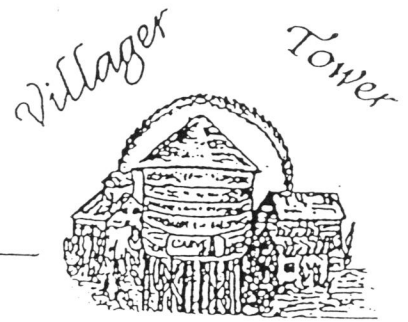


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"Dedicated In Memory of Lyle Olsen"



Dahlgren Township

The City of Carver requested representation for a Comprehensive Plan Study from the township. Three residents were chosen. Ivan Geffert, Jim Dircks and Janice Buckentine will serve on this committee. Gene Miller was chosen as an alternate.

Resident discussed with the township proposal for developing a Landscape Supply and Garden Center Business on their property. The board reviewed the issue and approved developing the business.

The Dahlgren Township Board attended the Carver County Township Association meeting. There were thirty seven township officers present and eighteen guests.

Mark Lundgren, the county auditor spoke to the group about absentee ballots. The auditor's office will again handle the absentee ballots for the township elections. The group was also told that the state will be using new Registration Cards. An Election Judge Training Session has been scheduled to be held at the county courthouse. Briefly discussed also was the 'Helping America Vote Act'. A second License Center is being proposed due to the fact that this center is so busy. The group was informed that when a license is issued it is automatically entered into the state system.

The Township Association was also informed by the Emergency Management personnel of requirement to report monthly to the state regarding terrorism. An extension has been requested for the Hazard Mitigation Act to March of 2005. Grants are available for Terrorism and Hazard Public Equipment. The group was also told that the Emergency Operations Plan is required to be updated annually which had been done in 2003.

The Sheriff also addressed the Township Association about the Policing Contract. Invitation was extended to the February meeting. Due to county budget cuts, the sheriff's department is short personnel. Different forms of policing are being discussed and requested in the western portion of the county.

The Adult Use Ordinance for the county has been adopted. Applications for a new county administrator are being accepted. Communication is a key in governmental interfacing. Planning issues were reviewed. Flood maps for the Crow River project have been completed after three years of hard work. Population predictions from the Metropolitan Council will be a major topic concerning plans for land use and water use issues for the thirty year plan for the county. Solid Waste Grant is still available and townships are encouraged to utilize it. The Solid Waste Plan is a five year plan and needs to be revamped. An Advisory Committee has been created to deal with this subject.

Budgetary issues were discussed by county personnel. Legislative issues on the table this year involve talks about commuter trains, stadiums and budgets. Budget deficits for 2004 and 2005 were touched upon. The Bonding Bill and the North Star Commuter Rail will be of no benefit in the western portion of the metropolitan area, although realized that it would benefit the twin cities. Legal seminars were discussed and insurance premiums, and the Town Road Account from the state.

The Metro Mosquito Control presented information pertaining to the West Nile Virus and Encephalitis Disease. The western portion of the county has been included in the 2004 plan. There were 148 human cases in 2003.

The Dahlgren Township Board will be holding their Annual Township Meeting on March 9th at the Township Hall. One of the topics on the agenda concerns development proposal for the area near County Road #40, Mt Carmel Road, and the Maplewood Road perimeters.

The City of Carver city planner and a council member had contacted the township to be put on the agenda to attend the township meeting. Several residents and the Tollefson Developers were also at the meeting. The township was presented with information regarding the proposed development processes. Information for a substitute method of environmental review was presented. There was brief discussion of Responsible Government Unit that urban city developers are utilizing in some cities. There were other properties in the area previously discussed for development in the township that the city would like to include in the Environmental Review because the plan is so wide spread. The Committee that is set up to work on the Comprehensive Plan would start this review sometime in April. The Responsible Government Unit would give the City of Carver approval to do the study with Township approval and the county would give authority to the city to do this study. An Environmental Review Council would be utilized. The council representative at the township meeting was asked about the Carver City Council's opinion of this project. The response given was that the city would not proceed without approval from the township. The city would like the township to draft a resolution giving the city approval for the Responsible Government Unit. The township will put this item on the Township Annual Meeting agenda scheduled for March 9th at 8:15PM after the township elections. The City of Carver representatives were invited to attend this meeting to explain this concept to the township residents.

Dahlgren Township Elections

Dahlgren Township reminds residents that there is elections on March 9th and the annual township meeting at 8:15 PM. Mark your calendars to go vote for your board members.

The Equalization Meeting is scheduled for April 2nd

First National Bank

First National Bank representatives talked with the council regarding proposal to bring a bank into the downtown Carver area. The council was told that the bank has been locally operated for ninety eight years. Presently they have three locations and are seeking to open another site in downtown Carver with future plans to move to County Road #147 and Highway #212. However, it has been discovered that the chosen site at present has prohibitive costs involved due to flood plain and soil issues. One alternative being considered would be a manufactured or temporary structure to be placed on the site. A drive through was asked about. Another alternative would be leasing another existing building in downtown Carver. Alternatives are still being researched.

Did You Know....

....that Carver was the first city in Minnesota to have a designated Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Proposed Highway #212

The council held a Public Hearing for the Municipal Consent for the new Highway #212. Several municipalities were holding Public Hearings on the same evening. The meeting was scheduled to review the impact this new highway would have within the city limits of Carver. Mt Hope Road, Bade and Forner Lanes will all be realigned. Revised costs paperwork was presented to the council. The walkway across the bridge discussed previously had been removed from the proposal.

The council discussed the portion of the new Highway #212 Design Build Project and the fact that MnDOT would be eliminating the access of Bade Lane onto the realigned existing highway. The proposal is to reconnect Bade Lane to Mt Hope Road via Forner Lane. This work would be done under the Design Build Project. Since there are no municipal utilities currently in place on Forner Lane, it was then recommended to place the utilities in the street prior to any street work. Therefore, the incorporation of this type of work should be coordinated with the current proposal of the Mt Hope Road and SkyView Lane Project. The engineer pointed out that both of the streets are private and right of ways or easements would be necessary for construction of street improvements. Suggestion was submitted to conduct the work as an alternate cooperative agreement project with MnDOT. The city would acquire the right of way, prepare plans and specifications and administer the contract. Then MnDOT would reimburse the city for right of way acquisitions and street costs.

The engineer also pointed out that if the city should decide to retain the turn lane, then there will be a cost share issue with the city. Also there would not be road costs with Forner Lane or Bade Lane residents. The city would be discussing municipal utilities construction which would probably result in assessments.

Property owners inquired about how this project would affect properties. Another resident asked how much property would be taken for the highway. The MnDOT representative explained that attempts are being made to move the roadway so as to minimize amounts of property necessary to be used for the roadway. The width and right of way of Forner Lane was asked about, but these figures have not been established yet. Inquiry was also made concerning the holding ponds in the area. These answers should be available in about a month. After construction, Forner Lane will become a city street. A Dahlgren Township Board member asked about the Dahlgren Roads in relation to the new proposed highway.

The Carver city staff would be meeting with MnDOT personnel to discuss installation of municipal utilities in Forner and Bade Lanes prior to the construction of the road. Recommendation was submitted to install the municipal utilities and this work be incorporated into the Mt Hope Road and SkyView Lane project. This procedure needs to be reviewed with the city attorney. It was the engineer's opinion that there were advantages to doing this work with the larger project. The mayor inquired about how many homes would be affected and requested an estimate for the cost of the project, as well as the cost of the feasibility study. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution ordering the preparation of a report on improvements.

Municipal Utilities

The council was presented with the annual report regarding the pumping of water and wastewater. Eighty seven million gallons of water had been pumped in 2003 compared to eight or nine million gallons in 1988. These amounts will only continue to increase in the future. An average per person per day uses seventy to eighty gallons, but in Carver the tabulation shows one hundred forty six gallons per person per day.

Park and Recreation

A council member asked what pressing issues for the Park and Recreation Board would constitute the necessity for a second monthly meeting to be required. The administrator cited trails, the Comprehensive Plan amendments, and new developments were issues the Park and Recreation Board were reviewing. Meeting an hour earlier would not help to examine the volumes of information requiring their attention and recommendations, since the meetings are already quite lengthy. Motion was made and carried approving two meetings for the Park and Recreation Board for January, February and March with three ayes and one nay. Council member opposed the motion because of additional costs involved with such action. The Park and Recreation Board were commended for their work on the board.

The Park and Recreation Board briefly discussed a five year capital plan for the board. The proposal was temporarily postponed.

Ball Field Advertising

The Park and Recreation Board received a letter from one of the city's businesses supporting ball field advertising for the outfield fence at the ball field. The letter was a personal sign of support for signage. Advertising has also been discussed at the SteamBoat Committee Meeting. A joint meeting was talked about and an invitation would be extended if the two groups were interested in further discussions about the topic.

Community Park Upgrades

The Park and Recreation Board talked about hockey rink update. They reviewed diagrams of the park. Bids and costs would need to be reviewed and addressed immediately so that decisions could be based upon available funds and priorities. Any improvements would be ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant. A committee would obtain bids and costs for a net between the ball park and the parking lot at the community park. The board recommended obtaining bids and costs for putting a well in, constructing a trail system and an irrigation system at the Community Park. Further discussion was held regarding the hockey rink which included the exact location, if there should be lighting and the size of the rink. The board recommended getting bids and costs for the following improvements at the community park: constructing a hockey rink, lighting for said rink, additional general lighting for the parking lot, blacktopping the parking lot, power for a warming house, widening the park entrance and a six foot walking path on Sixth Street. The board briefly talked about a storage shed.

Carver Bluffs West

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the Carver Bluffs West development. Hans Hagen Homes proposes to develop twenty two and a quarter acres of Carver Bluffs West property for single-family land uses. This parcel has been annexed to the city. The property has Comp Plan guidance and zoned Agricultural. Rezoning to residential has been requested. This zoning district is compatible. The flexible regulatory process allows for joint planning design efforts by the city and the developer. This process should result in benefits that preserve natural resources and amenities, assure a higher quality living environment and develop a variety of housing types and densities as a single planned entity. The city is in the position to authorize leniency from strict requirements of the underlying zoning district if findings of the proposal are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance and the project complies with requirements.

Items reviewed involved size of ponds to meet water quality requirements. Movement of boundaries as not to increase or decrease lot sizes. Aesthetic appearances were discussed. Trail connections and sidewalks were talked about. The Park and Recreation Board will also be reviewing these items. Concern of 'run-off' was expressed. Plans included maintaining the natural flow. Carver Bluffs West will be part of the Carver Bluffs Homeowner's Association. Notation was made regarding many constraints dictated by the topography. Access to County Road #40 was mentioned.

The city planner recommended approval of the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Guidance for the Carver Bluffs West property from Agricultural to Low Density with the condition that the Metropolitan Council reviews and approves the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The Planning Commission recommended said issue to be forwarded to the council for approval. Motion was made and carried to recommend rezoning of said property with conditions. Motion was made and carried recommending approval of the preliminary plat with conditions.

Lighting Code Proposal

One of the Planning Commission board members proposed consideration of the city adding a lighting code to the Zoning Ordinance. A sample was provided for consideration. The member would be willing to contribute the extra time and effort to make these adaptations, but first wanted to know if there was interest to pursue. It would be necessary to discuss types of lighting suitable for the different situations. The Zoning Ordinance will be required to be updated to reflect the revised Comprehensive Plan. Consensus was that the timing was right to review the lighting. Enforcing lighting issues was another issue.

Did You Know....

....that many of Carver's earliest settlers were from states in the eastern U. S. But by the 1860s most coming to Carver were immigrants from Sweden the German States.

Trail Systems

The Park and Recreation Board discussed grant updates regarding the proposed local trail system for Carver. The board was reminded that maintenance of these trails must also be considered. The city administrator would be completing the applications for the grant for the trail system. The administrator also pointed out that there is a very conservative amount of money available for grants of this nature and that the Carver proposed trails do not connect to a regional park system meaning priority would be much lower on the scale of consideration. It was also pointed out that work could not be done until a response was received.

The Park and Recreation Board entertained the notion of allowing signage on markers along the trail system. There was the idea of "adopt a trail" process similar to the highway approach. Then businesses or personal parties could adopt portions of the trail to maintain and be permitted to display business signage on that portion of the trail. Benches could also be placed along the trail.

Old Carver Photos

By: Kathy VonWalter

The Carver Heritage Preservation Commission is seeking historic photos of Carver, its buildings, and its early citizens for a permanent historic Carver display. If anyone would like to share old photos, please drop them off with Diane Perry at the City of Carver Village Hall (located at 316 Broadway, Carver). The Heritage Preservation Commission would like to make copies and promises to return photos undamaged within a couple of days. Photos should have the owner's name, address and phone number penciled on the back of the photo. If you are unable to drop off the photos, arrangements can be made for a pick up by a Heritage Preservation Commission member. Any help in preserving Carver's history will be greatly appreciated. Questions, contact Dianne Perry at 952) 448-5353 or Carla Bartusch at 952) 368-0300.

Brayden has a Little Brother

Do you know Brayden? He's the cute little kid belonging to the proud parents at breakfast on weekends at Harvey's. If you haven't been to Harvey's for weekend breakfast then you've missed out. This is the place. Everyone seems to know Brayden. Brayden is the son of Matt (alias 'Buttsy') and Amy Johnston. On January 30th, 2004 at 10:35 AM at Waconia Ridgeview Hospital Maddox was born. So thereby, Brayden duly became 'big brother'! Big responsibility for such a small tyke. But he can handle it. Amy said that Maddox weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 20" long. And of course, the proud grandparents are Jim and Jean Johnston of Carver and Wayne and Joan Lehrke of Young America. Congratulations!!!

Did You Know...

....that in 1874 Alfred Theodore Andreas (1839-1900) published an atlas with a detailed map of Carver, including all of its platted streets, its block numbers, and even its numbered town lots.

Carver Ovary Club

By: Suzanne Thiesfeld

The Carver Ovary Club's Vision Statement: To create a sense of community by promoting business, growth and community participation in the historic district of Carver while maintaining the historic integrity and charm of our small river town.

The plans, events and general information for the 2004 Ovary Club. The following is to keep the city informed of our upcoming plans, meetings and events.

Our main goal is to encourage individuals to start new businesses within the historic district to ensure that the original downtown stays vital as Carver starts to develop the new commercial industrial area on County Road #147. The Ovary Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at noon. Location varies within the city.

Anyone is invited to join our monthly lunch meetings to see what we're all about before becoming a member. We currently have eleven members. We have recently established a \$ 25 per year membership fee.

So far, our 2004 calendar includes private garden tours for the Red Hat Society on Saturday, June 19th. (We are anticipating about two hundred visitors to Carver that day) Also, we are planning on helping out with the organization of the Carver Village Christmas, scheduled for December 4th, 2004.

We are also trying to put together two brochures for Carver. One is a business brochure highlighting the retail, spirits and services businesses in the historic district of Carver. This brochure will be distributed to other nearby city businesses and chambers to help increase and promote our local businesses. The second brochure would be a walking tour brochure that highlights historic homes, buildings and structures. This brochure will be available at the city offices and businesses throughout town. Expect to see these brochures to be available about April of this year.

If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Thiesfeld at 952) 292-8479.

Riverboat Captain

After running the pieces on the RiverBoat Captain, there has been some discussions about doing a small history piece on Steam Boat Days and see what else we can learn and document about both the inception of Steam Boat Days and the RiverBoat Captain. Unfortunately, I haven't had time to do any research yet. This is not an idea you can formulate overnight. So, anyone who would like to contribute to research and has something they would like to share, please forward the information to the "Villager Tower" @ 14210 County Road #40, Carver MN 55315. This script will take a little bit of time before printing.

Thanks in advance for your help and time.

"The true value of a human being can be found in the degree to which he has attained liberation from the self"

- Albert Einstein

Sponsel's Minnesota Harvest

Are you looking for something different to experience? Something you haven't ever done before? Boy have we got the place for you. Sponsel's Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard in Jordan is offering all kinds of different experiences for you to try out.

You can learn all about what is being offered here by visiting our website at www.minnesota-harvest.net or if you prefer, just call at 952) 492-2785 or toll free at 800) 662-7753. Beginning with the holiday season is "Holiday in Lights" starting in November; running through March. December through March is "Snow Time". There's dog sledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and when you're done, come sit by the fireplaces. In March and April the orchard will be offering "Maple Sugaring-Off Parties".

Year round you'll find trail riding on horseback. We also offer lessons on horseback riding. There is an animal petting farm, hiking trails and pony rides. In September and October you will be entertained with 'live music'. July through October, if you like raspberries, you can either pick your own or buy pre-picked. Peaches are available to the public in August. The Peaches come from Michigan. Can you guess what item would be available in September and October? That's right, you can either pick your own pumpkin or buy one already picked, if you don't have the time. Want to learn or experience the thrill of picking your own apples? That's right you can do this August through October. We have facilities for weddings, receptions, almost any kind of party you want to have. No room in your home? Think of us. We have the room, facilities, etc. Graduation, birthday, retirement, bar mitzvas coming up? We can help you with the surroundings to make it just about perfect.

Seniors and tour groups are welcomed Looking for that special inexpensive school field trip? Call and make arrangements. We offer food as well, in case you weren't aware of that. We have specials for seniors. We offer pie, ice cream, coffee, sandwiches, soup, entrees, bakery goods, jams, jellies, maple syrup, honey, cider, apple butter and caramel. In the 'Apple Lodge' you will see an accordion player seven days a week. On weekends you can hear 'Cactus Willie'. The 'Apple Lodge' interior alone is well worth a visit to just check it out.

Remember, for a complete menu of events and other details, check out their website. We are located on old Highway #169, on top the hill from the present highway #169. Heading south of Jordan at the intersection of the OK Corral restaurant.

Also a tidbit for y'all to consider if you are looking for an inexpensive Friday night out to eat, we offer a delicious steak dinner reasonable and for Lent you can get fish too. Be sure to come and check it out.

Disclaimer

The unofficial minutes of city organizations were referenced to formulate the news in the "Villager Tower".

Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

March 2004

- March 1st - Council Meeting
- March 2nd - Ovary Club Meeting @ Noon
Happy Birthday Cindy!
Happy Birthday Sunny!
- March 4th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Drill Night
- March 5th - Happy Birthday Karen!
- March 8th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- Regular Township Meeting
- March 9th - Annual Township Meeting/Elections
- March 10th - Happy Birthday Sandy!
- March 13th - Happy Birthday Andrea!
- March 15th - Council Meeting
Drill Night
- March 16th - Yellowstone Raccoon 4-H Meeting
- March 17th - St Patrick's Day
- March 20th - FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- March 24th - Happy Birthday Keith!
- March 25th - Happy Birthday Bette!
- March 23rd - Planning Commission Meeting
- March 25th - Fire Department Meeting Night
- March 26th - Happy Birthday Beth!
Happy Birthday James!
- March 30th - Happy Birthday Paul!



Carver Lions

The Carver Lions have been busy finalizing the details for the Pancake Breakfast. Adults for \$6. at the door can have breakfast at the Village Hall on March 21st @ 7:30 AM until 1 PM. If you have kids ages 6 through 12, you can feed them for \$2. and if you have youngsters under six, they can eat free. So Sunday morning, bundle up the kids and come on down for pancakes and other breakfast fixins'.

The Lions are also working on plans for a 'Pork Chop Dinner' to be held in April. The date will be the 23rd. Other details will be printed later. They are still working on those particulars. This event is coordinated with the Carver County Pork Producers.

The Carver Lions also have two new members they welcome and would like to share this announcement with you all. Welcome to Tim Craig and Ray Williams.

Remember new members and guests are always welcomed. If interested you can come to the meeting and check them out. The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of the month.

YellowStone Raccoons

The YellowStone Raccoons 4-H club made a blanket which they donated to the East Union School Carnival. It was raffled at the school carnival. The club also received a thank you card from the organization for the donation received from the club for a family at Christmas time. The club is also waiting to finish the bench 'in memory of Bev Swanson'. The Swanson family sent the club a thank you for their work. The club has received the plaque for the bench.

Carver Softball/Baseball Youth Association

Softball/Baseball registration is right around the corner. There will be registration forms available at the Village Hall on March 11th from 6 to 8 PM and on March 13th from 9 AM to noon.

Did You Know...

....that in the 1850s and 1860s it was common for the whole town of Carver to rush to the levee when the whistle blew on the first steamboat to arrive in spring after ice out, loaded with fresh news from the outside world, and much needed supplies after the long cold winter on the frontier.

Did You Know.....

It's official. I have lost my mind. I apologize to John von Walter who has been so nice to contribute his "Did You Know's" for the newsletter. They are fun and interesting facts about 'our town'. I was not thinking. I get so busy putting the newsletter together for you all that I just take it for granted that you all know that not everything is mine and that there are many people behind the scenes that help compose this newsletter. So, whenever you see a "Did You Know" you must associate John with these because they are his words of hard work. Thanks John.

The 'behind the scenes' crew is growing too. Kathy Guenther has been proofing the newsletter and adding pieces that she's involved in and has news from these organizations. Thanks Kathy. There's city personnel that answer my questions. Thanks! The printers! And my family who always helps me with extras. Thanks everyone! It is never intentional when I overlook something that I should have mentioned. Too much in the brain and too little time to remember it all. Unfortunately, the bottom line, I'm not perfect, isn't that a refreshing thought. We'd all be in trouble if I were.

Interested In An Organ?

Wally and Vivian have an organ to give away to anyone interested in playing an organ or would like an organ. The best part of this deal is that it's free. The organ is a Lowry Genie organ in excellent shape. It plays almost everything from banjos to drums to bongos. It's a smaller version organ with two keyboards, top and bottom. For measurements or interested, please give Wally and Viv a call at (952) 448-4784.

SteamBoat Days

By: Kathy Guenther

The Plans for SteamBoat Days 204, September 10th, 11th and 12th are rolling along! New this year will be a carnival, complete with kiddie rides, games and food booths! Friday evening will host a motorcycle show, followed by a street dance featuring the Lamont Cranston band. Linda Schutz from Hazelart has offered to make another beautiful quilt to raffle. This year's project will be a smaller, bed sized quilt. As usual, we are looking for community volunteers. Any face painters, clowns or strolling musicians out there? Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 PM in the basement of the City Hall. Our meetings are open to all residents, so please stop in to add your ideas, or just to listen to our plans and ideas. Any input is welcome! Any questions, call Diane at City Hall at (952) 448-5353.

Did You Know...

....that the first Governor of the Minnesota Territory, Alexander Ramsey, was an original stockholder in the Carver Land Company which purchased the land Carver came to be built on. His name appears on the abstract titles of many Carver land and home owners. Ramsey later became Governor of Minnesota, a Minnesota U. S. Senator, the United States Secretary of War, and President of the Minnesota Historical Society.

....that in 1893 a telephone line was completed by the by the Northwestern Telephone Company. The new line connected the towns of Carver, Chaska, Shakopee, and Jordan with Minneapolis and St. Paul.

....that at 7:15 p.m. on June 2, 1925 a tornado struck Carver, killing three people and destroying the southwest corner of the school building.

....that in 1834 there was a Wahpeton (Sioux) Indian village located at the future town site of Carver. A missionary, the Reverend Samuel W. Pond, mentioned that Mazomaini was then the chief of the Carver band.

....that Carver is located 32 miles upstream from St. Paul via the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.

....that Carver residents and brothers, Luther and William Baxter, published an early newspaper in Carver after having published one in Glencoe.

....that the Minnesota River bottom at Carver lies 689 feet above sea level.

Carver Farmer's Market

By: Kathy Guenther

For the past two summers, a group of Carver gardeners and farmers have been setting up a market on Saturday mornings in the Depot Park. Most of our vendors specialize in organic, locally grown produce. We also offer organically grown, range fed chicken, eggs and beef. Along with these yummy edibles, there have been crafts, preserves, teas, soaps, cut flowers and perennials. All of our products are competitively priced.

Business slowed down a bit during the 2003 seas due to the areas road construction. Some of our vendors felt their efforts weren't worth the work, and dropped out of the market. With the roadwork completed, and new residents moving in to the new neighborhoods and developments, the Carver Farmer's Market would like to reopen this spring, earlier and larger than ever!

The 2004 Market plans are in the works. WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL BACKYARD GARDENERS who are committed to growing their vegetables, herbs and fruits without harmful pesticides and herbicides. We welcome small crafter, or other products. You do not need a huge garden to participate!

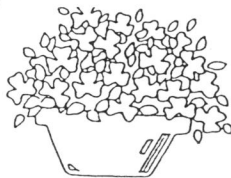
The Farmer's Market is a wonderful way to get to know other members of the community, promote delicious, healthy eating, and make a little cash at the same time!!! The only think we ask is a commitment to set up a stand or booth at the Depot Park on Saturday mornings through the growing season. Please call Kathy Guenther at (952) 361-4244 or Cindy Rivers at (952) 467-3209 for more information. (or you can e-mail: guen121421@aol.com or cindy@riverscritter.com)

The goal of the 2004 CARVER FARMER'S MARKET is to offer our community (and visitors!) an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of delicious just-picked, organically grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs. This year we will offer SWEET CORN, which in years past we have not always had! We will be located at Depot Park on the east side of County Road #40, beneath the Water Tower just past the CARVER DEPOT. We plan to open earlier in spring than in past years, so watch for our signs and pick up those tender early vegetables and perennial plants for yourself and your home! SEE YOU IN SPRING!!

Tentative Agenda

Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) Public Safety
- 6) Public Works Report
- 7) City Engineer/Planner Reports
- 8) Administrative Reports
- 9) Liaison Reports
- 10) Other Business
- 11) Adjourn



Harvey's Bar

On/Off Sale

Happy Hour 4-6 P.M. Daily

Special's Every Wednesday - Saturday

Eat in or Take Out

Daily Noon Specials

Breakfasts On Weekends

Kieth Wickenhauser

952) 448-2289

.....Starting In February Breakfast will be served Daily.....



Did You Know....

....that in the 1860s farmers clearing land from as far away as twelve miles hauled cordwood to Carver and Chaska for shipment down river to heat the houses and businesses of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

....that between New Ulm and Carver the Minnesota River drops 89.72 feet. Between Mankato and Carver the drop is 58.92 feet.

....that in 1865 the Porter and Strait stage coach line was opened. It hauled passengers and goods between Carver, Chaska, and Shakopee.

....that after the signing of the 1851 treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota between the U. S. and the Dakota Indians, the regular transport of supplies to soldiers and Indians greatly stimulated trade and river navigation in the Minnesota River Valley, leading to the birth and development of Carver.

....that prior to the influx of Europeans into Carver and its environs, Native Americans of the Woodland Culture peopled the area from about 1200 B. C. to 1850 A. D.

....that by 1871 the peak of steamboat navigation in Carver had been reached and passed, and the rise of railroads would take over the transportation of immigrants, passengers, and goods.

....that the first named white man known to have navigated the Minnesota River along Carver was Pierre-Charles Le Sueur (c. 1659-1704), who in 1683 and 1700 made exploration trips up the river for King Louis XIV of France. Le Sueur, in 1700 near present day Blue Earth County, discovered colored earth which he shipped down river to the mouth of the Mississippi, erroneously believing it to be copper ore.

....that when the Civil War broke out in April, 1861, citizens of Carver were quick to answer President Lincoln's call for volunteers. Governor Alexander Ramsey pledged one regiment of infantry from Minnesota, and already by April 29 it was mustered in, the first Civil War Regiment to be in the Union.

....that Carver residents and brothers, Luther and William Baxter, published early newspaper in Carver after having published one in Glencoe.

OBJECTS & ART MUSTARD MOON

Occasional Sales
Antiques Original Art
Home Comforts Vintage Finds

2004 SALE DATES

Jan 22,23,24	Feb 19,20,21
Mar 18,19,20	April 15,16,17
May 20,21,22	June 17,18,19
July 15,16,17	Aug 19,20,21

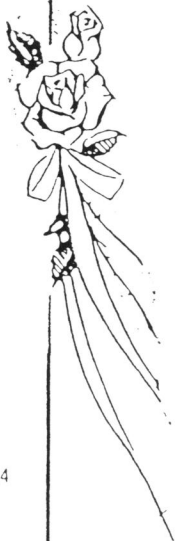
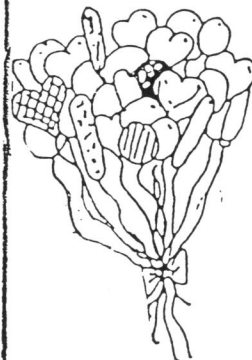
All the above sales are:

Thur 10-5 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-3

Sept 10,11	Fri 10-5 & Sat 10-3
Sept 24,25,26	Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5
	Sun 11-3

Oct 14,15,16	Nov 11,12,13	Dec 2,3,4
Thur 10-5	Fri 10-5	Sat 10-3

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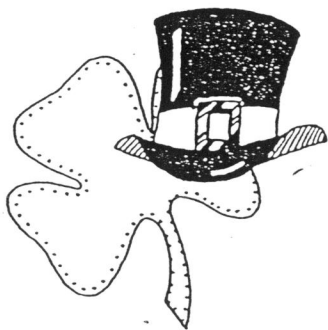
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