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America's River Festival 2007

America's River Festival returns this summer to the Port of Dubuque on June 8-10. The festival welcomes the return of music for all ages and ears!

Taking the main stage Friday, June 8, at 9 p.m. will be Grammy Award Winner **Randy Travis**. Travis is best known for the songs "Forever & Ever, Amen" and "If I Didn't Have You." Travis' beloved classic hymns and bluegrass and country instrumentation is complimented by his unmistakable baritone voice.

The **Doobie Brothers**, known for blues-based songs with a rock edge, will take the main stage at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. Familiar tunes include "Black Water," "China Grove," and "Listen to the Music." The Doobie Brothers' tour this summer includes New York, Florida, Washington, and Dubuque!

After being a splash hit at last year's festival, **Dock Dogs** makes their long-awaited return. Think your pooch has some jumping or swimming talent? You, too, can enter your dog into the challenge! Simply go to the official Dock Dogs website (www.dockdogs.com) to register.

Also returning this year is the **Stihl Timbersports Series**. Often referred to as "those lumberjack guys on ESPN," this competitive skills competition will not disappoint. Spectators will enjoy a variety of lumberjack disciplines, such as the Single Buck, Stock and

Hot Saw, Underhand, Standing and Springboard Chops.

Never been in a **hot air balloon**? Here's your chance to experience the lift off firsthand. While tethered to the ground, enjoy 360-degree view of the Mississippi River, the city skyline, and the festival site. It's an adventure of a lifetime! If you'd rather stay on the ground, stick around after Randy Travis and the Doobie Brothers to enjoy the balloon glow both nights!

Don't forget the kids! Children will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy themselves in the **Children's Area** devoted to them. Included

in this area will be a variety of interactive games such as a giant slide, bounce houses, air brush tattoos, and a 25-foot mobile rock wall.



From 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, June 10, the Dubuque Humane Society will host their 15th annual pledged dog walk, the **Grand Pet Excursion** on the Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque. With a variety of booths and events for your pup, you'll want to be a part of the activity.

Rounding out the weekend's activities is a wide array of food for everyone's palate!

Admission to the festival is free. Concert tickets will go on sale on May 25. Call 557-9200 or visit www.traveldubuque.com for more information. ■

Human Rights Speakers Bureau

The Dubuque Human Rights Commission has launched the first stage of a speakers bureau initiative. The first speakers available to present will be people who are gay or lesbian and the parents of people who are gay or lesbian. While gay and lesbian people are the first available speakers, a goal of this initiative is to expand the number and variety of speakers to include people with disabilities and/or people of color. The initial program will include a section on human rights law, brief bios by the speakers, and plenty of time for input and questions. Speakers can be requested by any person or group, including parents, classes, schools, businesses, civic groups, religious organizations, etc. To schedule speakers please call the Dubuque Human Rights Department, 589-4190. ■

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DUBUQUE
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Literary Musical Event at Library

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library and the Northeast Iowa School of Music will present "Black and White and Read All Over," a literary musical event, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium. The evening will begin with a presentation by the award-winning mystery author of 23 books, William Bernhardt, best known for his series featuring attorney Ben Kincaid. Following his talk, Bernhardt will M.C. for the orchestral musical event conducted by Brian Hughes. Music created from literature will be the theme for the evening. Bernhardt is also an accomplished pianist and will play for the audience. Following the performance, Bernhardt will be available to sign books. For more information contact the Library at 589-4225, option 7, or Northeast Iowa School of Music at 690-0151. ■

Utility Charges for Outside Watering

With summer quickly approaching, the City's Utility Billing staff often receive questions regarding outside watering. Below are responses to the most frequently asked questions.

How can I avoid sewer charges for outside watering?

Customers can install a water only meter in addition to their main meter that measures consumption for outside watering of lawns, shrubs, pool fills, etc. Another option for large pool fills is to contact Water Distribution at 589-4304 and request to have your pool filled. The customer will be billed for both labor and water.



What is a water-only meter?

A water-only meter is a separately installed meter that only supplies water to lines where water will not enter the sanitary sewer system (typically outside faucets). The customer must purchase the water only metering equipment and have it installed by a licensed plumber. There is a minimum monthly charge for this meter.

Please call Utility Billing at 589-4144 with any questions. ■

Safe Options for Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal

Expired or unwanted non-narcotic prescription and over-the counter medications from households have traditionally been disposed of by flushing them down the toilet or a drain. This is not recommended due to the possibility of surface and ground water contamination.

The recommended disposal method for non-narcotic prescriptions is:

1. *Keep the medication in its original container.*
2. *Modify the medications to discourage consumption.* For solid medications, such as pills or cap-

sules: add a small amount of water to partially dissolve them. For liquid medications: add table salt or flour to make a mixture that discourages anyone from drinking them. For blister packs: wrap the packages containing pills in multiple layers of duct or other opaque tape.

3. *Seal and conceal.* Tape the medication container lid shut with packing or duct tape and place it inside a container such as an empty yogurt or margarine tub to ensure that the contents cannot be seen. Do not conceal medicines in food products because they could be

consumed by wildlife scavengers.

4. After modifying medications properly, they can be discarded in the trash and sent to the landfill. Do not place in recycling bins!

For more information, ask your health care provider or local pharmacist if your prescriptions are non-narcotic and if they can dispose of them or know of safe disposal programs near you. Contact the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Education Office at 588-7933 for more information. ■

Farmers' Market

The 2007 Farmers' Market opens May 5 and runs through October 27. Held on Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon around City Hall in downtown Dubuque, the Farmers' Market features vendors of homegrown produce and plants, baked goods, and handmade arts and crafts. Entertainment and demonstrations during special events are also planned throughout the season. For more information, contact Dubuque Main Street at 588-4400. □



Food Scrap Recycling

The City is expanding its pilot Food Scrap Recycling Program to add up to 150 new subscribers. The fee-based GreenCart Program offers residential and commercial customers a collection option to convert their garbage into compost. The program runs April through November. Call the Public Works Department at 589-4250 for more information. ■

CITY MANAGER'S COLUMN

by Michael C. Van Milligen

On March 26, Mayor Roy D. Buol, with the Dubuque City Council, initiated a new City of Dubuque tradition as he presented Dubuque's inaugural "State of the City Address" in the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Auditorium. This public event, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Dubuque and the Telegraph Herald, was held to enhance the City's communication with its citizens about the business of the City.

A capacity crowd filled the room and the event was aired live on Dubuque's local government access channel, CityChannel 8, and on KDTH AM 1370 radio.

During the address, Mayor Buol described Dubuque as a "community of character...a community that is indeed person-centered...where there is an awareness and appreciation developing for what makes each of us unique ... along with a

growing realization that healthy, vibrant communities do not hold themselves back with a 'one size fits all' mentality."

He also quoted Michelangelo, who once said, "I saw an angel in the stone and I carved it out to set it free!" I believe that Dubuque has begun to carve its stone."

Over the course of 40 minutes, Mayor Buol covered economic development, job growth, transportation, construction and real estate sales, education, neighborhoods, public safety, arts and culture, workforce, sustainability and the environment, legislative priorities, and the City budget.

In his closing, Mayor Buol said, "As we embrace 2007, with its known and unknown challenges and opportunities, let us always as a community choose action over inaction; bold ideas over the more safe, static ones. And while we

embrace our small town warmth, let us never think 'small.'"

"By asking the tough questions and honestly confronting the challenges, by looking for opportunities to volunteer and get involved, by treating one another the way we want to be treated and by sharing our time, talents and resources with others we are carving Dubuque's 'stone' and collectively contributing to a city known as Dubuque, the Masterpiece on the Mississippi!"

Mayor Buol's inaugural State of the City Address will be replayed on CityChannel 8 occasionally. DVD copies of the presentation may also be checked out from the Carnegie-Stout Public Library's Adult Services desk. Also, a transcript of Mayor Buol's address can be viewed on the City's website, www.cityofdubuque.org, under the "Mayor/City Council" link on the index page. ■

City Rules and Regulations on Bicycles

With warm weather and summer fast approaching, the Dubuque Community Policing Unit is reminding residents of the rules and regulations regarding bicycles in the city of Dubuque.

EQUIPMENT:

- Each bicycle, when in use on city streets at anytime from sunset to sunrise, shall be equipped with a white, visible light on the front and a red, visible light on the rear.
- No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with functional brakes.
- Any police officer may inspect a bicycle for required safety equipment.

REGISTRATION:

- Every bicycle owned or ridden within the city is required to be licensed.

- Fees for bicycle licenses are \$5.00. This license is then valid for the length of time the bicycle is owned by the person to whom the license was issued.

RIDING A BICYCLE:

- No bicycle shall carry more passengers than the number for which it is designed. This is typically determined by the number of seats on the bicycle. Passengers are not allowed to ride on pegs attached to the wheels of the bicycle.
- A person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk or in a crosswalk must yield the right of way to any pedestrian.
- Every person driving a bicycle on a street has all of the rights and duties applicable to

the driver of a motor vehicle. This means that while operating a bicycle on the street, the driver is expected to obey all traffic laws (including stopping at all stop signs and red lights, driving on the right side of the road, etc.)



In an attempt to educate children regarding bicycle safety, the Dubuque Police will participate in Finley Hospital's annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 12, at Flora Park from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Additionally, during the summer months the police department typically sees an increase in bicycle thefts. Please take precautionary measures such as licensing your bicycle and locking it up when not in use. ■

Dubuque Flags Available

The City is now offering for sale 3' x 5', ready-to-hang, nylon Dubuque flags. The light blue, green, and yellow flags bear the City seal and can be seen flying at most City facilities. The cost, which includes the City's cost plus shipping charges, is \$48.59. To order a flag, or for more information, call the Finance Department at 589-4131. ■

Flora and Sutton Pool Rentals

Are you interested in scheduling an employee outing, youth group activity, or birthday party at the Flora or Sutton pools this summer? Rentals include the swimming areas, water slides, water playgrounds, water volleyball and basketball equipment, and lifeguard staff. Flora Pool is available to rent on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sutton Pool is available to rent on Saturday and Sunday evenings. If you are looking for a new fun place for a young child's birthday party, rent the Flora or Sutton water playground pool on Saturday or Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with lifeguards provided. Please contact the Leisure Services Department for more information at 589-4263. ■

New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Prospero Garduno
Transit Division

Teri Goodmann
City Manager's Office

Kristen Lagerstam
Library

Adam Leeser
Water Pollution Control

Brad Nelson
Airport

James Wall-Wild
Library

Elizabeth Willems
City Manager's Office

Katelyn Wolff
Library

Retirements

Congratulations to these employees who recently retired from the City of Dubuque:

John Berkley
Police

Maxine Dolphin
Public Works

Connie Riedl
Building Services

Contact Information

The City of Dubuque welcomes your comments and suggestions about your city government or anything appearing in this newsletter. Please contact the City of Dubuque at:

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Calendar of Events

May

- 5 Fly-By-Night Productions Comedy Xperiment, improv workshop at noon and performance at 7:30 p.m., Five Flags Bijou Room
- 5 Dubuque Symphony Orchestra - Arena Pops Concert featuring "Cherish the Ladies," 8 p.m., Five Flags Arena
- 25 Mines of Spain Recreation Area Program: Hiking and Where to Go, 1 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 30 Corn Cob Wrestling Tournament, Five Flags Arena, TBA

June

- 2 Nature Day for Kids: "Prairies: What are they good for?," 10:30 a.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 2 "Black and White and Read All Over," a literary musical event, 6 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium. See page 2.
- 2 Daniel O'Donnell in Concert, Five Flags Arena, 7 p.m.
- 9 Nature Day for Kids: "Seining in Granger Creek: What's in them creeks?," 10:30 a.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 10 Mines of Spain Recreation Area Program: Hike the Woodlands, 1 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 16 Nature Day for Kids: "Stream Table: What is erosion and how does it affect me?," 10:30 a.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 23 Nature Day for Kids: "Animal Tracks: Who just passed by?," 10:30 a.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 30 Nature Day for Kids: "Build an Eagle Nest, Think Like a Bird," 10:30 a.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE

This calendar is subject to change. For more information on Five Flags events, call 589-4258 or visit www.fiveflagscenter.com. For more information on Mines of Spain events, call 556-0620.