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Announcements



Family Six Pack Summer Fun DRAWING

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• Lawn Water Restrictions through September 15:

-- EVEN ending address number water on Even days
-- ODD ending address number water on Odd days

-- Homeowner Associations follow the odd-even sprinkling bans or set control to 50%

EXCEPTIONS – Newly seeded/sod areas

New trees and shrubs

PENALTY - \$50.00 after first warning

• Pavilion at Memorial Park

Open for renting only on Saturday and Sunday

Check City's website for more information www.cityofdundas.org

City Council – Regular Meeting
September 13 at 7:00p.m.



(schedule of events on pg. 7)

Do you have an announcement?

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Dundas City Council Gets First Look at 2022 Levy

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

The Dundas City Council met on July 26 and the members received their first look at the city's proposed general fund levy for 2022.

Dundas City Administrator Jenelle Teppen

said the process began in May with discussions among councilors about what they would like to see in the budget, and as department heads evaluated the needs for their areas. The numbers then came to Teppen who put together an overview of

what the initial budget could look like. What was presented to the council on Monday, she said, was the initial review of the big picture. (continued on page 9)

Defeat of Jesse James Days Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to Ray Ozmun, recipient of this year's Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award!

JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD BANQUET

will be 6:30pm (doors open 5pm),

Wednesday, September 8 at Northfield Ballroom,

Highway 3 North. Prepaid Reservations.

BUTTON EVENT • \$125 Pin Drawing,

Auction of Defeat of Jesse James Days Collector

Buttons Numbers 1 through 5



Open House at Dundas City Hall

100 Railway Street N

Wednesday,

September 22nd

5:00-7:00 PM

Everyone's invited!

Rice County Steam & Gas Show Returns Sept. 3, 4, 5, 2021

The Rice County Steam and Gas Show will return this year. Located just south of Dundas on



Highway 3, the show grounds will be busy with activity including the Flea Market, Tractor Pull, Kids Pedal Pull, Hands-On Demonstrations, Live Music, Food Vendors and More.

Complete detail can be found on their website: www.ricecountysteamandgas.com

THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

After a year of cancelled events, the popular Labor Day Weekend show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Friday, September 3rd, 2021.

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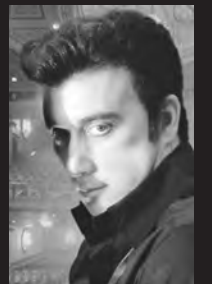
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Who Am I?

Have you ever said "I believe _____" but your actions didn't follow up? Every single one of us has. It's too common, it's sadly kind of expected. "Yeah, Pastor, nobody is perfect...we all do that...it's no big deal." This excuse to behavior doesn't work well anywhere else in my life. 'Hey, son, I know I missed your graduation, but nobody is perfect.' 'Hey, Gary, I know I forgot our anniversary, but nobody is perfect.'

What is it with excuses? Florence Nightingale was asked about what helped her stay the course - what helped her live out what she believed. she said, "I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse."

What if we decided to be as committed as that - to have no excuses, to really spend time on our faith commitment; to be in a close relationship with God. But- life happens—stuff just gets piled up and in the way. We get confused about life. We struggle with temptation. We have good intentions, and we struggle with the follow through- it's easy to make excuses for why our relationship with God isn't growing. Part of our problem is that we don't know who we are- we have a difficult time recognizing and accepting who God says we are, we have a mistaken identity. This is not a new problem- Jesus introduced himself to a woman that had a mistaken identity. You can read about her in John chapter 4.

Jesus and his disciples had been walking all morning. Jesus is tired and thirsty, and He stops at Jacob's Well. The disciples go into the town to get some food for lunch.

"Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because His disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

Right away she is

using identity words: You're a Jew. I'm a Samaritan.

John 4:10, "Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." Jesus essentially says, "Oh, you think life is all about being a Jew or a Samaritan? There's a bigger picture.

When the woman addresses Jesus, she leads with titles and identities established on earth – man-made titles. Jesus changes the subject and essentially says... Our identity is connected to eternity. In other words, our identity isn't defined by our bad experiences. Our identity shouldn't be crafted from cravings or desires, or by what we own or our family origins.

Jesus came to give us a new identity, the best identity! When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we become a part of His family. We are new creations, pure and holy, through His blood shed for us. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:16-18, "So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him." Paul says that once we are Jesus followers, we stop looking at people through our human point of view- instead we look at them through Jesus eyes. We are a new person- our old life is gone- dead and buried- not to be resurrected!!! God gives us a new life- we are a new person in Jesus Christ. Our true identity doesn't really emerge until we believe in Jesus and accept Him. When we're struggling with who we are- we need to look to our Creator, He has the best answer for who we are. Life will hand us struggles and hard times: someone dumps you or you get fired, your mistreated or overlooked. No matter the struggle or the awfulness of a situation remember: You are still His. When the good times come, you are still His, when life is full and amazing or you're at the top of the mountain, You are His during the good times too! Don't forget whose you are:

When you feel defeated: Remember who

you are!

When you feel overwhelmed: Remember who you are!

When you feel ashamed- you've taken a wrong turn: Remember who you are!

When you get up tomorrow: Remember who you are!

When you look in the mirror: Remember who you are: You are a son, you are a daughter of the King of Kings, you are a

child of God!!! He is with you and will guide you and shape you to become all that He has created you for!!!

Surrender yourself to Jesus Christ. He will make you new- He will give you your true identity. You are more than your circumstances- you are a son of God; you are a daughter of God! Now live like it! No excuses... Remember who and whose you are!!!

Area Church Directory

Be Strong and Courageous

"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

It's natural to have some fear or apprehension at the beginning of a new task. We may ask ourselves questions like "What if I don't know what to do?" or "What if I'm not good enough?" Every time I stand up in front of a group of people to present something—whether it's a sermon, a lecture, or a presentation of some kind—those questions run through my head and are accompanied by fear and doubt.

In our passage today Joshua had just been told that Moses, the leader of God's people, was dead. And now God told Joshua that he would be the one to lead the people. What a huge task! We couldn't blame Joshua for at least having a little fear. But God tells him to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid or discouraged. And this encouragement is more than a pep talk. This is God's promise to Joshua that wherever he goes in the new land that God would bring them into—and however hard the task before him would be—God would always be right there with him.

We face difficulties all the time—at work and school, and with our families and friends. We have many opportunities to be discouraged and afraid. But God's promise to us is the same as it was to Joshua: God will be with us wherever we go.

And if God is with us, what do we have to fear?

Prayer: Ever-present God, you promise to be with us wherever we go. Help us to remember this truth in the difficult tasks that lie ahead of us each day. Amen.

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- The 2021 Memorial Park Pavilion reservation season is only on weekends starting May 1 through September 26.
- Reservations will be accepted via phone at 507-645-2852 from Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Payment and required signed forms need to be submitted to City Hall with 5 days.
- The city will continue to closely monitor the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines to inform all future decisions on Pavilion Rentals.
- All rental occupants must adhere to current public health guidance on event capacities, social distancing, and usage of face coverings.
- The city will continue to closely monitor the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines to inform all future decisions on Pavilion rental.

How to Reserve the Memorial Park Pavilion

- Reserving a Pavilion or Building: Due to ever-changing guidelines related to COVID-19, we cannot accept online reservations at this time. Please call 507-645-2852 or email cityhall@dunda.us for assistance. Phone reservation hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. & Fridays 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Rental Cost and Deposit

Rentals include the cost of the Pavilion rental plus tax and a sanitizing fee. Please note two payments are needed to secure a reservation. The first is for the rental cost and sanitation fee of \$167.00 for the Pavilion and the other is for the deposit of \$150.00. The city only accepts checks/money orders or cash for payment.

- All Day: \$95.00 + \$7.00 (Sales tax)
- Sanitizing Fee: \$65.00
- Deposit: \$150.00 (separate check or cash)

Rental Sessions

Rentals for 2021 are only for Saturday and Sunday. Please note setup and cleanup need to be completed within your rental time of 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Steps to Rent the Pavilion

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Make Customer Service An Everyday Occurrence



By Harvey Mackay

Comedy writer Bob Orben had an interesting take on customer service: "You go to a coin-operated store and wash and dry your clothes. Then you go to a filling station where you pump your own gas. And on to a fast-food restaurant where you carry your own tray. And what is it being called? A service economy!"

The irony has not escaped customers, who will be the final arbiter of the current options.

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend. The CRM Buyer website reports that

researchers surveyed more than 24,000 consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human being instead of an automated system.

Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.

Sixty-eight percent believe they're more likely to get a better deal when negotiating in person instead of online.

Eighteen percent said they would renew products or services because of good personal customer service, even if they were more expensive.

Good, personalized customer service is that important.

Companies are facing new and serious issues meeting the expectations of customers in the current climate. Hiring difficulties, pandemic restrictions, merchandise shortages and financial challenges have made many organizations rethink their practices. And stressed employees need support more than ever as they handle extra work and procedures.

In addition, customers who got accustomed to online shopping and home delivery have meant many businesses have had to make adjustments to the services they offer.

Those challenges aren't disappearing soon.

And an unhappy customer who receives poor service can make or break a business. Bad online reviews can cripple an otherwise thriving business.

So the one constant that must not suffer in the midst of all these obstacles is good customer service. There are some fundamen-

tals to keep in mind to achieve that goal.

Hire the right people. The rule is you either hire smart or manage tough. Hiring smart is better, but it requires you to know what you're looking for and to recognize the skills and attitude you want. Look at experience and listen to your gut.

Keep score. If you don't measure performance, your team will be in perpetual warm-up mode. Let employees know what they're being measured on and how it is relevant to them, their customers, and the organization's bottom line.

Reward. Make sure you reward the desired outcome. For instance, if you want your salespeople to create relationships and long-term accounts, reward them with back-end commissions, bonuses or some form of appreciation.

Practice what you preach. If you want a motivated customer service rep, you need to be motivated yourself first. Are you genuinely excited about the work your group produces? You need to love your customers, because if you're not sincerely motivated yourself, you'll never motivate other people to provide excellent service.

Being put on hold on the phone is a pet peeve for most of us. Although you may have to put a client or customer on hold, offer them the courtesy of waiting or getting a call-back.

Give employees the power to actually serve the customer's needs.

Steve Hardison, who went on to become a successful executive coach, began his career in sales at Xerox. Product returns were against company policy at the time, but according to a story in the Chicago Tribune, one day Hardison decided to let one of his customers return a copier regard-



less of the rule. When his boss demanded an explanation, Hardison said, "If I lose a job because I took care of a customer, then I never had a job."

The next day his boss's boss called him into his office. Hardison fully expected to get fired. Instead, the executive said, "I wish I had more people like you." His reputation for honesty and integrity was made.

Referring to a column on customer service a few years back, one of my loyal readers sent me an email about the power of personal touch. He and his wife serve on the welcoming committee at their church. Before each service, they try to greet as many people as they can with "happiness and appreciation," visitors or members alike.

He mentioned an occasion on vacation when attending another church, only one person spoke to them. As they left, the pastor greeted them, and that made all the difference in the world.

Mackay's Moral: Make "at your service" your motto.

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Avoid Pruning Trees in Drought



Teri Knight

gardenbite

Minnesota is in tough shape. Only far southeastern Minnesota is okay. Most of the rest of the state is in severe to extreme drought.

You've likely seen your stress on your trees and shrubs. My hydrangeas are unhappy, leaves have started to drop on trees too early. Other signs include leaf curling, wilting and discoloration. Some will produce extra seeds.

The University of Minnesota Extension has put out a warning to homeowners not to prune any trees until the drought is over. That means we currently need 5 to 8 inches of rain in 4 weeks to end it. That looks unlikely.

A rule of thumb is to water them slowly and deeply about 10 gallons of water for each inch of the "established" tree's diameter about every 7 days. Likely that hasn't been happening. I know I haven't.

I HAVE watered my trees and shrubs planted less than 3 years ago.

When trees are stressed during a drought, they are more susceptible to disease and insects. Pruning can increase that risk further. You can prune out dead branches but that's it. Trees can sometimes lose all their leaves to drought and recover; sometimes not.

If a tree is severely stressed and drops all of its leaves, it may be unable to produce enough photosynthates to properly harden off and survive the upcoming winter. Leaf drop is how the tree is trying to help itself, they're shedding the part that needs water.

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



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THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

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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.espk.com), with Chris Olson.

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison the past few years 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 Friday, September 3. 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 his 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 September 3rd.

Advance Tickets are just \$20.00. \$25.00 Day of Show. Call Fireside at 507-645-9992 or e-mail them at firesideloungedennison@gmail.com to order tickets.

You can also make dinner reservations that evening ahead of the show.

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Drop and Reservations **BUTTON EVENT**
\$125 (in Drawing, Auction of Defeat of Jesse James Days Collector Buttons Numbers 1 through 5)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER "The Original DJJD Townie Night" **BUTTON EVENT**

5pm-12pm 5th & Water Street (valid ID req'd)
5pm-8pm see www.djld.org for ticket sale locations
8pm-12am *Oliver Twist*

GIDDY UP HORSE RACES

Registration 5pm Location TBD **BUTTON EVENT**
Button required for all participants

CLASSIC CAR CRUISE 5pm line up, Location TBD, 6:30pm cruise begins for a 1-hour cruise. Free will donation welcome. Route can be found at www.djld.org

CARNIVAL 5pm Highway 3 & 5th Street

6-10pm "Wish Band Night" See www.djld.org for ticket sale locations

PEDESTAL TRACTOR PULL 5:30pm between 4th & 5th Streets on Division

BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE 6pm-Midnight

THURSDAY NIGHT TIDUNDER Devotion between 5th & 6th Streets

6-9pm Meet local history experts and get the most family fun with autographs and games.

A HISTORY OF THE ARCHER HOUSE

6:20pm Northfield Library, Donkey Room, 100 Washington St.
Local author and historian laurent L. Standahl will present a history of the Archer House.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

AMBASSADOR JAMES GANG SCHOOL VISITS 9am-10pm

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER 4pm-1am **BUTTON EVENT**

5th & Water Street (valid ID req'd)

8:30pm-12:30am *Antebellum*

CARNIVAL 5pm Highway 3 & 5th Street

BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE 6pm-MIDNIGHT

P.R.C.A. PROFESSIONAL RODEO 8pm Jesse James Arena, Hwy 3 South

"SAVE A CUP OF THE ROOT" NIGHT. A formal dinner for Northfield High School's Bears. Care and Enclosure Centers donate and show your support. General admission presale tickets: adults \$20, child \$14 (ages 3-10) under 2 free, available at Northfield Antebellum, Family Tax Supermarket and Ziggy's. Some-day tickets available at race grounds 2 hours prior to performance.

ROBERT GRUBBS MEMORIAL GAR OPEN even before and after race (valid ID req'd)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

RAIDER HERBY Registration 7:00am, Race begins 9am

5-8pm car show, 5th & Division St. (at Highflow School) **BUTTON EVENT**

Button required for all participants

DEFEAT OF JESSE JAMES DAYS CAR SHOW

5-8pm on Car Club, 6am-3pm Riverside Deck.

Admission: \$2 **BUTTON EVENT**

11am-12pm free set up for adult

37TH ANNUAL ARTS, CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW

9am-3pm Central Park, 4th & 5th Street

MIDDLE PARADE 9:30am 5th & Division Streets

VINTAGE BASEBALL (1873 Rules) Spring Creek Park

11am Northfield Silver Stars vs St. Croix Base Ball Club

NORTHFIELD ARTS GUILD RIVERFRONT FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 10am-5pm

Central River Walkway. More info at northfieldarts.org, 11am

CARNIVAL 11am Highway 3 South Street

BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE NOON-MIDNIGHT

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT NOON Entertainment Center

Must pre-register through djld.org. Registration opens August 1st
17 teams limited. **BUTTON EVENT**

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER NOON-1am **BUTTON EVENT**

5th & Water Street (valid ID req'd)

7-9pm *Reveries*

8pm-1am *Oliver Twist* & *The Minnesota Transplants*

P.R.C.A. PROFESSIONAL RODEO 2pm Jesse James Arena, Highway 3 South

Free cowboy hat to first 150 paid bleacher admissions from Elaine Realy. General admission presale tickets: adults \$20, child \$14 (ages 3-10) under 2 free, available at Northfield Antebellum, Family Tax Supermarket and Ziggy's. Some-day tickets available at race grounds 2 hours prior to performance.

DJJD BEARD CONTEST 2pm on Street

6pm following final bank (admission: \$1-\$375 entry fees include coffee and hot shot). Details at djld.org

P.R.C.A. PROFESSIONAL RODEO 8pm Jesse James Arena, Hwy 3 South

"TRIBUTE TO THE REMEMBERS" NIGHT (20th Anniversary of 9/11)
General admission presale tickets: adults \$20, child \$14 (ages 3-10) under 2 free, available at Northfield Antebellum, Family Tax Supermarket and Ziggy's. Some-day tickets available at race grounds 2 hours prior to performance.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

OUTLAW RUN 5K/10K RUN-WALK

Benson & Langebeurg, Forest Home, 301 E. 40th

Registration 6:30-7:30am. Run/Walk begins at 8:00am

More info at www.djld.org

ANTIQUE TRACTOR & TRUCK PULL Registration 7am, Pull 9am

Jesse James Arena, Hwy 3 South **BUTTON EVENT**

VFW BREAKFAST 7:30-11am Adults \$8, Children \$5, Kids 5 free

AMBASSADOR VIP RECEPTION 9am Location TBD

NORTHFIELD ARTS GUILD RIVERFRONT FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

10am-5pm Central River Walkway. More info at northfieldarts.org

37TH ANNUAL ARTS, CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW

11am-4pm Central Park, 4th & 5th Street

CARNIVAL NOON-6pm Highway 3 & 5th Street

BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE NOON-6pm

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER NOON-6pm 5th & Water Street

special concert after the Central Parade by the Antebellum Pipe & Organ (valid ID req'd)

GRAND PARADE 2pm Division Street

RESCUE SQUAD BLACK RACE 15 minutes after parade 4th Street Bridge

15 tickets available at Bingo Stand, set price: 1st \$100, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150.

AMBASSADOR CORONATION 5pm Location TBD

Admission \$5, Children under 5 free **BUTTON EVENT**

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408 Division Street 507-645-9268, www.northfieldhistory.org

See website for admission prices.

Wednesday 10am-5pm

Thursday 10am-4pm, 5-6pm with special admission

Friday 10am-3pm

Saturday 10am-5pm, Vintage DJJD Button Sale 9-11am

Sunday 10am-2pm

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Continuing education in a business or profession is critical for future growth, but trainings can be difficult to participate in when events are held far away or are too costly. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we take pride in hosting a variety of high quality, low-cost training opportunities close to home for entrepreneurs and early childhood professionals here in our 20-county region. At SMIF, we are currently gearing up for fall training events which will be beneficial to many in our region.

For the seventh year in a row SMIF is looking forward to hosting the Entrepreneurial Bridge event, a celebration of entrepreneurial innovation in the region. This year's three keynote speakers are experienced business leaders who will be sharing inspirational stories and practical advice for businesses. Victor Hwang, CEO and founder of Right to Start, will discuss how to create prosperity in our communities by dismantling barriers for everyday Americans. Beth Fynbo, president and founder of Oronoco-based Busy Baby, will be sharing how she turned an idea into a seven-figure business, making it all the way to Shark Tank. Todd Churchill, CFO of BizOpps and CliftonLarsonAllen, is a fierce advocate for rural entrepreneurialism and will be sharing finance and marketing tips that led him to create one of America's first grass-fed beef brands among other ventures.

Carrying the theme of "Voices of Innovation" throughout the event, we will also have a chance to hear from a diverse group of unique southern Minnesota entre-

preneurs, who we are calling "Firestarters." One of these Firestarters is Craig Kaisec, whose Faribault-based hot sauce company, Cry Baby Craig's, was recently featured on CNN Business. Another Firestarter, Mariah Lynne, is the president and CEO of Good Steward Consulting based in Albert Lea, which assists renewable energy development companies with their public outreach vision, goals and implementation. Equal parts training, networking and inspiration, we look forward to hosting the Entrepreneurial Bridge event in Albert Lea on September 28. Registration details and agenda can be found at smifoundation.org/bridge.

SMIF's fall events will continue with an early childhood training series in October and November. Stacy Boysen will share techniques that can help caregivers avoid challenging situations with children. Theresa Peplinski will be discussing how to engage children in a variety of sensory experiences, which are activities that help children learn and develop a greater understanding of the world by using their five senses. We are looking forward to working with Stacy and Theresa, in addition to other dynamic speakers, for this exciting fall series.

We know that in order to deliver quality trainings to early childhood professionals, it is critical to accommodate their schedules. Therefore, in addition to holding these sessions in the evenings, half of these will be in person (in Owatonna, Byron, Faribault and Chatfield) and the other half will be virtual sessions. Individuals can choose to opt in to



as many sessions that they are interested in. One major benefit is that all of these trainings are "Develop-approved", so folks will receive credit for participating, further aiding them in reaching their professional goals. Keep an eye on our website at smifoundation.org/ectrainings for registration details later this summer.

In the 35 years that SMIF has been serving southern Minnesota, our continuing education opportunities have trained thousands of

people in the region. In the past year alone, more than 1,300 entrepreneurs and more than 600 early childhood professionals were trained through SMIF's programming. We know that these trainings have contributed to our region's growth.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.



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**DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 26, 2021
7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall**

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer
Councilors: Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Luke LaCroix, Luke Swartwood
Staff Present: City Engineer John Powell, Administrator Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

**CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, 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 July 12, 2021;
Resolution 2021-21 A Resolution to Accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established Under the American Rescue Plan Act;

Disbursements - \$124,546.78. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

No old business brought before Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
Resolution 2021-22 A Resolution Directing City Staff to Prepare Questions Seeking Clarification from Bridgewater Township Regarding Upcoming Discussions on a Joint Policy

for Sharing the Cost with Respect to Road Maintenance and Other Improvements Adjacent to Annexed Areas Served by Township Roads

Administrator Teppen stated the resolution was requested by Council to direct staff to prepare for upcoming discussion with Bridgewater Township Supervisors on a joint policy for road maintenance and other improvements on roads adjacent to annexed areas served by township roads. She stated Township supervisors will be attending upcoming joint discussion with City's representation Administrator, City Engineer and Mayor.

Motion by Switzer, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2021-22. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

No new business brought before Council.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – John Powell

Powell reported on TSS stating overall nothing was found to be unusual and reason for up and down. He will get pretreatment costs to remove the solids along with requirements from NPFCA (State) on a permit. He reported staff is collecting samples to compare and find sources of the TSS along with reviewing any modification to system. Powell stated Northfield is renewing their permit and reviewing requirements from City.

City Administrator – Jenelle Teppen

Teppen reported NAFRS Board approved a proposal for an organization review of the fire department and hired a consultant. She reported there is consideration on taxing

districts now that the legislature approved stator language.

Teppen reported Rice County will be rezoning several Bridgewater Township properties to be an industrial district.

Teppen reported the purple dinosaur was taken out when the Memorial Park new playground equipment was installed. She indicated the purple dinosaur cannot be reinstalled as certified safe.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Councilor Swartwood requested update on abatement property.

WORK SESSION

2022 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy
Administrator Teppen indicated budget review is the initial step in the process to adopt a preliminary levy for 2022 which must be adopted by September 30 and the final levy adopted by December 20. She stated the levy can only be reduced during the September 30 to December 20 and can't be increased. She reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings on 2022 budget review.

She stated the general fund budget is proposed at 12.67% levy increase, mainly from additions of a full time Public Works Assistant, Capital projects and EDA levy.

Blake Torbeck of AEM reviewed items to consider noting increase in levy and a 3.0% cost of living for nonunion employees. He reviewed Tax Levy Summary noting levy of 2021 was an 11.17% increase compared to 12.67% increase proposed for 2022 Levy. He reviewed the Tax Capacity Impact on Tax Rate increase would be 0.74%. He reviewed the revenue and expenditures including debt service of bonds with amounts payable in 2022. He showed capital improvements with revenue and expenditures for public works, public safety and parks and recreations.

ADJOURN

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. MCU
Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen, City Administrator
Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor

Dundas City Council Gets First Look at 2022 Levy

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Teppen said the preliminary levy is a 12.6% increase over 2021. As Dundas is a growing community, the public works department will be seeking another employee, and she said that is one factor in the increase. The other is the newly re-instated Economic Development Authority, which is levying about \$38,000 to help create a fund that will be used to increase and enhance business development. While the 12.6% increase can look like a very large number, she said it only translates to about \$158,000 in new money for the city's general fund. Still, she conceded that the num-

ber itself might cause some sticker shock. "You know, and in a growing community like Dundas, that has a relatively small tax base when compared to our next door neighbor, Northfield, which has a much larger tax base the increase can look and sound kind of astounding." As this was just the initial presentation, there is still quite a bit of work left to do. The council discussed the budget further at their work session on August 9th, and the preliminary levy number will be set at the meeting on September 13th. She said the final levy will be adopted in December.

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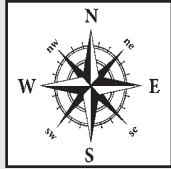


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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Run Aground



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.

The American Cruise Line has big boat that comes past Dover frequently. It is on the Music City Cruise route. The 8-day trip starts at Memphis and heads up the Mississippi to Paducah where it stops for the first night. There the ship passes through the lock into the Cumberland River. It comes down Lake Barkley and stops for a

day at Dover to tour the historical Civil War battlefields. From there it is on to Clarksville and finally to Nashville.

The cruise ship has six decks and 99 cabins, accommodating 190 guests. There are two lounges, a dining room, a café, a library, yoga/fitness room, laundry and four observation/sundecks.

We see many barges coming up and down river on a daily basis and have a couple times passed the cruise ship while piloting our 17' runabout on the river. Our little bowrider has a draft of a couple feet and one makes sure to stay between the marker buoys on the river because even a small runabout can touch bottom in some places. Lake Barkley was formed about seventy years ago when the hydro-electric dam was built on the Cumberland River. Flooding a river will give you a lot wider waterway, but the shoreline can be misleadingly shallow if you are not careful.

So back to the mechanics of boating where the weight of your craft determines the draft, or depth of your hull below the waterline. One assumes if you were piloting a mega-million dollar cruise ship, the captain would be well schooled in avoiding

river bottoms. Really no excuse for a mistake with modern depth finders and navigational tools.

But imagine our amusement in June when the American Jazz Cruise Ship ran aground just outside Dover. Seems the captain steered the ship on the wrong side of the channel buoy and got stuck in the mud. Took a couple Coast Guard tug boats to pull the ship free. And plenty of amusement to the local folk. Moral of the story seems to be if you see a tree growing in the lake, you might be in pretty shallow water.



A Minnesotan: Rain Above the Trees



By RosaLin Alcoser

Watching the rain come down during a thunderstorm from the 11th floor of a high rise apartment building is one of the most anti-climatic experiences of my life. As it would turn out living so high up might give you a nice view of the city but takes away the wonders of watching it rain.

Growing up in rural Minnesota one of my favorite things to do was always sit on the porch or by the window and watch it rain. Getting to watch the droplets of water roll down the glass of the window is the only thing that you can really do from this high up.

There was what should have been a good thunderstorm up in the Twin Cities one morning in late July. So I took my morning coffee and settled by the window to watch it rain. I did this only to find out that the sound of the rain hitting the road while the wind pushes through the leaves creating a damp spray through the air are all lost once you get above tree level.

Now don't get me wrong, living above tree level has its moments; like when balloons get loose from a graduation party and drift past the window as they make a break for freedom. But that comforting feeling of being out on the porch with a steaming cup of coffee watching the rain hit the pathment in the driveway while the trees sway in the wind is completely lost when you live so high up you can watch stray balloons drift in the wind.

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13. Garlic mayo
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15. Echo sounder
16. Beauty shop
17. European Economic Community
18. Falstaffian in body
19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work _____"
21. "So no one told you life was gonna be _____"
23. Pocket watch chain
24. Uncouth one
25. Place to get a massage
28. Boozer
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35. Sharpen
37. Orange powder drink mix
39. Tennis-affected joint
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43. Symphony member
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47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
48. Dines at home
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52. Up to present time
53. Neat
55. Diamond stat
57. "Gee, our old ___ ran great, those were the days"
61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's _____"
65. Loosen laces
66. Opposite of vend
68. Kind of artery
69. One Beatle
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71. Opposite of atonal
72. "Where the kisses are hers and ___ and his, Three's company too"
73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

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1. Brewer's kiln
2. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so ___"
4. Remote in manner
5. S.S. ___ of "Gilligan's Island"
6. Not many (2 words)
7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the ___"
8. Right-hand page
9. Schneider and Reiner
10. Afresh
11. Astronaut's insignia
12. Three pointer
15. Evening party
20. Sad newspaper notices
22. Goes with skip and a jump
24. Without a trace of moisture (2 words)
25. "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to ___"
26. Podium, pl.
27. Concerning, archaic
29. "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your ___"
31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
32. The Beatles' "___ Road"
33. Not a soul (2 words)
34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is ___"
36. "Good ___" cooking show
38. Lady nEe Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
42. Extend subscription
45. Infamous German leader
49. Naught
51. Barley kernels
54. Financial woes
56. Where there's trouble?
57. Verdant
58. Initial stake
59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
60. A snob puts them on
61. Use a keyboard
62. Marine eagle
63. Bibliographical abbr.
64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a ___"
67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning ___!"

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