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September 5th - Labor Day, November 11th, Veterans Day, November 24th & 25th, Thanksgiving.

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NEXT DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2016

ATTENTION - PUBLICATION DATES AND NOTICES DEADLINE.

The next newsletter is scheduled for release on December 1st, 2016. Please email event information to Lisa Ripp at lripp@ci.rush-city.mn.us. Information must be submitted on or before November 1st and should cover events occurring from December, 2016 through February, 2017. Dateline staff has the right to edit or omit information based on space and content of material. Thank you.

Introducing the "NEW" Dateline!

We are excited to introduce the new format of the Rush City Dateline. You can still enjoy up to date information on events and happenings in our City along with some new information that affects our community, as well! You can also view a digital edition on the City website at www.rushcitymn.us. We hope you enjoy the new style!

 **American Red Cross** **BLOOD DRIVE**
First Lutheran Church
1000 S. Jay Avenue

Monday, September 12th
1:00-7:00pm

www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.



Construction work on 5th Street and Eliot Avenue is expected to be completed in September.

5th Street Construction Update

5th Street and Eliot Avenue Reconstruction and Utility Project

The 5th Street and Eliot Avenue project is moving along again and is planned to be completed by the end of September. The rainy summer we've had hasn't helped, but hopefully by the time this is published, they will have the majority of the grading completed for the new streets and will be getting ready to install the new curbs and concrete driveways. All of the new pipes for the water, sewer, and storm sewer have been installed and the new water and sewer connections to the properties have been completed. The concrete has also been installed at the 5th Street railroad crossing.

They plan to do the electrical work for the new streetlights after Labor Day and hope to install the first lift of blacktop the week of September 12th. The new sidewalk should also be installed the week of September 12th. They plan to put in sod or seed the week of September 19th. The final lift of blacktop will be placed in 2017.

The apron in front of the Fire Hall will be removed and replaced as part of the project, along with the sidewalk and parking area on the west and north side of the building.

The City appreciates everyone's patience and understanding during this project. We understand that getting to the downtown businesses has been a challenge. We are very excited to see the final result!

If you have questions or concerns, please call City Hall at 358-4743.

Fire Department Open House

Sunday, October 16th from 8:00am-noon
325 W. 5th Street

The annual Rush City Fire Department Open House will be held on Sunday, October 16th. Bring the family and fill up on a delicious Lions' Club pancake breakfast with all the fixin's. Fire trucks will be on display for everyone to enjoy and you will have a chance to win prizes during the raffle. You need not be present to win. Don't miss out!

New Fire Fighter Recruits Needed!



The Rush City Fire Department is looking for new recruits to serve the community and help save lives.

Do you have a drive to serve your community on the Rush City Fire Department? This all volunteer department is currently looking for men and women to be part of this highly professional and progressive organization. Rush City fire fighters must be at least 18 years of age, a high school graduate or equivalent, reside 10 minutes or less from Rush City, possess a valid MN drivers license and pass a criminal background check. Employment applications can be found online at www.rushcitymn.us under the "information" tab. All training, uniforms and equipment are provided at no cost. Applications will be accepted through October 31, 2016. Join us at the Fire Department Open House on October 16th to meet the fire fighters and to learn more information about becoming a fire fighter.



Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with the all-school reunion in August. It was a fun time with many activities and shared memories. We hope each and every person enjoyed some time with friends. The money raised goes to support scholarships and grants to fund innovative teaching ideas in the Rush City School District. The Rush City Education Foundation (RCEF) has given \$26,607 to support education in the Rush City School District over the past five years with \$12,000 used for 16 scholarships and \$14,607 used to fund 14 grants that impacted 1077 students. Your enthusiasm and support is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to the seniors who received RCEF scholarships this spring: Emma Peterson, Brittany Mollberg, Lindsey Williams, and Sydnie Sybrant. RCEF needs volunteers. Please contact us if you are interested in serving on the board. By investing a small amount of time, you can help improve educational excellence in the Rush City District. Please contact us.

Website: RushCityEducationFoundation.org

email: RushCityEducationFoundation@gmail.com write: RCEF, PO Box 153, Rush City, MN 55069



MANY, many THANKS to the Rush Lake Improvement Association for their very generous \$1000.00 donation to Rush City Food Shelf! Funds are very thin in the summer when need is high with school children not getting school lunches. Also, THANKS again to Rush City Auto, East Central Motorsports, R&G Wiener Construction, Polaris Industries, Chisago County Ag Society and MCM Carnival Midway who underwrote the discounted ride wristbands at the Chisago County Fair that required bringing food donations for RCFS. More than 500 kids donated nearly 1000 pounds of food to the Rush City Food Shelf during Kids Day at the fair! Wow, thanks!

Gardeners: RCFS appreciates ANY fresh produce you would share!!!

FREE CHOCOLATE for any monetary donation to the Rush City Food Shelf when you visit the 3rd Annual Bountiful Boutiques Nov. 4, 5, & 6 at The Grant House, The Carlson House, Ravens Nest and Chuckers. Sales also benefit the Food Shelf --- tasty, beautiful and unique items just in time for the holiday season! NEW this year...After Hours Shopping night Friday at Chuckers with 1/2 price wines, handmade chocolates, and a silent auction all to benefit our Food Shelf.

Rush City Food Shelf is an ALL-volunteer, ALL-donation non-profit 501(c)3 organization so all donations are tax deductible. Every \$1 we receive buys almost \$9 in food from the Food Bank. Please mail any donation to RCFS, P.O.Box 178, RC, MN 55069. Call 320-358-4428 or email rushcityfoodshelf@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Rush City Area Churches invite you to
Free Thanksgiving Dinner!
Thursday, November 24th,
11:00am-1:00pm
At the Rushbea Towers Hall
(Old Hwy 61)
Transportation or home delivery available.
Please call 320-358-3432
Funded by Thrivent Financial
and the Rush City Lions Club

Upcoming Holidays

September 5th LABOR DAY	November 11th VETERAN'S DAY
October 10th Columbus Day	November 24th Happy Thanksgiving

Did you know?

You can donate your empty aluminum cans to the Rush City Fire Department! The collection bin is located on the east side of the Holiday gas station.

The Rush City Fire Department THANKS YOU!

Ayusa, a non-profit organization, is looking for American families to volunteer to host foreign exchange students from more than 60 countries.

Ayusa

An experience to last a lifetime!

www.ayusa.org
Eric Langworthy
elangworthy@ayusa.org
320-310-9245

Host a family to us, if they host, we will pay you \$2000!

Reminders...

from the Chisago County Sheriff's Office.

By Sergeant Jason Foster



Be aware that Minnesota law requires you to stop for pedestrians in a marked crosswalk or an intersection with no marked crosswalk, where there are no traffic control signals present. Follow all posted speed limits. When children are present near schools, the speed limit is usually lower than that of surrounding roadways. In residential areas, be alert for children who may be playing near the street. Children often dart out from between parked cars or shrubbery.

Be extra careful around school buses. When red lights are flashing you must stop. Wait a few extra moments after the bus is gone to make sure there are no children present. Elderly pedestrians may not be able to cross quickly or hear you approaching. Give older adults plenty of time to cross the street. Be alert when turning corners. If the car in front of you stops at a corner, be prepared for the possibility of pedestrians crossing. Pedestrian injuries can be prevented. Take care to be a defensive pedestrian and a pedestrian-alert driver.

Did you know it is illegal to park against the flow of traffic?

Have you noticed the new Welcome Signs located on 4th Street and on Hwy 61? Thanks to a grant the City received from the Thriving Communities Initiative, we were able to add these new signs to welcome people to our fair city. These signs are in addition to the new directional signs that were installed in 2015 which identify where popular destinations such as the Aquatic Center, Community Center and Industrial Park are located. The 4th Street welcome sign will be completed soon and landscaping will also be added.



The new welcome sign on Hwy 61 was installed in July.

Rush City's Bountiful Boutiques!

November 4th - 6th, 2016

Come visit these pop up boutiques in unique and historic locations in Rush City that offer an array of high quality and unique, handcrafted goods available for purchase.

Friday, Nov 4th: 3pm - 7pm/Saturday, Nov. 5th: 9am-5pm/Sunday, Nov. 6th: 11am-3pm
An "after hours" event is at Chucker's on Friday evening from 7:00 p.m.-9:00pm. Enjoy 1/2 price wine bottles, shopping specials, door prizes and more!

Locations: The Historic Carlson House 640 S. Bremer Ave., The Historic Grant House 80 W. 4th St., The Raven's Nest 775 S. Bremer Ave., The Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl 1270 W.3rd St.

In Rush City, We R Able!

Join us!

Program Events

- *Mystery Monday, puzzles and music with Troy Helling. Monday, September 9th, 5:11pm - 6:49pm. Pre-register by 9/16/16. At the historic Grant House Restaurant & Hotel, 80 West 4th St., Rush City.
- *Mystery Monday, puzzles and music with Dave McKeen. Monday, October 24, 5:11pm - 6:49pm. Pre-register by 10/21/16. At the historic Grant House Restaurant & Hotel, 80 West 4th St., Rush City. Call 320-358-1211 for information or visit our facebook page!



Dear Rush City Community,

I wanted to take this opportunity to greet the community and let area residents know about an important vote for our schools coming this November. For the first time the school board has passed a resolution to seek an operating referendum. This resolution will increase our general education revenue by \$700.00 per pupil.

What does this mean for you as a taxpayer in Rush City School district? As I have mentioned in school newsletters, the revenue we receive from the state is less than our expenditures. This past school year we reduced our expenditures (programs and staff) by \$242,000.00. The School Board is committed to maintaining the quality you have come to expect, and does not want to find us needing to make further reductions. Therefore our school district members will be asking on Election Day 2016 to vote on the increase of general revenue. The cost to tax payers will be \$12.00 per month per \$100,000.00 property value.

Residential, commercial and industrial property are treated the same in this type of tax, and agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre. The question voters will see on the ballot will state general education revenue of \$700.00 per pupil... yet the tax impact will be \$12.00 a month per \$100,000.00 property value. Many more details plus informational and tax impact meetings will be held prior to Election Day 2016 - however, if you have questions now, I encourage you to contact me at 320-358-4855 or tdupre@rushcityk12.mn.us.

The School Board truly believes you should have the opportunity to choose (through your vote) to support our schools, our students and our community. Please contact one of our dedicated School Board members or me to learn more.

Kindest Regards,
Teresa Dupre
Superintendent, Rush City Schools

#2 Wellhead Protection

Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?

(This article is part of a series of 15 articles related to wellhead protection. The goal of wellhead protection is to prevent pollutants from contaminating public water supply wells. If you would like more information about wellhead protection, contact the MN Department of Health (MDH) at (507) 292-5138 or visit their website at www.health.state.mn.us.)

Many people who drink water from wells in central Minnesota think that their drinking water is pumped from a huge lake or stream underneath the surface of the earth. Actually, in most cases, this is far from the truth. Ground water is located in porous rock beneath the earth's surface. This water-bearing layer of rock is called an aquifer.

Water in underground aquifers flows in a definite direction. Just as water flows on the surface from higher elevations to lower elevations, ground water also flows "downhill". Ground water flow direction is determined by measuring water levels in wells drawing water from a particular aquifer. Ground water will flow from the higher water level elevations to lower elevations. It is the surface area directly above the flow to a well and the land uses in that area that are of major concern because of the risk of contamination from those land uses.

Contamination can filter through from the land surface to the aquifer as quickly as a few hours, or it may take many years. If the contamination gets into your water supply, you may be drinking it someday. Some areas in the Midwest have 10% of wells showing signs of serious contamination.

One of the ways we can protect groundwater is to learn more about it. Below are some misconceptions about groundwater.

Fiction: Groundwater always flows from north to south.
Fact: Depending on location, groundwater can flow in any direction, but usually follows land contours.

Fiction: Groundwater comes all the way from Canada and Lake Superior
Fact: Most groundwater originates as local precipitation that seeps into the ground and reaches the water table.

Fiction: Groundwater flows in underground caverns and rivers.
Fact: Groundwater flows through cracks and pores between soil and rock particles.

Fiction: Most groundwater drawn from wells has been underground thousands of years.
Fact: Most ground water drawn from wells has been underground a few years to a few decades.

Fiction: Groundwater is always pure because soil filters out all impurities.
Fact: Harmful bacteria in water can be filtered out by soil, but many chemical pollutants are not changed and remain in the water. Look for more information on this in the near future and become involved in keeping your water clean.



What's Happening at the East Central Regional Library?

Rush City Public Library: Great books and a whole lot more! Here are a few of the amazing events taking place at the library this fall. Stop by or check out our website (<https://ecrlib.org/locations/rush-city-public-library/>) for details on other happenings!

Wednesday, October 5 -- 7:00 p.m.

ECRL Presents a Minnesota Starwatch Party with Meteorologist Mike Lynch!



The program will start off with an indoor orientation followed by quality time outside under the heavens at the Rush City park (just kitty-corner from the library). Get to know the constellations like The Big Bear, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse, Aquila the Eagle and many more. Mike will bring a fleet of telescopes, including two of the biggest mobile telescopes in Minnesota for close-up views of planets, star clusters, nebulae, and other wonders in late summer and early autumn skies. He'll also bring a video-telescope system for ultra-deep view of galaxies and more! This program is recommended for age 6 and up and is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Friday, October 14 -- 6:30 p.m. (Although the library is not usually open Friday nights, it WILL BE for this special event!)
Meet Minnesota Author Chad Lewis!

Just in time for Halloween, Chad will be talking about his book, Paranormal Minnesota: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs, and Mysterious Creatures. His presentation is an eerie combination of all paranormal topics! Mr. Lewis combines his strangest cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles, and everything else bizarre and unusual. This program covers the entire spectrum of Minnesota's supernatural activity. It is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Preschool Storytime Events!

Preschool children (ages 3-5 years) are invited to these special monthly Storytimes featuring great books and stories, fingerplays, songs, snacks and a take-home craft! Parents, grandparents, child care providers and even older siblings will enjoy participating along with the children. Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing and Playing are 5 skills that help prepare children for school, and we will have fun engaging children in these and other learning experiences! Stop by anytime the library is open and enjoy the Play & Learning area filled with toys and books!

Wednesday, September 21 -- 6:30 p.m. DINOSAURS! Explore the world of dinos big and small! We will make "dinosaur feet" and have fun playing games wearing those feet! Thursday, October 20 -- 4:00 p.m. Who says MEA break has to be boring? Come to Storytime at the library to discover what CATS and BUTTONS are in common! Thursday, November 10 -- 4:00 p.m. No school the day before Veteran's Day? No problem! THREE LITTLE PIGS are going to help us learn about BEING SAFE at this Storytime event! Don't miss it, oink-oink! a (short) drive-in flick!

Library Lego's! One Saturday each month -- 10:30 a.m. One Saturday every month, children are invited to join Mr. Tim and put their creativity to the test as they build with Legos. Stop by or call the library to find out the Lego dates for this fall, as well as other Saturday events especially for elementary-aged children!

Homeschoolers The library has lots of resources to assist in educating your children. Stop by and let us help! And...have you considered a tour of the library as part of the educational process? Talk to the librarian to set up a time and day that works best for you and your students!



Coming soon to the Dana Avenue City Park!

We are excited to add a wonderful piece of new play equipment to the City Park. Installation is scheduled for Fall of 2016. We are looking for volunteers to help install this great addition to the children's play area. If you can contribute a couple of hours on a weekend, please contact the City Hall at 320-358-4743. If you can't donate your time, you can still support this project with a monetary donation. We appreciate any and all support!

This was made available through support from the Thriving Communities Initiative and the Rush City Park Board.

RUSH CITY GENERAL ELECTION



The general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th. You can cast your vote between the hours of 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

City offices that will be voted on are:

Mayor (2 year term) – Incumbent Dan Dahlberg, Nathaniel Marquart
Two Councillor positions (4 year term) - Tom Schneider, Mick Louzek

Voters living in the city limits of Rush City will cast their ballots at the Rush City Community Center at 720 West 14th Street. Voters with questions can call City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm, 320-358-4743.



Fall Festival at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sunday, September 18th. Mass at 9:00a.m.
Festivities from 10:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Brass Rail Chicken Dinner from 10:30-1:30, \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under.
Join us for games, live music and a raffle with great prizes!



First Lutheran Church special events.

Turkey Dinner

Sunday, October 2nd from 11:00am-1:30pm
Advance Sales: Ages 12 and over \$10, 5-11 years \$4
At the door: Ages 12 and over \$11, 5-11 years \$4
4 and under are free.

Movie Night!

Free to the community.
Featured movie: Woodlawn (PG)
Date/Time: October 16th at 7:00pm
Light refreshments to be served.
Synopsis-Following government mandated desegregation in 1973, Tony Nathan (Caleb Castille) joins fellow African-American students at Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Ala. As violence and anger erupt in the city, Woodlawn football coach Tandy Gerelds (Nic Bishop) allows an outsider (Sean Astin) to speak to his players. His message of hope and love leads to a spiritual awakening that inspires star athlete Nathan, his teammates and other members of the community to overcome the hate that surrounds them

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's ways.

First Lutheran of Rush City will be offering a nine week course featuring Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace program. During this course you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find good bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more. This information will change your life!

Course Date: September 21st – November 16th
Course Time: 5P free light supper - 5:30P – 7:00P
Course Location: First Lutheran Rush City

Course Cost: \$93.00+ shipping per couple; register and order course material at rushcityfirstlutheran.org and follow link

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Contact First Lutheran at 320-358-4076 for additional information or potential financial assistance to take this course.

Community Appreciation Night!

Residents of Rush City couldn't have asked for a better night for a get together. Thanks to the great weather and the generous donations from our local businesses, young and old alike enjoyed free hot dogs, root beer floats, face painting, balloons, apple fritters from the Rush City Bakery, UTV rides courtesy of the Sheriff's office and much more! Each participant received a raffle ticket and CAN coordinator Jamie Amundson distributed prizes all night. The Chisago County Sheriff's Office gave a great K-9 demonstration and the Lifelink helicopter made a landing, as well. THANK YOU to the following businesses that made this event possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Anderson Rock Creek Relics, Chisago County Sheriff and K-9, Life Link, Chisago County SWAT, City of Rush City, CM Collision, Lakes Regions EMS, Fairview Lakes Area Public Health, Fairview Lakes Pharmacy, Rush City First Lutheran Church, G & G Auto Supply, Golden Living Center, Great Ideas, Hermann Insurance, McDonald Distributing, Minnesota Correctional Facility, Prefer Paving & Ready Mix, Rush City Lions, Rock Creek Lions, Rush City Car Wash, Rush City Fire Department, Rush City Foods, Rush City Public Works, Teamsters Local 320, Unity Bank, Plastech Corp, Forcier Trucking, Rush City Bakery, Rush City PTO, Northwoods Bank, Perry's Auto, Rush City Tire and Auto, Perreault Chiropractic, Rush City Education Foundation



Brian Witte of the Rush City Fire Department provided some relief from the heat during Community Appreciation Night on August 4th.

The Fly-In

was great this year. A little "breezy" but the sun was shining and made it a perfect day. The antique cars and tractors, National Guard climbing wall, the "bouncy" house, radio controlled planes, our very knowledgeable announcer, our wonderful singer Jenni Thyng and the flag presenters; Rush City VFW/Legion and Boy/Cub Scouts. The Lions served a tremendous breakfast as always and many came out to eat. A "special" Thank You to Lakes Region EMS for letting us host the breakfast in their hangar that was donated to them by Dennis & Jeanette Frandsen.

We would like to THANK the following for donating time and funds to our 2016 Rush City Regional Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Event: Alliegro Law Office, Bob & Gloria Oscarson, Bruce Hampton, Carlson Fire Extinguisher, Carlson Heating, Chris Hocking, Dave & Nancy Schroeder, Don & Karen Swanson, East Central Energy, East Central Sanitation, Fabric, Fashions & More, Grand Casino-Hinckley, Great Ideas, Hawk Aviation, Hermann Insurance, Joe Donahue, Joel Dresel, Keller Excavating-Rick Keller, Laird Mork, Lakes Region EMS, Maytag Laundries, McDonald's Distributing, Mick & Joanne Louzek, Mid-Minnesota Trucking, Perry's Auto Salon, Plastech Corp, Prefer Paving & Ready Mix, Ray's Service Center, Rush City Bakery, Rush City Car Wash, Rush City Chamber, Rush City Liquor, Rush City Lions, Rush City Sno-Bugs, Rush City Tire & Auto, S.E.H. Inc, The Bolejack Group, Thompson's Sewer Service, Tom Briden, Tom Schneider, Unity Bank, Walmart-Pine City, Wild River Appraisals, Rush City Public Works, Ray Pittman, Rush City Fire Department, our Hwy 61 Car Club and the "Airport Crew". I hope I didn't miss anybody. These businesses and organizations are the key to a successful event because without their help and funding, this would not happen. Support them please!

Thanks again and see you all next year!!!!
Rush City Airport Board

Visitors enjoyed a beautiful day and a great variety of aircraft.



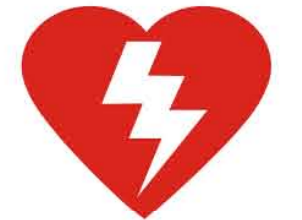
The Lions served pancake breakfast to over 900 people!



Classic Car Show

THANK YOU!

AED
Automated External Defibrillator



Did you know that Rush City has 3 AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) in town? The Rush City Correctional Facility has donated their used AED's to the City and Chief Bob Carlson of the Rush City Fire Department has placed them at the Holiday gas station, the City Hall and at the Rush City Community Center. The Fire Department is also responsible for maintaining these devices.

An (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be easy to use for the layperson, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, certified first responder, and basic life support CPR classes.

Heart experts at Johns Hopkins and elsewhere have evidence that at least 522 lives can be saved annually in the United States and Canada by the widespread placement of automated external defibrillators. Thanks to the Rush City Correctional Facility for this generous and life saving donation!