



January / February 2020

Number Three Hundred Fifty-Seven

### *Community Service Award*

The mayor presented background information relating to the city's Community Service Award. The award this year had been presented to Mrs Greg ( Lori ) Osterdyk and daughter, Sydney, since Greg passed away recently. Greg was an active volunteer in the community, as well as having served on the council as mayor for several years. The council recognized and thanked Lori and Sydney for Greg's never ending giving to the city. Motion was made and carried with all ayes renaming the Community Service Awards in the City of Carver from this point forward to be named the Greg Osterdyk Community Service Award.

### *Employee of the Year Awards*

The 2019 Employee of the Year Awards were presented to Public Services, Jason Hanson and Fire Department, Toni Dauwalter. The employees were thanked for their hard work by the council.

### *Kwik Trip*

Carver Commons development was discussed with the council by the Community Development Director regarding the proposed Kwik Trip store. Work is tentatively scheduled to possibly begin spring of this year. Representatives were at the council meeting to answer questions. Council member inquired about anticipated changes to the site because of the expansion of Johnathan Carver Parkway. Response was given that there is appropriate ponding for the Jonathan Carver Parkway project and beyond pertaining to Monroe Drive. Expansion at a later date of the car wash was inquired about by council member. Statement was made that the anticipated car wash will not be added to the site at this time. The car wash proposal was removed due to the requirement of the reclaim ordinance, which could not be accommodated. The city does not monitor the required reclamation. Question was asked about changed store size due to the removal of the car wash proposal. Interior retail store layout would not change but the total building space is different. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution amending the Final Plat resolution for the development of Carver Commons.

Request was submitted by the city attorney that the attorney and the Community Development Director to have authority making minor revision to the Developer's Agreement. The changes would not affect the substance of the agreement. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Developer's Agreement subject to minor revisions deemed appropriate by city staff.

### *Pet Store Ordinance*

The City Manager discussed with the council the request submitted to the city from the Human Society of the United States. The proposed ordinance primarily regulates the sale of animals. Certificate of Source display requirement and subsection to inspections ensuring compliance. Representatives were available to answer any questions. Statement was issued regarding support of the ordinance and the fact that the city was being proactive prior to a placement of a store within the city. There was discussion suggesting a Conditional Use Permit. The city attorney related that a permit is used to regulate land uses and not recommended for this purpose. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays directing the staff to prepare a Humane Pet Store Ordinance Modeling the Ordinance adopted by the City of Eden Prairie.

### *Parks Master Plan*

The Community Development Director presented the council with the Parks Mater Plan, along with the updated Public Land Dedication Ordinance. The council was told that the Parks Master Plan included project is to be completed from the date of adoption through 2040. The Parks Commission had recommended approval and adoption. The proposed ordinance included changes from both a community park and neighborhood park to just a community park fee, references to the updated Parks Master Plan and included a trail construction as part of the community park fee. Approval for the ordinance had also been recommended by the Parks Commission. Inquiry was made regarding money allocation for the trail from the Carver Bluffs Park to the proposed dog park. Property directly east of site to make that connection. Should acquisition occur, it would be possible. Notation was made for appreciation of work conducted on the Parks Master Plan since members are all volunteers. Motions were made and carried with ayes approving the resolution approving he Parks Master Plan and adoption of the ordinance updating the public land dedication ordinance.

### *Franchise Ordinance*

The City Manager discussed the drafted insert pertaining to the Franchise Ordinance/Fees proposal. Communication was essential to get residents fully aware and that it was important to have a five-year plan identifying projects.

### *GreenStep Cities*

The Community Development Director reminded the council of their previous discussions pertaining to GreenStep Cities program requested by councilmember to participate. A representative from the Green Plains Institute will be Attending future meeting to provide additional information.

The Great Plains Institute representative presented information pertaining to the GreenStep Cities Program. The program is an action-orientated and voluntary program offering a cost-effective, free, peer-focused path for sustainability work. The program is voluntary, self-paced and membership is free. Technical assistance, recognition and continuous improvement framework is provided to members. The issue will be discussed in the future for consideration and vote.

Discussion was held at the council meeting relating to the voluntary program for municipalities in Minnesota that is recognized and to improve on sustainability and quality of life goals identified as the GreenStep Cities. The program is tailored and based on municipality size and each community is able to choose best practices that are program eligible for a deeper dive into the program. The identified cities are recognized on a tiered scale with one-step recognition for entering the program up to five steps for program champions. Entering is required to be recognized. Gaining additional steps, there are several best practices implemented to begin work determining potential projects based the framework. Several of the best practices have already been met.

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

~ John F Kennedy

## Water Treatment Plant

The city engineer discussed and presented information relating to the expansion of the water system in the city. The council directed the staff to proceed with the recommendation expanding the existing water treatment facility. Authorization to proceed will be discussed further.

## Carver On The Minnesota

The city manager discussed the submitted request by Carver on the Minnesota who is proposing to have music played at the Church by the River site. The council directed the staff to set parameters.

## Miscellaneous

The Public Services Director provided the council with updates relating to the ice rink maintenance. Flooding of the ice ring continues dependent on weather.

## WeCab

The Board Member representative from WeCab attended the council meeting to provide an overview of WeCab. The organization is comprised of a network of volunteer providing safe, affordable and flexible supplemental transportation. Currently there are nine residents utilizing the service with using the service fifty times. The organization is dependent upon volunteers and donations. The city was thanked for their monetary support.

## Jonathan Carver Parkway Project

The Project Communications Specialist from Bolton and Menk presented the council information at their work session meeting pertaining to the upcoming Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project. Bolton and Menk has been hired by the county to handle project communications. The individual also is the city's liaison. At the work session, multiple topics regarding the project were discussed. The design of the project was scheduled for January through April of 2021; construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in April 2021.

## Timber Creek

The Community Development Director presented the council with paperwork relating to the Timber Creek Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Summergate and Westwood Engineering completed an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in relation to the Song property identified as Timber Creek. The worksheet gives the interested parties a complete view as to how the project may effect the community. The Timber Creek development proposal consists of two hundred and seventy unattached units and seventy-four attached units. Determination in March will be conducted to decipher the necessity of an Environmental Impact Study. The following step includes the planning process to include annexations, rezoning, preliminary and final plat.

## Municipal Water System

The city engineer discussed with the council the water system expansion projects including plans and specifications. Council reviewed information to decide on authorization of plans and specifications for the stated project. The city is growing community requiring the existing water system to be expanded in order to support the growth. Currently, the water system meets current and future average day demands, however, the system is nearly at capacity to meet the maximum day demands. It is critical that the city proceed with improvements. Determination identifying the necessity has been made. The following components included in the overall water system expansion involve additional municipal well capacity and wells, expand the existing water treatment plant and complete upgrades to the existing water treatment plant. The drilling of two municipal wells had previously been authorized. The next step in the process involves the preparation of the final plans and specifications for the projects. The council reviewed the project schedule. Financing would involve the sale of bonds, city funds would be utilized to service the bond debt, and a preliminary budget would be suggested for financial planning.

"It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes an unhappy marriages."  
~ Friedrich Nietzsche

## Open Gym

Did you hear you can go over to Carver Elementary and there is Free Open Gym going on Sundays at 2 PM and you can play until 5 PM. This will be available through April 19<sup>th</sup>, except on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday). Please bring your own basketball and equipment. If you are under ten you must bring an adult too. Looking forward to meeting new friends and having fun then be sure to head over to the school Sunday afternoon.



## Hooked on Books

Hooked on books...and the Arts too! is back for its 13<sup>th</sup> year. The event is a community-wide celebration supporting literacy and arts. This event has been an on-going partnership between Eastern Carver County Community Education and the Carver County



Library system. Literacy and arts are integrated 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 not to mention the inspiration that occurs



along the way.

The features author for 2020 is Ms Kristan Tripathy, Minnesota native. If you would like more information, you can contact Ms Lori Kendall ta 952.556.6186. The event will be held at the Chanhassen High School on February 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9 AM and ending at noon. The event is funded from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, and sponsors.



## Super Bowl LIV

Super Bowl LIV, the 54th Super Bowl and the 50th modern-era National Football League championship game to decide the league champion for the league's 2019 and 100th season. The game is scheduled to be played on February 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, marking the seventh different decade on the Super Bowl. This will be the 11th Super Bowl hosted by the South Florida region and the sixth Super Bowl hosted in Miami Gardens, which hosted Super Bowl XLIV ten years earlier

The editor of the Villager Tower is not a sports person, so forgive me for not having all the information necessary for the die-hard fans.

Th Superbowl game is scheduled for Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM in Miami. From what I could find, the teams according to the internet that will be playing said the San Francisco 49ers versus the Kansas City Chiefs. This writer wouldn't have a clue if this is accurate information, so apologize in advance to the fans if I reported incorrectly. Again, not a sports follower, rely on reliable sources.

## East Union Lutheran Church - Love Inc

The East Union Towel Ministry coordinator extends thanks to everyone who contributed to the East Union Towel Ministry campaign whom they have partnered with Love INC. Many families throughout Carver County have been helped with this effort. Always accepting more volunteers, too. The ministry has experienced great success, but guess what? They are low on towels again. Please consider donating bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes and kitchen towels. These can be brought to the church or perhaps you would prefer to donate money instead? Ann says, "Many hands make light work - God's work, here on earth. Bless you!"



## East Union Lutheran Church

Hungry for spaghetti? East Union Church has the fix coming up for you. Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM until 6:30 PM you can get your spaghetti dinner served. Take out is available too. Adults can eat for \$ 10, kids 4 to 17 are \$ 5 and kids under 3 eat free. Family tickets available for \$ 25. Did we mention there's a Silent Auction too? In case, you need the address, you will find the dinner at 15180 County Road # 40, Carver. More information on the insert attached.







## West Union Lutheran Church

West Union Lutheran Church is planning on an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 26th at 7 PM with dinner at 6 PM. They are planning a Mardi Gras Variety Show on Sunday, February 23rd at 3 PM.

### Black Sox

If you check the Carver Black Sox website, you will find all kinds of interesting information during their season.

Thought it would be nice to share this from their site. It involves Carver's Andrew Weber who was named CRVL 2019 Pitcher of the Year. Congratulations Andy. For the 2019 season, Andy was named the Crow River Valley League Pitcher of the Year. Andy had nine wins, 2.63 ERA ( Earned Run Average ) and 80 strikeouts that led the Black Sox to their third Consecutive State Tournament appearance. Weber started eleven games this season and pitched eighty-two innings. "Andrew gave credit to his teammates and particularly to catcher Sam Warner who Weber states should get "90 % of the award." Andrew was also named the Black Sox Pitcher of the year with Kyle Dalton winning the teams, Most Valuable Player. Dalton had another spectacular season for Carver batting .438 with a 1.251 OPS, ( On Base Slugging ) 26 RBI ( Run Batted In ) and 3 home runs.



### Need Help?

Down and out? Need help? Remember, there several places in Carver County you can get help. Love, INC is one ([loveincecc.org](http://loveincecc.org)) [www.loveincecc.org](http://www.loveincecc.org)) Bountiful Basket [bountifulbasketsfoodshelf.org](http://bountifulbasketsfoodshelf.org) ) or Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, Fare For All is another. The 2020 dates for Fare For All are Thursday, 4 PM – 6 PM, January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup> ( September ), October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 2020 Fat Tuesday Grand Wine Tasting

Rumor has it that there is a new venue for the Fat Tuesday Grand Wine Tasting Event in Chaska this year.

For more information or tickets, contact Dolce Vita. The event is scheduled for Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 9 PM at the Chaska Event Center. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate. Sample wine with experts from fifteen wholesalers. Buy your ticket in advance for \$ 21.95 or at the door for \$ 24.95. The proceeds from the event benefit the MN Valley Community Band, Auburn Homes and Services, Guardian Angels Catholic School and St John's Lutheran School.



### Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Did you know, realize or even care that the 2020-2021 year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season for the Chaska Valley Family Theatre? Congratulations! Heads up, they have completed auditions for their upcoming performance, "Tuck Everlasting". The performances will be available in March. Stay tuned for more information in the next issue. Watch for updates. Be sure to check their website for additional information. [www.cvft.org](http://www.cvft.org). Happy Anniversary on your 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!




### Carver Current

Looking for what is going on locally? Check out [www.carvercurrent.com](http://www.carvercurrent.com). Well worth checking. An excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, local news, school activities, sports results etc. Also, a great site for sharing important information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the "Villager Tower" can also be found on this website, among other valuable information.

© RYS Creations 2020

"Villager Tower"

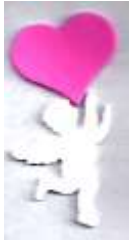
Ricki Yvonne Schultz  
14210 Jonathan  
Carver Parkway  
Carver MN 55315  
952 . 448 . 3126  
[villagertower@carvercurrent.com](mailto:villagertower@carvercurrent.com)



## Community Highlights

February 2020

- February 1<sup>st</sup> Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast  
Happy Birthday Terrence!
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Ground Hog Day  
Victoria Firefighters Relief Association 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Ice Fishing Contest  
SuperBowl Sunday  
Happy Anniversary Renee and Jeff!
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Darrel!
- February 9<sup>th</sup> East Union Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner  
Happy Birthday Bonnie!
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Carver Elementary PTO Meeting ( 9 AM )  
East Union Elementary PTO Meeting ( 4:30 PM )  
School Board Work Session  
Parks Commission Meeting  
Happy Birthday Adam and Tommy!
- February 11<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Commission  
Meet and Greet  
Happy Birthday Justice!
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Renee!
- February 13<sup>th</sup> 2 Hour Late Start  
Happy Birthday Maddie!
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Kim!  
Happy Birthday Katie!  
Happy Anniversary Dwight and Janet!
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Bob!
- February 17<sup>th</sup> No School  
President's Day  
Happy Birthday Bruce!
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
- February 20<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Happy Birthday Tom!
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Carver Business Alliance Meeting  
Happy Birthday Peggy!
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Happy Birthday Sandra!
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Happy Birthday Faye!  
West Union Mardi Gras Variety Show  
School Board Meeting
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras  
Grand Wine Tasting Event
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Dad!
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Skylar!
- February 28<sup>th</sup>



Third Week in February is International Flirting Week!!

### Carver Business Alliance

The Carver Business Alliance, Carver business group meets every third Friday of the month at 8 AM at the Carver Village Hall. Anyone owning a business in Carver is welcome. The next scheduled meetings is February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Carver Lions

After their busy Christmas season, you might find many of the volunteers resting to gear up for their next project for our community. They meet the first and third Wednesday's of each month. They meet in the new city hall, so if you are looking to check out the new city all, here is your chance. Be sure to stop by and check them out. Their latest hosted event was the Annual Snowgolf Fundraiser. The recipients for the 2020 tournament are Mary Elizabeth and Kennedie Haas.



### Disclaimer

Information contained in this newsletter is for information only. The unapproved minutes were referenced to comprise the contents of this newsletter. Websites on the internet are also referenced. Full details can be located on the City of Carver and Dahlgren Township websites.

© 2020 RYS CREATIONS

"You don't marry someone you can live with; you marry the person you you cannot live without." ~ James Dobson

## Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates for February 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> and then in March they will open Maryc 10<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many shops open Wednesday through Sunday for your shopping pleasure. Perfect opportunity to locate that treasure you didn't know you wanted or needed! And don't forget you might find that perfect gift for your friends and relatives here for whatever occasion or reason.

The Shops of Carver:

All Things Fabulous – Facebook

Wed-Sat 10 AM – 5 PM/Occasional Shop Dates Sun 11 – 4 PM

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Fourfold Studios – Website

Mon – Thurs 9 AM – 4 PM

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – [www.rippleartstudio.com](http://www.rippleartstudio.com)

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB

Strange Birds - [facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/](https://www.facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/)Website

/ Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

204 Studio - photography – Website

SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

Also:

Iris Valley/Jordan – Website and Facebook



## Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association



Registration is now open. You can register on line too. Visit their website for registration, contact, volunteer and more information associated with the programs. ([www.ccybsa.sportssignup.com](http://www.ccybsa.sportssignup.com)) Programs Carver plans to offer include open to not only Carver residents, but all surrounding communities. That way the youths can play with their friends too. T-Ball for ages 3,4 and young 5's who have not played previously. In-House, ( now being called Community ) Softball for girls from kindergarten ages to eighteen-years old. In-House/Community baseball for boys from kindergarten ages through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and then through graduation. Travel Baseball ( more competitive league with more games, and weekend tournaments ), we can accommodate this depending on interest and leadership-coaches/coordinators. All programs are dependent on having coaches signing up by the end of registration.

## Dahlgren Township

Dahlgren Township board members discussed the updates to the Orderly Annexation Agreement at their board meeting. The City Manager from the City of Carver discussed the proposed updates to the Orderly Annexation Agreement between the City of Carver and the township. The proposed changes include that any land annexed into the City that touches a Township Road would automatically become the city's responsibility. The only exception would be that the road is not accessed by the annexed land. The attorney would clarify verbiage. The next proposed change included the township waiving the per acre fee for property annexed for tax-exempt purposes after township approval of the tax-exempt purpose. The third proposed change will also be clarified by the attorney involving assessing properties in the township.

## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chaska Fire Department Ice Fishing Contest



Head on over to the ClayHole at Fireman's Park in Chaska on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. The Chaska Fire Department will be hosting its annual ice-fishing contest. Doesn't matter if fish or not. They have all kinds of other things planned to entertain you. It is a great community event featuring, naturally, fishing, prizes, games, raffle, food and beverages. There is no fee for the contest and bucket raffles are going to be available. All proceeds from the event go to the Chaska Fire Department, which is almost entirely a volunteer organization.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Contest

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> be sure to head on over to Steiger Lake in Victoria for their 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Firefighters Relief Association Ice Fishing Contest starting at 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM.



## St Nicholas Catholic Church



For Ash Wednesday and Easter Services check the church's website for times. Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Ongoing weekday and weekend Mass times are: Friday, 6:00 PM; Saturday, 4:00 PM; and Sunday, 9:15 AM

## Children of Tomorrow

Congratulations to Children of Tomorrow, Chanhassen site. They are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Invitations are extended to join them celebrating on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 PM at 1490 Lake Drive West in Chanhassen.

## I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today

### I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today - Unknown

I heard your voice in the wind today  
and I turned to see your face;  
The warmth of the wind caressed me  
as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today  
as its warmth filled the sky;  
I closed my eyes for your embrace  
and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane  
as I watched the falling rain;  
It seemed as each raindrop fell  
it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today  
it made me feel complete;  
You may have died...but you are not gone  
you will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...  
the wind blows...  
the rain falls...  
You will live on inside of me forever  
for that is all my heart knows.



Hosted by East Union Lutheran Church

# Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

February 9, 2020  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.



**Pricing**  
Adults \$10  
Children (4-17) \$5  
Ages 3 and under Free  
Family \$25

\*Take-out available

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

There will be something for everyone at this event. Baskets, gift certificates, and specialty items all up for bid. Dinner includes: spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, bread, beverage, and homemade desserts.

\*Need not be present to win the Silent Auction

People  
were created to  
be loved. Things  
were created  
to be used.  
The reason why  
the world is in  
chaos, is because  
things are being  
loved and people  
are being used.



John Green



## *Night Marauders - Iris Valley - Extended Trespassing*

The night marauders set out on their expedition early in the morning. Little did they know what this day would hold for them. It had been quite some times since they'd made a similar trek as they were encroaching on now as they made their way through the river bottoms to Jordan, twelve miles to the southwest. Their infringement would be a little bit different than past invasion forays. Lavender stayed behind on this particular venture.

"I'm tired Territory." Rascal complained.

"Then go home." Territory snapped avoiding eye contact.

"You were warned." Bandeet whispered.

"We all knew this would be a long day." Raschevious announced attempting to convince himself they were all not crazy for agreeing to this latest conquest.

"We have a job to do." Territory was adamant about his convictions to help others find fantastic buys. After all, how would anyone know about all these wonderful shops to shop at without good marketing or public relations and above all the marauders unyielding determination to gain entrances to these establishments to share their spectacular merchandise. Little did they know that the boutique was not going to be their biggest challenge on this day. It could have just as very easily turned into a trio versus a quartet on this particular day.

As they got closer to the busy highway, not only did the traffic noise intensify, but Rascal's anxiety also escalated. The closer they got, his horror escalated as well. The odds and perils of raccoons successfully crossing black asphalt was very grim, if not non-existent. Crossing that busy highway on this day would be the most death-defying feat they'd experience. It would prove to be extremely dangerous if not only also prove to be a horrifying disastrous feat. Rascal was unsuccessful in being able to muster the courage to even attempt crossing. Rascal was gripped with sheer horror rendering him immobilized. Bandeet stayed behind with the terrified critter out of pity. Territory and Raschevious gauged their timing, watchful of the speeding eradicating machines whizzing past with such high accentuated velocity that their bodies swayed involuntarily with each passing whoosh. Miraculously the two remaining raccoons crossed unscathed, looking back and taking a long-exasperated sigh at their humbling success.

Renewed by their unbelievable luck they scampered quickly across the ditch towards Eldorado Drive through the grassy knoll behind the dealership and small mall area. They were very much aware of the busy activity surrounding the area. It was relatively quiet at the Glowing Hearth and Home building. After close examination, the pair determined that the only humans present were the clerks inside. They unanimously made the unprecedented decision to enter during daylight instead of their usual nocturnal intrusions in the past.

They slipped inside unnoticed by the clerk who was busy with inventory and the staging of the variety of merchandise. The boutique offered a unique variety of fashionable clothing, accessories, purses, jewelry and home décor. The pair of intruders moved extremely swiftly, quietly and unnoticed throughout the shop. As they moved stealthily from one display to the next, they couldn't help but be mesmerized by the unique fantastic items from the beautiful, colorful clothing displayed, to the slippers, shoes, purses to glimmering eye catching jewelry. Everything displayed so crisply and almost majestically that they had a lot of difficulty focusing on one particular gem of a find. Something even more eye catching would divert their attention. At one point the two had to scurry behind the luxurious chairs seated by the fireplace to remain invisible when a customer entered. As they moseyed back towards the exit their eye was caught by the garden décor and they were almost then caught by the coy hearth clerk. As incredibly unbelievable as it was, the pair exited with the customer who was so excited and busy with her purchase the two were completely undetected beside her.

The pair returned to the spot where they'd separated from the other two companions. They rested for a bit after successfully recrossing the busy highway that suddenly had a visible pausing in moving traffic. They rejoined the still visibly shaken Rascal. Upon restoring their stamina, they all began their long trek back home resting a lot and taking more time to return. The scenery was breathtaking in the golden sunlight.



Before Territory was ready to write his review, he did some research on the boutique itself. One comment stuck out, "Boutique shopping at its best." Territory agreed after their visit to the unique shop.

He sat down and began to compose very carefully:

"The owner, Kathy, has been described as passionate, dedicated and determined to making each and every customer feel beautiful both, internally and externally. The staff is skilled at personalizing shopping. The boutique is a step up from big box stores. "Iris Valley offers a unique shopping experience you will consider a hidden gem that you will want to share with all your friends and family."

"The owner was always intrigued with jewelry wanting to sell and share that love with others that started out small and grew into a much bigger dream and goal. She originally began her venture in the small yellow house next to the old brewery in Jordan on Broadway Street in 2006. In 2008 her dream expanding move into the brewery building until 2011 when the dream exploded moving her to Eldorado Drive 2400 square feet of showcasing. Her utmost goal was to convey her love of jewelry, purses, home décor, clothing and creation a welcoming store for her customers. And since she resided in Jordan, it was only a natural choice to have her boutique there where she lived. For a time, her dream took shape in a Chanhassen space too. The flagship store in on Eldorado Drive took precedence allowing all her concentration and attention devoted to this space.

"Iris Valley Boutique and Gifts offers a variety of designers in women's clothing to help inspire your wardrobe. Some designers include Tribal, JAG, Prairie Cotton, Parlsey & Sage, Simply Noelle and many more. Jewelry designers include Gingersnaps, Lottie Dotties, Miasol Jewelry, Petite Gingersnaps and Kameleon. Not to be overlooked are seasonal décor, the baby boutique, essential oils, Natural Inspirations, lotions, fashion accessories, or Woodwick Candles. Everything you didn't know you needed and more can be found at Iris Valley. It's a guarantee that once you've entered, you will not walk out empty handed."



*Sponsors*



**CCYBSA**

Carver Community Youth  
Baseball Softball Association



*Where the ball game begins*

Find us on line at: [www.cityofcarver.com](http://www.cityofcarver.com)

Questions? Email us at: [ccybsa.reg@gmail.com](mailto:ccybsa.reg@gmail.com)



**Olson Construction Co.**

6970 INWOOD ROAD • COLOGNE, MN 55322

Dozers • Loaders • Scrapers • Backhoes  
Trucking of Fill, Gravel, Rock, and More!

All Types of Excavating: Residential & Site Development,  
Roads, Basements, Sewer & Water, Septic Systems

**RON OLSON**

(952) 448-6674 • Fax (952) 448-5289

Cell (612) 369-4240

[rolsonconst@aol.com](mailto:rolsonconst@aol.com)



**FREE ESTIMATES**

**kw** KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY ELITE

**JOSH ISABELL**  
REALTOR®

612.750.9182  
[jisabell@kw.com](mailto:jisabell@kw.com)  
[www.kw.com/realty/elite](http://www.kw.com/realty/elite)  
14711 Martin Drive #150  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

**JOSH ISABELL**  
REALTOR®



**CHIROPRACTIC**  
SPECIALISTS

Feel Better - Move Better - Live Better

**Dr. Travis Gilbertson**  
Chiropractor

4735 Dahlgren Rd. Ste 1  
Carver, MN 55315

Office: 952-594-5955  
[tgilbertsondc@gmail.com](mailto:tgilbertsondc@gmail.com)

**Robb's**  
**ELECTRIC**

505 Broadway  
P.O. Box 310  
Carver, MN 55315



**DANIEL ROBB**  
**LARRY SCHMIDT**

Since  
1964

**952-448-4030**  
**fax 952-448-6054**

RESIDENTIAL  
COMMERCIAL  
INDUSTRIAL  
BOOM TRUCK  
TRENCHING  
HOLE DIGGING

**Stick's Tavern**

Located at Dahlgren Golf Course  
6940 Dahlgren Road  
Chaska MN 55318

Keith Hinrichs  
952-448-1676

[www.stickstavernmn.com](http://www.stickstavernmn.com)

