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Dedicated In Loving Memory Grian Pauly

Fourth & Broadway Intersection Lot



For those interested in the question posted below the picture of the article from the last "Villager Tower" issue of November which asked if anyone recognized the photo of the building at the intersection of Fourth Street and Broadway. The picture from the Carver Shops article was the

backside of the old original General Store. The photo posted on the upper corner of the opening of the newsletter was the front side of the old General Store where the Post Office now stands on that lot. I believe it was 1980, springtime, when the area experienced a tornado and caused significant structural damage from the winds. Enough structural damage that the then City Administrator condemned the building and it had to be demolished. I also believe that Anne Doerr and Edith

Herman were the proprietors of the building. This is for anyone interested in the history and why I chose the publish the photos. The picture posted this month with the Carver Shops is still another photo of the General Store drawn by Susan Russ-Dennison.





*H*rlan Pauly

Arlan was born April 30, 1934, in Chaska, MN, one of four children to Joseph and Lena (Bruhn) Pauly. He was baptized, confirmed, and attended the parochial school at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Chaska. On August 18, 1962, he married Phyllis Peterson at Guardian Angels Catholic Church. They had two children, Richard, and Denise. Arlan was longtime owner of MN Valley Oil Company in Carver and retired in 2002 after 50 years of working in the business his father started. He and Phyllis moved to Dassel in 2019. He enjoyed spending time at his lake cabin in Crosslake for 36 years. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends and was an avid walker in the downtown of Chaska. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Milfred Pauly and sisters, Delores Howe and LaVerne Wenzel.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Phyllis; children, Richard (Christie) Pauly of Dassel, Denise (Butch) Seiberlich of St. Cloud; 5 grandchildren, Nicole (Chelsy) Seiberlich, Deanna (Tyler) Boettcher, Joe (Becca) Pauly, Grace (Mitch) Kaczmarek, Tom (Claire) Pauly; great grandchildren, Alex, Taitum, and Danica; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. (special "family": Eric & Jenny Olson)

If you lived in Carver when the population was still a population of six hundred, chances are you knew, encountered, did business, or were acquainted with the Pauly's one way or another. If you didn't you missed out on meeting a very wonderful, giving, loving and happy man. Many still can tell you stories of the day's past, like so many other Carverites of earlier times. I knew several of the family and extended family and still are friends with those still in the area, some have moved. Arlan was friendly, loved talking about his days of doing business in town. I remember when I did the article on the Mobile station talking with both Phyllis and Arlan to get accurate information. That story was done in three parts back in the day. Oh, the memories. Talking small community ties and why Carver is so unique and quaint is that it doesn't get any better when generation after generation can connect and remember the links between families. My parents and their friends were friends with Arlan and Phyllis too. How many can say that now days? Yes, there are some but not like years ago when people didn't migrate so all over the country. Acquaintances staying in to touch or connected are far and few between these days with social media, computers, internet, working from home cell phones, or landlines being dropped like hot potatoes and the ability to reach out is lost unless you talk frequently. The only silver lining in that dark cloud is that when you attempt to find an old friend you get to talk to a lot of people you haven't spoken to in a long time. I didn't realize that Arlan and Phyllis moved from their Chaska home where they had been so hospitable on our last visit. Thought of them a lot but didn't stop in driving by, in fact just drove by tonight and smiled now knowing that they no longer reside there. They also owned property in Cross Lake. Had and still have friends in the Cross Lake area and my mom is in Pine River these days. See, small world. All of us to have been so lucky to have been touched, known and shared tales with Arlan. He will be missed by many and earned his legacy in our Carver history in so many wavs.

If you are interested to learn a little more about how Arlan was such a big part of Carver, the three-part story is online on Carver Current site under the Villager Tower caption where you can read how Arlan contributed. The bulk of information about Arlan is in the third part but to truly appreciate the full story, the entire article is beneficial, titled, "Gregg's Place". The first is 2006, Number # 231, December/January issue, Part 2, 2007, January/February, Number # 232 and finally, Part 3, 2007, February/March, Number # 233. Sympathies to the family and it was a pleasure to have known such a fun, giving, gregarious man. Rest in Peace and thank you for his contribution to our community.

"I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new. I thought of you yesterday, days before that too. I think of you in silence. As I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping. I have you in my heart." ~ Tony Kane

Recognition for Services

Mayor Johnson recognized staff and service award for recognizing their time and service. Cathy Elke has been the accountant for fifteen years, Vicky Sons-Eiden has served as the City Clerk for ten years. Congratulations! The employee of the year Award goes to Erik Madigan and Tim Walsh. The mayor also extended recognition to the outgoing councilmember, Glen Henry for his years of service to the City of Carver. The Greg Osterdyk Community Service Award has been awarded to the Carver Fire Relief Association.

2023 Fee Schedule

The Finance Director discussed the 2023 Fee Schedule with the council regarding holding a public hearing, adopting the ordinance amending changes and adopt resolution authorizing publication of the ordinance. Each fall these fees are reviewed by the council for recommendations for adjustment. The council reviewed the annual recommendations for the next phase of the process.

The council held a Public Hearing pertaining to the topic of the Fee Schedules. Questions and responses were received from the public. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amending certain fees charged. Motion was also made and carried with all ayes authorizing publication.

2023 Budget Updates

The 2023 budget items were reviewed with the council at a work session, along with the drafted Truth in Taxation presentation and property tax levy for 2023. The purpose of the Truth in Taxation meeting is a Public Hearing giving property owners the opportunity to learn more and share perspectives on proposed budget and property tax levy.

The council held a Public Hearing regarding the Truth-in-Taxation item at the council meeting. Overall, the city tax rate decreased, increases reflected were due to county and school district taxes.

*Amer*ican Disabilities *H*ct

The City Manager and the City Engineer provided updates at their work session pertaining to the status of the American Disabilities Act Transition Plan. For the city to receive federal funding for the levee, this plan is a requirement. The proposal requires the city to have a plan in place correcting any ADA deficiencies in its sidewalk and trail systems. Inventory of all pedestrian ramps, trail, and sidewalks was completed identifying deficiencies which are to be improved within the next thirty years. The public is being allowed input on the draft plan. This can be achieved either through the internet at the city's website or at City Hall.

Delinquent Utilities Certifications

The Finance Director provided information relating to the topic of the Delinquent Utilities Certification at the council meeting. The Public Hearing was held, as well. Question was asked regarding notification of a late bill other than just the utility bill. The Finance Director responded that there several types of notifications leading up to the certification of bill and fees to the county. Interest and administrative fees were also discussed. Some bills were significant and overdue for more than a year. The city is compensated from the county through property tax payments. There were not any public comments at the hearing. The Public Hearing was closed by motion. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution accepting and certifying the assessment roll for delinquent utility bills for city service bills for costs provided in response to the public nuisance abatements.

Facility Rental Agreement

The city clerk discussed with the council the facility rental agreement amendments. The agreement sets expectations concerning the responsibilities between the city and the rental parties utilizing spaces. Identifies payment schedule and security deposit requirements. Verbiage changes were recommended.

"The more Clear you are about what you want, the more motivated and determined you will be to accomplish it." ~ Brian Tracy County Road #40

At the council work session, they were updated by the City Engineer concerning the agreement negotiations with the county which would ultimately result in the city maintaining and controlling the portions of County Road # 40 identified as the Old Carver Road, Fourth Street East, Broadway and Main Street from Highway # 61 (Chaska Boulevard) to County Road # 11 (Jonathan Carver Parkway). The council will review the issue for consideration of execution of the agreement followed by the county's execution of the agreement adding the road to the Municipal State Aid system in 2023 whereby the city would then receive funds for the turnback in 2024.

The City Engineer recapped the information regarding the discussion on County Road # 40 with the council. The council is expected to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of the turnback acceptance agreement with the county for county state aid highway forty. Carver had grown substantially and recently surpassed a population of five thousand. This milestone allows the city to establish a Municipal State Aid Street System with the State of Minnesota in 2021. The program is administered by MNDOT's State Aid for local transportation division providing funding to cities to assist in the construction and maintenance of their street systems. The fund is generated through the State's Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund allocated based on population and system miles. Overall State Aid Street systems in part for cities and counties to have the ability to convert county state aid highways into municipal state aid streets. This is done most often when local agencies are more directly impacted by the route and goals for the corridor which differ from the county. A turnback transfers all ownership and authority over to the city. Country Road # 40 from County Road # 21 to County Road # 61 provides direct access to downtown Carver's central business district. This discussion has been contemplated for many years and is now proposed as a city state aid city. Once the agreement is executed the city engineer will revise the MSA system to include the county road turnback mileage that does not count against the allowable local mileage that may be put on the systems which is limited. Additionally, the city and the county will work through the annexation process to annex the approximate small mileage count in the westerly right of way segment tying into county road 111 currently only partially within the corporate limits of the city. A process allowing the turnback to occur from the MSA's perspective. By executing this agreement, the council is not authorizing a project to completed or funds to be expended to improve the corridor. Improvements would follow conventional project processes. Also, as part of the agreement, the county would make a lump sum payment equal to the estimated cost of the improvements planned by the county for the segment of road. Future plans were reviewed and discussed.

Fire Department Retirement Program

The City Manager presented information and discussed the issue of the Fire Department Retirement Program along with the PERA's presentation and benefit analysis. Question was asked about pension level equation with the city population. The City Manager was of the impression that it was. Question was also asked about the benefit contribution put the city higher compared to other cities. It was not due to opposition just a question. The Finance Director clarified that each department has its own contributing factors relating to benefit levels due to ages, liabilities, and retirements. There is not a cost to increase the benefit, it also reduces the level of financial reporting from the Fire Relief's perspectives. The mayor got the impression from a meeting that there were issues with the retirement reporting. It was also interpreted that the relief association favored the transition. The President of the Carver Relief stated that the benefit was that it was allowed for a State Aid contribution reducing the city's contribution. Everyone involved was on board with the transition and those involved in the financial reporting were happy to have help presently. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution enrolling in the statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan through the Public Employees **Retirement Association.**

"You are going to be fine. You are from a strong line of Lunatics." Swill ASSIANC

~ Facebook

Radio Transmission

The city clerk discussed the lease agreement with Southwest Metro Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SMARTS). The city has leased the use of the water tower on Mt Hope Road to SMARTS which is an amateur radio society in the area. A five-year lead ended in 2018 but payments were continued. A new proposed lease agreement was discussion with provisions discussed. The initial term is five years with an auto-renewal clause extending to subsequent five-year terms with the same terms and conditions. In the future either party retains the right to terminate early with a thirty-day notice. The rental fee increased. Clarification made for payment each year prior to the lease agreement anniversary. Access language changed requiring advance written or verbal approval from Public Service's Direction with mutually agreement schedule time for access and the list of equipment was updated.

Health Insurance

The Finance Director went over the approval of the health insurance plan for the employees. Preferred One was acquired by United Health Care during 2022. The United Health Care plans were not comparable to the benefits currently received. Rates and coverages were evaluated. Staff recommendations were for Health Partners Open Access. Opting out options/provisions were reviewed and discussed. "Beginning in 2023, staff is proposing to offer an opt out option for those employees who elect to enroll in a family member's health insurance plan or are enrolled in Medicare. Employees who select the opt out option will be eligible for a \$2,400 taxable payment (\$92.31 per paycheck) after proof of coverage has been provided to the City's human resource department. US Department of Labor rules prohibit the City from providing a cash payment to purchase an individual health insurance plan."

Sanitary Sewer Grinder

The Public Services Direction discussed with the council the necessity of purchasing a Sanitary Sewer Grinder. This grinder's primary function is to cut up debris into manageable pieces in the wastewater. Installation involved three reasons which were first and foremost safety, reduce staff time in direct contact with waste water and reduce the size of debris preventing plugging in the pumps and blockages in the pipe system. The existing grinder needs replacements. Quotes were obtained.

City Manager

The city council held a closed meeting for the purpose of conducting the City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation. The mayor gave a summary of the Performance review for the City Manager. The areas discussed regarding the city manager included city council relationship, staff leadership and management, community relations, communication and organizational operations, financial management, project management and intangibles. Overall, the City Manager did very well, as he always has. Come comments received regarding him were, "Brent has impressive levels of patience and diligence." "He has a sixth and seventh sense in knowing what is needed and anticipated." Some of his 2022 accomplishments include hiring a new Finance Director, conducted staff interviews, and completing a staff survey, and that is just naming a few of his accomplishments. Congratulations and thanks to Mr Marek.

Police Services

The City Manager updated the council on the information relating to the Police Services contract. Contracts for police services through the Carver County Sheriff's Office were discussed. Currently the city funds two full-time equivalent positions as part of the overall agreement for services. This service provides police related duties, patrol reports, investigations, etc also including costs associated with training, vacations, sick time, holiday pay, etc. The contract adjustment for 2023 was reviewed and represents an increase over 2022 costs which were anticipated in the new collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the county, deputies, and the Sheriff's Office. Police service costs have all been included in the 2023 General Fund Budget.

"Sometimes the person you need to talk to most is in Heaven" ~ Toni Kane "IN THE END... We only regret the chances we didn't take, the relationships we were afraid to have ,and the decisions we waited too long to make." ~ Lewis Carroll

Liquor License Application

The City Attorney discussed with the council request received for a liquor license application. There are two options.

Option one involved preparation of a resolution approving the liquor license application submitted for 205 North Broadway establishment on the condition that the current licensee of the establishment provides written confirmation to the city requesting license be transferred and any additional requirements for processing the application are met. Option B for a motion directing preparation of a resolution denying the liquor license application submitted. Discussions are in place to purchase the business. Request was submitted prior to purchase to process the application for the license. A background check is required. The first step for the council is determination of applicant's convictions relate to operating a liquor establishment. Then the council must determine if convictions directly relate to the operating a liquor establishment and/or whether or not the applicant provided competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present the fitness to operate said business or deny application.

The city will discuss the application along with background and evidence of rehabilitation and direct the staff for further decisions on the matter.

Two councilmembers recused themselves due to conflict of interest regarding the application submitted but would however enter public comment as citizens and residents in the community. The mayor expressed interest in hearing about the changes the applicant has made for the rehabilitation clause. The applicant supplied a summary of information relevant. Background information was presented indicating former decision making was not the same as in the past and frame of mind is not to be in same situations in the future. The applicant has taken the process very seriously and the councilmember was impressed with the six reference letters received. It was also clear of the support given to the applicant, along with her passion for this business. It was not her opinion that denial was necessary. Statement was also made that the applicant has a lot of respect and support demonstrated by the reference letters Attendees at the meeting spoke very highly of the received. applicant. Motion was made and carried with all ayes, two recused, directing the staff to prepare a resolution approving the liquor license application for 205 North Broadway on the condition that the current licensee of the establishment provides written confirmation to the city that the license be transferred and any additional requirements for processing the application are met.

The City Clerk presented a drafted resolution conditionally approving the liquor license transfer for the business located at 205 North Broadway. The application submitted is for a combination onsale/off-sale liquor license with Sunday sales for the bar and restaurant. Negotiations are in place for the purchase of the establishment. The background check had been completed and reviewed by the council. Also reviewed was testimony and other evidence of rehabilitation provided. Determination was made that the applicant demonstrated competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of liquor licensee. The staff was directed to prepare an approval resolution. The resolution is conditioned on receipt by the city of any remaining information required to process the license and a written request from the current licensee to transfer the existing license to purchaser. After approval by the council and the satisfaction of the conditions, all required documentation will be sent with the application materials to the state for final approval.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief discussed with the council the purchase of a tanker truck from the City of Waconia. The tanker is a fire apparatus with the primary purpose of transporting large amounts of water to a fire. These vehicles are especially useful in rural areas where fire hydrants are not readily available. The current tank is owned by the DNR, forty years old and has a metal tank. The tank has developed several holes requiring patches. The City of Waconia has a tanker for sale with a stainless-steel tank. It has been inspected. The Public Services Superintendent drove, inspected, and recommended the purchase.

Timber Creek

The Assistant City Engineer presented the Timber Creek Developer's Agreement Amendment # 2. The city entered into an agreement with the developer for the Timber Creek Development consisting of the terms to reimburse the developer for the construction of the median and street lighting along the existing portion of Ironwood Drive adjacent to the development. Additional work, costs were not anticipated. Based on additions and changes to the reimbursement process, the agreement requires revision to allow the city to reimburse the developer. The agreement also provided Monroe Drive extension. The street and utility work have been completed but construction issues and the late season, final curb, gutter, and paving work cannot be completed until spring in 2023 resulting in extension work must be revised. The costs associated with this amendment have been planned and programmed to be funded using the street reconstruction bonds associated with Jonathan Carver Parkway Improvement Project.

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Carver Current

Looking for local information? Go to Carver Current website to get information you didn't know you needed. It is also where you will find the local newsletter relating to the City of Carver, "Villager Tower". You can also post information on this website. You can find links too at Carver Current. Just another way to stay in touch and know what is happening locally in the Carver area.

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South West Transit

Did you know?

"In 1986, the SouthWest Minneapolis suburbs of Chaska, Chanhassen, and Eden Prairie chose to opt out of the Metropolitan Transit Commission transit system in

accordance with Minnesota State Statutes. Under a joint powers agreement between the three cities, they created their own transit system, SouthWest Metro Transit.

Now known as SouthWest Transit, we continue to be the public transit agency for Chaska, Chanhassen, and Eden Prairie, as well as Carver. We currently offer service to and from Downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, Normandale Community College, and Best Buy Headquarters.

In addition to our regular route service, we also offer a number of seasonal services, including State Fair, Twins Express, Vikings Express, Gophers Express, select concerts, and more.

At SouthWest Transit, we believe transportation is about more than just moving people from place to place. It's an opportunity to make life better and to transform perspectives."

Be sure to check out their website for more information. www.swtransit.org

"No Act of Kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted." ~ Aesop

Carver Business Attiance

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 usually meet every third Friday. January meeting scheduled for Friday, January 20th.



Carver Lions

The Lions are busy preparing plans for their 14th Annual Soggy Bottom Golf Tournament to take place on Saturday, January 28th at Riverside Park to start at 11 AM until 2 PM.

Their Annual 5M2 District Mid-winter Convention is coming up in February in Mankato. Then their next events will be in April for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and their Pork Chop Dinner.

In the meantime, they are holding meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and check out what you can volunteer for, get involved in and contribute to your community.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by Michelle:

Everyone is welcome in this place! Please join us for Worship at 10 am every Sunday morning. We believe that the church is not a building, but people joined together by God through faith. Our prayer is to see our town awakened to and transformed by the love of Jesus.



We would love to pray for you. Please contact Pastor Jander with prayer requests or questions at:

Office: 952-448-3628 Email: office@trinitycarver.com

Website: trinitycarver.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchCarver

East Union Lutheran Church

The East Union Lutheran Church welcomes you to come and worship with them on Sunday mornings in their sanctuary or through Facebook at 9 AM.



The congregation participates in donating towels and Towel Helpers Needed! East Union is an active participant in the Towel Ministry, part of ECC Love INC. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving the towels to the client's home. You will receive training too! Email Ann Decker: adeckerchaska@gmail.com if you are interested!

Saturday, January 7th at 10 AM at the Parish Center the congregation will be gathering to make a snowman at 10 AM. Small donations are requested to cover costs of material. Welcome visitors to either create or share in coffee which will be on and conversation. Then on Sunday, January 8th you are invited to join in for cake celebrating Pastor Bryant's installation.

Have you heard about the Super Roll Sunday at the East Union church? They are collecting toilet paper for their Annual Super Roll Sunday! Food shelves cannot spend donated money on toilet paper; they can only buy food. Donations are required to stock up on the items such as toilet paper. Congregation is asked to bring rolls of toilet paper to the Parish Center by February 12th to donate to the local food shelf.

Watch for the more information about the congregations Annual Spaghetti Dinner being planned and prepared for at the East Union Church. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th.

Trevor Noah said:

"We spend so much time being afraid of failure, afraid of rejection. But regret is the thing we should fear most. Failure is an answer. Rejection is an answer. Regret is an eternal question you never have the answer to."



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, January 19th through the 22nd. Looking for that one of a kind special gift or just that something to add to space for conversation? Then you need to get over to the shops in Carver for their ever-constant venues of goodies just calling your name. The perfect place to find that perfect item that you didn't know you needed. Remember when you find it here, it can't be duplicated. The perfect spot to find that unique, one-of-a-kind treasure. There are also lots of other types of shops and 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 – 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 &t Gifts – Facebook The Funky Dove - Facebook Strive Nutrition - Carver - Facebook





Carver General

Funky Dove

Anyone out there in the realms of the public who would like to suggest what they would like to see or be able to find to add to Rebecca's troves of treasures in her one-of-a-kind shop? You do know that she creates jewelry, don't you? Perhaps there is something you would like to have her create for you? Rebecca is chasing her dreams, imagination, creativity presently but the shop will be open the third weekend of January 21st and 22nd. February's hours will be pop-up opening on Saturday the 11th of February right before Valentine's Day and then again on the 18th and 19th of February. Be sure to stop in and meet her if you have not already. You are in for a treat. She will put a smile on your face and a spring in your step, guaranteed and your day will be only brighter having spent a little time with this gem of a lady!

The same can be said over or rather down the bock at the Carver General. See that carriage here? >>>>> Can't help but wonder if that wicker carriage is still in their shop there at Carver General at 109 East Third Street in Carver? Can't you just picture it in your special nook in your house with the most precious porcelain doll resting peacefully? The Carver General will be starting their new year in 2023 thanks to all their wonderful customers who supported them in the past and have given them the chance, opportunity, luxury of doing what they love, collecting, shopping, and helping y'all decorate. The one of kind treasures you will only find in shops like theirs. Be sure to go next door too and what the Good Junk shop has too, to coordinate with your find at Ann and Brenda's. They will be open January 19th through the 22nd. Watch for their 2023 calendar with shop dates on their Facebook page.



Chaska Valley Family Theatre Auditions for the performance scheduled for

viewing in March were already held. Actors and actresses are all preparing to entertain you in March of this upcoming year. The play is based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the film directed by Tim Burton. Big Fish tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest. His

incredible, larger than life stories thrill everyone around him. Most of all, his devoted wife. But their son, Will who is about to have as child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart and humor, Big Fish is an extraordinary musical reminding us why we love going to the theatre for an experience that is richer, funnier, and bigger than life itself. Showtimes will be in March. Follow the Chaska Family Valley Theatre online and their Facebook page for more information and ticket purchase information.

MN Landscape Hrboretum

Don't forget to check out what is all going on over at the MN Landscape Arboretum. They are always offering instilling, inspirational events to learn, share and do. Just go to their website www.arb.umn.edu/events] and see all there is to do and participate in. Some of January's other events to check out are Capturing Colors at the 5th Annual Flora and Fauna Illustra; Art of Tiny Things; online classes and so much more be a part of. Don't miss out. Check it out.

Sunday, January 15th, 2023, is scheduled for their Winter Wellness Fair. February's lineup includes the Spring Flower Show/Teas, Full Snow Moon Snowshoe Hike, After Hours with Flowers, Galentine's Yoga Retreat, Fairy Garden Make and Take, and February's Art Fair. March has the Full Worm Moon Hike, Spring Yoga Retreat, Maple Fest Pancake Breakfast. There is more throughout the month to explore and the year. Check their website for more complete details.

2023 St Paul Winter Carnival

Speaking of cold freezing winter fun, the St Paul Winter Carnival is already gearing up to begin, if not already began. Their kickoff event is the Ice Fishing Tournament that launched on New Year's Day. For the full calendar of all of the events related to the festival, go to



2018 Ice Carvings in Rice Park

www.wintercarnival.com/calendar. For other information, just go to www.wintercarnival.com.

The Carnival's Scavenger Hunt clues are also posted on their website. Then there's the Royal Coronation for the event, Kids and Family Day, Puzzle Contest, and the Vulcan Snow Park to mention a few. **Beard Growing Competition? Helicopter** and Dinner Rides? Past Princess Soiree -A Night to Sparkle? Then there's the Klondike Kate Contest, Treasure Hunt,

parade, ice sculptures, and so much more. We can't forget the Vulcan's events where grown men are allowed to regress back to acting like juvenile delinquents and get away with it. So much fun and variety to participate in. You can't afford to miss it. Or at least once check it out. There are so any more extra events throughout the entire month of January. However, officially the carnival dates for main events are scheduled for January 26th through February 5th in St Paul. The majority of the events occur at or near Rice Park. Be sure to check it out.

Sometimes the strongest among us are the ones who smile through

silent pain, cry behind closed doors, and fight battles nobody knows

about."

~ Unknown

Carver Baseball Softball Hissociation

Submitted by: Jim Mollman 2023 CARVER BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

4/5 TBALL

Will be played once a week either on Tuesdays or Thursdays depending on how many teams we have. ROSTERS WILL BE BETWEEN 6 TO 8 PLAYERS

5 Year Olds CANNOT Turn 6 before May 1st There is some leeway Games will be played on the grass fields Game Time will be" 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM

6-YEAR-OLD BASEBALL

Will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays depending on Skill level of players. This can be Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch or TBall Rosters will be between 6 to 8 players Players cannot turn 7 before May 1st Game time will be 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM and 7 – 8 Depending on how many teams

Games start approximately Mid-May

7/8 YEAR OLDS INTRO TO BASEBALL (IN HOUSE) Game days have not been determined It will be all Kid Pitch Players will have the opportunity to learn how to pitch off standard 4 inch mound More practices will be allowed than 2022 Players cannot turn o before May 1st

Players cannot turn 9 before May 1st

Players doing well can be moved up to the 9/10 Year Olds Games/Scrimmages will start early to Mid-May and go to early to Mid – July

9/10 YEAR OLDS

Carver WILL PLAY against Chaska Teams Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays Season will end at the end of June with a Year-End Tournament Roster size will be determined of number of players Players will pitch off of 4 inch mounds Players cannot turn 11 before May 1st

K-2 SOFTBALL

Will be played with Chaska Youth Softball Play against Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, Chaska and other communities Played on Mondays and Wednesdays in 2022

10U AND 12U SOFTBALL

Carver is applying to Big West League

These will be travel teams pending approval. Coaches/Managers must attend Big West Meetings Games will be during week and weekends. There will be an age Chart available soon.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY LEAGUE (AGES 11-14) Games will be played at Bluff Park throughout week with a Year End Tournament. Will play against teams from Eden Prairie, Shakopee and Edina.

All information is subject to change. Early Bird registration will start approximately on January 2nd.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Softball Coordinator- this is a board position with voting rights. Whoever takes this position can do basically anything. I just want to be in the loop on all decisions. Main goal is to build up the softball part of the program. for 2023 we are applying to the big west league for 10 and 12u travel softball. The coordinator and coaches must attend all meetings. for k-2 we will still be under the umbrella of Chaska youth softball. I had no trouble or problems with Chaska. this person will be in contact with Jennifer Larson who is the director of CYS. kids' registration will be free.

Umpire Coordinator- this position is basically recruiting and scheduling all umpires for baseball and softball. Umpires will be paid 70 dollars per game for 2023 since we are planning on having more games next year. This person will send me the name/dates and games called on we weekly basis so they can be paid. Concussion training and umpire training will be available. I am looking at different training for umpires. This is a non-voting position.

Carver Baseball Softball Association continued-

Concession Stand Coordinator- this person will be responsible for opening and closing the concession stand on any and all days that we have games at the park including weekends now. This position requires to keep track of the money we take in and spend on keeping the concession stand stocked. At the end of season, give me all the money and receipts. For 2023 we will be buying a freezer so we can sell ice cream sandwiches and freezies. For now, this position will do/upload the dibs to the website for volunteers can sign up. They will have limited access to the website. This is a nonvoting position

DIBS COORDINATOR (new position) limited access to the website. upload all dibs for the program, this includes Clinics, Concession Stand, 9/10-year-old tournament or any other volunteer opportunities that arise.

Field Maintenance/Chalking Coordinator- This person is responsible for chalking and raking the fields at community park on days there are games.

Minnesota's New

Brighton Ice Castles

Event

You did or have heard about the 2023 Minnesota Ice Castles event? Right? This year's event opened New Year's Eve. In case you hadn't heard, by the way, like who hasn't heard huh? This



year's opening is the earliest date in a decade. The site will open at 5 PM. Past Ice Castles were held in Stillwater, Eden Prairie, and Excelsior. This editor got to see it once from the outside, not the inside. Boo-hoo, like anyone cares. Anyway, this year it is being held in New Brighton. Open Friday through Mondays closed Tuesdays and then resumes Wednesday and Thursdays through the weekends. Dates and hours are weather dependent too. Ticket sales, of course are onoline and final. If available, you can get them onsite. For guaranteed entry and the lowest price, it is however, recommended that you purchase them on-line. Website: www.icecastles.com/Minnesota

When checking the website and from reading broadcasts, you will find Ice Slides, Caverns and Archways, Polar Pub, Crawl Tunnels, Ice Sculptures, Lantern Passage, and a Sledding Hill.

So, you ask, where is all this incredible fun happening? Well, I will tell you, Long Lake Regional Park, at 1500 Old Highway 8, New Brighton, MN. There is free parking available throughout Long Lake Regional Park. The parking directly adjacent is limited. Guests will be directed to the nearest available parking by staff. During peak hours, complimentary shuttles will be available and run. The "Ice Castles is an awe-inspiring experience featuring caverns, ice slides, frozen thrones and fountains illuminated at night with twinkling color-changing lights." And who said we couldn't have fun in the cold freezing tundra of Minnesota?

Carver Gossip

Heard that there's a sale of a business occurring in town?

Also heard another business owner is abroad?

Rumblings of a coffee shop about to open and hiring help? But, is it just a coffee shop? Rumors floating, a bakery, bar, coffee, tea or more? Grand opening planned?

Still another business owner doing remodeling, renovations to open still another business on main street?

Strive Nutrition has an exercise program going on too?

The churches are both missing some of their congregation members...have they all fled south to warmer ground?

There's a few inquiring if Territory got run over? Been awfully quiet and no sightings of the nasty critter...too cold?

That is fact and what is fiction here? Do we know? Do we care?





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Bottom Golf Tourney

The 14th Annual Soggy Bottom Golf Tourney fundraiser hosted by the

Carver Lions Club is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th at the RiverSide Park in Carver at 11 AM. Tickets are \$ 25 each to participate and as always, a great worthy cause.

"The Carver Lions Club hosts an annual fundraiser to help local families in medical crisis. The Soggy Bottom snow golf tourney is a fun way to meet your neighbors and help with a worthy good cause. Don't golf? That's ok, come down and join the day. We have bonfires, food, and beverages for purchase (proceeds to the recipients of course!), bean bags, and general good will in being with each other. Can't make it that date? We will accept any donation you would like to give.

Please read about this year's recipients below:

Jamie Riedl is battling stage 3 breast cancer. She is married to Che and is a mother to two boys ages 20 and 18. She was originally told she had Stage 1 breast cancer by her surgeon after removing the lymph nodes and part of her breast. Her therapy was supposed to consist of only radiation therapy. Upon her consultation with the oncologist, it was determined that her cancer is stage 3 due to aggression and spreading towards the skin. It was then decided the treatment would consist of chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Unfortunately, due to the side effects of the chemotherapy, Jamie had to leave her second job and go on disability through her employer. Her finances are very limited due to the medical leave and not being able to work her second job.

Note from the Soggy Bottom Chair:: When Jamie was told she had been nominated and selected as a recipient, there were many tears and she stated she was making decisions to quit her treatments as she was no longer able to afford the medical care. She is thankful for this, in her words, "Christmas Miracle".

Kelli Zuke is the 56-year-old wife to Tim, and mother to Sage and Samuel (ages 23 and 20). Kelli and Tim live in Carver, MN, and both have been teachers with the Eden Prairie School District. Kelli has been a teacher for over 30 years, and an avid horse rider since she was 10 years old. On October 31, 2020, Kelli was riding her horse 'Jackson' with another rider when Kelli's horse became spooked and threw her to the ground. Even though she was wearing a helmet, Kelli hit her head and was immediately unconscious. Kelli was in a coma for the next 8 days, and ultimately suffered a severe traumatic brain injury, with the right side of her body mostly effected, along with having short- and long-term memory difficulties.

For most of the 2021-2022 year, Kelli was in an assisted living home in Orono, MN. During her time there, she was also receiving therapy from Courage Kenny via Metro Mobility to get her to and from therapies. Insurance would not pay for Kelli to remain at Courage Kenny as an in-patient. This past summer, Kelli came home due to lack of funds to keep her at the living facility.

Now that Kelli is at home, she uses a cane to walk, but this can be shaky at times. She had a fall in late November which resulted in another stay at HCMC. While out in public, Kelli uses her wheelchair to get around as she gets stronger and more confident with her walking abilities.

Kelli continues her long road to recovery and receives Occupational and Physical Therapy through Courage Kenny Center in Golden Valley, MN. Once a very active person and runner, Kelli has had to re-learn how to walk (with help of a cane), write with her nondominant hand, speak, and take care of her own self care needs."

Without fundraisers like this, people who need help are left desperate, desolate, and despairing. Please, if you can help contribute to this cause. It really is the right thing and a good thing to do. Someday, it could one of us afflicted with life-threatening situations or someone we love. Thanks to all who participate and put such fundraisers together for those in need. Truly a finer example of human race than all the negative occurrences throughout the world.

'The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

~ Michelangelo

Soiree Casino Royale

District #112 Foundation - #112 Gives! Soiree 2023 – Casino Royale What is this about? Keep reading. "Join us in supporting the most incredible event of the year: 112 Gives! Soiree: Casino Royale. On Saturday, February 4, 2023, the most generous members of our community will come together to celebrate the incredible services delivered by Carver County's own District 112 Foundation.

Soiree festivities will include an exclusive VIP cocktail hour, a gourmet plated dinner with decadent desserts, a silent auction, and casino-style games with raffle prizes.

Celebrating more than 30 years, the District 112 Foundation works hard to enrich the lives of students in Eastern Carver County Schools and to ensure that each student reaches

their full potential. In addition to providing grants to teachers, the Foundation also supports scholarships for graduating seniors, recognizes Excellence in Education amongst educators, and supports basic needs for students so that they may achieve academic success.

Schedule of Events: 5:30-6:30pm – VIP Reception 6:30pm – Registration, Silent Auction 7:00pm – Dinner and Program 8:00pm – Casino and Dessert <u>Get your tickets today!</u>"

For more information, go to <u>www.district112foundation,org</u>. You can read who they are, their mission, values, and what they do and more.

Hrts Consortium

The Arts Consortium's 2023 exhibition planned include Youth Art Show starting January 11th through February 24th; March 1st to April 10th, Larger than Life; April 12th to May 5th, Animals and Dragons; and May 10th to the 26th, Creations from Preschool. Then

June and July exhibits were identified as Over the Rainbow and CCC Annual Awards Exhibit. It's the organization's opinion that it's going to be a spectacular year for artwork.

Register for the Youth Art Show that the ACCC is proud to be presenting. The exhibition will feature the best artwork of any medium, any style or theme made by students in Carver County and children of members. Participants should be under eighteen for this exhibition. Three entries per person allowed and does not have to be for sale for this exhibition. Registrations are due by 9:30 PM on January 4th. The show dates are January 11th through February 24th.

Register for the Larger Than Life Exhibit by February 22nd. This exhibit is presented in collaboration with the Chaska Valley Family Theatre's "*Big Fish the Musical.*" The exhibition will feature art of any medium that expressed the theme of "larger than life". Whether the piece tell a story, is inspired by a story, or heightens focus on something that interests exhibitors.

Show dates planned are for March 1st through April 10th. Deadline for submissions is February 22nd.

The songwriters and musicians of Carver County, Volume VIII is officially released and available for purchase. It features twenty songwriters. Questions contact Steve Kelzer at <u>music@artsofcarvercounty.org</u>.

For more information, visit their website: www.artscarvercounty.org.



Youth Ari Show January 11: February 24, 2023

March 1 - April 10, 2023 Reception: March 15, 2023 6:30-8:30pm

Dahlgren Township

The Dahlgren Township board discussed several roads at their meeting. Board was asked about maintenance on Creek Road since there are potholes and poor condition of surface. The township does not maintain said road. The City



of Chaska would be contacted to see about their responsibility of maintenance of the road. The replacement of the bridge/culvert crossing Bevans Creek on Maplewood Road was reviewed by the board. The township would be responsible for said amount of cost. The county would be contacted for more information regarding the item. The third road reviewed was the Augusta Road which the board received the Joint Maintenance Agreement with Laketown Township involving the road. No changes were made to the contract; however, request was submitted for a map to be included identifying areas requiring township maintenance on the Augusta Road.

The Dahlgren board reviewed a drafted resolution from Laketown Township requesting a change to the Carver County Planning Commission membership to include at least five members of a Carver County Township. The Dahlgren board adopted the same resolution.

Mailbox Policy statement is available at the Dahlgren Township website of interest to township property owners. Highly informative. You can find the policy on their website; www.dahlgrentownship.com

Also, as a reminder for those who don't know, have forgotten, or may not even be aware of the Dahlgren Township Memorial Park. In appreciation for Dennis Lenzen's impact on the township a park was established in his memory and to honor his memory. Dennis passed away October 19th, 2014. On October 25 of 2015 The Memorial Park was officially opened. The park can be found on the lot where the old town hall once stood on Dahlgren Road west of the golf course. Anyone interested in donating can do so. Those donations can include plants, supplies, mulch, compost, labor, time or money. Bricks are also available. Committee members are Todd Nelson, Judy Hart, and Rayma Smith. More information is available on the website.

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Community	Highlights January 2023 🔬
January 1st	New Years Day
•	New Brighton Ice Castles Opening
January 3 rd	Council Meeting
January 5 th	Happy Anniversary Daniel and Rebeccal
January 7 th	Happy Birthday Leon!
January 9 th	Dahlgren Board Meeting
	School Board Work Session
	Carver Elementary PTO Meeting
January 10 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
	Happy Birthday Jarad!
January 16 th	Martin Luther King Jr's Day 🛛 🔬
	No School
January 17 th	Council Meeting
	Happy Birthday David!
January 18 th	Happy Birthday Eric!
January 19 th	Planning Commission
•	Happy Birthday Kay!
January 20 th	Business Alliance Meeting
	Happy Birthday Jim!
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January 23rd	School Board Meeting
January 24 th	Happy Birthday Troy!
January 24	Happy Birthday Mike!
January 25 th	Happy Birthday Ethen!
January 26 th	St Paul Winter Carnival Officially Begins
oundury =0	Happy Birthday Rich!
	Happy Birthday Dan!
	Happy Birthday Mary Lou!
January 27 th	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
•	Happy Birthday Paul!
	Happy Birthday Henry!
	Happy Birthday Tiu!
January 29 th	Happy Birthday Shawn!
January 30 th	Happy Birthday Karen!
January 31 st	Happy Birthday Trish!

Getaway Motor Café

Getaway Motor Café is hiring! We've already met some fantastic people and are building an excellent team. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please see the application info below. We're super excited to bring specialty coffee back tot own – so many people mention how they miss Cup of Carver. We'll also offer craft cocktails, beer and wine and a 2-bedroom Airbnb. Thank you, Carver, for all of your support so far – can't wait to open the doors on January 25th!

-Nate & Terah 120 Broadway Street, historic downtown Follow us on Instagram for updates: <u>https://www.instagram.com/getawaymotorcafe/</u>







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_____ Sixth Annual Tree Lighting Photos

Credit for photos go to Michael Quinn and editor

14th Annual Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Fundraiser

> Saturday, January 28 11am - 2pm Riverside Park 120 Main St E, Carver \$25/person

Sponsored by the Carver Lions
Proceeds to help local families in medical crisis

2023 Recipients Jamie Reidl & Kelli Zupke

For more info about the recipients and to register or donate, go to: Facebook: Carver Minnesota Lions Club Go to Eventbrite for Registration/Donation: Soggy Bottom Registration available day of the event. Registration includes Soggy Bottom hat.

After the event: Carver Lions Meat Raffle @ Lisa's Place 3pm

Hosted by East Union Lutheran Church

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

> Saturday, February 11, 2023 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors and support a great cause! Pricing Adults \$10 Children (4-17) \$5 Ages 3 and under Free Family \$25

*Take-out available

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

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

*Need not be present to win the Silent Auction