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Super Bowl LII

Minneapolis and St Paul MN are going to kick off 2018 with a bang. Is it possible to top the cake with double icing? Like if the MN Vikings per chance would be a contender to play at the NFL Super Bowl game? Some Vikings fans feel this is a real possibility. And if it were to occur, it would be the first time in super bowl history that a team played at their home field for the Super Bowl game. Now wouldn't that bring Minnesota notoriety? Is it enough to make non-sports fan cheer "Go Vikings"? As one of those 'non' sports people, why am I writing about the biggest even in the Twin Cities you ask? Because there are others who are fans, that are excited, looking forward to the big event and it is a big deal. You don't have to like sports to appreciate others enthusiasm and share that with them.



So where do we begin? On January 25th, the St Paul Winter Carnival will open. News reports say that the Super Bowl event will be a ten-day event. The carnival will kick off the affair intertwining with the super bowl festivities. It is anticipated there are over five thousand media personnel expected and over a million visitors. Those numbers alone are a "Wow" factor. The game itself is scheduled for February 4th at 5:30 PM Central time at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis MN. The game will be broadcast on NBC. Sportscasters from ESPN will broadcast from the IDS Center. Another trivia fact found was that this 2018 Championship Game is the 48th in modern day era.

Some other fun facts are as follows: This is the second time Minneapolis has hosted the Super Bowl. The first time Minneapolis hosted the game was the XXVI Super Bowl. The Washington Redskins played and defeated the Buffalo Bills on November 26th, 1992 at the Metrodome. Now, I would presume that the die-hard fans could cite the score? If not, the score was 37-24. The only reason I have any of these fun facts is because I researched and found answers on Wikipedia and the Super Bowl website. By no means do I proclaim to be any type of expert on this subject, merely sharing the information that I found. The Metrodome in its day was identified as the Hubert H Humphrey Metrodome and was torn down in 2013. Another interesting fact was that Minneapolis was selected to host the LII Super Bowl at the league's owners meeting in Atlanta on May 20th, 2014.

And of course, along with the big game itself, there is the allotted fifteen-minute half time stage presenting the featuring performance of Justin Timberlake. Then there is the popular Super Bowl commercials and ads that are always anticipated and rated. Another big Super Bowl entertainment event in the arena is the 2018 Puppy Bowl on the Animal Planet channel. Of course, one cannot forget the Super Bowl parties planned.

After all, when you really think about it, this is history and it's live. We are all a part of history right now. We get to live, breath, share, capture what is going to occur. Can't get any better than that can you?

Associated events by the Super Bowl Host Committee will include Mall of America events where there are plans for hosting media day, events and press conferences. There is Super Bowl Live on Nicollet Mall hosting a 10 Day Super Bowl Festival. St Paul's River Center, the Xcel Energy Center, MN Vikings Winter Park, and the U of MN all have events scheduled around the big event. There will be a "Taste of NFL" which is a fundraiser for food banks will be held in St Paul. The Minneapolis Armory will host a series of concerts and the SMSC Mystic Lake will host a traveling night club. The NFL is presenting the Super Bowl experience at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The fun does not stop here.

St Paul Winter Carnival



Did you know that the St Paul Winter Carnival is the oldest winter festival in the United States? It predates the Tournament of Roses Festival by two years? This is from the carnival's website. Since 1885 the St Paul Winter Carnival has brought family-friendly events and community pride to St Paul and the Twin Cities metro area. It is a city-wide festivity with special events, fun activities and so much more.

Since this marks a spot in history for Minnesota, it is important to include these historical facts about the inception of the event. A New York report wrote in 1885 that St Paul was "another Siberia, unfit for human habitation" in winter. A fact Minnesotans often hear in general comments of those not used to cold or frigid temperatures a lot. The St Paul Chamber of Commerce was offended by the comment made and set out to prove how much citizens were very much alive in wintertime. This initiated the beginning of the St Paul Winter Carnival. The first carnivals were held in 1886, 18'87, 1888 and 1896. The event was revived in 1916 and 1917. Beginning again in 1937, continued through 1942. The event resumed on a permanent basis in 1946.

The 2018 year presents a seventeen-day celebration of winter with the St Paul Winter Carnival. This festivity is known as "Coolest Celebration on Earth." There are seventeen days packed full of fun starting on January 25th running through February 10th. This year the St Paul Festival and Heritage Foundations' goal is to be the Super Showcase.

There is so much to explore and see that it is highly recommended to visit their website and explore all the information. (www.winter-carnival.com) Most events are free, and open to the public occurring in downtown St Paul near Rice Park and Landmark Center, as well as the MN State Fairgrounds.

Rice Park hosts Ice Carving Displays, Pabst Winter Carnival Music Series, Frozen Family Fun Night, From Ice to Spice Cinco Night, "Not Your Father's" Happy Hour, Ice Bar, Multi-Block and Individual Block Competition. Some Signature events already occurred and others are upcoming. There's the Securian Winter Run featuring four races; the Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Kids Fun Run. Then there's the parades. The Moon Glow Pedestrian Parade, the King Boreas Grand Day Parade and the Vulcan Victory Torchlight Parade. If you interested in more information about the carnival events, check their website for all the dates, times and locations.

There are too many to list without somehow slighting something important. The whole festivity wraps up occurs on the 10th and 11th of February with the Vulcan Victory Dance and Barstool Ski Race Finals.

All of the information above was from the Winter Carnival website and Wikipedia.

Carver's Levee

Karen Wieneri, a representative from the Mead and Hunt firm attended the council's work session meeting. The firm is a national consulting establishment offering services in the fields of planning, design architecture and engineering. The firm provided an update on the completion of the Phase I data regarding the levee. These included the collection and organization of all the data. If the city decides to proceed, the next phase would be an Engineering Analysis to determine whether the levee can be certified. The city will review the pros and cons, as well as the costs and value statement to consider proceeding with Phase II.

Miscellaneous

The city manager provided an overview of information regarding the 2018 General Fund Budget Summary for the residents of Carver.

The manager also is working with the engineer and the Public Services Director regarding relocation of a street light to the new city parking lot on Third Street West.

A Public Hearing was held regarding delinquent utility certifications to the county. Information was reviewed by the council. If the city adopted the certification roll assessment the amounts would be certified with the county auditor. The liens would be payable for a period of one year, certified with the county for payment with the 2018 property taxes. The interest rate would be five percent. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution implementing the certification roll for delinquent utilities.

A Public Hearing was held on the Truth-in-Taxation issue. The city manager gave an overview of the annual presentation for residents and the council. The final budget and levy would be discussed for final consideration.

The City Planner updated the Planning Commission members on developments issues. The Olsen property will be utilizing the Cal Atlantic builders instead of Centra Homes. The final plat will be submitted soon.

Trinity still has the M & I Homes builder on the Butler property. They are working on their final plat, as well.

The city planner is unaware of any plans for the property near Fleet Farm but aware of an Oppidan trailer parked near the site.

Shingobee is working on the redevelopment project on the Sixth Street property. There are some environmental issues being worked through.

Just northwest of the Carver Elementary school has an interested builder.

Building Inspector Report

The building inspector gave the council a report on construction in the city. The Carver Ridge 2nd Addition only has three lots remaining in this development. At the Copper Hills development there are eight homes under construction and the model home has been completed. One home is being constructed in Christy's Bluff. Hallblade Properties has one house under construction. Riverview Estates currently has four houses under construction.

2018 Elections

The council discussed and reviewed a resolution designating a polling place for the 2018 elections for the City of Carver. The office of the MN Secretary of State released information to municipalities and school districts regarding changes to laws governing polling locations. To lessen confusion, the existing polling location will remain the same as 2016 election location which was the St Nicholas Church Parish Center.

Parks Master Plan

The Public Services Director updated the council on a work session held with the Parks Commission regarding the Parks Master Plan. The work session involved introductions and confirmation of the plan project goals, prior strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats efforts, as well as the purpose and draft contents. Updates would be discussed to coincide with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The next steps to be pursued will include summary review of data, coordinate a review of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Trails Chapter as it is available and plan for a tentative Public Hearing possibly in February.

City Hall Update

The city manager provided an overview of the preliminary financial analysis for the proposed city hall project. The financial representative reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan bond process with the council. Bidding on the project is scheduled to occur in March. Tentative date for bond sale anticipated mid May. Discussions for a Public Hearing to be held in January. The council held a lengthy discussion on reviewing financial strategies.

The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed the exterior façade of the proposed new city hall with the representative from the Wold Architects and Engineers firm. The city staff has been working on the building design, floor layouts, exterior features and materials for the new city hall.

The design strategy was to break the building into three different mass sizes to give dimension and the appearance of more than one building. The exterior materials would contain two different tan color brick, rock face brick at the base of the tower and some steel roof materials for finishes. The window design would incorporate narrow glazing with mullions and grids and a dark to medium bronze metal trim matching the roof. The commissioners were also told that the cornice design was still being worked on which could include either the use of brick or metal.

The illustration depicts the proposal discussed.



One commissioner expressed dislike for the tower with all the windows and the lack of wide trim boards. It was also the commissioner's opinion that the cornice should be more detailed and brackets across the front.

The building inspector added that the design group designed to allow the appearance of the lower level windows/doors replicated a storefront and the upper windows ratio would appear like other surrounding buildings. Other structures were referenced however the desire was to remain with the city's design guidelines and its building architectural features. Design ideas are still being worked on. Motion was made and carried with all ayes requesting to see another rendering with recommendations to raise the roof front, more detailed cornice drawing, samples of exterior materials, drafted shallower roof pitch on the tower and exterior light details.

Employee Service Awards

The Ten-Year Service Award was presented to Cathy Elke, City Accountant at a council meeting. Ms Elke celebrated her ten-year anniversary with the City of Carver. The city manager stated his appreciation for her accuracy within all of the financial activities for the city. The mayor stated his appreciation for her timelines. The mayor and the council all took the time to thank her for all of her work.

The Meadows

The city planner reviewed the final plat for The Meadows at Spring Creek development from Trinity Development and Vincent Bluffs of Carver located south of Spring Creek Drive. The proposal is to plat the first phase of The Meadows at Spring Creek which consists of forty-five villa lots and thirty-two single family lots. The outlots would consist of either storm water ponds, environmentally sensitive resources or areas for future lots/streets. M/I Homes is the proposed builder formerly Hans Hagen Homes.

Disclaimer

The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

2018 Fee Schedule

The city clerk/treasurer provided information for the 2018 fee schedule topic. The staff reviews various fee charges and recommends appropriate changes for the upcoming year. Upon adoption the fees take effect on the first of January after publication of the ordinance. The building permit fees increased overall by three percent. The Planning Commission recommended approval for the proposed fees charged for building permits relating to land use matters.

Then the council discussed the questions about the Carver Elementary School fees regarding an agreement. The city manager clarified that the city has a ten-hour priority scheduling agreement for the use of Chaska Park and Recreation Carver's programming use time, but that the school has their own fee schedule. Question was asked about resident use. The School District or Community Education would have to be contacted directly for scheduling and fees. Question was asked about group requests. The city manager would obtain a fee schedule and categories determining groups and rates.

The city manager reminded the council that municipal services usually were reviewed at this time, as well. However, decision was made to wait until the Utility Rate Study has been received. This is currently being worked on.

Classifications of rentals were inquired about, along with advertising for the Carver Place space. There had not been any changes made as specific policies and fees had been adopted from the Church by the River space. The city manager also pointed out that currently the council does not have authority to change these fees at this time. Due to the limited amount of space for community groups and the like advertising has not been pursued. Recommendation had been made to change the three-hour minimum to four-hour on the fee schedule for short term rentals.

Question was asked about the name change from Church by the River to City Council Chambers. Carver-on-the-Minnesota had named the building. To eliminate the confusion, at a work session the change had been made. The sign in front of the building had also been changed. The final decision was to change the name to City Council Chambers at the Church-by-the-River. Motion was made and carried with all eyes adopting the ordinance regarding the fee schedule for 2018.

Land Use

The city planner presented the drafted refined future land use map from the Comprehensive Plan Meeting. Refinements made included some of the previously identified area as Industrial development north of Highway #212 changed to Medium Density Residential. Another area involved south of Highway # 212 and east of County Road # 43 changed to High Density Residential. The third area identified as west of County Road # 11 changed to a dual guidance of either commercial or industrial area. Areas identified as parks and open space were refined, along with some other areas that were marked on the map. MN Valley Lands recently acquired property between Carver Bluffs and County Road # 11 for future inclusion in the Rapids Lake Unit of the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

This area was changed to Conservation on the map. The triangle area between County Road # 40 and County Road # 11 was changed from Urban Reserve to Low Density Residential. The properties north of Sixth Street were identified as Low Density Residential. The Parking lot on Third Street was added to the Public Institutional guidance to be consistent with other city properties guidance.

Honoring the Memory of Mike Poppitz

Did you know that Mike Poppitz's dad organized and played for the Carver Black Sox in the late 1940's? Orwin Poppitz with the nickname, "Hubble" was Mike Poppitz' dad. They lived and farmed in Augusta and played ball. Mike had managed the Carver team for a while before managing the Victoria team in 1982. Mike passed away December 6th. Only seemed appropriate to make honorable mention of a former team player and offer belated condolences to the family.

Soggy Bottom Open Snow Golf

Remember to support your local Soggy Bottom Open Snow Golf event at RiverSide Park on Saturday, January 27th at 11 AM until 2 PM. [see insert]

East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Church has plans for a Pancake Breakfast on January 14th hosted by the Youth and Education Commission. It is the second annual breakfast to be held. They will begin serving pancakes, sausage, juice and beverages at 7:30 AM. The breakfast will be over at noon. Can't get breakfast anywhere else with this much for a low cost of \$ 7 for adults, \$ 5 for kids twelve and under. If you have kids under two, they eat free! Mark your calendar, Sunday, January 15th at the East Union Lutheran Church at 7:30 AM until Noon.

Then on Sunday, February 11th the Youth and Education Committee will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. They will serve starting at 4 PM until 6:30 PM. Watch for more details.

It is only appropriate to share the church's quilt raffle winner because the recipient turned out to be related to the creator of the quilt. "The winner of Audree Sells' quilt was Susan Engelsen. Susan is from Savage and was Audree's second cousin. Susan and her husband were married at East Union. Her grandfather, Albert Johnson was the janitor years ago. Susan was very excited to win the quilt, this is her first quilt from Audree." How lucky could one get? Can you imagine how much this has to mean to her?



The church is promoting their "Super Roll Sunday!" The parish is collecting toilet paper for their Annual Super Roll Sunday. Starting presently until February 4th, the toilet paper will be collected for the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska. Food banks are not allowed to spend donated money on this particular item. Food can only be bought with those funds. Families need toilet paper too. The only way they can get it sometimes is if it is donated. You can drop rolls of toilet paper off at the Parish Center by the Pastor's office. The church has set a goal to collect more than last year.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Auditions were held for the Emmy Award-winning 1970's Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics will instruct a whole new generation with songs from the Chaska Valley Family Theatre stage.



Performance dates scheduled are Friday, February 16th through the 25th of February. For more details, times, dates and where to see it; check out their website at: cvft.org

The pop culture phenomenon comes to the musical stage in Schoolhouse Rock Live! The show follows Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Registration for the 2018 season will begin soon. There will be some exciting new options coming for both the boys and girls teams. The association is in need of some individuals willing to be coordinators for the Baseball and Tball programs. Interested, contact ccybsa.reg@gmail.com. Keep checking their website for registration information.

Carver Current

The "Carver Current" website is an online source of various information of local news, school activities, sports results etc. This is a great site for sharing important information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the "Villager Tower" can also be found on this website.

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January Fun Facts

Thanks to the internet and Wikipedia below are some fun facts regarding the month of January.

The Common Sense by Thomas Paine was published on January 10, 1776. On January 10, 1920 the League of Nations was established. January is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, and one of seven Gregorian months with the length of 31 days. The first day of the month is known as New Year's Day. It is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month of the year within most of the Southern Hemisphere.

"January, from the Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry January is named after Janus (Ianuarius), the god of the doorway; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (ianua) - January is the door to the year. Traditionally, the original Roman calendar consisted of 10 months, totaling 304 days, winter being considered a monthless period. Around 713 BCE, the semi-mythical successor of Romulus, King Numa Pompilius, is supposed to have added the months of January and February, allowing the calendar to equal a standard lunar year (355 days). Although March was originally the first month in the old Roman Calendar, January became the first month of the calendar year either under Numa or under the Decemvirs about 450 BCE (Roman writers differ). In contrast, years in dates were identified by naming two consuls, who entered office on May 1 and March 15 before 153 BCE when they began to enter office on January 1."

"Various Christian feast dates were used for the New Year in Europe during the Middle Ages, including March 25 and December 25. However, medieval calendars were still displayed in the Roman fashion of twelve columns from January to December. Beginning in the sixteenth century, European countries began officially making January 1 the start of the New Year once again — sometimes called Circumcision Style because this was the date of the Feast of the Circumcision, being the eighth day from December 25."

"Historical names for January include its original Roman designation, Ianuarius, the Saxon term Wulf-monath (meaning wolf month) and Charlemagne's designation Wintarmanoth (winter / cold month)."

"In Finnish, the month is called tammikuu, meaning month of the oak, but the original meaning was the month of the heart of winter, as tammi has initially meant axis or core. In Czech this month is called leden, meaning ice month. In Ukrainian it is січень meaning cutting or slicing perhaps referring to the wind."

Not only are there monthly festivities for celebrations but there are also national and monthly revelries:

Dental Awareness Month
[Dry January](#) (United Kingdom)
[Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#) (United States)
Creativity Month
[National Mentoring Month](#) (United States)
Tamil Heritage Month ([Canada](#))
[Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#) (United States)
Stalking Awareness Month

Cervical Health Awareness Month
National Blood Donor Month
Defects Prevention Month
National /Glaucoma Awareness
National Thank You Month



Community Calendar Highlights

February

February 1 st	Happy Birthday Terrence! National Freedom Day
February 2 nd	Groundhog Day
February 3 rd	Happy Birthday Darrel!
February 4 th	Super Bowl World Cancer Day
February 5 th	Council Meeting East Union School Band Concert Drill Night
February 7 th	Lion's Meeting
February 8 th	Late Start/School
February 9 th	East Union School Winter Carnival Happy Birthday Bonnie!
February 10 th	Happy Birthday Adam! Happy Birthday Tommy!
February 11 th	East Union Church Spaghetti Dinner
February 12 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Meeting Fire Department Officer's Meeting Lincoln's Birthday School Board Work Shop East Union School PTO Meeting Happy Birthday Renee!
February 13 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting SW Metro Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet Carver on the Minnesota Meeting Mardi Gras Carver Elementary PTO Meeting Happy Birthday Maddie!
February 14 th	Ash Wednesday
February 15 th	Valentine's Day Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Kim! Happy Birthday Katie! Happy Anniversary Dwight & Janet!
February 16 th	Chinese New Year Happy Birthday Bob!
February 17 th	Happy Birthday Bruce!
February 19 th	President's Day Drill Night No School
February 20 th	Council Meeting Happy Birthday Tom!
February 21 st	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Peggy!
February 22 nd	Washington's Birthday Happy Birthday Sandra!
February 23 rd	Happy Birthday Faye!
February 24 th	Hooked on Books
February 26 th	School Board Meeting Fire Department Meeting Night
February 27 th	East Union Music Concert Happy Birthday Dad!
February 28 th	Happy Birthday Skylar!



Carver Flowers and Gifts

By: Annette Hentz
Valentine's Day is on Wednesday this year. Carver Flowers and Gifts will be open on Monday the, 12th, even though it's normally our day off. Just a reminder: Customers should consider ordering EARLY (a week would not be too much , but guys don't normally think about this enough in advance), especially if you want a particular flower featured in your order. Sometimes it is not on hand when you just walk in. So remember, Valentine's Day is coming up quicker than we think and we have flowers for that special someone.



Hooked on Books

Eastern Carver County Schools Community Ed Events and Services hosting 2018 Hooked on Books...and the arts too! event. Starting at 9 AM until noon on Saturday, February 24th at Chanhassen High School featuring Douglas Wood.

“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 Eastern Carver County Community Education and the Carver County Library system.

Hooked on Books...and the Arts, too! is planning its 13th year of programming! The event integrates literacy and the arts in an imaginative and innovative way. Memories are made for the participants, especially preschool through fifth grade students and their families. Heroes are made out of authors, illustrators, dancers, musicians, and artists, and inspiration takes place along the way.

This project is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.”

If you want more information, contact Lori Kendall, Event Manager at 952.556.6186.

Douglas Wood is the 2018 Featured Author,



“Author Douglas Wood is the creator of 32 books with over 2.5 million copies in print. Old Turtle is a famed international classic, and his What Grown-Ups Can’t Do books are kid favorites and New York Times bestsellers.

Among his many honors and awards are the Christopher Medal, ABBY Award, International Reading Association Book of the Year, Minnesota Book Award, Midwest Publishers Association Book of the Year, Parent’s Choice Award, Barnes and Noble Star of the North, and Story Telling World

Award.

Not only is he an author-illustrator, Doug is also an accomplished musician and composer. He sings and performs on guitar, banjo, and mandolin, often appearing with his Wild Spirit Band. Today, Douglas Wood visits schools across the country, relating to kids with genuine warmth and empathy, combining serious purpose with light-hearted humor, and the rare ability to inspire.”

2018 Sponsors include: Ridgeview Medical Center, Wings Financial Credit Union, Chanhassen Rotary Club, Chaska Rotary Club, Culvers of Chaska, Qdoba of Chaska, Pinwheel Play, Chanhassen Villager, Chaska Herald, Mary Pat Nydahl / Edina Realty, and Usborne Books.

Genealogy

Looking for your roots? Where did my ancestors immigrate from? Or just looking for a project? How about instead of Ancestry membership searching that family tree you have someone else do the searching for you? Or maybe you are just tired of trying to search? Cost too much? Don’t know where to begin? Contact Rose for help. Not only will you find what you need to know or want to know but you will help me with my own goals. The Ancestry website charges \$ 19.99 per month for six months, if you stay only in the USA searches, after that it’s an additional \$ 99. And costs more if you need to search beyond the USA border. Why not let someone who has a membership to ancestry already do the work for you?

Well, there is someone willing to help you. If you would like help with your family tree, the charge is only \$ 10.00 per generation for each side of your family, (\$ 10.00 for your side and \$ 10.00 per generation on spouse’s side). You can’t go wrong. All that is required from you, your full name, date of birth and place of birth, parents’ names, and dates of birth. If you have any other names that you think can help, you can add them. Or maybe you don’t have all that information, contact Rose and she will help you with as much as she can.

“I will take it from there. Give me a call and we’ll get started. Contact Rose Keown at 928.764.3630 and we’ll begin the process and find your heritage. If it’s easier, you can e-mail me too, rosekeown@frontiernet.net.”

“Colors are the smiles of nature.”

~~~~~ Leigh Hunt

## A Cup of Carver

Submitted by: Lori Osterdyke



“To our community, customers, friends and family:

As with most small-town family owned business, when one person of the family is down, it takes a toll on everyone.

With that said. Some of you have already heard that my husband, Greg, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia on December 13. He has been at Abbott Northwestern Hospital since the time of diagnosis and has been on an aggressive chemo schedule. His first average stay at the hospital is around 30 days.

With that said, we have decided as a family to temporarily close A Cup of Carver for the month of January 2018. I physically cannot be at the hospital and at the coffee shop and being a mom all at the same time. My family comes first....always.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you to everyone for the outpouring of support, prayers and positive thoughts. We truly are humbled by the thoughtfulness of our community.

Our last day open this year is Saturday, December 30. We will be open 7 AM – 4 PM.

Wishing everyone health and happiness in 2018. Be safe.

Lori Osterdyke

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## Kyrstelle's Adventures

### Introduction

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

During these most recent days of despair, delusion, division, controversy and hate, we all need to step away and find a brighter, lighter and happier place to exist even if only temporarily.

That place is another dimension called Imagination where good things happen. Unbelievable things take place and the unreal, unbelievable can happen. Like the place where trees answer you, flowers sing to you. Animals share their feelings and smiles are contagious. There are no tears, no sadness, no pain, no gloomy grey days. That place where the silver linings exist if you let yourself imagine.

You can either open the door, step through the mirror or just close your eyes and let the dreams, aspirations and happiness pour into your mind and heart.

As Mother has said, “We were given hope, only to have it ripped out from under our feet unexpectedly. Sending our hope plunging like a downward car on a roller coaster with fear and despair.”

So as that car chugs back upwards, your eyes already closed, imagine you just walked onto that rolling green lush meadow where the picturesque panorama before you is overwhelmingly beautiful. The sun shining so brightly, the sparkles of the dew like miniature diamonds. The aroma is clean, pure and pleasant like the lilacs enveloping your senses. Your journey is about to begin.

With that little boost of something good and happy should make the bleak a little less strong and just maybe, you can find the strength to look to better things and not focus on the bad so much and your day will be just a bit better. This is the purpose of my adventures. To take away a little of the sadness, blight and negativity and replace it with positivity if only for a very short time.

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7:30 am to 12 noon

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**9th Annual Carver Lions Soggy Bottom Open**

Saturday, January 27th  
11am - 2pm




Bring one golf club, hockey stick, or whatever else you would like to hit a tennis ball with. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the park. Ages 12+. Under 18 years of age requires parent/guardian supervision. Heated tent & bonfire, music & door prizes!

Registration Fee: \$20.00/person. Proceeds go the Carver Area Community! A Soggy Bottom signature stocking cap is included with your registration fee.



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