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## Announcements

### Candidates running for Mayor and Two Councilor Seats

Mayor - Glenn Switzer (incumbent)

### Two Council Seats -

Grant Modory (incumbent)

Ashley Gallagher

Anna O'Donnell

• **DUNDAS MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION** Closed for the season from October 1 to April 30. Thanks to everyone who rented. Book now for next year (2023).

• **TRUNK AND TREAT EVENT:** Dundas Park Board will be doing the Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 28 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park.

• **HYDRANT FLUSHING / STREET CLEANING:** Check City website at [www.cityofdundas.org](http://www.cityofdundas.org) for dates on flushing of water hydrants will be during October. Also posted will be street cleaning later part of October and a reminder no parking on street.

• **WINTER PARKING RULES:** Per City Ordinance 71.06 (2) It shall be unlawful to park motor vehicles, equipment, or structures on a street or alley in the City limits between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. from October 31 to April 15 of the following year, those date inclusive. Daily permits for unusual circumstances may be granted as determined by the City's Police Department. (Call 507-645-5252 Chief Todd Hanson)

Check City's website for more information [www.cityofdundas.org](http://www.cityofdundas.org)

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## NH+C's Urgent Care Northfield opens on Hwy. 3



Northfield Hospital + Clinics' new Urgent Care clinic is here!

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Urgent Care Northfield treats adults and children over 3 months old. It's open to everyone: You don't need to be a current NH+C patient.

### Hours:

Monday: noon to 7:30 pm

Tuesday–Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday–Friday: noon to 7:30 pm

Saturday–Sunday: 9 am to 1 pm

### Location:

2014 Jefferson Road (Hwy 3)  
(507) 646-6700

### Providers

Sheena Buchholtz, DNP, APRN, FNP-C is a certified nurse practitioner with 14 years'



## THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

The popular Vegas Style Tribute Show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Saturday September 24th.

Usually the show has been held the Friday of Labor Day weekend, but scheduling conflicts for the artists made a change necessary. Under the big top, rain or shine!

For fans young and old, if you have ever been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up



north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show ([www.espkong.com](http://www.espkong.com)).with Chris Olson.

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experience as an Intensive Care and Emergency Room nurse.

"I want to provide a safe, holistic, patient-centered environment where people feel respected and heard when seeking care," Sheena says.

"I believe healthcare is a service that should be equitably distributed to all people, all the time. I also value each patient as an extraordinary individual who deserves my attention to their personalized care."

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## HOPE CREAMERY BUTTER AVAILABLE AT PARKSIDE!

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Chris Olson is ELVIS  
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# THE KING

with

# CASH & DIAMOND



Doug Allen Nash is JOHNNY CASH & NEIL DIAMOND  
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~ A Tribute Show to The King, Man In Black & Neil Diamond ~

Show Time Saturday, September 24  
at 7:30 PM

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## Fork in the Road

Gary and I were on vacation the last couple of weeks. We traveled on interstate, county roads, state highways, gravel and rock roads. We understand forks in the road literally. Over the years- we've tried to think of each of these forks as an adventure- they don't all turn out quite like we planned. For instance on our honeymoon, we journeyed up a mountain called Rams Horn. We took a road that led to a great view; we could almost touch the top of the pine trees growing far beneath us as we reached looked over the edge at the end of the road. We discovered as looked around that we were in a place that we could not get turned around. Gary had to back up the pick-up almost a mile down the mountain before there was a wide place in the road. It definitely was an adventure and one he said he doesn't want to repeat! We chose the wrong fork...

When we come to a fork in the road, a decision has to be made. Even by not making one- you end up somewhere- offroad where you don't want to be. Decisions are hard. They all require movement. You can't just stay in one place.

In Revelations 14:6-13 you will see that it is decision time; this is a Fork in the Road decision time. John sees three angels with three messages that he shares with his readers.

The first angel is bringing us the good news! God almost always brings the positive message out before the negative one. The angel brought the eternal gospel- to all people, every nation, tribe and language. There was no one excluded, he wanted everyone to hear this message- it wasn't only for John and the apostles, or for the Jewish people or only for gentiles, but for every living soul on planet earth. This is the last chance for anyone still sitting on the fence, still looking at the fork in the road and trying to decide which way to go.

The gospel is the Good News that saves everyone who believes! That's the best news ever! God provided the answer for our sin, for our corruption, for our moral failures, for

our backsliding... He sent His Son to take our place in the punishment that is rightly ours. Jesus never sinned, yet He was crucified for your sins, and my sins, for all humankind's sin. So, when the angel in Revelation says his message is for everyone- he echoes the truth that John himself wrote down from Jesus words to Nicodemus, "16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

As the angel proclaims this message, He says, fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. The hour of judgement has come- here is the fork in the road decision time. The hour of judgement has come. As the end of time draws to a close- the time for choosing Jesus and life with Him forever is running out. The end is in sight. The followers of Christ choose the heavenly route; even though it has been a hard rock path- in the end it will be TOTALLY worth it all!

Even in this life- living as believers is way better than living the life of emptiness and despair. Even when the bad guys seem to have the upper edge- they are missing so much love, joy and peace in their lives. They are missing life made new and free from sin and death. They only have this life and then they die- For believers we have the assurance of a life with Jesus now- and life forever with him in eternity! Even when life is tough- Christ is with us and will see us through each and every challenge. During the end times- during even our present difficult times- we must hold fast and stay on that road to heaven and help those that find themselves stuck in the muck and the mire between the forks or have started down the other side

The 2nd angel's message is short: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great," which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries." This angel is bringing good news to those that have been suffering under the evil of the times- the home and reign of the antichrist is finished.

The last angel proclaims a 2 part message- These people have made their "fork in the road decision" choosing the way to hell. They have chosen to follow the beast. They have chosen the road focused on themselves

and not on a relationship with Jesus. Jesus said we can't have it both ways- there is no sitting on the fence- there is no third choice. There is no 'next time.'

We don't know the day or the time that we will face death. Jesus said we need to put Him first, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." All these things will be given to the believer- life forever, the Holy Spirit's power to fill us and make us new in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. We can choose the heaven fork in the road. We can make that choice before it is too late. And when we do- we experience new life in

Christ.

The 2nd part of the last angel's message is a message of assurance to the faithful during the end times. It is a message to each believer even now. When a believer dies, they die in the Lord. Their spirit will be immediately with Jesus- we have that assurance- as we choose the heaven fork in the road- and continue down that path- we can know victory.

Jesus is returning to take care of all the evil and injustice in this world. He will conquer and He will win. When we are Jesus followers we have that assurance- we can rest from our labors and know that we made the right choice- there's no turning back- no regrets!

There are only 2 options- heaven or hell. It's time to make a decision. Get past your fear—take the fork that leads to heaven and discover what is just around the corner!

## Area Church Directory

### Perseverance

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.* — James 1:2-4

When James writes that we should face trials with joy, he is talking about challenges to our faith that can help us learn and grow. He is talking about hardships we may face as believers in Christ, and how those can strengthen our faith and help us discern God's will.

For example, the first followers of Jesus were often persecuted. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the good news of Jesus and even to heal people in Jesus' name (Acts 2-3). And they were thrown in jail by the ruling authorities who did not believe in Jesus and his resurrection. The apostles were put on trial and asked where they got the authority to do such things. But they did not back down. Filled with the Spirit, they said, "There is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved," and, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" And even though they were punished and brutally whipped for their faith and their actions, they had joy "because they had been counted worthy of disgrace for the Name" of Christ (see Acts 4-5).

Another example can be that we are always "prepared to give an answer . . . with gentleness and respect" to explain the hope that we have in Christ. "For it is better . . . to suffer for doing good than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:15-17).

*Lord, give us the courage we need to serve you and to face trials when they come, that we may grow mature in you. Amen.*

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**Pastor Penny Bonsell • pastor@littleprairieumc.org**

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**CITY LIGHT CHURCH** 2140 Hwy. 3 South, Northfield, MN

**Pastor Pete Haase • 507-645-8829** Call for service times

**LIFE21 CHURCH** 2100 Jefferson Road (just north of Target)

**Pastor Brent Bielenberg • 645-7730** life21church.com

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**Pastor Dan Runke • 663-0133 • northfieldefc.org**

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**HOSANNA CHURCH - NORTHFIELD** 205 2nd St. S., Dundas

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## Jerry Kolb

Jerry Kolb, 84, of Dundas, passed away Sunday, September 4, 2022, peacefully at home.

Gerald Lee Kolb was born on June 5, 1938, in Dundas to Frank and Hazel (Welch) Kolb. He attended school in Dundas through the sixth grade and graduated from Northfield High School. Jerry started working right away. He bought a milk route and worked at McQuays in the afternoon. On November 21, 1959, Jerry was united in marriage to Marlys Drentlaw. They later divorced after having three children. In 1960 he joined the Army and was honorable discharged in 1962. Jerry returned to Dundas and was employed at Sheldahl. He later started working for Bureau Transfer at night and would drive bus during the day. Jerry did not let any grass grow under his feet and started his career in construction in 1973 with MA Mortenson. He worked there until retiring in 1993.

Family was important to Jerry, and he loved them very much. He was a hard worker and gracious to those around him. Jerry was a member of the Dundas Fire Department, a good neighbor and a special part of many lives.

Jerry is survived by his children, Lynall

(Mike) Malecha of Northfield, Wade (Bonnie) Kolb of Dundas, and Corinne (Charlie) Legare of Northfield; grandchildren, Anna (Justin) Wagner, Alexandra (Nick) Bornhauser, Delton Kolb, Cassidy Kolb, Grant Kolb, Anaiah Legare, and Sophia Legare; great-grandchildren, Harrison, Nolan, Lillian and Brynn; siblings, Bev Smith of Northfield, Donald (Mary) of Northfield, and Paul (Donna) Albers of Faribault; three good dogs, Duke, Gunner, and Buddy; and Tink, the cat. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Bonnie.

Visitation was from 2-5 PM, Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Bierman Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held at Groveland Cemetery in Dundas, followed by interment.

Memorials are preferred to Groveland Cemetery in Dundas.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory, Northfield. [www.biermanfuneralhome.com](http://www.biermanfuneralhome.com)

## Charles "Charlie" Dashow



Charles "Charlie" Dashow, age 72, of Dundas passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Benedictine Community Living in Northfield.

Charlie was born to Gordan and Eve-

lyn (Baddger) Dashow on December 17, 1949, in Rochester and the youngest of three children. He graduated from Rochester John Marshall where he excelled at hockey and softball. Before attending college, Charlie traveled throughout Europe. He graduated from Mankato State University and received his bachelor's degree in art and a minor in music. He graduated with a degree to teach art to K-12th grade.

Charlie held a variety of jobs over the years. He sold stereo equipment, was a bartender at the J. Grundy's Rueb 'N' Stein for 20+ years, and as a head waiter at Schumacher's Hotel and Restaurant in New Prague. He enjoyed playing golf, his drum set, listening to music from his record collection and visiting with friends. One of his favorite songs was "A Whiter Shade of Pale" by Procol Harum.

Charlie and Dianne met in 1986. They moved to their present home in 1989 and have lived there happily ever since.

He is survived by his wife Dianne of Dundas; his daughter Hillary Christie of Northfield; and a granddaughter Emily Conklin of Northfield. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Jerry; and a sister Darlene.

Service times are being planned and will be posted on our website. Burial will be at Vasa Church Cemetery next to his mother-and father-in-law. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. [biermanfuneralhome.com](http://biermanfuneralhome.com).

## Harold John Bonde

Harold John Bonde, age 94, of Nerstrand, passed away on September 13, 2022, at home surrounded by his family.

Visitation was on Monday, September 19, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault. Funeral Service was on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Nerstrand with visitation one hour prior to service. The Reverend Mike Ahrens officiated. Interment was

at Valley Grove Cemetery, Nerstrand. Veterans Military Rites provided by Rice County Central Veterans.

Harold John Bonde was born on August 29, 1928, at St. Lucas Deaconess hospital in Faribault to Oscar and Clara (Severson) Bonde. He was baptized and confirmed at Valley Grove Church. He attended Nerstrand School for 8 years and graduated from Faribault High School in 1947. Harold then farmed with his parents and was inducted on April 28, 1953, into the 95th Army band in Augusta, Georgia. On October 10, 1953, he married Anne Sathrum. After service he returned to the family farm with his brother Earl, there he and Anne raised 5 children.

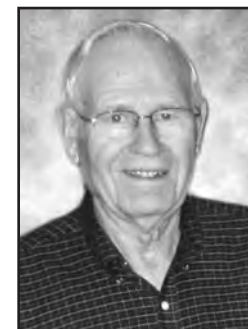
He was involved with Rice County Pork Producers as an officer, Board of Directors at Kenyon Country Club, President of Grace Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school. Harold sold insurance for Wheeling Mutual Insurance which he was president of for 20 years.

He enjoyed wintering in Arizona and other travels and was an avid golfer and had a hole-in-one twice. Harold loved playing cards and watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their activities.

Harold is survived by his wife, Anne; children, Gary (and Carol) Bonde, Sue (and Tom) Trnka, Sandra (and Arthur) Sharot, John (and Carmen) Bonde; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and sister, Helen (and Richard) Lodmill; sisters-in-law, Charlotte Bonde and Alpha Sathrum.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Bonde; parents, Oscar and Clara Bonde; sister, Alice Stenbakken and brothers, Earl and Robert Bonde.

Visit [boldtfuneralhome.com](http://boldtfuneralhome.com) for information and guest book.



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## NH+C's Urgent Care Northfield opens on Hwy. 3

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Sheena is nationally certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and is a Certified Emergency Nurse and Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse.

Sarah Tran, PA-C is a certified nurse practitioner with expertise in emergency medicine. Sarah brings eight years' experience as a paramedic to Urgent Care Northfield. "When you're sick or injured, it can be pretty stressful," Sarah says. "I work to make health care visits as stress-free as possible."

Sarah enjoys caring for patients of all ages. She has special interests in pediatrics, orthopedics, and laceration repair. Sarah is board-certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Jill Hansen, MN, PMHNP, FNP is a family nurse practitioner with expertise in emergency medicine, family medicine, and mental health. "I believe my role as a healthcare provider is to recognize that every patient comes with a unique story and to provide care most appropriate for each individual," Jill says. Through her early work with children in schools and witnessing a friend's struggle with psychiatric illness, Jill developed a passion for child development, and mental healthcare. Jill is board-certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and is certified as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

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Get x-rays (to see if that bone is broken)

Stitch minor wounds

Do lab tests for diagnosis (such as strep throat)

Give referrals/help schedule appointments



with specialists as needed (such as orthopedics and ENT)

Urgent Care Northfield is part of NH+C: We can get you where you need for the level of care you need.

It's convenient care on the south end of town – one block north of Target, next to Papa Murphy's Pizza in Northfield. Just 5 minutes from downtown Northfield, and 17 minutes from downtown Faribault.

### Public transit

Urgent Care Northfield is near Hiawathaland Transit's Red route in Northfield. You can arrange drop-off and pick-up at the clinic by calling Hiawathaland dispatch before your trip: 866-623-7505

From Faribault, take the Faribault-Northfield Connect. Arrange drop-off and pick-up before your trip: 866-623-7505.

From Dundas, use Dial-A-Ride to schedule your trip: 866-623-7505.

## THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

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You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison on Labor Day Weekend, Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Saturday, September 24th. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside.

Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with is tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".

It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co-written and co-produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners

John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

You can see both of these great artists in Dennison Saturday, September 24th.

Advance Tickets are just \$25.00. \$30.00 Day of Show. Call Fireside at 507-645-9992 during normal business hours, or e-mail them at firesideloungedennison@gmail.com to order tickets.

You can also make dinner reservations that evening ahead of the show. Space is limited, so make your reservations early.

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## Right care at the right place

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- Seasonal Allergies
- Stitches
- Broken Bones
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- Dehydration

#### Emergency Department

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- Severe Bleeding
- Chest Pain
- Abdominal Pain
- Difficulty Breathing
- Severe Pain
- Newborn Fever
- Major Trauma
- Suicidal Thoughts

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Black Walnut Tree



Teri Knight



pluses of Black Walnut.

Hardy from zone 4 all the way to 9, this tree is tolerant of cold and hot weather.

If planted on the correct side of the house it can help reduce energy costs. You can also eat the walnuts although they're not as tasty and not easy to get out of the shell. There are people tapping them for syrup too.

My sister tried for years to grow tomatoes near her Black Walnut, not knowing the problem was the tree, or rather it's roots which carry the juglone. Read more about this native from Minnesota Wild Flowers.

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, [www.gardenbite.com](http://www.gardenbite.com). 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!



This was AFTER raking! Which, by the way, means more bending and picking up than raking!



Squirrels dining on my landscape timber. However... two plants that certainly die near black walnut are potatoes and tomatoes.

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## Minnesota Horse Feed Maker Turns to Forgotten Crop as an Ingredient and Investment

*Mary Hartman's Kasson, Minn.-based StableFeed firm is bringing back a forgotten perennial crop – sainfoin – to create healthy horse feed as well as a new niche in the U.S. agriculture market.*

Courtesy of Post Bulletin

KASSON, Minn. — When researching for her healthy horse feed, Mary Hartman found a key ingredient and a new commodity in a mostly forgotten crop that hasn't been broadly grown in the U.S. since the 1890s.

“My introduction to sainfoin came from re-searching the equine microbiome. I read an article by a UK researcher who mentioned sainfoin as an outstanding forage for horses that they love to eat. I had never heard of it,” said Hartman. “It's a really ancient forage legume. It used to be grown specifically for horses and sheep. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew it. They tried to get it

to go here. It turned out that alfalfa was easier to grow in rich soils, so it was passed over.”

Sainfoin is a perennial crop with purple flowers that is harvested and baled like alfalfa. After discovering a handful of growers started raising sainfoin in Montana in the 1970s, Hartman tracked them down and started buying up sainfoin to use in her StableFeed products.

“The Montana producers are excited, because there wasn't a market for sainfoin. They just grew a few fields for themselves. Why would you grow a lot of something when there's no market?” she said. “Now, I've created a market for it.”

Thanks to Hartman, sainfoin is now being harvested in southeastern Minnesota for the first time in modern memory. Kory Weis, a Pine Island area farmer, planted a patch of sainfoin for Hartman and they are experimenting with the best ways to grow and harvest it.

### Good for horses

“We are the only commercial providers of sainfoin into the market in North America. I'm going to move 190 tons of sainfoin into the market this year. Some of that may go to South Korea, where they have requested 40 tons,” she said.

Selling straight sainfoin pellets is a growing market for Hartman. However, it is also important for her growing business, because sainfoin is also the base ingredient in all five of her feed blends for horses with specific health issues.

After starting in 2017 making chia horse biscuits in Rochester basements and garages,



Charles Ellwood, with StableFeed, works with sainfoin horse feed

Photo by Post Bulletin

Hartman's healthy horse treats and feed company has grown and evolved into a popular name in the equine market.

StableFeed outgrew spaces in Rochester, so Hartman and her seven employees are now based in a 3,200-square-foot facility in Kasson.

“The rent is higher in Rochester than Kasson. This facility is perfect, and there is more

space that I could grow into,” she said looking at the warehouse full of bags of her products awaiting shipment.

Each of the five horse feeds feature sainfoin pellets “garnished” with carrots, dandelions, spirulina, prickly pear, burdock, bee pollen and other ingredients that horses used to consume while foraging.

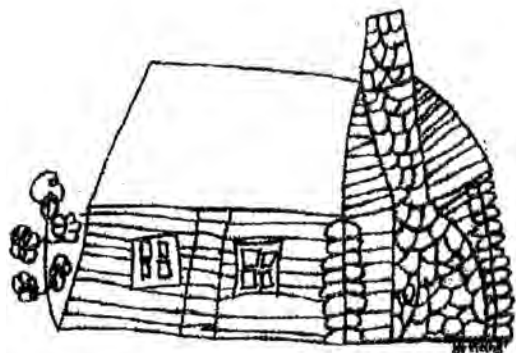
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## Minnesota Horse Feed Maker Turns to Forgotten Crop as an Ingredient and Investment

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StableFeed also still sells the original five types of chia biscuits that launched the company. Most of her business direct sales via her website.

While her high-end, specialty feeds are not cheap, Hartman points out that they are less expensive than calling a vet to treat a horse struggling with gut issues or other health problems.

When she developed the feeds, Hartman worked closely with Minnesota's Agricultural Utilization Research Institute . AURI is a state-funded nonprofit that spurs economic development by helping entrepreneurs develop and launch new products.

Alan Doering, a senior scientist who manages AURI's Coproducts Utilization Laboratory in Waseca, Minnesota, has worked with the development of a lot of animal feeds. However, Hartman brought several novel ingredients to the table, including sainfoin.

"I actually farm and we grow alfalfa. ... I had no idea what sainfoin was. The interesting thing about sainfoin is that it is a legume. It's high in protein like alfalfa. Unlike alfalfa, it's non-bloating. So it is safe for horses," said Doering.

### Good for the land

He sees a lot of promise in sainfoin as a crop in Minnesota.

"I think the big opportunity for sainfoin in Minnesota would be planting it on marginal land. Whether it's river bottom or whether it's hilly land that is higher in sandy soils, this is an ideal crop to produce protein," said Doering.



From left, Deb Maiers, Miya Charles, both with StableFeed, and Mary Hartman, owner of StableFeed, work with a chia product in Kasson. Photo by Post Bulletin

ing.

Alfalfa production is on the decline in Minnesota with low commodity prices and less dairies operating in the state. This could provide a useful alternative to alfalfa for some farmers, he added.

As a perennial, sainfoin can help farmers who are concerned about erosion.

"It is basically a living cover crop on your soil throughout the winter," Doering said. "And yet, it's not a cover crop, because you're harvesting it. It's a living cover. It'll come up, year after year."

Weis, the farmer who is growing sainfoin for Hartman in the Pine Island area, said it stands out from other local crops.

"When everything else is brown in the fall, after everything freezes before we get snow, this stuff was just as green as could be right up until the snow covered it up. And it starts earlier in the spring. It was greening up just as soon as the days started getting warm. We get some sunlight and it takes off growing," said Weis.

He added that the purple flowers are also very popular with bees. During peak pollinating time, visitors can hear the buzzing before the sainfoin field comes into view, according to Weis.

### A bright future

Looking ahead, Hartman expects to grow and sell more sainfoin. She is optimistic that

more and more stables and individual owners will start using her feeds and biscuits after they see the difference the products make in a horse's health and appearance.

She would like to build a new facility to turn sainfoin into pellets to ramp up production and closely control the quality of the pellets.

Of course, sainfoin will be a key part of the future growth of StableFeed.

"I really think this is a plant that's time has come. I think that this is a plant that could play a really big role in the ag sector, both in the short term and the long term," said Hartman.



Kory Weis with a wagon loaded with bales of sainfoin near Pine Island. Weis farms sainfoin for Mary Hartman, owner of StableFeed. Photo by Post Bulletin



Deb Maiers, left, and Miya Charles, both with StableFeed, work with a chia product in Kasson. Photo by Post Bulletin



## The rural landscape has changed and old ways aren't coming back, so how do we hold on to what we have?

Courtesy of AgWeek

*AgWeek reflects on the way things used to be -- both good and bad -- and how rural areas can hold on to the things and people that still make them special.*

A ride along to purchase five Holstein bull calves from a dairy producer in southeastern Minnesota was welcome on a glorious late afternoon when the rolling hills best showed their beauty.

It is a strong dairy area, in contrast to the prairie that the calf buyer and I call home. Silos and barns — to an extent relics of a by-gone time — remain in sharp contrast to the large dairy we stopped at. Truckloads of fresh-chopped alfalfa were being transported to the edge of a large pile, where it was packed tight by a four-wheel-drive tractor.

Along the way we talked about how vital dairy used to be across Minnesota. Local stores sold milking equipment and other supplies, and small towns were crowded with cars on weekend nights when checks were cashed, and families came to eat and be entertained.

West Concord — a town of less than 1,000 in the 1950s and now — once had a couple of tractor and car dealers, a clothing store, two hardware stores, two banks, a railroad line, and more. A mural painted on a building's

side depicts Mainstreet circa the 1950s.

It's a shame, I said, that those days are no more.

"You can say it's a shame," the pickup driver said, "but they are never going to come back."

There are many reasons why that is so.

Ease of transportation, technology, cost of living, efficiency of scale, and an unstoppable exodus of people to metropolitan areas are among the reasons.

Writings dating to the 1980s reveal that I railed against the loss of family farms (a category that remains difficult to define), consolidation in the meatpacking and dairy industries, and the foolishness of federal farm policy that failed in its stated mission to protect family farmers.

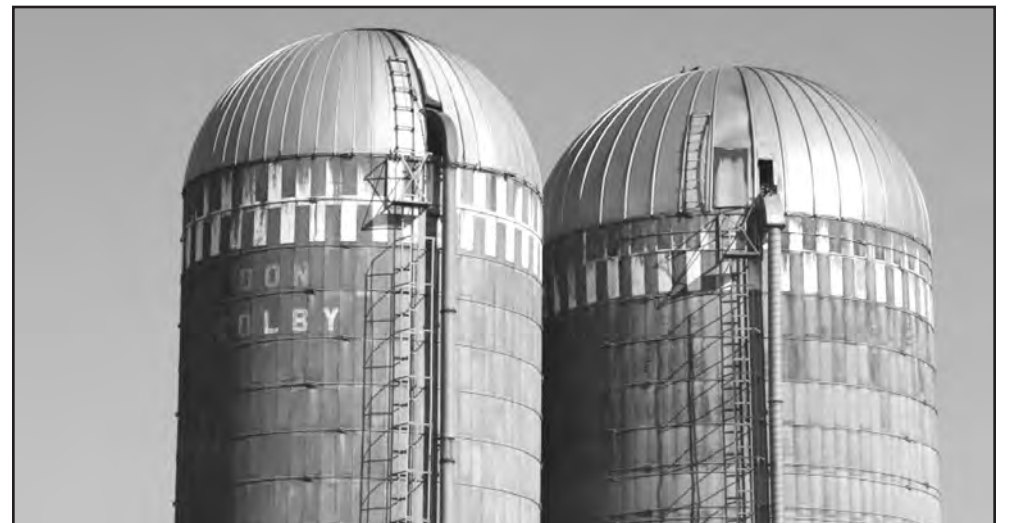
Keeping family farmers on the land has been the goal since President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal initiated the farm program framework in the Great Depression. Supply management through land banks and Conservation Reserve Program sign ups have been tried with mixed success ever since the government moved away from parity pricing formulas.

History suggests that the dominance of diversified farms blossomed only briefly. The driver raised a valid point when he said that we tend to remember the good times more than the bad.

Cultivating row crops four times followed by whacking weeds, sick calves in pneumonia-filled barns, picking frozen silage from silo walls, and dealing with untiled fields was no one's idea of fun.

Maybe a more reasonable goal is to hang on to what we have. It will not be easy. The public school closed in the early 1990s, and a start-up school that followed several years later folded. Three churches, hurt by declining attendance, have closed. The lone restaurant closed during the pandemic and won't reopen in its wake. The American Legion, housed in a building constructed in the early 20th century, struggles for members.

The pickup driver asked and answered his



**A pair of stave silos offer a hint at the dairy farming that once went on at the Don and Sylvia Colby farm near Milnor, North Dakota. Mychal Wilmes says the old ways of rural life and farming weren't all good, but there is good in the rural lifestyle to hold onto.**

*Photo courtesy of AgWeek*

own question.

"Would your children want to move back here? No, they wouldn't, because there is nothing to do here."

Well, that is not 100% true. There is much to be said for raising a family away from the busyness of a big city, the community that remains strong in its commitment to schools and other institutions.

The movement away from rural areas is a worldwide phenomenon unmatched in his-

tory. The slums of Third World nations are crowded with now-landless people. Europe and the United States are far better equipped to handle the migration as rural residents move for better opportunities.

Thomas Jefferson wrote centuries ago that the strength of American democracy is found in its millions of family farmers. It remains true to this day, which may explain why countless surveys find that support for family farmers remains strong.

## Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant Available

**Apply by October 27, 2022 for grant to boost livestock product sales**

Minnesota livestock product processors seeking to start up, modernize, or expand their businesses are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant program.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$1.4 million using a competitive review process. The maximum equipment award is \$150,000, and the minimum award is \$1,000.

The intent of the program is to increase sales of Minnesota-raised livestock products by investing in equipment and physical improvements that support processing, capacity, market diversification, and market access.

"Meat processing demand continues to increase, and capacity has to keep pace for a healthy market to exist," Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "This grant helps processors become more agile and resilient, expanding access to products."

Applicants must:

Intend to or be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, egg, and/or milk.

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Currently reside in Minnesota and be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota

Grantees are responsible for at least 50% of the total cost for the first \$50,000 and 75% of the total cost for every dollar after as a cash match. Funding for the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant will be awarded in one round.

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022. Funding will be awarded in early 2023.

If a grant application is not selected during the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant, it will be considered for the AGRI Value-Added Grant that is expected to open in winter 2023.

Proposals must be submitted through our online application system.

For more information, visit the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant webpage.



## Organic Certification Cost Share Program Increases Affordability of Certification Rebates

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of their organic certification. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Certification Cost Share Program from now until November 1, 2022.

Organic certification is a third-party verification system. It assures consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations. Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year.

"The yearly cost of certification can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars," Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey said. "This program provides some relief and goes a long way to make organic certification more affordable."

Funds for the cost share program are available first-come, first-served and come from a cooperative agreement with the United States

Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of certification-related expenses, with a maximum of \$500 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). MDA also offers a similar cost share program for transitioning a farm to organic.

To qualify, applicants must be certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agency. New this year will be an online application process. Certified organic farmers or processors can obtain all the program details and necessary materials on the MDA's website or by calling 651-201-6134. Applicants that do not wish to apply with MDA may apply through their local FSA Office.

Additional funding for up to 25% of allowable certification costs is available through FSA. That application deadline is October 31, 2022.



# Fossum Addresses Question of Voter Fraud

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



John Fossum  
Rice County  
Attorney

Despite all evidence to the contrary, rumors persist that the 2020 Presidential election was rife with voter fraud.

This past summer, the state director of elections, David Maeda, addressed the Rice County Board of Commissioners to assure the people of Rice

County that the elections across the state, and in Rice County itself, are sound. Maeda even singled out the County Director of Property Tax and Elections, Denise Anderson, as a great example of the high-quality people who

are in charge of elections around the state. Last week, with an important election day approaching in just under two months, Rice County Attorney John Fossum echoed Maeda's sentiments, saying he believes Minnesota uses the "gold standard," when it comes to running an election.

"We use paper ballots, and an optical reader," he said. "That way there is a record of the vote, and the paper ballots can be reviewed against the optical reader report, and votes can be confirmed."

All the equipment used by the county is certified by the Secretary of State's office, he said. And a public demonstration of that equipment has been made in order to re-assure voters.

He said there have been a handful of cases where his office has charged someone with wrongful voting, but that has usually involved someone convicted of a felony registering to vote and then doing so. Convicted felons are not allowed to vote in Minnesota, however the state Supreme Court is currently reviewing a challenge to that law.

Fossum said the county continues to receive data practice requests from people who are investigating the alleged voter fraud in the 2020 election, and his office tries to process those requests as quickly as possible.

"Our office reviews those and turns them around as quickly as we can. Sometimes people are asking for things that don't exist, and then they get frustrated because [they have to

be told that what they are looking for doesn't exist. But we can't generate data. We can only provide the data that we have and that

our Director of Property Tax and Elections has."

Election day is Tuesday, November 8th.

## Fossum Disagrees with District's Assessment of Backlog

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

After a two-year period when the Rice County Courts were closed far more often than they were active, Rice

County Attorney John Fossum said his office has substantially reduced the backlog that accrued during that time.

With that said, he would also like the court system to be a little more reasonable in their demands to reduce the number further.

During the pandemic, the criminal case backlog in Rice County ballooned to well over 300 cases. Without the threat of going to trial, many defendants were not interested in negotiating a plea bargain, so the situation stagnated until trials resumed. At that point, the courts brought in retired Rice County judge John Cajacob to work part-time and handle initial appearance hearings and smaller cases. With three full time judges, one part time judge, and a newly constructed Covid safe courtroom, the county now has the ability to try two cases at the same time. Accordingly, the backlog has been greatly diminished.

Still, Fossum believes the court system is not being completely reasonable in the way they are assessing that backlog.

"A month ago, the backlog was 132 cases, which is where they wanted us to be in No-

vember," he said. "This week the number is 180, which tells me they are adding cases."

He said counting cases into the backlog that have just recently been charged is not right. It is Fossum's belief that the backlog should be assessed as the cases that were charged during the pandemic and should not include newer cases.

"Right now, the backlog is the caseload," he said. "Rice county has always had a caseload, and it will always have a caseload. I've never seen a county attorney's office that is completely caught up."

He said there are questions being posed to him by the courts about what his plans are for next summer, when the funding for Judge Cajacob is set to expire. He said, if the courts want to see more expedient action in Rice County, then they should be willing to allocate more resources to the county.

"40 years ago in Rice County, we had we had three District Court judges and a population of under 40,000. Today we have a population of 67,000 and we have three District Court judges. And so, if there's a capacity issue here, then perhaps the court system needs to find a way to address it."

Fossum also said neither the county nor his office will face any penalties for not decreasing the number sooner.

## Thomas Announces Sheriff's Association Scholarship Program

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



Jesse Thomas  
Rice County Sheriff

Rice County Sheriff Jesse Thomas announced the 2022 Law Enforcement Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Minnesota Sheriff's Association. In an effort to boost the ranks of an already depleted law enforcement community, the program will award up to twenty \$2,000 scholarships this year.

"The Board of Directors feels peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform," said Thomas. "MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice and that some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training."

The Scholarship Committee, in making the awards, intends to achieve representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by Dec. 28, 2022. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at

the Rice County Sheriff's Office.

Students that meet the proper criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form in person from the Rice County Sheriff's Office or online at [www.mnsheriffs.org](http://www.mnsheriffs.org). The deadline for submissions is Nov. 19.



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**SEPT 22**  
10:00 AM

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**LIVE LAND 205.17 ACRES +/-**  
SEC 28 & 33 IN HARTLAND TWP  
**AUCTION** FREEBORN COUNTY, MN

**SEPT 27**  
10:00 AM

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## DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 22, 2022

### 7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

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

Staff: City Engineer Dustin Tipp; Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

### PUBLIC FORUM

No one presented to Council.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Fowler, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Regular Minutes of August 8, 2022 and Disbursement Report - \$77,564.30. MCU

### OLD BUSINESS

No old business brought before Council.

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2022-18 A Resolution Accepting and Approving a Contract Amendment Extending the Term of the Agreement Between the City and Dick's Sanitation, Inc.**

Administrator Teppen presented current contract expiring December 21, 2022 and an Amendment extending term another five years thru 2027. She state the City Attorney was asked if an Amendment was allowed under current City Code and State Statutes and he responded it is allowable.

Motion by Swartwood, second by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2022-18. Councilor Modory asked if any gas surcharge and Teppen stated no. Councilor Fowler and Teppen both stated that DSI is doing a good job with customer service. MCU

**Resolution 2022-19 A Resolution Approving Contract with MnDOT for Signal at Hester Street and Hwy 3**

Administrator Teppen presented a contract from MnDOT for the traffic signal at Hester Street and Hwy 3. The City of Northfield was awarded a Local Partnership Program Grant to install Emergency Vehicle Preemption signals on all the traffic lights on Highway 3 through Northfield and Dundas. Councilor Modory stated the lights at Hester and Hwy 3 are temporary. Teppen stated the City has been doing maintenance on the lights and will continue to do so under this agreement.

Motion by Modory, second by LaCroix, to approve Resolution 2022-19. MCU

### NEW BUSINESS

**Consider Approving 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Administrator Teppen presented the CIP noting no changes from discussion at work session. Mayor Switzer asked about cold storage building for public works with Engineer Tipp stating it is still in discussion and design phase.

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to approve the 2023 to 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). MCU

**Consider Approving 2022 Compensation Study**

Administrator Teppen reviewed report from DDA Human Resources, Inc. on the 2022

market wage review. She noted the comparison of the City's current pay grid to other comparable cities (benchmark) noting Dundas was 12% below market average. She stated DDA recommends that in order to make Dundas a competitive employer, they calibrated a proposed pay grid moving the City to 96% of market average. Teppen stated DDA suggested move into grid at closest step in current grade with implementation October 1. She indicated police officers would not see an increase in October as they have a collective bargaining agreement which expires end of 2022, and any adjustments to Police Officers compensation will need to be done through that process. Councilor Modory asked how the range to implement was determined with Teppen explaining by the grid as he felt could be up to \$4.00 an hour at their current range in grid. Discussion followed along with 2023 COLA at 2%.

Motion by LaCroix, second by Switzer to approve the 2022 Compensation Study and implementation of new pay grid. MCU

**Consider Approving Quote for Snowplow Blades**

Administrator Teppen reported the new snowplow received in July was ordered without blades so the staff could choose the type of blades suitable for the City's needs.

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to accept quote from H&L Mesabi Company, Hibbing, MN, for snowplow blades at a cost not to exceed \$6,102. MCU

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**City Engineer - Dustin Tipp**

Tipp reported: (1) notices to households on the bike lane project for 1st Street were sent out and project should be done within the next two weeks; (2) grading plan for ECRT parking lot has been completed for the future; (3) extensive pavement repair for Forest Avenue will be included in 2023 CIP and reported for Depot Street for 2024 CIP; (4) quotes for Mill Towns Trail Head landscaping will be back for September 12 Council meeting with completion September/October; (5) staff is waiting for developer of Stoneridge Hills 2nd Addition to provide the required documentation of signed Development Agreement, mylars and revised construction and landscape plans; (6) staff began hauling blocks to 115th Street.

### WORK SESSION

**2023 Proposed General Fund Levy**

Administrator Teppen indicated additional factors since the work session discussion on 2023 budget have influence an increase. She stated the League of MN Cities recommends budget include a 10 to 15% increase in worker's comp insurance, 5 to 10% increase in general property insurance, and a reduction of \$13,000 in Local Government Aid.

Jess Sturtz of ABDO Financial Solution summarized key items for consideration of the 2023 budget noting increase for tax levy will be \$166,082 or 12.06%; 25% increase in fuel and capital expenditures up due to inflation and cost factors. She reported overall the proposed tax capacity will be 18.93% and City Tax Rate decreased -3.23% based on information from Rice County. Sturtz presented the property tax impact on residential and commercial properties comparing dif-

ferent tax rate. She reviewed revenue and expenditures noting key areas effecting changes along with department budget worksheets and capital expenditures.

### ADJOURN

Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. MCU

Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk

Attest:

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

## DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 12, 2022

### 7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

### UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Staff: City Engineer Dustin Tipp; Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen. Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Linda Ripka on behalf of Mac Gimse (Dundas) expressed their sincere thanks concerning Council looking

at approving a contract to complete the landscape plan at the Mill Towns Trail Head.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Regular Minutes of August 22, 2022; and Disbursement Report - \$170,316.63. MCU

**OLD BUSINESS** - No old business

brought before Council.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**  
**Resolution 2022-20 A Resolution Classification and Sale of Tax Forfeited Property to Adjacent Owners**

Administrator Teppen indicated Rice County has requested the City consider the approval of the classification and sale of two tax forfeited properties in Dundas to the adjacent owners. She referred to maps showing the location of said parcels and the adjacent parcels. She stated staff had no objections to the sale.

Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2022-20. MCU

**Resolution 2022-21 A Resolution Confirming Parcels 17.10.3.00.001 and 17.15.2.25.001 Continue to Qualify for Inclusion in a Rural Service District and the Tax Benefit Ratio Remain Valid**

Administrator Teppen reviewed history of two property owners, Henry Albers and Eugene Albers, who petitioned in 2000 to be detached from the City, but subsequently reached an agreement whereby the petitioners agreed to dismiss the Petition and the City agreed to create a rural taxing district with respect to their properties, Ordinance 25.02. State Statute 272.67, Subd.8 requires annual review and staff's judgement is the tax benefit ratio has not changed be properties be included in Rural Service District.

Motion by Modory, second by LaCroix, to approve Resolution 2022-21. MCU

**Resolution 2022-22 A Resolution Adopting a Proposed 2022 Tax Levy, Payable in 2023**

Jessie Sturtz of Abdo Financial Solutions summarized key items for consideration in the 2023 budget: (1) 2023 tax levy proposed to increase \$166,082 or 12.06%; (2) balanced

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General Fund; (3) bring budget in line with actual expenditures; (4) property and worker’s comp insurance increase 10-15%; (5) fuel increase 25%; and (6) Capital equipment and improvements of \$723,000. She explained Tax Levy is 12.06% with estimate Tax Capacity at 18.93% leaves City Tax Rate at - 3.23% comparing Levy to previous years. She also reviewed market value at no increase vs 15% increase comparing on residential and commercial properties.

Shereviewed 2023 General Fund Revenue noting key changes of reduction in LGA. Decrease in interest earnings and fines and forfeitures.

Sturtz reviewed 2023 General Fund Expenditures noting key changes in police due to additional fulltime officer, fire protection due to hiring new Full-Time Fire Chief and streets, highways and roads due to professional services for Transportation Comp Plan. She reviewed bonds and noted returns down in various investment funds.

Motion by Switzer, second by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2022-22. Councilor Fowler asked if the City receives funds form the State for road maintenance. Teppen replied that the Legislature has in the past allocated funds to cities with populations less than 5,000, though it’s not an ongoing allocation. MCU

**Resolution 2022-23 A Resolution Approving 2023 Proposed Economic Develop-**

**ment Authority Property Tax Levy**  
Administrator Teppen stated the tax levy amount for 2023 is \$38,527 as was recommended from EDA.

Motion by Swartwood, second by Modory to approve Resolution 2022-23. MCU

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Consider Approving Quotes for Mill Towns Trail Head Improvement Project**

Engineer Tipp reviewed three quotes received for the Mill Towns Trail Head Improvement Project noting the low bid is slightly more than what is allocated in the Capital Improvement Plan of \$55,000. The remaining amount of \$4,977 will come from the General Fund reserves.

Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer, to approve the quotes and award a contractor for Mill Towns Trail Head Improvement project to Kevin Casey LLC of Prior Lake, MN, in the amount of \$59,227. Discussion followed on previous plans and timeline. MCU

**Consider Approving Temporary Construction and Grading Easement and Permanent Maintenance Easement Agreement Between the City and Menards, Inc.**

Engineer Tipp stated staff requested an easement agreement from Menards to allow for work to be performed in the stormwater pond located south of Hester Street and east of Third Street involving extending the storm

sewer pipe outlet and reducing the pond slopes along Hester Street to allow Public Works staff to mow and to perform routine pond maintenance. He stated this involves entering into a Temporary Construction and Grading Easement and Maintenance Agreement with Menard and the City.

Motion by Swartwood, second by Fowler, to approve a Temporary Construction and Grading Easement and Maintenance Agreement with Menard and the City including Exhibits A and B. MCU

**Consider Accepting 2nd Quarter 2022 Financial Report**

Jesse Sturtz of ABDO Financial Solutions, presented and reviewed the 2nd Quarterly Financial Report. She noted all bank accounts have been reconciled through June 30 with cash and investment showing a decrease since EOY 2021. She presented statement of revenue and expenditures, budget and actual, noting the second half of tax revenue in November will change the negative variance and LGA funds are received in July. Sturtz explained the variance areas. Sturtz reviewed cash balances by fund and explained variance of \$50,000. She noted General Fund Reserve is at 55% and suggested the Council might consider reducing it. She reviewed the increase in expense in the water fund and increase in revenue in sewer fund.

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to accept the 2nd Quarter 2022 Financial Report as presented and prepared by ABDO Financial Solutions. MCU

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**

**City Engineer – Dustin Tipp**

Tipp reported striping has been completed for bike lane on First Street and staff will be working on installing warning signs. Councilor Modory requested having no parking signs on the side of street with the bike lane.

Tipp reported: (1) staff is preparing a quote package to send out to contractors for the 2022 sanitary sewer cleaning and televising project; (2) the owners for the Dundas Dome site have indicated they have a contractor to complete the parking lot work so staff is working to get a plan for parking lot repairs and paving as well as securing a new Letter of Credit for the work; (3) and staff has installed a gravel entrance and culvert connect 115th Street to Highland Parkway for use by emergency services noting the gate will remain locked.

**City Administrator – Jenelle Teppen**

Teppen stated there is nothing further to report on Stoneridge Hills II development as still waiting on needed documents from developer. She asked the City Council members to review their calendars for the remainder of the year and let her know if they anticipate missing any of the remaining City Council meetings.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by LaCroix, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. MCU  
Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen,  
Administrator/Clerk  
Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor

**CITY OF DUNDAS  
COUNTY OF RICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022 - 23**

**A Resolution Approving 2023 Proposed Economic Development  
Authority Property Tax Levy**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.090 to 469.108 (the “EDA Act”), the City Council of the Dundas, Minnesota, (the “City”) created the City of Dundas Economic Development Authority (the “Authority”); and

WHEREAS, Section 469.033, subdivision 6 of the Act authorizes the Authority to levy a tax upon all taxable property within the City to be expended for the purposed authorized by the EDA Act; and

WHEREAS, such levy may be in an amount not to exceed .01813 percent of estimated market value of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has filed its budget for the special benefit levy in accordance with the budget procedures of the City in the amount of \$38,257; and

WHEREAS, based upon such budgets the Authority will levy all or such portion of the authorized levy as it deems necessary and proper;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Dundas City Council:

1. That approval is hereby given for the Authority to levy, for taxes payable in 2023, such tax upon the taxable property of the City as the Authority may determine, subject to the limitations contained in the EDA Act.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of Dundas, Minnesota, on this 12th day of September 2022.

CITY OF DUNDAS BY:

ATTEST:

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

Jenelle Teppen,  
Administrator/Clerk

Resolution 2022-23

**CITY OF DUNDAS  
COUNTY OF RICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022 - 22**

**A Resolution Adopting a Proposed  
2022 Tax Levy, Payable in 2023**

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes § 275.065 Subd.1(a) requires that on or before September 30, cities must certify to the county auditor the proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year, and;

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes § 275.065, Subd.1(f) requires a taxing authority to announce the time and place of the regularly scheduled meeting at which the budget and levy will be discussed and permit the public to speak

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dundas, County of Rice, State of Minnesota, that the sum of \$1,543,177 be levied for the current year, collectable in 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will hold a hold a meeting to discuss the budget and property tax levy and allow public input on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator/Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Rice County, Minnesota.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Dundas, Minnesota, on this 12th day of September 2022.

CITY OF DUNDAS BY:

ATTEST:

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

Jenelle Teppen,  
City Administrator/Clerk

Resolution 2022-22



## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Frogs, Friends and Fourth Grade



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.*

It was September of 1966 and I was in Miss Wick's fourth grade at West Concord Elementary School. We were in the 4E room and it was the week for the Iowa Basic Skills Testing. That was a standardized test that was developed in 1935 to assess the student's skills in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. It was boring for a bunch of nine-year old kids.

So, during the recess after lunch break my friend, Lance, and I discovered a frog in the ditch along the play field where all the children went to burn off excess energy. Finding a frog is normal, catching the frog is common, but putting him in a paper cup we found in the ditch and bringing him back to the classroom is a whole new level of crazy.

I, being the consummate risk taker, carried Kermit, our new green captive back from re-

cess, up to the second floor of the school building and right into the classroom. There I sat, hiding the frog under my desk as class resumed. Our principal, Mrs. Wilson, came around the room, aisle by aisle, handing out the test forms to each one of us. Mrs. Wilson was an older lady, rather short, but kind of intimidating to us students.

When she got to my desk, she noticed something amiss. Both of my hands were not on top of my desk, as directed, and she ordered me to do so. I produced a second-hand paper cup, with my right hand over the top. That didn't satisfy her query and I was told to show her what was in the cup.

When I removed my hand, the frog took one great leap for freedom. Right out of the cup and into Mrs. Wilson's face. To my astonishment, she didn't even flinch. She demanded to know why I had brought a frog into the class and before I could think up a good reason, she told me to catch it quickly. As I crawled across the floor, chasing the hopping reptile, there was laughing and shrieking from my classmates. I believe the boys were all quite amused and the girls exhibiting a much more frightened emotion.

Once the frog was secured, I was instructed to return him to the wild, from whence he came, and as I trudged back to class, I contemplated my fate. This was still during the century where corporal punishment was quite common and expected for an infraction such as this. No amount of soul searching could come up with a logical reason for my latest foolishness.

When I got back to the classroom, I took my seat and started the test, with the certainty of impending doom when I was finished. Much to my amazement, the incident was never mentioned again. I gained a good deal of respect for Principal Wilson after that day.

## A Minnesotan: If You Give a Belizean a Ladder



By RosaLin Alcoser

If you give a Belizean a ladder he will use that ladder in an extremely unsafe way, but somehow always be ok.

My father, the Belizean, is extremely comfortable on ladders and going up steep inclines; my mother says it's because Belize is basically a steep incline.

He is so comfortable with them that I have seen him many, many times throughout my life walk across ladders that he's balanced over things as a gangplank and climb up them while they're tittering on uneven ground.

The amazing thing is that he's never fallen off of one of these ladders or gotten hurt doing this.

To my knowledge the ladder has only fallen once, while he was not currently on it, trapping him on the roof for a while until my mother found him.

In addition to being extremely comfortable with ladders my father can become easily obsessed with things; like squirrels.

Back in the summer of 2018 he became particularly obsessed with a squirrel that was jumping from the trees onto the roof and running across the roof. The squirrel running across the roof drove him crazy to the point that he decided that it was using a particular branch from the tree next to the house to do this.

So without any help or the right equipment he took his chainsaw and ladder to go up into the tree, climb into the nook where the base of the limb started and cut off the limb. So that he could stop the squirrel from using the limb to jump onto the roof and run across it.

Now I wasn't there to witness this event, because I was away at college, but my mother was and she sent pictures.

The best part about the whole squirrel on the roof chainsaw incident is that after he did all this the squirrel promptly used a different tree to jump onto the roof so it could run across it.

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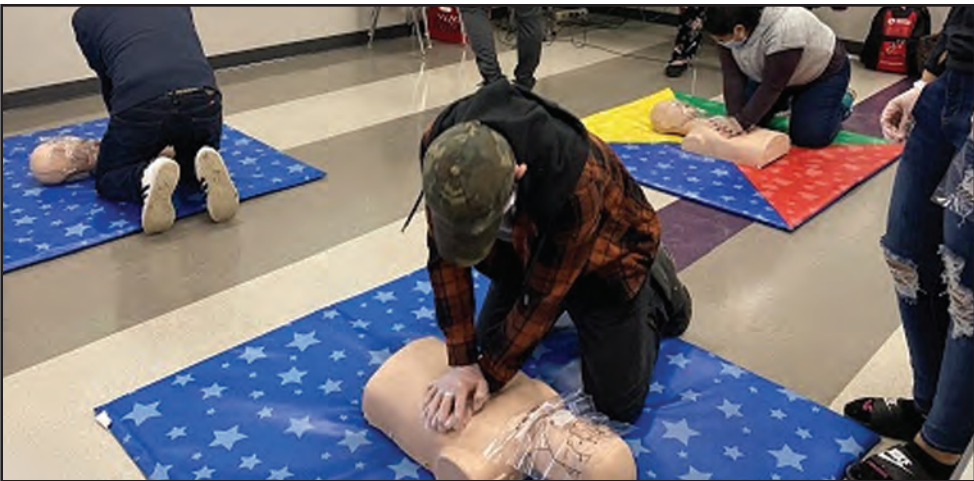


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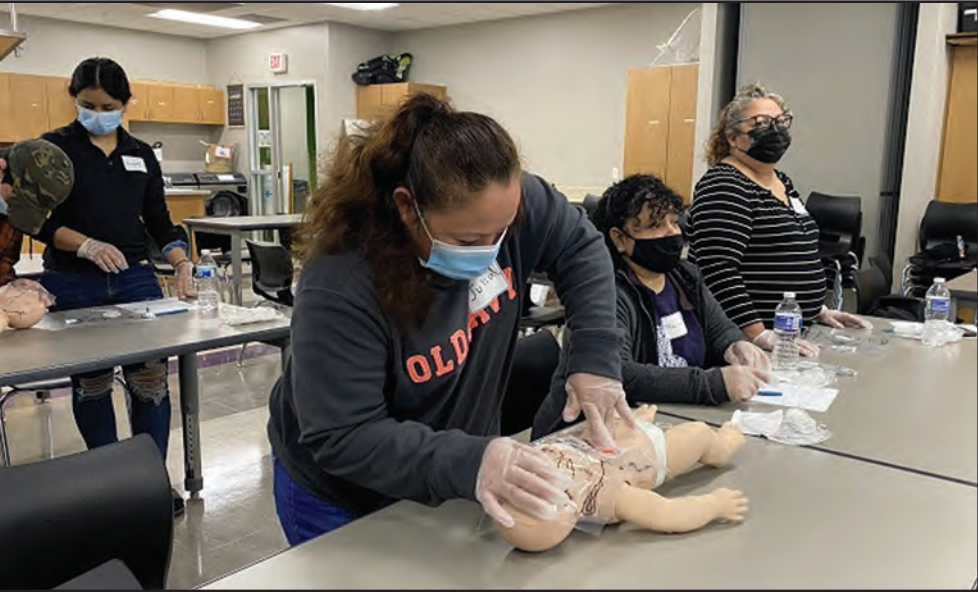
By Sandy Malecha  
Interim Executive Director, Healthy  
Community Initiative Northfield

Several years ago we recognized that many Latino families were relying on family,

friends or neighbors to care for their young children. We have a lack of affordable child care spots with licensed providers, and very few bilingual child care providers who are also bicultural. We know how critical these Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers are and wanted to infuse that group with resources and support. In 2018 we received a \$26,000 Opportunity Grant from SMIF to start the Rice County Latino Childcare Provider Network. This helped us create a support system to build the capacity of Latino FFN caregivers to provide high quality care to children in Rice County, particularly in Northfield and Faribault. A lot of the caregivers wanted first aid and CPR training in Spanish. It's been an ongoing desire for these caregivers to either maintain



Rice County FFN caregivers go through a first aid and CPR training in Spanish.



their First Aid/CPR certification or get certified. There are always people who are new to caregiving so it's a training that is of the highest demand. There are few bilingual instructors who are Red Cross certified in the State and it's not cheap to get them to come here to provide a training. With SMIF's help we were able to removing that financial barrier, saving FFN caregivers up to \$120 each in First Aid/CPR registration costs, allowing caregivers to take it for free. In addition to the grant we received for this work, we also recently worked with SMIF's Early Childhood Business Consultant, Jeff Andrews, on a "FFN-to-licensed" effort in

Rice County. We've realized through this process that there are some FFN caregivers that could become licensed child care providers. Jeff has worked to help develop a child care education series in Spanish and provide instruction on how to build a child care business plan in Spanish for these caregivers. There are numerous barriers to entry if you're only Spanish-speaking. It can be really challenging to navigate paperwork, business relationships, and other essential systems. With SMIF's support, we have been able to figure out ways to overcome these barriers.



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