summer Celebration— continued from page 1

Many people have helped put this event together along with sponsorship dollars from area businesses. Please take the time to thank the sponsors and members of the New York Mills Civic & Commerce for their support of this event. Tournament sponsors will be featured on the top ten boats during the parade with banners. Also, many sponsors will be listed on flag pennants located along the Parade route. Thanks also to the NYM Bandwagon for helping with cleanup up after the celebration. Finally, look for posters around town for a complete listing of sponsors for the Summer Celebration events!

## Finn Creek Museum Summer Festival Approaches



Finn Creek Museum, located 6 miles south of New York Mills, offers visitors a chance to step back in time, to a more simple, but intriguing way of life. The Finn Creek Museum Summer Folk Festival is a perfect opportunity to experience that time to its fullest.

This year's festival, scheduled for August 27th and 28th, holds a full slate of events, as well as authentic Finnish foods, music and activities. Saturday will start off the day with a french toast/pancake & sausage breakfast. Browse the grounds, enjoy the many crafters, watch demonstrations such as blacksmithing, oats threshing, log sawing, small gas engines, chainsaw sculpting and rug weaving, or listen to the entertainment, including the Old Time Country Bunch, performing from 9-10 am. (and again from 11-12 noon). This 4 person group, managed by Dale Lubitz of Frazee, is made up of senior citizens who have been playing together for about 11 years, offering old time music, country western and gospel.

Visitors can enjoy displays of antique fire trucks and equipment from the NYM Fire Dept and other antique equipment, as well as horse drawn wagon rides, a petting barn and tours. Shop for authentic Finnish products at the general store, tour the original museum grounds and rest either in the shade of the outdoor pavilion and band stand or the comfortable indoor entertainment center. Concessions are served all day. Learn Finnish in the schoolhouse from 9:30 to 10 am, watch a demonstration by chainsaw artist Charlie Kirchenwitz, or enjoy the Finnish Heritage Conversation Hour from 10-11 am.

Prizewinning Essays from the NYM 5th Graders will be read in the entertainment center at 10:30 am. An authentic finnish meal of mojakka and keitto soup will be served from noon to 1:15 pm. Afternoon entertainment includes Eric's Band, with old time and country music. Eric Roggenkamp, a Bluffton area resident has been playing for about 10 years and has himself been inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in Minnesota!

The Sanctioned Children's Tractor Pull will be at 1:30 pm for kids ages 3 to 9.

Sunday's entertainment begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am followed by a Sing-A-Long of English and Finnish hymns in the chapel and beginning at 10 am, an

ecumenical Finnish and English Church Service.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Bell Choir, under the direction of Nancy Neuberger will perform in the chapel from 11am-12 noon, followed by a hog roast dinner. The popular Antique Tractor Parade begins at 12:30 followed by the Tractor Pull at 1:00 pm.

Afternoon entertainment includes Finnish-American musicians Sara Pajunen and Jonathan Rundman of the folk duo KAIVAMA. Sara Pajunen's skills as a violinist have earned her degrees from the University of Minnesota and the Helsinki Conservatory in Finland. Multi-instrumentalist Jonathan Rundman has toured the US and Europe as a troubadour songwriter, collecting raves from publications such as Paste, Billboard, and The New York Times.

Admission to the day's events is \$4.00 for adults each day or \$6.00 for both days, children 6-12-\$1.00, and under 6 - free. RV parking is available on the grounds. For more information and a more complete listing of events, call the museum at 218-385-2233 or Shell Tumberg at 218-385-3498.

The Festival is sponsored by the Minnesota Finnish Historical Society, Chapter 13.

## Annual C & C Corn Feed Plans Underway



The 2011 Annual Corn Feed sponsored by the New York Mills Civic & Commerce is scheduled for Friday, August 12th, in Central Park. This popular event is a way for the Civic & Commerce to thank the community for its involvement and support to local businesses throughout the year.

The Corn Feed, which is

free, will run from 4 pm-7 pm with volunteers serving up loads of luscious golden sweet corn. Other vendors will be set up in the park as well offering additional food items. Bounce houses will again be a highlight for kids, and the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center will finish up its two week puppetry workshop with a Puppet Pageant on Centennial Drive, performed by local puppeteers.

The Senior Center will be hosting a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Senior Center during the Corn Feed, and the New York Mills Fire Department will hold its annual Car Wash at the New

York Mills Fire Hall as well. Show your support to the Fire Department by bringing in your vehicles for a wash. The cost for a wash is a free will donation.

Be sure to come out to Central Park in New York Mills on August 12th for a day of good food, good fun and good conversation.



## World's Largest Ronald McDonald Benefit Ride Breaks Record

The 10th Annual Ronald McDonald House Benefit Ride has come and gone, with this year's success being one for the record books. The event raised a phenomenal \$132,000 this year, with more contributions still coming in earning its title as "World's Largest Ronald McDonald House Ride".

A total of 1,320 motorcycles took part in the event, which left the Charles D. Center VFW in New York Mills at noon and travelled through Butler and Evergreen to Wolf Lake, where riders feasted on Wolf Lake's famous turkey sandwiches. From there, they moved on to Wadena where the Elk's Lodge hosted the entourage, serving hot dogs and brats. Then it was back to the VFW for a hog roast, door prizes, live auction, silent auction, burnout contest and live band. The winner of this year's 2011 Harley Davidson Road King is Jim Peterson from West Fargo. Winners of the two \$500 cash prizes were Jerry

Shoult of Maple Grove and Mark Bibelheimer of Fargo. Winners of the 10 \$100 cash prizes included Joe Brasel, Deer Creek, Larry Hintsala, NYM, Dennis Bettin, Sioux Falls, Jerry Oye, Fargo, Ardner Anderson, NYM, Frank Eld, Donnelly II, Lynn Domboy, Pierz, Bruce Ness, Dalton, Steve Johnson, Alexandria and Dawn Johansen, Elbow Lake.

A Kid's Bike Safety Rodeo sponsored by McDonalds in Wadena and held in conjunction with the NYM Police Department and a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the NYM High School Football Team were also part of The Ride's activities, with over 30 bikes being given away to participants.

Part of the money raised for Ronald McDonald House comes from the collection of pop tabs. 1,250 gallons of pop tabs were collected. (If you are wondering how that measures up, it takes 5,000 tabs to make one gallon!).

The NYM School donated 1,000,000 (one million) individual

pop tabs, qualifying them to receive a Ronald Show at the school, where Ronald McDonald made his appearance.

The Ronald McDonald House relies 100% on donations to operate its program to help families in need, providing a "home away from home" for families whose children are receiving care at any medical facility in Fargo-Moorhead.

More than 900 family members stay at the Fargo Ronald McDonald Houses each year. The two facilities can house 12 families per night. Families are asked to pay \$15 per night, but no one is turned away because of inability to pay. The actual cost to Ronald McDonald House are more than \$85 per room per night. If you would still like to donate you can do so by going to [rmhride.com](http://rmhride.com)

The RMH Ride committee and Ronald McDonald House would like to thank all those who helped make this year's ride such a success. For more information, visit [rmhride.com](http://rmhride.com).



Jim Peterson of West Fargo was the winner of this year's 2011 Harley Davidson Road King. Photo courtesy of [rmhride.com](http://rmhride.com)



## NYM Marching Eagles, Cont.

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enjoy the televised performance of the National Symphony in front of the U.S. Capitol Building and the spectacular fireworks display.

### A word from the Director:

The New York Mills Marching Eagles are honored to accept this invitation to perform in The National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Our program has a tradition of excellence over many years, and this is just a testament to the effort the students give and the support they receive from the district and our community.

We are extremely fortunate to have the support we have. While many towns and schools are losing their marching bands and band programs altogether, we are experiencing growth.

Normally our trips are strictly band trips. However, I felt that with an opportunity like this, it would only be right to include our community as much as possible. So, as a way to say thank you to our community, I have asked and been allowed to involve community members from outside our band program in this adventure. Details are still in the works; however, we will be opening another bus (55 people per bus) for community members to accompany us and for some to

be involved in the parade. This trip to Washington, D.C. for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2012 has become more of a community trip than a Marching Band one.

I will be organizing a meeting for the first week of the new school year (fall 2011) to provide details as to the time frame, cost of and payments for the trip.

At the same time the students are raising money to help pay for their trip, we as a program will also be raising money. Our program has reached a point where we need to replace our equipment. Our needs include marching percussion, uniforms, and some school owned brass instruments. This leaves us with a grand total of over \$100,000 that we need to raise. Our goal is to make these purchases before we travel to Washington, D.C. in July 2012. We want to represent this community as well as they have provided for and supported us. To assist us in this process, Bandwagon has formed a committee to run several events and search for other donations.

Our group has met a few times to organize our first event and has not had an opportunity to work out details for other upcoming events and ways to donate. Our first

fundraising event went well, even though we were forced to relocate due to inclement weather. We finished up our Marching Band Camp June 10 and celebrated with a cookout and concert featuring our summer marching music as well as a few pep band charts. This summer we will or already have performed in Wadena, Sebeka, Perham, Foley, Milaca, St. Cloud and New York Mills.

If you would like to help, our fundraising committee is working on several events throughout the summer and into early fall. One of the fast approaching opportunities, which we are still working out details for, is to hopefully be a part of some of the pre-parade, post fishing tournament festivities on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Another way to help is to buy a t-shirt. Every year we try to have t-shirts that are related to our "show" for marching band. We are currently working on a design for this year's shirt and will be offering a few other designs for sale to the public as well. All proceeds will be going to the purchase of our equipment and uniforms.

We also have plans in progress for another event next January. The plan is to host the Minnesota State University, Mankato Wind Ensemble for a

combined evening concert with a raffle or silent auction type of event the same evening. The tentative date for that is the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.

Donations are always accepted and people have been asking how to do that. Our committee is currently working on a way to make that as easy as possible.

I apologize for a lack of detail. We have recently had several offers to assist in our fundraising events from community groups and still need to set dates, times and locations with all parties involved. Once we do have these details set, we will advertise in the paper, on the school and city websites, on the radio and I might just start running around with a poster board stuck to my chest.

The support from our community has been amazing and I cannot understate how important it is and has been for this program.

As I have reminded our students since the first day of Band Camp, the two most important words we need to remember are: **THANK YOU!!**

Blake Groe NYM Bands



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY

Free copies of the Fair Housing brochure (HUD-1686-1-FHEO September 2008) are available in the City Office. If you think your rights have been violated you may contact the Housing Discrimination Hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

## ROLA Days Will NOT Be Held This Year



This year's Rip Roarin' Rola Days, which was planned for Saturday, August 6th, will not be held according to event coordinators.

Organizers of the event decided that they were unable

to devote the time necessary to put the event together.

The ROLA Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to all those involved in the annual event, both as volunteers and as participants.

## Former Visiting Artist on *America's Got Talent*



In August of 2005 the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center hosted Tim Fort, a kinetic artist from Inver Grove Heights, on an arts retreat here for two weeks. During that time Fort worked in the upstairs studio on stick bombs and gadget explosions to the delight of all. Now, six years later, Fort was selected during the Minneapolis auditions for *America's Got Talent* to compete with others in Las Vegas for the million dollar prize.

The Minneapolis segment of *America's Got Talent* aired on June 8, 2011 and is available on [www.hulu.com](http://www.hulu.com) for viewing if you have computer access. Many other stick bomb creations of Fort's can be seen on YouTube including the one he dedicated to New York Mills after his stay.

Fort has been enjoying some notoriety lately but it has been an arduous adventure. The fruits of his labors include thousands of hits on the internet and local media coverage. His work has even inspired a young Irish artist to pursue a similar kinetic art path.

If you 'd like to see his funky, delightful stick bombs and other detonation devices, google him and enjoy how his work takes you back in time when we created those dominoes lines that took so long to set up and just seconds to fall down.

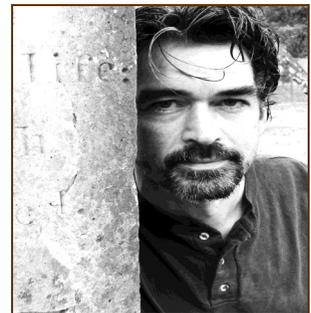
The NYM Regional Cultural Center will be holding their Annual Puppet Pageant Theater workshops from August 1-12 with a performance during the Corn Feed on August 12th. Learn to walk on stilts and learn theater, dance, and puppet skills. There is no fee-just call 385-3339 for details about this annual community event.

Upcoming Music Events include- Lonnie Knight, guitar, Friday night at 7:30, July 8th at the Center; Carrie Rodriguez, singer and fiddle player on Saturday, July 9th at 7:30pm at the Center; and Slaid Cleves, country rock singer at the VFW on Sunday, July 17th at 3:00pm. Food and drink will be served.

For more information on these events and other upcoming events sponsored by the Cultural Center, visit <http://www.kulcher.org> or call 218-385-3339.



Carrie Rodriguez, Singer & fiddle player will perform on Sat, July 9th



Slaid Cleves, Country Rock Singer will perform on Sunday, July 17th at the NYM VFW

## Library Happenings

### Come See What You're Missing at the Library!

If you are a frequent visitor to the NYM Public Library, you are probably aware of the many great things it has to offer. If you haven't visited for awhile, you will be pleasantly surprised.

As with any library, there are the books, the newspapers, the magazines and books on tape. Along with these, did you know you can also check out movies? One new and exciting product now available is the e-book, which you can "check out" by going to the Viking Library's website at <http://www.viking.lib.mn.us/> and clicking on Digital Library.

Beyond the items which you see on our shelves, you also have access to an enormous supply of other books, movies and books on tape through the Viking Library System. Make a wish list, put in your request, and our local library will receive a borrowed copy from one of the many other

members of VLS and contact you.

In addition, you can use the Library's internet service, either via their computers or by Wi-Fi service with your laptop.

The NYM Public Library also offers many activities to involve anyone interested in reading, writing or movie-watching. There is a kids book club, two adult book clubs, a summer reading program and a writer's group, as well as free movie days and story hours (see the Community Calendar for times and dates). A book making class was also held.

Legacy Funds, which have been made available through the state's sales tax revenue increase of 2008 have contributed greatly to the library's activities. In the past year, there have been trips to the Minnesota History Center to see the "Minnesota Greatest Generation" exhibit, to the Science Museum to see the "King Tut" and

"Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibits. Several presentations have come to our community, including the Climb Theatre presentations, the "Return to Honor", "Golden Age of Radio," "Virginia Rae Hope" and "Accidental Hero" presentations.

The most recent special event, a play entitled "The Tortoise Versus the Hare," involved local children and was produced and directed by the Missoula Children's Theatre. It was a huge success.

The Library's Annual Used Book Sale is scheduled for July 20th and 21st in the City Hall Ballroom. The library accepts donations of books and movies throughout the year. If you would like to donate to the NYM Public Library, either with books, by volunteering or with a monetary donation, contact Julie Adams at 218-385-2436. See you at the Library!



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Photo courtesy of Kelly Van Schaick

The New York Mills Public Library was pleased to have recently sponsored, along with Viking Library System and the help of Legacy funds, a week-long residency of Missoula Children's Theatre. Two tour directors worked with 25 kids for five days to teach them the lines, songs, and dance steps for the play "The

Tortoise Versus the Hare". The cast gave two performances of the play on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Missoula Children's Theatre tours in all 50 states and 17 different countries. It was truly an honor to be able to work with them. The tour directors were phenomenal to work with and did an amazing job with the kids. For many in the cast, this was

## "The Tortoise Versus The Hare"

their very first experience acting, or even being on stage.

This was also a first for the Library – the first time we were able to offer this type of programming. We would not have been able to do it, other than we received Legacy funding through Viking Library System. Since legacy funds have been available to library systems, we have been able to sponsor plays, bus trips, and concerts! This additional source of funding has given us the opportunity to provide programming above and beyond our regular programming story hours. Our thanks to all who helped us during our Missoula Children's Theatre week: the office and custodial staff at the NYM school, Janell Brakel, Terry Lillis, Carri Ann Pollard, and

Jen Kotaska, and the parents of the cast members. And, of course, thanks to the awesome cast members for their hard work and dedication: Jasmine Robinson, Charlie Van Schaick, Claire Naslund, Mallory Weber, Emily Adams, Emily Ericksrud, Logan Robinson, August Johnson-Ding, Makenzie Briard, Skylar Payne, Jolie Irons, Ben Van Schaick, Brian Seip, Cassidy Steinbach, Josephine Piepkorn, Addison Van Dyke, Grace Piepkorn, Maverick Briard, Kaitlyn Geiser, Aliya Gerber, Jane Gudmundson, Audrey Irons, Maxwell Johnson-Ding, Kami Steinbach, and Grace Wallgren. We hope to be able to sponsor MCT again next summer!



## A Message from Our Chief of Police Chief Jim Van Schaick

In 1955, the Los Angeles Police Department coined the motto, "To Protect and Serve." Since that time, it has become the motto of many police departments nationwide. The concept of police protection is fairly straight forward to most, but many don't think of law enforcement as a traditional customer service organization, but in reality, almost everything we do involves some level of service.

Let's compare the police department to another customer service entity - a restaurant. You may think this is an unlikely association, but bear with me...

When you go to a restaurant, you enter with some basic

expectations: the servers should be prompt and courteous, the food should be prepared properly for safe consumption, the environment should be clean, etc. This holds true even if you are simply having a cup of coffee. At the same time, you have some responsibilities too: No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service!

Joking aside, when you order your food, you place a high degree of trust in those providing your meal. If any of these expectations are not met, your experience might not be so good and your opinion of the establishment could be tarnished.

The same is true when dealing with law enforcement. The public expects police officers to be prompt and courteous when responding to their calls for service. (As a matter of fact, every event that our officers respond to is called a "Call For Service" or "CFS" in our records management

software.) Police officers follow department policy and statutory guidelines to resolve matters in a way similar to the way a chef follows safe food preparation guidelines. We strive to resolve every call for service, no matter how serious, in a manner which meets the community's expectations.

All this leads to "Community Policing" and what it means to our community. Many people have probably heard this term, but I suspect that many aren't completely familiar with the concept. There are scholars who go to great length to describe the theory of community policing, but the basic idea is that for any police department to be effective, everyone has to be "on board." Simply put, for a police department to be effective, it relies on the participation of the community it serves. Collaborative partnerships must be developed between law enforcement and the community. This includes

individual citizens, organizations and businesses. In addition, the police must integrate problem solving resources to actively identify and resolve problems for community policing to be effective. This might seem confusing, but in reality it has been my experience that the majority of people and organizations in this community work with the police in a proactive manner. Community policing is strong in New York Mills! Open communication is of paramount importance to maintain and nurture this relationship. Much can be accomplished by reporting suspicious activity, by acting responsibly to prevent crime or by simply talking over a cup of coffee.

The New York Mills Police Department welcomes your questions and comments. Non-emergency number: 218 385 2600



## Mayor's Corner-Impact of Looming State Shutdown

### Larry Hodgson, Mayor

As most of you may know the 2011 Minnesota legislative session ended on Monday, May 23 without passing a State budget bill. Rather than being an end of legislative activity until the Legislature reconvenes next Jan. 24, the Legislature will have to reconvene in the near future to address unfinished budget business for the 2012-2013 biennium, which begins on July 1, 2011.

The following information relating to the impending state shutdown comes from communications I have received from the League of Minnesota Cities which has received numerous inquiries about the potential impacts of a state government shutdown on cities in Minnesota.

While many people are asking what this means for us here in rural Minnesota, you can hopefully understand when we are unable to come up with a definite answer when even the League

informs us that "they do not have many specific answers to how cities may be impacted".

The State of Minnesota in 2005 went through a partial state shutdown, and while the shutdown only lasted 9 days it affected many State Departments, businesses, and communities throughout Minnesota and cost the taxpayers of Minnesota millions of dollars. It is unclear currently whether a state budget will be approved by July 1 and if not how long a shutdown might persist and what might happen to government operations in the interim.

The funding for our city operations comes from a limited number of sources. Two of those sources, LGA and MVHC are state appropriations and make up the vast majority of those funds. Local Government Aid (LGA) is distributed in two equal installments on or around July 20 and Dec. 26 each year. The amounts scheduled to be paid this year were originally certified to each city in July 2010. The appropriation for LGA is what is known as a "standing appropriation". As a result, even though the omnibus

tax bill was vetoed, the LGA appropriation remains in place and requires no further action by the Legislature and governor. In plain language we should continue to receive our current level of funding for 2011, assuming that staff is available at the Department of Revenue to transmit the payment information and that Minnesota Management and Budget staff are available to transfer the funds to each city.

The League of Minnesota Cities also reminds us that not only should LGA recipient cities be concerned about the distribution of 2011 LGA, they must keep in mind that by July 31, the commissioner of revenue is supposed to notify cities of the amount of LGA each city will receive in 2012. This certification of LGA is used by each city to plan for its 2012 budget and ultimately to certify a proposed 2012 property tax levy. Under a shutdown, it is again not entirely clear whether the staff necessary to perform the 2012 LGA calculations will be working. If 2012 LGA certifications are delayed long enough the lack of a certified LGA amount will make the pre-

liminary levy decision a difficult process.

Our other major state funding, Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC), does not operate as a "standing appropriation" fund. This means that without a tax bill being passed it would appear that the MVHC payments would most likely not be paid to cities. However, the first half of the MVHC reimbursement is not made until on or around Oct. 31 and therefore, a state shutdown would have to extend for nearly four full months for this distribution to be impacted.

This looming state shutdown is definitely causing concern for us here in New York Mills and the irony of the situation is that it should never have been allowed to proceed to this point. Our Legislature and Governor need to realize the impact statewide this imminent shutdown is having and again the untold dollars it is costing the taxpayers of this state. If you have never before contacted a state legislative official, now is the time.

## Community Pool News

### Pool Director, Heidi Van Dyke

Summer fun is in full swing at the Legried Community Pool. The first session of swimming lessons will begin on July 11th and run through July 22nd. A second session will be held from July 25th through August 5th. Lessons are held during the am hours. Private lessons are also available either late mornings, early afternoons or in the evenings. For more information

on private lessons, adult lessons, aqua aerobics or lifeguarding, contact the pool at 385-3200.

The fee for lessons is \$25 for one child, \$45 for two in a family, \$60 for three and \$70 for four children in the same family. Each additional child is another \$10. Listen to KWAD-KKWS for weather related announcements.

Daily admission to the pool is again \$3.00 for all ages. Season

passes are available at a cost of \$50 for individuals or \$125 for family passes.

The Legried Community Pool is open six days a week; Monday-Fridays, open swim from 1-5 pm, family swim from 6-6:30 pm and open swim again from 6:30-8 pm .

A Free Swim Day will be held on Friday, July 1st from 1-5 pm, sponsored by Otter Tail Power. Come enjoy summer at the Legried Community Pool!



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## CAN'T MAKE IT IN TO PAY YOUR BILL DURING OFFICE HOURS?

You can now pay your monthly utility bill by automatic withdrawal from your bank account! For more information, contact Jenny at the City of New York Mills!

We're on the Web! Visit us at [www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com](http://www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com)

## Community Calendar

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| <p>July 1 <u>Lund Mania Fishing Tournament/ Summer Festival</u></p> <p>July 1 <u>Free Swim</u> @ Legried Community Pool 1-5 pm</p> <p>July 1 <u>Classic Car Show</u> on Centennial 84 Dr (front of Fire Hall) 2:30-5:30 pm</p> <p>July 1 <u>Pulled Pork, Pie &amp; Ice Cream</u> @ Sr Center 2:00 pm</p> <p>July 1 <u>Petting Zoo &amp; Pony Rides</u> 4-8 pm</p> <p>July 1 <u>Fish Fry</u> by Eagles Cafe 4 pm in Central Park (other vendors selling also)</p> <p>July 1 <u>Lund Mania Results Ceremony</u> 8 pm in front of City Hall</p> <p>July 1 <u>Street Dance</u> with Wild Nights Entertainment 8:30 pm ..No Admission</p> <p>July 1 <u>Parade</u> 6:30 pm</p> <p>July 1-30 <u>Karen Heller art exhibit</u> @ RCC-Artist Reception July 2 6-8 pm</p> <p>July 1-9 <u>Josh Wilichowski Exhibit</u> @ RCC-Cyanotypes.</p> <p>July 2 <u>Millers/Braves Baseball</u> @ Smith Park 7:30 pm</p> <p>July 2 <u>Pancake &amp; Bacon Breakfast Fundraiser</u> 8-9:30 am @ Sr Center</p> <p>July 2 <u>Fireworks</u> @ Smith Park- following game</p> <p>July 5 <u>Free Movie</u> for ages Preschool-Gr 4 @ NYM Public Library 2 pm</p> <p>July 7 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>July 8 <u>Lonnie Knight Concert</u> @ NYM RCC @ 7:30 pm Guitar music</p> <p>July 9 <u>Carrie Rodriguez Performance</u> @ RCC 7:30 pm fiddler/singer/songwriter</p> <p>July 11 <u>Art in Your Park</u> Grades K-6th -Smith Park 10 am-Noon, Lund Park 1-3 pm</p> <p>July 11-22 <u>Swimming Lessons</u> Session @ Pool</p> <p>July 11 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art class</u> @ RCC 6-8 pm</p> <p>July 12 <u>Story Hour</u> @ Library for ages Pre-school -Gr 4 @ 11 am</p> <p>July 12 <u>City Council Meeting</u> @ 4:30 pm, Public Forum 5 pm @ City Hall</p> <p>July 12 <u>Open Mic Night</u> @ RCC 7-9 pm</p> <p>July 13 <u>Art in Your Park</u>- Gr K-6th, South Park 10 am-Noon, Smith Pk 1-3 pm</p> <p>July 14 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>July 15 <u>Art in Your Park</u>- Gr K-6th, Lund Pk 10 am-Noon, South Park 1-3 pm</p> <p>July 17 <u>Slaid Cleves Outdoor Concert</u> @ VFW 3 pm Country Rock/Folk music</p> <p>July 18 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art Class</u> @ RCC 6-8 pm</p> | <p>July 19 <u>Free Movie</u> for ages Preschool-Gr 4 @ NYM Public Library 2 pm</p> <p>July 20 <u>Annual Used Book Sale</u> @ Public Library 4-8 pm City Hall Ballroom</p> <p>July 21 <u>Annual Used Book Sale</u> @ Public Library 8 am-3 pm City Hall Ballroom</p> <p>July 21 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>July 25-8/5 <u>Swimming Lessons</u> Session II @ Pool</p> <p>July 25 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art class</u> @ RCC 6-8pm</p> <p>July 26 <u>Story Hour</u> @ Library for ages Pre-school-Gr 4 @ 11 am</p> <p>July 28 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 1 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art Class</u> @ RCC 6-8pm</p> <p>Aug 1-12th <u>Puppetry Workshops</u> @ RCC</p> <p>Aug 2 <u>Free Movie</u> for ages Preschool-Gr 4 @ NYM Public Library 2 pm</p> <p>Aug 3-Sep 17 <u>Kasma Cousins Art Show</u> @ RCC, Artists Reception Aug 5 7-9 pm</p> <p>Aug 4 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 6 <u>Breakfast Fundraiser</u> @ Sr Center 8-9:30</p> <p>Aug 8 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art Class</u> @ RCC 6-8pm</p> <p>Aug 9 <u>Story Hour</u> @ Library for ages Pre-school-Gr 4 @ 11 am</p> <p>Aug 9 <u>City Council Meeting</u> 4:30 pm, Public Forum @ 5 pm City Hall</p> <p>Aug 9 <u>Open Mic Night</u> @ RCC 7-9 pm</p> <p>Aug 11 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 12 <u>C&amp;C Corn Feed/Puppet Pageant Pie &amp; Ice Cream Social</u> @ Sr Center/FD Car Wash</p> <p>Aug 15 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art Class</u> @ RCC 6-8 pm</p> <p>Aug 15 <u>Art in Your Park</u>- Gr K-6th, Smith Pk 10 am-Noon, Lund Pk 1-3 pm</p> <p>Aug 16 <u>Free Movie</u> for ages Preschool-Gr 4 @ NYM Public Library 2 pm</p> <p>Aug 17 <u>Art in Your Park</u>- Gr K-6th, South Pk 10 am-Noon, Smith Pk 1-3 pm</p> <p>Aug 18 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 19 <u>Art in Your Park</u>- Gr K-6th, Lund Pk 10 am to Noon, South Pk 1-3 pm</p> <p>Aug 22 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art Class</u> @ RCC 6-8pm</p> <p>Aug 23 <u>Story Hour</u> @ Library for ages Pre-school-Gr 4 @ 11 am</p> <p>Aug 25 <u>Whist Party</u> @ Senior Center 1:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 27/28 <u>Finn Creek Summer Festival</u></p> <p>Aug 29 <u>Sit n Stitch Fiber Art Class</u> @ RCC 6-8pm</p> <p>Aug 30 <u>Free Movie</u> for ages Preschool-Gr 4 @ NYM Public Library 2 pm</p> |
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