

# CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS



## Lund Mania Summer Celebration The Best Yet!



July is here, and so are the New York Mills Lund Mania Fishing Tournament and Summer Celebration Events! Friday July 6 will have events offering boatloads of fun for young and old alike. See the insert in this Newsletter for a handy sheet showing the events, times, and locations throughout the afternoon and evening. Lakes Radio will be on hand broadcasting live during some of these events, so this should help create a very

exciting and festive atmosphere!

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, thanks to sponsor Otter Tail Power Company. On Main Avenue, a Classic Car Show will be held from 2:00—6:00 p.m., while at the same time there will be a Tractor Show in the parking lot behind the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center. This year, thanks to the sponsorship provided by Perham Living for the Classic Car Show, there will

be a “People’s Choice” contest. Those vehicles receiving the most votes from the public will receive a cash award of \$150, \$100, or \$50 for the top three spots. A similar “People’s Choice” contest will be conducted for the Tractor Show with the same prize package offered for the top three spots, thanks to the sponsorship by Central Minnesota Credit Un-



*Pictured is one of the Boatville Drag Race boats which will be used for races Friday afternoon in front of Central Park*

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## NYM Celebrates Independence Day with Baseball/Fireworks on July 3rd



Following a long-standing tradition, the New York Mills Independence Day Celebration will begin with a baseball game between the New York Mills Millers and the

Bluffton Braves at 7 pm at Russ Jacobson Field in Smith Park on Tuesday, July 3rd.

A fireworks display will follow the game, sponsored by NYM Lions, NYM Civic & Commerce and Miller Baseball.

This year, a Baseball Benefit is being held. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from Farmers & Merchants State Bank or any Little League, Babe Ruth, Legion or Millers Baseball mem-

ber. Ticket price is a \$10 donation which includes admission to the big game and a chance to win numerous prizes.

Prizes include:

- 1st Place: \$750.00
  - 2nd Place: \$500.00
  - 3rd Place: \$300.00
  - 4th Place: \$250.00
  - 5th-9th Place: \$100.00
  - 10th Place: \$50.00
- plus many other prizes.

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# Entrepreneurship-The New Buzz in Rural Economic Development Comes to New York Mills



Over the past several years the demand and interest in being an entrepreneur and business ownership in the United States and especially our region has been exploding.

The small business owner and the wanna-be-business owner (aka entrepreneur) wants use their skills and education to jump start a business idea and be in control of their own future.

Minnesota has 464,946 small

businesses, according to the most current federal data available. These small business statistics for Minnesota do not include all self-employed individuals working in Minnesota.

Our BES (Business & Entrepreneurial Services) administrative offices which are located on the campus of MN State Community and Technical College in the heart of the region in Detroit Lakes, MN is being seen as the entrepreneurial resource for small rural communities such as New York Mills.

Through our 3+ year process of developing this Business & Entrepreneurial Services we have not only established on-going workshops featuring relevant and diverse topics aimed at small business owners and start up entrepreneurs

but we have added 53 incubator offices in 5 rural MN locations to our mix, that allow for an affordable opportunity for an entrepreneur or small business to get a foot-hold or launch their idea successfully and grow in to their community as a viable business owner in the future.

Along with the workshop format and incubation, we have developed more immersed learning opportunities on topics that demand more class time and a deeper level of commitment by the participants, including a 6-week course *The Basics of Business Finances* and the 10-week courses *Intro to Entrepreneurship* and a new *Direct Sales Certification* course being offered this Fall 2012.

Communities such as New

York Mills and others in the region have stepped up to increase their support of entrepreneurial pursuits and economic development at a grassroots level. The very thing needed to keep this entrepreneurial "buzz" alive.

The administrative office of the Business & Entrepreneurial Services is located on the campus of M State (Detroit Lakes), with Incubator Offices in Detroit Lakes. For more information about available incubator office space in New York Mills, please contact us at [bes.nym@arvig.net](mailto:bes.nym@arvig.net) or check us out on our website at [www.BESMState.com](http://www.BESMState.com); like us on Facebook or call 218.844.5420.

## New York Mills Lions Golf Fundraiser July 11th

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 11th at Balhepburn 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.



## Trinity Women's Ministry Team Sponsors Garden Tour

The Women's Ministry Team of Trinity Lutheran Church is excited to invite you to their Garden Tour, which will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

This year's Garden Tour will begin with a light breakfast of muffins, fruit, coffee and juice which will be served at Trinity Lutheran Church, which is located at 424 E. Gilman Street. After refreshments, we will visit the gardens of Diane

and David Duchene, Dyann and Dennis Tigges, and finally, Perk and Tom Largen.

There is no admission to this event and everyone is welcome. Come enjoy a morning of refreshments, fellowship and a relaxing walk through some of the most beautiful gardens in the area!

For more information about the garden tour, call Trinity Lutheran Church at 218-385- 2450.



# LuLu's Picks Opens on South Main



LuLu's Picks is the newest addition to the New York Mills Business Community. Located in the Norton Printing Building at 108 Main Ave. South and operated by Linda Salo, Lulu's Picks offers a wide variety of gifts and décor. Some of the treasures you will find at Lulu's Picks include antiques and collectibles, refurbished furniture, cabin décor, gourmet foods such as dips, bread mixes and gourmet coffee. Linda also offers beautiful clothing and accessories along with many other unique gift and décor

items.

Linda works full time as a realtor for Real Estate Results in Perham, but is helped out with the shop by her sister Vicky Olson and her husband Matt, and Jake Norton.

"I am so excited to open a shop in New York Mills," said Linda. "I especially want to thank Matt, Vicky and Jake for all their help in making this wonderful opportunity happen for me."

LuLu's Picks is open Monday through Friday from 9-5 and Saturdays by appointment, or if there is an event in town. "Like" Linda's Facebook Page or call her at (218) 457-0230.

Stop in when you need something fun for yourself, or a special gift for someone. You will find Great Gifts at Small Prices!

## Art in Your Park

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center  
Art projects for kids through grade 6

**Free!!** Call with questions 385-3339

New York Mills	10 am - 12 noon	1 pm - 3 pm
July 9	Smith Park	Lund Park
July 11	Southside Park	Smith Park
July 13	Lund Park	Southside Park
August 20	Smith Park	Lund Park
August 22	Southside Park	Smith Park
August 24	Lund Park	Southside Park

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the State's arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Parent/care-giver needs to stay with children under 7 years, for supervision.

## NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Annual Used Book Sale

Wednesday, July 25  
4:00 to 8:00 pm

The BEST Selection!

Prices on Wednesday:  
Everything \$1.00

Thursday, July 26  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Prices on Thursday:  
Everything 50¢

\$1/BAG SALE  
2-3 PM

—City Hall Ballroom—

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

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ion. Make sure you look for the yellow ballot stands and vote for your favorites at both of these shows!

A couple of new events for kids this year are the Cub Scout's Minnow Races and Sailboat Regatta Races. These events are for kids up to age 16. First, for a \$1 per minnow donation to the Cub Scout's Pack #309 summer camp fund, a child can participate in the Minnow Races. This will run from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Beginning at 2:00, there will be a free Sailboat Regatta, which will be limited to the first 50 participants. Each participant will receive a sailboat kit that they will assemble and then paint. This will be from 2:00 to 3:00. It will take 10 or 15 minutes to assemble and paint the boat. Races will begin at 3:00, and will run until all the prizes have been claimed. Kids can keep their sailboats at the conclusion of the event.

Vendors will be set up in Central Park as early as 3:00 p.m. 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 pie & ice cream/sloppy joes/pulled pork feed at the Senior Center, and

burgers, hot dogs, and pork chops on a stick by the Lucky Strike Grill. Again this year we will have a free petting zoo and pony rides (from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.) sponsored by the Perham Health. Other vendors in Central Park will offer crafts, jewelry, and popcorn, and adult beverages as well as soda will be offered by Mills Liquors and the NYM Lions Beer Wagon.

A brand new event this year will be the Boatville Drags, which will include 4-person teams representing businesses in this area. These races will be from 4:30 to 5:30 on Centennial 84 Drive between Walker and Main Avenues. Watch around town as we hope to have the four racing boats on display in the week prior these events. Thanks to Subway for coming up with the idea for this event and doing a lot of work to make it happen. Also thanks to Lund Boats and the ISD 553 Shop/Ag instructor and students for doing much of the work to manufacture these four racing boats. Each boat has a local sponsor including Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Seip Drug, the New York Mills Family Spine Clinic, and Tender Hearts Home Care. Come and cheer

on your favorite people as we watch the teams compete for top honors! The official weigh-in for the Lund Mania Tournament will be held at Guzzler's on Ottetail Lake immediately following the tournament conclusion. During the weigh-in the top 10 teams are announced. Also during the weigh-in, a drawing will be held to award over 30 prizes to the 50 men and women who serve as spotters for the Tournament. The Lund Mania Grand Finale Results Ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m. in New York Mills in front of the Fire Hall. During this Ceremony the final team placement and the winners of all prizes will be revealed. There are prizes for the top ten fishing teams. Watch for the top 10 teams during the annual Summer Parade which begins at 7:00 p.m. Right after the Parade, 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 Fire Hall.

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. Banners for the Tournament sponsors will be placed on the boats of the top ten teams for display during the parade. There will be a large sign placed in Central Park to list many of the day's events. There will also be posters placed around town. Without the sponsors and the many volunteers, an event like this would not be possible. Make sure to express your appreciation and thanks to those sponsors and volunteers.



# Annual Corn Feed & Puppet Pageant Adds Events



Don't miss the additions to the Corn Feed and Puppet Pageant this August 17 and 18 as this annual summer event is expanded to be a two-day Continental Divide Film & Music Festival. Wonderful locally grown and freshly picked corn on the cob, games for kids, food vendors, and the Farmers Market as always. But this year there will be lots new too as the Continental Divide Festival returns to NY Mills after a 17 years absence.

The Corn Feed is from 4:00-7:00 p.m. For the kids again this year will be two Bouncy Houses that will be set up during the Corn Feed. The Puppet Pageant will be immediately following the Corn Feed. This year the Pageant will be staged in the new open space behind the Cultural Center. Curtis and Loretta will be here again this year with live music for the

Pageant, which will again feature a story from the Finnish national epic poem, the *Kalevala*.

On Friday evening right after the Pageant it will be time for the Film Festival portion of the Continental Divide Festival to be held upstairs in the City Hall Ballroom—all at no admission charge. Refreshments served upstairs. There are two categories for short films: 1) short films made by Minnesota filmmakers and 2) films by residents of the region who wish to submit work not to exceed 5 minutes in length. This first category will be invitational films. The second is open to everyone. Films should tell a story about the people, places and life of our region right here in west central Minnesota. Please submit films in DVD format or on a flash drive to the Cultural Center, Box 246, NY Mills 56567 or call 218-385-3339 for more information. Only digitally recorded films will be accepted.

Saturday there will be music beginning at 12:00 noon, with gates opening at the VFW at 11:00am. Tickets to Saturday's

music are \$20 and available at the Cultural Center and the VFW or on-line at BrownPaperTickets.com. Buy your ticket in advance at the Cultural Center or at the VFW and get a discount coupon. Youth 12 and under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Camping will be available at the campground adjacent to the VFW grounds on Friday and Saturday evenings for \$15 per person for the weekend with youth 12 and under with accompanying adults admitted free.

What can you expect? Two stages and 10 hours of high energy and non-stop music --the very best in country, folk, bluegrass, and rock music by some of the best talents in Minnesota. Erik and Pete Keranen will start the music off on Saturday at noon. They will be followed by Pocahontas County at 12:30 (old time and bluegrass), Tim Sparks at 1:15 (world music), Erik Koskinen at 2:00 (country rock), Caitlin Robertson at 3:30 (folk/country), Galactic Cowboy Orchestra at 4:30 (rock/folk), Larry Long at 6:00 (folk), The Pines at

7:00 (old time/bluegrass/country), Elisa Korenne at 8:30 (Minnesota originals), and Haley Bonar at 9:30 (rock/folk/country). Folk performer Larry Long from the very first Continental Divide Festival will be back to celebrate this new edition of the Continental Divide. Bring your lawn chairs and kick back to enjoy hours of great musical entertainment!

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the State's arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.



## Senior Center News

### Gloria Curtis, Manager

The Senior Center will be buzzing with activity during the months of July and August.

During the Lund Mania Summer Celebration, be sure to stop by the Senior Center for their Sandwich, Pie and Ice Cream Social, which will be held on Friday the 6th from 2-8 pm. Enjoy sloppy joes or pulled pork sandwiches along with pie and ice cream.

The next Fundraiser Breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 7th from 8—9:30 am where the Center is serving egg bake.

The monthly game day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th at 1:30 pm at the Center. The monthly Birthday Party is on

Wednesday July 25th, complete with birthday cake, prizes and fun, will begin at 2 pm.

Weekly Whist Parties are held each Thursday at 1 pm at the Center.

August will start off with the Fundraiser Breakfast on Saturday, August 4th from 8-9:30 am.

To go along with the Annual Corn Feed and Continental Divide Music Festival this year, the Senior Center will again serve sandwiches, pie and ice cream at the Center from 4-8 p.m.

August will also offer Game Day on Tuesday the 21st at 1:30 pm, and the Monthly Birthday Party on Wednesday, August

22nd at 2 p.m.

Remember —Noon meals are served Monday through Friday at the Senior Center beginning at 11:30 am. Meals On Wheels are also available. These meals are catered by the Elder's Home in New York Mills. Sign up one day in advance for Meals on Wheels by calling the Senior Center at 385-2024.

This service is funded in part by a grant from West Central Area Agency with funding from the Older Americans Act through Minnesota Board on Aging. Gloria Curtis is New York Mills' site manager for Nutritional Services, Inc. providing this service to the area.



# NYM Regional Cultural Center Sponsors County Fair Arts Activities



Elisa Korenne will perform on July 19th at 4:00 pm in the new Grandstand

The NYM Regional Cultural Center has been working with the East Otter Tail and Wadena County Fair boards to bring arts learning workshops and performances to fairgoers thanks to a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. All the events and workshops are free of charge.

At the EOT County Fair events begin Thursday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. with Dawn Rossbach teaching a drawing class for 55 Boys and Girls Club members who will leave with their own sketchbook, pencils, eraser and sharpener. At 4:00 p.m. that same day Elisa Korenne will perform for the grand opening of the new

Grand Stand. On Friday, July 20 at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Lil McRae will demonstrate fiber prepping, carding and spinning under the outdoor structure on the North side of the 4H food stand. At 4:00 p.m. Curtis and Loretta will perform on the new Grand Stand. On Saturday, July 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 the Sit n' Stitch group will teach the EOT fairgoers how to knit. During that same time period Anne Sawyer-Aitch will teach shadow puppets, both will be in the Exhibit Building. There will be surprise flash mobs performing on Saturday throughout the day.

Both County Fairs will be presented with two unique benches

featuring past prize winning livestock. These benches will not only be a place to rest but also fun photo opportunities to take your picture with sheep, pigs and cattle. The photos were provided by the Wadena Pioneer Journal and EOT History Museum. Construction of the benches were done by Sugar Creek Woodworking in NYM.

All these activities are made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the State's arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

## Trinity & St. Peter's Lutheran Churches Pair Up for VBS

"Fearfully & Wonderfully Made" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School, being coordinated by Trinity Lutheran and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches, which will be held August 6-10, 2012. VBS will be led by volunteers from both churches and trained counselors from Lutheran Island Camp. All kids completing 3-year-old preschool through 5th grade are welcome to participate.

Monday through Thursday, they will begin with supper at 5:15 pm, followed by an opening ceremony at 6 pm. Next, students break into smaller groups and rotate into through the activities. Activities each night include a Bible lesson, craft time, games, music/missions and snack time. Parents are encouraged to join in each evening at 8:15 pm for the closing ceremonies.

Thursday evening a Family

Campfire will be held after closing. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy marshmallows and s'mores!

Friday, August 10th VBS enrollees will be taking a field trip to Lutheran Island Camp. They will leave at 9:15 am and return approximately 3:45 pm. At camp, the kids will have a chance to participate in daily VBS activities with the added fun of swimming! A sack lunch is provided for each participant.

Adults and youth are invited to serve as Station Leaders, Crew Leaders and Helpers! For more information, call Trinity Lutheran Church at 385-2450 or St. Peter's at 385-2011.



## Fish & Duck Decoy Show to be a Part of Wildlife Art Exhibit



The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center will be holding its Wildlife Art Exhibit from July 5th through August 18th at the Center.

Featuring fish and duck decoys and wildlife prints this exhibit will feature handmade fishing lures (5-8 inches long, northern pike/musky lures), folk art service working fish decoys (Northern Pike 8-11 inches long), decorative working fish decoys (walleye 8-11 inches long), working duck decoy (full size-any species

from Minnesota), plus 2 categories of wildlife prints (2 or 3 dimensional work allowed).

On Friday, July 6th from 2pm to 4pm the artists will be "swimming" their decoys in a tank behind the Cultural Center. Come out and meet the artists and learn about the art of fish decoys. This show is sponsored by the National Fish Decoy Association and by the Otter Tail chapter of the Minnesota Darkhouse and Angling Association.

## East Otter Tail County 4-H Offers Summer Learning Opportunities



East Otter Tail County 4-H offers many events and learning opportunities for youth and families this summer. Aside from the many activities relating to the East Otter Tail County Fair, EOT 4-H is offering several summer sessions to help children experience, explore and engage while making a positive difference in the community. Upcoming events include: **July 12<sup>th</sup>** Clothing Judging (9:30am - 12:00) and the Public Style Show 7:30 pm @ New York Mills School

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** Non-livestock Judging

day @ fair grounds ( Perham)

**July 19- 22 :** EOT County Fair: Bringing people together for food and fun; check out all the county fair happenings and 4-H show times at the East Otter Tail County Fair Web site

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** 4-H Dog Show 10:00 am @ Perham Fair grounds

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** Super Silly Science Adventure for youth who have completed K-6 grade, 2-4 @ NYM School Commons( Call the extension office to pre-register ( 385-5421) Program fee is \$10.00 ( fee waiver available if needed) Come enjoy the mysteries of the experiment world.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** Birds, Bats and Bees session for youth who have completed K-6 grade 2-4pm @ NYM School (Commons) Come learn

about our feathered friends and not so friendly feathered friend, the importance of bees in the plant science world. Make and take projects. Call the extension office to pre-register ( 385-5421) Program fee is \$10.00 ( fee waiver available if needed)

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** What's Bugging You? A session about the bugs, (good, bad and ugly). For youth who have completed K-6<sup>th</sup> grade @ NYM School from 2-4pm Program fee \$10.00 Call the extension office to pre-register ( 385-5421) ( fee waiver available if needed) Make and take projects.

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** Creative Creation; come let your imagination soar as we use our hands to create using different mediums ( sand, wax, clay etc..) For youth who have completed K-6<sup>th</sup> grade @ NYM School from 2-4pm Program fee

\$10.00 Call the extension office to pre-register ( 385-5421) ( fee waiver available if needed) Make and take projects.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 22, 24,** Sizzling Hot Summer Sewing Session ( Three days) 2-4 @ Extension Office ( 118<sup>th</sup> N. Main) NYM. Youth who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & above. Program fee \$10.00; Call the extension office to pre-register ( 385-5421) ( fee waiver available if needed) Make and take projects to be determined.



## Dave Anderson & Kelly Patten Concert Coming to Trinity

**Arizonans Dave Anderson and Kelly Patten will present a concert at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday August 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church (424 E. Gilman St.) in New York Mills.** Dave and Kelly's music is a blend of contemporary, gospel, hymns, and lots of old-time Sunday School songs. The audience will be invited to sing along but, as Dave says, "so long as it's the same song."

Dave and Kelly are from Arizona, but Kelly grew up in Stanley and Velva, North Dakota and Dave grew up as a Lutheran preacher's kid in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Dave has been involved in lay ministry in the Lutheran church for 48 years first in youth ministry (Dave is the founder of Lutheran Youth Encounter) and then music ministry including concerts and worship resources.

During the concert/service,

Dave will share from his personal experiences from having traveled 4,000,000 miles over the past 35 years of concert ministry. These travels have included concerts in Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Scandinavian countries, and 25 trips to Australia and New Zealand.

In 1993, God used incredibly heroic men to rescue Dave, his wife Barbara, and five others from 36-degree water after their plane crashed into the Bering Sea while returning from a missionary and humanitarian mission in the Russian Far East. All seven men and women survived what could not be survived!

This story has been heard by millions around the world on radio, TV, and through personal appearances. The Rescue Story points to the God which rescues men and women from overwhelm-

ing circumstances in their lives. Dave will tell highlights of this story at the (church name, location) concert. Learn more at [www.TheRescueStory.com](http://www.TheRescueStory.com).

Dave, Barb, and Kelly are currently involved in the most ambitious project yet: Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, a special counseling ministry for burned-out and emotionally wounded Protestant ministers and their spouses. Week-long Shepherd's Canyon Retreats are held in Wisconsin, Arizona, and soon in other states. Visit [www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org](http://www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org) for more information about this new project. **The free-will offering received at the concert will benefit the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry. For more information, call Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills at 218-385-2450.**



## 20th Annual Great American Think-Off: Question Resolved



L to R: Marsh Muirhead, Adam Bright, Marie Anderson, Ed DeLong

The answer to the Great American Think-Off has been agreed to, at least for one night: the nature of humankind is inherently evil. Adam Bright of Boulder, Colorado and a MFA student in poetry at Syracuse University, made a series of arguments that persuaded the Think-Off audience and he became the 20th gold

medallion winner of the Great American Think-Off philosophy contest in New York Mills, Minnesota.

The debate was an energetic one on Saturday, June 9th. Marie Anderson of LaGrange, Illinois engaged Adam Bright of Boulder, Colorado in the final round. Mr. Bright prevailed with a nuanced position on the need for every human to practice "radical compassion" in order for humankind to be considered good. Ms. Anderson's second place win in the contest brought her the silver medallion .

Mr. Bright's argument, and that of the other three finalists as well, focused on the meaning of "inherent" in the question. The existence of good or evil, Bright argues, stems from the time we begin to act (or fail to act) to make the world a more just and equitable home for all. And the evidence is pretty clear: we haven't acted, and the failure to act corroborates the

assertion that we are evil.

Mr. Bright's concluding lines from his essay provide a summary of his winning argument: "How many of you know that other human beings desperately need your help? And yet you do not help them. Again, I know that I don't. Instead we accept the fact that we were born into an evil world. We accept that evil is taking place right us. But still we do not devote ourselves selflessly to enow. We accept in other words an evil status quo. This isn't a case of moral blindness: we know the difference between good and evil and we clearly see the evil around nding it. By this grand act of complicity, we show ourselves to be inherently evil as well."

Ms. Anderson's argument focused on an absolute inherent quality of the nature of humanity. She argued eloquently that those who do evil things are not inherently evil, but

representative of a delusion or distortion of the way humans inherently act in the world. Marie emphasized that the preponderance of evidence in the world--giving to charities, supporting good works as groups or organizations, responding to cataclysms world-wide--provide evidence of our inherent goodness.

Marsh Muirhead of Bemidji, Minnesota and Ed DeLong of Virginia Beach, Virginia were bronze medallion winners of Saturday's debate, on the side of good and evil respectively. Each of the finalists received a \$500 cash award and travel and lodging costs to New York Mills. Next year's question-the 21st annual-will be published on January 1, 2013. The full text of the four finalist essays are posted on the Think-Off website (just click on the photo of the finalists) and the audio transcript of the debate will be up soon.

## East Otter Tail County 4-H Holds Demonstration & Food Revue Day



Kaitlyn Geiser receives a reward from 2012 EOT Dairy Princess Katherine Wippler for her demonstration on Blueberry Smoothies

"Learn by doing" was the theme at East Otter Tail County youths', recent Demonstration and Food Revue Day held at Henning Community Center on June 21st. EOT County Demonstration Day is designed for youth to come together with other youth in East Otter Tail County to enhance their learning experience by observing their peers in action and show

casing their creativity and public speaking development. 4-H demonstrations help youth to overcome their fears, giving them confidence and equipping them in a life skill of public speaking; clearly communicating and articulating their ideas to a larger audience.

A big thank you to the Midwest Dairy Association for sponsoring special gifts to those 4-H'ers who promoted the dairy industry by using dairy foods in their demonstration. Also, thank you to the East Otter Tail County Dairy Princess, Katherine Wippler for participating in demonstration day as well as handing out ADA prizes to the 4-H'ers and to those devoted dairy farmers who diligently serve within the dairy industry.

Those participating in Demonstration Day included: Mat-

thew, Megan, Micah and Mason Arens, Clayton, Lauren, Maren and Kristen Anderson, Kaitlyn, Mikayla, Gabriel & Moriah Geiser, Jeremy, Jonathon & Veronica Schwartz, Elizabeth & Katherine Wippler and Grace Wallgren.

In conjunction with Demonstration Day, Food Revue Day is also held. This is a project where youth learn about menu planning, time management, food nutrition and how to follow directions, as they plan and prepare a meal. The food revue exhibit consists of the menu, a photo of the meal, and a recipe of one food item from the menu as well as an attractive table setting.

Those participating in Food Revue exhibits included: Matthew Arens, Elizabeth & Katherine Wippler and Mikayla Geiser.



Moriah Geiser gave her demonstration on Yogurt Parfaits



Grace Wallgren demonstrated how to make Homemade Pepperoni Pizza

## Finn Creek Summer Festival Approaches



Finn Creek Museum, located 6 miles southeast of New York Mills off State Highway 106 is an 18-acre interpretive site which offers visitors the opportunity to step back in time to a more simple, but intriguing way of life. The Summer Folk Festival is a perfect time to visit the museum. This year the festival will be held on August 25 and 26 and will include a variety of events as well as authentic Finnish foods, music, and activities. Browse the grounds to enjoy the many crafters, watch demonstrations such as blacksmithing, oat threshing, log sawing, small gas engines, rug weaving, or listen to entertainment.

Visitors can enjoy displays of antique fire trucks from the New York Mills Fire Department and other antique equipment, as well as horse-drawn wagon rides, a petting barn, and tours of the museum buildings and grounds. Shop for authentic Finnish product at the general store, take in the Red River Model Railroad Club's display, or rest in the shade of the outdoor pavilion and bandstand or the comfortable indoor entertainment center. Concessions are available all day.

Saturday will start with a French toast/pancakes and sausage breakfast. Performing from 9 am to 10 am and later from 11 am to 12 noon will be Elisa Ko-

renne, singer, songwriter, and storyteller from New York Mills. Learn Finnish in the schoolhouse from 9:30 am to 10 am and enjoy the Finnish Heritage Conversation Hour from 10 am to 11 am in the schoolhouse. Prize-winning essays written by the New York Mills 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be read by the students in the entertainment center at 10:30am. From noon to 1:15, a Finnish American pasty lunch will be served. Hotdogs and barbecues are also available in the concessions all day, as well as a variety of pies and flavored ice cream options. Afternoon entertainment begins 12:30 pm with the Kingery Family of Grove City, Minnesota performing. This very talented family performed at Finn Creek 2 years ago and is back by popular demand. They sing bluegrass gospel music and sing it well! At 2 pm the sanctioned children's tractor pull for kids ages 3 to 9 will be held. From 2:30 to 3:30 pm Larry Saukko of Bemidji, Minnesota will entertain with accordion music and storytelling. From 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Finnish and Finnish-

American music will be played.

Sunday's schedule begins with continental breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by a sing-along of English and Finnish hymns in the chapel. At 10 am, an ecumenical Finnish and English church service will be held in the chapel, with Pastor Elmer Yliniemi speaking. At 11 am, All in One...aChord, a group of male gospel singers from Fergus Falls will perform. Sunday pork roast dinner will be served from 12:15 to 1:15 pm. There will be an antique tractor parade at 12:30 pm, followed by the antique tractor pull at 1 pm. Other Sunday afternoon entertainment will include Kip Peltoniemi, singer, songwriter from St. Paul from 1 pm until 1:45 and again from 3 pm to 3:45 pm.

Finn Creek Museum will again be selling raffle tickets for \$1 apiece. Tickets are available from any Finn Creek Board member or at Finn Creek Museum beforehand, or at the festival.

Come out, take a step back in time and enjoy a weekend of great food, entertainment, crafts and fellowship. You will be glad you did!

## Ready for Some Geocaching?

Are you familiar with Geocaching? **Geocaching** is a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game. Players use a GPS receiver or mobile device or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their

established code name. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers or ammunition boxes can also contain items to trade, usually toys or trinkets of little value. "Micro caches" may be as small as the head of a bolt, and contain only a log to sign. Cleverly camouflaged containers can look like sticks, bolts or rocks and make the search more challenging. Travel Bugs are sometimes placed in containers. When a geocacher finds

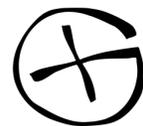
a travel bug, he or she can go online and register the number on the bug and track everywhere in the world it has travelled.

Geocaches are currently placed in over 200 countries around the world and on all seven continents, including Antarctica and the International Space Station. After more than 12 years of activity there are over 1.7 million active geocaches published on various

websites. There are over 5 million geocachers worldwide.

Dave & Dusty Krause of Hewitt have set up geocaches in conjunction with the NYM Regional Cultural Center. Three caches are located near New York Mills, called "All Ramped Up", "Egyptian" and "Through the Corn".

For more information on Geocaching and these caches in particular, visit <http://www.geocaching.com>.



# New York Mills Fire Department One of the Best!



If you live in New York Mills, or the surrounding area, consider yourself very fortunate to be served by the New York Mills Fire Department. Reports show that the average response time for a call by the NYMFD is 3 minutes. Response time is measured from the time the call is dispatched to arrival time on the scene.

Fire Chief Kyle Mattson stated “I think a lot of people in the county will agree, whether it be dispatchers, deputy sheriffs, local police departments or even other fire departments, New York Mills Fire has one of the fastest response times in Otter Tail County and I am very proud of our department for that.” The Fire Department attempts to stay at or under a 5 minute average, which was the average response time previously. These numbers are based upon reports from Janu-

ary 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 from Image Trend Fire Bridge Software. “Call numbers are roughly a month ahead of last year’s numbers by 13 and last year was a record breaking year for us with 174 calls,” reported Chief Mattson. “We are getting more and more calls per year, and running the numbers, it looks like we are going to be close to 200 calls for this year if the trend stays the same for the remainder of the year. That is a huge number of calls for a volunteer department.”

With changing times, the dynamics of the calls is also changing. In past years calls were mainly for fires; but due to various factors including fewer wood burning furnaces, better protection from smoke alarm systems and attention to fire safety this trend has drastically shifted to rescue calls. The problem with this is the Fire Department does not charge for rescue calls. This has made a significant impact on the amount of funds the department has to operate. Department members have worked diligently to secure grant funds whenever possible. The NYMFD has been hit particularly hard with major

equipment repairs and training expenses as well as other increased costs, including a portion of the new ARMER (Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response) radio system needed to comply with narrow banding requirements by the State.

So...how can you help?? Please consider supporting your local fire department with its fundraising efforts. One upcoming fundraiser is the NYM Fire Department Carwash which will be held on Friday, August 17th, during the Corn Feed. The carwash will run from 4-6 pm this year in the NYM Fire Hall and the cost is a free will donation. The Fire Department also still has raffle tickets left for the NYM Firefighter’s Raffle. For a \$5 donation you will have a chance to win over 80 prizes including a Winchester SX3 12 gauge shotgun, Remington 700 SPS Varmint rifle, Mossberg .270 with camo stock and 8 others. Other prizes include a trolling motor from Lund Boats, a John Deer pedal tractor from Evergreen Equipment, Charbroil Electric Grill from Hardware Hank or a night’s stay at the Holiday Inn of Brainerd just to name a few. As always there are many cash prizes on the list as well. Drawing for the prizes will be held at Mills Liquors on Friday

July 6th at approximately 8 pm (during Lund Mania). Winners need not be present.

A new fundraiser the department is trying this year is selling sandwiches (pulled pork or hamburgers) at the First Annual Mud Run held out at the VFW Campgrounds on August 11th. More details are pending on that event.

Currently, the NYM Fire Department has 20 members. Officers include: Chief Kyle Mattson, 1st Assistant Chief Reed Jacobson, 2nd Assistant Chief Ryan Brasel, Rescue Captain Matt Olson, Safety Officer Shannon Kline, Training Officer Bryce Bernu, Secretary Jordan Uselman, Treasurer Nick Roder and Maintenance Officer, Ryan Brasel. Other members are: Erik Kanz, Darin Welter, Richard Rankka, Brent Steinbach, Matt Geiser, Darin Wegscheid, Jason Hoaby, Nick Sonsalla, Eric Koskineniemi, Jedd Wallgren, Logyn Saewert, Maureen Kruchten.

Please help support our local heroes by purchasing raffle tickets, visiting the Car Wash in August, buying a sandwich at the Mud Run or donating in some other way. And if you see them on the street congratulate them on a job well done.

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## Library Happenings

Julie Adams, Library Director

thru grade 4 will be starting soon. Stop by the Library by July 2 to register. Kids reading 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week will earn prizes!

There will be Summer Reading Program **Story Hours** on Tuesday July 10, 17, 24, and 31, at 1:30 pm, in the Library Meeting Room. Kids preschool thru grade 4 are invited to attend. Kids are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 7, at 2:30 pm, for a **movie** in the Library Meeting Room.

The **Annual Used Book Sale** sponsored by the Friends

of the Library will be held on Wednesday, July 25 (4-8 pm) & Thursday, July 26 (8 am to 3 pm), in the NYM City Hall Ballroom. Please see the flyer on page 3 for more information.

And just a reminder - the Library accepts **donations** year-round for our Annual Used Book Sale. If you have books, movies, or CDs you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Library during regular open hours. The Library cannot accept magazines or damaged items for the Book Sale.

The Library still has t-shirts available for sale – please stop by

and take a look! Funds raised from the t-shirt sale go to the carpet fund.

The carpet fund continues to grow - but could use your help! If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to our carpet fund, please stop by the Library and talk to Julie.

The best way to find out about events that the Library is sponsoring is to stop by the Library and talk to the staff or you can follow the Library on Facebook – search for “New York Mills Public Library”.

The New York Mills Public Library has several events coming up – please mark your calendars!

The Library will be **closed** on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** for kids preschool

## Performers Needed for Annual Kalevala Puppet Pageant

Kids and adults are needed for the annual Puppet Pageant—no experience in theater or music or dance required. All kinds of different skills are needed—just stop in at the Center and tell us you are interested. Stilt-walking is an option, but definitely not required—just be ready for lots of fun and a summer memory of epic quality for you and your kids. Help make this the best summer Pageant ever!

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is looking for puppet pageant performers, an adult stage manager and other volunteers for this year's story from the Kalevala. The Pageant itself will take place right after the

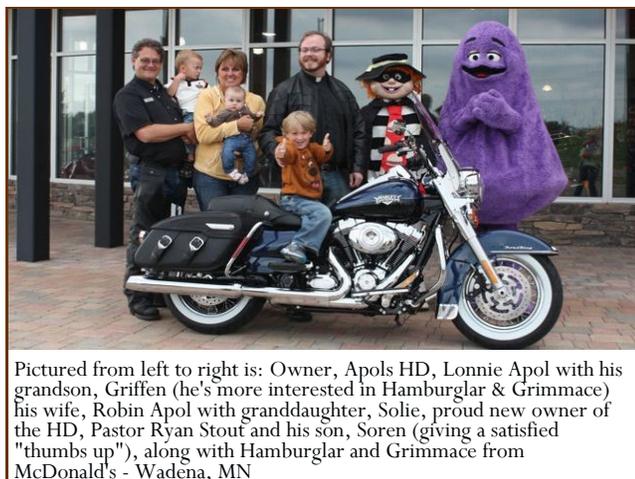
Corn Feed on August 17 at 7:00 p.m. There are two weeks of workshops leading up to the Pageant too. Call us at 385-3339 to sign up. Participating in the Puppet Pageant includes two week of workshops teaching the art of performance, music, large and small puppet making, costume design and stilt walking. Classes begin August 6-10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. for youth performers and 6-8 for adults. The second week August 13-16 students will build puppets Monday thru Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and adults Monday and Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. On Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. youth and adults will rehearse. On

Friday from 4-5:30 there will be a dress rehearsal for the pageant and at 7:00 p.m. the performance before the audience to kick off the beginning of the Continental Divide Music and Film Festival.

Anne Sawyer-Aitch, artist/puppeteer from Minneapolis, will be directing and producing the event with live music provided by Curtis and Loretta. These workshops are free of charge made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the State's arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.



## World's Largest RMH Ride Breaks Records Again!



Pictured from left to right is: Owner, Apols HD, Lonnie Apol with his grandson, Griffen (he's more interested in Hamburglar & Grimace) his wife, Robin Apol with granddaughter, Solie, proud new owner of the HD, Pastor Ryan Stout and his son, Soren (giving a satisfied "thumbs up"), along with Hamburglar and Grimace from McDonald's - Wadena, MN

The 11th Annual Ronald McDonald House Benefit Ride has come and gone, with this year's

success being another for the record books. The event raised over \$134,000.00 and collected 1620

gallons of pop tabs, which resulted in \$2008.20. This year, 1,507 motorcycles participated in the event.

Pastor Ryan Stout of St. Peter's Lutheran Church was the lucky winner of the 2012 Harley Davidson Road King Classic from Apols Harley-Davidson in Alexandria, MN. Other winners included: \$500 winners Roger Froeming, Parkers Prairie and Andy Tumberg of NYM. \$100 winners were Cary Goeden of Wadena, Jim Stewart, Henning, Pearl Romann, Perham, Tim Hendrickson, Fargo, Dean Wegscheid, NYM, Laura Pesola, NYM, Robert Weleski, Bemidji, Travis Roggenkamp, Bluffton, Missy Pajari, St. Cloud and Kevin Mil-

brandt, Nimrod.

The Bike Rodeo was also a huge success with over 213 kids participating. 26 brand new donated pedal bikes were given away. A huge thank you goes out to all who donated bikes, as well as to McDonalds of Wadena and to Gary and Benji Salo of New York Mills for their help and organizational skills. Thank you to the NYM Public School, NYM Police Department and Close Up program for helping to make the Pancake Feed and Bike Rodeo a success.

To the countless people who have helped with this event in any way, The 2012 RMH Ride Committee extends a HUGE THANK YOU. You have all helped to make this very worthy event a huge success once again!

## New Phone Numbers for Mahube-Otwa (former OTWCAC)

Effective July 1st, Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership, Inc. will begin providing services to clients who were previously served by Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council. The programs and services will essentially remain the same.

The phone number for

Mahube-Otwa is 1-888-458-1385. You may also contact them at:

Mahue Otwa—**Detroit Lakes** at 218-847-1385

**Wadena** at 218-632-3600 or **Fergus Falls** at 218-739-3011.

For the NYM Food Shelf and Outreach Garage, call 218-385-3333 until further notice.

## Farmers Market Going Strong

Lots of late spring and early summer vegetables in the market this week!. Stop in for fresh produce and baked goods. Call us at the Cultural Center to tell us what you think about the market—we're trying to grow the Farmers Market to serve you better. Plus, with Farmers Markets in Perham (Wednesday and Friday), Battle Lake (Saturday mornings), Wadena

(Thursday and Friday), Verndale (Wednesday), Hewitt (Tuesday), and Staples (Thursday and Saturday) there is plenty of fresh food available for the next several months. The NYM Farmers Market is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am—1 pm and is located beside the old Creamery building under the awning on Centennial 84 Drive.



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

August 2011 showed **93% seat-belt use average Statewide**. During this study, our average observed seatbelt usage in New York Mills was approximately 75%.

Here is a small sample of some of the information in the report:  
\*There were 72,117 traffic crashes reported to the MN Department of Safety in 2011.

—3,571 of these crashes were known to involve Alcohol

—12,139 of these crashes involved Teen Drivers (about 17%) This number is about 2000 less than 2010 data!

—130,102 vehicles and 175,583 people were involved in crashes (I was involved in a crash in December 2011 that accounts for 2 of these vehicles and 7 of these people.)

\*368 people Died and 30,295 were injured Statewide

—136 of those that died were known alcohol related crashes (just

over 30%)

\*Estimated economic cost to Minnesota: \$1,481,240,300 (yes, nearly 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS!)

\*Of 15,124 Airbag Deployment Crashes:

—243 people who were not wearing seatbelts reported “No Apparent Injury”

—7,860 people who were wearing seatbelts reported “No Apparent Injury” – (Wow, wear your seatbelt!)

\*60 of 427 (14%) people died as a result of being ejected or partially ejected.

\*209 of 25,415 (less than 1%) of people died in crashes where they were not ejected

\*Crash contributing factors highlights:

—Most crashes occurred during daylight with clear weather and dry roads.

—Human Factors Contributing to Crashes:

**Inattentive Driving**

was the most common contributing factor to crashes overall

**Failure to Yield** Right of Way was the second most common factor

**Illegal/Unsafe Speed** was the highest contributing factor to fatal crashes.

**Chemical impairment** followed next in line for fatal crashes and Following Too Close contributed next for property damage crashes.

So basically, if you wear your seatbelt, remain attentive and sober while driving, yield the right of way as appropriate and don't follow too close, you can significantly increase your odds for safe travel! Be safe!

For more information check out: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/reports-statistics/Pages/crash-facts.aspx> (or simply do a web search for “Minnesota Crash Facts”

In June 2012, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety published Minnesota's crash data for 2011. There is a vast amount of information contained in this 115 page report, but in reviewing it there are some key factors. One of the best features about this information is that it included data for regions and many cities that bring the numbers “close to home.”

Some encouraging information: Statewide, there was a 10.5 percent **decrease** in fatalities from crashes as compared to 2010. **Teen driver crashes are down** by a factor of about 2%. An observational study in



## Public Works Update

### Roger Salo, Public Works Director

drain tile and sump pumps cannot insert the ground water into the sanitary sewer system!

The swimming pool is open for the season. The warm weather makes the pool a very nice place to cool off, plus the exercise does not hurt either! Safety is always a priority. We installed a larger cover over the kiddie pool drain and some other items to help keep everyone safe.

The Wadena area held lessons in New York Mills again this year, as their swimming pool was hurt by the tornado a couple years ago.

The City of New York Mills did not have household ‘junk’ pickup this spring, for budget reduction reasons. Remember that this fall there will be the annual hazardous waste drop off at the city shop. This is a Otter Tail County Solid Waste program. Therefore questions should be directed to them. The date for that is September 14, 2012.

The compost pile west of town is growing. If you need some compost (black dirt), please ask for some. There is always a problem with some people ‘forgetting’

to take their plastic bags with them. It must be easier to just drop the bags and run! Also I am amazed what diapers and garden products and leaves have in common!! Remember that the plastics do not decompose. The wood and branch pile is growing. Pallets, lumber, and garbage does not belong there!

I hope everyone is enjoying our vacation land area. Remember the old adage. A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work!

The summer is upon us. This area has kept out of the real heavy rains compared to north east Minnesota (the Duluth area). We had the times when it rained about 5 inches and the other week with about 4 inches. Our home had some water in the basement as our gutters were plugged. I will have to pay closer attention to them! Remember that it is a state and federal law that the



# Mayor's Corner-Community Pool Facts

Larry Hodgson, Mayor

For more than 30 years the city of New York Mills has operated the Legried Community Swimming Pool. As many of you remember this pool was financed and built by the local citizens of this community. Over the years the employees of the Legried Community Swimming Pool have provided swimming lessons to hundreds of individuals of all ages. As a community we are proud of this pool and of what we have accomplished with continued support from individuals and organizations alike.

Our current swimming pool director is Heidi Van Dyke who has been involved with the pool for the past 27 years, the last 16 of those years as director and before that as assistant director and lifeguard. When I asked her about her continued involvement with the pool she pointed out that in addition to it being a great summer job, what she really likes about her position is that it provides her an opportunity to carry on with her teaching skills and being able to work with children. We are truly fortunate to have a person of her abilities on staff as our pool director.

A recent article in the East Ottertail Focus was quick to point out that we had failed to secure a needed license, that the kiddie pool was not yet operational, that the pool's floor needed to be updated, and that is where it ended. Although most of what was reported was true, what should have been

reported is what is behind being able to have a community swimming pool.

I visited with Heidi following that article and would like to share with you some behind the scenes information on our pool. Sure the pool is approximately 30 years old but in 2004 it went through an extensive retrofitting of all pumps, filters, and screens in addition to redoing the walls and floor of the main pool. The State of Minnesota is constantly changing and upgrading regulations regarding pool operations and New York Mills has made every effort to maintain compliance with these regulations. One such regulation is to install a specially designed cover (at a cost of \$1100) at the bottom of the kiddie pool. That cover was purchased and installed prior to making that part of the pool available to small children. Constant maintenance is critical and that responsibility falls mostly on one city employee, Neil Perala. Both Neil and Heidi are Certified Pool Operators and during our recent state inspection Neil flawlessly answered all questions presented to him by the inspectors and was complimented on his maintenance routine.

Another critical component to successful operation of the pool is the lifeguards. While some area pools are finding it difficult to acquire lifeguards we are operating with 11 fully accredited WSI lifeguards. Not only are our lifeguards WSI certified, but they are annually CPR and AED certified.

Needless to say, the cost of operating a pool is not cheap. Last years total expenditures for pool operation amounted to just over \$45,000 while total revenues were \$19,000. That puts us \$26,000 in the

“red”. A portion of that deficit is covered by an electrical “franchise fee” that is paid for through Ottertail Power and Lake Region electrical companies. A total of \$8004 was collected last year as each personal residence and business in our community is assessed a \$1/month fee on their first electric meter only, and that money is designated for pool operations. The remaining \$18,000 is paid for by the community of New York Mills.

Finally I would like to address the issue of the minor deteriorating condition of the pool floor. Six years ago a special paint known as diamond brite was applied to the bottom and over the years has begun to flake off creating minor problems with the filter system. This will need to be addressed within the next couple of years and if the same process is reapplied it would be at a cost of approximately \$40,000. What we would like to do is find another solution at a much more reasonable cost. Whatever the solution, it is an expense that the city of New York Mills should not have to shoulder alone. We need assistance for an endeavor such as this and may be looking to area community members and organizations for some assistance. Remember it isn't just the children within the city limits of New York Mills that benefit from having this great recreational opportunity made available for them.

May everyone continue to have a great summer and if you haven't already done so, come by and witness your children enjoying themselves at the swimming pool.

“As a community we are proud of this pool and of what we have accomplished with continued support from individuals and organizations alike.”

## Community Pool News

Heidi Van Dyke, Pool Director

Swimming lessons are in full swing at the pool. A special session was just completed for Wadena residents with 57 attending. The next session begins on July 9th and will run through the 20th. This year the pool will offer four classes each half hour from 10 am

to 12:30 pm.

The final session of swimming lessons will be offered from July 23rd-August 3rd. There are still openings in the third session.

Pool registration forms are available by calling the Community Pool at 385-3200 or the City Of-

office at 385-2213. They are also available on the city's website at [www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com](http://www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com) and the city's facebook page.

Don't forget the Free Swim Day during Lund Mania which will be held from 1-5 pm on Friday, July 6th. See you at the Pool!



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## Community Calendar



- July 3 NYM Millers vs Bluffton Braves Base ball game @ Smith Park 7 pm Followed by FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- July 4 Independence Day-City Office/Library Closed
- July 5 Wildlife Folk Art Exhibit Opens @ NYM RCC Runs through Aug 18th
- July 6 Lund Mania Fishing Tournament on Ottetail Lake 7 am-2 pm  
Minnow Races behind RCC 12:30 pm  
Free Swim @ Community Pool 1-5 pm  
Classic Car Show on Main Street 2-6 pm  
Antique Tractor Show Behind Library 2-6 pm  
Sailboat Regatta behind RCC 2-5 pm  
Pony Rides & Petting Zoo Central Park 4-7 pm  
Boatville Drags in front of Central Park 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sr Center Pulled Pork/Sloppy Joe/Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser @ Sr Center 2-8 pm  
Fish Fry, Vendors in Central Park 4 pm (Vendors may start @ 3 pm)  
Fishing Tournament Results Ceremony in front of Central Park 5:30 pm  
Grand Parade @ 7 pm  
Street Dance w/Wild Nights Entertainment in front of Central Park 8:30 pm
- July 7 Senior Center Egg Bake Breakfast Fundraiser @ Center 8-9:30 am
- July 9 Art in Your Park Smith Park 10 am-noon  
Lund Park 1-3 pm
- July 9-20 Session I Swimming Lessons
- July 10 City Council Meeting 4:30 pm
- July 10 Story Hour @ Library 1:30 pm
- July 11 NYM Lions Golf Fundraiser @ Legried Farm Tee Times 3, 5, & 7 pm
- July 11 Art in Your Park South Park 10 am-noon  
Smith Park 1-3 pm
- July 12 4-H Clothing Day @ NUM School Judging 9:30 am-noon Style Show 7:30 pm
- July 13 Art in Your Park Lund Park 10 am-noon  
South Park 1-3 pm
- July 14 TrinityGardenTour-Meet@Trinity9:30am
- July 17 Story Hour @ Library 1:30 pm
- July 17 Game Day @ Sr Center 1:30 pm
- July 19 EOT Co Fair Drawing Class 10:30 am  
Lisa Korenne performance @ Fair 4 pm
- July 20 EOT Fair Fiber Prepping Class, Carding & Spinning @ Fair 2 & 3 pm  
Curtis & Loretta Perform @ Fair 4 pm
- July 21 EOT Fair Arts-Sit n Stitch Teach Knitting & Anne Sawyer-Aitch teaches shadow puppets in Exhibit Bldg 2-4 pm
- July 23-Aug 3 Session II Swimming Lessons
- July 24 Story Hour @ Library 1:30 pm
- July 25 Annual Library Used Book Sale @ City Hall Ballroom 4-8 pm
- July 25 Sr Center Monthly Birthday Party 2 pm
- July 26 Annual Library Used Book Sale @ City Hall Ballroom 8 am-3 pm
- July 31 Super Silly Science Adventure NYM Commons 4H Summer Session 2-4 pm
- July 31 Story Hour @ Library 1:30 pm
- Aug 4 Sr Center Breakfast Fundraiser @ Sr Center 8-9:30 am
- Aug 6 Birds Bats & Bees 4H session NYM School Commons 2-4 pm
- Aug 6-10 Trinity/St Peters Lutheran Churches V B S
- Aug 7 Movie @ Library for Kids 2:30 pm
- Aug 9 What's Bugging You? 4H Session 2-4 pm @ NYM School Commons
- Aug 9 Fall Sports Meeting @ School 7 pm
- Aug 11 1st Annual Mud Run @ VFW Campground
- Aug 14 PRIMARY ELECTIONS
- Aug 15 City Council Meeting 4:30 pm
- Aug 15 Invitational Sculpture Show opens @ RCC
- Aug 16 Dave Anderson/Kelly Patten Concert @ Trinity 6 pm
- Aug 16 Creative Creation 4H session 2-4 pm @ NYM School Commons
- Aug 17 Annual Corn Feed 4-7 pm in Central Park  
Vendors/Bounce Houses in Central Park 3-7pm  
Sandwich, Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser @ Sr Center 4-8 pm  
Fire Dept Car Wash 4-6 pm-Fire hall  
Kalevala Puppet Pageant behind RCC 7 pm  
Continental Divide Film Festival Movies @ City Hall Ballroom 7:30 pm films/music 8:45 pm
- Aug 18 Continental Divide Music Festival @ VFW @ 11 am- 11 pm
- Aug 20 Art in Your Park Smith Park 10 am-noon  
Lund Park 1-3 pm
- Aug 20-22 Sizzling Hot Summer Sewing Session 4H @ Extension Office NYM 2-4 pm
- Aug 21 Game Day @ Sr Center 1:30 pm
- Aug 22 Art in Your Park South Park 10 am-noon  
Smith Park 1-3 pm
- Aug 22 Sr Center Monthly Birthday Party 2 pm
- Aug 24 Art in Your Park Lund Park 10-am-noon  
South Park 1-3 pm
- Aug 25-26 Finn Creek Summer Folk Festival @ Finn Creek Museum
- Aug 29 School Open House 4-7 pm