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North Mankato Cancels Fun Days Celebration Officials cite public health, safety

North Mankato, Minn. The City of North Mankato and the North Mankato Civic and Commerce Association today announced the cancelation the 2020 Fun Days celebration due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"The safety of our guests, volunteers and staff has always been our highest priority," says Denny Kemp, Fun Days Co-Coordinator. "In an abundance of caution, and with the ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic, we feel this difficult decision is in the best interest of our community."

Fun Days began in 1965, and was first held to thank members of the community who helped save North Mankato from severe flooding. Since then Fun Days has grown to one of largest and most anticipated regional events of the summer. This year's Fun Days had been scheduled from July 8 to 12.

"The meaning of Fun Days - as a way to recognize and celebrate those who make our community great - continues even though we are cancelling the 2020 events," says Mark Dehen, Mayor of North Mankato. "We are grateful for the hard work of our staff, the commitment of our volunteers and the support of our residents year-round. I look forward to a large, public celebration of Fun Days next year."

Residents are encouraged to participate in one activity associated with Fun Days; contributing to the Echo Food Shelf.

"Our Pile it On effort directly helps individuals and families in our local communities," says Kemp. "We encourage people to donate to the Echo Food Shelf by sending them a check at P.O. Box 3212, Mankato, MN 56002, or dropping off your donation at 1014 South Front Street in Mankato."

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