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Announcements

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Planning Commission Special Meeting
March 8 at 6:30p.m.

City Council – Regular Meeting
March 8 at 7:00p.m.

Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
March 9 at 7:00p.m.

Dundas Dukes Announce Pledge Drive to Upgrade Memorial Park

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



The Dundas Dukes have announced a pledge drive to fund a \$100,000 renovation project to Memorial Field begun in preparation for the 2022 Minnesota Baseball Association Class B and C State Tournaments, which Dundas will co-host with Miesville and Faribault.

Team spokesman Mike Ludwig said this is the next phase of a project that began in 2015 which added 105 stadium style seats to the park and brought fans closer to the field. The project, which is already underway, will add concrete and another 100 stadium seats, build a new press box and upgrade the stadium sound system. Ludwig said the renovations will greatly improve the game day presentation, without taking from the charm of the Town Ball experience.

"Town ball parks across Minnesota really hit on that hometown feel, and that old ball-park feel. And I think as we've updated,

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\$100,000 update includes new press box, stadium seating area, sound system.
Park set to host 2022 Minnesota Baseball Association State Tournaments

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courtesy of Dundas Dukes

we've certainly tried to keep that atmosphere out there. Being in the neighborhood, just steps from Downtown Dundas and Dawn's and the L&M, really makes it feel like you're at home."

Ludwig said construction of the new press box will begin in the second week of April, and the new seats will be installed in May.

Electrical work for the press box and the new sound system were done in the fall, so Ludwig said he does not anticipate the renovation work will disrupt the season.

Those interested in making donations should visit dundasdukes.com for details. Opening Day at Memorial Park is April 30. Visit www.dundasdukes.com for Contribution and Seat Naming Form.

New City Attorney for Dundas

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

The City of Dundas has a new City Attorney. Dundas City Administrator Jenelle Teppen said that the Dundas city council approved the retaining funds for Jared Shepherd of the Hoff Barry law firm in Eden Prairie. Teppen said Shepherd was selected in part because Hoff Barry is a firm deeply involved in municipal law. She said that she expects Shepherd will attend the next several council meetings to learn as much as he can about Dundas, and the way the city operates.



Jared Shepherd

Adriana Bermudez: Why I love Northfield and AmeriCorps

By Southern MN Initiative Foundation
When Adriana Bermudez was attending Northfield High School and thinking about her future plans, she thought she might want to pursue a career in early childhood education because of her love for children.

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Erin Elizabeth Anthony Almendinger

Erin Elizabeth Anthony Almendinger loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend lost her courageous 3 year battle with cancer at her home in Dundas, MN at the age of 40. She was born Oct. 27, 1980 in Peoria, Illinois to Larry & Marilyn (Maus) Anthony and went to her heavenly home on Feb. 16, 2021.

She attended St. Dominic School, Northfield, Consolidated Catholic School and Bethlehem Academy in Faribault and Graduated from Northfield Highschool, class of 1999. She enjoyed playing volleyball during her school years and continued playing as an adult in women's leagues. She also enjoyed participating in hockey and ski club. Her free time was spent enjoying friends and family in many varied activities.

Her most cherished work was as a mother and friend. She also worked at the L&M bar, a place that held many memories as her grandparents and later parents were owners. It was here that we celebrated family and friends with reunions, birthdays, weddings, showers and now Erin's celebration of life. Her last few years were spent working at Aldi's in Faribault.

Erin will be remembered for her humble, kind, graceful, determined, fun and peaceful approach to life. Erin was faithful to everyday life. She embraced life's quiet gifts. She taught us to live simply and made us realize the simple things are actually the BIG things in life. She sported a Claddagh tattoo and wore a traditional Irish Claddagh ring. This ring represents love, loyalty, and friendship. Hands = Friendship. Heart = Love and Crown = Loyalty.

She had a great appreciation for nature and all it had to offer. She had a wry sense of humor and continued to share it with us even in her final days - what a blessing to us ! Erin was music to our souls. We will hold the sound of her laughter and sight of her beautiful smile with us forever. All who knew her feel blessed. Thank you, Erin, ~ All our Love

Erin is survived by her parents, Larry & Marilyn (Maus) Anthony; daughters, Morgan and Calli Almendinger and their father Tim Almendinger, all of Dundas; siblings, Paul Anthony of Dundas, Anne (Steve) Potter of Faribault, Todd (Jamie) Anthony of Minneapolis, and Ryan (Molly) Anthony of Richfield, MN; best friend and caring companion, Tom Seesz of Dundas; nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and many friends.

Visitation was held at Bierman Funeral Home, 1316 Division St. S., Northfield, MN from 1- 3 PM followed by a

Celebration of Life at the L&M Bar in Dundas, MN on from 3:30 - 5:30 PM Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021. A private funeral was held for Erin on Sunday before the visitation. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Northfield in the spring.

Memorials will be used to support Calli and Morgan's Education. They can be sent to Bierman Funeral Home, C/O Almendinger Family, 1316 Division Street South, Northfield, MN 55057.



Area Church Directory

Who Then Can Be Saved?

Scripture Reading — Mark 10:17-31

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" — Mark 10:26

In reading stories about people like the man in this episode, people who don't really understand Jesus, I'm tempted to look down on them. The man appears to have been wealthy, and he had a high opinion of how well he kept the law. But he seems to have had no idea that Jesus was simply calling him to give his whole life to God—or maybe he just didn't want to do that. I think to myself, "I guess he just doesn't get what it means to follow Jesus."

And yet I often respond to Jesus in the same way that man did. Often I don't catch what Jesus is about, or understand what he has just said, or realize what he expects of me.

But in this story, Jesus doesn't look down on the man. Jesus looks at him and loves him, the Bible says.

I am so thankful that—even though the man had it all wrong—Jesus didn't just dismiss him or condemn him. Instead, Jesus loved him and invited the man to follow him.

Right there is something wonderful I can learn from Jesus. When I don't understand his teachings, or when I misunderstand the truth about Jesus and his kingdom, there is still a loving invitation from Jesus to follow him and keep learning.

Whatever else Jesus says to the man in the story, it's in the context of Jesus' love for a person who doesn't fully get it. That is reassuring to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for looking at me with love even when I have it all wrong. Instead of seeing what I have done, show me what you have done for me. Amen.

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Granville Strand Grant Jr.

Granville Strand Grant Jr. (Snook) aged 74, passed away February 9th, 2021 in Sarasota, Florida after a brief illness.



He was born February 15th, 1946 in Northfield, Minnesota to Granville R. Grant and Doris E. Grant (Strand). He started

school in Dennison, MN and graduated from Northfield High School. From there he went on to graduate from the Dunwoody College of Technology with a degree in Auto Mechanics.

In 1966 he married his high school sweetheart Shirley Bresnahan. They had 2 children.

He spent his childhood in Dennison, Minnesota and started working at the family owned dealership at an early age. After completing his education and working with his father for a number of years he eventually took over ownership at the dealership until retiring in 2003.

Much of his free time was spent at the family cabins in Northern Minnesota on Crane Lake and Lake Bertha. In his later years he and Shirley spent time between their homes in Northfield and Englewood, Florida. There he enjoyed fishing, boating and feeding the local bird population. As an avid fisherman he loved spending his days out on the water with family and friends.

Granville had a need for speed. Cars,

boats, or snowmobiles. Anything and everything that would go fast. He was a fan of car racing and modified his own cars to participate in drag racing events.

His other loves included classic cars, cooking and music. His favorites included The Beach Boys, Elvis and The Eagles. He was respected for his crowd pleasing homemade spicy spaghetti sauce.

He loved to save big money at Menards and could be found on most days wearing a red t-shirts with the store logo.

He had a soft spot for animals and had many faithful canine companions along his journey.

Granville will be remembered by family and friends for his playful sense of humor.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years Shirley, a son, Darin Grant and grandson Logan of Nerstrand, MN, a daughter, Tonya and husband Dr. Will Petty and grandsons Holden and Mason of Hilton Head Island, SC. He has one brother Steven Grant of Dundas, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a visitation service was held by immediate family members on February 15, 2021 (his 75th birthday) at Lemon Bay Funeral Home in Englewood, Florida. A memorial service and burial will be held at a later date to be determined in Minnesota though.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Dennison-Vang Lutheran Church in Dennison, Minnesota. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. biermanfuneralhome.com.

1,000 Minnesota Farmers and Landowners Now Enrolled in Ag Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) has reached the milestone of enrolling 1,000 farmers and landowners from across the state. Now, more than 715,000 acres of land are helping to protect the state's water resources.

"Water quality is important to all Minnesotans, especially those that care for the land, and we want to thank everyone that has stepped up to protect and restore our state's lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater through the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program," said Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "We can be assured these certified farmers are managing their operations to protect water quality now and into the future."

The MAWQCP puts farmers in touch

with local conservation district experts to identify and mitigate any risks their farm poses to water quality. Producers going through the certification process have priority access to financial assistance. After being certified, each farm is deemed in compliance with new water quality laws and regulations for 10 years.

Since the start of the program in 2014, the Ag Water Quality Certification Program has:

Added more than 2,050 new conservation practices

Kept near 38,500 tons of sediment out of Minnesota rivers

Saved 110,000 tons of soil and 48,500 pounds of phosphorous on farms

Reduced nitrogen losses by up to 49 percent

Reduced the equivalent of over 39,000 metric tons of carbon emissions per year

There are also extra endorsements available to water quality certified producers for soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife. These endorsements celebrate farmers and landowners who are going above and beyond to implement conservation efforts on their land.

The program is on target to meet Governor Tim Walz's goal of enrolling one million acres by the end of 2022.

Farmers and landowners interested in becoming water quality certified can contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit MyLandMyLegacy.com.

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Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Begins Implementation



By Emmie Peters

Over the past few years, local representatives from county governments, cities, soil and water conservation districts, organizations, and concerned citizens have met to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan for the Cannon River. Stakeholders used the process of One Watershed, One Plan developed by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to develop the plan.

BWSR officially approved the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CRCWMP) on June 24th, 2020. In addition to the plan, the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board was also created to serve the goal of implementing the CRCWMP.

The CRWMP identifies high priority areas

based on watershed concerns of the Cannon River and provides conservation practices to implement with the goal of improving water quality. However, the implementation of conservation practices is not limited to only these areas. Conservation across the watershed is important to the health of the Cannon River Watershed.

Rice County holds 27.8 percent of the watershed area of the Cannon River, the most of any county located in the watershed. The CRCWMP prioritizes treatment in the watersheds of lakes and streams. Rice County is home to five of the seven identified high priority lakes (Kelly, Dudley, Cedar, Hunt, and Fox) and three of the seven high priority streams (Prairie Creek, Rush Creek, and Little Cannon) prioritized in the plan.

By implementing conservation practices in the priority areas and across the watershed, Rice County can improve the water quality of the Cannon River Watershed by reducing sedimentation and nutrient loading of our local lakes and streams.

Staff from the Rice SWCD will work with landowners and farmers to implement conservation practices. Four different categories will be focused on during the implementation phase of the plan.

The first category is cost-share projects including structural and nonstructural projects. Structural practices will be constructed in the high priority stream watersheds and include projects like waterways and sediment basins. Non-structural practices, including reduced tillage and cover crops, will be implemented in both high priority lake and stream watersheds.

The second category focuses on developing resource concern inventories across the watershed. In Rice County, natural shoreline inventories will be developed on Lower



A system of sediment basins help to control gully erosion near Nerstrand in eastern Rice County, Minnesota.

Sakatah and Sprague lakes and will focus on ways to preserve the shorelines. Septic inventories will be conducted in other counties.

The third category will focus on plan development and tracking progress. Activities in this category will include surveying cover crops and completing terrain analysis for the entire watershed to track progress of the completed projects. Every other year there will be a field day to show locally elected officials and other stakeholders the progress of the plan.

The final category will concentrate on conservation education across the watershed. This will include soil health events, individual letters to landowners on the health of their land, and the development of a plan to further help educate the public on the state of the Cannon River Watershed.

Overall, there is a lot that can be done in Rice County to help the health of the

Cannon River Watershed. This will be a slow process, but over time the implementation of conservation practices will make large, noticeable changes.

To learn more about the plan, please contact the Rice SWCD or visit our website at www.riceswcd.org/cannon-river-joint-powers-board. If your land falls within a high priority area, you may be eligible for special cost-share funding to implement conservation on your property. To find out if you are eligible, call the Rice SWCD at 507-332-5408.

Emmie Peters is a District Technician and Plan Administrator for the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. She also assists landowners and operators with the implementation of soil erosion control practices through the State Cost Share Program. Contact Emmie at 507-332-5408.

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Houseplants 101



Teri Knight

Gardenbite

BRRRR... baby it's cold outside! We're hunkering down indoors with our houseplants and noticing some things.

Like dull color, browning tips, yellowing or leaf drop. What could be going on? A few things. Our homes aren't getting as much light and humidity at this time of year and that has an affect.

My Norfolk Pine is not pleased... and frankly, I'm embarrassed. BUT, my home is very dry and I didn't check the moisture as well as I should have.

But my Mother-in-law tongue is a happy camper.

Two plants, different needs. Something very helpful I've learned is, when you first purchase your houseplant, keep it in the pot it's been growing in. These are designed to drain.

Place the new plant in your decorative pot, if there's no drainage to that one, then either make a hole in the decorative container or use a plastic saucer underneath so your plant doesn't sit in water. That's the quickest way to kill them.

Another thing, invest a few bucks in a moisture meter. I had no idea how helpful that it was going to be! Mine also measures pH but you can buy ones that measure soil temperature too!

For plants that require humidity, pebble trays of water and/or misting are two of the best things you can do for them.

Be sure to know which plants need it. For instance, my norfolk pine enjoys a mist, but the sansevieria does not! Unless I'm wiping down his leaves and drying them off!

Remember that our houseplants are mostly dormant right now, they're taking some down time. In other words, don't fertilize them right now.

Too much stimulation when they would really rather relax! Sort of like having a dark roast coffee right before bed time!

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, www.gardenbite.com, that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Besides all that, Teri is News Director at KYMN Radio and can be heard weekdays on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM The One, From Northfield, MN.



Mother-in-law tongue 2020 aka Sansevieria

Rice SWCD Welcomes Kathy Zeman to the Board of Supervisors

The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is pleased to announce its appointment of Kathy Zeman to the District's Board of Supervisors for District 3 (townships of Cannon City, Wheeling, Walcott, and Richland). The appointed position will last until the end of 2022. Zeman was sworn in at the February 10th meeting of the Rice SWCD Board of Supervisors and is the first woman in the history of the district to serve as a district supervisor.

The Rice SWCD Board of Supervisors seat for District 3 became vacated when Jim Purfeerst stepped down after winning the Rice County Commissioner seat for District 1 after this past November election.

SWCDs are special-purpose units of government that manage and direct natural resource management programs at the local level. Districts work in both urban and rural settings to carry out a program for the conservation, use, and development of soil, water, and related resources. SWCD Supervisors serve four-year terms and meet monthly, discussing the business of the

SWCD, distributing state grant allocations to landowners, setting conservation priorities, and coordinating conservation efforts with other local units of government and state agencies.



Kathy Zeman will serve on the Rice SWCD Board of Supervisors representing District 3 through 2022.

After growing up in rural Steele County, Zeman bought a farm in the Prairie Creek Watershed in northeastern Rice County in 2006. She implemented conservation practices on her property including seeding perennial vegetation and is in the process of becoming a certified organic farm. In 2020, she became certified by the Minnesota's Ag Water Quality Certification Program.

Zeman volunteers with the Cannon River Sustainable Farming Association Chapter, serving as the food access coordinator for the Cannon Valley Farmers' Market. She also serves on the University of MN's Institute for Sustainable Ag (MISA) Board, the North Central SARE (Sustainable Ag Research & Education) grant team, the MDA's Cottage Foods Law steering committee, and the MN's Local Food Resiliency Team.

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Adriana Bermudez: Why I love Northfield and AmeriCorps

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However, since her experience in this field was limited, she was unsure if this was the right career path for her.

Then she learned about a program called AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative which would give her hands-on experience in a classroom setting. She jumped at the chance to join this program to explore whether or not working with young children was truly something she wanted to do professionally.

The AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative program is managed by Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) which recruits and connects members to positions in preschool classrooms and nonprofit organizations throughout its 20-county region. Members work one-on-one with children to focus on the emotional development of young children who are at risk of falling behind. The LEAP program is one of many AmeriCorps programs nation-wide. AmeriCorps members commit their time to addressing critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining

national parks and preparing for disasters. More than one million members have served through AmeriCorps since its inception in 1994. SMIF has sponsored more than 600 members who have served our region since 1995.

When Bermudez started her LEAP service year term in 2019, she was excited to be placed at the Northfield Head Start Center. Not only is Northfield her hometown where she was born and raised, but she was serving at the very same school that she attended when she was a young child. As a Social Emotional Skill Builder in the classroom, the title given to AmeriCorps LEAP members, she was able to get to know the children on a more intimate level and learn more about their social and emotional needs. "We are helping them on a daily basis learn more about themselves and how to express their needs and wants in a positive and effective way," she explained.

One of the memories that has stuck with Bermudez was of a little girl who would cry all day because she had never attended school before and she only spoke Spanish. "She felt very lonely and scared not being able to understand the teachers and her classmates," said Bermudez. "Our 'calm down corner' worked so well to help her and being fluent in Spanish and English helped me communicate with her and calm her down." Slowly but surely the crying stopped and the little girl eventually became excited about being at school.

Experiences like this are what inspired Bermudez to serve a second term through the AmeriCorps LEAP program. Her current host site is the Northfield Community Education Center. "I've really felt like I've been able to make a difference, especially for those kiddos who have moved from different parts of the world and who are trying to find their way with the language and academics," said Bermudez. "I think that it truly helps when you can be that adult which a child can lean on and confide in to use as a trusted base from which to explore their surroundings."

As she continues to learn from her AmeriCorps experience, Bermudez is simultaneously working on her associate's degree through Riverland Community College. Her goal is to eventually get her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree in the same subject but with a focus on special education. She credits her experience in the AmeriCorps LEAP program with influencing her chosen career path. "I am very thankful to have been granted this opportunity because I have grown and learned so much through this program and I do think that it guided me in the right direction and convinced me to pursue this major," she said. She will also be able to take advantage of one of the many benefits of serving through AmeriCorps – members receive an education award after they complete their service, which can help pay for student



Adriana Bermudez serving in a Northfield classroom as a Social Emotional Skill Builder.

loans and college tuition.

While AmeriCorps has helped set Bermudez on a course for becoming an early childhood professional, she knows that her experience living in Northfield, a community of a little over 20,000 people, has also shaped her life in important ways. "There are so many great opportunities and lots of help for students and families," she said. "I feel very thankful to have grown up where I am. I wouldn't be where I am right now if I weren't living in Northfield. And thanks to the LEAP program, being able to give back to my Northfield community convinced me that my heart is with the kiddos and I couldn't picture myself doing anything else."



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Red Cross Calls for Healthy Blood Donors Following Severe Weather

American Red Cross



Record-breaking cold and winter storms across much of the U.S. has forced the cancellation of hundreds of American Red Cross blood drives in 30 states and caused more than 21,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can't wait.

Every day thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant, even during snowstorms and the COVID-19 pandemic. To help ensure lifesaving patient care isn't impacted, individuals in areas unaffected by severe weather are urged to make appointments to donate by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the

Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Tina Rocco knows firsthand how important it is to have blood on hospital shelves. After welcoming baby Gemma by cesarean section, she began hemorrhaging badly and was rushed back into the operating room. "I was later told it was several pints of blood and an amazing doctor that saved my life," Rocco said. "That allowed me to hold my first daughter and go home all together as a family of three."

Before that day, Rocco hadn't known anyone who needed blood transfusions. Now, this grateful mother says, "You truly never know when you, or someone you love, might need it."

Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19

patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Rice County Faribault

3/2/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., South Central College - Sponsored by the Faribault Booster Club, 1225 3rd St. SW

3/4/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Fit for Life, 1400 Cannon Circle

3/5/2021: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., First English Lutheran Church, 204 2nd St. NW

3/8/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Fourth Avenue



United Methodist, 219 4th Ave. NW
3/12/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 530 4th St. NW

Northfield

3/1/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Culver's, 960 Highway 3 S.

3/5/2021: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 Sumner St. E.

3/8/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 500 3rd St. W.

3/15/2021: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Northfield Police Department, 1615 Riverview Drive

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DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL INITIAL and REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, January 4, 2021
7:00 p.m. Virtual/Online**

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Larry Fowler, Luke LaCroix, Grant Modory, Luke Swartwood

Staff Present: City Engineer John Powell, City Administrator Jenelle Teppen

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present. Mayor welcomed new Council members Luke LaCroix and Luke Swartwood.

PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATION – No one spoke or presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to approve agenda with addition of Appoint of Council Member to Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

INITIAL MEETING

Resolution 2021-01 A Resolution Designating Depositories and Establishing Procedures for Depositing and Investing Funds

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2019-01. MCU

Name Official Newspaper - Faribault Daily News

Motion by Fowler, second by Modory, to approve Faribault Daily News as the official City of Dundas newspaper. MCU

Appoint Acting Mayor

Motion by Switzer, second by Fowler, to approve the appointment of Grant Modory as Acting Mayor. MCU

Appoint Officers, Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Motion by Switzer, second by Modory, to approve appointments recommended by Mayor Switzer:

Ashley Gallagher to a three-year term on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board;

Larry Fowler to a one-year Term on Parks and Recreations Advisory Board as City Council Representative;

Frances Boehning as Bridgewater Township representative to the Dundas Planning

Commission for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2024;

Grant Modory to a one-year term on Planning Commission as City Council Representative;

Luke LaCroix to a vacant term on Planning Commission expiring December 31, 2022;

Luke Swartwood to a four-year term on Planning Commission expiring December 31, 2024;

MCU

Appoint Council Members to City Council Committees

Motion by Switzer, second by Fowler, to continue the following Council committees and to approve the Mayor's recommendations for appointments as follows:

Glenn Switzer and Luke Swartwood to the Finance and Legislation Committee;

Luke LaCroix and Grant Modory to the Human Resource Committee;

Larry Fowler and Luke Swartwood to the Public Safety Committee;

Grant Modory and Larry Fowler to the Public Works Committee;

Glenn Switzer and Luke LaCroix to the Business Development Committee;

and City Administrator/Clerk to all standing committees. MCU

Appoint Council Member to Northfield Area and Rescue Service (NAFRS)

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to appoint Glenn Switzer as Dundas representative to NAFRS for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. MCU

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Minutes of December 21, 2020;
Special Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2020;

Disbursement Report - \$95,940.32. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

Consider City Administrator's Recommendation for City Attorney Services

Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer, to accept the recommendation by City staff to approve Hoff Barry, P.A. to provide civil attorney service and direct the City Administrator to work with the firm to provide a contract for consideration at the January 25, 2021 meeting. MCU

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

No additional Ordinances or Resolutions were brought before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approving 2021 Salary Adjustments

Motion by LaCroix, second by Modory, to approve the 2021 Compensation Plan for salary adjustments for City staff which includes a 3.0% COLA. MCU

Consider Approving Purchase of New Squad Car

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to approve purchase from Dodge of Burnsville for a squad car, 2021 Dodge Durango, in the amount of \$33,120.00; and, also, to approve the equipment purchase and installation from EATI in the amount of \$8,205.41. MCU

Consider Approving Amendment to Purchase Agreement

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to approve quote of \$7,600 from Better Air to replace the HVAC at the former City Hall; and approve amendment to the Purchase Agreement of the former City Hall at 216 Railway Street North. MCU

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

No reports presented to Council.

ADJOURN

Motion by LaCroix, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. MCU

Submitted by:

Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 25, 2021 7:00 p.m. Virtual/Online

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Larry Fowler, Luke LaCroix, Grant Modory, Luke Swartwood

Staff Present: City Engineer John Powell, City Attorney Jared Shepherd, City Administrator Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Switzer, Councilors Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATION

No one spoke and no presentation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to approve the agenda with the removal of item under New Business of Consider Approving Draft RFP for Replacement of Playground Equipment.

Roll Call: Yes – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood.

Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Initial and Regular Minutes of January 4, 2021;

Resolution 2021-03 A Resolution Retaining Statutory Tort Limits for Fiscal Year 2021;

ProCon Application and Certificate for Payment #11 and Change Order #4;

Disbursement Report - \$209,028.59.

Roll Call: Yes – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approving Retainer Agreement for City Attorney Services

Motion by Switzer, second by LaCroix, to approve Retainer Agreement for City Attorney Services with the law firm of Hoff Barry, P.A. of Eden Prairie, MN, and rates are outlined.

Roll Call: Yes – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

Consider Approving Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement for Former City Hall

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to approve Second Amendment to the Purchase Agreement. Administrator Teppen explained the second amendment is to allow some flexibility due to the delay of the HVAC unit replacement. Modory suggested using an escrow fund to replace HVAC unit. Teppen stated the amendment to the agreement is through the end of February and should be adequate time to replace the new unit.

Roll Call: Aye – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2021-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30.01:

City Council Meetings

Motion by LaCroix, second by Modory, to approve adopting Ordinance 2021-01. Administrator Teppen stated the change in the Ordinance moves the Council meetings to the second and fourth Mondays of each month whereas the currently second and third Mondays in December and first Monday in January.

Roll Call: Aye – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

Ordinance 2021-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111.01 Bowling, Billiards and Pool

Motion by Switzer, second by Fowler, to approve adopting Ordinance 2021-02. Administrator Teppen reviewed State Statutes indicate licensing pool tables are at the discretion of the City and due to the low volume and permit cost, the change in the Ordinance is to eliminate the requirement of annual licensing effective January 1, 2022.

Roll Call: Aye – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

Ordinance 2021-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111.04 Mechanical Amusement Devices

Motion by LaCroix, second by Fowler, to approve adopting Ordinance 2021-03. Administrator Teppen reviewed State Statutes indicate licensing amusement machines are at discretion of City and change is to eliminate license effective January 1, 2022.

Roll Call: Aye – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

Resolution 2021-02 A Resolution Approving Sale of Real Property Located at 216 Railway Street North, Dundas, MN, to Thank You Enterprises, LLC

Motion by Swartwood, second by Fowler, to approve adopting Resolution 2021-02. Administrator Teppen stated the buyer, Daniel Irwin, has assigned his interest to Thank You Enterprises, LLC, as reflected in the Resolution as amended for sale of the property.

Roll Call: Aye – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approving Draft RFP for Replacement of Playground Equipment - REMOVED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer- John Powell

Powell reported that the Well Head Protection Plan has been approved by the State. He gave an update on the lighting project stating will be midMarch before post and lamp heads received.

City Administrator – Jenelle Teppen

Teppen stated the new website should go live this week once everything has been transferred and will be reviewed once up. She gave some of the new features that will be available.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

No reports brought before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye – Switzer, Fowler, LaCroix, Modory, Swartwood. MCU

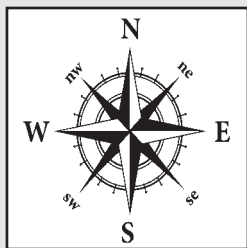
Submitted by:

Jenelle, City Administrator

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor



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By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

There is a language all of its own in the south, and a curious delivery by the natives who have coined the expressions. Sometimes you get the idea and other times you haven't a clue.

My first exposure was the kindly looking lady working at the local landfill. You were to pull onto the scale to declare what you were hauling but you didn't have to weigh leaving after unloading. So, I pull up with my truck and trailer and got too far on the scale. After asking what I was delivering, she smiled and sweetly said, "Honey, you pulled up too far on the scale. If you do it

next time I am going to have to come out there and kill you."

You get used to terms of endearment. The ladies are effusive in buttery words. It is "how you doin' love, what can I get you darlin', what'll you have dear, how are you honey." Don't think that you are special because they say it to everyone. You will sit down at the booth in the diner with your wife and the young waitress steps up to take your order, looks you right in the eye and calls you sweetie. Whoa girl, we kind of reserve those words for the special lady we are with where I came from. One day while paying for my lunch at the local café, one of the elderly matrons walked through the door, looked straight at the cashier and said "how are you beautiful?"

Well, you get used to it. And you actually start to really enjoy it. A kind word and a pleasant demeanor brightens up the day. But don't start thinking that those southern belles are pushovers. I still remember the first summer we were in Tennessee, and a little old lady was describing encountering a copperhead in her yard. She said, "I emptied my .380 on him and then came back out with the 12 gauge and blew his head off.

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**A Minnesotan
in the North:
Snow Boots**



By RosaLin Alcoser

In Minnesota it is a fairly common practice, as in I have seen a lot of people do this over the years, for people to wear their snow boots and carry their dress shoes when it is snowing and they have to go somewhere where they will need their dress shoes. Then change shoes when they get there.

This is just a practical practice that many Minnesotans have adopted over time to keep their feet warm and dry... unless you're a pastor from the Caribbean and have lived in Minnesota

for 20 years.

One Sunday morning when we had about three or so inches of snow come down before the night before my mother and I both did this as we got ready to go to the church. My father on the other hand did not.

Since it was not spouse to snow there was a chance being way up north like we are that the church parking lot would not be plowed when we got there; after all the pastor always has to get there first. So I reminded my father that he should wear his boots to which he replied that he would not need them.

Except the parking lot had not been plowed out yet and he decided to shovel paths in the parking lot so that people would not have to walk in the snow.

After people got to church he was telling them all about how he had to shovel the parking lot and how his feet were now cold. I could hear all of this from where I was in the sound booth.

So into the social hall I popped saying, "don't take pity on him. He was told to wear his snow boots and bring his shoes so that if he had to shovel his feet wouldn't be cold and he told me, 'no, I don't need my boots.' So don't take any pity on the pastor because he was told." Then back to my sound booth I went while people laughed at him.

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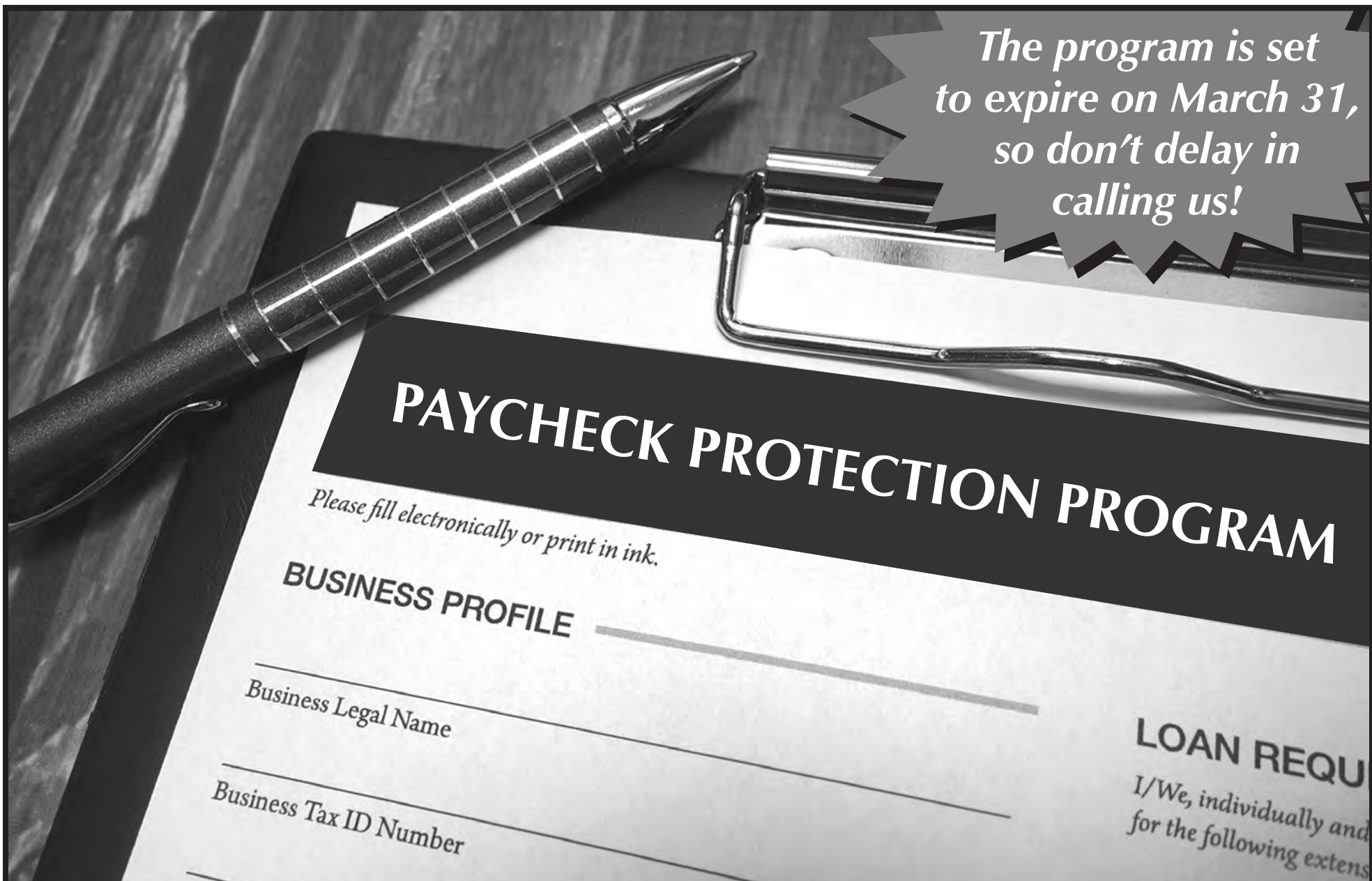
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