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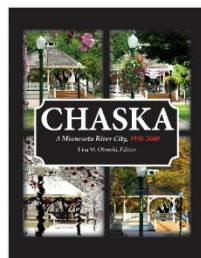


In Memory of Don Brinkhaus

Minnesota River City

Hear Yee! Hear Yee! Hot off the presses. Just got word that you can now order your very own copy of the third volume of Chaska's history! It's title: "Chaska A Minnesota River City, 1950-2000"

You can get your very own copy by visiting the Chaska History Center in downtown Chaska or go online to www.chaskahistory.org and order it. I just bought my mom her copy because she has the first two Volumes and not to brag, but going to, my dad was on the Chaska City Council so curious if that is in this book. Plus, it would make my mom's day, "I think." Maybe not, regardless, hurry and get your very own copy while supplies last. Should also tell you that with the purchase of each book, you will also receive a free one-year membership to both the Chaska Historical Society and the Carver County Historical Society. Check it out on line, if you can, see what you can all access, learn and share in. History is well worth it. Once the day is gone, it can never ever be repeated in the same way. Happy reading!



2024 Community Survey

The City Manager discussed at a work session with the council the 2020 survey conducted by Morris Leatherman Group. The staff was asked to facilitate a process conducting the survey every three years with the goal of having the ability to measure results from year to year and to collection additional perspectives for future policy processes proposals. Process details were reviewed and it was determined that the telephone survey conducted resulted in four categories were established. A company representative will be on hand to assist with a discussion on the survey process. Additionally, the council have the opportunity to revise, add or delete from the previous survey for the upcoming 2024 survey. The council also informally discussed additional questions in the areas of the SW Prime services; resident usage, support of a subsidy, as well as the amount of such a subsidy; new recreation facilities; Specific park amenities; and communications. Also included in the discussion involved the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan identifying initiatives in the areas of the communications strategy, engagement and satisfaction. Speed limit perspectives were another area discussed. Money had been allocated to conduct a community survey. The council reviewed the original survey along with the results of that survey and the Strategic Plan.

The City Manager discussed the Community Survey with the council regarding approval of the questionnaire and acceptance of the proposal to conduct the said survey. A number of adjustments had been implemented after the initial discussion and feedback. A proposed draft of the presented questionnaire was seeking adoption. A strategic initiative had been taken in 2020. At that time request was made to facilitate a process to conduct the survey every three years for the purpose of having the ability to measure results from year to year and collect additional perspectives to be better informed for future policy processes. The process detail would be to conduct a telephone survey of four hundred randomly selected households within city limits.

"Expect nothing, appreciate everything"

~ Louise Armstrong

Proposed Parking Ordinance

The City Attorney discussed with the council at a work session the proposed drafting of an ordinance prohibiting parking near postal delivery boxes. Discussion and providing direction for drafting the ordinance were reviewed.

A discussion ensued regarding parking in front of residential mailboxes causing inability for delivery. State law provides some restrictions but does not address prohibiting parking or addressing the issues.

Data Practices Policy

The City Clerk discussed the updates relating to the Data Practices Policy with the council at their meeting. The guidelines by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) were cited which is a series of State laws that guide government entities on how government data are managed. According to the MGDPA, government data is defined as "all data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated" by a covered governmental entity "regardless of physical form, storage media, or conditions of use." The city's current policy was adopted on 2016.

Presently the staff proposes to replace the existing policy with the new updated version better reflecting various amendments that have occurred updating the city's processing data request, or other types of data collected. The City Attorney has proposed the updated policy and the staff reviewed.

The City Clerk reviewed the Data Practices Policy update with the council, along with the resolution to adopt the policy and designation of responsible authority and compliance official. An overview was given again regarding the laws of the state guiding the management of data. Current policy was adopted in 2016. Staff was proposing to replace the existing policy with a new version updating the processing of data reflecting various amendments made by the state. The newer version had been proposed by the City Attorney and the staff reviewed the draft.

Election Judges

The council discussed the item pertaining to Election Judge appointments and pay by approval of resolution. The establishment of rates of pay for the Presidential Nomination Primary election to be held on March 5th was up for review. State law requires adoption of this resolution for upcoming elections. The council reviewed the list of potential individuals who have been previously trained and served. The resolution also gives the city the opportunity to recruit more judges as needed.

2024 General Fund Budget Amendment

The Finance Direction discussed with the council the adoption of a resolution authorizing amendment to the 2024 General Fund Budget. The General Fund Budget had been adopted in December of 2023 with at that time the anticipation of receipt of Public Safety Aid revenue in early 2024. However, these funds were deposited sooner and this causes a different budget range than planned and it is the best practice to adjust the budgeted revenues and expenditures for 2024 which will remain balanced after the amendment.

Carver Place

The Community Development Director presented the application from the Carver Place Preliminary Plat from the Carver County Community Development Agency to the Planning Commission board who reviewed and discussed the matter at their meeting. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing without receiving any public input. The presented information was discussed by the board members. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Preliminary Plat for the Carver Place proposal.

The Planning Commission board members also reviewed the Final Plat for the Carver Place proposal. The Carver Place meets the guidelines of the approved Comprehensive Plan and the property is appropriately zoned. The staff recommendation recommends approval of the Final Plat. The proposed project has been reviewed by the various departments which include the Legal, Engineering, Fire, Public Works Services, Planning and Administration Departments as well as reviewed by the Carver County Public Works department.

The council discussed the application for Carver Place by the Carver County Community Development Authority for the sixty unit apartment building proposal on Hartwell Drive. The proposed project would be a three-story building. The floor plans were reviewed by the council. There was a question and answer session held, as well. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Carver Place.

Miscellaneous

The Property Valuation Process had been presented by the county assessor with an overview of the process, which included property taxation, assessment and the city's and county's data and discussed at a work session meeting.

The council reviewed with the City Attorney the proposed Fire Hydrant Tampering Ordinance. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amending the chapter in the city code prohibiting nonauthorized use of city fire hydrants.

The Community Development Director updated the council on the Community Park skate park equipment which had been removed due to the age of the equipment, and maintenance concerns. The Parks Advisory Group will be discussing future uses and equipment options for the park. Currently the equipment is available for use at the Ironwood Park.

The Planning Commission Board was informed that review of appropriate documents for the proposed Timber Creek, 5th Phase will be forthcoming tentatively in the winter of 2024.

Carver Oaks development will also be brought to the Planning Commission Board's attention in the future.

The discussion regarding the transportation facility with the school district was also brought to the Planning Commission's attention with the item scheduled to also be brought to their attention at some point this year.

The Carver Lions Soggy Bottom fundraiser was discussed by the council. The Soggy Bottom event began fifteen years ago under the leadership of Mayor Greg Osterdyk. The Lions organization will be evaluating different fundraising option for the future.

The council was updated on the Carver country Park Boards project relating to the Baylor Regional Park. Boardwalk construction is planned to begin soon. Plans to reopen in spring are in the works. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Paradise Commons, a new rental facility at the Waconia Regional Park was held.

NorthStar Forge, a Carver business, was featured on the January 24 Twin Cities Live show the council was told.

The Light and Seek event was held at the Nature Conservatory. The council thanked publicly Anna Edland, Shelly Rudolf and Toni Dauwalter for their hard work coordinating this event.

The council reviewed the drafted ordinance amending city codes regarding prohibiting parking near postal delivery boxes.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

- Alice Walker

Liquor License

The City Clerk discussed the topic with the council regarding the issuance of the liquor license for the Carver Black Sox. In the past the team held an on-sale license for seasonal home games. It has become increasingly difficult to obtain 3.2 % beer products according to the team. Additionally due to recent Minnesota law amendments for baseball teams changes have been established allowing procuring to qualifying persons. An on-sale wine license had been procured the previous year by the carver Black Sox Baseball Team. Notification had been sent to the MN Alcohol and Gambling Division that in addition to the wine license the Black Sox organization required to obtain an On-Sale Liquor License. An additional requirement was given and the team was notified. Required documentation would be forwarded for final approval. For future renewal the team will need to apply for both licenses to continue operating as in the past.

General Fleet Vehicles

The City Manager discussed with the council the purchase of general fleet vehicles. The city was looking to authorize the purchase of two trucks. The council was asked to consider this purchase of two medium-duty trucks to be added to the general fleet within the Public Services Department for the purpose of conducting work for all level of maintenance throughout the city.

The council discussed further the item relating to purchasing of two vehicles for the Public Services Department. Payment for these vehicles would be made through four-year interfund loan monies as outlined in the resolution presented to the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the purchase of two trucks from Apple Ford. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing an interfund loan.

Merriam Junction Trail Project

The council reviewed a power point presentation at their work session meeting regarding the Merriam Junction Trail Project. [For full details and more information, check the city's website, February 20th work session minutes)

A synopsis of the presentation involved the proposal for the trail project which would include 2.4 miles of paved trail, four bridges and embankment stabilization. Proposed trail connectivity with the Carver County' s MN River Bluff Regional Trail, DNR's MN River Valley State Trail and the USFWS's Louisville Swamp Trailhead. Design collaboration with restoration of the levee condition in Scott County and the City of Carver's levee improvements.

The partners in this project include: the City of Carver, Carver County, Louisville Township, MN DNR, and US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS .)

Bluff Creek Parking Lot

At a work session the council discussed with the City Manager the Bluff Park parking lot addition. During times of full field use in Bluff Park, traditionally overflow parking spills onto Carver Bluffs Parkway and Carver Creek Circle. Concerns have been expressed regarding the overflowing parking situation. A parking facilities concept was being proposed. As a cost savings measure, construction of a gravel surface additional parking area work will be performed by the Public Department. This additional parking area would accommodate an additional forty-three spaces.

Water Treatment Facility Improvements

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the Change Order for the Water Treatment Facility Improvements project. The project had included new construction on the existing facility site, infrastructure, upgrades and reconfigurations to the existing facility and site infrastructure to compliment the overall facility expansion efforts. Recent determinations were made for operational efficiency. The change order would be funded with the balance of construction contingencies. This contingency amount is unallocated in the current Long-Term Financial Plan resulting in no significant impacts to the city's rate structure. The next revision of the Long-Term Financial Plan process, scheduled to begin the summer of 2024, adjustments should show this capital expense relating to the next plan.

"Women are like teabags. We don't know our true strength until we are in hot water." - Eleanor Roosevelt

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 at city hall. May's meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15th.

Carver Current

Have you checked out the Carver Current website? 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." There is all kinds of valuable information on this site too. 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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Carver Baseball Softball Association

Up to date information can be found at www.ccybsa.com. The 2024 season is upon us. Believe registration is closed. Go to their webpage and check the status. (www.ccybsa.com) You can also find all kinds of other pertinent information on their webpage too. Tournament teams registration information, volunteer positions information, uniform fittings, volunteer Requirements, coach registration, calendar events and how to reach the organization. The organization will again be manning the concession stand during the Carver Black Sox home games. Support our local champions.



Carver Black Sox

Have you checked out your local team? Check their website for additional information, www.carverblacksox.com. The Region 7C tournament marks 8 consecutive years that Carver has qualified for the tournament and the 6th appearance in the last 7 years in the MBA State Tournament. [2023]



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Southwest Transit

Check their website for all other services provided. [www.swtransit.org] The SW Transit has added the MN Wild Service to their schedule which began on January 25th. Yea, yea, I know a day late and a dollar short, again! Check their webpage for detailed information. Summarization is: pickup at SW Station, Highway # 212 and Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie and dropped off at the Excel Energy Center. Return times thirty minutes after the end of the game. Board where bus dropped off. Reserve in advance. Don't forget their other services offered, SW Prime, SW Perks, Prime MSP Airport, SW Prime Edge, Prime Essential and Prime MD.



Schram's Vineyards

What is going on over in Waconia at Schram's Vineyards in March that might be of interest to you? There is the Grater Good happening on Wednesday, March 13th, Thursday the 14th, Candlelight and Wine Yoga. Trivia Wine Blending on Thursday, the 21st. How about 'Your Bearded,' Sunday, the 24th? Want to learn more? Go to their webpage, www.schramvineyards.com. Also, be sure to check out what is all happening over in Chaska at the Schram's Haus Brewery (www.schramhausbrewery.com)



Carver Lions

Don't forget the Lions are still collecting old eyeglasses or hearing aids. You can drop them off at Harvey's Bar and Grill, the Post Office, Carver Ridge Senior Living building or at Lenzen Chevrolet dealership in Chaska.

Oh yea, just so you know there are ongoing projects too, like Roadside Clean up; Blood Drive dates; and weekly Meat Raffles. Speaking of the meat raffles, be sure to check their Facebook page for when and where their meat raffles are occurring, along with other up to date information. Don't forget to apply for their available scholarships too posted on Facebook and their webpage. (www.carverlions.org) Be sure to check their postings of the Soggy Bottom Tournament pictures. You did hear or read all the praise and thanks about the Soggy Bottom right? If you didn't, go on line (if you can) and check out all the nice comments and pictures of the event.

The Lions ask, "Are you interested in joining the Carver Lions? Want to learn about what we do? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then you're in luck!" They meet the first and third Wednesday night of each month . Last month, the City Manager graced the club with his presence to discuss the City of Carver Parks Plans with members. At their March 6th meeting they will be meeting with Chuck from the Children's Cancer Foundation. Everyone is welcome. Be sure to come and find out what fun you are missing out on.

The Lion's final sign off post regarding Soggy Bottom was to thank everyone who volunteered including the Chaska Lions and to everyone who not only supported this year (2024) but throughout the years. The final payout for this year's event was even more than originally thought. So again thank you everyone!!!!



Minnesota Landscape

Arboretum

The MN Landscape Arboretum is hosting their Spring Flower Show through March 10th in case you didn't know. Every Thursday and the last Friday of the month is the Anderson Horticultural Library story time. And don't forget, Yoga in the gardens which is ongoing. (www.arb.umn.edu) Then there's the Knit and Stitch with the Auxiliary through May. March highlights to be examined is the Mosaics and Mirrors event on Saturday, March 2nd, Sunday, the 10th will be featuring "Intersection of art, Nature and Science", Saturday, March 23rd is the Maple Fest. Did you know that at the arboretum the staff tap more than three hundred and fifty trees every winter? Visitors can watch the staff cook down the sap, making pure Maple Syrup. I bet you can purchase some too? What do you think? It was only a few years ago, this author was introduced to pure Maple Syrup. Can't get enough now.

Monday, March 25th, interested in a full worm moon hike? Go to the arboretum and you can experience it and learn more.

April will be upon us sooner than we think. Well, that conversation is for another day. Think, I will just go and round up my imaginary international fictional characters and see if some coercion tactics would convince one or more of them to come learn about the intimate experience of hiking eh beautiful, serene, tranquil space of that full moon effect? Yeah, I know, dream on. What, you got to lose anyway? Might just surprise yourself in your 'honey' rekindles what you have been too busy to take time for and enjoy instead of running with the kids, or family or work; just kick back and relish some alone time with him/her? Try it? What's the worst that can happen? A tree suddenly crashes down and hits you or a sky falls and the moon lands at your feet to say hello and you end up sitting still anyway as the rest of the world whizzes right by you anyway? Take some time for you and stop to smell the roses, as they say.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent."

- Madeleine Albright



Carver Shops

There was a time when the Carver era had multiple Occasional Shops dotted throughout Carver. That landscape seems to have shifted to Chaska, Waconia areas presently. There are lots of them all over and lots that no longer exist or you need to be on that circuit to follow. However, Carver still has two. Let's keep them here huh? Other types of small businesses have popped up all over town though, some downtown, some on the outskirts, some more modern, some more traditional, some quaint but all are unique in their own right. Not to mention all the businesses run out of private residences throughout the entire area. Be sure to support your local businesses. Carver shops occasional dates for March are the 21st through the 24th. Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook - 2023 season

Closed for season

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

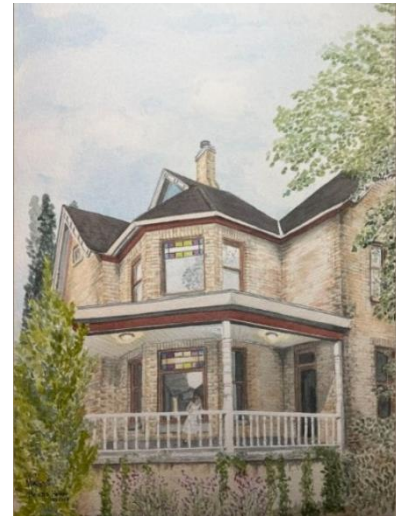
The Funky Dove – Facebook

Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook

Getaway Motor Café – Facebook / Instagram

Strains of the Earth – 300 Broadway Street, Carver / Facebook

Mizzy's - website / Facebook



Painting posted in Carver Life - Painted by Marlin Fugate



Funky Dove Boutique

This is how Microsoft's Chatbot (co-pilot) described Carver's very own "Funky Dove" shop:

"The Funky Dove in Carver, Minnesota is a delightful shop that combines creativity, unique products, and friendly vibes. Located at 221 Broadway Street, this eclectic gem offers a variety of treasures, including handcrafted jewelry and other one-of-a-kind creations. The shop's tin ceiling adds to its charm, and the helpful staff ensures a warm and welcoming experience.

Situated in the historic downtown area, just a block away from the Minnesota River, The Funky Dove invites you to explore its offerings while enjoying the nearby walking trails and scenic surroundings. Whether you're searching for a special gift or simply want to immerse yourself in a funky and artistic atmosphere, The Funky Dove has something for everyone."

It also appears that Funky Dove is still offering jewelry classes, in case you didn't know. According to her Facebook page, classes are offered on Wednesday evenings. For more information either stop in at the shop and talk to Rebecca in person, or message her on Facebook, or email her at the funkydove@gmail.com.

Did you know you can vote for her shop on the SW Media "Best of the Best" for your favorite boutique? Write-in's accepted too. Oh and you can vote daily. Oh, oh, voting ends on Sunday, March 3rd. So you will have to hurry to vote for The Funky Dove. (www.swnewsmedia.com) Better hurry if you want to vote for The Funky Dove. She is the Best of the Best you know. If you haven't been in and met her, you are really losing out on a treat!

You just know that she couldn't pass up the opportunity to make spring visible too. Stop in and see what she's done for spring and Easter to brighten yours and her days. You know it is absolutely delicious and refreshing! Full of unique, one of a kind items and treasures for everyone. See you there.

Carver General

Couldn't resist. Microsoft's chatbot had this to say about Carver General in Carver too.

"Certainly! Carver General is a delightful vintage and antiques shop located in historic downtown Carver, Minnesota. prices. If you're ever in the area, consider paying them a visit at 109 3rd St E, Carver, MN 55315.

[For more information, you can also check out their](#) page. Happy antiquing!"

What else?

Sale dates are after St Patricks Day so missed that opportunity for some cute cliché. Easter maybe? Spring? April Fool's Day? Just what theme do you suppose these two frugal friends came up with? Let's check their Facebook page and see what we can find, shall we?

The gals stated that we're at that in-between season. Cozy warmth of winter yet at the same time introduction to spring. You have to know what that means? They are both out scouring the tundra for, no offense, what I was told is "yard garbage." But those wonderful, delightful yard ornaments are statements about the owner displaying them. Right?

I cheated, asked the chatbot to describe to describe spring for you. Here is the response that was just too good to not share with y'all.

"Spring tiptoes into the world, her arrival as delicate as a whispered secret. The air, once crisp and frost-kissed, now carries a promise—a promise of rebirth, of blossoms unfurling, and of sun-warmed days.

Nature awakens from her slumber. The trees, still bare, stretch their limbs toward the cerulean sky, eager to don their emerald cloaks. Each bud, a tightly held secret, waits for the right moment to burst forth—a symphony of greens and yellows.

Daffodils, those sun-kissed trumpets, emerge from the earth like cheerful messengers. Their golden heads nod in approval, as if saying, "Winter has surrendered; it's time to dance."

Quaint cottages peek through the hedgerows, their thatched roofs adorned with moss and dreams. Smoke curls from chimneys, carrying the scent of freshly baked bread and stories told by the fireside.

Tulips, those elegant ladies, sway in the breeze. Their petals—scarlet, blush, and ivory—catch the sunlight, casting a spell on passersby. Bees, diligent workers, flit from bloom to bloom, collecting sweet nectar for their honeyed treasure troves.

Gardens come alive with whispered secrets. Crocuses push through the soil, their purple and white heads shyly greeting the world.

Forget-me-nots, true to their name, paint the edges of pathways with azure hues.

Sunlight spills across meadows, turning dew-kissed grass into a carpet of diamonds. Lambs, wobbly-legged and innocent, explore their newfound world. Their bleats echo through the valleys, a chorus celebrating life's renewal.

Cherry blossoms, delicate as a lover's touch, adorn ancient branches. Petals drift like confetti, carpeting the ground in blush and ivory. Beneath these blossoms, lovers steal kisses, their laughter mingling with the soft rustle of leaves.



Elderly couples, hand in hand, stroll along cobbled paths. Their eyes hold memories—their first spring, stolen glances, and promises made under moonlit skies. They know that spring is not just a season; it's a chance to fall in love all over again. And so, my dear friend, spring arrives—a whispered secret, a gentle touch, a promise kept. It invites us to shed our winter coats, both literal and metaphorical, and embrace the magic of beginnings."

That was just too good to pass up. Not my words but certainly many of our thoughts and wishes for everyone. So be sure to make a point to get on over to downtown Carver and visit the Carver General and see what the gals created for everyone. March dates are Thursday the 21st through Sunday the 24th. April's dates are the 11th through the 14th.

Don't forget to stop in next door too and see what the good Junk Garage has hiding right out in the open for you. Remember too, everyone's hours of operation are usually the third weekend of each month, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the doors open at 10 AM and close at 5 PM, Sunday, open at noon until 4 PM. That goes for the Good Junk Garage too.

Getaway Motor Café

Following suit, this is what chatbot had to say about the Getaway Motor Café:

"Allow me to introduce you to the charming Getaway Motor Café nestled in historic downtown Carver, Minnesota. This delightful establishment is more than just a café—it's a haven for good times, quality drinks, and cozy lodgings.

Location: You'll find the Getaway Motor Café at 120 Broadway Street, Carver. 1. It's situated in one of the first National Historic Districts in Minnesota, adding to its allure.

Interior Magic: Step inside, and you'll be greeted by an interior designed by the award-winning Studio Grey. It strikes a balance between hip sensibility and a nod to Carver's storied past. Imagine rustic charm meeting contemporary flair—a place where memories are woven into every nook and cranny.

Cafe Delights: The aroma of freshly brewed coffee beckons. Getaway proudly boasts the first Ground Control coffee machine in MN—a testament to their commitment to quality. Sip on signature espresso drinks, savor from-scratch bakery treats, and let the warmth of the café envelop you.

Patio Pleasures: Outside, the patio invites you to bask in the sun or enjoy a starlit evening. Picture yourself sipping a craft cocktail, surrounded by potted plants and the hum of conversation. It's a slice of serenity in the heart of Carver.

Lodgings: Need a getaway? Stay awhile! Getaway Motor Café offers a 2-bedroom Airbnb suite where you can rest your head and dream sweet dreams. Whether you're a weary traveler or a local seeking respite, their lodgings are open 24 hours a day.

Good Times Await: So, my friend, make your escape to Getaway Motor Café. Revel in the blend of history and modernity, sip your coffee, and perhaps pen a few lines of poetry. They look forward to welcoming you!"

With that being said, what do you suppose is planned for St Paddy's Day? You just know it has to be something really creative right? Cookies? You can get cookies there too? Heard about those cocktails? "The Heartthrob" or how about "I Cherryish You"? Then there was "Broadway and Main Old Fashioned." Can't wait to hear what their busy minds come up with St Paddy's Day or Easter or Spring for that matter?

Also for fun, for those of the general population who don't want to admit that they don't know what a Latte is, here is what Wikipedia has to say.

"A coffee drink of Italian origin made with espresso and steamed milk. Variants include the chocolate-flavored mocha or replacing the coffee with another beverage base such as masala chai (spiced Indian tea), mate, matcha, turmeric or rooibos; alternatives to milk, such as soy milk or almond milk, are also used."

Where does it come from?

Wikipedia says: ? "The term comes from the Italian *caffè latte* or *caffè latte*, from *caffè e latte*, literally "coffee and milk. In northern Europe and Scandinavia, the term *café au lait* has traditionally been used for the combination of espresso and milk. In France, *café latte* is from the original name of the beverage (*caffè latte*); a combination of espresso and steamed milk equivalent to a "latte" is in French called *un crème* (un grand *crème* using cream instead of milk) and in German *Milchkaffee*." Now you know what a latte is and how it came to be an American staple.

Mizzy's Pizza

Since I started it, might as well follow through? What do you suppose the chatbot had to say about Mizzy's Pizza?" Well, I'll tell you:

Chatbot says, "Allow me to introduce you to the delightful Mizzy's Pizza in historic downtown Carver, Minnesota. This beloved establishment, formerly known as Pizza Plus, has been serving up great food and excellent service since 2004. Let's dive into the details:" (details are overly redundant and have been beat to death as of late.

However, their location is 4715 Dahlgren Road, Carver. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 11 PM'; Friday and Saturday, 11 AM to 1 AM; and finally, Sunday, 11 AM to 10 PM. Also offer delivery, dine in or take out.

Chatbot continues with: "What to Expect:

Pizza Perfection: Dive into their extensive menu of gourmet pizzas. Whether you're a classic pepperoni lover or an adventurous toppings explorer, they've got you covered.

Cozy Vibes: Picture yourself enjoying your meal in a cozy, welcoming atmosphere. It's the kind of place where memories are made.

Specials and Fun Facts:

Happy Hour at Carver: Swing by between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM or from 9:00 PM to closing time for some extra cheer.

Whether you're a local or passing through, Mizzy's Pizza invites you to savor their delicious offerings. So, grab a slice, share some laughter, and make yourself at home!" And there you have it. (Well, not all of it, there was some obsolete information too.)

Have to share this review posted on their Facebook page, just in case you missed it.... "Ridiculously good pizza...amazing dessert pizzas."

Bet they give Pizza Ranch a run for their money with the dessert pizzas, wouldn't you say?

Did you know that February 9th was National Pizza Day? Betcha' pizza fans did!

And yes, don't forget they are offering Fish Basket during Lent.

Carver Creamery

Started this chatbot thing, so am going to continue through with it and finish off with the Carver Creamery so it's not overlooked or forgotten down the road. Fair right? They deserve to be recognized too. Afterall, soon they will be open. They all must still dormant (which I highly doubt) or just still hibernating and not jumping the gun with announcements for the 2024 season. Agree? Of course, you do. And remember, they opened a concession in Cologne last year too. So, let's be sure to watch for those announcements, as well.

Didn't get a response yet as to their tentative, anticipated and long awaited re-opening for the upcoming summer season which you can just bet your bottom dollar is going to be soon with March and April right around the corner. They are probably getting everything lined up and orders in place, staff and schedules, cleaning, yada, yada, yada.

Ya'll will know before I do when they actually open the doors for the 2024 Season since this newsletter does not seem to coincide well with dates.

"Not my fault."



So moving right along here: what did chatbot have to say about this delightful delicacy in downtown Carver?
“Allow me to introduce you to the delightful Carver Creamery in historic downtown Carver, Minnesota. This charming ice cream parlor is a beloved local gem, perfect for satisfying your sweet tooth and creating delightful memories.

🍦 The Carver Creamery Highlights:

Location: You'll find the Carver Creamery at 300 Broadway N, Carver, MN 5531512.

Seasonal Delights: Open seasonally, this cozy spot is the perfect way to top off a warm summer day. Imagine strolling along the Minnesota River, the sun still lingering, and then treating yourself to a scoop of creamy goodness.

Flavorful Offerings: The Carver Creamery features 24 premium seasonal ice cream flavors that rotate throughout the summer. From classic favorites to unique creations, there's something for every palate.

Tempting Treats: Indulge in homemade waffle cones, specialty chocolate-dipped cones, shakes, malts, floats, and sundaes. Whether you're a traditionalist or an adventurous flavor explorer, you're in for a treat.

So, my friend, if you're in Carver, make sure to visit the Carver Creamery. It's where laughter meets scoops, and every bite is a little moment of joy!”

That wraps that up, except for the fact that soon everyone will once again be enjoying their delights. Looking forward to sharing their announcements.

Arts Consortium

The Arts Consortium of Carver County Annual Awards Exhibit opening/opens March 1st and goes through April 26th with a reception planned for April 18th at 6³⁰ PM, remember? Visit their webpage for more information. It's under the “home” caption, just tap on it and more information will appear on your monitor. (www.artsofcarvercounty.org)

Pride Gallery Exhibit is the next scheduled event tentatively scheduled to begin Saturday, June 1st.

The next ‘Artists Conversation’ events occurs on the third Monday of each month from 4 PM to 6 PM. If interested, contact the gallery or their webpage for more information.

Classes are also available through the ACCC arts world. Or maybe you are interested in teaching classes? Musical category, and literary category.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

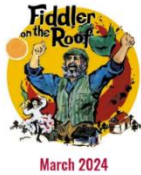
Announcing Fiddler on the Roof now playing at your local Community Center! Where you ask? Well, I will tell you.

You know where Chaska is right? Alright, I will quit yanking your chain, so to speak. The Community Center is in Chaska, off of Highway # 41 (also known as Chestnut Street, I believe) at 1661 Park Ridge Drive (next to Chaska Middle School East off of Engler Drive). Performances are Friday, March 1st at 7 PM, Saturday, March 2nd at 2 PM and 7 PM. Then on Sunday, the 3rd of March at 2 PM with an Understudy Performance. The following weekend begins with a performance on Thursday, March 7th at 7 PM, Friday the 8th at 7 PM, A Sensory Friendly Performance on Saturday at 2 PM and to wrap that weekend up, Sunday's performance at 2 PM on the 10th. Couldn't make it to any of those, your last chance will be Thursday, March 14th at 7 PM (Understudy performance), Friday, the 15th at 7 PM, Saturday, the 16th at 2 PM and finally the last performance for this beautiful piece of art will be at 2 PM on the 17th of March. You don't know what you are missing, if you don't go, by the way.

Be sure to visit their website or follow them on Facebook. That's it for this month! Except be sure to check out Dragonfly Camp information.

Easter Egg Hunt

That's right, it's that time of the year again. So pack up the kids, not the dog this time, the baskets and come see where the Easter Bunny left his/her egg all over the Community Park area for the little ones to frolic, run and collect and yes, compete. You know there's going to be the one who cries because either she/he didn't get as many as the others or none at all. If you pay attention, at all, you know there is always one, maybe two that are heartbroken. Maybe you might even get to see the illustrious Easter Bunny too? Lots of fun planned by those Carver Lions once again hosting the event. Where you ask do you find this event? Up at the Community Park (across from the new Fire Station off of Jonathan Carver Parkway). When? Saturday, March 30th at 10 AM Sharp! Remember, grab the kids and leave the dog at home. Sorry, but no pets allowed.



DragonFly Camp

You have heard of the DragonFly Camp right? They are or rather the camp is affiliated with the Chaska Valley Family Theatre troupe. Every summer they hold a camp for kids for students from third grade through eighth grade and is held at the Chaska Community Center Theatre on 1661 Park Ridge Drive in Chaska? This year's summer name is Dragonfly Camp: Willy Wonka Kids! If you have any questions not covered here, you can email them at cvfmail@gmail.com with any questions you might have. By the way, week one is already sold out but they do recommend that you sign up, to be put on the waiting list, in case there are any cancellations. Week one is scheduled for July 8th through July 13th. The camp hours are from 9 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Saturday with a performance for friends and family at 2:30 PM each Saturday. The second week of the camp is scheduled for July 15th through July 20th. Registration has already begun and you can register on line.

The Chaska Valley Family Theatre's Dragonfly Theatre Arts Camps is designed and welcomes young actors ages 8 – 14 back for their 18th summer of theatrical fun! It's a six day camp who will explore different aspects of musical theater, from auditions, set and prop design, dance, singing and performance. If you can, visit their webpage, www.cvft.org/dragonfly. Be sure to register if interested!

Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us as we continue our series entitled “You Meant it for Evil, but God Meant it for Good” during Lent. We will have services each Wednesday at 7 PM through March 20. We will also gather for Maundy Thursday (March 28) and Good Friday (March 29) services at 7 PM. We hope that you also join us for our Easter Celebration on March 31st. Breakfast will be served in the lower level of the church at 7:15 AM followed by a worship service at 8:30 AM.

-Worship services are at 10 AM every Sunday.

-Sermons are posted online at trinitycarver.com.

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



me going on a stupid little daily walk
For my stupid physical and mental health



Schram Haus Brewery



Sunday, March 3rd starting at noon until 3 PM the Schram Haus Brewery is having a Green Thumb Mini-Expo. The post asked, "Do plants make you happy? Are you a gardener or want to get into gardening? Does your thumb have a greenish tint sometimes?" They are inviting you to come and check out the event. Event is also sponsored by Akerberg Acres, West Union Community Gardens, and Chick of the Woods Foraging, by the way. The West Union Community Gardens will also be hosting a seed swap and Carver-Scott Master Gardeners will be on site providing gardening tips and answer questions that you might have. Free public event for the community to bring their extra seeds and gardening knowledge to share with others. There are also donated seeds to be sheared. Some vendors include: West Union Community Gardens Seed Swap, Carver-Scott Master Gardeners Tab, Minneclay, The Mustard Seed, Akerberg Acres and Chick of the Woods Foraging.

Also on Sunday, the 3rd there will be Girl Scout Cookies in the Haus! Also from noon until 3 PM. Local troops will be in the taproom for you to get what they called, 'your cookie fix'. Not only can you buy your favorite cookies, the brewery will be offering a beer and cookie pairing flight that you don't want to miss. Come and support your local troops.

Do you know what else is happening at the Haus they ask? "Do you know about our DAILY SPECIALS happening every week? Check out our current daily deals below and make plans to stop by today! And tomorrow...and the next day, and...well, you get the point. Come take advantage of these awesome offerings that will take you through the weekend. Know about their Daily Specials?"

"Thursday - 2 Beers and a Pretzel for \$25

Friday - BOGO Beer 12-5 PM

Saturday - \$2 off beers after 8 PM

Sunday - Progressive Happy Hour:

12-2 PM - \$1 off tap beer

2-4 PM - \$2 off tap beer

4-close- \$3 off tap beer"

Sunday, March 17th the brewery is also hosting the Shamrock Vendor Market. The brewery also said that it was a great time for spring sprucing and making the afternoon a spring shopping spree until 3 PM with all sorts of goodies from local businesses. Here's what they had to say about the event, "Join us at Schram Haus Brewery for a bit of craic at our brand-new Shamrock Vendor Market on Sunday, March 17th, from 12 PM to 3 PM We'll be filling the place to the brim with all sorts of goodies from our local businesses in our taproom and tent. It's the perfect chance to grab yourself a treat or two, spruce up the homestead, and get into the spirit of St. Paddy's Day! Entry is free, so show some love to these local unique vendors showing their spin in items for the holiday and spring!" Did you know that St Paddy's Day is considered a favorite beer drinking holiday?

Getting ahead a bit here, Saturday, March 16th you just might want to stop in at the Schram's Haus Brewery for their St Paddy's Day at the Haus, all day long to celebrate with all the green fun. At one o'clock until 4 PM there will be live music by Faydra Lagro. Then at 5 PM will Irish dance performance from Onograch Mulhern Geraghty Irish dancers followed by Live Music with Lehto & Wright folk rock band at 6 PM and playing until 9 PM. Think you are required to wear your St Paddy's Best. Oh, did I tell you that the Haus staff is serving all day long O'Schramigan Red Ale on tap?

The Haus is also already preparing for their "Goat Shine" day too. Get your tickets in advance. It is said to be one of their favorite events of the year. That's the day the Haus combines their release of their spring Bock beer with an afternoon of with goats and music! If you haven't experienced the event before, you might want to plan to go check it out. Their Goat Fest is planned for Saturday, April 20th with the fun starting at noon and will not end until six or later. Remember, you can get advance tickets. Just visit their webpage or stop in and ask questions.

Instagram Posting: "How to Instantly Feel Better"

Overthinking	=	Write
Tired	=	Nap
Sad	=	Exercise
Anxious	=	Meditate
Angry	=	Listen to Music
Lazy	=	Reduce Screen Time
Burn Out	=	Read
Stressed	=	Go for a Walk

Community Highlights

March 2024



March 1 st	No School First Day of Women's History Month Happy Birthday Annette!
March 2 nd	Happy Birthday Cindy! Happy Birthday Hannah!
March 3 rd	World Teen Mental Wellness Day World Wildlife Day Happy Birthday Taffney!
March 4 th	Council Meeting Happy Birthday Addie!
March 5 th	Primary Elections Happy Anniversary Cheryl and Terry!
March 6 th	Happy Birthday Bob! Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Max!
March 7 th	Happy Birthday Cheryl! Happy Birthday Brittany!
March 8 th	Happy Birthday Owen!
March 10 th	International Women's Day Daylight Savings Begins Ramadan
March 11 th	Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Carver Elementary PTO Meeting
March 12 th	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Dahlgren Township Annual Town Meeting Coffee and Connect
March 13 th	Happy Birthday Andrea!
March 15 th	Happy Birthday Alex! Carver Business Alliance Meeting Ides of March
March 16 th	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day!
March 17 th	St Patrick's Day
March 18 th	Council Meeting School Board Meeting March Equinox (Spring)
March 19 th	Happy Birthday Rylee!
March 20 th	Lions Meeting
March 21 st	Planning Commission Meeting
March 23 rd	Happy Birthday Jacob!
March 24 th	Palm Sunday Happy Birthday Keith!
March 25 th	Through March 29 th Spring Break Happy Birthday Charlie!
March 26 th	Coffee and Connect Happy Birthday James!
March 27 th	Happy Birthday Beth! Happy Birthday Laurie! Happy Birthday Daniel!
March 28 th	Maundy Thursday Happy Birthday Cheryl!
March 29 th	Good Friday Happy Birthday Lisa! Happy Birthday Ken!
March 30 th	Happy Birthday Paul!
March 31 st	World Backup Day Easter Sunday



West Union Lutheran Church

Were you aware that the West Union church has spots available to rent for community gardens? They start promoting for these plots in February and March. So, If you are interested in having fresh produce by your own hard work, blood, sweat and tears along with your gardening skills and having trouble finding or even reserving a spot, here's another alternative for you. Contact the West Union Church to find out who to talk to or make your reservation for that community garden spot. www.westunionluthern.org Located at 15820 Market Avenue, Cologne; 952-466-5678; Pastor Adam or Darcy Akerberg; or email them.

Also, see the article from Schram Haus Brewery. The West Union Community Gardens is hosting a Seed Swap at the Haus Green Thumb Mini Expo on Saturday, March 3rd at noon. An event for gardeners bringing their extra seeds and gardening knowledge to share. They have lots of seeds to share. Wink-Wink.....See you at Schram's.

"Champions keep playing until they get it right."

- Billie Jean King



City of Carver Announcements

Open Gym for 2024 at the Carver Elementary School located on 1717 Ironwood Drive, Carver through still ongoing and will be through March 24th from 2 PM until 5 PM. It's free. But remember to bring your own basketballs and equipment and that children under ten must be accompanied by an adult.

January Water Report

It is city staff's objective is to work with residents regarding removal of discolored water from household systems.

The city is aware of this issue inadvertently creating an unwanted narrative regarding recent water concerns. The following quote, unquote is not the full memo posted. Reference the city's webpage for the full content.

"The Water Resources Team acknowledges and regrets that in attempts to assist residents with discolored water reports, opportunities were missed to directly respond to the principal concern. We can and will do better! There is an abundance of mineral deposits (iron and manganese) in the City's water mains right now, which causes intermittent discoloration of water throughout the community. Although there is not a safety issue with the water, we acknowledge the situation is not ideal and want to improve the conditions significantly. This issue has been exacerbated in cases where people live near dead end infrastructure (water mains), near closed valve locations that were recently opened, and in areas where fire hydrants have been illegally accessed. The City needs to do a community-wide hydrant (water main) flush to remove these minerals from the system. The City can do this work as soon as overnight temperatures stay above freezing for 30 days or more. Although the City's manganese levels are within the Department of Health's desired ranges, the City's Utility Operators and Engineers believe they can make adjustments to the filtration system at the Water Treatment Facility on Mount Hope Road that increases the ability to pull a greater percentage of minerals out of the system...prior to the "finished" water being distributed throughout the community. There will always be a certain amount of minerals in our water, frankly every municipal drinking water system has them, however...if we increase our ability to remove these minerals on the head end...we can minimize the impacts out in the water main and in homes. Tremendous progress has been made in this area."

"OPERATIONS UPDATE Off-season flushing was completed. A full city-wide water main flush of the entire distribution system is planned for this spring. In the interim, residents may experience intermittent discoloration, until the benefits of a city-wide water main flush are realized. The Utilities Team charged the filter system, which promotes manganese and iron removal during the filtration process. The Utilities Team also cleaned the reclaim tank."

"MAINTENANCE TIP Home Water Softening (MN Department of Health) • Make sure the softener is set to the hardness of your water supply. If the hardness is set too high, the softener will cost more to operate and waste water, costing you extra money. The City of Carver suggests 32-35 grains as the water softener setting. • If your home has new copper plumbing, do not run the water softener for at least the first few weeks you use water at your house. This will help the plumbing form a protective mineral layer to reduce the risk of consuming excess copper. • Make sure that the softener is filled with sodium or potassium chloride (softener salt) following the manufacturer's recommendations. • Depending on your water quality, some softeners may be able to fully or partially remove copper, iron, manganese, and radium, in addition to calcium and magnesium. Note that copper can reenter the water after it leaves the softener and passes through your home's pipes and plumbing."

Parks Advisory Group

For informational purposes this units information can be found on the city's webpage for future reference. The following summarizes their purpose within the City of Carver. You can also find agendas and information on the city's webpage.

"The Parks Advisory Group is a new initiative for the City and a way for residents to explore and learn more about the City's park system. Part educational, part community building, the Parks Advisory Group will meet 4-6 times per year and be tasked with developing new park ideas, addressing current park needs, and working on community wide events. Send an email of interest to Erin at esmith@cityofcarver.com to be added to the Parks Advisory Group - the first meeting will be this spring!"

St Patrick's Revenge WOD

What? You may ask....These acronyms are gonna' be the death of the seniors, some seniors maybe, some not so much let me just say. Some of these acronyms you can find on line, and some you can't. This author is not at a fan nor fond of this "new age" acronym business of abbreviations, just so you know. Not that anyone even cares huh? Anyway, long story short, "WOD" stands for "Workout of the Day." Now, with that being said; the Chaska Parks and Recreation presents "St Patrick's Revenge WOD which will be happening at the Chaska Community Center at 9 AM in the Wellness Studio for a five dollar fee. You are one your own to find where the Wellness Studio is located inside the CCC, but maybe some of you already know. They guarantee that the staff in charge will have you in an inspired workout, their words, sweating, smiling and celebrating the Irish spirit! "With a mix of cardio, strength and mobility, you'll conquer leprechaun leaps, shamrock sprints and more! Wear your favorite shades of green and let the luck of the Irish propel you through this exhilarating fitness adventure." They say. Oh, did I forget to mention this is on Saturday, March 16th?

Other city announcements include the reminder that the Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 5th. Probably too late now by publication time for absentee voting. However, you can vote in person at the Carver Government Center through March 4th. Election Day voting for Carver will be at the City Hall, 7 AM to 8 PM and for Dahlgren Township residents, the East Union Lutheran Church Parish Hall with the same voting times.

Did you know that the Chaska Parks and Recreation Department offer a scholarship program? Its purpose is to provide financial support for participating in their programs. For full details and to apply, visit: www.chaskaparksandrec.com
Carver collaborates with Chaska Parks and Recreation in a joint partnership for programming and rates at the Chaska facilities which include the Chaska Community Center, Curling Center, Town Course, and Park 30.

The City of Carver would also like everyone to be aware and register if interested that the Carver Community Gardens in Carver have opened registrations. The gardens are located behind the Church-by-the-River on Main Street. For more information: www.cityofcarver.com/324/Community-Gardens

Still another city announcement: the Carver County Environmental Services is seeking feedback. They are in the process of updating the County Solid Waste Management Plan that outlines management of waste. The residents input is requested because it is important in helping the powers that will be in making informed decisions about household waste (garbage), recycling, and organics. You can visit: www.RecycleCarver.com to take a brief survey with the link available through early April of 2024. Survey results will be shared at www.RecycleCarver.org and RecycleCarver on Facebook in the future. Thanks in advance for your input.

Request is also submitted asking that you know your flood hazard...The local streams and rivers in the City of Carver include the Minnesota River, Spring Creek, and Carver Creek. These waterways usually flood in the spring and weather dependent circumstances, summer. Be aware, get information and know what to do. More information is available on the city's website under the 'floodplain information' page. Check it out.



City Announcements – Continued –

And still another city announcement, see larger flyer further down. Looking for something special to do with the little ones, ages two through five for St Patrick's Day? There's a Little Leprechaun Party planned for Tot Time Adventure at the City Hall on Friday, March 15th with the fun to begin at 9:30 AM. There will be fun, games, crafting and a snack for mom or dad and the kids until 10:30 AM.



East Union Lutheran Church

East Union Lutheran Church worship is on Sundays at 9 AM. All are welcome for worship or join them on Facebook.

Their Lenten Service schedule is as follows and worshipping with West Union congregation again this year:

Midweek Lenten Services on 3/6 at West Union, dinner @6 PM, Holden Evening Prayer @7 PM. Midweek Lenten Services on 3/13 & 3/20 at East Union, dinner @6 PM, Holden Evening Prayer @7 PM. Maundy Thursday Worship on 3/28 at East Union. Good Friday Worship on 3/29 at West Union. Easter Sunday at both churches will be on March 31st at 9 AM.



Sunday School is also on Sundays at 10 AM for three year old through Grade 5. Again, all are welcome. East Union Vacation Bible School will be held July 22nd through July 25th, Monday through Thursday from 9 AM until 3 PM for Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. There is no registration fee.

They are also looking forward to their new photo directories. Mark your calendars for May 16-18 to come to church to have your picture taken for the directory. Please make sure the church office has your current address and phone numbers. Watch for more information.

Towel Ministry: February is the month to show love. Here at East Union we show our love in many different ways to the world. During the month of February, would you consider a gift of towels, money, or Koh's cash to help the East Union/Love INC towel ministry in the ever growing needs of Eastern Carver County? How about volunteering to do some towel deliveries? Requests for towels have nearly tripled since we started this ministry 8 years ago. We could really use your help volunteering, training will be provided. Please pray about this and contribute in any way you can. Thank you.

The East Union congregation also has a grocery cart in the Parish Center for Food Shelf donations. They also have a Card Ministry. Check their webpage to learn more. This team also is seeking unwanted card material or no longer used cards and material. Consider donating it to the Card Ministry group at the church.

Sticks Tavern

Did you know that you can order online from Sticks Tavern? Go to their Facebook page and get updates on their specials and all the events occurring too. Sticks Tavern will be holding Friday Fish Frys too by the way.



What's new over at Sticks Tavern you ask? You did know it is a family owned restaurant and bar, didn't you? Located at Dahlgreen Golf Club, their Gastropub/American Diner Faire style menu with a full service menu which includes the best wings in town, gourmet hamburgers, amazing pasta, steaks or chops to delight those senses in your mouth.

Again, Stick's began the Lenten season with Fish Fry Fridays too. All You Can Eat, starts at 5 PM and ends at 9 PM. You can bet all the fixins' with the fish is included.

Don't forget Taco Tuesdays, Wednesday Bingo, Thursday Trivia Night or Sunday's Brunch with all day Happy Hours. Want more information? www.stickstavern.com or their Facebook page.

Old Log Theatre

Think it was WCCO anchors that heard the news about the Old Log Theatre closing up shop. There was also an article in the Star Tribune. The statement printed in the newspaper was, "The final curtain is falling on the Old Log Theatre. Minnesota's oldest and longest continuously operating playhouse." The performed for 84 years. Had the opportunity to attend o of those performances back in the 90's. By the time this is published, it will be too late to make that last chance opportunity to see one of their last performances. But so you know anyway. Another chapter of history closes leaving those fortunate enough with only memories in their memory banks.



Mad Science

Compliments of Macaroni Kid here's some upcoming news and events for you to consider.

There is "Mad Science – Parents Night Out" – RSVP at the Chaska Community Center is planned for Friday, March 8th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. They said "No need to find a babysitter! Take the night off and leave your little ones with us for a night of fun games, gym play, themed crafts, pizza dinner and a big screen movie! Kids ages three to nine are welcome." These Parent Night Out events are every other Friday with themes. April 5th and 19th are the next dates.

For more information go to their webpage and browse around and see what interests you. www.carver.macaronikid.com

There are some other events going on too. Saturday, March 9th is Sugar Bush Phot Hike (RSVP) at Victoria Lowry Center starting at 12:30 PM until 2: 30 PM.

Friday, the 15th of March at Waconia Early Childhood Family Center is planned for Family Yoga with ECFE (RSVP) at 11:30 AM until 12:15 PM.

Another is Shamrock Swin (RSVP) at Safari Island Community Center, Waconia on Saturday, March 16th at 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM. Have youngsters? Worth checking out for more information, Carver Macaroni Kids.



Slam the Scam

National Slam the Scam Day is March 7th.

From the Social Security Administration

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information.

Help protect your loved ones and people in your community this Slam the Scam Day by:

Educating them about government imposter scams. Let them know they shouldn't be embarrassed to report if they shared personal information or suffered a financial loss. It is important to report the scam as quickly as possible.

Sharing our [Scam Alert](#) fact sheet and helping educate others about how to protect themselves.

Report Social Security-related scams to the Social Security Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

Visit www.sssa.gov/scam for more information and follow SSA-OIG on Facebook, Twitter and Linked in to stay up to date on the latest scam tactics.



Another

Instagram

Posting:

By the Age of 25
you should be
Smart Enough
to Realize that>

1. Stay silent, not everything needs to be said.
2. Never shake a hand while sitting down.
3. Protect who is behind you, and respect who is beside you.
4. Never eat the last piece of something you didn't buy.
5. Don't throw your friend under the bus to impress someone.
6. Never insult the cooking when you are the guest.
7. Don't use the urinal next to an occupied one.
8. Don't take out your phone during a conversation.
9. Never take credit for the work you didn't do.
10. Listen, nod, and most of all make eye contact.
11. Don't make fun of your friend in front of his kids.
12. Never let emotions overpower you.
13. Never beg for a relationship.
14. Dress well no matter the occasion.
15. No one cares if you are offended, so stop it.

Gossip - Not Gossip

Heads up: The MN Valley Electrical Cooperative has announced that their annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th at the Jordan High School.

Taste of Minnesota is back for 2024! According to a report on KSTP from news anchors, the Taste of MN is returning July 6th and 7th on the Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis. Watch for more updates coming as summer approaches, that is if you are interested.

Did you know that March 29th through the 31st is known as the "Borrowing Days"? According to the Farmer's Almanac, and lore, the last three days of March have a reputation for being stormy. What you think?

Over in Jordan, across the river at St John's the Baptist School there is a kindergarten roundup scheduled to happen with the doors opening at 4 PM for anyone interested in parochial education for the younger munchkins'. That's Thursday, March 14th at 4 PM until 5 PM. Address? 215 Broadway Street North, Jordan, Minnesota.

Yellowbrick Comedy Luce Line brewing and Pat LaVone are performing Friday, March 1st (or performed) depending on publication date here, with "Stand Up Comedy New Material Night" at Luce Line Brewing at 8 PM.

Did you know that there is a family owned and operated local apple and vegetable farm in Carver? Or am I the last one to know (tsk tsk). It's called Akerberg Acres? Visit their Facebook page or phone 612-203-2935 for more information.

Did you know that Eastern Carver County schools employs 1,500 employees? Or that these employees are represented by twelve unions? This includes teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers just to name a few, there are more. Or did you know that contracts are negotiated on a cycle? This year two contracts are being negotiated which includes the teachers contracts. Check their web page for more information if you are interested in learning more. www.district112.org

Summer camps registrations opened in February for the Three River Park Districts.

Per a very reliable source with their finger on the pulse of Carver excitement: was told that Carver-on-The-Minnesota will be ordering more copies of the "History of Carver" by John von Walter. They will be in paperback this time around. The price and quantity is still being determined at print time. The Carver County Historical Society and the City of Carver will be selling the books. Hurry and get your order in! I got mine and it's good. Hurry, before they are all gone, again.

Was also told that a movie was filmed in Carver? The film crew was apparently down by the Church-by-the-River and the movie is called *Unholy Communion*. A native Minnesotan, (Minneapolis) Vincent Kratheiser from the *Mad Men* series is starring in the movie and was in Carver? Minnesota? For the filming, would have had to have been in Carver if he is starring in it right? Turns out there is more Minnesotan's starring in this feature.

And there's more...I looked it up.

The chat bot had this to say, well part of it, Vincent "is starring in the murder mystery film "Unholy Communion." The movie is currently being filmed in St. Paul, Minnesota, and it's a completely homegrown effort. [Vincent Kratheiser shares the screen with Adam Bartley, another Minnesotan actor known for his work on shows like "Longmire" and "NCIS: Los Angeles"](#) " (Adam Bartley is a graduate from Eden Prairie High School)

"*Unholy Communion*" is an adaptation of the novel by Thomas Rumreich, who is an 81-year-old Scandia resident, retired dentist, and first-time novelist. The story revolves around Washington County investigator Chris Majek, who is called to the scene of a retired priest's horrific murder. Little does he know that this murder is a portent of more to come. The novel draws from Rumreich's personal experiences as a college student at St. John's University, where he was sexually abused by a priest in the early 1960s. [The book's profits are donated to the Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests](#)

It's exciting to see Minnesota's own talent shining in this intriguing murder mystery!"

Do you pay attention to the Farmer's Almanac? Sometimes they have, well, actually all the time they have interesting facts to share. Happened to catch the following which caught my interest. The 'Folklore for the Season.'

"A wet spring, a dry harvest.

On St. Patrick's Day, the warm side of a stone turns up, and the broad-back goose begins to lay.

March comes in with adders' heads and goes out with peacocks' tails.

Thunder in spring, Cold will bring.

So many mists in March you see, So many frosts in May will be.

In beginning or in end, March its gifts will send.

Bleak winds assault us all around;

Dances aloft, or skims the ground:

See the school-boy—his hat in hand,

While on the path he scarce can stand

March's birth flower is the daffodil or jonquil. The daffodil signifies regard or unrequited love. The jonquil means "I desire a return of affection." [See more about March's birth flower.](#)

March's birthstone is the aquamarine. This gem is a type of beryl; its color can be pale to dark blue, greenish-blue, or blue-green; deep, intense blue versions are more valuable. [See more about March's birthstone.](#)

March's Zodiac signs are Pisces (February 20 to March 20) and Aries (March 21 to April 20)."

Also: "According to Henry David Thoreau, the call of a bluebird is a song that "melts the ear, as the snow." Read more about this lovely bird in "[House-hunting With the Bluebird](#)." And, "Spring means fishing!"

Here is still another posting from Carver Life about River City Days over in Chaska that might be of interest to some.

There is an Open Community Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 10th to begin at 10 AM and go until noon. Looks like there will also be one scheduled for April too. They are open to all Chaska and surrounding community members who are invited to come and sit down with the committee to discuss ideas for the upcoming River City Days. Interested in volunteering, come to the meeting. This is an opportunity on so many levels. Sponsoring, hosting, just being a part of the event, sharing ideas, promoting businesses and on and on with endless opportunities.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive but to thrive and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."
- [Maya Angelou](#)



Ides of March

Know what the Ides of March even are? What does "Beware the Ides of March" even mean? Look it up if you are want to know more, but this author summed up what Tim Goodwin had to say about the Ides of March.

"Wm Shakespeare created a mystique around the Ides of March with his late 16th-century classic, *Julius Caesar*.

But where did the term originate? Why is it a symbol for bad luck? It has ties to Shakespeare.

"According to the Roman calendar, the Ides are a monthly occurrence. In March and other months with 31 days, the Ides always falls on the 15th; it falls on the 13th in months with 30 days. The Ides traditionally marked the arrival of the new Moon and was cause for celebration. The word "Ides" is derived from Latin, meaning "to divide."

The Ides is one of three named days in the Roman calendar month. The others are the Kalends, which always falls on the first day of a month, and the Nones, which occurs on either the 5th or the 7th of a month, depending on if it has 30 or 31 days, respectively."

"The Romans tracked time differently than we do today. Instead of assigning a number to each day, months were divided into groupings around three landmark days that marked specific Moon phases. For example, in March, the Kalends represented the first day of a month (new Moon); the Nones fell on the seventh day (first quarter); and the Ides occurred on the 15th (full Moon)."

"The Ides fell on the 15th in the months of March, May, July, and October. In the other months, the Ides were recognized on the 13th, which also shifted the Nones to the fifth day. The time between the 3 days was counted as "before the Nones," "before the Ides," and "before the Kalends."

The Ides of March also represented the beginning of a new year with the appearance of the first full Moon of the Roman year before January and February were later added to the Roman calendar.

Should You Fear the Ides of March?"

"As with [Friday the 13th](#), bad luck is in the eye of the beholder, so it's best to just go about your day as usual on March 15. In other words, don't live in fear of something out of your control. If someone tells you to "Beware the Ides of March," it's probably nothing of serious consequence, but that's probably what Caesar thought, too!"

"The Shakespeare Connection

Caesar gives little thought to the words, but he should have taken them more to heart—because he may have lived to lead another day. Caesar's Last Ides of March

It is said that Caesar, the Roman general and dictator, received a similar message on March 15, 44 B.C. He did not take the warning to heart and was assassinated by a group of senators. The plot, led by enemies-turned-friends Marcus Junius Brutus and Gaius Cassius Longinus, was carried out in the Senate House in Rome. It is said that those who took part in Caesar's killing believed it would save the Roman Republic. Others have speculated that Caesar's calendar reform and the rejection of long-held Roman traditions led to his demise."

**BEWARE
THE IDES
OF MARCH!**



Women's History Month

Women's History Month: a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2024 will take place from Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 31, 2024. Sidebar: While there is not a specific month designated to Celebrate the males there is an International Men's Day, November 19th, recognizing the positive value men also bring to the world, their families and communities.



While at the same time, it is an obvious observation, as well, that this particular honoring of the female population will undoubtedly offend/disturb/aggravate some men, not all, but the ones who have been have hurt, desecrated unfairly or used by some women. To be fair totally too, it will also offend some women.

The ability to balance anything in this society these days seems to be lost or forsaken on so many levels and in so many ways. There are advantages/disadvantages, good/bad in every single aspect of life, living, existing ad dying.

Everyone and everything is not perfect no matter how much we, as individuals want it to be. Nothing ever goes the way we want all the time.

With that being said, the month is dedicated to reflect on the overlooked contributions of women in US history. Women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States. The actual celebration grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized in California in 1978. The idea caught on across the country. President Carver issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week in 1980. Then Congress, the following year established a national celebration. Six years later The National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event throughout the entire month.

"The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2024 theme celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." This theme recognizes women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions."

At the risk of overstepping the boundaries: Remember, everything good in life, the bad, biased, misinformed, fearful and mistreated humans will abuse that good thing and doesn't matter what gender it is, color, nationality, or cultural, Ignorance breeds hate. Patience, understanding, compassion and love is what the world needs more of and to see the good and the bad in everything that touches our lives. Balance is the key. There are great women, there are great men and there are those who are not great but still humans with a heart, feelings and a soul regardless. Be tolerant, walk in their shoes and try to understand. Perhaps if each of us removed the gender/color equations, we could get back to a more balanced, undivided society.

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity,"

~Amelia Earhart

Happy Easter



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Tot Time Adventure LITTLE LEPRECHAUN PARTY

Join us for some St. Patty's Day fun! This is a parent/child program is filled with crafts, games, and a snack.

The fee is for the child only.

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 15
TIME: 9:30-10:30AM
PLACE: VILLAGE HALL,
316 BROADWAY, CARVER
FEE: \$8 RESIDENTS; \$10 REGULAR

Register Today!



Courtney's Message:

Greetings!

The first day of spring arrives later this month, following a winter which seemed like it never really got here. As the days get longer and hopefully warmer, I have a handful of updates to share this month. Here goes!

Parking by mailboxes – A resident reached out to me recently asking if parking was prohibited in front of mailboxes. It turns out it wasn't, but that's about to change! We recently amended Carver's parking ordinance and starting March 25, parking will be restricted within 10 feet of any type of postal delivery box Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except on holidays.

Community Gardens – Reservations for Carver's Community Gardens, which are located behind Church by the River (109 Main Street East) opened last month. Priority is given to Carver residents who sign up through the end of this month, so don't wait to reserve your plot! For more information, check out cityofcarver.com/324/Community-Gardens!

Community Survey – Last month we finalized the details of the 2024 Community Survey. The Morris Leatherman Group will conduct a telephone survey of 400 randomly selected households in the City of Carver. This sample size will provide results projectable to the entire city adult population within ± 5.0 percent in 95 out of 100 cases. The sample is also sufficient to permit the results to be divided into four categories for more detailed analysis, such as age, mobility, home ownership, presence of children and other demographic characteristics. We should have results from the Community Survey later this summer.

Hollywood comes to Carver – Last month a film crew rented Church by the River to film scenes for "Unholy Communion," a new murder mystery movie based on the book of the same name by Thomas Rumerich. The movie stars native Minnesotans Vincent Kartheiser ("Mad Men," "Another Day in Paradise") and Adam Bartley ("Longmire," "NCIS: Los Angeles") in addition to a largely local cast and crew.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns about anything in this newsletter or about something that's going on in our community, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."

– Rosa Parks

Fish Fries

Have been seeing lot of posts inquiring about local Fish Fries during Lent. Set out to compile a list of what I could find for y'all. Not complete, probably not a hundred percent accurate but when you search on the internet and guess, it's amazing what you can find, but again, not absolute or complete....

Locally: Carver, I mean. No Fish Fry at Lisa's but fish is on the menu, along with all the other fun things that occur at Lisa's Place. Doghouse, out of luck too, but Brian (Proprietor) encourages you to stop in for Happy Hour and weekly specials or just to say 'hi.'

Now over at Harvey's Bar and Grill. There, you can get All you can Eat on Fridays from 4 PM until 9 PM.

Stick's Tavern too, see separate article for Sticks Tavern. Then there's Mizzy's Pizza over on Dahlgren Road. They are offering a fish basket on Friday's during Lent. Three piece cod and fries. Here's a bonus, it's available for dining-in, pick up or delivery.

Over in Chaska at Guardian Angels (gym) the Knights of Columbus are offering Fish Fries on March 8th and March 22nd. Don't forget at St Nicholas in Carver's Donut Sundays.

Over across the river, in Jordan at the St John's Catholic Church is their Fish Fry offering fish, baked beans, Cole slaw, potato salad, bun, and beverages from 4:30 PM until 7 PM. Down the highway to Belle Plaine, the Vet's Club is trying to raise funds for a roof and offering All You Can Eat Fish Fry.

Zion Church, Cologne advertised for February but couldn't find if they were doing it all during Lent. Call and ask them if you interested. Any other place's in Cologne, not sure, thought I saw something about Burkey's and fish, but... Excelsior? Waconia? Norwood/Young America?

Now over in Chanhassen you will find several. There's the American Legion, Axel's Restaurant, and the Knights of Columbus over at the Fellowship Hall at St Hubert's Catholic Community. Chaska found Willy McCoy's and Crooked Pint offering Fish.

The Shakopee area list included McCoy's Copper Pint, American Legion, Mallard's Restaurant and Lounge, Pullman's, and Turtles Bar and Grill. Two strays that popped up was Buffalo Tap in Savage and Tavern 4 & 5 in Eden Prairie.

Then found the following if you are interested from Macaroni Kid on line.

March 1, 2024 [Fish Fry - Norwood Young America](#)

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Church of the Ascension.

The meal includes; Fish, coleslaw, baked potato, baked beans, water and a cookie.

Dine-in or drive-thru.

\$16 per meal

March 1, 2024 [Fish Fry - Chanhassen](#)

St. Hubert's Fish Fry.

Serving baked and fried fish, baked potato or cheesy hash browns, green beans, coleslaw, and bread.

Adults: \$16, Seniors (65+) or Military: \$14, Age 6-12: \$7, Children under 5: FREE, Family: \$42 (maximum of four adults; additional adults are \$7)

March 1, 2024 [Fish Fry - Waconia](#)

St. Joseph Dine-In or Take Out Fish Fry.

Adults \$16, Children ages 6-12 is \$7, Children 5 and under are free.

March 1, 2024 [Fish Fry - Arlington](#)

Arlington Lions Fish Fry.

Menu includes; Fish, Potato Salad, Slaw, and Baked Beans. Take out available.

Adults \$17, Children ages 5-12 are \$9



FISH FRYS – continued:

March 1, 2024 [Fish Fry - Silver Lake](#)

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.

Dine-In or Carry Out

\$16 for adults, Children ages 4-10 are \$8 and under 4 are Free

March 2, 2024 [Fish Fry - Eden Prairie](#)

Fish Fry at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Fundraiser for Let's Go Fishing - Eden Prairie Area.

Menu includes; Fish, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Cookie, Beverage and all the fixings.

\$18 per meal

March 8, 2024 [Fish Fry - Chaska](#)

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Guardian Angels.

Menu Includes Pollock fish (deep-fried beer battered, deep-fried dry rub or lemon pepper oven baked), mashed potatoes and potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll, coffee, water or milk. Take-outs available.

Adults \$16 / Kids 6 to 12 are \$7 / Kids 5 and under are Free. Family \$50 for parent(s) with their minor children.

March 8, 2024 [Fish Fry - Waconia](#)

St. Joseph Dine-In or Take Out Fish Fry.

Adults \$16, Children ages 6-12 is \$7, Children 5 and under are free.

March 8, 2024 [Fish Fry - Winsted](#)

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted.

Dine-In Menu includes fish fillets, homemade tartar sauce, French fries, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, milk and coffee.

Dine-In, Drive-Thru or Walk-Up

At the Door Adult \$16, Children ages 6-10 is \$7, Children 5 and under are free.

March 15, 2024 [Fish Fry - Chanhassen](#)

St. Hubert's Fish Fry.

Serving baked and fried fish, baked potato or cheesy hash browns, green beans, coleslaw, and bread.

Adults: \$16, Seniors (65+) or Military: \$14, Age 6-12: \$7, Children under 5: FREE, Family: \$42 (maximum of four adults; additional adults are \$7)

March 15, 2024 [Fish Fry - Victoria](#)

Victoria Lions Fish Fry.

More details coming soon

March 15, 2024 [Fish Fry - Waconia](#)

St. Joseph Dine-In or Take Out Fish Fry.

Adults \$16, Children ages 6-12 is \$7, Children 5 and under are free.

March 22, 2024 [Fish Fry - Chaska](#)

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Guardian Angels.

Menu Includes Pollock fish (deep-fried beer battered, deep-fried dry rub or lemon pepper oven baked), mashed potatoes and potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll, coffee, water or milk. Take-outs available.

Adults \$16 / Kids 6 to 12 are \$7 / Kids 5 and under are Free. Family \$50 for parent(s) with their minor children.

March 22, 2024 [Fish Fry - Waconia](#)

St. Joseph Dine-In or Take Out Fish Fry.

Adults \$16, Children ages 6-12 is \$7, Children 5 and under are free.

*Times and Prices subject to change.

New events will be added as information is available.

Thanks to Macaroni Kid.....for their list

Happy Fish Fry finding

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

[Shirley Chisholm](#)



People who have been single for too long are the hardest to love, because they have become so used to being single, independent, and self-sufficient that it takes something extraordinary to convince them that they need you in their life.

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."

— [Malala Yousafzai](#)

Lisa's Journey to find a Kidney Donor

Written by Ricki Schultz and Graham Johnson

Picture taken by Graham Johnson



There was an article in the Chaska Herald (SW News Media) regarding a Carver family's daughter-in-law, Lisa Armstrong who is married to Mike Armstrong. Lee and Rosie Armstrong are her in-laws who are Dahlgren Township residents but considered a part of Carver. Lee used to own Carver Heating and Air Conditioning, a business in Carver. It seems Ms Armstrong is in need of a kidney transplant. Also, from reading the article Graham Johnson wrote, she has had quite the health journey her entire life. Her kidneys are failing and she is currently on dialysis. Possibly word can be spread so that someone might find it in their heart to step up, be tested and donate a kidney?

A former teacher, Bev Geffert, from Chaska Schools approached the School Board about putting up a banner at a school game event for the purpose of awareness and the need for a kidney. The article was published the week of February 22nd, or Carver Current webpage also

has it printed on the 22nd. It's well worth the read and again, anyone who may be interested is asked to call 612-625-5115 and identify Lisa's name. Or if you prefer and can, visit www.uofmtransplant.org for more information. Prayers and thoughts are extended to Lisa and her family.

Graham stated that what is important and the biggest thing I would like to emphasize is that not only are all the medical tests surrounding donation paid for, you will receive a report about all the tests that were done and whether you are a candidate for donation. Even if someone cannot donate directly to Lisa for whatever reason (different blood type for example), you can still do what is called a paired exchange where someone donates a kidney to another person but references Lisa Armstrong, she will be moved to the front of the list and get the next available kidney that she is a match for. Age isn't necessarily a factor for the donor either. The biggest thing is that the donor is healthy and isn't on a lot of medication. I would be so happy if we could help this woman find a donor.

This is Lisa's story:

I have had type 1 diabetes since age 6. I have always tried to take good care of myself, but the technology to care for diabetes was not always as good as it is now. I had my first transplant from my mother in 1995. I had a pancreas transplant in 2005 to eliminate the diabetes, but that transplant failed and the diabetes returned and it damaged my mother's kidney that she donated. My sister donated a kidney in 2010. In 2011, I found out that I had cancer from the medication I was taking for the transplant. The chemotherapy worked, but caused damage to my sister's donated kidney. I have been cancer free for 12 years. I have had kidney failure and been on dialysis 3 times a week for 4 hours each day since May of 2023. A living donor is the most successful way to get a transplant. My family members have been screened and are unable to donate for various reasons. I am reaching out to friends and the community to see if there is someone that is a match that would be willing to donate.

Some positive aspects of donating a kidney are that you will get free in-depth medical screening. There is a grant that can reimburse you for lost wages and your job is safe while you are out. The hospital stay is usually only a couple of days and everything is paid for. There are tax credits for kidney donors also. If you are interested in learning more about kidney donation at the U of MN., please call 612-625-5115 and tell them you would like to donate a kidney to Lisa Armstrong. It is called a directed donation. This will help me to be able to live to see my daughter graduate and see her future unfold, which is something that is precious to me.

Here are some different websites and videos that may help.

Here is the living donor website for the U of MN.

<https://mhealthfairview.org/treatments/living-donor-kidney-transplant>

Here is a short video link talking about living donation.

https://youtu.be/uRzgQeaf4Q0?si=98GXovy81V_1SA5W

What is dialysis videos

https://youtu.be/AMNlwB_CS_I?si=8R35m9Jybljceygg

<https://youtu.be/PE9-23gJa8E?si=Jwf4mMstNWVMQlpo>

Here is a link to Fresenius Kidney care that deals with dialysis

<https://www.freseniuskidneycare.com/>

There are currently 22 people that have dialysis at the Fresenius clinic in Waconia every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thank you so much for taking the time to write this article, my family and I really appreciate it.

Mike, Lisa and Katelyn Armstrong

Here is a link to the article in the Herald
Local woman searching for kidney donor

Thank you so much for writing this article and putting it in the paper. It will help to get the word out and find a kidney donor. And thanks Graham again for sharing his article and pictures.

Lisa Armstrong

Compliments of the Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Here are some pictures that the staff wished to share with y'all from Fiddler on the Roof performance. Thanks!

**Golde scolds
Tevye**



**Hodel seeks Tevye's Blessing
Not permission**



**Tevye accepts Treitel's
decision who to marry**



**Tevye denies Chave
for his Faith**



Tevye's Family

Lent and Holy Week Schedule 2024

Regular Mass and Confessions Schedule:

Guardian Angels Sunday Masses: 4:30 PM Saturday, 8:00 & 10:00 AM Sunday, 12:30 PM in Spanish
Saint Nicholas Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM Sunday
Daily Masses: 5:30 PM Tues., 8:00 AM Wed. & Thurs., 6:00 PM Fri. at St. Nicholas
Individual Confessions: Saturdays 8:00 – 8:45 AM and 3:15 – 4:15 PM at Guardian Angels

Ash Wednesday, February 14th:

12:00 PM Mass in English at Guardian Angels

6:15-6:45 PM St. Francis Hall: Presentation and Q/A on Annulments, Divorce, & Remarriage

7:00 PM Mass at Guardian Angels, Bilingual

7:00 PM Mass in English at Saint Nicholas

Fish Frys Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus All Held in the Guardian Angels Gymnasium.

Friday, February 23rd, 4:00 – 7:30 PM

Friday, March 8th, 4:00 – 7:30 PM

Friday, March 22nd, 4:00 – 7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 PM at Saint Nicholas (Confessions offered 15 minutes prior)

All Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 PM at Guardian Angels (Confessions offered afterward)

Community Reconciliation Services with Individual Confession:

For Faith Formation Families at Guardian Angels Wednesday, February 28th, 6:15 – 7:45 PM All-

Parish Reconciliation at Guardian Angels Sunday, March 10th, 4:00 PM

Triduum Schedule (all at Guardian Angels):

Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8:30 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 PM Livestreamed

Quiet prayer at the tabernacle through 8:00 AM Good Friday.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Friday, March 29th, 3:00 PM Livestreamed

Stations of the Cross in Spanish Friday, March 29th, 7:00 PM

Continued Adoration of the Cross until 10:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Saturday, March 30th, 8:30 PM Bilingual & Livestreamed

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

6:30 AM Ecumenical Sunrise Prayer at City Square Park

8:00 AM Mass in English at Guardian Angels No Incense

10:00 AM Mass in English at Guardian Angels Livestreamed

10:00 AM Mass in English at Saint Nicholas

12:00 PM Mass in Spanish at Guardian Angels

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions, April 7th:

2:30 PM in Spanish at Guardian Angels (after 12:30 Mass in Spanish)

3:30 PM in English at Guardian Angels

Carver Lions



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday,
March 30, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Community Park
800 6th St. W., Carver

Please be on time. NO PETS!
Bring a bag or basket for your
Easter Eggs