

February 2017
Number Three Hundred Twenty Two

In Memory of Sandee Haerden, Darlene Olson and Vernon Olsen

Last Minute Announcement - St. Nicholas Church

St Nicholas Catholic Church is having a Super Bowl Sunday Pancake, French Toast and Sausage Breakfast! What is even better, it is "All You Can Eat"! They will be serving on Sunday, February 5th at 8 AM until noon. Family of four or more can eat for \$ 25, Under four years old eat for Free, Kids ages five to ten only have to pay \$ 5 and adult are \$ 9. It's at the church site on top of 4th Street West. (Flyer attached)

February Events

Did you know that there is an awesome Bruce Munro Winter Light display at the MN Landscape Arboretum?

"The MN premiere of international artist Bruce Munro is the first large-scale outdoor light installation at the Arboretum and features an illuminated winter landscape after dark. A self-guided walking tour of the exhibit (five outside, two inside) includes thousands of radiant lights, pulsating animations and sounds. A series of animations, a gallery of information on Munro plus an exhibit of prints of previous exhibits completes the show."

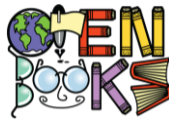
Availability limited at gate pricing as some evenings are sold out and it is strongly recommended that on-line purchases are made. For more information and you have computer access, www.munrowinterlightmn.org. Or you can call and ask for information, 952.443.1400.

Chanhasen is hosting their 24th Annual February Festival on Saturday, February 4th at Lake Ann Park. (Flyer attached)

On Saturday, February 25th the 60th Annual Chaska Fire Department is hosting their Ice Fishing Contest from 1 PM until 3 PM at the Firemen's Park and Event Center.

Hooked on Books...and the Arts too!

Have you heard of Hooked on Books? Interested in more information? Want to go? It is an Eastern Carver County Schools Community Ed event and it's held at the Chanhasen High School, 9 AM until noon on Saturday, February 11th.



"Hooked on Books.,and the Arts too! Is a community-wide celebration in support of literacy and the arts. The event has been an on going partnership between the Carver County Library System and the Eastern Carver County Community Education. The program integrates literacy and the arts in an imaginative and innovative way. This year's features speaker welcomes David LaRochelle.

Spaghetti Dinner

Do you like spaghetti? Do you like helping out local community churches? Do you just like visiting with people you know and supporting their causes? Well then, pack the car up, head on over to the East Union Church on the Sunday the 12th of February. Did you ask what time? They are serving at 4 PM until 6:30 PM and there is a Silent Auction being held too and you don't even have to stay to win. You can't beat their prices either. Adults can eat for \$ 10 each, children \$ 5 and family is \$ 25. You just can't go wrong. Now remember, February 12th. If you have to write it down on the calendar or print the flyer and hang it on your fridge.

21st Annual Chili Feed

Wow, almost missed this again this year. The Carver Lions will be teaming up with the 2nd Alarm to join the community together and benefit the Smile Network International with their 21st Annual Chili Feed. The event will be held at the Chaska VFW on Saturday, February 25th opening at 11 AM until 5 PM. Tickets are \$ 8 in advance and \$ 10 at the door. All the proceeds go to the Smile Network. Maybe the people attending the Chaska Firemen's Ice Fishing Contest could be persuaded to come and have Chili to support the Smile Network too? (Flyer attached)

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Are you ready to play ball? Ready for the nice warm weather? Well you can register on February 7th with the Carver Community Youth Baseball/Softball Association. Registration will be open on the 7th of February for T-Ball, Boys Baseball through 6th Grade and Girls Softball. The youth group extends an invitation to come and enjoy their town ball programs. New resident? Need to know more? Contact the youth group via e-mail at CCYBSA@REG@gmail.com. Watch for more news coming up.

Community Service Awards

The mayor and the council presented community service awards at their council meeting. Funky Minds Organization was presented with the Youth Award. The organization is managed by Anna Edlund and Shelly Rudolph. The organization has had such a positive impact within the City of Carver in working with the youth from the community.

Evelyn Grimm was presented with the Individual Award who has been an Election Judge for more than sixteen years many years served as the Head Election Judge. Her efforts assisting in these elections ensuring that these elections ran smoothly have been greatly appreciated.

The Steamboat Days Committee was presented the Group Award as the group who have been instrumental in making Steamboat Days a success.

The mayor and the council further presented the 10 Year Service Awards to John Busse, Public Service and Mark Pistulka, Building Official. Brenda Efta was the recipient for the 15 Year Service Award. The 2016 Employee of the Year which is an award nominated by the city employees and the employee chosen, Doni Sippo, Public Services.

The mayor presented a special recognition award to Councilmember Newhouse for all of her years of service, as well as being his sounding board. Ms Newhouse was presented with the "Key to the City" award, along with Councilmember Weygang for his service and leadership to the city. Council members also expressed their gratitude and thanks to the outgoing members.

"When you judge another, you do not define them, you define yourself."

-Wayne Dyer

Purchasing Policy

The City Manager, Brent Marek presented the city council with the former adopted revisions to the City's Purchasing Policy and the drafted motion to approve amendments to the policy for their review. The policy has been established to outline the processes for purchasing, to set financial threshold for approval, to define conflict of interest standards and to manage miscellaneous aspects related to city purchasing. The proposed revisions primarily reflect changes to make the policy compatible with the recent conversion to the Council-Manager form of government.

Carver County Transportation Tax

The City Manager highlighted items for the council while reviewing the documents involving the Carver County Transportation Tax involving sales tax, wheel age tax, need for more transportation funding, project prioritization, and funding options. Several questions were raised and the manager will follow up and provide more details.

Levee Study Update

The city engineer updated the council on the Certified Levee Study requesting feedback from the council necessary prior to placement on the meeting agenda for action. Questions involved costs benefits analysis, the Federal Interest Determination document, schedule and menu of options.

Carver Fire and Rescue

The fire chief attended the meeting announcing that the new members were going through training. The department is still looking for firefighters to join. They have twenty eight fire fighters presently and their goal is thirty two members. Some of the officers changed positions. Welcome and thank you for their service to all the fire fighters. The officers are Chief 2, Cally Trimbo, Captain #1, Tim Walsh, Captain #3, Jared Payne, and Mark Schmitz is Lieutenant #3 .

Organization Resolution

The city manager clarified at the first council meeting of the calendar year and the council designated as well as appointed individuals to organizations. Appointments confirmed by resolution.

Acting Mayor: Cindy Monroe
Heritage Preservation Commission: Kristy Mock
Parks Commission: Glen Henry
Planning Commission: Courtney Johnson
Carver County Leaders: Cindy Monroe
South West Transit Board: Mike Webb
SW Transportation Alliance: Mike Webb
Township Fire Board (2): Courtney Johnson and Kristy Mock
Fire Relief Trustees: Mike Webb and Brent Mareck
District 112 Community Leaders: Mike Webb
Land Use Advisory Committee: Mike Webb
Regional Council of Mayors: Mike Webb
City Attorney: Larry Harris
Official Newspaper: *Chaska Herald*
Klein Bank shall be the City's Official depository in 2017.
City investments can be made at Northland Securities and Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution appointing personnel to organizations in the City of Carver.

Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan – Draft Work Plan as explained by the city planner is the process proposed to be led by joint meetings of the council and the planning commissioners. The proposed process for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the planning process and milestones for the Comprehensive Plan.

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Request for Proposal

The council reviewed the request for proposal working jointly with Carver County regarding the Corridor Study involving County Road # 11, (also a county state aid highway) in the city. The proposal involved the introduction, proposal submission formal and delivery requirements, the proposal evaluation and the scope of work.

The proposal request involves a corridor study from the southern intersection of County Road #11 on Highway # 61 to County Road # 40. The primary purpose to provide for short, mid and long term transportation improvements along County Road # 11. The project would include reviewing traffic and transit needs, access management, frontage and or backage road needs, safety, connectivity to other major roadways, trails and pedestrian connections, storm water requirements and reviewed of environmental documentations needs.

County Road # 11 is a major north-south route serving the city and larger environs of Carver County; also connects southern regions into Scott County such as Jordan and Belle Plaine to Highway # 169, as well as into northern regions, such as Victoria to Highway # 5. Growth and redevelopment are rapidly taking place. The newest projects on the county road have contributed to more demands and pressures for more infrastructure and transportation capacities for existing and future intersections.

According to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, the City of Carver and its surroundings have been transitioning from a rural growth center planning area designation to a developing community for a number of years. Reasons this has occurred include the growth rate and volume of Carver, including sewered Dahlgren Township, more similar to developing communities than rural growth centers. The new US #212 is spurring significant development in the city. The city will no longer be a free-standing small town. The Orderly Annexation Agreement with Dahlgren Township for an approximate six thousand four hundred acres planned for future urban growth in the city is also in the future for urban growth.

"Carver's primary connection to the metro area is US #212, which runs northeast from Carver to Chaska, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie. A realignment of US #212 completed in 2008 relocated it north and west of its historic route, and rejoins the historic alignment near the current intersection of US #212 and CSAH #11 at the northwestern corner of the existing City of Carver. CSAH #61 is the historic alignment of US #212 and intersects with CSAH #11 just ¼ mile north of the current interchange of CSAH #11 and US #212. Given the interchange with US 212, CSAH 11 is the primary north to south route used for persons travelling to destinations within Carver as well as for motorists travelling from Scott County to US 212. The corridor also carries a significant amount of heavy commercial trucks per day, primarily originating from aggregate mines in Dahlgren Township, San Francisco Township, and Scott County. From the southerly extent of CSAH #11 within the City of Carver, traffic may utilize CSAH #40 paralleling the Minnesota River to reach the western side of Belle Plaine and Sibley County, or may cross the Minnesota River via CSAH #11 to Jordan."

The contract for this project is expected to be awarded in February/ March of this year. The entire process is anticipated to take approximately twelve months to complete. Additional time may be necessary depending upon public and agency involvement plans developed by the consultant selected. The summary of work tasks was reviewed.

The city manager discussed with the council the corridor study request for proposal from the Carver County Highway Department. Once the county gets that paperwork, the manger, the public services director, and the city engineer will review. In order for the city to move forward, the council will need to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the county. Regarding the review process the city requested more Public Open Houses and the engineering firm selected to present a draft study prior to the Open House before the final study. The costs were discussed. Initially the funding of the study is from the county and the city has a few years to reimburse the county. Ultimately, the city council needs to review first and then decide if they want to proceed. The request for proposals are due soon and the decision is to be determined.

"When you start looking at people's hearts instead of their face, life become clear."

- Author Unknown

Hartman Communities

The City Planner informed the Planning Commission members of the proposed Olsen Property Concept Plan. The statement was made that the developer is still determining the right housing mix and what the market demands are. The developer was examining the land and the physical characteristics of the topography of wetlands, trees, slopes and public accesses. The present view that the members viewed were from the direction of the Comprehensive Plan and the future zoning envisioned ideology. The developer and the builders would have a different vision. The developer explained that the industry presently is more specialized with the cost of land, environmental issues and streets. There is a need for more efficiency. The Planning Commission members inquired about home costs. Trail extensions were reviewed. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the community's Concept Plan.

The city planner provided the council with background information regarding the Hartman Communities who had submitted a concept plan for a residential development on the Olsen Property. The property is located on the west side of County Road # 11 and north of Dahlgren Road, south of Carver Crossing. The concept plan is the initial step in the process of a new development. The purpose to provide comments and provide guidance in designing the preliminary plat. The concept plan was also provided to the county. The plan shows one hundred forty six single family homes, twenty two twin home units and sixty seven townhomes. Presently the plans show access at White Pine Way. Recommendation was submitted that there also be an access to Dahlgren Road. The project is adjacent to County Road # 11, therefore the county requires a traffic impact analysis be completed. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the concept plan presented by Harman Communities for the Olsen Property.

Job Description

The ordinance concerning the city clerk and city manager duties requires action. The city attorney explained that the city code contains numerous references to the consolidated office of clerk/Administrator. This position was combined in 2014. In late 2015 the position was separated, reallocating tasks. In 2016 council considerations began the process of moving the form of government. Due to this decision, impacts were made on descriptions and references to job titles in the city code. Action had been taken pending the resolution of the ballot question at the General Election.

The council reviewed the drafted ordinance relating to the job descriptions affected by the results of the election. The goal of the ordinance was to properly allocate tasks between the office of the city clerk and the city manager, as well as make certain changes relating to the fire department and nuisances to reflect the change in governance to Plan B. The attorney also pointed out that the validity of the ordinance took effect upon publication. There were still some references within the Zoning Ordinance requiring changes in the future. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance involving the city clerk and city manager duties.

Annexation Case Update

The attorney provided the council with information on the Dental Project. The city is currently in litigation on this matter. The city is involved in an appeal over the annexation issue with the Office of Administrative Hearings which has statutory review over annexation issues. There has been significant activity over the past few years regarding issues involving approval for annexations and fees paid to the townships as part of the process. The issues involved causing this were reviewed again. The hearing is scheduled in Carver County and the decision expected approximately ninety days after the hearing. Dependent upon the results of this decision, it could go to the MN Court of Appeals. The attorney would like to see this to occur to get a definitive ruling. Overall, this is a monetary issue for the township and a process and procedure issue for the city. Discussions continue between the city and the township to facilitate annexations.

"The fabric of joy is woven of threads of freedom, peace and love.!"

- Robin St John



Happy Valentine's Day

2017 Street Improvements

The city engineer discussed with the council the 2017 Street Improvements topic and scheduling a Public Hearing was done. The council will be reviewing the drafted feasibility report for the improvements. The project includes reconstruction of existing streets with replacement of curb and gutter, and storm sewer on stated streets. In the project area is the paving of alleys. Broadway street-scape improvements are included. Then there is the Third Street bridge closure as part of the project. The staff reviewed the study. Due to the preliminary costs and assessment requirements, authorization was made for a special benefit analysis be completed prior to presentation to the council. Final changes will be recommended for submission prior to the Public Hearing.

The engineer reviewed with the council the lengthy standard process involved for the assessment type project. Payment for the improvements would be done through assessments, utility funds, general funds and bonding. The staff recommended scheduling the Public Hearing for February 21st.

2017 Legislative Priorities

The city manager discussed the motion with the council regarding the annually adopted legislative priorities for the impending legislative session. The council reviewed the drafted priorities. Upon adoption the priorities would be relayed to representative and senator. The topics involved in the priorities include grants and aids/USACE Levee Study; US Highway # 212; Taxation/Local Control; Metropolitan Council/Staggered Terms; Water Systems/Local Control; and the South West Transit/Supportive Legislation.

Hallblade Addition

The city planner discussed the Hallblade Addition with the Planning Commission. They reviewed the issue of rezoning from agricultural to residential and reviewed the Preliminary Plan and discussed the final plat. The area involved was the east side of Mount Hope Road. The Comprehensive Plan identified the area as low density residential.

The developer proposes splitting the property into three lots. Municipal utilities are available. In order to develop the property it is required to be platted into a lot or lots, and utilities services extended. Approval was being requested for rezoning, preliminary plat and final plat. The Planning Commission reviewed comments received from residents.

The zoning for the addition is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance. The preliminary plats provide the layout for future sale and ownership of specific parcels. As the plat is preliminary, it gives property rights. The Final plat is recorded at the county. Due to the simplicity of the plat and the low amount of public improvements proposal was requested to consider the final plat reviewable jointly with the preliminary plat. The two are interrelated including Land Use, Access, Roads, Guest Parking, Pedestrian Circulation, Utilities, Park Dedication, Tree Preservation, Landscaping, and Bluffs. The staff recommended approval of the preliminary and final plat requests with conditions attached and the board reviewed these.


Carver Current

Be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the *Villager Tower*, as well as others. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, contact Dan to submit. It's another great way for sharing information. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com

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Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Coming in March, *The Little Mermaid* will be opening at the Performing Arts Center at Chanhassen High School, and Oklahoma will be presented in July and August at the Chaska Community Center Theatre.

Disney's *The Little Mermaid* will show March 30th through April 9th 2017. Performance Dates and Times have been listed on their website. March 30th and 31st at 7:30 PM; April 1st at 2 PM and 7:30 PM; Sunday the 2nd of April show time 2 PM; April 6th and 7th at 7:30 PM; April 8th at 2 PM and 7:30 PM; and the last showing is Sunday, April 9th at 2 PM.

Ticket Pricing: Tickets are \$ 17 for Adults (18 and over) and \$ 12 for Youth (17 and under). All fees are included. There is an Early Bird Discount of \$ 2 off per ticket for online orders only until midnight on February 28th. There is a Thursday Special where all seats just \$ 12 for both shows on Thursday. These discounts can only be used for Thursdays until the 28th of February. Then there is a group discount on orders over 10 people and ordering on line. You can only use discount code per order. For more details go to their website. [cvft.org]



Carver Black Sox

It appears that the Carver Black Sox are possibly planning for a Spring Bingo Event in April. That would be great huh? Will keep checking and keep everyone posted but y'all will probably know before I do.

On their website, carverblacksox.com, it is stated that their 2017 schedule is posted. It appears that their first game is scheduled for April 23rd at the Woody Swanson Field competing with the Mound Mallards. So it is official, spring is right around the corner! You know what that means? Warmer weather, no more snow and the summer fun is about to begin!

Carver Lions

"Since 1917, Lions Clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities." So there you go.

For one hundred years people have been giving back to their communities by giving. Certainly validates that if you decide to give, this is a good organization huh? They are meeting on February 1st which is right around the corner. If you can't make that meeting, they will meet again on the 15th. They meet the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month during the winter. Last weekend they were busy with the Soggy Bottom fund-raiser. The proceeds from the Soggy Bottom Open will be to help Abby Lindahl reach her goal of three thousand dollars or more so she can present the check to St Jude Children's Hospital where she has been a patient for the last few years.



Researching events going on, it appears that in February, specifically Saturday, February 25th, the Lions will be assisting the 2nd Alarm group with the 21st Annual Carver Second Alarm Chili Feed.

So, if you are looking to give back to your community, be sure to join the members at their meeting and join in.

Carver Flowers

Annette at Carver Flowers would like everyone to know that the shop will be open Monday, the 13th of February when normally they are closed. They will be closed on the 15th instead. It's always nice and idealistic to have everyone place their Valentine's Day orders in advance. But as Murphy's Law will have it, you know that the guys weren't prepared and are rushing about the day before or on the day to redeem themselves. Therefore, Carver Flowers will be there for anyone who was busy and the days got away from them.

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." - Edmund Burke

Love Inc Gala

Love Inc of East Carver County (Love in the Name of Christ) will be have a gala on Friday, February 17th at the Hazeltine National Golf Club with the event beginning at 5:30 PM. The Silent Auction will start at 5:30 PM ending at 7 PM. Dinner and the Program will take place at 7 PM until 9 PM. The purpose of the gala is to support Love Inc. For more information, you can go on line: loveincecc.org; or you can call at 952-448-2508.

What is Love Inc gala? "The Love INC 2017 Cheers to 10 Year Gala ...is a celebration of the accomplishments and mighty works God has done through Love INC in our community over the past ten years. It's also a gathering of forces for the challenges that remain in our fight to offer help and hope as we transform lives in the name of Christ across Eastern Carver County. Please join us as a guest or a table host by purchasing tickets. Not able to attend? You can still make a donation to benefit Love INC."

Community Calendar March 2017

- March 1st Lions Meeting
Happy Birthday Annette!
Ash Wednesday
- March 2nd Happy Birthday Cindy!
Happy Birthday Hannah!
No School
- March 3rd Happy Birthday Addie!
- March 4th Happy Birthday Karen!
- March 5th Happy Birthday Bob!
Council Meeting
Drill Night
Happy Birthday Max!
Happy Birthday Cheryl!
- March 7th Happy Birthday Brittany!
- March 10th Happy Birthday Sandy!
- March 12th Daylight Savings Time Starts!!!!
- March 13th Parks Commission Meeting
School Board Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Officer's Meeting - Fire Department
Happy Birthday Andrea!
Happy Birthday Alex!
- March 14th Heritage Preservation Meeting
Carver Business Group Meeting
Carver-On-MN Meeting
- March 15th Lions Meeting
- March 16th Planning Commission Meeting
- March 17th St Patrick's Day
- March 19th Happy Birthday Rylee!
- March 20th Council Meeting
Drill Night
First Day of Spring
Happy Birthday Jacob!
- March 24th Happy Birthday Keith!
- March 24th through March 31st - No School/Spring Break
- March 25th Happy Birthday Charlie!
- March 26th Happy Birthday James!
Happy Birthday Beth!
- March 27th Meeting Night - Fire Department
Happy Birthday Laurie!
- March 28th Happy Birthday Cheryl!
- March 29th Happy Birthday Lisa!
Happy Birthday Ken!
- March 30th Happy Birthday Paul!



The Occasional Shops of Carver

2017 Sales Dates

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| January 19th-22nd | July 20th-23rd |
| February 16th-19th | August 24th-27th |
| March 16th-19th | September 21st-23rd |
| April 20th-23rd | October 19th-22nd |
| May 18th-21st | November 16th-19th |
| June 15th-18th | December 7th-10th |



February

| Year | Tradition | Modern | Alternate | e | Flowers | Alternate Stones |
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| 1 | Paper | Plastic | Clocks | Pansy | | Gold Jewelry Alternate: Peridot |
| 2 | Cotton | Cotton & Calico | China | Cosmos | | Garnet |
| 3 | Leather | Leather | Crystal & Glass | Fuchsia | | Pearls Alternate: Jade |
| 4 | Fruit and Flowers | Linen, Silk, Nylon | Appliances | Geranium | | Blue Topaz Alternate: Blue Zircon |
| 5 | Wood | Wood | Silverware | Daisy | | Sapphire Alternate: Pink Tourmaline |
| 6 | Candy | Iron | Wood | Calla Lily | | Amethyst Alternate: Turquoise |
| 7 | Copper and Wool | Brass | Desk Sets | Jack-in-the-Pulpit | | Onyx Alternate: Yellow Sapphire |
| 8 | Bronze | Pottery | Linen | Clematis | | Tourmaline Alternate: Tanzanite |
| 9 | Pottery | Willow | Leather | Poppy | | Lapis Lazuli Alternate: Amethyst |
| 10 | Tin | Aluminum | Diamond | Daffodil | | Diamond Alternate: Blue Sapphire |

February's zodiac sign:

Aquarius

January 20th – February 18th



Amethyst – strengthen relationships and give wearer courage. The Greeks believed it guarded against intoxication

Violet and Primrose



Violet - Watchfulness, loyalty and faithfulness

Primrose – Can't Live without them



Next month's feature will be March.....Anniversary list will continue with year 11 through 20.

Relationships

By: Ricki Yvonne Schultz

There are all kinds of relationships. What are relationships? How many types are there? Why are relationships so important? When do we decide it's a bad relationship? Good relationships bring us much satisfaction and make people happy. Bad relationships make people miserable and very sad. There are casual and serious relationships.

The basic fundamental foundation of a relationship is trust and building on that trust. When that trust is broken or taken away that is when the entire foundation crumbles and is shattered forever, never to be retrieved.

Can you define a relationship? What does it mean to you? Do we realize as humans that relationships don't just happen or keep working productively without effort on our parts? All relationships involve compromises, give and take, compassion and thoughtfulness. You have to accept others as imperfect, not always going to agree with your opinions, cannot control nor force your will onto others. Is it when we stop doing the efforts that make relationships fail? Do we expect too much from others? Less than we expect from ourselves?

When a human dies that relationship ends forever. When this happens do we ask ourselves if we did all we could to make that person's life brighter? Happier? More worthwhile? Productive? Did we care about that individual enough to accept our own value in giving to that relationship? Did we accept them for who they were? Did you cause them pain? Did you deliberately hurt them? Could you honestly tell yourself you put their feelings, their interests above and beyond your own whether you agreed or disagreed? Is this what makes good relationships? The selflessness giving of humans towards others?

Do we even take the time to think about relationships in these busy times? No matter what kinds of relationships we are in, each requires some type of effort, thought, courtesy or giving. Do we take relationships for granted? Do we even think about our actions towards others whether they are close or just mere acquaintances? Do we have a conscience? Do we just react without thinking? Whether it be kind or disrespectful? Is that why we find ourselves with broken relationships? Everything worth having requires effort from both entities. When we lose in any type of a relationship we lose a piece of our self and a piece of our soul. Some more devastating than others. Some more painful than others.

Betrayal causes soul searching, agony and indescribable devastation when you have given everything you can and an individual rips it away from you with the realization that they have not nor ever learned nor retained life's lessons taught. One is helpless and a prisoner held hostage in a damaged relationship of spiraling destruction holding indescribable pain that no one talks about nor shares with others. Can healing ever occur with such types of destruction? Is healing ever achieved? Do our healthy and good relationships with others balance out this awful imbalance?

We as humans do not easily stop loving others especially family members. There is too much history between these souls, too many memories that cannot be erased easily. We accept others shortcomings and continue pushing forward. We repress the pain and hurt and find the goodness, the value in others, as we have been taught to do all our lives. After all, we are all imperfect. Researching this issue and searching for the exact wording heard at a recent memorial the final summary that struck this author as acceptance of a horrible situation and hopes it helps someone else as well:

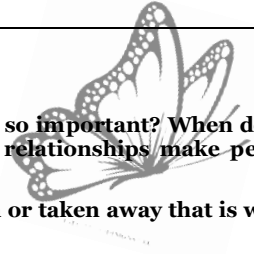
"A true relationship is with someone who accepts your past, supports your present, loves you and encourages your future" (author unknown)

The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.
Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story's told.
Their dying fire in need of logs
The first man held his back
For of the faces round the fire
He noticed one was black.
The next man looking 'cross the way
Saw one not of his church
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.
The third one sat in tattered clothes.
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?
The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy shiftless poor.
The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight.
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.
The last man of this forlorn group
Did nought except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.
Their logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without
They died from the cold within.



James Patrick Kinney



Located in The Historic District Downtown Carver

Parm Girl Junk MS. MAC'S TOO
The Nature Of It The Good Junk Garage
CARVER JUNK COMPANY STUDIO H
SASSY KAT BOUTIQUE CARVER FLOWERS
HOMESTEAD MEMORIES Sweeter Times

Carver Liquors

BIG SALE on Wine and House Wine....be sure to come in and check it out. House Wine – Chardonnay is \$ 15.99
Menage a' Trois is \$ 8.99. Be sure to stop in and check out the inventory! Want to check what you want is available? Give Thang a call at 952-448-9862.



**FEBRUARY
FESTIVAL**



LAKE ANN

CITY OF CHANHASSEN'S 24TH ANNUAL

FEBRUARY FESTIVAL

Saturday • February 4 • Lake Ann Park

**\$6,000 Total
Fish Prizes**

Prizes awarded to fishing
contest participants

**GRAND
FISHING PRIZE**

Keni Pro Thermal
Portable Fish House

**\$3,000 Total
Door Prizes**

FREE ticket available at event.
From 10:30am - 1pm ONLY.

Events Schedule

All Events
Held at
Lake Ann
Park

Door Prize Tickets..... 10:30am-1pm

Pick up a **FREE** ticket as you enter for a chance to win prizes valued at \$3,000. One ticket per person. Drawings begin at 1pm. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Medallion Hunt

\$500 Prize Package! Begins Monday, January 30. Find clues and contest rules on the city's website, www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us/febfest and on Facebook. *Brought to you by the Friends of the Library.*

Parking Information

www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us/febfest

NEW! Snow Shoe Demos
Provided by Carver County Parks

NEW! Fat Tire Bike Demo
Provided by Michael's Cycles

Live Bait for Sale 12noon-3pm

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**FEBRUARY
FESTIVAL**



LAKE ANN

CITY OF CHANHASSEN'S 24TH ANNUAL

FEBRUARY FESTIVAL

Saturday • February 4 • Lake Ann Park

**\$6,000 Total
Fish Prizes**

Prizes awarded to fishing
contest participants

**GRAND
FISHING PRIZE**

Keni Pro Thermal
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**\$3,000 Total
Door Prizes**

FREE ticket available at event.
From 10:30am - 1pm ONLY.

Events Schedule

All Events
Held at
Lake Ann
Park

Door Prize Tickets..... 10:30am-1pm

Pick up a **FREE** ticket as you enter for a chance to win prizes valued at \$3,000. One ticket per person. Drawings begin at 1pm. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Medallion Hunt

\$500 Prize Package! Begins Monday, January 30. Find clues and contest rules on the city's website, www.ci.chanhassen.mn.us/febfest and on Facebook. *Brought to you by the Friends of the Library.*

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Pancake, French Toast & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:00 AM – 12 PM

All You Can Eat!

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\$5.00 Kids 5-10 yrs.

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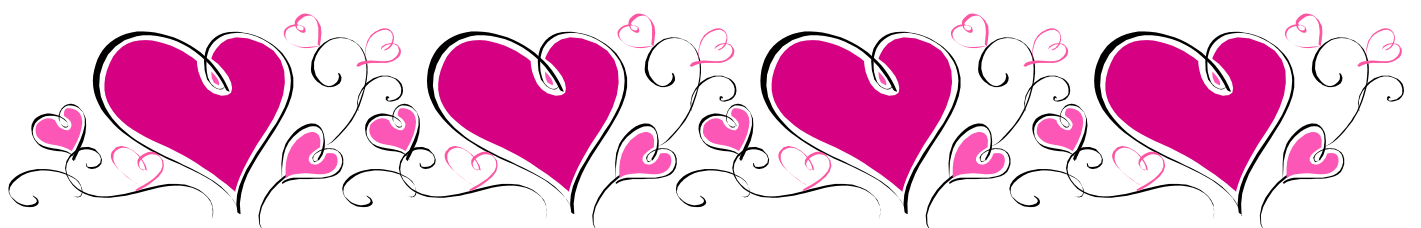
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Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction**

**East Union Lutheran Church Parish Center
15180 County Road 40
Carver, MN 55315**

**February 12, 2017
4:00-6:30pm**

**Prices:
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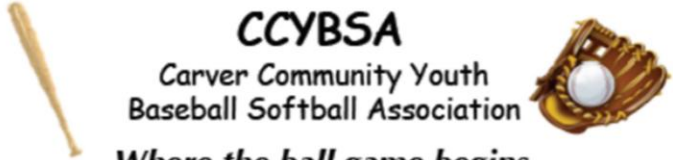
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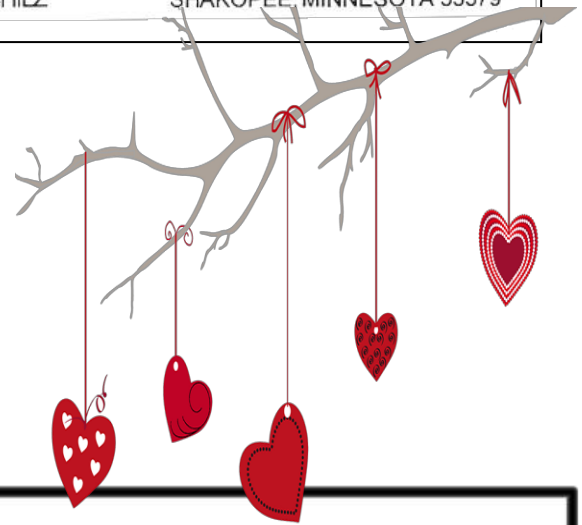
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