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Announcements

• City Hall will be closed Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 Holiday

REMINDERS:

• Christmas Tree pickup for two weeks only on January 6 and January 13 with no charge. After January 13, call Dick's Sanitation for arrangement and there will be a charge.

• Wipes clog pipes: Even if they say "flushable," disposable wipes will clog pipes. Prevent costly backups and place wipes in the trash.

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

Memories of Christmas Past

Mary recalls Christmas when she was a child. Sunday School Christmas programs were a big event and always held on Christmas Eve. The children would get a bag of candy and an apple after the program. Her family would then go home to open their own presents. She has two older brothers and four younger sisters in her family.

Christmas Day would be spent together with her dad's family. One of the delicacies they looked forward to was her grandfather's

recipe for plum pudding. He was from England and brought the family recipe with him, a recipe Mary still has to this day. The fruit and currants would take four hours to steam and then he added a hot sauce to the finished dessert.

The children did not get any big presents when they were young. It was during the Great Depression years and most gifts were small items and practical things like clothes.

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Water and Sewer Rate Increase for 2022

The Dundas City Council approved an increase to water and sewer rates for 2022 at their December 13th meeting. The water rates will increase 3% and the sewer rates will increase 4%. This action for the increase is based on the City needing to add an additional full time position in the Public Works Department which is due to the additional growth and development of the City. This position is funded at 60% from water and sewer revenue since the work is related to support/ upkeep/maintenance of the water and sewer operations. New rates will be:

Water Minimum Monthly \$23.51

The minimum monthly is based on usage from 0 to 1,000 gal and will go up \$.68 from \$22.83. New Base Fee \$19.57 + \$3.94/1,000 gal.
Usage after 1,000 gal will be prorated at \$3.94/gal.

Sewer Minimum Monthly \$27.13

The minimum monthly is based on water usage from 0 to 1,000 gal and will go up \$1.04 from \$26.09. New Base Fee \$18.46 + \$8.67/1,000 gal.
Usage after 1,000 gal will be prorated at \$3.94/gal.

Outside Water Usage: From \$5.83 to \$6.00/1,000 gal

Garbage Monthly: No increase

Sample: Based on 5,000 gal usage for water and sewer*

2021 Cost Water \$38.15 vs 2022 cost \$39.27 – Increase \$1.12
2021 Cost Sewer \$51.11 vs 2022 cost \$53.22 – Increase \$2.36

*Total monthly Increase -- \$3.48

This increases will be effective January 2022 and will be reflected on the billing going out at the end of January.

Any question on the rates increases, please call City Hall at 507-645-2852.

Dundas Puts an Eye Toward Business Development

Courtesy of KYMN

The Dundas City Council met and approved the city budget for 2022, along with an 11.9% increase in city property taxes. Dundas City Administrator Jenelle Teppen said the increase is the result of the work being done by the newly revived Dundas Economic Development Authority.

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KYMN Looks to the Future with Video Production

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

KYMN took has taken first step into video broadcasting and created an exciting new facet in the way the station is able to present a live broadcast.

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Come to the Manger: Find Hope

There was a young man who constantly quarreled with his father. Finally, he left home without saying goodbye. He continued to keep in touch with his mom but cut connections with his dad.

After a few years, he wanted to come home for Christmas very badly. But he was afraid his dad would not allow it. His mom wrote to him and urged him to come home. Inside, he felt he couldn't do that until he knew his father had forgiven him. They wrote back and forth a few times about it.

Finally, there wasn't time for any more letters. His mother wrote and said she would talk to his dad. If he had forgiven him, she would tie a white rag on the tree right next to the railroad tracks in their back yard. He would be able to see the tree before the train reached the station. If there were no rag, he would go on and not stop.

The young man started for home. As the train got close to his home, he became so nervous he couldn't look out the window. So he said to his friend who was sitting next to him, "I can't bear to look. Would you sit in my place and look out the window for that big tree in my back yard next to the tracks. Tell me if there is a rag on it or not."

So his friend traded places with him and looked out the window. After a while the friend said, "Oh, I see the tree."

The son asked, "Is there a white rag tied to it?"

For a moment, his friend didn't say anything. Then he turned, and in a soft voice said, "There is a white rag tied to every limb of the tree."

Jesus came to live here on earth, and he made his home, his dwelling, among us. "Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of

them." John 14:23. Jesus said that he comes to live with those that are His followers! God, Father & Son, with come and make their home with each of us that call on the name of the Lord and are His! The God of heaven, the creator of the universe desires to make His home with every person that believes in Him. He is a personal God- He desires a relationship with each of us and just like our family- it begins in our homes- in our hearts! Jesus said that he came to make a home with us! Making a home is far more than the wood, cement, and paint- it's the people inside. It's the people we do life with, fight with, love on, and celebrate and cry with! Making a home is far more than brick and mortar. It's learning to love unconditionally. Learning to put others ahead of ourselves, learning to go the extra mile within the relationship to make things work! That's family, that's home.

Home is where you feel comfortable, it should be where you feel safe to be yourself. Home is the place where you are real and where you are content. Home brings up many pictures of family, fun and good food. Often home is where we return to for holidays. Going home can feel safe- or for some coming home will stir up other memories best left buried.

All of our homes come with challenges and problems, which come from the sin in this world. Many homes have become battle grounds, places of fear and insecurity instead of havens for our troubled spirits. Other homes struggle to get bread on the table, or utilities working. Still others lack love and nurturing that every person needs. But that wasn't the way it was supposed to be. As sin entered the world through Adam- so the world entered the 'homes' of humankind.

Jesus came to bring us that hope. He came to be with us and live in us so that we would be ready for our permanent home in heaven with him someday. He came to give us hope for today and forever. The author of Hebrews 11:1, wrote, "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." Sadly, many are without the hope of Jesus today. And they

turn to other people and things to give them some hope for the future.

The Christian faith is not a hope-so hope, but a know-so hope. It's not like the hope of the world which disappoints but rather it's a hope anchored in God and in the Word of God and in the God who can do all things. The hope we can have only comes through faith.

Hope is about expectation. You don't look forward to things you already possess. Hope requires that we look forward to something and move toward that thing with the assurance that we will eventually acquire it. For believers in Christ, we can give thanks to the Spirit within us, because we are able to put our hope in God and wait patiently to be united with Him. One day everything will be put to right- one day all things will be made new. Until that day we live in hopeful expectation.

We all need a place to call home. We all need a place to feel love and feel cared for. Jesus came to live with us, to give us hope,

to love us and to care for us. He left the comforts of heaven to be born as an infant to a poor Jewish couple and He would be born in a manger in Bethlehem- He came to make his home in our hearts- to be our God so that we would be His people.

This past year may be leaving you feeling broken or isolated. This year may have left you grieving or fearful or hurt. It's ok if to feel sad. You don't have to feel like a downer amid celebration. You can sit at the feet of a Savior who came for you where you are right now. That's how Immanuel works. It's God with us in the dirt giving us hope in the face of despair. "Those who walk in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in spaces of deepest darkness a light has dawned." - Isaiah 9:2

Jesus Christ is our hope for today- and for all our tomorrows. He came to bring hope to our hearts- to our homes and to the darkest pits of our life. He's got tomorrow in His hands- Go to Him- trust Him- Find Hope.

Area Church Directory

Thank You, Lord!

Scripture Reading — 2 Samuel 7:18-29

"Do as you promised, so that your name will be great forever." — 2 Samuel 7:25-26

In the book *A Grace Revealed* Jerry Sittser tells about the tragic deaths of his wife, mother, and daughter in an auto accident. He wondered what could come out of such a horrific ordeal. He settled on redemption as the word that brought him hope: "[God] wants the harsh conditions [of life] to shape us and eventually the whole world into something extraordinarily beautiful. Redemption promises to transform, so completely."

David endured family squabbles, death threats, and many military battles before he experienced a time of rest and peace as Israel's second king. Through it all, he knew "the Lord was with him." And now the Lord had made a promise that his kingdom would endure and his throne would be established forever. The king knew he had to obey God's Word and seek to follow God's will, reminding his people every step of the way. David knew that Israel was "the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself and to make a name for himself." God was working to make something out of David's life and out of this nation for his good purposes all the nations.

Similarly, we are never beyond the redemptive work of David's descendant Jesus in his desire to make something out of us today.

Prayer

Lord, may I trust your redemptive work of always pruning, encouraging, and molding me to serve your good purposes. In Christ's name, Amen.

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Adrian F. Gillen

Adrian F. Gillen, age 92, of Faribault, MN, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Mill City Senior Living.



Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 18th, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at Divine Mercy

Catholic Church in Faribault, MN. Fr. Louis Floeder officiated. Burial followed in St. Lawrence Cemetery, with military honors provided by the Rice County Central Veterans Association. A celebration of life visitation was held at Parker Kohl Funeral Home in Faribault on Friday, December 17th, 2021, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at Divine Mercy on Saturday. For those unable to attend, the service was livestreamed through a link found on Adrian's obituary page.

Adrian Fabian Gillen, son of Sebastian & Cecilia (Wagner) Gillen, was born on March 26th, 1929, on the family farm just north of Faribault in Cannon City Township. He graduated from St. Lawrence School & began his 9th grade year at Bethlehem Academy, leaving school that year when his brother was drafted to help his father with the family farm. His lifelong work in the cemetery began when he and another brother would help the maintenance man from St. Lawrence

with burials. He remembers the first burial he did on his own when he was just 19. In 1954, at the age of 25, he was drafted into the Army and served in Germany in the 79th Engineer Battalion. Following 2 years of service and an honorable discharge, he returned home to resume his work on the farm and in the cemeteries. On August 29th, 1956, he married his forever sweetheart whom he met in Faribault while home on leave, Jeanne Goar at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Faribault. Following their marriage, the couple lived and farmed in rural Faribault where they raised their six children.

He was a devout Catholic and lived his life in humble service. His years of farming ended in the late 80's but his work assisting in the cemeteries continued until his retirement in 2018. He was the Cemetery Superintendent at Calvary Cemetery & assisted in that role off and on through the years at St. Lawrence Cemetery as well. Throughout the years he assisted with burials at 40 cemeteries throughout Rice, Steele & Goodhue counties. Always in the background, serving to help families through their most difficult days. He was a member of and served as the Treasurer & later Secretary for the St. Lawrence and St. Anne's society for a combined 60+ years of service. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Faribault Aerie 1460 Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Faribault Moose Lodge 1476, the American Legion Post 43 and The Last Man's Club. He served on the Rice County Fair Board and raised money for every cause possible. He will always be remembered as the best raffle

ticket salesman in Rice County. He proudly donated over 25 gallons of blood through the American Red Cross. He loved to spend time with his family and friends playing softball, bowling, and playing cards or watching and discussing any of the MN sports teams latest accomplishments or failures, whichever was the case at the time.

Adrian is survived by his 6 children – Sebastian (Becky) Gillen, Christopher Gillen, Lisa Barta, all of Faribault; Karla Lutzi of Rochester; Brenda (Terry) Probst of Medford; Sandy (Brian) Drache of Pickwick, MN; 12 grandchildren & 10 great grandchildren; one sister, Joanne (James) Cortese of Ellensburg, WA, along with countless extended family members. Adrian was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne, parents Sebastian & Cecilia, siblings & in-laws, John & Florence Gillen, Greg & Varian Gillen,

Ambrose & Ruth Gillen, Edward & Barb Gillen (Josephine Matthies Gillen), Joseph & Lorraine Gillen, Ann & Alex Thissen, Rita & William Franke, Luella & Bernard Heim, son-in-laws Steve Barta & John Lutzi, in-laws Ruby Edwin & Patti Goar, brothers & sister-in-laws Jasper & Phyllis Goar, Steve & Fern Goar, James Henry & Nelda Goar, Margaret & Don Weinberger, Ruby & Kenneth Swanson, Tess & Arnold Wilkowske and Evelyn & Harold Johnson.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the staff at Mill City Senior Living and St. Croix Hospice for their endless support and assistance over these last months.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Divine Mercy Catholic Schools, Disabled American Veterans and St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

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KYMN Looks to the Future with Video Production

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With Jimmy LaRue and AJ Reisetter on the call, and many KYMN staffers working behind the scenes, KYMN presented a video broadcast of the Northfield boys hockey team's 5-0 win over Red Wing. Fans were able to tune in on the KYMN website and watch the game on their computers and mobile devices.

KYMN station manager and owner Jeff Johnson said that video production is something that has been discussed in the KYMN offices for some time. There has been a desire to take this step, but the challenges have been too great. With questions of how to staff a broadcast, and the high cost of the technology necessary to present something that meets acceptable standards, there has been a problem with feasibility, he said. Until now.

"[The cost] has kind of leveled off in recent years, and...the market has created some solutions that we didn't have a couple of years ago. So now is the time to leap. We bought some video equipment and such, and we had our first video streaming [broadcast] of a game, and everything went very well."

Lance Reisetter, who has been the point man for video productions said the plan moving forward is to match video with the radio



broadcasts. But that could change quickly, due to the ease of use in the technology.

"The fact that we can sit in the ice arena and do this by simply plugging into electrical outlets is amazing," he said.

In the coming months, the station will add substantially to the broadcast schedule. The technology the station is using allows for the broadcast of multiple events simultaneously, and the plan is to take advantage of that capability.

"There are still a few bugs," said Johnson, "but we'll have them worked out by the end of the winter sports season."

Reisetter said this move is a necessary one for both KYMN and the communities it serves.

"High School sports is so important, especially to smaller towns like Northfield and Randolph, and even Farmington. KYMN has been broadcasting local sport for decades, and it's vital that we keep up with the times."

NH+C works with state to offer Monoclonal Antibody treatment for Covid-19

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

Northfield Hospital and Clinics announced that it is now providing monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19, in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Health. The treatment, which was famously administered to former President Donald Trump when he contracted Covid-19 last year, is given through injections or infusion to help patients who have tested positive, and who are at high risk for needing hospital care.



Monoclonal antibody treatment, or mAb, is different from a COVID-19 vaccine. A vaccine triggers the body's natural immune response but can take weeks to develop enough antibodies to prevent infection. This treatment accelerates the body's own protective mechanisms by introducing lab-grown antibodies.

Covid patients cannot schedule the treatment directly with a hospital or clinic. In Minnesota, all mAb treatment is currently coordinated through the state health department. Patients register on the MDH website, and eligible patients are contacted to schedule treatment.

The treatment must be given during the first ten days of symptoms.

While mAb is both fast and highly effective, Dr. Jennifer Fischer, the Medical Director of the NH+C Emergency Medical Services, said it is not a substitute for vaccination.

"Vaccination is still the most important thing people can do to reduce their risk of COVID-19 infection," she said. "But once a person with significant risk factors has a positive COVID-19 test result, monoclonal antibody treatment can make an enormous difference in reducing the severity of illness or eliminating the need for hospital care."

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Memories of Christmas Past

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She remembers going ice skating with brothers and sisters on Christmas Day.

There was also grade school programs at the small country school she attended. There were about twenty children in the eight grades at the country school house. It was exciting to take part in the program in front of their parents, and at the end Santa would appear and give out some candy. The teacher would also give each child a small gift.

When Mary was older and taking nursing training, she had to travel to Chicago and was away from home over the Christmas holiday. Her parents made a meal and froze it and mailed it to her, where they prepared it and ate it at the nurse's station.

Jean grew up on a farm in Iowa and recalls Christmas as a wonderful time of year in her childhood. They always had a Sunday School program on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day was a time that her dad slept in while the kids got up early to do the chores on the farm. There were seven kids in the family and the boys would milk the cows and feed the hogs while the girls fed the chickens and collected eggs. When they returned to the house, dad wouldn't get up until he had his morning coffee. Only then could the kids open their pres-

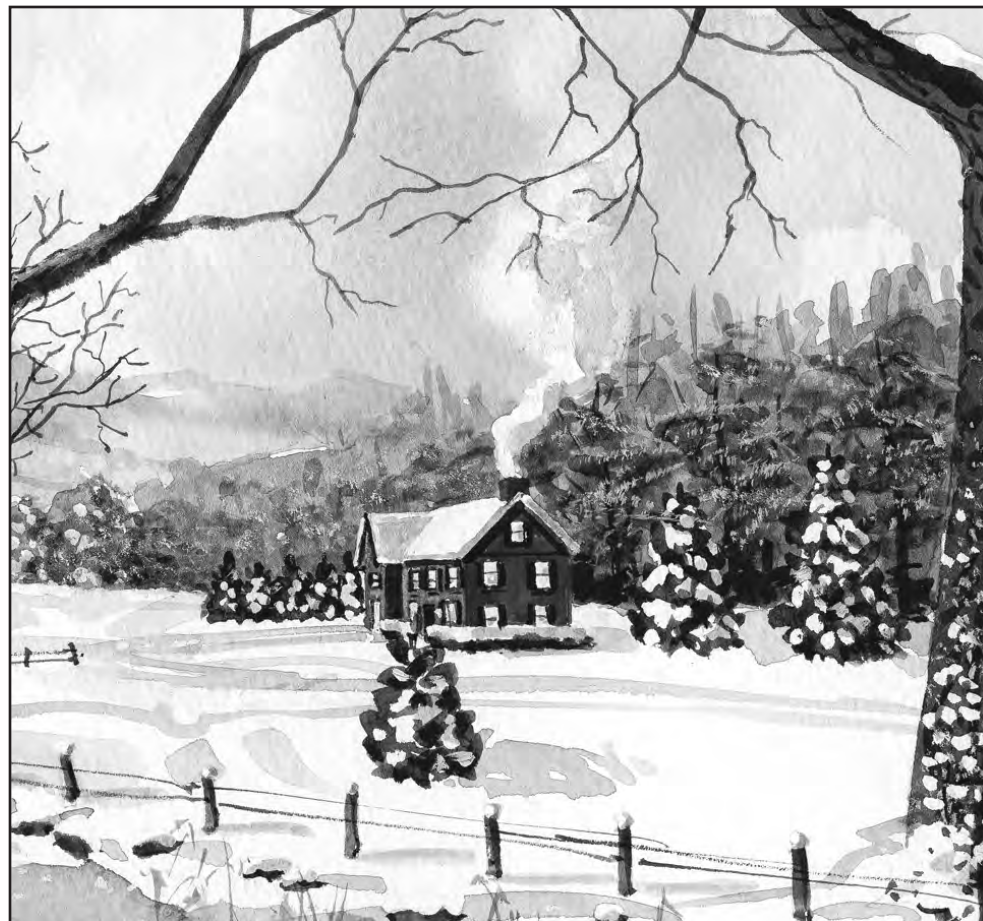
ents. She remembers simple gifts like clothes, coloring books, paints and dolls. Jean recalls getting a Betsy Wetsy doll one year for a gift. Their stockings were always filled with fruit and a small toy. She was born during the depression so there wasn't a lot of money spent, but she remembers always being a happy family.

Christmas Day was a big meal for the family with a farm raised turkey, potatoes and gravy and pie. Her and her sisters always helped cook the Christmas dinner as well as bake special cookies for her mom and dad. There was always plenty of food and supper was leftovers from dinner. She doesn't recall ever having a Christmas tree when she was young. On the Sunday after Christmas the family would go to see her grandparents.

She remembers lots of snow when she was a young child. One year her dad stretched a rope from the house to the barn to be sure they could find their way safely in the winter snow storms.

When Jean and her husband had a family, they would send the boys out to cut a tree from their farm. They would then decorate it with popcorn on strings.

Jenine grew up in Arkansas and recalls when she was in the fifth grade that the kids got two weeks off for Christmas vacation. Then right when they were supposed to go back to school a snow storm hit and they ended up with an additional two weeks of snow vacation. Her dad found a piece of linoleum flooring and they turned it upside down to make a toboggan to slide down the snow-covered hills. There were no snowplows in their area but she remembers a truck



driving around with two men in the back throwing sand on the road with shovels.

For Christmas Eve they would go to her grandparent's home. It was always a meal of oyster stew. Someone in the family would dress up like Santa and come downstairs and hand out candy to kids and adults.

Christmas Day dinner was always baked ham, scalloped corn, jello with berries in it and whipped cream on top. Treats were always decorated cookies and bon bons. Her favorite gift was the year she received a ride on horse with springs to give it a bouncing action.

Colleen grew up in Mantorville in a family, where she was the eldest of eight children. Her Christmas memories were going to church on Christmas Day and then opening their gifts when they returned home. The Christmas meal was a simple one with chicken or roast beef. The kids each had Christmas stockings and they were filled with candy, jelly beans were her favorite. Her mother always made fudge, which they enjoyed after the meal. She and her siblings would make Christmas presents for their parents. She remembers most of the gifts the kids got were clothing.

When she was about fourteen years old, she recalls being in the school Christmas play. Their Christmas vacation fun included sliding down the hills in Mantorville.

The family did have a Christmas tree that the boys would cut and bring home. They hung handmade decorations on it along with tinsel and some bubble lights. Her parents would place the presents underneath the tree until Christmas Day.

Barb grew up living in the country in western Minnesota and was the oldest of four kids. She recalls how her mother would decorate the house, and especially the tree so beautifully every Christmas season. They would hang their Christmas stockings in a

window sill, since they didn't have a fireplace.

The kids would get to open one present on Christmas Eve and the rest of them on Christmas Day. Some of the gifts she remembers were dolls and roller skates. She had an aunt who was a school teacher and would spend many holidays with the family since she was unmarried. Her aunt was very generous with gifts and one year asked Barb what she wanted for Christmas. Barb responded with, "a boyfriend". What she received was a large Howdie Doody doll.

Christmas dinner was usually turkey or ham. She recalls sledding, playing cards and board games for entertainment in her youth since television had not become a household thing. After her children married, they started another family tradition of gathering on Christmas Eve and each family would bring a soup to share for the supper.

Rolland grew up on a farm as a child and remembers his father would bring in a real tree and each of the four kids would take turns putting the ornaments on the tree. They would go to church on Christmas Eve and open their gifts on Christmas Day. Most of the gifts he got as a kid were clothes. He recalls having turkey and pumpkin pie for their dinner. When he was young, he remembers being in the all-school Christmas program.

Later his father went to work for Hormel and the family moved into town. Things were better after his dad started working at the meat packing plant. He remembers his dad bringing home a large Christmas package of treats from Hormel that the whole family enjoyed during the holidays.

Blizzards were memorable when he was a kid and he recalls one year when they went to visit the grandparents, the snow storm was so bad they could hardly see past the hood of the car.

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The Season of Giving



Tim Penny
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a direct impact on our communities.

As a donor myself, I know that a gift to SMIF is an investment in southern Minnesota's future. I am so grateful to have grown up here and to have built a career – first as a member of Congress representing this region, and now as the president and CEO of SMIF – which allows me to remain rooted in this place I love. Some of my favorite memories from the past 14 years at SMIF are of the countless times I have spent touring the region and seeing firsthand the impact of our work in Early Childhood, Economic Development and Community Vitality. Every time, I come away with renewed energy and passion about what we do.

Our board chair, John Peterson, is a great example of a donor who is invested in his community and the region. John is the owner of Ferndale Market, a third-generation turkey farm in Cannon Falls.

Even in the midst of his busiest time of year, John generously shared some thoughts with me about why he gives to SMIF: "I'm proud to contribute to SMIF and view it as a reinvestment in the success of the region I call home. Like so many others, my own community and business have benefited from the Foundation's work, and I'm proud to support the vitality of southern Minnesota and our vibrant local food scene. As a SMIF board member, I have a front row seat to see the impact the Foundation has across our region, as well as the strong stewardship of our resources. I know each dollar I give is put to good use right here in our southern Minnesota communities."

Remember that anyone can be a philanthro-



John Peterson, owner of Ferndale Market in Cannon Falls, and chair of SMIF's Board of Trustees.

'Tis the season of giving, which I find to be one of the most inspirational times of year. I am always overwhelmed by the generous contributions that donors make to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) or to SMIF's 30 Community Foundations. To me, this sends a clear message that keeping dollars local can help communities flourish.

As we do each November, Minnesotans rallied together once again to give to the causes they care about most on Give to the Max Day. This year's "Giving Holiday" raised a record \$34 million, a clear testament to why Minnesota ranks in the top three most generous states in the nation. I am also proud to share that SMIF's 30 Community Foundations had their most successful Give to the Max Day yet, raising more than \$85,000 which makes

pist—no matter the size of your gift. What matters is that you support the causes and places most important to you. You can contribute to SMIF at smifoundation.org/donate or to one of our Affiliate Funds, which includes our 30 Community Foundations, at smifoundation.org/localdonations.

If you are a donor or thinking of becoming one, thank you. Donors make our region

thrive – we simply cannot do our work without you. It is the people like you who give back to your communities every day that make me proud to call southern Minnesota my home.

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

Merry Christmas
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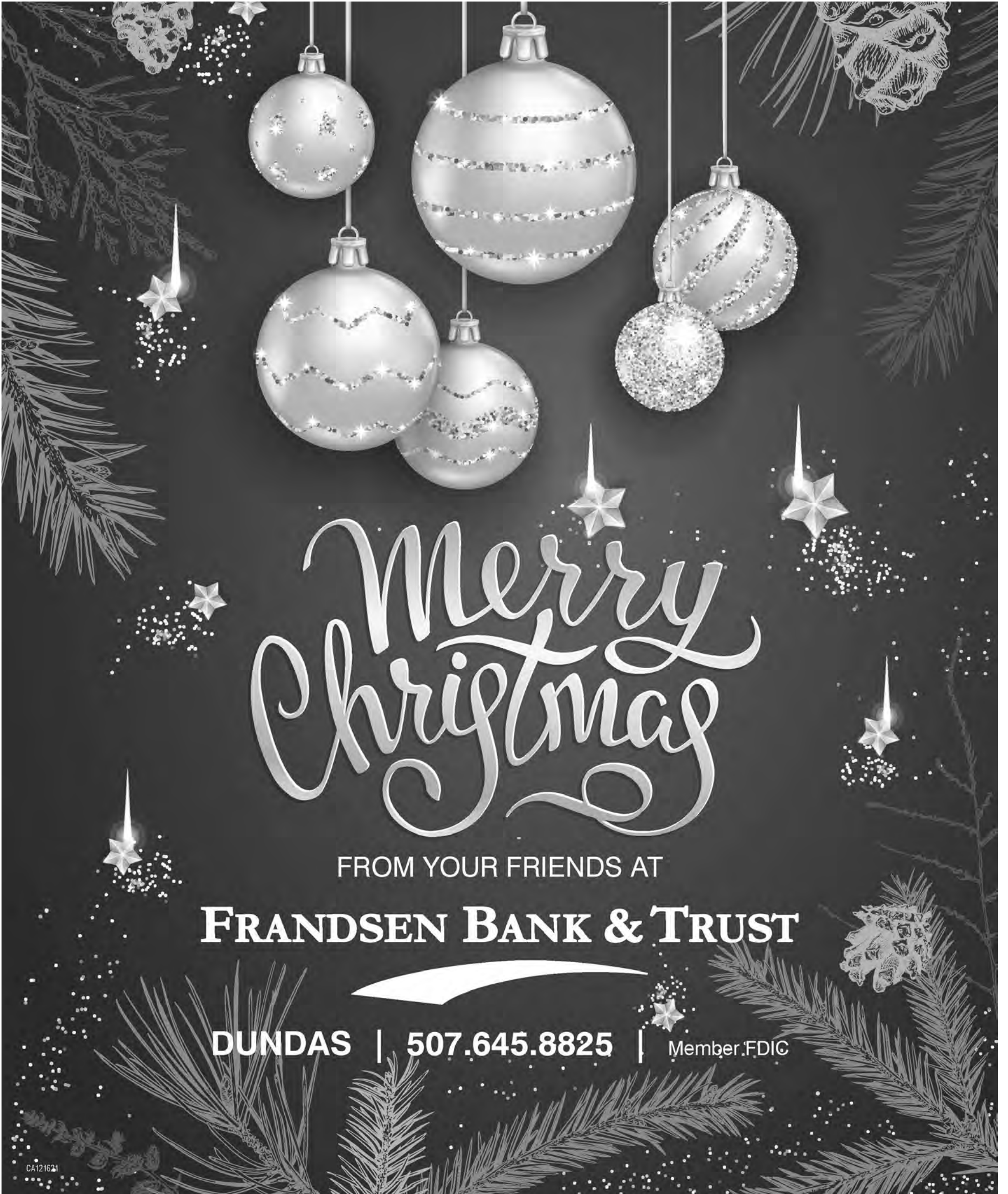
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Thomas Settling in To New Role

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Former Sheriff Troy Dunn retired on November 12, leaving a year left on his term, and Thomas was appointed Sheriff by the Rice County Board of Commissioners to fill out that year.

Sheriff Thomas said that most of what he has been doing since taking the helm is focusing on the tasks in front of him. "We're just trying to get some traction," he said, "and

making sure things are going in the right direction."

His first order of business was filling out the leadership team. Thomas had been Dunn's Chief Deputy, so he had to fill the space he had vacated, and that job has gone to Joe Yetzer. Chief Deputy Yetzer is a longtime member of the Sheriff's Department, most recently serving as a Lieutenant overseeing the patrol division of the department.

Moving up to fill Yetzer's role is Administrative Sergeant Paul LaRoche. Laroche has been with the Sheriff's Department since 2008. The newly minted lieutenant is now the former Commander of the Cannon River Drug & Violent Offender Task Force.

Thomas said they have two deputies who are in field training. When they have finished, he said, the sheriff's department will be fully staffed. The two deputies were selected out of a field of twenty applicants during a hiring process earlier this year. While they are worthy of the job ahead of them, and excellent additions to the Sheriff's department, Thomas said it's somewhat alarming that the pool from which they were taken was not bigger.

"We've also seen a shortage of people who are interested in going into law enforcement. This last hiring process, we only had twenty people apply for two spots, which is better



Sheriff Jesse Thomas

than what I've heard from other bordering counties. But when I first started back in 1996, I applied for a job up in the Metro, and there were 450 applicants for one spot."

Thomas said as he settles into his new position there will be many tasks at hand, not the least of which will be construction of the new County Jail and Public Safety Center. But for now, he said, the important thing is to simply ensure a seamless transition and keep county law enforcement running smoothly.

"Right now," he said, "we just need to make sure that everything that needs to get done, gets done."

Dundas Puts an Eye Toward Business Development

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The city has been growing over the last few years, and now it is planning to take a larger step by offering assistance to the business community and fostering further economic expansion and improvement.

The first thing the city intends to do is to reach out to every business within the Dundas city limits to gather as much information as possible. Teppen said the survey going out will ask in detail about that business' plans for future growth, if any, and how the city might be helpful in assisting those plans. They have also begun a mapping project that will show every property in the city available for development, the state of that property, and what utilities the city could bring to those areas to foster that development. Finally, she said, they are looking at property to create an

industrial business incubator park. Property for the project has been found, and the city is now determining if the price of the land and the infrastructure that would be necessary for the project is cost effective.

Teppen said all these projects, both great and small are lending optimism that Dundas is poised for a particularly good year in 2022.

"We have some kind of smaller projects in the hopper right now, and some larger ones on the horizon that are development specific. And of course, we still have the property next to city hall. There's a lot to look forward to."

Finally, she said the City Council voted to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 27th, as there would be so many councilors absent that they would not be able to form a quorum. The next Dundas City Council meeting, then, is set for January 10th.

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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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Some holiday plants are heaped in legend. Starting with the Christmas tree which has several, but I'll stick with this one... The primitive cultures of northern Europe believed that evergreen trees possessed godlike powers and also symbolized immortality.

The Germanic peoples would bring evergreen boughs into their homes during winter to insure the protection of the home and the return of life to the snow-covered forest.

The first record of a Christmas tree is in Strasburg, Germany in 1604. German immigrants and Hessian soldiers hired by the British to fight the colonists during the American Revolution brought the Christmas tree tradition to the United States.

Mistletoe isn't just about kissing under it. In fact, I found this little nugget: The name mistletoe comes from two Anglo Saxon words 'Mistel' (which means dung) and 'tan' (which means) twig or stick! So you could translate Mistletoe as 'poo on a

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Farmers can get more information and see if they qualify by visiting <https://www.truterraag.com/CarbonSurvey> before February 1, 2022.

The Truterra carbon programs available through CFS offers two distinct pathways for farmers to get rewarded for their stewardship: One program is designed to reward recent adopters for their investment in carbon-sequestering practices; a second, new program is designed to engage and support farmers through the process of implementing practices for the first time.

"At Central Farm Service, we are very eager to steward this offer for our owners, states KC Graner, CFS SVP of Agronomy. Our owner customers have invested many years into their Central Advantage GS plat-

form to store, manage, and mine their data for insights on bettering crop production and profitability. This foundation of Central Advantage parlays perfectly into all things Carbon and Sustainability, says Graner, as the data will be the currency by which growers capitalize on these emerging markets. TruTERRA offerings fit right into our Central Advantage data systems and allow growers an opportunity to begin testing the waters on new profit opportunities."

The first pathway, the 2022 Truterra carbon program, is designed for farmers who have recently adopted soil health management practices that store additional carbon in their soils, such as significant reductions in tillage and the addition of cover crops. Farmers may be eligible to receive \$20 per ton of additional carbon stored. The eligible cropping systems include corn, wheat, or cotton as part of farmers' crop rotations.

The second pathway, the 2022 Truterra carbon market access program, is designed to be an on-ramp for farmers just getting started with regenerative practices and rewards farmers for taking the first step toward improving soil health in preparation to potentially market their carbon next year. Participating farmers may be eligible to receive a one-time payment of \$2 per acre for eligible practice change in crop year 2022. Participating farmers will maintain ownership of their carbon rights in current and future years and are not required to make a long-term commitment. Importantly, at the end of crop year 2022 farmers may be eligible to receive an offer from Truterra for carbon removed through these practices in 2023 and beyond.

The Truterra carbon program and carbon market access program offered through CFS is one of the largest carbon credit programs in the US and represents unparalleled speed to market from program enrollment to farmer payments. The programs focus on generating the industry's most attractive farmer return per acre and providing the most farmer-favorable contract opportunity in the crowded carbon marketplace.

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Leading the Return to Work



By Stevie Ray

The pandemic has created more introspection among business leaders than any other event in recent history. The early months of shut-downs and reorganization caused leaders to question just about every old-school belief in how business is done. Months later, the question was, "When will we get back to normal?" Then, when Open sign was finally relit, no one seemed to want to work anyone. Soon, arm-chair psychologists had theories as to why Americans didn't seem to want to work anymore. But it didn't take long for those theories to take a beating.

The easiest culprit was extended federal benefits. I mean, who would want to go back to a 9-5 when they are getting hundreds of dollars a week from Uncle Sam for doing nothing? Surely, once those benefits stopped, job applications would start flooding in. Except, when the benefits ceased, workers did

not return. Another reason was lingering fear of COVID in an in-person workplace. Only time, and the eventual fading of COVID, will tell if that assumption holds water.

Another hot topic kicked around when people talk about the worker shortage is the question of wages. According to some, people are tired of being paid a barely-living wage just so some investor can walk away with the profit. The assumption has always been that, when unemployment dries up, employees will return. I mean, some money is still better than no money at all. Right? It turns out, no.

Those of us who study influence and human behavior are constantly reminded that money, while certainly important, holds less sway than many other factors when people are weighing important decisions. Look at the ways companies try to woo new hires:

Huge banners listing fantastic starting wages. Ask restaurant servers across the country who are quitting en masse just how much money matters when they are being told by customers to lower their mask and smile before getting a tip. (This is happening a lot. If you do this, please stop.)

Signs at the front door that state Join a (winning) (fun) (happy) team. The sign is meaningless when you walk through the store and see staff that is anything but happy, fun, or winning.

Posters by the check-out counter that list the discount employees get by working there. Are you really advertising that you want people to work there so they can spend the money they earn at the very place they work? And who buys so much stuff from one place

that working there is a smart financial decision?

I am going to go out on a limb and claim that these ideas are the result of different generations not talking to each other. Business leaders are still comprised of Baby Boomers, Gen X-ers, and the oldest Gen Y. These folks are trying to influence the mindset of young Gen Y and Gen Z. (If you are hiring Generation Alpha, born after 2011, we need to talk about child labor laws.) If there is one constant in the universe, it is that older folks are much better at talking than listening. So, an older business leader thinks "We'll promise great pay and a great place to work. Isn't that what everyone wants?" But that leader is using logic borne from a different generation. These tactics are the product of talking to a new generation without listening to them.

One sure outcome of the pandemic is that it has forced people of widely differing views to acknowledge that other viewpoints cannot simply be brushed aside, ignored, or disrespected. This trend should extend to how business leaders communicate with staff. Of course, people will return to work. Savings accounts and government support don't last forever, but with birth rates the lowest they

have been in over 40 years, and immigration's unsure future, smart leaders must act to change their workplace culture now.

The first step is to find a new way to communicate with staff. Younger employees are not blank slates. Each generation has unique experiences that shape a particular world view. If you want to lead a workplace that attracts the best, do more listening than talking. And resist the temptation to compare the needs and desires of your generation to those whom you are trying to hire. To attract people, don't pitch...listen.

Stevie Ray is a keynote speaker and trainer, bringing his program, "The Roadmap to Influence" to organizations nationwide.



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Sportsmanship is Winning As One



By Harvey Mackay

An anthropologist proposed a game to some children in Africa. He placed a basket of fruit near a tree and told them that whoever got to the tree first could have all the fruit.

When he gave the signal to go, all the children held each other's hands and ran to the tree together. Then they sat in a circle enjoying the fruit.

When the anthropologists asked why they'd run as a group when the winner could have had more fruit on his own, one child said, "How can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?"

For years I've maintained that nice guys can finish first. Leo Durocher may have been a great Major League Baseball manager, but he was a misguided cynic when he remarked that

"Nice guys finish last." Many of the most successful people I know are also among the nicest. There's just too much evidence out there to deny it.

More than just a warm, fuzzy feeling, being nice and being a good sport are not mutually exclusive. No one wants to play with a jerk – or a cheater, a showoff, or a braggart. One of the best commercials currently running features athletes of all ages stopping in the midst of competition to help other people up.

Another excellent example of sportsmanship occurred at the 1969 Ryder Cup, a biennial men's golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States. The team competition was tied at 15.5 in the final match between Britain's Tony Jacklin and American Jack Nicklaus, who reached the 18th hole tied. Nicklaus made his par putt, and Jacklin faced a three-foot putt to earn the first ever tie in the competition. Instead of forcing his rival to make the putt, Nicklaus picked up Jacklin's ball marker and conceded the tie.

Nicklaus said, "I don't think you would have missed that, Tony, but I didn't want to give you the chance."

The annals of sports are filled with inspiring stories of that sort. Successful businesses should have the same chapters in their histories. But if your business doesn't, examine the deficiencies in the culture and make some improvements.

In business, being nice doesn't mean being ineffective. My mother taught me, "It's nice to be important but more important to be



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nice." My father always said, "You get more in life with sugar than with vinegar."

Frightened and mistreated people underperform. Talent doesn't flourish in a culture of doom and gloom, intimidation and insecurity. A bullying executive is an executive unsure of himself or herself. The people they supervise realize how damaging this is. Morale sags, performance suffers and profits decline.

The methods for fostering sportsmanship in business are much the same as they are when teaching children. Play fair. Avoid arguing. Follow directions. If you lose, don't make excuses. If you win, don't rub it in. Appreciate what others do well. Be supportive and respectful. Be willing to learn. Have a positive attitude.

Learn from your mistakes and push yourself to do better next time. If someone else makes a mistake, encourage them instead of criticizing them. Try your best, that's all anyone can expect.

We teach our kids to show respect for teammates and officials, and it's the same for co-workers. Realize that through proper sportsmanship, we all win and our company wins.

I am a strong believer in competition. I think it makes all of us better. However, I un-

derstand that some leaders try to eliminate competition at work because it can cause conflict. That's where sportsmanship really comes into play. Encourage everyone to do their best and cheer their success. Then use this success as incentive to achieve greater results. Leaders should want people to stretch themselves and get out of their comfort zones.

Competition isn't all about contests and incentives. It's about people pushing themselves to be better every day. The goal is to be the best you can be and never give up. If you win, be gracious.


Sportsmanship should be a requirement at work. Leaders should set the stage and demonstrate that the team is more important than individuals. We're all in this together. Don't be offended by others' success; cheer them on and learn from them.

Simon Nguyen said, "Victory is remembered for at most two decades; an act of good sportsmanship is remembered for a lifetime."

Mackay's Moral: Sportsmanship: lose with grace, win with class.

Reprinted with permission from nationally syndicated columnist Harvey Mackay, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller "Swim With The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive."

Red Cross: Donors Needed Now to Address Historically Low Blood Supply

 Nearly two years into the pandemic, everyone has earned a holiday break with their family and friends. But as the nation gathers again for celebrations this season, the American Red Cross, which provides 40% of the country's blood, is facing historically low blood supply levels.

Busy holiday schedules, breaks from school and winter weather all contribute to a drop in blood donations this time of year. Those factors, combined with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, make it vital for donors to make an appointment to give as soon as possible. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). There is no blood donation waiting pe-

riod for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

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Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

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12/27/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 131 Lyndale Ave. N

12/30/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Faribo West Mall, 200 Western Ave.

Northfield

12/17/2021: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Northfield Hospital, 2000 North Ave.

12/22/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., City Light Church, 2140 Highway 3 S

12/27/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., All Saints Church, 419 Washington St.

12/30/2021: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Northfield Police Department, 1615 Riverview Drive



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DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 8, 2021

7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

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

Go To Meeting: Councilor Luke LaCroix (able to participate but unable to vote or count toward quorum)

Staff Present: City Engineer Dustin Tipp, Administrator Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC FORUM - No public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously

(MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Regular Minutes of October 25, 2021;
Resolution 2021-31 A Resolution Certifying Unpaid Storm Water Fees;

Resolution 2021-32 A Resolution Certifying Unpaid Utility Charges; and

Disbursements - \$196,646.05. MCU

OLD BUSINESS – No old business brought before Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – No Ordinance brought before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Health/Dental Insurance Rates and City Contribution for 2022

Administrator Teppen indicated the City will renew with Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP) for 2022 health, dental and life insurance. She noted the increase in health insurance of 9% is due to COVID and delayed procedures. She recommended Council approve an increase of City's contribution from \$725 to \$775 to cover cost of the HSA Single premium as well as for those employees who

waive coverage. Teppen stated she will work on comparable benefits and pricing for 2023 plans and rates.

Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood, to approve renewal with PEIP for qualified employees on health, dental and life insurance coverage for 2022 with the City's contribution to increase to \$775 for health insurance including those who waive coverage, pay for single preventive dental coverage, and life insurance up to \$10,000. MCU

Consider Accepting Long Term Financial Plan

Motion by Swartwood, second by Fowler, to accept the Long Term Plan prepared by ABDO Financial Solutions, LLC for the period 2021 through 2026. MCU

Consider Accepting Water and Sewer Rate Study

Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood to accept the Water and Sewer Rate Study prepared by ABDO Financial Solutions for the years ending December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026. MCU

Consider Accepting Third Quarter Financial Report

Blake Torbeck, ABDO Financial Solutions, summarized the Third Quarter Financial Report stating all bank accounts are reconciled through September 30, 2021, and reviewed activities in all funds.

Motion by Swartwood, second by Fowler, to accept the Third Quarter Financial Report as prepared by ABDO Financial Solutions, LLC. MCU

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – Dustin Tipp

Tipp gave updates to his report concerning meeting with the Rice County Engineer. He also reported on the ongoing testing for TSS in the sanitary sewer system before it makes its way to the Northfield Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated the City has a discussion scheduled with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the agreement with Northfield, and Northfield's pending submittal for an amendment to their permit.

City Administrator – Jenelle Teppen

Teppen referred to memo from City Attorney addressing the Open Meeting Law and City Council attendance via a remote method. She reported the Police will be enforcing the Winter Parking ban in effect as of October 31 which Council supported. Teppen reported the Police will now move forward to enforce parking and driveway violations per the letter sent to residents this past summer by leaving a door hanger with a notice stating owner has 10 days to comply with the City's requirements or receive a citation.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees
Discussion on recent meeting with Bridgewater Township supervisors and the joint road policy the Township developed.

WORK SESSION

Final 2022 Enterprise Funds Budget

Blake Torbeck, ABDO Financial Solutions, reviewed key items for consideration in this year's enterprise funds budget noting budget areas of increase and decrease along with debt service and depreciation. He showed the effects of increasing the water rates 3.0% and sewer rates 4.0%. Discussion and questions from Council followed.

Final 2022 Funds Budgets and Tax Levy

Blake Torbeck, ABDO Financial Solutions, presented and summarized key items for consideration in the 2022 governmental funds budget and the proposed tax levy. Discussion and questions from Council followed. He reviewed the time line and action by Council on budget for 2022 and levy.

ADJOURN

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. MCU

Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen, City Administrator

Attest:

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021

7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

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

Staff Present: City Planner Nate Sparks, City Engineer Dustin Tipp, Administrator Jenelle Teppen

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. 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 Swartwood, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Minutes of November 8, 2021; and Disbursements - \$65,281.89. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

No old business brought before Council

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS Resolution 2021-33 A Resolution Approving Final 2022 Economic Development Authority Budget and Final 2022 Property Tax Levy

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2021-33. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

Update from Bridgewater and Forest Township Supervisors Regarding Proposed Development at County Road 1 and Hwy 35

Glenn Castore (Bridgewater Township Supervisor) and Charlie Peters (Forest Township Supervisor):

Castore explained that the two townships entered into a joint powers agreement to create a Forest/Bridgewater Development District that encompasses an area along the I-35 Corridor off the County Road 1 exit. They are working with Rice County to rezone the area Industrial. He stated they are working with a development company and attorneys to put a plan together for a distribution center in the area. Peters stated goal is to get a plan ready for developers in two years.

Discuss Vision and Direction for Downtown Development

Administrator Teppen gave an update per request from Councilor LaCroix on the property next to City Hall and stated there is steady interest based on the phone calls she receives from interested parties. Councilor

LaCroix stated he was interested what direction the City wants to go and if there is a company to assist in the development. Mayor Switzer indicated the Comp Plan remains accurate with respect to the type of development the City is seeking for the property. He explained the City had done an RFP four or five years ago seeking a developer for a mixed-use building and at the end the developer proposed only a residential development which was not what the City Council was interested in seeing on the parcel. Teppen indicated she has had conversations with at least one developer and believes a concept plan is forthcoming. Councilor Modory stated it is good to have EDA involved to help guide the process for any future interest and plans.

Mayor Switzer suggested the City should wait another year and reevaluate at that point if there is no development interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointing Gordon Kelley to Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to approve appointment of Gordon Kelley to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board through December 31, 2023. MCU

REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – Dustin Tipp

Tipp reported on the work to date regarding the City acquiring the Menards storm water pond to ensure that it is being maintained regularly. He provided an update on the map to be used in the park survey noting another draft will be coming to Council in January to review.

City Administrator – Jenelle Teppen

Teppen reported on email received from Allen Kern who is interested in acquiring 300 Railway Street, the site of the former Co-op property, but she indicated his proposal doesn't meet the zoning requirements. She indicated the City has the right of first refusal of the sale of the property. Teppen stated Kern was informed his plans would be better suited in an Industrial Zone but none is available in Dundas.

Teppen stated the MN City Manager Association has offered to partner with three cities in an intern program with funds provided of \$3500. She stated looking at 20 hours a week with distribution funding from EDA fund and other funds. She felt the City had enough to offer in providing experience and would like to apply.

She said if Dundas is chosen she would return to the Council for approval to participate in the program.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Councilor LaCroix asked on status of new snow plow and at this time staff was unable to answer, but said staff is prepared and ready for the season.

Concern was expressed on attendance for December 27 Council meeting but noted no EDA meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by LaCroix, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. MCU

Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen, City Administrator

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor

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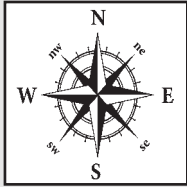
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**Changes in Latitudes,
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Breaking
Amish**



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.

We live near a number of Amish communities. Seeing a family in a horse drawn buggy is a common sight. But what is becoming more common is to see the family in a minivan. The whole family, infants, teenagers, mom, dad and grandparents. Saw a group of them down at the Pit Stop, a local gas station, in a van getting gas. They have a designated driver, someone who is willing to make cash for driving them to town for supplies. I was looking for some manual labor so I walked over and asked the man sitting there with his wife and their toddler. They were waiting for one of their family to finish their appointment at the chiropractor.

So, I broached my query about the job I was looking for and the father told me his boys

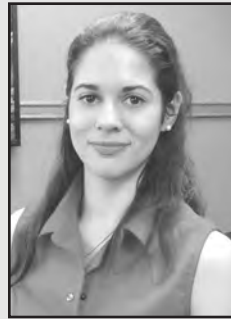
would do the job, if I could come and pick them up. My next question was where and when and for that information I suddenly had two teenage boys in the rear seat offering me their cell phone numbers.

We have a neighbor down the road who is farmer by the name of Enoch. He has helped us out with lots of projects and is always willing to work. Enoch and Elizabeth have cell phones but keep them in a small phone booth down the driveway from the farmhouse. I assume that is where the charging station is but we found that if we call their number, we almost always get their teenage daughter. Seems that she spends lots of time down there where the telephone is. Who would have thought that?

We needed to clear some woodland so we set up a time. Enoch showed up with his two sons in their one-horse buggy, with a wheelbarrow on top and a chainsaw and extra gas and oil in the back. My wife offered the boys a cold drink from the refrigerator in the house. They picked soda pop. The kids are very hard workers and do not engage in much conversation.

We stopped by the local hardware store up the road for some bags of wood shavings. It is owned by an Amish family and they stock about everything you would expect at a hardware store. The wife was explaining about another store down the road and part of her directions was that when you turned on a certain road you would lose cell phone signal. Nothing signals progress more than a middle age Amish housewife explaining cell phone coverage on the backroads of Tennessee.

**A Minnesotan:
Christmas
Memories**



By RosaLin Alcoser

It's Christmas time again. For most families this is a joyous time full of family time, good memories, mishappes, and traditions.

Now that I am an adult I have found different past Christmases stick in the front of my memory more than other years then others. After all some of them are unforgettable because really who could forget the year that the dishwasher broke and the oven with the ham got turned off instead of the dishwasher while Grandpa and Dad tried to fix it. Or the year that Mom played six different Christmas Eve services between the hours of noon and midnight.

The year that's really sticking with me this year is my first Christmas in Minnesota; which was also my first Christmas with snow. This Christmas is important to me because it is the year that I got my most important childhood possession Zoey Bear.

That year I had expressed that I wanted a Teddy Bear with dangly limbs so that it wasn't sitting up all the time; because really we all know that it can be hard to sleep with a stuffed toy that sits up all the time when you are little. So my Grandmother and her friends went to a Teddy Bear Shop in the Ozarks- yes that was a thing in the late 90s- and hugged every bear in the store and fretted over if they had picked out the right one.

I can tell you they definitely did pick the right one. I can still vividly remember opening up the box that Christmas and saying "Well there you are Zoey. I've been wondering when you would show up." and off I went with that bear for the next 21 years.

Who knows why some memories stick out more some years over others but the memories that do stick out are usually some of the best.



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