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Courtney Johnson

City of Carver Mayor/Candidate invites you to join her for “Mayor’s Office Hours” on Saturday.

“In keeping with the “I’d love to hear from you” theme, I’ll be hosting my quarterly office hours on Saturday, September 10th from 9 AM – noon at City Hall in the Broadway Room, which is on the first floor. This is the Saturday of Steamboat Days and my hope is that while folks are downtown for the car show, the Minnesota Marketplace and the food trucks, that they’ll stop into City Hall and say “hi.” If you’re not able to make it in person, I’ll also have a Zoom.us option available. Here’s the link. (Meeting ID: 781 919 3096. Passcode: 1234)

Flood Plain Ordinance

Senior Planner from Bolton & Menk discussed the Flood Plain Ordinance. An overview was reviewed, where it was stated that in 2021 the Federal Emergency Management Agency made amendments to the National Flood Insurance Program impacting the city’s participation in the Community Rating System program. Requirements were discussed regarding the community’s efforts to address the goals of the program. The city staff has been working with a firm pertaining the CRS ratings for FEMA. Verification the city’s activities within the floodplain which is a process repeated every five years. Reviewing the documentation revealed that the ordinance did not adequately address the updates to the flood plain management requirements. Rules require establishment to the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation at one foot above the flood elevation. This requires the city adopt and enforce a regulation. The firm worked with the staff and the DNR determining the appropriate verbiage for the amendment to the ordinance. The drafted amendment was reviewed by the council. The city attorney had also reviewed the draft. Recommendation was submitted to review, discuss make further necessary changes and then schedule a Public Hearing.

Employee Survey

The city manager discussed the Employee Survey Review. The topic was reviewed and discussed. As part of the city’s Strategic Plan, an initiative was identified to conduct an employee survey for the purpose of the survey to establish a baseline to measure employee attitudes towards essential elements of the workplace. Two surveys were created and conducted. Responses were anonymous and were reviewed by appropriate designated personnel. The data and discussion led to the creation of an “action plan” in an attempt to provide and coordinate follow-up responses to the survey. The Proposed Action Plan involves consideration of conducting a Compensation Study as a part of the 2024 budget process. A minor update was done in 2019 with a full study conducted in 2013; create an Employee Engagement Committee; enhance, strengthen and prioritize internal communications systems; conduct meetings promoting information sharing and team building; clarify nomination and selection criteria for the Employee of the Year Award; and conduct review of on-call and training pay with peer cities. Also, to include conducting a review the retirement benefit levels with peer cities and complete a pension contribution and impact study involving the Fire Department.

*“When dealing with people,
Remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic,
But creatures of emotion.”*

~ Dale Carnegie

Miscellaneous

The city attorney provided an overview regarding the Cannabinoid Product Regulation review. The council was told about local regulation of recently legalized THC products. Council consensus was to take a ‘hands-off approach’ and revisit the topic next year after the states schedules additional legislation.

Getaway Motor Café discussed liquor license request with the council. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote with all ayes approving liquor licenses for on-sale intoxicating and Sunday Liquor for Getaway Motor Café for September 2022 through June 2023.

The finance Director discussed with the council the Accounting Software Upgrade concerning questions, concerns and comments. Procedures, fees and processes were discussed. Motion was made and carried approving the BS & A Service Agreement with roll call vote of all ayes.

The City Manager told the council that a new Resident Guide had been completed. The new version was said to look nice and a good job had been done.

Hazardous Building Action

The city attorney discussed the Hazardous Building Action regarding the structure on Carver Creek Place. The council reviewed photos of the property. The council discussed the contents inside the structure. The structure is considered nothing more than a glorified storage unit with a huge liability. Inquiry was made regarding ownership.

The attorney stated that an Ownership and Encumbrance Report from the title company was submitted and results are pending. Question was asked what happens if a response is not received. The attorney confirmed that the city would seek a default judgement giving the city the authority to demolish the structure and assess costs to the property. Concern was expressed of the city’s ability of recouping the costs. Further lengthy discussions were held regarding the status of the structure. There are no municipal utilities connected to the structure. It was not confirmed nor known whether or not the owners are receiving the pertinent information pertaining to the property.

To proceed it is necessary that the homeowner is notified. Question was asked what was the next step if they were not reached. A skip trace process would be conducted along with attempts to get more information. Contact has not been successful after notification forwarded. It was clarified that was a dire situation. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution ordering abatement of hazardous building located at Carver Creek Place.

Pavement Management Plan

The Assistant City Engineer discussed the Pavement Management Plan update with the council, along with adopting the plan. This plan involves providing a comprehensive overview of street conditions, identifies necessary maintenance and integrates a financial model for the plan elements. This plan was adopted in September and constructed around the selected target investment amounts in street maintenance on an annual basis while incorporating recommended maintenance. The original five-year plan program involved the years of 2022 through 2026. Since its inception and the first year has been completed. As part of the five-year Capital Improvement Planning efforts, the fifth year of the plan was to be reviewed for 2027 in order to understand project scope and estimated costs. Plans for 2027 would involve completion of in the Carver Bluffs neighborhood and begin the work in the Spring Creek neighborhood.

Financial

The Financial Director discussed the Audit Engagement and Financial Services. The council reviewed a motion regrading approval of the three-year engagement proposal. The city has contracted with the firm Abdo since 2007 who perform an independent audit of the city's financial statements. The work usually completed in spring once the financial fiscal year has ended which for the City of Carver is December 31st. These audits are turned into the MN State Auditor required by state law. Additionally, the firm provides the required Tax Increment Financing reporting and the Government Accounting Standards Board implementations. The firm is also requesting confirmation to continue contracting with them through 2024. Recommendation was submitted to approve the three-year engagement proposal with Abdo.

Alternative Claim Response

The City Manager discussed with the council the issue involving adopting the resolution authorizing reimbursement of claims pertaining to an alternative claim response involving a water pressure occurrence. The municipal utilities system experienced two high pressure occurrences. It was explained that the water system is comprised of several pressure zones relating to the topography and fire protection needs. There was a water pressure surge. The city engineer reviewed the event with the council. The cause was found to be a valve failure leading to the high pressure. As a result, the high pressure impacted a number of properties causing damage. Claim submission processes were begun. This process facilitated a coordinated way for residents to report damage while determinations were made.

The city's insurance provider and the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust personnel investigating all claims submitted. A legal firm was retained performing independent liability assessments which is not an uncommon practice. Determination was reached reviewing all documentation possible and talking with appropriate personnel; the city was not liable for the water pressure surcharge. Subsequently the League forwarded a claim denial notification letter whereupon the city explained the exploration of an alternative process for handling claims. Responding to the League's determination the staff began work on the Alternative Claim Response for the city's consideration involving directly reimbursing costs directly attributable to the recent occurrence. The council may elect to move forward with the response adopting the resolution establishing terms, conditions and requirements for submitting and processing claims utilizing the alternative method.

Heritage Preservation Commission

The City Manager reviewed with the Planning Commission the proposed amendments to the city's Heritage Preservation Commission Ordinance. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing. The existing ordinance had been reviewed previous, feedback received and then the council reviewed the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments were reviewed. The Planning Commission discussed the issue. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of ordinance amending the Preservations regulations.

"Failure is not the opposite of success.

It is part of Success."

~ William Ritter

Carver Square

The Planning Commission discussed with the Consulting City Planner on the topic relating to the Carver Square Planned Commercial District Amendment regarding Mizzy's Pizza Site Plan Review. Applicant proposes construction of a family-style restaurant with an attached retail/office outlet. Plans also include a patio area. The amendment involves the Planned Commercial District zoning overlay allowing for restaurant use of Carver Square. The final plat for the Carver Square had been approved back in 2017. In order to develop site plat was subdivided and replatted as Carver Square. At that time, the applicant applied for the establishment of a planned commercial district zoning overlay for the area. The purpose of this was intended to allow variation from strict literal provisions in the city zoning ordinance also approved in 2017. A Public Hearing on the issue was not required as part of the review for this application. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment for the Carver Square site with stated conditions.

Timber Creek

The Planning Commission discussed Timber Creek Phase II development with the Community Development Director. Request had been submitted to review the Phase Two Final Plat. Property located south of Meridian Fields and west of Copper Hills roughly one hundred sixty- one acres recently annexed. The Net Density for the property is three point eight units per acre. Timber Creek has been before the Planning Commission and City Council for several requests and has received Preliminary Plat approval. Phase One of the Final Plat had been reviewed by the Planning Commission and construction started which is inclusive of forty-nine single family homes and seventy-four townhomes. Request has been submitted for approval of Phase Two of the final plat involving sixty-eight single family homes additionally. Recently a lot split was also reviewed. The recommended approval allowed for the purchase of property to be constructed in Phase Two connecting to Copper Hills development. Additionally, two phases of the project are expected to be presented before the Planning Commission and the council in the future as the project progresses. The Planning Commission recommended approval of Phase Two of Timber Creek.

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. September 16th is the next scheduled meeting.

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Farmer's Markets

Don't remember the entire schedules of all the Farmer's Markets? Reference former month's issues for full listings.

Tuesdays come to the Carver's Farmer Market opening at 3 PM until 6 PM. The Market will be open until September 27th at the Carver Station.

Wednesdays are Chaska Farmer's Market will be at the downtown City Square Park is open at 3 PM until 6 PM. Chaska's last date is September 7th. Also on

Wednesdays, head on over Burrough Bowl parking lot at 235 South Ash Street in Belle Plaine from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM Farmer's Market. They are open through the middle of October.

Also on Wednesdays, Bongards Farmers Market is at the St John's United Church site, 12984 Country Road #51, Norwood/Young America mailing address. From 3 PM until 6 PM on Wednesdays through September 28th.

Then on Thursday you can head on over to Victoria Farmer's Market at the ENKI Brewing Parking Lot at 3 PM until 6PM. Last scheduled market is September 22nd. Need ENKI's address? 1495 Stieger Lake Lane, Victoria, MN.

Don't forget Saturdays in Chanhassen or Mount, Norwood/Young America or for that matter, Waconia.



Carver Current

You have seen the *Carver Current* website, haven't you? It's the perfect online 'go to' site for local information. Be sure to check it out; www.carvercurrent.com. An excellent source of information of city updates, local organization events, local news, school activities, sports results etc. Also, a great site for sharing essential information and events affecting local residents. The newsletter, the "Villager Tower" can also be found on this website, among other valuable information, history information, links, etc. © RYS Creations 2022

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South West Transit

Be sure to check out the SouthWest Transit website for information on Fall Services Changes and information regarding fare increases for SWPrime and more information;

Remember you can utilize their services to get to the State Fair. Thursday through Sunday only this year from August 25th to August 28th and September 1st to September 4th. You can catch a ride to the fair from the SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie, SouthWest Village in Chanhassen and East Creek Station in Chaska at 7 AM to 11 PM. For more information visit their website; www.swtransit.org.

SouthWest Transit is offering the MN Gophers Express for all 2022 Home Games. Near as I could decipher this would be starting in September and running through November, question mark. Not being an avid sports fan nor follower, I don't pretend to understand any of it and can only go by what the eye sees. However, the buses stated running from September 1st through November 19th. Drop off times may vary, of course due to traffic and closures. We are after all still in the construction season, unfortunately. The buses will run from East Creek Station, SouthWest Village and SouthWest Station. Need to know more, visit their website.

Of course, then there are those MN Vikings. Yep, SouthWest Transit will also have an MN "deal huh? The services however will not be offered Thursday, November 24th which is Thanksgiving or Saturday, December 24th. Otherwise, the bus service will be September 11th and run until December 18th.

Don't forget their Prime 494/MSP Airport, or Prim Essentials, or Prime MD or SW Ride services. Also, they will be running shuttles for Steamboat Days I saw on the Steamboat Days website. (www.steamboatdays.info) Under the caption "SW Transit Bus Rides Map caption."

Classic Car Nights

Victoria's Business Association has organized the Classic Car Nights will come to a close the end of September. Be sure to get over to Victoria and see the classics! Victoria invites you to come and see the classic cars from all over the metro which will be on display in downtown Victoria every second and fourth Wednesday of the month happening until September 28th. The show begins at 5 PM until 8 PM.

"Loneliness does not come from having no people around you, but from being unable to communicate the things that seem important to you."

~ Carl Jung

Cars and Caves

Compliments of SW Metro Publishing - Chanhassen Villager

This terrific display of vintage cars will be coming to an end, as well the end of September. So, if you still haven't gotten over to Chanhassen's Cars and Caves, better hurry. Cars and Caves is still holding their events starting at 8 AM until noon the last Saturday of month. Free to attend.

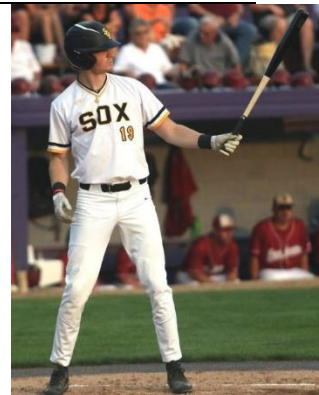
The Chanhassen Auto Plex is a private garage condominium located at 8150 Audubon Road, Chanhassen where there are one hundred twenty owners. Each month, more than three hundred vehicles roll in for display on the Chanhassen Auto Plex campus. Many of the one hundred twenty unique, personalized garage condos, referred to as "caves" are open for you to come and see. Kurbside Catering will be selling food and beverages. Non-profits will accept on-site donations.

Last chance for 2022, is September 24th: Chanhassen Fire Department (MG Clubs display).

Carver Black Sox

Be sure to check out their website for information. The Carver Black Sox 2022 Season has ended. However, they posted on their site that, "If you look only at the box score and not the final score, you would have expected a different result than the 3-2 loss to the Plato Blue Jays in the Region 7C state qualifier game on Friday evening. The box score shows Carver outhitting the Blue Jays 9 to 4, with only one Blue Jay hit leaving the infield. The box score would also show Andrew Weber and Jacob Booden combining to strike out 11. Both teams played errorless baseball and pitched very well. But baseball games are won by who scores the most runs, and a 3-run 6th inning for Plato did the damage. Two fortunate bunts for the Blue Jays allowed for a 3-run 6th inning that did the damage."

Also, saw posted that "Black Sox Connor Cornell claims 2022 CRVL Batting Title. Third Batting Title in six years for Carver - Kyle Dalton 2017 and Jay Breshnahan 2020" Not real sure, at least, I'm not, what that all means exactly, but sure sounds impressive and that we should be proud of our local team? What do you think? There is more to read about Connor, so go to their website and follow the link and check it out. Pretty interesting. We just might have another celebrity on Carver's hands?



14th Annual Golf Classic



The SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce asks you to join them for their Annual Golf Classic on Monday, September 12th at Deer Run Golf Club. "This year's event, as in the past, is a prime fundraiser for our organization. Proceeds from the tournament go to help support valuable chamber programs throughout the year. Chamber members have a well-deserved reputation for their vision in building a thriving community with abundant opportunities for all. Compassionate and forward thinking, they have met challenges in need for progressive legislation, better infrastructure, and assisting our youth toward higher education. Hope you will join us for a fun-filled day of Networking & Golf!" A day full of fun is planned starting at 11 PM and ending at 6 PM. Check-in, lunch and the Driving Range at 11 AM, Shotgun start at 12:30 PM, and Dinner Buffet to be served at 5 PM to also include a Raffle Drawing. For more information contact SW Metro Chamber or visit their website, www.swmetrochamber.com

Guardian Angels Fall Festival

Have you ever participated or even heard about Guardian Angels Fall Festival over in Chaska? It's been many, many years but quite some memorable moments of attending. Well, their fall festival is coming up. If you have not ever seen or participated, maybe this year you should plan on attending? It's being held Saturday, September 24th from Noon until 8 PM. Once there will be food, beer and wine, a car/tractor show, music and mass. There is an attached flyer with more information to the newsletter.



Volksfest

The City of Victoria and everyone associated with planning the 2022 Victoria Volksfest invites you to take some time and come over to downtown Victoria to partake in the festival line up on Steiger Lane from Bayfront Plaza down to Enki Brewing. Check their website for more thorough details. (www.victoriavolksfest.com) The event is Saturday, September 10th. The fun begins at 2 PM, music starts with live bands, kid zone, street market, and beer tent.



Their Facebook page says: "Ever heard of Human Foosball? This hysterical and fun game gives folks an opportunity to play out their favorite childhood/college game of #foosball in real life!" or how about; "How cute is this trolley? Thanks to ENKI Brewing and Winchester & Rye ... this trolley is free to ride from your parking spot down to the fun activities at Volksfest! Kids bounce houses, craft fair, food trucks, beer tent and the main stage... all on Steiger Lake Lane! This trolley will help everyone get around safely and easily."

Carver Creamery

If you follow the Carver Creamery on Facebook, then you know that different flavors are available frequently. Summer is almost over, and fall is almost upon us. Be sure to watch their Facebook page for times that they are open. Heard back from Ms Kailan and am happy to report to y'all that Carver Creamery will be open during their regular hours during Steamboat Days. Their hours will be 12 PM until 9 PM. What fun huh? Please be sure to stop in and say hello to them and also, grab some ice cream. Also, saw their fall vibe flavor; Caramel Apple Pie, sound absolutely delectable, wouldn't you agree? Spicy cinnamon ice creamed mixed with chunks of real apples, crispy cinnamon shortbread pieces and a thick caramel ripple. They also recommend you try their homemade waffle cones. Also, saw that they just posted "New Flavor Alert: S'more to Love – crushed graham cracker ice cream with melty layers of chocolate and marshmallow. Better hurry up and get down to downtown Carver Creamery before the season ends.



Announcement just came down the pipe line. Labor Day weekend officially marks the official close of summer for most folks. It does also for the Carver Creamery. After the fifth of September, the owners and staff will be switching to their fall hours. Hurry up too. Get down to the shop to discover their latest most recent popular featured flavor, the Bourbon Pecan Pie with smooth bourbon ice cream swirled with a sea salt chocolate fudge ripple and roasted pecans. WOW! Can almost taste it just by the description alone guys. Go on, hurry up, get downtown and sample it before it's gone and their hours are changed.

Carver Lions

Your local Lions are busy with preparations for SteamBoat Days. Aside from that remember they donated funds in support of the local youth baseball/softball association. They also presented a substantial donation to Auburn Homes. Be sure to check their updates on their Facebook Page or for more information, their website.



They are also happy to announce along with the SteamBoat Days Committee that the Grand Marshals for the 2022 Parade will be Daryl and Barb Swanson, Congratulations to Daryl and Barb! The organization will resume their fall meeting schedule. Want to be part of this fabulous organization, be sure to stop in at the City Hall on their meeting nights. They will be meeting Wednesday, September 7th and the 21st. Thank you to each and every member for all their hard work, dedication, volunteering and expertise.

Last minute announcement added, Trunk and Treats is being planned too. The date for this event is Sunday, October 23rd from 1 PM to 3 PM. They have plans for Llama's, bounce houses, games, hot dogs, fire trucks, dive team and the posse will be there again this year. You can contact Kimberly Whaley for information if you want to know how to join in and volunteer, donate, participate in set up or anything else you would like to add to contribute, kimberlywhaley14@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by Michelle:

You are invited to come join us at Trinity Lutheran Church (417 Oak Street) during Carver's Steamboat Days, as well as any Sunday too. Worship Service will be held on Sunday, September 11th from 10 AM to 11 AM.



Then their Annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, September 10th starting at 10 AM until 4 PM, and Sunday, September 11th from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. Baked good, canned good, garden produce, plant, embroidered and sewn items, crafts, antiques, gifts, gently used books and household items will be offered.

Carlson's Loveable Llama's will be back on the lower lot on Saturday from 10 AM until 2 PM.

Enjoy Carver Steamboat Days with us in worship, fellowship and shopping.

Carver Fire Golf Tournament

The Carver Fire Relief Association is again hosting their annual golf tournament at the Dahlgreen Golf Course on September 30th. You can register on line.

For more information you can go to www.carver-fire-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com, you can also

register on line, as well. Registration will begin at 11 AM and tee off is at noon.



If you cannot attend their event, they request you that consider a tax-deductible donation to their organization. They appreciate the support. Need to know about the Relief Association? The Carver Fire Relief Association is a non-profit organization supporting volunteer members of the Carver Fire Department. The association was established to provide retirement benefits to its members and supports active-duty volunteers with funding and events throughout the year, like Steamboat Days, food events, Santa at Village Hall, open houses, bike rodeo, etc. Get the idea? Thanks to our firemen. Like so many other thankless civil service positions we need to remember the sacrifices and the benefits these people offer our communities.

September Events

We all know that September is almost as busy as August. The Renaissance is in full swing all month long on weekends. Carver starts the month out with Steamboat Days, Friday the 9th through Sunday, the 11th. Tuesday before Carver's Annual celebration, school started it 2022 year.



While Carver is celebrating, across the river over in Jordan remember is Heimatfest Days on September 9th and 10th. Victoria is also celebrating Volksfest on Saturday the 10th. On Friday the 16th of September, Excelsior is kicking off Excelsior Apple Days. Saturday the 17th, Waconia Nickle Dickle Days is underway. Sever's Fall Festival also opens their 2022 season that Saturday. Then Friday the 23rd ScreampTown and Abandoned Hayride opens their gates. Friday the 30th the Fire Department's Fire Relief golf tournament is underway at Dahlgreen Golf Course.

More information on September and October highlights will follow in the next issue of the Villager Tower. So, get ready everyone, something you want to be sure is shared, email the editor at villagertower@carvercurrent.com.

West Union Lutheran Church

Heads up everyone, mark your calendars, Saturday, October 8th from 9 AM to 2 PM at West Union Lutheran Church they will be holding their Annual Country Market. There will be all the fall décor for sale like pumpkins, gourds and the like, along with crafts, bake sale items and vendor sales. Watch for the flyer in the next issue of the newsletter.



Don't forget, if you are interested to come to the congregation's Rally Sunday on September 18th. Everyone is welcome! There will be lots of fun, carnival games and most importantly, food! The festivities start with worship at 9 AM and the carnival will begin after worship. Hope to see you there!

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 and up to date information. Be sure to support our local shops too. The upcoming Occasional Shop dates are Thursday, September 15th through the 18th. October dates are the 20th through the 23rd.

The perfect spot to find that unique, one-of-a-kind treasure. Stop in and check the shops out. There are also lots of home businesses that are not advertised here but if you dig, you can find them. Check out Carver Life on Facebook and find the troves of treasures online.

The Shops of Carver:

Carver Creamery – NOW OPEN – updates on Facebook

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

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook

Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook



Funky Dove

There just is never a dull moment at the Funky Dove in downtown Carver. Almost makes a person want to just go and sit and hang out with Rebecca for the day! And sometimes, there just isn't enough space here to fit it all in.

Where should we begin? Newest to previous or previous to newest? Decisions, decisions, decisions.

Over the weekend of the 16th of August, Rebecca shared on her Facebook page, be sure to go and check out the friend/customer picture that popped into her shop to show her, the beautiful regalia before she headed over to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Wacipi Pow Wow. She was wearing quite a few rings that she had boughten at Funky Dove.

One of her featured artists, Andrea Taylor'd Hues' painting received First Place in the Veterans Creative Arts Competition at the MN VA. Some of her artwork can be seen at Funky Dove. Andrea is a retired army veteran starting a career as a fluid paint artist. Started designing coasters, expanded her creations to include wall art, reels, pendants, greeting cards and thermos bottles. Be sure to stop and check her work out.

Sometimes Rebecca feels like she's similar to Hallmark stores of the past where kids can find something small and cheap. Coming to the store on their bikes in the very small townish fashion where youngsters are still allowed to bike downtown without traffic lights, find ice and the Funky Dove, Rebecca reflected. She also has local teens who visit frequently. They are drawn to the crystals, jewelry and clothes. Then there is the adult traffic shopping for gifts and other, 'I have to have' items for themselves, kids or others. She has contemplated on taking away the kids' section but had three kid sales over a weekend and it confirmed that the kids' corner should stay, 'A Kids Corner'. Good decision.

The event that prompted that discussion was much talked about Carver Life posting involving the story:

"These are some of my favorite, cutest moments, when kids come in! This out-going sporty group biked all the way into Carver by themselves to buy ice cream at The Carver Creamery with their own money and then came to visit me at the shop & they all bought "friendship" bracelets. It was really cute!"

Then there was her experience with a regular who came in with money dad gave her, obviously not an adult. "She studies the shop first for new things and items under \$ 10. She ended up buying a mug for him that says "dad" with an endearing poem and then settled on a small notebook for herself. How thoughtful." These are the Carver Norman Rockwell memories captures forever in the hearts of those who reside here. Thanks, Rebecca, for sharing. You too are a very, very special lady. It's an honor to report on you. You were what I needed today to remind me that there are good things in this world along with all the bad, ugly and disappointments.

Last but not least, Funky Dove plans on being open during SteamBoat Days. Don't everyone crowd her out! Please!

Carver General

Unfortunately, Carver General will not be open for business during Steamboat Days which is understandable since they close the street and the doors are blocked with other stuff, not to mention the band stage is set up so close to the building. However, they will be open the following weekend to share their terrific wares and vintage treasures for all of you to come and see, purchase and take home.

So, remember Thursday, September 15th through Sunday, the 18th you can come to 109 East Third Street in Carver and enjoy a delightful day in the Carver General store and feel the history be absorbed into your inner self. Always feel like I am stepping back into time when I walk in their shop. So, "warm days, cooler nights and the season begins to change. Many vintage treasures are to be found at Carver General." They are open Thursday, through Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, Noon to 4 PM. The ghosts are calling your name.



Chaska Valley Family Theatre

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre announcing that they will be holding auditions for "Elf the Musical" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 19th and 20th at the Chaska High School on Pioneer Drive in Chaska. Slots are starting at 6:30 PM and request that you go to their website to sign up. [www.cvft.org] Scroll down to the caption, "Auditions" and follow the link if you are interested in trying out or just even to get acquainted with the local Family Theatre.

The musical itself is slotted for performances in the first part of December and rehearsals are scheduled to begin in early October.

Below is a direct Facebook announcement from the Chaska Valley Family Theatre is below. Special invite to anyone interested.

Here it is, all together.

We are wildly excited for our 2022-2023 season. Be on the look out for auditions and other ways to be part of the CVFT family. We have all the love to give and love growing our family. Even if being on stage isn't your thing, we have PLENTY of opportunities to get involved back stage, building sets, ushering and so much more. Reach out to us if you're looking to get involved, we would love to have you!



Steam Boat Days Flathead Master Classic

Chuy from Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle said that there are plans for the fishing tournament again this year during Steam Boat Day. Contact Chuy at the bait shop for times, dates, locations, and registration, as well as any other information you need.

Steamboat Days Flathead Master Classic



Be sure to register over at Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle for this event, The Flathead Master Classic. There must be five to twenty-five boats for the contest. The boats will launch from Riverside Park. For more information call Carver Bait at 952.540.7083. There is a one hundred percent payout for each event, first, second and third place payouts.

Steamboat Days

Carver's huge celebration is scheduled for Friday, September 8th running through Sunday, September 11th with a fun filled packed weekend. Some of Friday's highlights include the Carver Fire Department Water Fights, and the street dance featuring RHINO. Let's not forget the Lion's food tent or the beer garden. So much and so many things going on. Saturday's highlights are the car show, Ragtown band at five, street dance being entertained by Pop Rocks. Then there is the fantastic Fireworks. Sunday's highlight is the grand parade put together by all those hardworking people.



Heimatfest Days

While Carverites are busy celebrating their annual events, across the river over there in Jordan, Jordanites are also celebrating their annual German-themed Heimatfest starting on Friday, the ninth and Saturday the 10th of September.



Their weekend is kicked off at 6:45 PM through 8 PM with a large car cruise in the historic downtown area. The car cruise is followed by a street dance featuring live music from IV Play. All throughout the evening there is food and beverages too. That is for purchase, too, in case you wondered, which I doubt you did. Saturday's activities begin with their annual parade that starts at 11 AM winding through downtown Jordan. There are trophies awarded for 'best' categories. Oh, don't worry there are other events for the day too. There is the "Run of the Mill 5K and Family Fun Run". Over in Lagoon Park their organizers have all kinds of family activities planned throughout the afternoon and evening. There are food vendors, contests, bingo, love music, and other entertainment. They will also have fireworks Saturday evening to close out their celebrating. Wish the two organizers could time them out so you could see them both. I know, not feasible nor probably possible. Unless of course you can find the perfect spot on top the hill to watch them both, huh? Check the Jordan Independent for more details and a complete schedule of events.

Carver Elementary

Carver Elementary school will be kicking off its Read-a-Thon Fall Fundraiser Kickoff on Monday, September 12th. If interested in learning more check out the website or call the school. Also, on Monday the 12th the first PTO Meeting will be held in person at Carver and/or via Zoom. The Carver Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is a non-profit association run by volunteers. They are made up of hard-working parents and teachers pooling their talents together to provide support. Kim Rossow, President, Vice President, Becky Nicol, Treasurer Erika Spande, Secretaries are Natalie Morrone and Jenna Boulay. The Parent Involvement Coordinators are Kelli Igoe and Donita Stusse.

On Thursday, September 29th there is a Pizza and Bingo Night planned at Carver Elementary beginning at 5 PM and ending at 7 PM. Pizza will be served from 5 to 6 PM. The Read-a-Ton Fall Fundraiser will wrap up September 30th.

Welcome back to the 2022 – 2023 school year.



Eastern Carver County School District



For those residents in the Carver/Dahlgren area the Carver area children who attended the East Union Elementary school will be starting their new school year at Clover Ridge in Chaska this year. I know, from the two grandchildren here that they are eager and looking forward to going to school there. Hope the other kids feel the same way. Before school began this year, you may have seen buses out in the areas, they were out practicing and checking their routes so that no one is missed, and any required changes could be handled before all the activity begins. The school district also supports a system called 'MY STOP' for parents for you to track the buses and know what is happening when necessary. Need help with that, contact the Transportation Department at 952.536.6160 or you can find additional information on the district's website: www.district112.org.

The Transportation Department will assist you with daily riding pattern changes, requests for bus stop changes, concerns, when student will not be riding, lost and found items or if the bus will be ten minutes late (My Stop).

The department is staffed with professionals serving and supporting you and the students. Drivers and office staff are dedicated to the safe transportation of students. They are responsible for coordination and staffing bus routes throughout the district, teaching bus safety and registering student for service. Their goal is the safe daily journey of students to and from school.

"MyStop is a web-based application to access live bus GPS information. Updated every 1 to 2 minutes, MyStop graphically displays the school bus's location and the estimated time of arrival to a specific student's bus stop.

How do I use MyStop?

Once you have registered your family and logged in, you will be able to select your children the drop-down menu. To access the system, follow the steps below.

Go to Campus Portal to find your family's personal user name and password.

Campus Portal opens to the "Message Center" screen

Click on "Today" then choose a student name in the upper right corner of the screen

Choose "Bus Information"

Your family's NEW MyStop username and password is shown on the bottom of the Bus Information screen.

You will also find the link to the MyStop login landing page on this screen. (Note: The MyStop page is titled Tyler's Versatrans Onscreen"

You only need to complete this once per family."

Chaska Baseball Association

Chaska Baseball Golf Scramble hosted by the Chaska Baseball Association will be holding their event Friday, September 9th at the Dahlgren Golf Course with a 12:30 PM Shotgun start. Posting compliments of Carver Life Facebook.



"Selfie anyone?"

Arts Consortium

At the Chaska Community Center beginning September 1st through the 30th will be an exhibit by the Chaska Area Quilters presenting "Fall Splendor of Quilts" quilt show. An Artist's Reception is planned for September 15th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday during the center's hours.



October has plans for an Inspiration Exhibit scheduled for October 7th through November 4th featuring artwork showcasing what inspires the artists. Also coming in October will be Intro to Writing.

The Carver County Arts Consortium would like you to know that Fall Classes will be announced soon and are about to launch their new line-up. "Do you have a class you would like to teach this winter or fall?" Go to their website and follow the link to submit your submission to them.

The Arts Consortium is honoring the Artist of the month: "Steve Smith began composing and performing tunes at age 15 with his high school trio, modeled after his 60s folk movement heroes. He learned guitar and banjo by listening to 33 rpm albums. Then came the Beatles and his music to a turn. Years later, he teamed up with another singer-songwriter, playing original tunes in Chicago bars. One local producer claimed they were "The Alice Cooper of folk music." But they never wore makeup or performed with chickens. They did write many offbeat tunes. Years later, he's still playing and composing (and writing fiction and non-fiction) and hoping to team up with some like minds."

"We are so excited to announce that Liya Lev Oertel will be joining our Board of Directors effective August 2022. Ms Oertel said, "I have recently retired and have the time to dedicate to my art interests. I have always been blown away by the number of talented people all around us, and I would love to be in a position to interact with and assist artists of all kinds."

Sever's Fall Festival

You know summer is over when we start talking about Sever's Fall Festival, Scream-Town, Abandoned Hayride, ValleySCARE and Trails of Terror. Sever's Fall Festival recommends that you get a "Jump on Fall Fun". Did you know or remember that this festival began in 1997? This is their twenty-fifth year. Happy 25th Anniversary Sever's! Opening day is September 17th. "This year is going to be bigger and better than ever! From expanded food and drink options to a giant new ride (more on that coming soon)—plus corn pits, jumping pillows and all your other favorites—there's more than enough for everyone to love. Presale tickets are just \$16 each, so grab yours now and we'll see you soon!"



Festival runs Saturdays and Sundays opening September 17th and running through October 30th, plus MEA weekend: October 20th thru 23rd. Their hours are 10 AM to 7 PM. For ticket prices and you can, check their website: www.seversfestival.com If you have time check out their website anyway, lots and lots of interesting information about the festival and the family and fun.

You are invited to "come for the massive corn maze, for the jumping pillows, giant slide, corn pit, tire mountain, food & drinks, live shows...well, you get the idea."

Don't forget that the Sever's also host the Holiday Lights which is scheduled to open November 24th this year.

They also offer Corporate and Private Events along with birthday parties. So be sure to add this to your 'Bucket List' and check out their website for more information.

Labor Day

Do you know what Labor is? It's to honor and recognize the American Labor movement according to Wikipedia. Also, nationally celebrated since 1894, used to be a tradition of not wearing seersucker or white clothing after Labor Day. "Unofficial end to summer" because it marks the end of the cultural summer season.



Carver Mayor Running for Second Term



City of Carver Mayor Courtney Johnson has filed for re-election for the Mayoral Position.

Here is what Courtney says: "I have been honored to serve as Mayor for these past three-and-a-half years and I'm pretty proud of what I've accomplished in that time." Additionally, "I also want to hear from you. If you have ideas, questions or there is something important you want to let me know about, please don't hesitate to reach out. Election day is less than one hundred days away, November 8th or earlier, if you prefer to participate in early voting. I would be honored to have your vote."

"I'm excited to share my decision to run for a second term as Mayor of the City of Carver," said Mayor Johnson. "As Mayor I've seen firsthand the difference we can make in this community when we listen to our residents and take action on their behalf. In my second term as Mayor, I'll continue to work tirelessly to ensure we build upon the momentum, success and positive change I've worked so hard to bring to the City of Carver."

"Over the past four years I've worked to increase transparency through increased and consistent communications, build relationships with Carver residents, business owners and other stakeholders, and advance Carver's Levee Improvement Project," Mayor Johnson continued. "We've made great progress, but there is still work to be done."

During her first term Mayor Johnson worked to improve transparency by increasing communication and providing frequent updates to Carver residents and other community stakeholders. She writes monthly articles for the Carver Connections newsletter, frequently submits articles to the Chaska Herald and maintains her own mayoral Facebook (@CarverMayorCourtney) and Instagram (@Carver_Mayor_Courtney) channels. Another example of how Mayor Johnson pushed for more transparency in local government includes working to have City Council work sessions broadcast live and recorded and made available on the City's website.

As Mayor, Johnson represents the City of Carver on the Carver Business Council, Carver Fire Relief Board, Carver County Leaders, District 112 Community Leaders, Carver County Mayors, Regional Council of Mayors, Minnesota Mayors Association and the Carver Fire Board. In each of these examples Mayor Johnson advances opportunities for Carver, builds relationships and works together with others in our community for a better Carver.

Mayor Johnson also lobbies on behalf of the City of Carver in a variety of ways, including her work to find funding partners for the Levee Improvement Project, a \$12M endeavor which will modernize the Minnesota River levee to continue to protect the City of Carver from floods. To date Mayor Johnson's hard work has resulted in \$2.75M allotted to this project from both Federal funding and grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District.

Mayor Johnson has called Carver home since 2010. In addition to serving as Mayor, Johnson's involvement in the City of Carver has included City Councilmember (2017–2018), Planning Commission (2014–2016), Park and Recreation Board (2011–2013) and Steamboat Days volunteer (2012–2016). She volunteers at on the Community Action Partnership of Scott, Carver and Dakota Counties (CAP Agency) Board of Directors, at Carver Ridge Senior Living and the Carver Scott Humane Society.

A proud St. Cloud State University alumnus, Mayor Johnson is a small business owner and works as an independent communications consultant.

For additional information on Mayor Courtney Johnson's re-election campaign, please visit Courtney4Mayor.com

"Curiosity is the most powerful thing you can own.

Imagination is a force that can actually manifest a reality."

~ James Cameron

"Tricks and Treats"

Valleyfair announced that the organization is ending their Annual ValleySCARE and replacing it with Storyboard of purpose "Tricks and Treats". Looking for a more family friendly Halloween venue experience. This year they are hoping to perpetuate "All the fun and no fright." This experience has been described as "our all-new, over-the-top, larger-than-life, gotta-be-there Halloween event packed with fun and family-friendly eeriness. From little goblins to grown-up ghouls, everyone will find ghastly great things to do for Halloween. Plus, we've got skeleTONS of delicious seasonal treats, drinks and, of course, candy!"

The park will be split into two paths to explore: the Land of Tricks and the Land of Treats with so much to see and so much to do. Land of Tricks a "slimy, spooky and strange" experience. Also described as sinister or strange with Ickyville and Spooky Spires. While the other path of Land of Treats offers a more "uniquely sweet" affect to include Everfall and Sweet Tooth Acres.

"If that's not fang-tastic enough, our most popular rides are open during the Halloween event to deliver the amazing thrills and chills found only at Valleyfair." You will also find Halloween-themed games, entertainment, food and activities. Next month will expand on "Tricks and Treats" details.

"Tricks and Treats" debuts September 17th through October 30th on weekends. Don't quote the author but appears September's hours will be 11 AM – 7 PM while October's hours would be noon to 9 PM. Need to verify or check out more information, naturally, visit their website: www.valleyfair.com



ScreamTown

NOW HIRING – Monsters.....Monsters Wanted. For more information about ScreamTown, visit their website and get all the information you need to apply, visit, purchase tickets: www.screamtown.com

There are seven massive haunted houses. They are open weekends. Their opening date is scheduled for September 23rd. Friday and Saturday hours are 7 PM to 11 PM; Sunday's hours are 7 PM to 10 PM.

Outdoor shoes are recommended. Theatrical fog is used if you have respiratory issues. This event is not recommended for Moms-to-be. If you aren't feeling well or have a fever, please schedule your visit when you feel better. It is however, recommended for teens and adults, but not suitable for young children.

You may be asking yourself the following question. The personnel at ScreamTown have the answer for you.

"WHY VISIT SCREAMTOWN?"

Scream Town is one of the best Halloween Haunted Attractions in the Minneapolis St. Paul Twin Cities area. At \$30-\$36 (general admission), it is quite possibly the best Haunted House value in MN. We think about YOU and your enjoyment before we think about our profit. Our attractions are built with quality and the best possible scares in mind and are actually scary. Our Minnesota location in the southwest metro of Chaska is unbelievable! We didn't end up here by accident. Scream Town is located just perfectly outside the suburb atmosphere on a dead end not far from Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Savage, Lakeville, Minnetonka, and Shakopee, and FEELS like you are in the middle of nowhere. Tucked deep in a Valley, you are guaranteed to get a great Scare. Just the drive onto the property is a trail of terror. We hire actors that are crazy about Halloween, haunted houses, corn mazes, and scaring the pants off people. We work year-round on each maze, to make this event is something guests will talk about for years. We love what we do and hope you'll join us. Scream Town has it all, the best Haunted House, Haunted Corn Maze, and sister event – Haunted Hayride. Be sure to check out our sister event the Abandoned Hayride. One of the newest and most unique MN Hayrides you will ever experience in Minnesota or throughout the Minneapolis area."



**"Your Demons Hide Under Your Bed.....
Mine Hide Inside My Head"**

Abandoned Hayride

Also HIRING – Monsters – Monsters Wanted. For more information, their website is: www.theabandonedhayride.com

The Abandoned Hayride Personnel wish to warn you that "Due to intense Fear, you are required to sign a waiver."

Be sure to check their website for hours, times vary from September 23rd to October 30th, although their site indicates "official open times is always dusk/dark." Appropriate footwear is recommended.

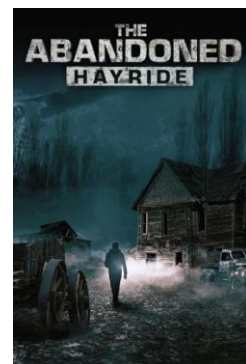
Hayride only, mask required. This event is not handicap accessible due to the terrain, but it is recommended for teens and adults, but not suitable for young children.

"THE ABANDONED HAYRIDE"

Nowhere in Minnesota or the country will you experience a haunted hayride like this. Revolutionary! A completely immersive experience, and you will literally be Abandoned. MN newest haunted hayride and haunted house. Unlike any other hayride you've ever been on. Totally new, totally different, actually scary.

NEW FOR 2022 – NEW SETS – NEW SCARES – NEW SCENES – AND SO MUCH MORE!

Prepare for the Hayride reinvented! Like no other hayride in the country with all new surprises around every corner for 2022. New sets, scenes, effects and scares! After being totally Abandoned in the woods, you'll have to venture on foot through Forsaken, a maze of complete darkness and monsters that lurk where you least expect it. You'll then be Exiled, where only you and one other person, if you choose, have to find your way out or be Exiled forever!



MN Landscape Arboretum

Fall season quickly approaching. The MN Landscape Arboretum is chucked full of fall activities with a hint of Halloween, harvest and autumn events. Be sure to check their website for more information: www.arb.umn.edu

Heard about the Arb Glass Pumpkin Patch? The arboretum invites you to come and see more than four thousand handblown glass pumpkins and glass garden art from professional glass artists being presented at the Snyder Building and MacMillan Terrace. To make reservations contact the arboretum and schedule to go Friday, September 9th or Saturday, the 10th from 10 AM until 5 PM or maybe Sunday, September 11th at 10 AM until 4 PM would work better for you?

Looking for that special date to take a loved one? Or just a romantic gesture perhaps? They are offering Full Moon Hikes on Saturday, September 10th, from 7 PM to 10 PM for September's Full Harvest Moon. After the sun sets, enjoy the moon-lit farm paths and relax and view the harvest moon from the event lawn or perhaps a more intimate prairie overlook?

Can't make it for September, then try Sunday, October 9th at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM to get the full Hunter's Moon glow. Park at the Sensory Garden parking lot where you roast a marshmallow by the fire then hike the Three-Mile Walk to explore the moonlit gardens. A self-guided full moon ritual too, allow your psyche to turn inward and recharge at the Sculpture Garden. Come on fellas, what a great way to melt her heart huh? It is after all called the Hunters Moon. Isn't that what the masculine persona is, the hunter? You are on the prowl after all. All kidding aside, a great opportunity ladies and gentlemen.

What else is going on in September you ask? Well, let's see you can visit their website for more details but here are the captions. Saturday, September 17th is Autumn Yoga Retreat, Scarecrows in the Gardens premieres September 17th through October 31st. The Herb Society Fall Sales is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd through the 24th. Also startling the same day but going through Sunday the 25th is the Auxiliary Fall Harvest Sale, and Book Sale. Saturday, September 24th debuts Apple Jam and Field Fest to celebrate the harvest at the arb.



"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

~ Sharon Begley

Community Calendar September 2022

September 5 th	Labor Day
September 6 th	First Day of School
	Council Meeting
September 7 th	Lions Meeting
	Happy Anniversary Terri and Howie!
September 9 th	SteamBoat Days Begins
	Heimatfest Begins
	Happy Birthday Jeff!
September 10 th	Volksfest
	Happy Birthday Crystal!
	Happy Birthday Lori!
September 11 th	Grandparent's Day
	Happy Birthday Hannah!
September 12 th	Dahlgren Township Meeting
	SW Chamber 14 th Annual Golf Classic
	School Board Work Session
	Happy Birthday Dwight!
September 13 th	Heritage Preservation Meeting
	Meet and Greet
September 14 th	Happy Birthday Caroline!
September 15 th	Planning Commission Meeting
	Happy Birthday Sandy!
	Happy Birthday Terri!
	Happy Anniversary Andy and Katy!
September 16 th	Carver Business Alliance Meeting
September 17 th	Sever's Fall Festival Opens
	"Tricks and Treats" Valleyfair
September 19 th	Council Meeting
	Happy Birthday Tony!
September 21 st	Lions Meeting
	Happy Birthday Mom!
	Happy Birthday Hooker!
September 22 nd	Autumn Begins
September 23 rd	Happy Birthday Missy!
	ScreamTown Open
	Abandoned Hayride Open
	Happy Birthday Bonnie!
	Happy Birthday Mike!
	Happy Anniversary Sonjia and Jim!
September 24 th	Happy Birthday Evelyn!
	GA Fall Festival
	4 th Annual Schram Haus Brewery
	Oktobierfest
September 26 th	Happy Birthday Molly!
	School Board Meeting
September 27 th	Happy Anniversary Daryl and Barb!
	Happy Anniversary Phil and Shawn!
September 28 th	Happy Birthday Darren!
	Happy Birthday Janet!
	Happy Birthday Cassandra
September 29 th	Happy Birthday Brandon!
September 30 th	Happy Birthday Richard!
	Happy Birthday Lee!



Schram's Vineyard



There is a Vineyard Update. What is it you ask? Well, let's see, they said that the weeks are just flying by. Ain't that the truth? They have the Grape Stomp coming up on Labor Day. Then there is the grape picking event, broaden your wine tastes, Highland Games on the 18th of September, Sunday, wine club perks such as discounts on wine, apparel and more.

Looking for something fun, different to do with the family on Labor Day? That's at the vineyard mind you.

They are holding their very first annual Grape Stomp. It's a party. Don't think or believe that you will actually be getting into any vats and literally stomping on any grapes. Do you? Their Grape Stomp is planned to be packed with food, drinks, music and fun. Their competition is full but they have plenty of room for spectators. They invite you to come and enjoy the festivities from the comfort of your seat with a chilled glass of wine! Now that sounds just absolutely delightful, don't you think? Doors open at 11 AM. The Traveled Ground will be playing to entertain you.

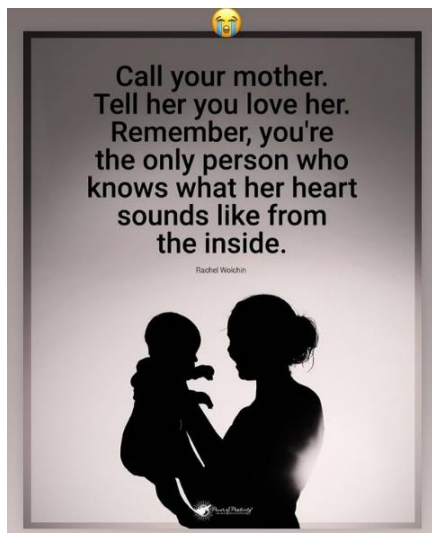
Moving right along to the Grape Picking Event. Harvest season is right around the corner. Did you know that picking the grapes is one of the most important aspects of their wine-making process? You are invited to be part of that experience if you are interested in learning more. Come join them for their picking grapes in their beautiful Waconia vineyard. When you ask? You can sign up on their website for updates; [schramvineyards.com] - 8785 Airport Road, Waconia MN. The exact dates are not selected yet, what they do know though is that it will be mid to late September and only on Saturdays.

Then there is the wine tasting event planned where you can schedule your own "seated tasting"! The Highland Games, said to be a spectacular event of monumental feats. The vineyards personnel also say there are Wine Club Perks, private events, the Gazebo rentals and so much more. You know what to do to learn more.

I Remember All 18 - How About You?

You Might Be Old If You Remember ...

- Penny candy
- Candy cigarettes
- Soda machines that dispensed glass bottles
- Diners with tableside juke boxes
- Metal ice cube trays with levers
- Party line telephones
- Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Butterfield 8)
- Newsreels before the movie
- 33 RPM records
- Reel-to-reel tape recorders
- Green stamps
- Roller skate keys
- Hula hoops
- Washtub wringers
- The Fuller Brush man
- 35-cent a gallon gasoline
- 15-cent McDonald hamburgers with 10-cent fries
- 5-cent packs of baseball cards with that slab of pink bubblegum



4th Annual Schram Haus

Oktobierfest



Schram Haus Brewery wants you to know that one of their biggest events of the year is coming up quickly. "Pssst", partnering with the Guardian Angels Fall Festival Event too. Just so you know. You can also get pre-purchased deals while supplies last. Be sure to check their website for additional information and more details. www.schramhausbrewery.com

What exactly is all the fuss about anyway? The 4th Annual Schram Haus Oktobierfest is continuing their tradition of one of the best Oktoberfest celebrations around so they say but they would know now, wouldn't they? The all day event opens the gates at noon and are busy entertaining you all day! "Get your lederhosen and dirndls ready for this festive day of celebrating great beer, music, fun, food and dress." When? You ask, Saturday, September 24th.

So, what exactly can you expect to find at this Oktobeirfest? Well, let's see, at 1 PM until 4 PM the Jolly Huntsmen Polka Band will be playing, If you like polka music. Yes, you can dance too. At 5 PM until 9 PM the 73 Paces Band will play alternative, interactive playlist from the 70's to present. Ther will also be new releases of beer, usual beer favorites, and special beers. Can't wrong there, now, can you? Contests: Can't have an Oktoberfest without contests, can you? Best dressed male, female, can't forget the kids. Yes, the event is kid friendly. It's a family show, you know.

Unfortunately, even though Schram Haus is a pet friendly establishment, they won't be allowed at this event. Sorry. Anyway, back to our contests. There will be a Stein Holding Contest, already mentioned the costume contest, and a Keg Toss. Oh, that sounds quite interesting. See all those muscled guys, eh? Hey, what a minute, what about the gals that could shock the pants, oops, socks right off you. Right? Enough already, there are also games and events planned too. Let's see, there will be the t-shirt cannon, song and games with Jolly Huntsmen, giant beer pong, horseshoes, bags, etc. Food? Of course, there will be food too. Are you kidding? Café Coiro Tood and Truck and Sweet Winks & Ruhland Strudel Haus are scheduled. Oh yea, non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Can't not mention our Wingman Root Beer too.

Did I mention off-site parking will also be available with a shuttle service? Well, there is. VIP Parking for Club Members purchasing pre-purchase package. Bet, I also forgot to mention the Best Beard Contest? Or the Sausage Toss Contest? Or Shotski, photo opportunities, yard games, or kids coloring? What's a Shotski? A drinking stunt. I shouldn't use the term stunt, should I? Should say it's more of a game or contest so as not to offend anyone right?

Hoped this piqued your interest enough to go check it out, Saturday, September 24th starts at noon. Schram Haus Brewery on Chaska Boulevard.



September's Gossip

Sure, has been a lot of activity there at the Getaway Motor Café. Rumor is that they are working very, very hard to be open by SteamBoat Days. Another funny little fun fact that don't have a whole lot of details but I understand that Nathan and Terah have had a little boy, named Johnny and he is just a little over a month old. Congratulations!

An application has been received for the 309 Broadway address named possibly River Wild Learning Center. Looking forward to checking that out. Territory is dying of curiosity.

Trail of Terror has not, had not at time of checking for the 2022 season. Although associated with Trail of Terror, the Phantom's feast 2022 dates are available on line and it says a follow-up will be forthcoming in the next month for more information. So, all I can say, is, keep checking for website for more details. www.trailofterrormn.com

Over at the MN Landscape Arboretum has all kinds of October events scheduled such as a pumpkin display, fall color hike, yoga and more. Check their website for more information too.

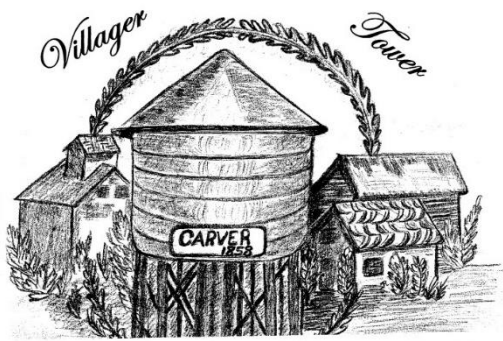
The Chaska Valley Family Theatre has their upcoming productions for spring 2023 announced. There is "Big Fish" and "Matilda." More fun. What a great way to exercise your alter ego? That is if you are an extrovert and like performing in front of people. Glad there are those who like the spotlight and they are good too. Check them out and keep watching their website for more information.

Oh, oh, heard through the grapevine that Mizzy's Pizza was given the green light up by the Fire Station, Strive, Children of Tomorrow, Carver Dental and who else is up there? Oh yea, Chiropractic Specialties. Also, identified as Carver Square. Don't think I forgot anyone. Sorry, if I did. Contact me. Anyway, have you had Mizzy's Pizza? They presently deliver from Belle Plaine. They are fantastic. Congratulations to Jeff and DeAnne. Look forward to this, don't you?

Have you checked out Logan Pass Coffeehouse in Cologne yet? Heard they are quite the coffeehouse too. Too bad, I don't like coffee but see on their website, that's right, they have a website. Anyway, see that they have soda, hot cocoa and smoothies. I, myself, really need to get up there and check this out. Don't you think? You should do. Anyway, their website is: www.loganpasscoffeehouse.com.

I know what I forgot. Mt Carmel neighborhood has a very strange group or person wandering through the yards in the middle of the night through the darkness, scaring residents to death. Whoever you are, stop it! You will get caught; you know! Weren't you taught the "GOLDEN RULE"? "Do unto others as you would have done unto you?" Yea, I know, the unconscionable have no conscious and you can't guilt them. Just want everyone to be aware and be on the lookout for strangers lurking in the middle of the night with no good intentions.

That's it for this month. Like it wasn't enough huh? Till October, have a great month. See you at SteamBoat Days? Maybe? Yes? No? Yea, the creative juices were flowing and then sort of petered out. Must be brain strain. Ha! Ha! Hey, you like the Renaissance Festival. Don't forget that is going on every weekend in September with themes for each weekend.



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Additional Information

The "Villager Tower" editor extends it's sincerest apologies to the Carver Youth Baseball and Softball Association staff and players. One day as you all get older will understand that the mind is not what it used to be so many years ago. I try to pride myself on being organized and proficient but am finding the mind is slipping some. Thus the reason for the apology to everyone and especially to the organization that I missed including the important information below. I know you will all forgive me for this oversight. Here is what was inadvertently mislaid.

Carver Youth Baseball / Softball Association

The Carver Youth Baseball and Softball Association is happy and excited to not only announce but share with everyone that there is going to be a nine year old travel baseball team for 2023! Tryouts will be held Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 AM at the Carver Lions Park. If something happens that the tryouts cannot be held then, the make-up date will be Sunday the 18th, the same time and place!

Players cannot turn ten before May 1st, 2023. The registration fee will cover uniform costs and tournaments.

Players that do not make the team will get a full refund and will be placed in the community league. Registration will close September 9th at 9 PM.

How do you reach the CYBSA? Glad you asked, you can go to their website and get all kinds of information, contact information, volunteer forms, etc. Their website is: www.cybsa.com



STEAMBOAT DAYS

September 9, 10, 11

PRESENTED BY  **Carver Lions**

Friday Night

Lions Beer Tent Opens - 4:00pm
 Food Vendors - 5:00pm
 Medallion Hunt (check Lions FB for info) 5:30pm
 Fire Department Water Fights - 5:30pm
 Band - **RHINO** - 8:00pm - 11:30pm

Saturday

Food Vendors
 35+ Wooden Bat Softball Tournament
 Car Show - 9:00am
 MN Marketplace - 10:00am
 Bean Bag Contest - 11:30am (contact Harvey's)
 Music at the Lion's Beer Tent - 1:00pm - 5:00pm
 History Tour of Church By The River
 Open 1:00pm-5:00pm
 Band - **Ragtown** - 5:00pm
 FIREWORKS - 8:15pm
 Band - **PopROCKS!** - 8:30pm - Midnight

Sunday

Food Vendors
 St. Nich's Pancake Breakfast - 8:00am-11:30am
 City Hall Community Room
 Parade - 1:00pm
 Grand Marshals - Daryl & Barb Swanson

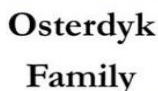
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Saturday
September **24th**
12:00-8:00PM



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FOOD

- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Fresh-cut French Fries
- Authentic Homemade Mexican Food

BEER & WINE

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- Ca\$h Raffle
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