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### *Affordable Housing*

The council discussed the subject of Affordable/Life Cycle Housing at their work session. With the council's continued efforts with the development of the Strategic Plan, request was made for a workshop with the Carver County Community Development Agency to discuss several facets of housing. The Community Development Director informed the council that the staff from the agency would be joining the council at their workshop for an overview of the affordable housing along with programs that could support a diverse housing stock. Discussion and feedback will be requested regarding goals, housing meanings, and incentives. Then assessments will be made from the discussions. From there in the future development of Housing Actions Plan would be adopted by the council.

### *Pavement Management Plan*

The city manager and the assistant city engineer discussed the Pavement Management Plan at a work session. The city had reviewed the initial findings of a street condition analysis. The analysis was performed as a foundation for an ongoing exercise to develop the plan. The plan provides a comprehensive overview of street conditions, identifies necessary maintenance requirements and integrates a financing model to pay for the plan elements. Previously the council reviewed the 'Complete Plan Model' which represented best practices for street maintenance requiring additional funds in the annual budget. The staff was directed to prepare investment scenarios and a corresponding level of street maintenance for each option. Once the investment level is identified, a final draft of the plan will be developed to match identified resources. This presentation will provide the city with the opportunity to share perspectives on street priority and plan year implementation.

### *Long Term Financial Plan*

The city manager discussed the long-term financial plan and are looking to update the plan including a revision to the Capital Plan. As a part of this process the council will be presented with a series of topics which will impact the Long Term Financial Plan. Pending the completion of the Space Study, consideration of the plan year for construction of identified needs in the Public Services Department and Fire Department, impact and scope of the Pavement Management, hiring and personnel priorities identified in the Strategic Plan, establishment and verification of priorities in parks. Potential street and trail projects, use of American Rescue Plan funding, and equipment schedules and purchasing, general city priorities, philosophies and goals. The council expects to review the first draft of the Long Term-Financial Plan in the near future.

### *Speech Team*

The mayor recognized students who were also Carver residents regarding their State Championship Achievement for the Chaska and Chanhassen Speech Team. Congratulations to Trevyn Pannhoff, Sydney Turner and Laurent Manna.

### *Community Development Recognition*

The mayor recognized the retiring City Attorney, Larry Harris presenting him with the "Key to the City". The council and staff extended thanks for all his work and guidance through the years. Lots of luck sir.

### *Construction Update*

The council was updated on the traffic issues relating to the Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement project. Construction crews continued working along the corridor. Based on observations of traffic and speeds three additional speedbumps have been recommended. Locations being considered include Edgebrook, Hartwell and Lylewood. These would remain until construction is completed. There were also discussions held regarding cutting through areas not designated as part of the detour. Monitoring and additional enforcement were reviewed. Attempts are being made to complete the intersection at Sixth Street as soon as possible to alleviate some of the issues. Traffic patterns were observed to identify areas requiring attention. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution to adopt the assessment roll for the Jonathan Carver Parkway and Dahlgren Road improvement pertaining to the four phases of the Oak Tree Development.

### *Fish and Wildlife Service*

The US Fish and Wildlife Service land exchange subject was discussed by the city attorney. Adoption of the resolution allows staff to continue the process for the land swap. The staff was thanked for all their hard work as this has been a long process. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution entering into an agreement to swap certain lands with the Fish and Wildlife Service and taking such steps as necessary to complete the action contemplated in agreement.

### *Storm Water Management Plan*

The assistant city engineer provided background information relating to the Storm Water Management Plan. Questions were asked regarding revisions to the plan. The revisions related to mainly updates meeting the minimum required standards. Ordinances would be amended. The plan would also be required to be forwarded to the Metropolitan Council. Water runoff from County Road 11 was questioned. Increased rates due to additional water was inquired about. Permit for the runoff was in place and there would be a slight increase in rate. Each project would be individually permitted. An identification toll in place to rectify the impairment was asked about. The Management Plan was a document for planning not signifying specific regulations. The item would probably be addressed when the new permit came up again. The engineer stated that once an impairment were identified, more restrictions could be added for projects. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Surface Water Management Plan.

### *Mount Hope Cemetery*

The Mount Hope Cemetery rules and regulations were discussed with the council. The staff reviewed the current ordinance related to the cemetery. There has been review of adopting a comprehensive rules and regulations plan relating to the operation of the cemetery. The city is authorized to adopt rules and regulations rather than ordinance. The staff drafted a document with consideration to varying factors. These rules and regulations would require adoption by the city council. Two ordinances would be required to be adopted, one to update the existing ordinance and one to add a new section for the Rules and Regulations.

*"Beauty may get the attention;  
Personality get the heart."*

*~ Oscar Wilde*

## Space Study

The city manager discussed the topic regarding the purpose and reasons for a study on the Public Services and Fire Department facility. The study process and objectives for the outcome have currently been reached. The primary objective identified that the Public Services Department stores a significant amount of equipment and vehicles outdoors. The study should develop a concept to facilitate indoor storage opportunities. Several buildings throughout the city are utilized for storage. The study should develop a concept to consolidate. The building located at the end of Broadway has been identified as a redevelopment priority in the cities' strategic plan. An alternate space and location for the existing uses in this building should be identified, in order for the property to be redeveloped. The Fire Department identified the need to separate turn-out gear from the main apparatus bay. The study identified the need for solution to existing space needs while providing a "master plan concept" to assist in future space challenges. The council prioritized the use of existing city owned properties. The council requested a full-build out cost be prepared to construct the Master Plan phase. Scope # 1 relating to the Public Services Department involved construction building on the current site. The proposed building would be wet of the existing structure. Scope #2 related to Separation Space Concept of constructing an addition on the south side of the existing fire station. The Master Plan Concept signifies that the two departments would be operating on the same site but in two separate buildings. Costs were also reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the space study for the Public Services and Fire Departments.

## Carver Current

Know about the Carver Current website? Good source for finding and posting local information for the area. Check out [www.carvercurrent.com](http://www.carvercurrent.com) Well worth checking out. 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.

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## Carver Business Alliance

Carver Business Alliance "The Carver Business Alliance is a collaboration of business owners, community leaders, and local officials working together to promote, enhance, and create opportunities for commerce in the City of Carver. Business roundtable discussions are held and City of Carver updates are provided at each meeting." They meet 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 meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Carver Elementary

This is probably old news to some? The Carver Elementary has a new principal, Terrie Worthley. There will be a Meet and Greet scheduled for Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM – 6 PM. A virtual event is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday at 9 AM – 10 AM. There is some information at the school's website.



## Farmer's Markets

Reminder: The Downtown Chaska Farmer's Market now open for business in the City Square Park in downtown Chaska opening at 3 PM and closing up at 6 PM. This market will run every Wednesday through September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any markets on August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come join the vendors. Farmer's Markets are hosted by SW Metro Chamber of Commerce. Victoria's Farmer's Market will be opening July 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the SW Metro Chamber of Commerce website for more information.



Newsflash! In case you hadn't heard, Carver is also participating in the Farmer's Market circuit. The Carver event began Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. So, on Tuesdays head on over to the Community Park and see what you need. Every Tuesday through September 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 6 PM. Where you ask? At the Carver Community Park.

## Night to Unite

It is the opinion of this writer that what used to be identified as 'National Night Out' has taken a new name or perhaps is just a sub-category of the original intent? Without further research as to what other states or cities have chosen to rename the night, the goal is presumed to be the same and that is unification with the same ideas, block parties, parties, bbq's and fun inviting the civil departments of communities and not only celebrate but strengthen the partnerships between neighborhoods and community residents. Both titles chose the first Tuesday in August to celebrate. I can think of a hundred reasons why this year it is far more important to accept our neighbor, fellow citizens, law enforcement and fire department personnel, if not to also include politicians and set aside our prejudices and fear of ignorance. After all, weren't we all created equal? That's what I was taught anyway. The other Golden Rule I harp, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you". Seems like the perfect time to not only remember those words but to reflect on them as well. "National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community." And, "join the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and hundreds of communities throughout the State of Minnesota for the annual Night to Unite (NTU), Minnesota's statewide celebration which takes place the first Tuesday of August of every year."



## Blood Drive

Did you hear? Did you hear? Call and find out the times for the Red Cross American Blood Drive happening at the Carver City Hall on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon and taking blood until 6 PM. The vampires will gladly draw that blood right out of your veins because it means it will help someone else who needs your blood!!! See who lurks in the halls of the new building to boot. What do you say? Huh? Have you also heard about "Power Red"? Power Red donation collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor. These donors must meet specific eligibility requirement and have type A Negative, B Negative or O Blood. Blood is the most common type of donation where approximately a pint of 'whole blood' is given. Bet you didn't know that did you? Hurry, go meet the vampires who will take that pint from you!



I am a person who wants  
to do a lot of things  
trapped in a body  
that doesn't.



## Carver Shops

Occasional Shop dates are normally held the third week of the month. Check websites and Facebook pages for updates on each shop's availability. Support our local shops too. July's Occasional Shop dates are August 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – NOW OPEN - The Carver Creamery FB  
Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates  
Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook  
Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – www.rippleartstudio.com  
Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB  
Strange Birds - facebook.com/strangebirdsmn/Website  
The Good Junk Garage – Facebook  
SomeWhat Crafty - Facebook  
Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook  
The Funky Dove – Facebook



## St Nicholas Church

Father Tony Vander loop has been assigned as the pastor of St Nicholas Church in Carver.

“Father Anthony G. VanderLoop, known as Father Tony, is pleased to have been named the pastor of St. Nicholas Church in Carver. The assignment begins officially July 1, but Father Tony had made previous plans to be on vacation July 5 - July 20. He will join the Archbishop in meeting with the St. Nicholas parishioners sometime

shortly after his return where the Archbishop will respond to the report that was sent to him from the parishioners and Deacon Jim Bauhs last December. There will be no Masses said during the time that Father Tony is away. Please continue to feel welcome to come to Masses at Guardian Angels in the meantime.”

## East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Lutheran Church has worship at 9 AM on Sundays. Everyone is welcome to come inside the Sanctuary for worship or join them through Facebook.



The Towel Ministry at the church extends pleas once again for the bath hand towels and flour sack dish towels. If anyone is interested in donating, they can be brought to the church.

Habitat for Humanity is a summer Carver County Habitat for Humanity and has a project in Chaska that needs the community to unite and serve the week of August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact the pastor at the church for more information.

## West Union Lutheran Church

The church welcomes everyone to come worship with them at 9 AM on Sundays. Worship is currently inside and on Facebook Live. “Small church with a BIG Heart!”

The congregation would also like you to be aware of their Tractor Blessing scheduled for Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. During worship they will bless the machines and people before harvest.

Then on September 12<sup>th</sup> the church is having a Polka Worship. They will be led by the Jolly Ramblers. They also will be celebrating Rally Day where their Children's Ministry Station starts.

They are also preparing for their West Union Country Market and Craft Sale planned for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 2 PM. They will have food, pumpkins and gourds, fall decorations, homemade canned goodies, bake sale, crafts and kids' activities.



## Trinity Lutheran Church

“We love families! On Steamboat Days weekend, Sep. 10-12, we will host llamas on our outside lawn for the community to enjoy. We will also have a bazaar available inside. Both begin at 10 am on Saturday, Sep. 11th. The llamas, from Carlson's Lovable Llamas, will be available from 10 AM–2 PM. Join us for our Worship at 9 am every Sunday or touch base with us through our website: Trinitycarver.com”



“They whispered to the warrior, you cannot withstand the storm  
The warrior whispered back, I am the Storm.”

~ Jake Remington

## Carver Black Sox

Jeff Tuma:  
Black Sox Close Out Regular Season With a Victory  
Playoffs Begin Tuesday Versus St. Boni

The CRVL regular season ended on Sunday with a 12-6 win over the Brownton Bruins in Brownton. The Black Sox scored 7 times in the first inning and never looked back; although a scary moment did occur in the bottom half of the inning. Starting pitcher Chase Eiden took a line drive off of his left (pitching) wrist and had to leave the game after the inning concluded. All appears to be good for Chase at this point.

The Carver bats were popping as they pounded out 17 hits, with all 9 starters collecting hits. Cole Kirchoff led the way with 4 hits, a sacrifice fly and 2 RBI. Jay Bresnahan, Connor Cornell, Ben Alexander, Dan Gastuch and Bryce Tuma all had 2 hit games, with Gastuch adding 2 RBI.

Mark Ulrich came on in relief of Eiden pitching 5 2/3 strong innings, striking out 8, and picking up the win. The win put Ulrich in the lead as the All-Time Winningest pitcher in Black Sox history.

The playoffs begin Tuesday night with a 7:30pm game versus St. Boni at Robert G. Fritz Field in Cologne. Game 2 :30pm in Watertown, with Game 3 (if necessary) on Sunday, August 2nd at Woody Swanson Field in Carver. Game time for that game is set for 4pm.

The Black Sox Won Game 1 with 17-7 score. The Carver Black Sox started out strong, survived a middle inning, St. Boni Saints comeback and pulled away with 6 runs in the 5th inning enroute to a 17-7, 8 inning win in Game 1 of the best of 3 series. For the second straight game all 9 Black Sox starters had hits.

The Black Sox continued to hit the cover off of the ball led by Alex Twenge's 3 hits and 7 (yes 7) RBI. Dan Gastuch also contributed 3 hits including a game ending 3 run Home Run in the 8th. Ben Alexander added 2 hits, scoring 3 times and driving in 2. Connor Cornell scored 3 runs having walked 3 times, and added a double.

Andrew Weber picked up the win after working through a tough 5 run 4th inning, striking out 4 for the game.

The playoffs continue Thursday night with a 7:30pm game versus St. Boni at 7:30pm in Watertown, with Game 3 (if necessary) on Sunday, August 2nd at Woody Swanson Field in Carver. Game time for that game is set for 4pm.

Sounds like the season is almost over for our local team. CRVL Playoffs were the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. Let's hope our boys to the tournaments again. Those games are scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> of August and the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. Be sure to show community support for our team!

“I've learned a lot this year...

I learned that things don't always turn out the way you planned, or the way you think they should. And I've learned that there are things that go wrong that don't always get fixed or get put back together the way they were before. I've learned that some broken things stay broken, and I've learned that you can get through bad times and keep looking for better ones, as long as you have people who love you.”

~ Jennifer Weiner



## Carver Lions

Need or looking to make a difference. meet and make new friends and give to your community? Then, you really ought to consider joining the Carver Lions organization. They will be meeting the third Wednesday in August. Weather permitting you will find them at the Lion's Park on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, they will be meeting at the city hall. Don't forget that the Lions are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive too on August 16<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Article and information included in newsletter.



Hey, did you hear that the Grand Marshalls for the parade on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> are two members of the organization? That's right. Between the two, they have forty-four years of giving which was also commented that they are the heart and soul of the club. Do you think they are really liked? I do. Although, I have heard compliments galore too. Try to beat that record huh? Marvin and Evelynn Grimm will be the Grand Marshall's at the SteamBoat Days Parade too. Be sure to stop by tell them thanks and congratulations. The Lions are busy getting ready for SteamBoat Days scheduled to kick off the weekend after Labor Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Lions are excited for some new additions that have been added for 2021. It is their belief that this will be a big year!

The club would also like to share that the meat raffles will be resuming later this summer too. Check their Facebook page for updates. Durk Peterson is the new Club President. Will insert election results below. Marvin Grimm is continuing on as the Club Membership Chairperson. So, there you go, interested in joining, contact Marv and he can give you all the highlights and all the reasons why you should join. Right Marvin? Kristy Mock is SteamBoat Days Chairwoman. Yea, Kristy! If you are interested in helping with the upcoming town event, be sure to go to their August meeting.

### Club Officers 2021-2022

PRESIDENT -Durk Peterson  
 1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Kristy Mock  
 2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Bob MacMullan  
 3RD VICE PRESIDENT – Chip Peglow  
 TREASURER – Cathy Elke  
 SECRETARY - Kim Whaley  
 LION TAMER – Dean Nelson  
 TAILTWISTER - Heide Henry  
 MEMBERSHIP – Marvin Grimm

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1ST YEAR)

Tim Craig  
 Heide Henry  
 Bill Buckingham  
 Kris Eklund  
 Chris Jerome  
 Barb Swanson

GAMING MANAGER - Deidre Moynagh  
 GAMING ASSISTANT - Kris Eklund

### COMMITTEE APPOINTEES:

SCHOLARSHIP – Jim Weygand  
 PUBLICITY / INTERNET – Kristy Mock  
 WEBMASTER – Kristy Mock  
 VISION – STUDENT EYEGLASSES – Lori Jerome, Chris Jerome



August 10

**Faith Formation Community  
 Cookout  
 Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
 6:15pm – 7:45pm**

School Parking Lot

Hot dogs, chips &  
 S'mores of course!

Please RSVP with the number of  
 people attending  
 to [foprosko@gachaska.org](mailto:foprosko@gachaska.org) or  
 952-227-4000.

## Southwest Transit



SouthWest is offering service to the State Fair for the 2021 season from August 26<sup>th</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup>. Can't beat that can you. No fighting traffic, struggling to find close parking, paying exorbitant fees to park, walk miles to the gate or listening to whining about it all. Take the bus!!!! Great idea huh? Masks are still required though while riding. Just a minor setback don't you think?

Below is the information:

"Catch a ride to the fair from:

Monday - Friday:

SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie (13500 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344)

SouthWest Village in Chanhassen (650 SouthWest Village Drive, Chanhassen, MN 55317)

Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day:

SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie (13500 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344)

SouthWest Village in Chanhassen (650 SouthWest Village Drive, Chanhassen, MN 55317)

East Creek Station in Chaska (2120 Chestnut St. N. Chaska, MN 55318)

Hours of operation (subject to change):

Monday - Friday: 7:30am to 11:30pm

Saturday and Sunday: 7:00am to 11:30pm

Fares:

Adults (13-64): \$5

Seniors (65+): \$5

Youth (6-12): \$5

Children (5 & under): Free

Active Military (with valid ID): Free

Disabled Veterans: Free

\*NO SOUTHWEST TRANSIT STATE FAIR SERVICE FROM WOODDALE CHURCH!\* "

*"It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless."*

~ L.R. Knost



What's your  
**LEPRECHAUN**  
 name?



### The first letter of your name:

A - Adorable	H - Helpful	O - Outgoing	V - Vibrant
B - Bubbly	I - Itchy	P - Playful	W - Witty
C - Cheerful	J - Jolly	Q - Quiet	X - X-tra Special
D - Dreamy	K - Kind	R - Restless	Y - Youthful
E - Eager	L - Lucky	S - Silly	Z - Zany
F - Fussy	M - Musical	T - Timid	
G - Grouchy	N - Noisy	U - Useful	

### The month you were born:

Jan. - McCheesy	May - McWiggles	Sept. - McBiarney
Feb. - O'Gratin	June - O'Lucky	Oct. - O'Doodles
March - McMuffin	July - McNoodles	Nov. - McWobbles
April - O'Really	Aug. - O'Wacky	Dec. - O'Goofy

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

## August 2021

Chaska's scheduled 'Chaska Summer Concert Series'. Finale. At the Fireman's Park, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6 PM – 8 PM, The Tuxedo Band;

on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the City Square Park, from 7 – 8:30 PM, dance to Dave and the Rockin' All Stars; and finally on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 5 PM and ending at 8 PM you will be entertained by the Musicians from the Arts Consortium of Carver County at the Firemen's Park.

Recreation on Wheels is wraps up their season. This mobile recreation program is at the Chaska Veteran's Park. This will be on Wednesdays beginning June 23 through August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM and ends at 11:30 AM. What exactly is this. It's the Block Party Wagon full of interactive games and equipment to facilitate unique and engaging outdoor activities for kids of all ages. There are group games, craft activities and fun fitness challenges promoting physical activity and interactions.

September has a lot of fun activities too! Watch for the next issue of the 'Villager Tower'.



### Cologne Firehouse Drive-In

They're back! We really are allowed to converse and get together huh? Just go west out of Chaska/Carver on Highway # 212 and when you reach Highway # 284 to your south, you are there! The shows begin at dusk but they have lots to do before the movies begin. Step back into history and see how people used to watch movies outdoors instead of that giant television screen you have in your living room or recreation room. Get the feel of the outdoors, the biting mosquitoes, the moonlight shining on that partner of yours and the thrill of the old days! Some know what I am talking about. There are others that is its as foreign as the black and white tv sets eh or the concept of no television at all? Yea, I know it's aging me. Don't think anyone cares anymore. What do you say? You might have so much fun with your sweetie, you'll want to go back Saturday night!

"Sound is via FM broadcast that you can tune in through your car . . or via a portable radio. Lawn chairs and blankets are also recommended for viewing the movie outside of your vehicle. Kid's activities this year include a bounce house, smoke house, fire truck rides, pony rides, playground and more. So come early for all the activities, and stay for the shows!

Concessions are also available, so bring your appetite and enjoy hamburgers, pork burgers, hotdogs, popcorn, candy, soda, malts, cotton candy & more! Gates open at 6pm both nights – movies will begin at dusk (approximately 8:45pm)."

The movies Friday night, August 6<sup>th</sup> is 'Sonic the Hedge Hog' and 'Smokey and the Bandit'. I bet you will enjoy the thrill so much you will return Saturday night, August 7<sup>th</sup> and snuggle and cuddle to watch 'Sonic the Hedge Hog' (well maybe not that one so much huh?). But the second feature is Talladega Nights'.

Movies begin at dusk! Go on, dare you to go and see how it was done in the past....

### Scott Carver Threshers

Want to go back even further in history? Well then you are in for a treat. Over in Jordan north of Highway # 169 is the folks who are celebrating their 57<sup>th</sup> presentation of the Annual Old-Time Festival. This year they are featuring Oliver Hart-Parr. No, it's not a person, it's those blankin' tractors. No, I am not a fan. Although, I did write their history book.

Wonder if they have any left to sell? They have food and refreshments available along with building and displays of old farm machinery, equipment, saw mill, demonstrations, antique tractors, and steam engines. Want to check it out beforehand, you will find them on Facebook or visit their website. [www.scottcarverthreshers.org](http://www.scottcarverthreshers.org). It's a weekend event. Their fun starts on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>, gates open at 7 AM and don't close until 6:30 PM. There's even a daily parade of the antique tractors. See the flyer inserted.



"Direction, not intention, determines distinction."

~ Andy Stanley

## Carver County Fair

Did you know that this year will be the 109<sup>th</sup> Carver County Fair event? I didn't. I know, who cares?

Someone does. Be sure, if you haven't ever gone, go check it out. It begins Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup> in Waconia. Wednesday through Saturday are Grandstand events every night. Gate admission is \$ 8 and kids six and under are free. The grandstand events this year are the Health and Safety Awareness, Motokazie, Tractor Pull, Tractors, Semis and Pick-up pulls, and then the Demo Derby. There is live music, building full of great stuff to see, midway, vendors, bingo, and of course the midway. Military Appreciation Day is Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. It really is a decent and fun fair and you never know who will see there. For more information, visit; [www.carvercountyfair.com](http://www.carvercountyfair.com).



### Dahlgren Township Picnic

As we round the corner of summer almost over, Dahlgren Township is getting ready for their annual picnic at the Augusta Ball Park on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM – 3 PM.

"All are invited to the annual Dahlgren Township Picnic! Meet your neighbors and share a meal, play games and don't forget to bring your favorite for the Dessert Judging Contest! This will be POTLUCK so everyone should bring their meat to grill, a side to pass, beverage and any dessert you want to enter into the Judging Contest!

The township will be providing paper plates, napkins, silverware, ketchup and mustard.

Augusta Park has of course, the ballpark and volleyball. Feel free to bring any yard games too.

The lunch will be at 12:00 pm and the Dessert Judging Contest will be at 1:00 and there will be PRIZES!"



### Taste of Chaska

The City of Chaska will be holding their annual event this August 2021. If you haven't experienced it in the past, highly recommend you check it out. Just to say you went, you saw, you did as the cliché goes huh?

The SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Chaska. It is a highly publicized event attracting they say nearly two thousand area residents and offers tremendous opportunities for area businesses to participate. It is open to the public and no charge to attend. The event is held at the City Square Park in downtown Chaska. The event will be on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 5 PM till 9 PM. There will also be live music provided. The Howes, Butchart and Scott Band will be playing at 6:15 PM until 9 PM.



There will also be a beer and wine tasting tent filled with local wineries and breweries!. The cost will be \$ 5 to enter the tasting tent. ID will be required! ( You will not be able to leave and come back without paying the fee and showing ID again either. ) The vendors participating are the Excelsior Brewing Company, Parley Lake Winery, Enki and Schram Haus Brewery.

### Arts in the Garden

At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum starting on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of August is the 6<sup>th</sup> Arts in the Garden Event from 4 PM to 8 PM. Saturday and Sunday, 8/21 and 8/22 at 10 AM till 4 PM. A unique showcase of art and nature. You will find high-quality products at the market ranging from artisan foods and handmade jewelry to nature-inspired art and spa-worthy bath and body products. Music is on the agenda, as well. There is a wide variety of art displayed by talented artists. There is an "Artist Village" where you can mix, mingle, stroll, eat and shop. This year there are expanded family fun events. Exhibitors this year will also include a Youth Artists category featuring four young artists, ages 12 – 17. For more detailed information, visit: [www.arboretum.umd.edu](http://www.arboretum.umd.edu).



"Your opinion matters to someone, But today, that someone isn't me."

© Aunty Acid



## 2021 Wacipi

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is having their Wacipi ( Pow-Wow ) or 'A Celebration of Life' starting Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wacipi means "they all dance" in the Dakota language which has always been an important part of their ancestor's ceremonial practices. The Native Americans gather for cultural and social celebration of dancing, singing, and visiting. A time to gather, share, reflect and thank the Creator. Originally a gathering time was held at the end of a season to celebrate a good hunt or recognize a positive event.



"The SMSC Wacipi begins with a blessing of the dance circle. This is followed by the Grand Entry with the Veterans Color Guard carrying in the flags and eagle staff, followed by visiting dignitaries, tribal royalty, and the dancers. Once the dancers have entered the circle, a prayer is said, and attendees are asked to stand and remove their hats as the drum group sings songs to honor the flag and the veterans."

If you have not experienced a Pow Wow, it is well worth visiting and see how the Dakota people celebrate in Prior Lake. It is quite an event. For more information, visit their website; [www.shakopeedakota.org](http://www.shakopeedakota.org). This event is held at the SMSC reservation grounds. Did I mention they will also have fireworks Saturday night?

## 2021 Indian Horse Relay

Here's something interesting for you, as well, if you want to learn about the Native American heritage. At Canterbury Park on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> there is the Indian Horse Relay which brings together the best Indian relay racers from across the country for three days of excitement.



Here's some background information for those of you who are interested from their website:

"Experience America's First Extreme Sport  
An Indian Horse Relay team consists of four members—a rider, a mugger, and two holders—and three horses. Riders mount their first horses bareback at the stall, while the holders restrain the other two horses. After making a lap around the track, the rider hops off of the first horse and mounts the second horse in a dazzling display of athleticism. It is the mugger's job to catch the first horse. After repeating the process once more, the third and final lap ends at the finish line in front of the grandstand."

### "Indian Market

Inside the grandstand at Canterbury Park, there will also be an Indian Market for guests to enjoy, featuring crafts, jewelry, beading, and artwork for purchase from several Native American vendors. The Indian Market is open all three nights of Indian Horse Relay.

### History of the Event

The Indian Horse Relay at Canterbury Park began in 2013, when the SMSC was invited to the Apsaalooke Crow Nation to see their Native American horse racing event. The SMSC's Mystic Lake Casino Hotel partnered with Canterbury Park in 2012, creating A Winning Combination, which presented the perfect opportunity to bring this sport to life in the area's largest horse racing venue. Since the inception of the event, the annual Indian Horse Relay has celebrated great success and brings together racers and spectators from across the country every year.

### Cultural Significance

The horse has long held a special place in Native American culture. Often referred to as the Horse Nation, horses—like the drum—have a way of comforting, healing, and bringing Native people together. Spending time around them is good for the heart and good for the spirit. During Indian Horse Relay, riders embrace their culture through horse paint designs, bareback riding, and wearing traditional Native American regalia."



## 50<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Festival

Huzzah! They're back. Starting at 9 AM on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 50<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Festival will be open to the public to be entertained again every weekend through the first weekend in October. For more detailed information, visit their website: [www.renaissancefest.org](http://www.renaissancefest.org).



New this year is the Royal Daily events, Kiddie Krawl and Playtron Academy. Their weekend themes are Highland Fling; Bold North Vikings Invasion; Wine, Chocolate and Romance; Woodstock; BBQ Bellies and Beer; Sham and Shenanigans, Festival Friday and Oktoberfest. Another event that should be experienced at least once. Huzzah!

## Season of Trees

From famine to feast huh? The pandemic shut us down and now there is so many things to see and do, one can't feel they don't have time to stop and smell the roses again huh? If you are interested over the Arboretum is the Season of Trees presented by International Paper on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Come and meet Stan Tekiela for his book signing at the Anderson Horticultural Library Rare Bookroom Tour at 4 PM until 6 PM. You are invited to explore the importance of trees with artist Mara Pelecis who coordinated Our Noble Tree, walk among the trees in the gardens and enjoy light refreshments. More detailed information on their website. Take the Tree Trek, find the Find Arb the Tree Gnome, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Flora and Fauna Illustrata Exhibition or Turning over a New Leaf Exhibit.



## Stiftungsfest

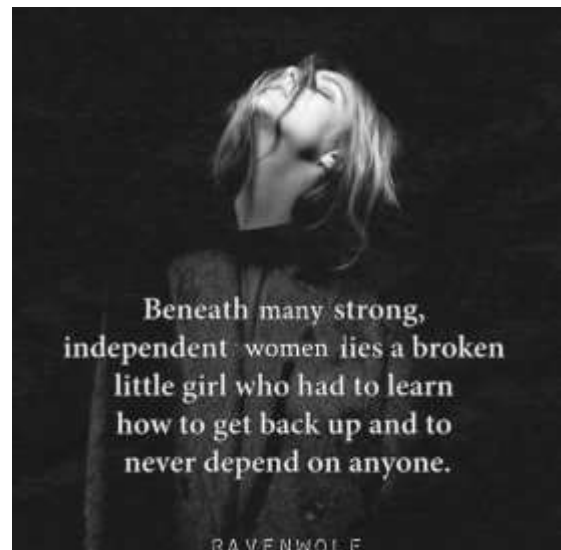
Heading west to Norwood/Young America is the oldest German Festival to start their celebration on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Willkommen Memorial Park for the their 160<sup>th</sup> Stiftungsfest. The committee says they are back at full strength. They will kick off their events at 5 PM with Family Night. The popular free event is sponsored by their local churches and will highlight music by Jen Bostic. There will be music, games, great food, kids pedal pull and a movie in the ballpark and so much more!



Friday has softball and the Opening Ceremony, food and music. ( Bet somewhere there's beer too. ) Saturday is packed with polka music, if you like that sort, Johnny Cash and Carver County's very own Johnny Holm will be playing Saturday night. Can't beat that. Sunday will be kicked off with services at St John's Lutheran Church. Then their five-year parade will begin at noon. Still more softball, music and food to cap the day!

## Minnesota State Fair

To cap the month off is the return of the MN Great Get Together, State Fair starting also on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and runs through Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Their website is: [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org). There you will find all kinds of things to do, see, experience and share.



RAVENWOLF

# Community Calendar

# August 2021

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting  
Happy Anniversary Lee and Lindsey!
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Carver Farmers Market  
Happy Birthday Barb!
- August 4<sup>th</sup> Chaska Farmers Market  
Happy Birthday Willie!
- August 5<sup>th</sup> Victoria Farmers Market  
Happy Birthday Scott!
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Cologne FireHouse Drive-Inn  
Happy Birthday Sid!
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Cologne FireHouse Drive-Inn  
Scott Carver-Threshers Harvest Festival  
Weekend
- August 7<sup>th</sup> Cologne FireHouse Drive-Inn  
Happy Anniversary Tim and Peggy!
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Luann!  
Happy Birthday John!
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- August 10<sup>th</sup> Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Carver Farmers Market
- August 11<sup>th</sup> through 8/15th  
Carver County Fair  
Chaska Farmers Market  
Happy Anniversary Andrea and Darren!  
Happy Anniversary Rob and Missy!
- August 12<sup>th</sup> Victoria Farmers Market  
Happy Birthday Bonnie!
- August 14<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Russell!
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Dahlgren Annual Picnic
- August 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
School Board Meeting  
Happy Birthday Michelle!
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Carver Farmers Market
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Carver Lions Meeting  
Chaska Farmers Market
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting  
Occasional Shops Weekend  
Victoria Farmers Market  
Happy Birthday Hailey!  
Happy Birthday Sara!
- August 20<sup>th</sup> Business Alliance Meeting  
Arts in the Garden Weekend  
SMSC Wacipi Weekend  
Renaissance Festival Begins  
Happy Birthday Jack!
- August 21<sup>st</sup> Senior Citizens Day
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> West Union Church Tractor Blessing  
Happy Anniversary Vicki and Mark!
- August 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>  
SMSC Indian Horse Relay  
Carver Farmers Market  
Happy Birthday Kari!
- August 25<sup>th</sup> Chaska Farmers Market
- August 26<sup>th</sup> Seasons for the Trees Weekend  
State Fair Opens  
Stiftingsfest Weekend  
Victoria Farmers Market
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Jerry!  
Happy Birthday Ben!
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Festival Weekend
- August 29<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Jacqi!
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Happy Anniversary Steve and Hailey!  
Carver Farmers Market



*Just Because*

## The Ravenwolf

I'm not a failure but I've failed.  
 I'm not a mistake but I've screwed up.  
 I'm not a disaster but I don't always get it right.  
 Truth be told,  
 I've fallen more times than I can count and I'm okay with that- I learned from each failure.  
 I've stumbled, failed and made more mistakes than most people,  
 But then, I'm not like most people...  
 They haven't had to claw and scratch to find their way, to survive, just to be happy.  
 I had to be strong when I thought I had nothing left because I didn't have any other options.  
 I surrendered everything that I was to become who I was meant to be.  
 The critics don't know what it means to be at the end of their rope and not know where to turn.  
 But you see, that's where my story begins- where everyone else's tale stops.  
 I didn't just crash and burn,  
 I fell and crashed into a million pieces.  
 I shattered in ways that most can never recover from,  
 But that's just the beauty of my story-  
 It's a tale of massive failures and anguishing struggle,  
 It's a journey of broken hearts and wounded wings..  
 But more than that,  
 My path is a story of triumph amongst the tragedy,  
 Rising from the ashes and finding myself when not long before, I couldn't even find my way.  
 It's a rekindling of my fire when my spark was almost gone.  
 There were many times I was down and out,  
 So lost in the darkness I couldn't even see the light..  
 But that's what makes me who I am and part of my indomitable spirit.  
 I uncovered my strength and unleashed my courage.  
 I clawed my way out of the abyss into the light.  
 I didn't know how I'd make it some days, but somehow I always found a way.  
 I don't need help up and I don't want a hand out.  
 You can keep your sympathy, I'm gorgeous in all the ways that matter..deep and soulful.  
 I want someone to walk beside me and appreciate everything that went into making me the beautifully broken heart that roared back from the fire.  
 Equal, no more and no less.  
 Love me for me and all my splendid chaos and you'll begin to understand the fire in my heart.  
 I have magic in my spirit and a passion in my heart that nothing can take away from me.  
 So, honey, understand that life may knock me down and I'll have to fight harder some days,  
 But you can't keep a strong person down, ever.  
 So, stand with me or stand aside, I have places to go and dreams to catch.  
 Like most wild creatures,  
 I was always meant to be free.  
 These wings..they're made to soar.  
 Love me the way that I deserve or let me go.. you'll never keep me in a cage when I'm meant to fly high.  
 Can you roll with that?  
 Silver Ravenwolf|  
 Beautiful Minds Anonymous



Scott Carver Threshers Presents

# 57TH ANNUAL OLD-TIME HARVEST

Featuring Oliver Hart-Parr

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**FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS**  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
7AM-11AM

PORKCHOP DINNER  
SAT 5PM-7PM

PULLED PORK  
SANDWICHES AND BEEF  
COMMERCIAL 11-5



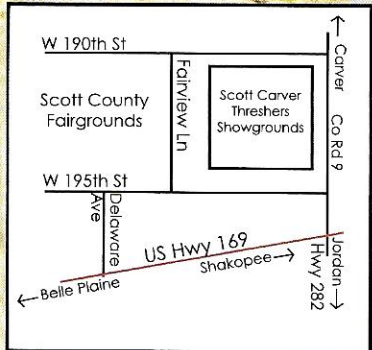
## Live Entertainment Daily

**ADMISSION** Adult \$10 for all weekend Children 12 & Under FREE

19375 FAIRVIEW LANE JORDAN, MN 55352 [SCOTTCARVERTHRESHERS.ORG](http://SCOTTCARVERTHRESHERS.ORG)

**August 6th, 7th & 8th, 2021**

Friday & Saturday 7am-10pm Sunday 7am-6:30pm



### DEMONSTRATIONS FREE

Operating Shingle and Lath Mill  
Saw Mill  
Plowing  
Threshing  
Gas Engines

Potato Digging  
Rug Loom  
Stationary Steam Engines  
Quilting & Spinning



### SITE ATTRACTIONS FREE

Tractors  
Steam Engines  
Gas Engine Shed  
Vintage Cars and Trucks  
Model T Shop  
Book Store  
Operating Print Shop

Barn with Animals  
East Union Store  
One Room School House  
Memorial Garden  
Blacksmith Shop  
1850 Log House  
Vilter Engine  
Women's Building



### DAILY EVENTS

Craft and Flea Market opens at 7 AM  
Parade Daily at 1 PM

### SPECIAL EVENTS FREE

Spark Show Friday & Saturday at Dusk

### PEDAL TRACTOR PULL (SANCTIONED) FREE

Trophies ages 4-11  
Tractors Provided Sunday 2pm

### ANTIQUA TRACTOR PULL

Sunday 2:30 after the parade  
See website for rules and classes

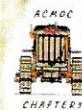
### MACHINERY DEMONSTRATIONS FREE

Operating Lath and Shingle Mill  
Plowing with Tractors  
Threshers, Log Sawing,  
Gas Engine Demos

**General Questions** Daniel Wyman 952-687-7734.

**Vendor Information** Sue Quatmann 952-492-3417 **Kiddie Tractor Pull** Les Quatmann 952-492-3417

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SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON  
SIOUX COMMUNITY

# WACIPI

AUGUST 20, 21, AND 22, 2021



**GRAND ENTRY**  
FRIDAY 7PM \ SATURDAY 1PM AND 7PM \ SUNDAY 1PM  
**FIREWORKS**  
SATURDAY 10PM

**HEAD STAFF** • **DRUM CONTESTS** • **DANCE CONTESTS**

**MASTERS OF CEREMONIES:**  
Jauggin Hamilton  
Redwing Thomas

**ARENA DIRECTORS:**  
Charke LaBlanc  
Clifton Goodwill

**HEAD WOMEN'S JUDGE:**  
Cherokee Brady

**HEAD MEN'S JUDGE:**  
Brando Jack

**HEAD SINGING JUDGE:**  
Anthony Marcestry

**SOUND:**  
Hakah Sound

**COLOR GUARD:**  
Sisseton Wahpeton  
Kit Fox Society  
Lakota Women Warriors

**HOST:**  
Northern Cree-AB  
Black Bear-DC  
Mato-Pejuke-NE

**INVITED:**  
Black Lodge  
Black Otter  
Showtime  
Indian Hill  
Mandan  
Smoky Town  
Walking Buffalo  
Blazing Bear  
Ottertail  
Southern Boyz

**DRUM CONTESTS**  
(UNLIMITED DRUMS ONLY)  
1ST: \$7,000  
2ND: \$6,000  
3RD: \$5,000  
4TH: \$4,000  
5TH: \$3,000  
6TH: \$2,000  
Consolation  
(4 places) \$1,000

**HAND DRUM CONTEST**  
Details to be announced

**WIGWAGGON GAMES**  
**ARE BACK FOR 2021!**  
1ST: \$2,500  
2ND: \$1,500  
3RD: \$1,000  
4TH: \$800  
5TH: \$500

**DANCER REGISTRATION: FRIDAY 12:30PM**  
Point system will begin Friday at Grand Entry.  
Registration closes Saturday at 12:30pm.

**DANCE CONTESTS:**  
**JR. CATEGORIES, 6-12:**  
Traditional, Grass/Single, Fancy  
1ST: \$300 | 2ND: \$200 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$100 | 5TH: \$50

**TEEN CATEGORIES, 13-17:**  
Traditional, Grass/Single, Fancy  
1ST: \$500 | 2ND: \$300 | 3RD: \$200 | 4TH: \$150 | 5TH: \$100

**ADULT CATEGORIES:**  
**MEN:** Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Southern Straight, Chicken Dance  
**WOMEN:** Traditional, Fancy, Single, Southern Buckskin/Cloth (Combined)  
**JR., 18-34:** 1ST: \$1,800 | 2ND: \$1,400 | 3RD: \$1,200 | 4TH: \$1,000 | 5TH: \$800  
**SR., 35-64:** 1ST: \$1,600 | 2ND: \$1,400 | 3RD: \$1,200 | 4TH: \$1,000 | 5TH: \$800

**GOLDEN AGE, 55-64:**  
**MEN:** Traditional/Southern Straight (Combined), Fancy/Grass (Combined)  
**WOMEN:** Traditional/Southern Buckskin/Cloth (Combined), Fancy/Single (Combined)  
1ST: \$1,800 | 2ND: \$1,400 | 3RD: \$1,200 | 4TH: \$1,000 | 5TH: \$800

**ELDERS, 65+:**  
**MEN:** All Categories | **WOMEN:** All Categories  
1ST: \$1,800 | 2ND: \$1,400 | 3RD: \$1,200 | 4TH: \$1,000 | 5TH: \$800



**SMSC ROYALTY:**  
Carlene Thomas, Princess  
Lella Brown, Junior Princess

**LIVE BROADCAST: [SMSCWACIPI.ORG](http://SMSCWACIPI.ORG)**  
**PUBLIC WELCOME: FREE ADMISSION**

**SMSCWACIPI.ORG**

WACIPI GROUNDS: 3212 DAKOTAH PARKWAY | SHAKOPEE, MN | 55379

# STEAMBOAT DAYS

PRESENTED BY  Carver Lions

September 10-12, 2021  
Weekend festivities await!  
Friday Night

Lions Beer Tent Opens -  
4:00pm  
Food Vendors - 5:00pm  
Medallion Hunt (check Lions  
FB for clues) 5:30pm  
Fire Department Water  
Fights - 5:30pm  
Catfish Contest (contact  
Carver Bait Shop)  
Band - Pop Rocks - 8:00pm



## Saturday

Food Vendors  
Car Show - 9:00am  
MN Marketplace - 10:00am  
Bean Bag Contest - 11:30am  
(contact Harvey's)  
Wild West Show - 2:00pm  
Band - Ragtown 5:00pm -  
Dusk  
FIREWORKS - Dusk  
Band - Johnny Holm Band -  
After Fireworks

## Sunday

Food Vendors  
Parade - 1:00pm  
Grand Marshals - Marvin &  
Evelyn Grimm  
There's More!  
City-wide Garage Sales,  
Thursday - Saturday  
Kids Play Place



## *Night Marauders - Strive Nutrition*

"Territory what is that on your whiskers?" Rascal asked circling him suspiciously.

"Why it's the remains of a Banana Cream Pie Smoothie." Territory replied guiltily wiping the evidence from his whiskers with his paw and licking his paw to get every last drop.

"You promised that we could go with you when you went back to check this place out?" Raschevious groaned disappointed.

"Promised to go with where?" Bandeet joined in on the conversation on top of the levy as they all basked in the sun under the brilliant blue sky with clouds floating by gently.

"I wasn't sure anyone would be there." Territory stretched out on his back stuffed to the gills with the delicious delight.

"You overgrown liar." Rascal shouted pushing him angrily.

"Honestly Rascal, I didn't know she was going to be there today?" Territory defended himself.

"But you promised." Rascal pouted plopping down beside him.

"Rascal please." He waved his paw for the feisty raccoon to move out of his sun rays.

"No." Rascal balked. "I am not moving. You are mean, deceiving and selfish."

Bandeet gasped at his insolence and brazen boldness towards their leader. Territory was too full to fight with the feisty angry much slimmer raccoon.

"That's enough." Raschevious attempted to get control of the argument. "Territory has his reasons for what he does and we are to respect his decisions."

"Thanks, Raschevious." Territory yawned.

"Will she be there tomorrow?" Raschevious asked winking at the others.

"I think so." HE closed his eyes and replied.

"Do you suppose you could take us there tomorrow?"

"I suppose I could." He responded willingly, "We need to go earlier in the morning to avoid bumping into the humans."

"Isn't the woman in charge. human?" Rascal inquired puzzled.

"Yes, but she already knows we are not your usual bunch of rascals, that we are serious critiquing group interested in the sharing with the community." Territory explained seriously.

"So, what is this new smoothie and juice bar, Territory?" Bandeet asked interested.

"It's a healthy shake with epic energy and amazing nutrition." Territory explained.

"Why?" Rascal blurted.

"Well, the way the nice lady explained it to me is that their philosophy is to provide nutrition counseling that cultivates a healthy relationship with food." Territory explained.

"Poppycock." Rascal snarled.

"Now Rascal, be nice. This sounds interesting." Bandeet was listening since she felt she was getting out of shape with all these days of sitting around doing nothing when everyone and everything seemed to stop existing. "What else did she say Territory?" She asked eagerly.

"Well, they are committed to a non-diet and Health at every size approach that nourishes your body and mind while

Improving overall health and wellbeing." He continued.

"Sounds interesting. And you said these drinks are really good?" She inquisitively inquired with her paw on her mouth hungry for more information.

"Oh yea, they are absolutely delicious." He dreamily recalled the fudge brownie smoothie she had shared a taste.

"I don't know Territory?" Raschevious said skeptically.

"They have a Herbalife Tea Concentrate too. You like teas." Territory told him.

"And what's the catch there?"

"There is no catch Raschevious. Is to boost the metabolism and helps the body burn calories. They have different flavors to choose from too." Territory said like he was reading off a script.

"Oh yea, what flavors?" Raschevious was finding this whole idea incredibly unbelievable.

"Let me see if I can remember?" He began to walk in a circle to job his memory, slowly reciting, "She said Peach, Raspberry, Lemon, Chai and oh yea, Cinnamon."

"And just how is this herbal aloe concentrate work?" Raschevious questioned doubtful.

"She said it soothes your stomach while supporting nutrient absorption and intestinal health." Territory shot back fully convinced this was a good idea.

"I don't believe this." Raschevious was becoming more distrustful.

"You wouldn't say that if you tasted them." Territory smirked turning his back on his friends. "She said this product is a great replacement for soda, or those high-sugar juices."

"I like my soda and my juices." Rascal spoke up.

"And look at us. We are getting rounder and rounder and less able to maneuver through the tall grass and weeds." Territory scolded.

"This is just a new fad to get people hooked on still another whatever you called them." Rascal objected foolishly.

"It is not Rascal." Territory argued. "These delicious drinks have no calories, no sugar. They soothe the stomach, support healthy digestion, and relieve occasional indigestion."

"How many of these drinks have you been getting Territory?" Bandeet asked suspiciously. "Exactly how many trips have you been making Territory?" She asked getting the distinct impression he had been doing this trek for a number of days.

"Why?" He snapped knowing he was about to be caught for getting way too friendly and talking his way into getting more of these delicious delights without sharing.

"Because you know way too much and you are way too susceptible to be sold this soon and quickly." She accused.

"She's very convincing, very good at explaining and I'm telling you these drinks are just way too good to pass up."

He confessed.

"How many times have you been there Territory?" Raschevious asked now upset.

"About six now."

"Hmph." Was all he could say.

"I feel so much better since I have been drinking these fabulous delights." He reconciled, "I'm sorry. It's just we have been so bored and lazy since this silly Pandemic has taken over the world."

"That's no excuse." Raschevious scolded terribly hurt to have been discluded.

"She is opening her shop over by the dental, chiropractic and child care buildings."

"Stop trying to change the subject Territory." Raschevious sulked, "I thought we were all a team."

"Well, we are. It's just we can't all go over there and expect this nice lady to give us all these fabulous drinks for free now, is it?" Territory rationalized.

"No, but it's not like you to be sneaking off and doing this alone." Raschevious informed him candidly.

"I'm sorry."

"No, you are not. You are allowing your selfishness to surface."

"I know Raschevious. I tell you what, how about we all go meet Tricia tomorrow and we'll offer her some ideas on flavors and see if she'll share some tastes with us? She is after all looking to bring in more customers. We could be her spokesmen until things pick up around here again." Territory offered hopeful.

"And just who is going to go?" Rascal piped up.

"The four of us. We'll head on down the trail over the park road, cut across by the old train and scoot across the old county road to where the old Coffee shop used to be and see if she's in?"

"You mean where Cup of Carver used to be?" Bandeet asked. "Oh, I miss her so."

"Upstairs, there's an insurance broker housed in the old shop." Territory explained.

"How come we never got to go there anyway?" Rascal quizzed.

"We just didn't get the opportunity, I guess. Anyway, Strive Nutrition is temporarily housed upstairs."

"You mean it Territory? Raschevious asked apprehensively.

He nodded.

"Well alright." Raschevious conceded reluctantly, "But you better not go wandering off without us again."

"I won't."

"So, you said her mission is to make the community healthier and happier. That to do that we should enjoy a delicious smoothie that keeps us full and energized?" Raschevious questioned sternly.

"That's what she said."

"And you promise you won't go and not take us?"

"I said I would take you, didn't I?" Territory grumbled hurt.

The other three peered at him very mistrustingly. After all, he had been acting very strangely lately.

"Look," Territory began very gravely, "I can't expect the nice lady to give us all freebies." He scowled,

"Now, can we?"

Ashamed, Raschevious hung his head, "Well, no."

"She said she got involved in these delicious, yummy beverages because she loves helping people to feel as good as possible and like she feels. At the same time guys, you can't go around giving your product away free to every Tom, Dick, Harry or Sue, Kathy for that matter." He scolded wisely.

"Hey, we are just anybody." Rascal rebelliously objected to being stereotyped. "We are special." Territory, Bandeet and Raschevious all scowled at the little fella.

"Really Rascal!" Lavender admonished with a sour look, tapping her foot.

"Well?" He sulked.

"The shakes she said are 24 grams of protein, 21 vitamin and minerals and 200-220 calories. The energizing teas give you energy. And they taste more like juice than a tea." Territory recited the litany for them.

Raschevious raised his brow doubtful.

Territory continued, "Herbalife is 80% nutrition and 20% fitness."

"Ah huh." Raschevious frowned unconvinced.

"You don't believe me?"

Raschevious shook his head. "I have to see this to believe it."

"But look at how many times he has been to this new site Raschevious." Bandeet pointed out.

They all looked at the pile of empty cups that Territory had consumed.

"You're sure that they are this good?" Raschevious just wasn't buying the pitch this time.

Although he had to admit, Territory was looking just a wee bit slimmer and was far more energetic than he had been since they all had to bunker down and stay away from town.

"I don't know." Raschevious was being just plain stubborn.

"You're just mad because you didn't get go along." Territory accused.

"That doesn't help matters, no, Territory." He snapped back at him.

"Fellas, fellas." Lavender stepped between the two. "He said we get to go when she opens at her new location."

"He better." Rascal spoke up bravely.

"Alright look." Territory said, "As soon as opens in her new location over there by the Fire Station and the daycare center. We'll all get up early and go over early in the morning. So, start saving your money."

Territory belligerently stood his ground.

"And just when is that?" Rascal quipped pompously.

"When she moves into her site, she will be open Monday through Friday at 6:30 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. Saturdays will be eight to noon." He announced effectively, getting up and walking away holding his head high.

"You better not go without us again." Raschevious called after him.