

## The Wild West Comes to Minnesota: The James-Younger Gang Rides into Northfield

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1876, the Wild West came to Northfield, Minnesota. The Younger Gang had made a name for themselves by robbing banks all throughout Missouri, but after 10 years of the same, they decided it was time for a change.

The three Younger brothers, as well as two other outlaws, made their way to Northfield, Minnesota. (Though it was never fully proven, it is largely believed that Frank and Jesse James also rode with the Younger Gang and participated in the attempted robbery that followed.)

The outlaws rode into town at 2:00 PM, and soon split into three groups—One group was to enter the bank, one was to guard the entrance to prevent any bystanders or law enforcement from entering during the robbery, and one group waited in Mill Square to guard the gang's escape route.



Figure 1: One of the Younger outlaws after his capture.

They didn't, however, count on the townsfolk of Northfield to be as brave—or as nosy—as they turned out to be. One gentleman by the name of J.S. Allen followed the strangers into the First National Bank, only to immediately be held at gunpoint. He reportedly broke free and alerted the town, shouting, "Get your guns, boys! They're robbing the bank!"

With their cover blown, things only got worse for the bandits. The townsfolk quickly descended upon them, killing two gang members, and driving the rest out of town! They left behind \$15,000 dollars in the vault, and a story that's lasted hundreds of years.

## September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our resident's born in September! The first half of September belongs to Virgo— Virgos are organized, efficient, and analytical. The second half of September is dedicated to the star sign Libra. Libras are loving, extroverted, and cozy. Happy birthday to the Preserve's Virgos and Libras!

Paul C. | September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mary R. | September 5<sup>th</sup>  
John S. | September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lori L. | September 19<sup>th</sup>



## Minnesota Trivia

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1918**—Residents of Hibbing, MN begin the arduous process of moving all the buildings in their town to give the Oliver Iron Mining Company access to the iron ore deposit located underneath the town.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1885**—The Minnesota State fair opens on the official fairgrounds that are still being used today!

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1961**—The Minnesota Vikings play their first game as an official football team, and beat the Chicago Bears by a whopping 24 points.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1969**—St. Paul's first McDonald's opens. A hamburger cost 15 cents.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1981**—The Minnesota Twins play their final game at Metropolitan Stadium.

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## Kick Off Life with Us!



We are thrilled to invite you to kick off September with us! Join us for some fun filled team spirit activities in September as we reflect on so many joyful moments this summer at the Preserve.



## A Peek Ahead at September

Don't miss these special happenings at the Preserve this September! Check your calendars for dates for these wonderful activities.

**SKOL Tailgate Parties and Vikings Games**  
**Caramel Apple Social**  
**Nancy's Trip to Kenya Presentation**  
**Football Word Scramble**  
**Vikings Trivia**  
**Halftime**  
**Happy Hour**  
**Sports Talk**

**USO Show**  
**with Colleen Hiebler**

**Football Toss**  
**and Prizes**

**Brews and Bites**

**Happy Hour with Music by Vinnie Rose**

**Lutheran Worship Service**

**Catholic Service with St. Odilia's**



## Beer Garden

Bill Koncar shared his lively and great accordion music with all areas of our community!



## Thank you, Jerry!

Memory Care enjoyed an exclusive concert this August from Jerry, a loved one of Mary M. We loved his music and look forward to his return in September!



## Memory Care Activities

We have wonderful activities planned for our Memory Care residents. Here's a peek at the month ahead.

**SKOL Snacks and Vikings Games**  
**Apple Crisp Baking & Apple Crisp Social**  
**Brews and Bites**  
**Sports Brainstorming**  
**Music Speaks Music Therapy**  
**Lutheran Worship Service**  
**Catholic Service with St. Odilia's**  
**Football Facts**  
**Football Toss and Prizes**  
**Happy Hour with Music by Vinnie Rose**  
**USO Show with Colleen Hiebler**  
**Finish Line Fitness**  
**Singalong with Jerry**  
**Popcorn & Movie at the Theater**

## Classic Car Talk

Residents in 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Memory Care were treated to a discussion on classic cars from our two in-house experts, Paul C. and Dick J. Both owned and restored cars and were more than happy to share some knowledge and stories with the rest of us. Thanks for sharing your expertise, fellas!



## National Assisted Living Week is September 11-17



**Please help us honor National Assisted Living week at the Recognition Event on Wednesday, September 14. We will celebrate all of our great residents and the joyful moments we have shared. Together we make this community a great place to enjoy life!**

