

NYM Community Education Activities/Offerings Schedule Beginning March 10th, 2025

**We would like to extend our highest gratitude to the New York Mills VFW Post #3289
for their tremendous support of our school activities!!**

The times and dates listed here are always subject to change according to the weather, illness and other unforeseen circumstances. For complete information about Community Education offerings and NYM School District activities, check the ISD #553 website @ www.nymills.k12.mn.us, the school Facebook page, the bulletin board by the District Office, or call the school at (218) 385-4203/(218) 385-4201. Unless otherwise noted, call (218) 385-4203 for more information or to register for offerings. NYM Community Education is always looking for individuals to propose and teach/facilitate classes. If you have an expertise or interest in a topic that you could share with others, please contact us!

NYM COMMUNITY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Please check the school website www.nymills.k12.mn.us or Facebook page for updates regarding activities or meetings that are scheduled.

Monday, March 10th

Eagle Academy @ 3:15 pm
JH/V B&G Track and Field Practice @ 3:30 pm
JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm
Bandwagon Meeting in Room #108 @ 6:30 pm
9-12 Band/Choir Concert in Aud @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 11th

Video Arts Filming for Class in Aud. @ 9:20 am

Wednesday, March 12th

V BBB Sectionals (A) at Perham @ TBD
Video Arts Filming for Class in Aud. @ 9:20 am
Adult VB League in HS/SC Gyms @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 13th

Video Arts Filming for Class in Aud. @ 9:20 am
Eagle Academy @ 3:15 pm
ECFE Gym Night in AC Gym @ 6:00 pm
Kindergarten Registration Night in Commons @ 6:00 pm
JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Friday, March 14th

Eagle Pride Character Ed Program in Aud. @ 8:30 am
Video Arts Filming for Class in Aud. @ 9:20 am

Saturday, March 15th

Little Dribblers Basketball in All Gyms @ 10:00 am

Sunday, March 16th

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Monday, March 17th HAPPY St. PATRICK'S DAY!

Boys Basketball Awards Night in Commons @ 5:30 pm
JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 18th

Adult Basic Education in Room #24 @ 5:30 pm
ECFE Parent/Preschooler in Room #42/43 @ 5:30 pm
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 5:45 pm
JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm
Wrestling Awards Night in Commons @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 20th

JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Friday, March 21st

Eagle Pride Character Ed Program in Aud. @ 8:30 am

Saturday, March 22nd

Little Dribblers Basketball in All Gyms @ 10:00 am

Sunday, March 23rd

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Monday, March 24th

School Board Meeting in Room #108 @ 5:30 pm
JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm
7/8 Band/Choir Concert in Aud. @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 25th

Large Group Choir Contest in AC Gym/Aud, All Day
JV/V Softball with BHV @ TBA @ 4:30 pm
JH Softball with BHV @ TBA @ 4:30 pm
Adult Basic Education in Room #24 @ 5:30 pm
ECFE Parent/Preschooler in Room #42/43 @ 5:30 pm
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 5:45 pm
JO Volleyball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 26th

Large Group Choir Contest in AC Gym/Aud, All Day



NYM COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS SCHEDULE

HAM BINGO

The New York Mills Education Foundation invites you to join us for Ham Bingo! Held on Thursday, March 20th in the NYM School Commons with free-will offerings Meal from 5:00-6:00 pm and Bingo from 6:00-7:00 pm. Meal proceeds support NYM Bandwagon and Bingo proceeds support NYM Education Foundation. All Ages Welcome!!

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

The New York Mills Close Up invites you to its annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 29th at the New York Mills VFW. Proceeds will go to fund a trip to Washington DC/New York City for 23 students in the Spring of 2026. Doors open at 5:30, Burger Bar begins at 6:00, Meat Raffle from 6:00-7:00 and Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the New York Mills School District Office or a Close Up student. For VIP tickets, please contact Angie Paavola at 612-270-9035. Limited Seating Available and Limited Tickets Sold!!!

OPEN GYM

Open Gym is sponsored by Community Education and NYM Booster Club. There will be a \$1 fee for every participant each night including all who come in to walk the hallways on Sunday night during Open Gym. The fee will be used to staff Open Gym and pay for facility and equipment maintenance.

WHO: 7-12th grade students and adults in our school district and if an elementary student wants to participate, he/she must be accompanied by an adult.

WHEN: Runs from November 3 through March 30 on most Sunday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., (except Super Bowl Sunday 2-9-25).

CPR/AED/1ST AID/EMR/EMT COURSE SCHEDULE

HEARTSAVER CPR, AED AND 1ST AID

3/26/25, 5/28/25, 7/23/25, 9/24/25, 11/26/25

BLS PROVIDER CPR

4/23/25, 6/25/24, 8/27/25, 10/22/25, 12/17/25

COSTS: Heart Saver CPR/AED & 1st Aid \$ 100
BLS Provider CPR..... \$ 75

WHERE: Perham Area EMS Training Room
525 West Main, Perham, MN 56573

REGISTRATION: **Classes are post board certified**
Register for a class by call/text 218.298.2482 or email lakescountryedu@gmail.com

CONTACT: Barb Felt at Lakes Country Emergency Education and Consulting

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION - ECFE

Happy New Year! A new year means new activities, new classes and new connections. If you haven't attended one of our ECFE classes or events, now is the time!

Parent & Preschooler

This class is designed for parents and their 2-5 year old child. Class will consist of some parent-child activities & circle time, and then parents will separate from the children for discussion.

Dates: Tuesdays February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 18, & 25

Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

Gym Night

Bring your kids ages birth-kindergarten to burn off some energy. Most activities will be unstructured. In the Activity Center...come in the doors by the District Office.

Date: Thursday, January 16 AND Thursday, March 13

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Spring Party

Come to enjoy all things spring! For children ages 1-5.

Date: Tuesday, April 15

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

All classes will be in Room 42 in the elementary unless otherwise noted. **Sign up for classes on Facebook or by calling 218-385.1172.

Please contact me with any questions. I'd be happy to visit with you!

Kendra Geiser

Early Childhood Coordinator/Teacher

kgeiser@nymills.k12.mn.us

218-385-1172

55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM (2024-2025)

This Driver Discount Program is put on by the Precision Driving Center of Minnesota through St. Cloud State University. You can check out their website at www.driverdiscountprogram.com.

Complete this course to get a 10% discount on your auto insurance premiums! Taught as a presentation from a certified instructor, you'll discuss challenges we face as drivers, new road designs, vehicle technology, and updates on current laws. Best of all, there are no written or behind the wheel tests! Certificate will be provided at the end of class. The 8-hour initial course requirement has been removed as of July 1st, 2024. Participants must take the 4-hour course to initially earn the discount and then repeat the 4-hour course every three years to maintain the discount. Pre-registration required.

The following 55+ Driver Discount Program course is currently set up for you at the New York Mills School. Also for your convenience, we always have waiting lists if you missed a course and want to be notified of the next course.

WHO: Anyone, especially 55 and over

WHEN: Saturday, April 12th

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Room #108 HS Media Center @ NYM Public School (Enter the door by the eagle and look for the sign that will tell you where to go.)

COST: \$24 per participant payable at class with check made out to: PDCM

SIGN UP: In District Office or call (218) 385-4201

CLASS LIMIT: 12 - 30 people

INSTRUCTOR: To Be Determined

SCHOOL-AGED CHILD CARE

If you need before and/or after school child care on a regular or drop-in basis, we have **before** and/or **after** school child care available at the school.

WHO: PreKindergarten through sixth grade

WHEN: During school days, childcare hours in the morning are 6:00-8:10 am, and after school is 3:00-5:30 pm.

REGISTER: To register, email childcare@nymills.k12.mn.us or call (218) 385-4209 or (218) 385-4203 (Comm. Ed. Office).

ON-GOING WALKING

For those who would like to get exercise by walking through the 2329 feet of hallways in NYM School. (This is FREE except during Sunday night at Open Gym times when there will be a \$1 fee.)

WHO: Open to all

WHEN: School days from 6:30-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS ~ 'ECS'

As of January 2014, the Early Childhood Screenings will be conducted by the Lakes Country Service Coop. The Community Education office will be doing the scheduling and the screenings will be completed at the New York Mills School. This screening is required by the school for entrance into PreKindergarten and required by Minnesota Statute 121A.17 for entrance into Kindergarten unless an Exemption form is filled out. It is an opportunity for you to review your child's growth and development and to follow up on any health or learning concerns. The Early Childhood Screening is a FREE screening and includes a developmental assessment, vision and hearing test, height and weight measurements, immunization and health history review and a parent visit. It is NOT an examination to determine readiness for school. Its purpose is to identify conditions that might interfere with your child's ability to learn and to assist parents in developing strategies to help their child succeed. Please call Deb in the Community Education office to schedule an appointment at (218) 385-4203. Please leave a message if there is no answer and she will get back to you as soon as an appointment is available.

CULTURAL CENTER

“INTERWOVEN” TEXTILE ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is pleased to announce its new gallery exhibit: “Interwoven” a textile art show featuring the art of four talented regional women fiber artists. This show opens Wednesday, February 26th, and closes Saturday, April 5th, 2025. There will be a reception on Friday, March 21 from 4-6pm. *Interwoven* provides visitors the opportunity to see several different types of fiber arts by four talented women artists: Kristen Anderson, Elise Olsen, Kristi Kuder, and Mary Jo Wentz. This gallery show is a wonderful display of color, texture, and intricate design. Visitors will appreciate the variety and complexity of fiber art on display. This gallery exhibit is free to see and open to the public during regular business hours or other hours by special request. Groups are requested to please call the Cultural Center in advance to ensure the best experience. Open Hours are Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-7pm, Fridays 10am-5pm, and Saturdays 10am-3pm. All are invited to join us at an Artists' Reception on Friday, March 21 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. for a chance to view the artwork, hear artist talks, and connect with the artists and other visitors. Gallery receptions are free to attend and open to all. Refreshments will be available.

Visit kulcher.org or call the Cultural Center at 218-385-3339 with any questions. This activity is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

90's PROM!

Get ready for a totally RAD night – 90's Adult Prom! Rock the 90's with us at the NYM City Hall Ballroom on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Dust off your platform shoes, break out the butterfly clips and get ready to party like it's 1999! The NYM Regional Cultural Center invites you to an unforgettable 90's Adult Prom—an evening packed with nostalgia, music and fun! Open to all (age 21+)! Whether you were a prom king or queen back in the day—or skipped prom entirely—this is your chance to relive the magic, 90's style! Get your Tickets Today! Tickets are available for purchase in person at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center or online at <https://kulcher.networkforgood.com/events/83398-90s-prom>. Don't wait—grab your crew and secure your spot for a night of unforgettable fun! All proceeds from this event will benefit the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center and its mission to support arts, culture, and creativity, community vitality, and lifelong learning in the arts. For more information, call the Center at (218) 385-3339, email info@kulcher.org, or visit the Center's website at www.kulcher.org.

CELEBRATE IRISH MUSIC & CULTURE WITH CALEIGH

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is excited to welcome **Caleigh**, a Minnesota-based trio known for their vibrant fusion of world folk, Celtic, bluegrass, and American Old-Time music, for a special **Irish Concert on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** This event is part of the Center's 2025 Winter/Spring Concert Series and is open to all music lovers. New for Spring 2025: The Cultural Center is introducing a “pay as you're able” model for its seasonal concert series, ensuring that **live music remains accessible** to everyone, regardless of financial barriers. This initiative is made possible through the generous support of the Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC), helping bring high-quality performances to rural Minnesota.

Pronounced *kay-lee*, Caleigh is a Northern Minnesota trio that captivates audiences with a dynamic blend of **harp, fiddle, bodhrán, banjo, accordion, guitars, mandolin, congas, viola, contrabass, and mesmerizing vocals**. Their music takes listeners on a journey through the timeless traditions of Irish and folk music, offering a night of storytelling, rhythm, and danceable melodies.

Tickets: **Pay what you can – support what you love! No tickets required**, but RSVP is encouraged. RSVP: Call 218-385-3339 or click: <https://forms.gle/DKXZ7TvUhhK59AS68> (not required)

The evening will feature a **cash bar** and light refreshments. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of Irish music and cultural celebration! **All are welcome.** This activity is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Caleigh, visit <https://caleigh3.com/>. For more information, please call the Cultural Center at (218) 385-3339 or visit the Center's website at www.kulcher.org.

NEW YORK MILLS FOOD SHELF 2024-2025

The New York Mills Food Shelf is available to anyone in need in the New York Mills School District. Food Shelf is located at 400 S. Walker Avenue, New York Mills. Donations of food and money are always welcome. For more information, contact Connie at (218) 385-3669. Open from 9-12 and 4:30-6:30 on all dates which are September 30, October 28, November 25, December 23, January 27, February 24 and March 31.

ADULT BASIC ED/ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adult Basic Education is for anyone 17 years old and older who does not have a high school credential, is preparing for college, or is learning English. Individualized instruction is available for GED, Adult Diploma, Accuplacer Prep, computer literacy, and reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.

DATES/TIMES: One-hour appointments are available on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. throughout the school year 2024-2025.

WHERE: New York Mills Public School Room #24

COST: Class time is free. There is a fee for GED tests.

CLASS LIMIT: None at this time

WHO CAN TAKE: Anyone who is 17 or older and who does not have a high school credential, needs to prep for college, lacks computer skills, and/or is learning English as a second language.

DEADLINE/REGISTRATION INFO: You may register any time throughout the school year the first time you come to class.

INSTRUCTOR INFO: Leah Hamann, Adult Basic Education Instructor, hamann@detlakes.k12.mn.us is my email address and (218) 844-5760 is the number for Detroit Lakes ABE. Contact either one to set up appointments or for any questions.

‘SCHOOL OF FISH’ COMING TO SEBEKA

Get a rod-n-reel, fishing tackle, hat & more! School of Fish is a 2 ½ hour kids fishing class taught by Fishing the Midwest TV show host Mike Frisch. At School of Fish kids learn about the lakes, the fish that live in them, and how to find and catch those fish! Every student receives the full-color School of Fish workbook that guides the learning! Kids also learn to tie a fishing knot and rig and use a slip-bobber set-up. Plus, every attendee gets a rod-n-reel and tackle box with tackle to keep and use on upcoming fishing trips! Kids also get snacks and a School of Fish hat as well! AND, class students have the opportunity to enter to be drawn to be a fishing TV show guest on Fishing the Midwest TV on the Sportsman Channel!

WHEN: May 21, 2025

WHERE: Sebeka School

COST: \$50

HOW TO REGISTER: Send registration to Sebeka School or mail to: Jon Lillquist, PO Box 249, Sebeka, MN 56477

Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____ Parent: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINNESOTA'S CHANGING CLIMATE TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Provided by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and State Library Services. Illustrates the effects that climate change is having on Minnesota and showcases what communities and organizations are doing throughout Minnesota to address climate change. Join us February 18 to March 15 at the NYM Public Library.

COFFEE TALKS

Join us Wednesday, March 12th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the NYM Public Library for Safety and Survival Tips with Otter Tail County Sheriff. Chief Deputy Reed Reinbold will discuss safety tips, home protection, handling suspicious situations, and more for Otter Tail County residents. Free and open to the community!

BLIZZARD!

Presented by Missy Hermes, Education Coordinator for the Otter Tail County Historical Society: **Blizzard! Severe Winter Weather in Otter Tail County** focuses on the Great Blizzard of 1873 (plus other blizzards) on Tuesday, March 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the NYM Public Library. Free and open to all but preregistration is encouraged. Call the Library at 218-385-2436 or go to www.nympubliclibrary.org.

CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Provided by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and State Library Services. What is climate resilience? It is the capacity of communities to understand, plan for and adapt to changing social and physical vulnerability resulting from climate change. Looks at actions we can take in our communities to be more resilient to extreme weather, warmer temperatures, and wetter seasons. These actions can often address more than one problem and help build stronger communities. Join us March 24 to April 20 at the NYM Public Library.

COFFEE TALKS

Join us Wednesday, March 26th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the NYM Public Library for Parkinson's Warning Signs. Learn about the early warning signs of Parkinson's Disease, including subtle movement changes and tremors. Early recognition can aid diagnosis and improve quality of life. Free and open to the community!