

Rush City

September, October & November, 2017

# DATELINE



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*Labor Day - September 4th*  
*Thanksgiving - November 23rd & 24th*

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**Upcoming Events!**  
Dash for Disability 5k - September 9  
1st Ev. Lutheran Church Rally Day - September 10  
Red Cross Blood Drive - September 11  
Sacred Heart Fall Festival - September 17  
Estates of Rush City Open House - September 14  
1st Ev. Lutheran Church Turkey Dinner - October 1  
Garden Club October Fest - October 7  
Fire Department Open House - October 8  
Bountiful Boutiques - November 3-5  
Turkey Bingo - November 19  
Free Thanksgiving Dinner - November 23  
Santa Day - December 2

**NEXT DEADLINE IS NOV. 1, 2017**  
ATTENTION - PUBLICATION DATES AND NOTICES DEADLINE.  
The next newsletter is scheduled for release on December 1st, 2017. Please email event information to Lisa Ripp at [lripp@ci.rush-city.mn.us](mailto:lripp@ci.rush-city.mn.us). Information must be submitted on or before November 1st and should cover events occurring from December through February, 2018. Dateline staff has the right to edit or omit information based on space and content of material. Thank you.

## October 8-14 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK! Open House at the Fire Hall

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages: Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit. Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Make sure the address of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find. Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

**Sunday, October 8th**  
**8:00am - Noon**  
**325 W. 5th Street**

The annual Rush City Fire Department Open House will be held on Sunday, October 8th. 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 free raffle! Need not be present to win.



How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

- 1 Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
- 2 Find two ways out of every room.
- 3 Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
- 4 Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- 5 Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
- 6 Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
- 7 Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).  
Click here to add image.

### New Fire Fighter Recruits still needed!

Our all-volunteer fire department is looking for more recruits. If you have an interest, you can pick up an application at City Hall or stop by during our Open House and talk to one of our current fire fighters!





## Strong Communities have strong schools.

Rush City Schools needs our communities' support. We shared with you last year that in order to sustain our strong school district, we would need tax payer support. We are now at a point where without it, programs will be reduced and staff will be cut which will result in higher class sizes. Please consider how much a strong school system impacts the value of our entire community. At the July 2017 School Board Meeting, a resolution was passed for an operating referendum that would provide the school district with an additional \$600.00 per pupil. The cost to tax payers on a \$100,000.00 property value will be \$118.00 a year or \$9.83 a month. Many of you indicated the amount we asked for last year was a bit too high, your board is listening; therefore, we have reduced the amount we are asking for. The additional revenue the referendum will generate will NOT allow us to bring back any of the cuts that occurred previously, nor will we be adding anything new, it will only help us meet our day to day operating costs. Rush City is an amazing school district that provides an incredible educational program as well as a variety of extra curricular opportunities such as music, band, choir, drama and sports. We have many points of pride such as optimal class sizes and above state average graduation rates – 2016 & 2017 was virtually 100%! We provide individual and personalized support to our students, access to activities for ALL students, 1:1 Technology to enhance learning, communication and parental involvement, and we have staff of the highest quality. However, we are concerned about the fact that we lost 6 teachers over the summer and our lack of staff development budget severely impacts our ability to provide ongoing training for our teachers. So WHY do we need the operating referendum? You may be thinking – “with all of those points of pride we seem to be doing OK”. We are only doing OK because our school board have been incredible stewards of the tax dollars we receive and our staff go above and beyond to fill in any gaps for our students and programs. This will not last. We have already begun to see signs of what lies ahead due to the lack of funding we receive from the state. In order to have a balanced budget for the 2017/2018 school year, we did not replace two teachers that resigned from the Elementary School. We do not want to see this trend continue. Rush City remains one of the lowest funded school districts in the state. And without having an operating referendum we are not accessing matching dollars that would help our schools. 18% of the new revenue will come from the state (not the tax payers) ONLY if we pass the referendum. Information regarding the need for the operating referendum will be shared with Rush City School district residents in many forms, yet we are always here to answer your individual questions. We encourage you to call the district office at 320-358-4855 or contact one of your school board members. Our school board truly cares about our community, our schools and especially our students. They passed the resolution for the operating referendum to ensure we preserve strong, high quality schools for Rush City. Thank you for your ongoing support. We need it now more than ever.

## Rehabilitation Grant Funding

The City of Rush City was approved for funding through the MN Small Cities Development Program for minor rehabilitation of 5 single family homes, 4 single family rental homes and 7 commercial buildings in designated areas within the City. The funds can be used for accessibility improvements, electrical and plumbing repairs, window, door and energy conservation improvements, roof repairs and other minor improvements. At this time, the City is requesting



additional applicants for the single family home grants. The homes have to be owner occupied and located south of 3rd Street, west of Frandsen Avenue, north of Rush Creek and east of the Fairview Clinic. (Please see the area outlined in red in the map.) There are also income limits and other restrictions. The maximum grant amount is \$18,000. Please call the Chisago County HRA/EDA at 651-674-5664 or City Hall at 320-358-4743 for more information or to request an application packet.

## Rush City Garden Club's Annual October Fest!



October 7th from 10:00 am - 1:00pm at the Rushseba Town Hall  
This is your chance to buy decorated pumpkins, dried flower arrangements and locally grown produce. Don't miss out!

The Rush City Garden Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are held at the Rushseba Town Hall, 51445 Forest Blvd, Rush City, MN. Meetings are open to the public. Join us! September 21st we are going to Aamodt's Apple Orchard in Stillwater. Contact Jean Hoffman at 320-358-3189.

## First Evangelical Lutheran Church Fall Activities

### Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 10th!

Worship at 9am, Breakfast at 10am  
Join us for food, fun and fellowship.  
Learn about fall classes and volunteer opportunities for all ages.

### Turkey Dinner Sunday, October 1st!

11:00am - 1:30pm  
Advance Sales: Age 12 + \$10, 5-11 years, \$4  
At the Door: Age 12 + \$11, 5-11 years \$4  
Age 4 and under are free!

1000 S. Jay Avenue, Rush City - All are welcome!

Have you seen our new  
**Community Garden?**

Your Rush City neighbors have been busy planting and weeding our new garden, located at the corner of Dana Ave. and 5th Street. While utilizing funds provided by the City, many folks have volunteered their time and efforts to make this new garden a success. Stop by and take a look! Feel free to take a moment to dead head or pull a weed or two. Any help is greatly appreciated!



**Free Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thursday, November 23rd  
11:00am-1:00pm at the  
Rushseba Town Hall

Enjoy turkey, dressing,  
mashed potatoes & gravy,  
squash, cranberries,  
vegetable, bread, pie, and  
beverage.

Transportation or home  
delivery is also available.

Brought to you by Rush City  
Area Churches and funded by  
Thrivant Financial and the  
Rush City Lions Club.



**RAFFLE!**  
with great prizes  
**\$500**  
Holiday Station  
Card  
**\$300 Cash**  
and MORE!

**Rush City Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

**Fun!**  
**Food!**

**Family Friendly**

**Fall Festival!**  
Sunday September 17 — 10 am to 2 pm

**Yum!** serving **BRASS RAIL** **Yum!**  
**Signature Broasted Chicken**

**Kid's Games** 25 cents!  
**YAY!**

**Silent Auction**

**Adult Games**  
Bottle Blast  
(with Wine & Spirits)

**Country Store**  
with Unusual  
Items

**BINGO!**  
Card Games!  
MORE!

**FREE Admission — Open to ALL**  
Festival starts immediately after 9 am Mass

Raffle tickets available  
in advance  
at the Parish House



Employees from Rush City's own Ardent Mills and Innovative Basement Solutions took time from their busy weekend to build two play structures for our community children to use. Both structures were funded by the Rush City Park Board. The first completed structure is located on Keller Ave., just North of Cty. Rd. 7. The second will be located on 6th Street, just east of Holiday in the Rush Creek Bluff development. They will soon have signs to let area residents know that these are for everyone to use and enjoy!

**Rush City's Bountiful Boutiques**

November 3rd-5th, 2017

Friday: 3pm-7pm . After Hours Event 7pm-9pm

Saturday: 9am-5pm . Sunday: 11am-3pm



Pop up boutiques in unique and historic locations in Rush City, MN  
Offering an array of high quality and handcrafted goods

**The Hunting Widow's Boutique**

at Rushseba Town Hall , 51533 Forest Blvd

**Positively 4th Street** . 275 W 4th St

**The Raven's Nest** . 775 S Bremer Ave

**The Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl** . 1270 W 3rd St

[www.facebook.com/rushcitysbountifulboutiques](http://www.facebook.com/rushcitysbountifulboutiques)

[bountifulboutiques@gmail.com](mailto:bountifulboutiques@gmail.com)

320-358-4406



**American Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

1st Lutheran Church  
1000 S. Jay Avenue

Monday, September 11th

1:00-7:00pm

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.



**THE ESTATES**

AT RUSH CITY

Formerly known as Golden Living Center

**OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, September 14th

2:00 pm until 6:00 pm

650 S Bremer Ave

Rush City, MN 55069

320-358-4765

Come join the Estates at Rush City for a fun afternoon!  
There will be food, fun and activities for the whole family. Come and visit with the residents and take a moment to look at all the exciting changes that are happening!



# Rush City Library - It's a Happening Place!

**Lapsit:** Join volunteer, Miss Kari, for fingerplays, songs, baby sign language and stories that provide enjoyable early literacy opportunities for your baby or young toddler!

- Especially for an adult with a child aged birth-24 months
- Tuesday, 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- September 12 & 26; October 24; November 14 & 28



**Preschool Storytime:** Library staff and volunteers provide learning that's fun using stories, songs, fingerplays, a take-home craft, and early childhood STEM activity centers!

- Children 3-5 years of age (Siblings are welcome with adult supervision)
- Tuesday & Wednesday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Two opportunities to enjoy the same theme.)
  - September 12 & 13 – *Rockin' Robots!*
  - October 10 & 11 – *Mixed Up Monsters!*
  - November 14 & 15 – *Turkeys and Chickens and Ducks, Oh my!*

## Region-Wide Read!

Join library patrons throughout the East Central Regional Library region as we read, discuss and learn through programs and activities surrounding the book *"Ice-Out"* by Minnesota author Mary Casanova.

**About *Ice-Out*:** *Walking on thin ice*: On Rainy Lake in the northern reaches of Minnesota, it's more than a saying. And for Owen Jensen, nineteen and suddenly responsible for keeping his mother and five brothers alive, the ice is thin indeed. Inspired by real events in early 1920's Minnesota and by Mary Casanova's own family history, *Ice-Out* is at once a story of young romance against terrible odds and true grit on the border between license and responsibility, rich and poor, and right and wrong in early twentieth-century America.

- The Region-Wide Read officially runs September 15-November 15 and is being made possible with funds from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage (Legacy) Fund.
- Multiple copies of "Ice Out" will be available in print and digital formats; this title has not been produced in audio format.

**Programs related to The Read will be held at the Rush City library, as follows:**

- Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. – Join other local readers for a Book Discussion around "Ice Out" and enjoy refreshments provided by the Rush City Friends of the Library.
- Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. – **Norah Rendell and the Lost Forty**. The trio features Live Ireland's "Best Irish Vocalist of 2011 and 2012," Canadian singer and flutist Norah Rendell, with multi-instrumentalists Brian Miller and Randy Gosa. The group will perform songs inspired by the cultural heritage of the Great Lakes and share a multi-media presentation. **Note: The location for this event is still TBD**, so be sure to check with your local library as it draws near. Funding for this event is provided, in part, from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage (Legacy) Fund.
- Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. – **Minnesota Ice Fishing Clinic**. John Frank, Minnesota DNR Fisheries Specialist, will present information for a beginning ice fishing enthusiast--ranging from ice safety to equipment needed--as well as tips for the more experienced ice fisher. Tap into the knowledge of a local expert during this Community Read event and then get ready to fish! Sponsored by Rush City Friends of the Library who will also provide refreshments.

LOVE  
the LIBRARY



## Library Legos!

Join Mr. Tim and put your creativity to the test to create awesome masterpieces using Legos!

- Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. – September 9, October 14, November 4

## Super Saturdays!

Super Saturdays are themed events, held one Saturday each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. They are especially suitable for kids 6-10 years and last about 75 minutes.

Please stop by the library to **register by the Wednesday prior to each Super Saturday**, or call us at 320.358.3948 (ask to be connected to the Rush City Library). Knowing how many children to expect helps as we prepare supplies and refreshments.

- **September 16:** *Fiesta Time! Celebrate Mexico's Independence Day*
- **October 28:** *Shivery Stories & Monstrous Fun!*
- **November 25:** *Festive Tom-Fowlery!*

## Learn Something New!

**Did you know...** Your regional library recently launched two new online resources for lifelong learners? Here is a brief bit about each. Stop by the library or explore online for more information!

**Universal Class**, an online continuing education service, and **Atomic Learning**, a comprehensive online database of how-to training tutorials covering popular software programs, are now available for East Central Regional Library residents with their library card.



**Universal Class:** Through the library's website, ECRL patrons have access to lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which offer continuing education units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter. **Universal Class** includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests, and options for social media interaction with other learners. You may take multiple classes and learn at your own pace.

From courses on digital photography to babysitting 101, a huge range of topics is available. **Universal Class** offers courses in Exercise and Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Music, Home and Garden Care, Cooking, Computers and Technology, Health and Medicine, Homeschooling, Job Assistance, Law and Legal, Parenting and Family, Pet and Animal Care, plus hundreds more. You can even take Canoeing 101!

**Atomic Training** is a comprehensive online database of how-to training tutorials covering popular Microsoft, Apple, Adobe and Google software programs. ECRL patrons will have unlimited access to these videos in the library or anywhere with an internet connection. With in-depth software training tutorials to fit users' needs, these videos help all ages improve job skills and become more proficient in basic computer applications. Mobile device training is also available, allowing you to learn how to get the most out of your smartphones and tablets.

## Rush City Food Shelf

MANY thanks again to our generous sponsors--Rush City Auto (Todd Johnston), East Central Sports (Mac Johnston), R&GWeiner Construction (Rick and Gin), MCM Carnival Midway(John Magel), the Chisago County Fair Board and new this year, Polaris Industries! Year 3 of this Kids Day Promotion at the Chisago County Fair was again a huge success for the Rush City Food Shelf. Sponsors paid a \$10 discount on every \$20 unlimited ride wristband if the rider donated a food item to the RCFS. 566 kids participated, many that probably could not have afforded this fun fair experience otherwise.

Thanks, also, to our own Rush City Food Shelf gardeners: Carolyn Thiel, Deb Smuder, and Bev Anderson. Cashmere Haven in Harris supplied many plants too. GARDENERS: RCFS always appreciates ANY fresh produce you would share!

November 3,4,5 will be the 3rd annual "Bountiful Boutiques" at 4 Rush City locations. RCFS benefits from the sales at The Raven's Nest, Chuckers and the After Hours Wine and Chocolate Event, and at the newly opened Positively 4th Street Vintage, Retro, Gallery Gift and Thrift store. Tasty, beautiful, handmade & unique items just in time for the holiday season! Details at the website BountifulBoutiques.com.

Rush City Food Shelf is an ALL-volunteer, ALL-donation non-profit 501(c)3 organization so all donations are tax-deductible. Every \$1 received buys nearly \$9 of food at the Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. Please mail donations to RCFS, P.O.Box 178, Rush City, MN 55069. Call 320-358-4428 or email [rushcityfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:rushcityfoodshelf@gmail.com) for more info.



The Rush City Education Foundation (RCEF) is a non-profit organization with the purpose of enhancing educational opportunities for students of the Rush City Area Schools – in the classroom and beyond – and encouraging them to achieve excellence.

To date the Rush City Education Foundation has awarded 18 grants totaling \$17,435 to CE Jacobson Elementary School and Rush City High School. Many of the grants are used for equipment and programs that benefit a large number of students each year.

Our next grant deadline is October 26, 2017. Applications and guidelines can be found online at: [www.rushcityeducationfoundation.org/grants](http://www.rushcityeducationfoundation.org/grants).

There were four \$1,000 scholarships awarded in 2017:  
Bev Proulx Scholarship ~ Ellie Scheffer  
Schneider Memorial ~ Desi Lindell  
Biese Memorial ~ Jennifer Tryon  
RCEF Scholarship ~ Lydia Moe

Consider making a donation to the foundation. We are a non-profit organization reaching hundreds of students here in our community. Information can be found at: [www.rushcityeducationfoundation.org/how-to-help/donate-general-gift/](http://www.rushcityeducationfoundation.org/how-to-help/donate-general-gift/)

Want to become a part of the Rush City Education Foundation or are you interested in finding out more about us? Contact us at [rushcityeducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:rushcityeducationfoundation@gmail.com)  
Mission: To promote and enhance student achievement and invest in educational excellence.

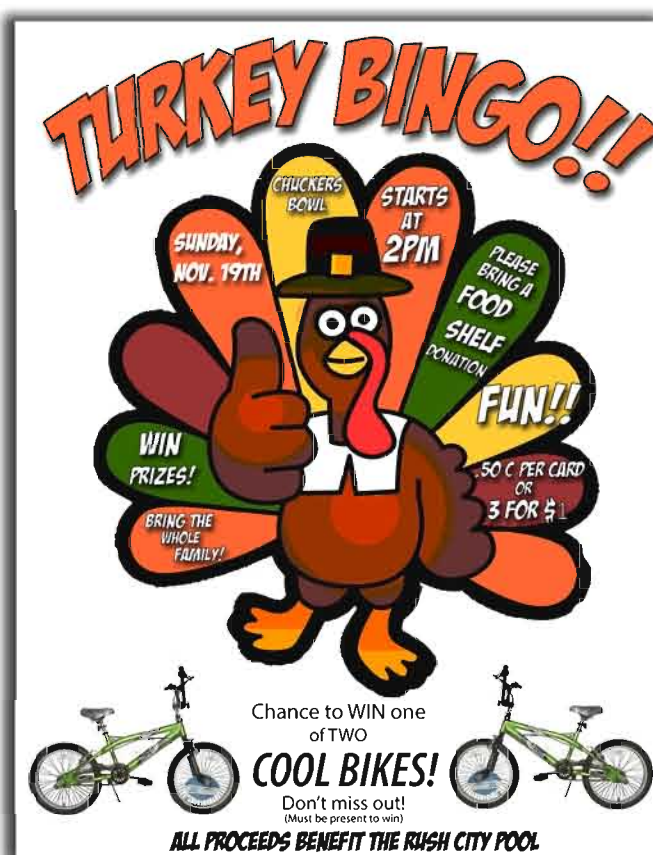


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St. Croix River Education District  
and We "R" Able

**Saturday, September 9th**  
9:00 am start time

Start and finish at the Rush City Park on Dana Avenue/4th Street. Registration is now open. Visit [www.scred.k12.mn.us](http://www.scred.k12.mn.us) or call 320-358-1211



# Notes from the Sheriff's Office

by Sgt. Jason Foster



## Safe Bicycling

Minnesota law gives bicyclists the same rights and privileges as drivers of other vehicles, except for differences specified in the law. Cyclists must be familiar with and obey all traffic laws applying to using the road.

### Highlights of the law:

Ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when passing, preparing for a left turn or avoiding objects, other vehicles or pedestrians.

Travel in the same direction as other traffic on the roadway.

When riding on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk, yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and call out to them when preparing to pass.

Ride no more than two abreast and do not impede traffic.

Parents, please talk to your children about safe bicycling habits, especially the importance of yielding to traffic when crossing intersections. Children on bikes are not always easily visible. Children should not assume drivers will see them and yield.

### But I Don't Want to Wear a Helmet!

Getting kids to wear bicycle helmets can sometimes be a battle. But bicycle helmets are not an option when it comes to keeping your children safe. Starting helmet safety the moment your child sits on his first tricycle or bicycle is the way to create a lifelong helmet wearer. The Snell Memorial Foundation and Safety Education Center reports the number of bicycle head injuries annually that require hospitalization "exceeds the total of all head injury cases -- including those from baseball, football, skateboards, scooters, horseback riding, snowboarding, ice hockey, in-line skating and lacrosse."




## Christmas Concert

Enjoy listening to blue grass, country and gospel music. All proceeds benefit Fostering Families, Inc. which enhances the lives of children and families by strengthening the roots of the foster care system. We hope to see you there!



Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00pm  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
980 W. 4th Street


Featured Students:



**Zineddine**  
15, Male, France  
Program Length: Academic Year  
Interests & Hobbies: Music, Soccer, Football

### Host an Exchange Student with Ayusa

I work for a nonprofit called Ayusa that is looking for American families to volunteer to host foreign exchange students from more than 60 countries. Please watch this 2-minute video and see if hosting might be right for you or someone you know:  
<http://www.youtube.com/ayusainternational>  
If you have ever considered hosting, we can help you through it and you will be on your way to having an experience to last a lifetime! If you refer a family to us and they host, we will pay you \$200!! I am your local Community Representative and would be happy to work with you.



**Jenny**  
16, Female, Germany  
Program Length: Academic Year  
Interests & Hobbies: Horseback Riding, Photography

**Ayusa**  
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## #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](http://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.

<b>Fiction:</b>	<b>Fact:</b>
Groundwater always flows from north to south.	Depending on location, groundwater can flow in any direction, but usually follows land contours.
Groundwater comes all the way from Canada and Lake Superior	Most groundwater originates as local precipitation that seeps into the ground and reaches the water table.
Groundwater flows in underground caverns and rivers.	Groundwater flows through cracks and pores between soil and rock particles.
Most groundwater drawn from wells has been underground thousands of years.	Most ground water drawn from wells has been underground a few years to a few decades.
Groundwater is always pure because soil filters out all impurities.	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.