

February / March 2018

Number Three Hundred Thirty-Four

In Memory of Barney Riesgraf

Community Service Awards

The mayor presented John von Walter with an individual award and the Carver Lions group award for his providing the city with historical information relating to the City of Carver. The mayor also commended and thanks the Carver Lions Club for their tireless service to the city.

Employee of the Year Awards

The mayor announced that the Public Services Director, Brian Skok was selected as the full-time Employee of the Year. The mayor recognized him for his innovative qualities and ability to make the department successful for the entire city. The Assistant Fire Chief, Cally Trimbo was selected as the part-time Employee of the Year, recognized for his leadership and building strong relationships with the city, the resident and the public services department.

The mayor and the council also took the time to thank everyone who should be recognized for their work as these individuals are great examples of strong commitment.

City Hall

Wold Architects and Engineers representative presented the final floor plan and building elevation designs for the City Hall Project. Questions were asked and discussions were held regarding varying issues. The mayor expressed appreciation for the consideration of natural lighting in the design. Information will be forwarded to residents for their additional input and a Public Hearing will be scheduled to review the Capital Improvement Plan for financing the project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the floor plan and building elevation designs for the city hall project.

The council addressed an issue involving the tentative adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan. The city was notified by both the Wold Architects and Engineers and Kraus Anderson Construction that there was likely a significant budget variance. Verification of the budget variance was unable to be completed in the past. The city attorney drafted alternatives and options available for the consideration of moving forward. Considerations involved included information from the two firms leading to the variance and their ultimate role in communicating and managing the budget; cost saving measures and/or changes to the project scope; review and discuss financial impacts with the city's financial firm; and review legal process requirements and impacts with the city attorney.

Recreation Services

The Acting Parks and Recreation Director, Bill Monk attended the council meeting to discuss the recreation services partnership. The existing agreement expires at the end of 2018. The City of Carver pays an annual fee for resident rate discounts at the Chaska recreation facilities and for recreation programming services.

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.

Miscellaneous

The city manager presented the 2018 Property Tax Levy and the 2018 Budget to the council for approval. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution certifying the 2018 Property Tax Levy. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the 2018 Budget.

The city attorney updated the council on the issue of the MN Court of Appeals' ruling for the Dahlgren Township annexation issue. The appeals court affirmed the district court's reversal of the Office of Administrations Hearing's decision. The ruling stated that the city and the township are entitled to agree to a reimbursement amount. The Office of Administrative Hearing has the right to petition the Supreme Court for further review within thirty days.

The building inspector updated the council on construction in the developments. The Carver Ridge 2nd addition has three remaining lots in the development. In Copper Hills development there are nine homes under construction and their model home is completed. There is one house under construction at Christy's Bluff. The Hallblade Properties has one house under construction. Four homes in the Riverview Estates development are being constructed. The inspector continuing work with homeowners and city ordinance corrections.

The city attorney presented a drafted Right Of Way Ordinance for the council's review. Reasoning for the review regarded recent changes in the laws because of small cell equipment in public right of ways.

Carver Fire Department

The fire department is still accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. The Department also informed the council that the election for the Carver Fire Marshal had been made and announced that Ryan Gill was the candidate chosen. The department is also anticipating the FEMA AFG (Assistance to firefighters Grant) grant opening.

The Fire Chief, Dan Meyer has been re-appointed as Fire Chief for the next two years and the mayor congratulated him. The chief and officers were also thanked for their bringing the department to another level. The entire council appreciates all of their efforts.

Solar Energy

The President of the Minnesota Conservative Energy Form, Mike Franklin attended the council meeting to discuss his experiences with the solar energy farms. Mr Franklin is also a Jordan council member which the City of Jordan recently adopted an ordinance amendment to their Solar Energy System Ordinance.

Engineering Firms

The Planning Commission members were advised by the city manager that the city council interviewed engineering firms for engineering services in 2018. Andrew Budde with Bolten & Menk had been appointed the city engineer. Dan Boyum from Stantec will continue to serve as the city engineer for the remainder of the 2017 Street Improvement project.

Municipal Utilities

The Public Services Director discussed with the council the up-grade for the municipal utilities. The proposal was required approval from the council. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) operates the municipal utilities for the city. This system also allows the department to remotely access and trouble-shoot the areas of the system in the event of an alarm. The last upgrade was done when the water treatment plant was built in 2003/2004.

Redevelopment

The Consulting Planner, Mary Matze presented the drafted resolution relating to the Redevelopment Plan and Community Growth Partnership Redevelopment Grant application for the property on Sixth Street. The city has applied for a redevelopment grant to demolish the building and remediate soils at the property designated on Sixth Street purchased by the city. A proposal has been selected to develop senior housing on the site. Delay had occurred requesting additional time to finalize issues. It is anticipated that an application may be forthcoming in spring.

The project partner and staff have been working to secure funding, additional site investigation, demolition and clean up. Efforts to complete additional site investigation work identified and work with the developer to ensure that the project moves forward in a timely manner.

The staff recommends applying for a Community Growth Partnership Initiatives Redevelopment Incentive Grant to support the city's efforts to demolish and soil remediation. Submission is due in February. Resolution approval is required supporting the affordable housing and the application. This grant was created and funded by the Carver County Community Development Agency. The goals of the program are to increase the tax base and improve the quality of life throughout the county with three specific strategies: affordable housing development, and job creation and redevelopment. A redevelopment plan is required, as well.

In 2016 authorization had been given to prepare a Request for Proposal pursuing redevelopment. The Planning Commission had prepared guidelines and principles included in the request. The council approved this plan containing the required components of the redevelopment plan. The staff prepared a redevelopment plan incorporating the guiding principles and the development concept from Shingobee Builders. This plan meets the requirements of the grant application.

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." Rose says. 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?

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."

"The most serious charge which can be brought against New England is not Puritanism but February."

~ Joseph Wood Krutch

The Meadows at Spring Creek

The Planning Commission reviewed information presented by the city planner regarding the first phase of The Meadows at Spring Creek development. Trinity Development representative was present to discuss questions.

The strip of land between the Spring Creek neighborhood from the Butler property had been resolved by the city's acquisition of the land. The acquisition was necessary to connect Green Ash Drive. The developer and owner have not been able to resolve the remaining portion of the strip of land and will be left open and possibly included in Phase II or the possibility of separating the two neighborhoods. Phase II would encompass the balance of what is not part of the Phase I plans.

Inquiry was made regarding the temporary cul-de-sac on Green Ash Drive. The city planner explained that the city owns a temporary easement for the cul-de-sac but the owner of the lot owns the cul-de-sac. Development condition is that the cul-de-sac will be removed and restored releasing the temporary easement when conditions are met.

The Conditional Use Permit was asked about. This will be revoked through the approval process.

Underground power lines were questioned. New power line installation in the city is underground. The developer is responsible for the expense of existing powerlines on the south side of Spring Creek Drive.

Trail connection to the existing neighborhood was asked about.

There is an existing trail on Spring Creek Drive.

The Parks Commission determined interest in park dedication funds in lieu of a park when question was asked about a park area within the development.

The wetland review completion was a separate action.

The planning commission made a motion and carried with all eyes recommending approval of the final plat for the Meadows at Spring Creek subject to the conditions stated.

Carver Flowers and Gifts



Remember, 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.

Valentine's Day Holiday Hours are as follows: February 1st through the 10th 10 AM to 5 PM. Monday and Tuesday, February 12th and 13th, Valentine deliveries will be available and shop hours will be 10 AM to 5 PM. Wednesday, Valentine's Day, February 14th, deliveries will be available for orders placed on the 13th. Orders placed on the 14th will be for pick up only. There will not be any same day delivery on Valentine's Day. There also will not be any wedding consultations from February 1st through the 17th.

Annette asks, "Did you get a fiancé for Christmas?" Did you know that Carver Flowers can help you with your wedding? Have you thought about or considered letting a professional in Carver design your wedding flowers They also have formal wear. She also has unique cake toppers.

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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"Villager Tower"

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Community Highlights

March 2018

March 1 st	Happy Birthday Annette!
March 2 nd	Employee Appreciation Happy Birthday Cindy! Happy Birthday Hannah!
March 4 th	Happy Birthday Addie!
March 5 th	City Council Meeting No School Drill Night Happy Birthday Karen! Happy Birthday Bob!
March 6 th	Happy Birthday Max! Happy Birthday Cheryl!
March 7 th	Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Brittany!
March 10 th	Happy Birthday Sandy!
March 11 th	Daylight Savings Begins
March 12 th	Parks Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Officer's Meeting
March 13 th	Dahlgren Township Annual Meeting Heritage Preservation Meeting Carver Meet and Greet Carver-On-the-MN Meeting PTO Meeting/Carver Elementary Happy Birthday Andrea! Happy Birthday Alex!
March 15 th	Planning Commission Meeting PTO Meeting/East Union Elementary
March 17 th	St Patrick's Day
March 19 th	Council Meeting School Board Meeting Drill Night Happy Birthday Rylee!
March 20 th	First Day of Spring
March 21 st	Lions Meeting
March 23 rd	Happy Birthday Jacob!
March 23 rd	through March 30 th – No School Spring Break
March 24 th	Happy Birthday Keith!
March 25 th	Palm Sunday Happy Birthday Charlie!
March 26 th	Fire Department Meeting Night Happy Birthday James! Happy Birthday Beth!
March 27 th	Happy Birthday Laurie! Happy Birthday Daniel! Happy Birthday Cheryl!
March 28 th	Happy Birthday Lisa!
March 29 th	Happy Birthday Ken!
March 30 th	Good Friday Passover Begins Happy Birthday Paul!



East Union Lutheran Church

The congregation of East Union is proud to announce that they are welcoming a new minister, Pastor Sarah Bunge. Pastor Sarah recently served as Pastor at Lord of Life Lutheran in Maple Grove MN. Pastor Sarah was ordained in 2003 and her husband is Adam Bunge. Their two children are Grace and Luther. Welcome Pastor Sarah and her family.

By the same token, that means that Pastor Dave Grant will be moving onto other endeavors. He will be missed but his achievements and service will be ingrained in the memories of the congregation he served. The church also extended their thanks and gratitude, along with respect to Mr Larry Cruse who seemed effortlessly to lead the search process, even though the entire congregation realizes the endless time spent to ensure everything fell into place like a beautifully crafted puzzle was not as easy as he made it appear.

Ash Wednesday – Worship with communion and the imposition of ashes will be on February 14th at 7 PM.

In light of Lenten season, the church will be hosting soup suppers on Wednesday evenings. At 6 PM soup will be served and then parishioners can partake in service at 7 PM. Soup Suppers will begin on February 21st.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Unable to purchase those delicious Girl Scout Cookies? You can attend services at the East Union Church and all during February, after services, you can purchase some Girl Scout Cookies from a member at the parish center. Thanks, are extended for supporting the Girl Scouts!

Love INC Linens Ministry can be found at East Union. Their towel ministry included housing one hundred plus towels that were already donated. The members of the ministry are delivering towels to needy clients, screened by Love INC. Presently, the supply is at capacity. Does not mean anyone will reject the acceptance of more. However, the ministry would like some help to deliver the towels to those in need. Interested in helping, contact adeckerchaska@gmail.com.

Love INC (Love in Christ, Inc) of Eastern Carver County is also searching for help-line volunteers who would answer the phone and refer client to the right people and resources. Anyone interested should contact Love INC. The help-line is open from 9 AM – 2 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The help line phone is: 952.448.3261. The Main office is 952.448.2508 and located at 1600 Bavaria Road in Chaska.

In light of the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on February 11th, the Youth and Education Committee requests donations for the meal, (hamburger, noodles, salad items and desserts. Also accepting donations for baskets for auctions items and donations for the auction.

Heidi and family still need your prayers, support and help. Follow Heidi's journey through her CaringBridge website at www.caringbridge.org/visit/heidigusenius. Send her a card at: Heidi Gusenius, 1005 Bayside Lane, Minnetrista 55364.

Still interested in obtaining and supporting the congregational cookbook? Contact Erica Wirtz at East Union Church.

The East Union Church collected toilet paper for the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska. Food Banks cannot spend donated money on toilet paper; they can only buy food. Families that come to the food bank also need toilet paper. The only way they can stock up with toilet paper is if it is donated.

Don't forget, if you like Spaghetti, on February 11th, the Youth and Education Committee will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday at 4 PM to 6:30 PM. Take out is also available. See insert for more information.

"Prayer List"

"Through prayer we open ourselves, our hands, to receive all God has to give us, and in prayer we open our hands to give away that which we have been given, to be blessed and to bless. If you would like to submit a prayer request please contact the Parish Office at 952.448.3450 or eastunionlc@gmail.com"

Carver Black Sox

Tired of winter yet? Want to get back outdoors and play ball? Well mark your calendars and start counting down the days until spring is here and it's coming soon.

The Carver Black Sox have started making plans for their summer games. Their first game will be here soon, as a matter of fact they open up their season on Sunday, April 22nd at 2 PM, competing with St Louis Park team. So you are ready, be sure to mark your calendar for Carver Black Sox Family day on Saturday, June 16th. There, feel a little better?





Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Schoolhouse Rock Live!!
February 16 – 25, 2018; Chaska
Community Center Theater, 1661 Park
Ridge Drive, Chaska

The Emmy Award-winning 1970's Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs will instruct a whole new generation with songs such as "Conjunction Junction" and "I'm Just a Bill," from the Chaska Valley Family Theatre stage.

Can't help but sing along? *Come to one of our special sing-a-long performances on February 17th or 24th!*

Duration: approximately 1 hr 30 minutes

Showtimes as follows:

Friday, February 16 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 17 – 2:00 pm
Saturday, February 17 – 7:00 pm – SINGALONG!
Sunday, February 18 – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 23 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 24 – 2:00 pm
Saturday, February 24 – 7:00 pm – SINGALONG!
Sunday, February 25 – 2:00 pm

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.

Hooked on Books

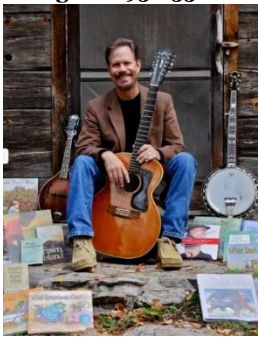
Eastern Carver County Schools Community Ed Events and Services hosting 2018 Hooked on Books...and the arts too! event. Starting at 9 AM until noon on Saturday, February 24th at Chanhassen High School featuring Douglas Wood.

"Hooked on Books...and the Arts, too! is a community-wide celebration in support of literacy and the arts. The event has been an ongoing 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 Osborne Books.

Love INC

Love INC of Eastern Carver County invites everyone to join their staff and volunteers for a night of celebrating Love (INC) !"

"Join our volunteers and staff as we offer up praise and thanksgiving for the work Love INC has done across the denominational lines right here in our own community this year! Hear testimony about how God has changed lives through Love INC this year. Spend time in fellowship with friends over great food. Bid on fabulous silent auction items and play games to earn the chance to win great prizes throughout the night. It's a night you don't want to miss!"

The event is at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska on Friday, February 9th starting at 5:30 PM. For more information you can go to their website: www.loveincecc.org.



Super Bowl Events

Did you know that you can ride SouthWest Metro buses to super bowl events on Saturday, the 3rd of February? Check the website to ensure accurate reporting of routes.

"Saturday, February 3rd:

Bus Service From:

SouthWest Station: Hwy 212 & Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie

SouthWest Village: Hwy 212 & Hwy 101, Chanhassen

East Creek Station: Hwy 212 & Hwy 41, Chaska

Eastbound:

Sunday, February 4th (Super Bowl Sunday)

Service Only From SouthWest Station - Eden Prairie

Regular Routes Unaffected During Super Bowl

Monday through Friday, check the schedule page on-line for

regular route service to downtown Minneapolis

For the NFL Experience at the Minneapolis Convention Center, disembark at 2nd Avenue South & 11th Street

For Super Bowl Live events on Nicollet Mall, disembark at any of the SW stops along 2nd Avenue South, then walk across 2nd Avenue South and two blocks to Nicollet Avenue

Be sure to check their website for accurate and up to date information on travel, www.swtransit.org



Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

This year we are making changes to some of the programs being offered in Carver. Those options should be finalized shortly.

Welcome to the Home Page of CCYBSA, CARVER, MINNESOTA Carver Community Youth Baseball Softball Association

Registrations will be open by Feb 15th

We have just completed a survey regarding Softball and Baseball options. These results will be reviewed and the results will determine the best route we will take this year and what our future options will be.

The following programs will not have much change.

T-Ball will run from May 22 thru June 28th.

K-2 grade girls Parent Pitch will remain In-House with the start date still not determined.

Teams will be from Carver, Chaska and Chanhassen.

Boys Kid Pitch for Boys that are in Kindergarten that have

played a year of TBall, 1st and

2nd grade will play as last year. We will play with Victoria and our In-House teams.

They play on Tuesday and Thursday.

Boys Pee Wee Baseball (grade 3rd and 4th) will play with the Crow River program.

Start date is May 29th thru Aug 2. They play on Tuesday and Thursday.

Boys in the 5th and 6th grade will play with the Crow River league. Start date is June 5th with the year-end tournament July 26th and 28th. Depending on the survey results we may have a team that will play in the Metro Baseball Travel League.

We greatly appreciate your support thru this process and hope to see you soon.

Your CCYBSA Board

February Fun Facts

Did you know? "February was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. The length of the month changed over time and, at one time, it had as few as 23 days. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar, the month was assigned 28 days during normal years and 29 days during leap years which occurred every four years. Also, February is the 2nd month of the year and has 28 or 29 days. The 29th day is every 4 years during leap year.



"It is the shortest month of the year.

The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month".

The largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, is held in February.

The Saxon term for the month, Sol-monath, means "cake month". This is because they offered cakes to the gods during this month.

"February is the third month of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere, February is the seasonal equivalent of August in the Northern Hemisphere (which is the third month of summer).

"February starts on the same day of the week as March and November in common years, and on the same day of the week as August in leap years. February ends on the same day of the week as October every year and on the same day of the week as January in common years only. In leap years, it is the only month that ends on the same weekday it begins.

"The Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification, via the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a monthless period. They were added by Numa Pompilius about 713 BC. February remained the last month of the calendar year until the time of the decemvirs (c. 450 BC), when it became the second month. At certain intervals February was truncated to 23 or 24 days; and a 27-day intercalary month, Intercalaris, was inserted immediately after February to realign the year with the seasons.

"Under the reforms that instituted the Julian calendar, Intercalaris was abolished, leap years occurred regularly every fourth year, and in leap years February gained a 29th day. Thereafter, it remained the second month of the calendar year, meaning the order that months are displayed (January, February, March, ..., December) within a year-at-a-glance calendar. Even during the Middle Ages, when the numbered Anno Domini year began on March 25 or December 25, the second month was February whenever all twelve months were displayed in order. The Gregorian calendar reforms made slight changes to the system for determining which years were leap years and thus contained a 29-day February.

"Historical names for February include the Old English terms Solmonath (mud month) and Kale-monath (named for cabbage) as well as Charlemagne's designation Hornung. In Finnish, the month is called helmikuu, meaning "month of the pearl"; when snow melts on tree branches, it forms droplets, and as these freeze again, they are like pearls of ice. In Polish and Ukrainian, respectively, the month is called luty or лютий, meaning the month of ice or hard frost. In Macedonian the month is "сечко", meaning month of cutting [wood]. In Czech, it's called únor, meaning month of submerging [of river ice].

"In Slovene, February is traditionally called svečan, related to icicles or the Candlemas. This name originates from sičan, written as svičan in the New Carniolan Almanac from 1775 and changed to its final form by Franc Metelko in his New Almanac from 1824. The name was also spelled sečan, meaning "the month of cutting down of trees". In 1848, a proposal was put forward in Kmetijske in rokodelske novice by the Slovene Society of Ljubljana to call this month talnik (related to ice melting), but it has not stuck. The idea was proposed by the priest and patriot Blaž Potočnik. A name of February in Slovene was also vesnar, after the mythological character Vesna.

"Many people pronounce the 'ru' of "February" ew rather than /ru:/ roo, as if it were spelled "Feb-u-ary". This comes about by analogy with "January" (which ends in "-uary" but not "-ruary"); as well as by a dissimilation effect whereby having two "r"s close to each other causes one to change for ease of pronunciation. The Scots language names for the month are Feberwary and Februar, the latter usually pronounced with a long "ay" in the first syllable.

"Having only 28 days in common years, it is the only month of the year that can pass without a single full moon. It is also the only month of the calendar that once every six years and twice every 11 years, will have only four full 7-day weeks. In countries that start their week on a Monday, it occurs as part of a common year starting on Friday, when February 1st is a Monday and the 28th is a Sunday, this was observed in 2010 and can be traced back 11 years to 1999, 6 years back to 1993, 11 years back to 1982, 11 years back to 1971 and 6 years back to 1965; and so on twice 11 years consecutively and once six years either forward into the future or back into the past. In countries that have the week start on a Sunday, it occurs with a common year starting on Thursday, with the next occurrence in 2015, and previous occurrences in 2009 (6 years earlier than 2015), 1998 (11 years earlier than 1998, and 1987 (11 years earlier than 1998). This works unless the pattern is broken by a skipped leap year, but no leap year has been skipped since 1900 and no others will be skipped until 2100. (Years that are evenly divisible by 100 are not leap years, unless they are also evenly divisible by 400, in which case they are leap years.) For any system, it cannot happen in a leap year."

Black History Month in United States of America

Black History Month Canada

American Heart Month (United States)

Gang Prevention Awareness Month

Oral Hygiene Awareness Month

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Turner syndrome awareness month ^[7]

Chocolate Lover's Month

National Bird Feeding Month

National Dental Month

Parent Leadership Month

World Marriage Day: Every second Sunday of February

International Mother Language Day: February 21



Afternoon in February

"The day is ending.

The night is descending;

The marsh is frozen,

The river dead.

Through clouds like ashes

The red sun flashes

On village windows

That glimmer red."

~~~~~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



## Carver Lions



Want to learn what Carver is about? Need to understand the specialness in Carver? The perfect place to learn the fascination of Carver is to join in the fun and community services performed by the Carver Lions. Bring a friend, bring a spouse, bring your neighbor and come join the group of people who make a whole lot of good things happen in the community. The

Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. See you there!

The Carver Lions would also like to share with you that every Saturday through May 26<sup>th</sup> of 2018 is the Carver Lions Meat Raffle's.

"Come to Carver every Saturday for a MEAT RAFFLE. The location will alternate monthly between Harvey's, Lisa's & Dog House. We are excited to partner with 3 local groups, that will be the beneficiaries of these event donations. Flags & Honor of Mn, Chaska Figure Skating Club & Eastern Carver County Women of Today."

## Khrystelle Adventures

### The Little White Bear

Written by: Ricki Yvonne

"One has to be receptive to imagination or the doors to that world will never open to you." This is Mother's motto.

The little white bear with the purple scarf and white snowflakes stood quietly outside assessing the situation. Her name was Khrystelle Frost and was patiently waiting for Mother to appear to go to the local coffee shop. She marveled at the beauty surrounding her. The trees were blanketed with white snow in the wintertime. The coldness was brisk and the air sharp. The beauty of winter time never ceased to amaze Khrystelle. She inspected everything she could take in. She really didn't like the cold but couldn't help but be mesmerized by the magnificent capacity and volume the cold could control the smallest element on the landscape. Even a frozen leaf took on another quality of beauty other than just a dead crumpled up nothingness.

They were scheduled to appear at the local library for Mother's usual roundtable forum. Ms Frost specialized in encouraging the Magic of Imagination and her prop was the little white bear whom she brought to life for kids.

"How?" You ask.

That's her secret and the magic.

"Mother always says, Without imagination and make believe you have a very, very boring lonely life." Khrystelle announced proudly. "How did she do that?" The question of disbelief chimed in disbelief.

"Magic. Imagination." Came the solid response.

"All you have to do is pretend and spin a tale for yourself and anything is possible in the world of imagination."

Mother encouraged.

"Can we do anything?" A little boy asked excitedly.

"What would you like to do?"

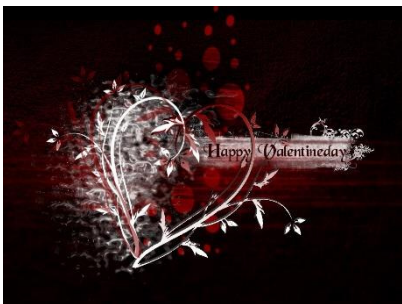
"Catch the biggest fish ever."

"Well not too big that you can't handle it." Mother teased.

The remainder of their time for that session was spent spinning unbelievable tales, Khrystelle recalled one session they had a long time ago.

"Come on Khrystelle, we'll be late." Mother called.

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Hosted by East Union Lutheran Church Youth & Education Committee

# Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

February 11, 2018

4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Bring your family,  
friends and neighbors  
and support a great  
cause!

### Pricing

Adults \$10

Children \$5

Family \$25

\*Take-out available

East Union Lutheran Church  
15180 County Road 40  
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There will be something for everyone at this event. Baskets, gift certificates and specialty items all up for bid. We will also have Valentine's Day flowers and goodies to share with your Valentine. Dinner includes: spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert.


\*Need not be present to win the Silent Auction



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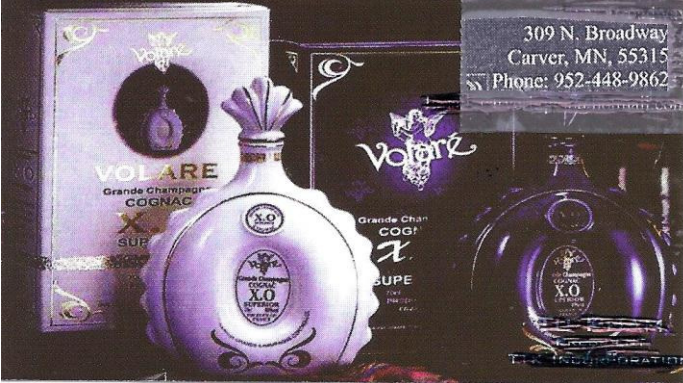
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