

# CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS



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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set for September 14th in NYM

It is time for Fall Cleanup! A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been scheduled for Friday, September 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New York Mills City Garage located at 102 N. Boardman Ave. The service is free of charge for Otter Tail County residents. The collection offers the opportunity for Otter Tail County residents to dispose of hazardous items such as paint, stain, varnish, household cleaners and pesticides, fuel, rechargeable batteries, aerosol products, fluorescent light bulbs (up to 10 bulbs per family), used oil, oil filters (limit 4 per household) and rodent

bait, in an environmentally friendly way. Magazine recycling is also offered at these collections. Business waste is NOT accepted at these mobile collection sites. Also not acceptable are home medical waste or any type of explosives.

For a complete listing of acceptable items or for further information you may call the Otter Tail County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at (218) 736-2161. Information is also available on the Otter Tail County website at [www.co.ottertail.mn.us/solidwaste](http://www.co.ottertail.mn.us/solidwaste).

Household Hazardous Waste

Common household items that should never be thrown in the trash or poured down a drain

 <small>Oil Based &amp; Latex Paint</small>	 <small>Moth balls / Rodent Bait</small>	 <small>Aerosol Products</small>
 <small>Used Motor Oil / Antifreeze</small>	 <small>OTter Tail County SOLID WASTE</small>	 <small>Fluorescent Light Bulbs</small>
 <small>Household Pesticides</small>	 <small>Rechargeable Batteries</small>	 <small>Gasoline &amp; Fuels</small>

Protect our air, water & soil by properly disposing of hazardous household items through the OTC Household Hazardous Waste program (HHW).

## Candidates File for City Council/School Board



Both the New York Mills City Council and Independent School District #553 will see some new faces as of January 1st.

For the City, current mayor Larry Hodgson did not file for another term, opening the door for two new candidates, Ken Friese and Julie Gerber, who will be on

the November ballot for mayor. City Council seats currently being served by incumbents Richard Rankka and Julie Gerber, are both open as neither councilmember refilled for their seat. Six candidates are running for those two spots on the November ballot. They are Charles Fredley, Joshua Hoaby, Patrick Kilby, Matthew Olson, Betsy Roder and Jason Schik.

For the New York Mills School Board, five people have filed for four open seats, formerly occupied by Josie Hendrickx, Tim Kupfer, John Peeters and Dan Welter. Newcomers vying for these four seats include candidates

Julie Adams, Kristina Ehnert, Wendy Hetland, Amy Wallgren and Chris Walz.

Election Day is November 6th. Polls in the City of New York Mills and Newton Township are both held at the City Hall Ballroom and are open from 7 am through 8 pm that day.

Turnout for the 2012 Primary elections was extremely low, which was the case statewide in Minnesota. The City of New York Mills had only 41 voters (which included absentee ballots) compared to 60 in 2010 and 83 in 2008, the last presidential election year.

School Starts  
Sept 4th

PLEASE  
DRIVE  
WITH  
CARE!



## Creamery Building to Get a Spruce Up

No big visible changes have happened at the Creamery building yet. But preparations for reopening are taking place behind the scenes.

An engineering study and plan for the roof structure has been completed by Schik Engineering of New York Mills. A call for bids for the replacement of the roof and for the first-time-ever insulation of the roof will be made before the end of August. And the

Center is working with Sarah Carlson to develop an interior design plan for the Creamery restaurant.

The Business Incubator, sponsored by the EDA Committee in New York Mills, the City of NY Mills, and the Business Entrepreneurship program of M-State, Detroit Lakes offers low cost office space for entrepreneurs and business owners. One of the new projects to develop from the business incu-

bator project is a 10-month series of business classes for artists to begin September 11<sup>th</sup>. Information on these classes can be found in this newsletter. Register at the Cultural Center (218-385-3339). Finally, there is the Continental Divide Folk School, which will be offering its first classes this fall. Information about the Folk School classes is provided in another article in this newsletter.

## Holy Cross Church to Hold Fall Bazaar September 9th

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9th for a day of great fun, food and fellowship at the Holy Cross Church!

The Fall Bazaar at Holy Cross Church in Butler is not new to area residents. In fact, the Bazaar has been an annual event since 1929.

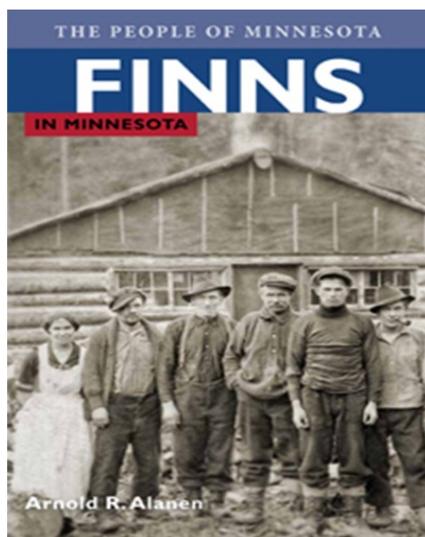
Back in its beginnings, the event was known as the "Holy Cross Shoot" because people could shoot at targets with a 22 caliber gun and win live chickens. The grand prize winner would receive a turkey! Through the years the live chickens and turkey were replaced with prizes and cash,

and in the 1980's the target shoot came to an end.

Today, the day begins with Mass at 10:30 am, followed at 11:30 am by a delicious dinner of roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings. The afternoon is filled with Bingo and various children's games. Drawing for the raffle prizes begins at 3 pm to finish out the day. For only \$1 you can have a chance to win one of 145 raffle prizes. Tickets are available at the Lumber Depot and Farmers & Merchants State Bank in New York Mills or at the church the day of the Bazaar.



## Public Library Hosts Book Signing/Speaker September 7th



The New York Mills Public Library is excited to invite you to come listen to Author Arnold R. Alanen, Author of the book "Finns in Minnesota", who will be speaking

at the NYM Public Library on Friday, September 7th at 7 p.m. This event is free to the public.

Published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, "Finns in Minnesota" has been termed "one of those rare books that is at once edifying and entertaining, of value to both scholars and non-scholars."

Much of the information was derived from Finish-language sources located throughout Minnesota that have never been used in previous books and accounts. Besides discussing the Finns' contributions to Minnesota's political, religious, cooperative, and cultural life (including the sauna), the account also features the Finland Swedes—the "minority within a minority"—who were born in Finland but spoke Swedish, and thus straddled two ethnic groups, belonging fully to neither.

Arnold Alanen was born in the Finnish Triangle and raised in northeastern Minnesota, where he learned Finnish from his immigrant grandparents. Alanen has written extensively on such topics as landscape history, folk architecture, cultural resource preservation, and Finnish-American settlements. He was the Finlandia Foundation National Lecturer of the Year in 2009-10.

There is no need to read the book "Finns in Minnesota" before the presentation. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and author signing after the presentation.

This event is sponsored by the NYM-Public Library and Viking Library System, and is funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

# Hardware Hank Begins Construction of New Store



Hardware Hank is getting a new home! You have undoubtedly seen the activity as construction has begun on the east side of the Cenex Convenience Store. Hardware Hank, which is currently located on Centennial Drive, is just one of the divisions of Co-op Services Incorporated of New York Mills, which has been in business since 1924.

Along with local contractors, Pride Construction of Hen-

ning, MN will be the general contractor for the project.

The first stage of the project was to relocate the diesel pumps on the northeast side of the convenience store to allow better access after the new store is built. The pumps will also be updated at this time.

The floor and sidewalks will soon be poured and the new steel structure will be delivered. Hardware Hank's storefront will

look much like the current convenience store, with the wall between the two being opened up to create one great retail facility. Plans are to be moved in and operating by the end of November.

The new facility will feature expanded floor space. 12,000 square feet of which 10,000 will be retail hardware, with the remainder being offices and a shop. This is much larger than the 7,000 square foot building they now operate out of. Aside from expanded area, customers will also enjoy expanded hours of operation with the hardware store operating from 5 am to 10 pm. If the convenience store is open, you will also be able to get hardware. While a few services will not be available during some of those hours, such as pipe cutting or mixing paint, there are new

and expanded services that will be added to the store. Some of the services planned are live bait, rental equipment and a larger lawn and garden line featuring more Husqvarna equipment than they currently offer.

The volume of customers that visit the convenience store (at least ten times their current foot traffic) and the opportunity for longer hours of operation, were key factors in the Co-op's decision to go ahead with this project, which was over 6 years in the making.

"We are excited for this move", stated Ken Peltier, General Manager of Co-op Services Inc. "The community has been great at supporting Co-op Services and we look forward to serving you at our new location!"

# Visiting Artists Bring Variety of Art to New York Mills

What do historical fiction, mixed media visual art, and narrative films have in common? These are the things that visiting artists will bring to our community this September and October.

Our first visiting artist this Fall is Mark Wiederanders, a fiction writer from Sacramento, CA. Mark will be here through September 10th, putting finishing touches on his novel-in-progress. His novel tells the story of the year Robert Louis Severson spent in America trying to make Fanny Osbourne, an American frontierswoman, his wife despite the fact that she was already married, had two children and was eleven years his senior.

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for a Welcome Reception and Reading from Mark's novel at 7:00 pm at the Cultural Center, with light refreshments served. At 8:00 pm,

Mark will lead a workshop open to all: "Using Images to Create Historical Fiction".

Joining us for the last 2½ weeks in September is Cheryl Bannes, a mixed media artist from Lewistown, Montana. Cheryl is inspired to interpret the landscape and the natural shapes that she sees around her and create them in metal, paint, or mixed media. During her residency, Cheryl will be using her uninterrupted time to explore the idea that you can "build" a painting, experimenting with creating art that would incorporate paint with natural found objects. Some of Cheryl's lovely jewelry is currently for sale in our Gift Shop – stop by anytime for a preview of her work!

Mark Pagan will travel from Washington DC to spend the month of October in NYM, working on his narrative short film "Raymond & Lina" which looks at

the lives of a man and his granddaughter. This 11-minute short film received acceptance in a dozen festivals around the country including a premiere at Slamdance Film Festival in 2011. During his residency, Mark will revisit his feature script and footage from interviews to craft a new version of the feature as well as an interactive exhibit piece using footage from interviews compiled during research.

Welcome receptions will be scheduled during both Cheryl and Mark Pagan stays as well; please sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter and/or check our Facebook page (New York Mills Regional Cultural Center) for information.

The New York Mills Arts Retreat is an artist residency program of the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center that provides dedicated artists time for

creative development and exploration, and free room in a cozy one-bedroom bungalow in the heart of rural New York Mills, MN.



Cheryl Bannes is a mixed media artist from Lewistown, MT. One of her paintings is pictured below.



## VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Hold Annual Rummage Sale Sept 21st & 22nd



The VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3289 of New York Mills will be holding their annual rummage sale September 21st and 22nd, in the storage garage next to Subway and Suns Up in New York Mills. The sale will run from 8 am to 6 pm on Friday, the 21st and from 8 am to noon on Saturday the 22nd.

Donations of good clean items will be accepted from the auxiliary and com-

munity members on Wednesday, September 19th from 6-8 pm and Thursday, September 20th from 1-7 pm. No electronics or donation after Thursday will be accepted.

All funds raised will be used to support youth and community programs.

Call Karen Brasel at 218-385-2772 or Brenda Niemela at 218-385-3346 for further information.

## Demolition starts on former L&L Service Site



It's out with the old, in with the new at 107 Miller Street, as excavation has begun of underground tanks at the former L&L Service station. This is to make way for the construction of a new Casey's General Store, scheduled to open this December, weather permitting.

Casey's is a national chain based out of Ankeny, Iowa with over 1,700 stores located in 12 states, 111 being in Minnesota. Most of their stores are located in small rural Midwestern communities. "New York Mills fits perfectly into that type of community," stated Bill Walljasper CEO of Casey's General Stores.

In addition to gasoline, diesel and grocery items, Casey's offers a wide variety of prepared food options. Their flagship products are made from scratch pizza, made from scratch donuts and made to order sub sandwiches. All are made fresh daily in the store. Casey's will also carry a large selection of coffee flavors and self-serve ice cream.

Typically, Casey's employs approxi-

mately 15 employees at each store, depending on the hours of operation and the sales volume. The New York Mills store will have four fuel islands and over 3,250 square feet of retail area.



## Uncle Ray's Pumpkin Day is Coming!



The highly anticipated "Uncle Ray's Pumpkin Day" is coming Saturday, Sep-

tember 29th!

This event, in its 11th year, has become a very popular autumn activity for young and old alike.

Named after the late Ray Sonnenberg of New York Mills, Brian Sillanpaa has carried on the tradition in honor of his uncle, offering area residents the chance to come out, pick out a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, have some lunch, take a tour of the local winery and taste some of the local wines also grown and produced onsite—all for free. In addition to all that fun, there will be live music in the beautiful restored barn.

The tentative time for the event is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with tours and music continuing afterwards.

Uncle Ray's Pumpkin Day started out as a promotional event for the winery, S & S Vineyards, but has gained in popularity so much that it has become a community event.

"Kids look so forward to this day", stated Brian Sillanpaa. "Last year we gave away about 3,000 pumpkins. It's a great time for friends and neighbors to come together, reconnect and spend the day chatting. It is always well attended."

Again this year, the New York Mills Civic & Commerce Association will provide cookies for the event.

Uncle Ray's Pumpkin Day is located on the S & S Vineyards & Winery grounds at 40895 County Hwy 67, approximately 3 miles north of New York Mills.

## Cliff Eberhardt opens fall concert series at NYM Cultural Center on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>



The 2012 fall concert series at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center begins on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> with Red House Records recording artist Cliff Eberhardt.

Cliff Eberhardt knew by age seven that he was going to be a singer and songwriter. As a child Cliff taught himself to play guitar, piano, bass and drums. In his teens Eberhardt was fortunate enough to live close to the Main Point (one of the best folk clubs on the East Coast); he cut his teeth listening to the likes of James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Bruce Springsteen, Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, Bonnie Raitt, and Mississippi John Hurt - receiving an early and impressive tutorial in acoustic music. At the same time, he was also listening to great pop songwriters like Cole Porter, the Gershwins, and Rodgers and Hart, which explains his penchant for great melodies and clever lyrical twists.

"Eberhardt is a superb singer, with a vast credible range of emotions, and a soulfulness that draws from rock and pop, but also from the best folk ballad styles."

- The Boston Globe

On September 21st, the Regional Cultural Center will host the Alison Scott Band, a five piece band playing soul music.

Alison Scott is the strongest voice to come out of Minneapolis in many years and her soulful, organic sound has quietly built a very large and loyal following. Alison is making the kind of soul music that music fans love - timeless music that transcends style and fash-

ion, something for the silent majority of listeners who aren't interested in fluffy pop or the trendy flavor of the month. Working with multi-platinum guitarist/producer Kevin Bowe (Paul Westerberg, Etta James, Jonny Lang), drummer Peter Anderson, Polara, Honeydogs), bassist Steve Price (Rex Daisy) and keyboardist James Tyler O'Neill, Alison has become one of the most popular live acts in Minneapolis; she has sold out the Dakota Jazz Club over a dozen shows in a row, and is now filling 500 seat theaters. Alison's releases have sold over 10,000 units and counting, her new album "Hiding Under the Covers, vol. 2" was released in June and features collaborations with Communist Daughter and Chris Koza.

A puppet show for adults about an aging



owner, and her exuberant dog, Jack, with live jazz score and original songs, Show by Margo McCreary, and music by Marya Hart will be performed at the Cultural Center and at the Elders Home on October 12. M a r g o

McCreary is a Twin Cities puppeteer. She started with "In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre" back in the 70's, and then cast off on her own. Margo performs original puppet shows and teaches puppetry as an artist/ educator. She is known for her larger-than-life puppet character, Ollie McNutt who has come to life with Margo inside for the past 25 years. "I love being a seamstress, painter, a hardware store junkie, voice transformer, and a digger into dark crannies of life. I am privileged to uncover things that end up being funny, and utterly sacred. I have worked and played at being a puppeteer for 26 years now. I know that my work can be edgy and humor-



ous, but I consider it compost for our earthy spirits!" On October 26th visitors to the Cultural Center will have the opportunity to listen to Kraa an all girl punk rock band from Sweden. They are an energetic, talented group of young musicians and will provide a fun window into the contemporary music of Scandinavia.

Concerts all start at 7:30 pm unless noted otherwise and are held at the Cultural Center gallery. Doors open at 6:30 pm without reserved seating. Admission is \$15 the night of the concert, \$12 advance sale (call and reserve tickets at 218-385-3339), and student admission (through high school) is \$5. Members of the Cultural Center receive a \$2.00 discount (i.e., \$10 advance sale and \$13 the night of the concert).

## Civic & Commerce Prepares for Annual Christmas Tree Festival

Plans are in the works for this year's Annual C & C Christmas Tree Festival, which is held each year during the last week of November and first part of December at the New York Mills City Hall Ballroom. This year's kick-off will be held on Saturday, No-

vember 24th. The tentative theme this year is "Deck the Hall".

If you are interested in sponsoring a display, entertaining or donating to the festival in any way, contact Dolly Tumberg at 385-3691 or Kerrie Steinbach at 385-3466.



## 4-H learning through Exploration Encouragement and Engagement

A Babysitting session will be held Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30-3:00 @ the Perham Area Community Center, for youth 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above. For many youth babysitting is the first career exploration; come learn how to be a "Super Sitter"; the ages and stages, how to handle emergencies, hard to handle situation, prepare for playtime, and the "rules of the road. Registration is through the PACC; call 346-7200 for program details.

4-H is a fun, hands-on-learning experience for youth Kindergarten through one year past high-school. Through informal experiential learning youth build life-long skills and friendships. 4-H is about learning, doing, severing, exploring, leading and so much more. Through

4-H youth and adults have opportunity to learn life skills, set goals, make decisions, solve problems, learn responsibilities, build confidence. Working within a group or club setting youth have opportunity to develop teamwork and communication skills; quality character traits employers are looking for in their employees.

The Four Essential Youth Developments Elements of 4-H are: Belonging ( Heart) positive relationships with caring adults, Independence,( Head) opportunity to see oneself as an active participant in the future, Mastery ( Health) engagement in learning that choices have outcomes and Generosity; (Hands) opportunity to value and practice service to others.

4-H Project Work gives youth opportunity to choose a topic they would like to learn about. Through the process of project work youth will enhance their creativity, be encouraged with confidence, confident youth are equipped to be the future leaders.

**4-H Enrollment begins, Sept 1**, if you would like to join a 4-H Community Club, After-school Clover Bud Club or a Project Club please contact Janet Malone the East Otter Tail 4-H Program Coordinator; [malon034@umn.edu](mailto:malon034@umn.edu) or call 385-5424. Also, watch for flyers in your child/children's school bag. 4-H After-School Clover Bud Clubs begin meeting in Oct. Community and Project Clubs meet at various times throughout the year.

4-H is also recruiting adult volunteers who love to work with youth, have a passion for learning, and are willing to share their time and talents. If interested in becoming an adult volunteer through the 4-H Program please contact Janet Malone; [malon034@umn.edu](mailto:malon034@umn.edu) or 385-5424. All 4-H volunteers must fill out a volunteer application and participate in volunteer orientation, and the trainings offered in the fall and on-line.



## A Menu of Community Outreach 'Feeding' Rural Entrepreneurship Needs



Over the past three years the demand and interest in bringing a variety of topic specific outreach workshops and classes (credit and non-credit) related to entrepreneurship and business ownership to the surrounding region has been exploding.

The BES (Business & Entrepreneurial Services) administrative office is located on the campus of MN State Community and Technical College in the

heart of the region in Detroit Lakes is being seen as the entrepreneurial source for rural MN communities such as New York Mills.

### Appetizers

We have developed one hour affordable workshops featuring unique and diverse topics such as *Do-It-Yourself Video*; *A to Z Bookkeeping & Taxes for Business*; *The 4-D's to Achieving Your Goals*; *Learn More About PEO's and Payroll 101*.

### Main Course

Along with the workshop format, we have recently developed NEW credit course opportunities including Financial Accounting, Introduction to Social Media and Direct Sales, an exciting new offering to address the educational gap for new and experi-

enced direct sellers by providing them with entrepreneurial skills and business acumen. These courses are being taught by M State faculty and are offered on days and evenings that are attractive to the entrepreneur and business owner. In addition, while costs vary for these courses, the typical enrollment fees are waived for participants interested in receiving the education and training in these important business topics without pursuing a degree.

### Dessert

The residuals of these educational opportunities are powerful. BES also offers after-care with their expert SCORE mentors, counseling by SBDC who has office hours in three locations and on-going services and support provided by BES and its staff. Additionally,

there are incubator office space opportunities in 5 locations throughout the region for entrepreneurs to launch their business ideas.

### Place Your Order

If you see a training opportunity that you are interested in, please contact us by calling 218.844.5420 or [bess.dl@arvig.net](mailto:bess.dl@arvig.net) or online at [www.BESMState.com](http://www.BESMState.com) M State's Business & Entrepreneurial Services is a credible resource and trainer for 'hungry' entrepreneurs and business owners and, we are more than happy to serve it up.

**Beth Priddy, Executive Director** 218.846.3667 [beth.priddy@minnesota.edu](mailto:beth.priddy@minnesota.edu)  
**Business & Entrepreneurial Services**

# Continental Divide Folk School Launches Fall Classes

We're excited about offering the first courses at the Continental Divide Folk School this fall. The Folk School will be a teaching/learning arm of the Cultural Center, providing a longer-term connection between artists who use the Cultural Center to connect with the people of the region with more opportunity for one-on-one interaction over a longer time period than is possible in our performance schedule. We will post all the classes in our e-newsletter and on the Continental Divide Folk School page on our new website (hopefully going live on Wednesday this week!).

## Using images from the past in writing fiction

Join us on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to meet and welcome artist-in-residence Mark Wiederanders. He hails from Sacramento, California, where he is a fiction writer. Mark will read from his novel-in-progress, briefly talk about the project, and answer questions. Attendees will then have a chance to talk with Mark and enjoy some light refreshments. At 8:00 pm, Mark will lead a writing workshop titled "Using Images from the Past to create Historical Fiction." There is no charge for this writing session.

## "Work of Art" classes from Springboard for the Arts

The first formal set of courses to be offered will be the "Work of Art" series developed and taught by Springboard for the Arts, a Minnesota-based and nationally recognized economic and community development organization for artists. The "Work of Art" series is designed to assist artists in launching or improving their art small businesses. To apply to attend this series -- offered here at no cost -- go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/workofartnym](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/workofartnym).

Applications should be filed by September 1st, and artists are asked to make a commitment to attend all ten workshops. Classes will be held at the Cultural Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting September 11th (except in January when the class will be held January 15). The workshops will be from 6:30 pm to 9 pm and will be preceded by a social hour at 5:30 pm. Topics covered include: Career Planning, Time Management, Your Promotional Toolkit, Marketing, Legal Considerations, Recordkeeping and Financial Management, Pricing Your Work, Simple



Business Plans for Artists, Funding Your Work, and Social Media for Artists. **Weave a scarf and a table runner**

Lil McRae from At Loose Ends weaving and yarn shop in Perham will teach the basics of weaving on the rigid heddle loom on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm - October 2, 9, 16, & 23. Students will complete a scarf during the class. Lil has looms for rent (\$25 for the duration of the class). Tuition for this class is \$60 for the four sessions plus materials cost.

By the end of the four sessions students will have completed a scarf and a table runner and have learned the basics of weaving on the rigid heddle loom. Pre-register for this class by calling the Center at (218) 385-3339.

## Community Halloween Party Set for October 27th

The New York Mills Community Halloween Party for area youth will be held Saturday, October 27th. Each year this event draws hundreds of kids for a night of safe Halloween fun. For children aged pre-school through 2nd grade, arts, crafts, games and cookie decorating will be held at the NYM Regional Cultural Center from 3-5 pm. Mills Lanes will host the 3rd through 6th grade youth for bowling from 5-7 pm and the 7th through 12th grade students from 8-10 pm.

Costumes are encouraged. This annual event is free of charge to participants, sponsored by the Civic & Commerce Association of New York Mills, Mills Lanes and the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center.

## Fall is Clean Up Time!

With Fall fast approaching, New York Mills city residents will again be busy cleaning yards and gardens. The Public Works Dept. welcomes your leaves, lawn clippings and brush at their compost site on West Nowell. Plastics, lumber and garbage are not allowed. Residents are asked to leave your debris in the piles which are marked accordingly for branches or leaves. The compost site is open all hours. Please use your discretion in wet weather.

Residents are also welcome to take compost from the compost pile for your gardens and flowerbeds.

Have a great fall season everyone!

# Legried Community Pool Closes Out Busy Season

The summer of 2012 was a busy season for the Legried Community Pool, closing for the season with a Free Swim day on August 17th.

The pool's numbers may be more impressive than you realize. During the three months the pool was in operation this summer, 3640 swimmers visited the pool! That is an average of 54 swimmers per day overall!

In June, there were 798 daily swimmers, and 186 nightly swimmers. July brought more visitors, with 1,471 daily visitors and 385 nightly ones. August saw 647 swimmers, along with 153 evening visitors before their August 17th closing date.

A special session of swimming lessons was held for Wadena residents in June, which served 57 students. 324

additional students participated in the two regular sessions during July and August, as well as 29 students who took part in private lessons.

The New York Mills IMPACT and Lions organizations donated 230 daily passes for underprivileged children in the community, a value of \$690.00.

Pool Director Heidi Van Dyke was pleased with the busy season. "I want to thank everyone who supported the pool this season", stated Van Dyke. "I also wish to thank the young men and women who work as lifeguards for the pool during the summer season. Most people have no idea of the dedication of these young people and what a huge commitment it takes to go through the many levels of training and certification required to be a lifeguard."



## A Message From Our Chief of Police Jim Van Schaick— 40=73?

A few years ago I cited a young driver for speeding. The driver was under 18 and had been going 40mph in a 30mph zone. I had contacted the driver's parents and notified them of the citation and shortly thereafter, the driver's father came to the police station along with his child for an "explanation." The father was very courteous and polite, but his body language said he was equally upset with both me and his child! I suspect that he was concerned about the fine, the violation being on his child's record and the potential impact it could have on their insurance premium.

I explained that the posted speed limit in the area where his child was stopped was 30 mph and that the speed limit was set in that area for the overall safety of people using the roadway. I explained some of the criteria used to determine the speed limits, including human reaction times, stopping distance, visibility, pedestrian traffic, traffic studies, residential proximity, etc. In addition, I advised them that the area in which his child had

been stopped was an area in which there had been frequent complaints of traffic driving too fast. I also explained that the speed limit was in place for the overall safety of everyone using the road.

They seemed to understand this, but made it clear to me that in their opinion; 40 mph was not that fast. So I asked them both if they thought that driving 65 was too fast in a 55mph zone. Both agreed that it was. I then asked if 70 mph would be too fast and they openly and whole heartedly agreed that that would be excessive. Finally I asked them if 73 mph (18 mph over the speed limit) would be too fast - and without batting an eye, they said absolutely, without a doubt, that that was too fast and anyone driving that fast should get a ticket.

I then asked them to indulge me and follow along as I worked through a ratio math problem: What speed in a 55mph zone would be in proportion to 40 mph in a 30 mph zone? Here's how I worked it out:  $X / 55 = 40 / 30$ , cross multiplied and converted to  $30X = 2200$  and finally, divided both sides by 30 to solve for X with a result of  $X = 73.333$

40 mph in a 30mph zone is the equivalent of 73 mph in a 55 zone! After looking at it like this, they were both receptive of the

accountability aspect of the citation and left the office on good terms.

The following is from a press release from the Minnesota DOT dated July 11, 2012:

Unsafe and illegal speed is the most commonly reported contributing factor in fatal crashes. During 2009–2011, speed factored in 254 traffic deaths statewide and 689 severe, life-altering injuries, resulting in an economic impact of \$584 million." **The Dangers and Consequences of Speeding**

Greater potential for loss of vehicle control.

Increased stopping distance — It takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling at 60 miles per hour. Less time available for driver response for crash avoidance.

Increased crash severity leading to more numerous and severe injuries.

"Many drivers may not perceive speeding as a great risk on the road, but when you push above the speed limit, you are pushing the limits of road safety," says Donna Berger, director of the DPS Office of Traffic Safety. "Driving at unsafe speeds is just as dangerous and deadly as drunk and distracted driving."



## Mayor's Corner-

### Larry Hodgson, Mayor

If you pay any attention to the political issues that are presently going on around us (how can you help but not be aware), you will remember that we had a primary election a couple of weeks ago as required by State statute. Unfortunately not very many of the populace of the City of New York Mills participated in exercising their right to vote during this primary. Understandably not many people chose to take the time to vote because there were not many on the primary ballot—four candidate selections—for our legislative districts.

In reviewing the information posted on the official Secretary of State web site, the election results for the City of New York Mills showed that a total of 41 individuals cast a vote which included actual voters and absentee ballots. When the polls opened at

7 a.m. that morning there were a total of 591 registered voters for New York Mills. That means that only 6.9% of the eligible voters actually took the time to vote. As poor as our turnout was, it was better than our neighboring community to the West which posted a 3.8% voter response.

What makes it especially disappointing is the amount of money expended by the City and the number of people hours required to hold the primary election. There were a total of 8 election judges who not only spent part of the day overseeing the election but also were required to attend 3-5 hours of election training in Fergus Falls or Ottertail prior to the day of the primary. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them for volunteering to serve as an election judge. The amount of money expended just by the City of New York Mills to hold the primary election was just over \$2100. That should make a person stop

and think about what it must cost throughout the State of Minnesota to hold an election, whether it be a primary or general election. With the number of positions being voted on for city and school positions, in addition to the State and National candidates, I expect we will most likely have one of the largest voter turnouts ever for the City of New York Mills.

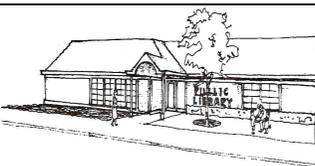
In order to add a little extra incentive to get people out to vote the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State has initiated a program called: Vote in Honor of a Veteran. The program is for “remembering those who protected our freedom and voting to honor their service.”

By going online at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) you can request a button which you wear identifying the veteran you are honoring by voting. The site explains that “Our right to vote has been defended by the courage and sacrifice of the many brave men and women who served in

our nation’s armed services. Anyone with a family member or a friend in the service understands the dedication and patriotism demonstrated by these men and women.” “The Vote in Honor of a Veteran initiative provides Minnesotans an opportunity to demonstrate their pride in a veteran who is a family member or close friend.”

The City office has a very limited number of these buttons for anyone wishing to participate in this patriotic program. You are encouraged to wear this button throughout this election season, especially on Election Day. By doing so you are raising awareness about the importance of voting and highlighting the bond between our veterans and our democracy.

November 6<sup>th</sup> isn’t that far off, so be sure to mark the date on your calendar or personal planner and exercise your constitutional right by voting.



## Library Happenings

### Julie Adams, Library

The New York Mills Public Library has had a busy summer! Thanks to all the kids who participated in our Summer Reading Program. Lots of kids participated in our Summer Reading Challenge – we handed out tons of prizes! It was also great to see so many kids at our story time.

We also would like to thank the Friends of the Library and everyone who supported our Annual Used Book Sale which was held in July. It was our best Book Sale ever – record breaking! The Annual Used Book Sale added \$2,430.00 to our carpet fund. Thanks again to everyone – whether you donated items to our

Book Sale, came to the Book Sale, or volunteered your time to help us out at the Book Sale – your support is greatly appreciated! And as always, a special thank you to Adele Esala for all the hard work she puts in year round sorting books as they come in. As a reminder about donations for our Book Sale – we do accept books and DVDs year round, so please drop them off at the Library anytime we are open. We cannot accept magazines, textbooks, or any items that are damaged, but other than that we love to receive your donations! The Library staff always looks through donated items to see what can be added to our collection first before storing them for our Annual Used Book Sale.

I mentioned our carpet fund –

the Friends of the Library are \*this close\* to being able to replace our grungy old carpet with something new!! They only need to raise about \$400 more and we could get started with the project. If you are interested in helping us with a contribution (any amount you could contribute would be extremely helpful), please contact Julie at the Library for more details. Once the remaining money is raised, the project will begin. Ideally, we would like to replace the carpet yet this year. Watch for more details.

The Library still has t-shirts available for sale – please stop by and take a look!

Library staff and a Library volunteer are looking at doing a preschool story time starting soon, if you would like your preschooler to par-

ticipate, please stop by or call, we would like to hear from you what kind of schedule would work best. A couple of calendar items to note:

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

*Finns in Minnesota* author Arnold Alanen will be doing a presentation at the Library on Friday, September 7, at 7 pm. See --page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

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”.

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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



- Sept 1-22 **Fish & Duck Decoy Show @ NYM Regional Cultural Center (RCC)**
- Sept 1 **Senior Center Breakfast Fundraiser 8 -9:30 a.m. @ The Sr Center**
- Sept 3 **LABOR DAY-City Offices, Public Library, Mills Liquors, and Sr Ctr Closed**
- Sept 3 **Sit n Stitch @ NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Sept 4 **Visiting Artist Reception/Reading 8 pm @ NYM RCC Writing Workshop "Using Images from the Past to Create Historical Fiction"**
- Sept 6 **Cliff Eberhardt Concert @ NYM RCC pop/rock/folk music 7:30 pm**
- Sept 7 **"Finns in Minnesota" w/Arnold Alanen Presentation @ Library 7 pm**
- Sept 9 **Holy Cross Church Fall Bazaar, Butler Mass 10:30 am Dinner 11:30 am**
- Sept 10 **Sit n Stitch @ the NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Sept 11 **Sr Center Board Meeting 10 am**
- Sept 11 **"Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists" @ NYMRCC 5:30 pm**
- Sept 11 **City Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 4:30 pm/Public Forum 5 pm**
- Sept 11 **Yoga with Tamara @ NYM RCC 7 pm**
- Sept 12 **Heart Saver CPR/AED & 1st Aid Course 5:30 pm @ Perham EMS Trng Rm. Contact Doug Harthan 346-4485**
- Sept 13 **Open Mic Night @ NYM RCC 7 pm**
- Sept 14 **Hazardous Waste Disposal Day @ Public Works Garage 10 am-2 pm**
- Sept 15 **4H Babysitting Clinic @ Perham Area Community Center 8 am-3 pm**
- Sept 17 **Sit n Stitch @ NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Sept 18 **Yoga with Tamara @ NYMRCC 7 pm**
- Sept 18 **Games Day @ Sr Center 1:30 pm**
- Sept 21-22 **VFW Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale -Fri 8 am-6 pm/Sat 8 am-Noon**
- Sept 21 **Alison Scott Band @ NYMRCC 7:30 pm pop/rock music**
- Sept 24 **Sit n Stitch @ NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Sept 25 **Yoga with Tamara @ NYMRCC 7 pm**
- Sept 26 **Sr Center Birthday Party 2 pm @ Sr Center**
- Sept 27 **Open Mic Night @ NYM RCC 7 pm**
- Sept 29-Nov 10 **Bridget Riversmith Exhibit "Strange & Beautiful Archaic Machines & Visions for a Future" @ NYM RCC**
- Sept 29 **Uncle Ray's Pumpkin Day @ S&S Vineyards & Winery 10 am-2 pm**
- Oct 1 **Sit n Stitch @ NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Oct 2 **M State BES Incubator Open House @ Incubator (old Creamery) 4-6 pm**
- Oct 2 **Yoga With Tamara @ NYM RCC 7 pm**
- Oct 6 **Sr Center Breakfast Fundraiser @ Sr Center 8-9:30 am**
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- Oct 15 **Sit n Stitch @ NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Oct 16 **Games Day @ Sr Center 1:30 pm**
- Oct 16 **Yoga with Tamara @ NYM RCC 7pm**
- Oct 18-19th **MEA Weekend-No School**
- Oct 22 **Sit n Stitch @ NYM RCC 6-8 pm**
- Oct 23 **Yoga with Tamara @ NYM RCC 7 pm**
- Oct 24 **Sr Center Birthday Party @ Center 2 pm**
- Oct 25 **Open Mic Night @ NYM RCC 7 pm**
- Oct 26 **KRAA Concert @ NYM RCC 7:30 pm-All Swedish Punk Band**
- Oct 27 **Community Halloween Party -3-5 pm Preschool thru 2nd gr @ NYM RCC 5-7 pm 3rd-6th gr @ Mills Lanes 8-10 pm 7-12th gr @ Mills Lanes**
- Oct 30 **Yoga with Tamara @ NYM RCC 7 pm**