

### *D. R. Haskin Construction*

Have you happened to see the restoration projects in the city over the last few years? Did you see a contractor advertising? Did you even notice? Presently, David Haskin of D. R. Haskin Construction has been quite busy on Third Street at the Hilldale historic home. Presently he is putting the crowns on the exterior of the house. It has a new paint job. They will be also doing interior restoration too. They have been working on the replacement of the staircase that has separated itself from the base and remodeling the foyer. The history of the house is not only in name, nor photos or even words. You will find history in the construction of the home, as well. Boards stamped with the infamous "John Funk" can be found on lumber in the older homes. The way items were constructed is absorbed in the eager mind to learn and the various architectures of different homes in different eras are always a part of the learning process. So to listen to David describe the work he has done and is doing, one can't help but catch his enthusiasm and pride.

Dave and his wife Pam migrated to the Carver area in 2000. It didn't take either of them long to start restoration on a home on County Road #40. That was a project to take on he said. They completely gutted the home, added to the home and restored it. Since Pam is also an interior designer/seamstress, she too had input in the restoration of this part-ular home. They have six children ranging in ages from eighteen years old to twenty two months. The oldest is Jared, and the youngest is Davey Jr, then between is Clara, Sean, Gavin and Micheala.

Dave commented on how much Carver has grown just since they have moved to the area. He has been establishing his business in the suburbs so that he doesn't have to commute to the metro area where he had established his business in the southwest Minneapolis area. His goal is to steer his business towards remodeling and constructing new homes with the older historical aesthetics. There's a lot to be said for the older architecture and creativity, as well as design in the older homes. These contractors put their signatures on their work. So welcome Dave to the area and remember if you are in need of a contractor, call him and talk to him about working together to achieve the goal you each seek. You can reach David at 612) 462-1716.

### *Toys For Tots*

Looking for someplace to donate to "Toys for Tots"? Positive Connections Bus Garage is participating in the "Toys For Tots" Program this year. You can drop off your donation during the day from 8 to 5 PM at the Chaska bus garage right off of Highway #212 on Hickory Street. Or you can stop at the Savage terminal off of Highway #13 on 126<sup>th</sup> Street. Toys can be brought in until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the teenagers. They always need a thoughtful gift too.

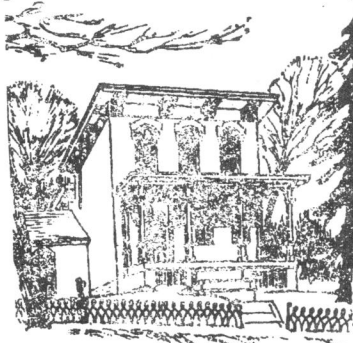
PS... each location also is collecting 'gently used' or new hats and mittens for the "HAT and MITTEN TREE" for the needy in both Scott and Carver counties.

### *Did You Know...*

....that December 26, 1865 saw the completion of a county-commissioned survey of the crude old road and trail northbound out of downtown Carver along Spring Creek to Waconia. A petition of Charles Gebhard and others calling for an improved Carver and Waconia Road had just been approved by the Carver County Board.

### *Hilldale*

Submitted by John von Walter from the City of Carver website ([www.cityofcarver.com](http://www.cityofcarver.com)): History of Carver and Carver Historic District links



412 Third Street West - Hilldale -  
 Built by W.C. Bredenhagen  
 between 1870-1882.

William C. Bredenhagen (1852-1897) was a Carver merchant, a plow works president, prominent insurance agent, publisher of the *Carver Free Press* newspaper, and an early Mayor of Carver. Named *Hilldale* by its original owners, this mini-villa is built in local buff colored brick and terraced into a hillside overlooking Carver. The home is perhaps the finest example of the Italianate style in Carver County, and an 1887 newspaper article called it the grandest house in Carver.

The home represents one of Carver's earliest and best attempts at high architectural style. The first floor windows of the three bay façade are long and elegant. The windows are fitted with a two-pane sash as opposed to the six over six paned sash the larger glass panes displaying the wealth of the time. A molded double-door entry is topped by a large transom and segmentally arched opening. The window openings are also segmentally arched and capped by the corbelled hoods. Its wood trim is graceful and well proportioned, and spandrels at the juncture of the porch posts and roof add interest and style. Overhanging eaves with a bracketed cornice complete the upper decoration. Inside, the home features an open staircase, original brass hardware and shutters.

A large windmill used for pumping well water still stands on the property, though a large barn and outbuildings are now gone. In 1891 the property was acquired by Julius Trieloff who had been in business with the Bredenhagen family, sharing ownership in a Carver firm, the Bredenhagen and Trieloff Tobacco Company. In 1899 the kitchen was added at the rear, probably replacing an earlier summer kitchen. It was home to the Trieloff family until 1968 when it was acquired at auction and renovated by Anne Neils-Doerr, one of the co-founders of Carver's Steamboat Days and one of the driving forces in Carver historic preservation that lead to the creation of the Carver Historic District and the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission.

### *Need A Passport?*

Planning a vacation? Need a passport? Don't know where to go to get that passport? Changed vacation plans because it was too hard to consider crossing the US borders? To acquire that passport is now right in your back door, steps away from home. Passports are now available at the Carver Post Office. For requirements, call or contact the Post Office.

### *Did You Know...*

....that Spring Creek has sometimes been called Little Creek, which differentiated it from Carver Creek, into which it flows. In 1858 Carver experienced a Gold Rush when gold was purportedly discovered in Spring Creek. Dr. William Griffin was one of the leading figures in the "Carver Gold Rush", and his house yet stands on Fourth Street East in Carver.

## *Accolent Mediation*

Submitted by : Julie Peak

Accolent Mediation is located in Historic Downtown Carver. We opened in July of 2006. The organization provides mediation services in the areas of family and civil. Mediation is an alternative to litigation. It is a way of handling disputes between parties in a comfortable atmosphere. The mediator helps facilitate discussions between the parties to resolve conflict. The majority of cases mediated have a positive outcome and the parties are more likely to stick to their agreement because they had a say in the final decision. Accolent Mediation provides mediation services as follows:

Family Mediation includes:  
Divorce/Dissolution  
Custody  
Visitation  
Child Support  
Prenuptial/Never Married  
Property/Debt Division  
Parenting Time Expediator  
Family Disputes

Civil Mediation includes:  
Conciliation Court  
Employment Contracts  
Union disputes  
Product Liability  
Insurance Claims  
Injury/Accidents  
Neighborhood Disputes  
Harassment  
Real Estate

A project we have just begun is working with Scott and Carver Counties to develop Community Mediation services in addition to the services already provided. Our goal is to be able to provide services within the community and the courts for no/low cost. We are looking for community support and are in the process of getting funding from private sources. We anticipate this part of the mediation services will be available in the next six months.

Julie Peak is the Founder of Accolent Mediation. She is a Qualified Neutral listed on the Minnesota Judicial Neutrals Roster under Rule 114. Her areas of interest include both Civil and Family Mediation. Julie is a resident of Carver and is active in the community. Accolent Mediation is located at 204 North Broadway, Carver, MN 55315. Phone: 952) 388-4452 and the website is: [www.accolentmediation.com](http://www.accolentmediation.com)

## *Robert Johnson Home*

Remember the article about the "Celebrity House"? The owners of the home have celebrated yet another honor bestowed upon them. Darrel and Barb hosted an evening with the grandchildren of "Robert and Alice Johnson". The grandchildren came to visit and show their respect to their heirs resting at the East Union Church Cemetery. Kay and Tom Parrish traveled to Carver from Danville, Virginia while Kay's brother and his wife, Craig and Sue Johnson traveled all the way from Vancouver, British Columbia. Just to see their grandparents home. Can you imagine their surprise when they arrived to find the home almost as original as their memories were of the home as children. They were delighted to see how well Barb and Darrel had kept the house; remarking that they were good stewards of the 'Johnson' home. It had been fifty years since they had last visited. They spoke well of their fond memories of their grandparents. They said that they were gracious, kind and reserved from the traditional Swedish background, loyal and steady. But how they embraced the grandchildren upon each visit. Walking into the home flooded their minds with memories that were clearly wonderful memories according to their host and hostess. The children, now grown adults identified items that had been found in the home. A tin soldier, they thought, belonged to their father, Kurt. They identified a button and a picture that turns out to be a photo of their great grandmother, Christina, from their maternal side of the family. Conversations were enlightening and talked about the stories of how their grandparents and their children traveled and the how oldest sib-ling (their father), Kurt had to stay behind while the others were abroad to watch over the General Store. They reminisced about being told of one particular trip in 1905, possibly to New York where a prominent artist's sketch may have been purchased. On this evening of this visit, these grandchildren and their host and hostess all shared in a delightful Swedish smorgasbord consisting of some items such as herring, cheeses, and Swedish ginger cookies making new memories. They all also enjoyed viewing the recorded broadcast from cable about the home. They were all pleased at how much of the historical flavor had been preserved, and continues to be preserved. Good job everyone! What a way to spend an evening huh? We should all be so lucky to take walk down memory lane with such historical value, eh? Hats off to them.

## *Prayers for Luke*

A Carver Neighborhood has created a Cook Book for a youngster named, Luke Welch. The proceeds from this cookbook will be donated to this young man. Luke is a four year old residing in Carver and has a cancerous brain tumor. The donation for these Cook Books is \$20. To purchase one, contact Sue at 952) 448-9422. They make wonderful Christmas presents too. For more information and a journal of Luke's journey, visit his website at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/lukewelch](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lukewelch)

## *Get Well Wishes*

There are people in the area who wish to extend "Get Well Wishes" to several of our very own. Very deserving "our very own" too. They not only need to be aware of how special they are but also how much their contributions to the community mean to so many of us as the 'little bird' relayed, "us old timers in town". You better listen to, the "little bird" means business when these "Get Well Wishes" are extended. Concentration on the getting well must be heeded. *Get Well Jerry. And Get Well Donna!*  
*No excuses allowed people.*

## *Fire Hydrant*

A citizen attended the council meeting to discuss the placement of a fire hydrant. The question was posed to the council when a fire hydrant would be moved and sod placement on the boulevard would take place. The administrator stated that the citizen had been notified that the hydrant would not be moved. The Public Utilities Superintendent stated that a pressure-reducing valve had been constructed in street and that the hydrant on the boulevard was necessary to flush the valve. Because of the close proximity of the power cable junction, the movement of the hydrant was restricted. Moving these junction boxes could be costly. The property owner was dissatisfied with the hydrant in the front yard. Question was asked if another type less obtrusive could be used instead. The item could be looked into. Question was asked about moving the hydrant onto the other side of the street. Council member stated that an amicable solution should be sought if the cost was reasonable.

## *Municipal Utilities*

The council discussed municipal utilities with the public utilities superintendent concerning the treatment plant, water capacity, manholes and septic tank removals. Question was asked about removal of tanks and whether or not it would be advantageous to contract the project to outside personnel. It was the superintendent's opinion that it would be. This issue should be included on the Strategic Planning Session agenda.

## *Victoria Transmission Line*

The city planner told the council that she would like to discuss the issue of the Victoria Transmission Line. The council was told that these lines would enter Carver. Research had been done regarding overhead or burying the lines. The cost for burying was ten times as much as overhead. Concern was expressed regarding the appearance. The city planner and the attorney had been checking on movement of the lines. All of the discussions at this time are preliminary.

## *Development Monuments*

Council member discussed their goal to achieve unity and continuity within the new and older sections of the city and was of the opinion that this could be attained with the Carver water tower logo. Another member agreed with this idea. The city attorney cautioned the use of the city's name on these monuments as there could be misinterpretation. Decision was made to get suggestions from other community organizations.

## *Heritage Preservation Commission*

Due to a homeowner's complicated request to construct a garage in the historic district it is believed that a new city ordinance should be drafted for the historic district. It was the Heritage Preservation Commission's determination that a new ordinance is needed for just the historical district.

## *Carver County Comprehensive Plan*

Dave Drealan, Carver County Land Management representative spoke with the Dahlgren Township Board members regarding the county Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated and redone by 2030. The township was asked if there were any issues requiring implantation into the county's Comprehensive Plan. The plan process includes, Land Use, Transportation-Highways and Transit, Parks/Trails, Water Management, Conservation and Natural Resources, Plan for Aging, Housing, Economic Development, Hazard Mitigation, Solid Waste, Community Health, Historic Preservation, Facilities/Services, and Public Safety. The township questions/issues included Residential Density Options, Other Option, - Feedlot, Golf Courses, Economic Development, City Growth and Conservations and Natural Resources. By the end of 2007, the county would be starting on a Consultant Group and getting draft copies out in 2008.

## *Redundant Overkill*

As if you haven't heard this enough as of late. The election results in Carver are, Mayor Jim Weygand was re-elected to the City of Carver council for a four-year term. Cindy Monroe and Mary Williamson will be serving four-year terms as council members. The third council member elected for a two-year term is Kerry Peterson. Not to leave anyone one without mention, Mike Webb is the final council member to make up the City of Carver Council. Congratulations to those elected to serve.

## *Taste of Christmas*

Are you ready for the "Taste of Christmas" event on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, Saturday at the Church-By-The-River at 6:30 PM. Good food and beverage, along with music will be waiting for you to be entertained until 9 PM. There will also be a Silent Auction. Tickets are only \$25.00. Hurry and get your tickets. Time is running out. Tickets are available at Hazelnut House, Mustard Moon, Swanson and Associates, Klein Bank, The Depot and at the Village Hall. Or you can buy tickets at the door for \$25.00.

## *Carver Lions Third Annual Senior Luncheon*

The Carver Lions will be hosting their third annual senior luncheon on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Village Hall. You are invited to have lunch with the Carver Seniors. Reservations are required. Contact Lee Ostlie at 952) 448-4743 by December 8<sup>th</sup> to share lunch. Rides will be provided for those in need as well. Merry Christmas to all and thanks to those Carver Lions.

## *Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association*

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association extended warmest holiday cheer to all and remind you to watch in the near future for updates on the group's agenda. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from all of us in the Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association.

## *Tentative Agenda*

City of Carver Council  
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions and Requests
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Municipal Utilities Report
- 7) Building Inspector Report
- 8) City Planner Report
- 9) City Engineer Report
- 10) City Attorney Report
- 11) Administrator Report
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn

"Liberalism is trust of the people tempered by prudence.  
Conservatism is distrust of the people tempered by fear."  
- William E Gladstone, 1866

## *Carver Lions*

The Carver Lions will be celebrating their annual Christmas Party the first Wednesday of the month with their spouses and comrades. They are also getting ready for the party on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December hosting the Senior Luncheon. They were already busy decorating the fine city with their lights. Yes, the Lions put those lights out for our pleasure and I understand that there is music supposed to be playing from the Church By-The-River steeple. Can you hear it? Listen carefully. Quiet. Hear it?

And remember you can still drop off eyeglasses throughout town at those designated locations for the Lions to pick up.

And most recently the Lions provided the Village Hall kitchen with a new stove. It's a Tri-Star commercial stove with a 36" griddle, four burners and two ovens. (Hmmm, wonder if we can borrow the kitchen to cook Christmas dinner? No, I suppose not, precedent would be set and before you know it, we'd all be fighting who asked first to use it?) Thanks guys and gals! Linda says that the stove is user friendly. (Think she's pulling our leg?) She also said that it has an adjustable thermostat and automatic pilot light. So remember the next time you or someone you know reserves the hall or you share in one of their benefit breakfasts that all the good food was cooked on that new stove that the Carver Lions provided to ensure that you would have a good meal. Again thanks Ladies and Gent's. They just don't stop, do they, with their generosity? Where would we be without their generous help and thoughtfulness huh? And you can be part of this generous giving group. They meet the first and third Wednesday of each and every month (except in summertime) at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to come and join them for dinner and a meeting.

PS The Carver Lions also wish to say: "HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL"

## *Sympathies*

The "Villager Tower" extended their deepest sympathies to the families of Ruth Heinisch and Dale Kohman, both whom have passed away recently.

## *Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community*

### *Calendar*

*December 2006*

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| December 1 <sup>st</sup>  | - Happy Birthday Chelsea!  |
| December 4 <sup>th</sup>  | - Council Meeting<br>Happy Birthday Patti!<br>Happy Birthday Shayla!<br>Happy Birthday Aletta! |
| December 5 <sup>th</sup>  | - Carver's Women's Business Group Meeting  |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup>  | - Lion's Meeting<br>Happy Birthday Tommy!  |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | - Drill Night  |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> | - Happy Birthday John!   |
| December 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Park and Recreation Board Meeting<br>Dahlgren Township Board Meeting                         |
| December 16 <sup>th</sup> | - First Day of Hanukkah  |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> | - Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol!   |
| December 18 <sup>th</sup> | - Council Meeting<br>Drill Night   |
| December 19 <sup>th</sup> | - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting<br>Happy Birthday Jim!                              |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup> | - Lion's Meeting   |
| December 21 <sup>st</sup> | - First Day of Winter  |
| December 22 <sup>nd</sup> | - Happy Birthday Sandra!   |
| December 24 <sup>th</sup> | - Christmas Eve<br>Happy Birthday Stan!  |
| December 25 <sup>th</sup> | - Christmas Day<br>Winter Break until January 1st  |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup> | - Planning Commission Meeting<br>Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting<br>First Day of Kwanzaa |
| December 28 <sup>th</sup> | - Fire Department Meeting Night  |
| December 29 <sup>th</sup> | - Happy Birthday Miranda!<br>Happy Birthday Sharon!  |
| December 31 <sup>st</sup> | - New Year's Eve<br>Happy Birthday Stephanie!  |

### *2007*

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| January 1 <sup>st</sup> | - New Year's Day                   |
| January 3 <sup>rd</sup> | - Happy Anniversary Bonnie & Stan! |



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