

# Transcending Time

Carver County Historical Society

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## Judging history: Exhibit offers early look at court

Story and photos courtesy of the *Chaska Herald*

The Carver County and Chaska Historical Societies recently teamed up to create an exhibit on display in an alcove next to the court administration office at the Carver County Courthouse. The exhibit is titled, "Carver County's 'Lay' Judges: Judges of Probate and Justices of the Peace." The exhibit explains how the judicial system was set up in our county's early history, with the probate judge and justice of the peace serving at the local level, and larger cases deferred to district court.

"What floored me was to find out that many judges were lay judges with no training of the law," said CCHS curator Larry Hutchings. "The exhibit provides a brief look at a time when the justice system relied on individuals of good character and community standing rather than legal training." Hutchings created the display and Lisa Oberski, of Chaska, researched the exhibit. She noted that one judge of probate in the 1890s, Julius Schaller, also worked as a shoemaker.

The exhibit includes a number of historical artifacts from the judge's chamber, back when it was located in Chaska's old Carver County Courthouse (currently the site of Klein Bank and the Chaska Post Office). Judge of Probate John Glaeser, who served from 1903 until 1925, forms the centerpiece of the exhibit. He was an insurance company president before becoming judge. Glaeser's desk and two filing cabinets are on display in the exhibit, along with a photo of him in his chambers behind the desk, with the cabinets in the background. Other items on display include handcuffs from the Carver County Jail, an official notary stamp, and a coat rack from the old courthouse.

The Carver County commissioners approved the funding for the project. One of the commissioners, Randy Maluchnik was on hand for the exhibit opening last

Thursday afternoon, as were Carver County and Chaska Historical Society directors Wendy Biorn and Tracy Swanson, Sheriff Bud Olson, First Judicial Judge (and CCHS board president) Mike Fahey, Hutchings and Oberski.

"We should honor the people that have come before," said Maluchnik, who also serves as the Carver County Historical Society county liaison.

Pictured left to right: Sheriff Bud Olson, Carver County Historical Society curator Larry Hutchings, First District Judge Mike Fahey, exhibit researcher Lisa Oberski, Carver County Commissioner Randy Maluchnik, Chaska Historical Society Director Tracy Swanson and Carver County Historical Society Executive Director Wendy Biorn.



First District Judge Mike Fahey poses behind Probate Judge John Glaeser's desk



# SNIPPETS

Wendy Biorn  
Executive Director

## Special Gifts

In memory of

**Betty Strei:**

by Kelsey and Leanne Brown

Contribution to

**Annual Fund:**

by Charles and Catherine Sell

**Corporate Matching Funds:**

by Prudential and  
Ronald Holtmeier

*Please remember the Historical  
Society with your memorial gifts.*

## Historic Preservation in Carver County

Historic preservation matters. That sounds simple enough. I think everyone would agree that historic and cultural places and sites are important as they provide a tangible link that connects us to our past. The trouble is that historic preservation can be confusing. What and where are our historic resources and how do we preserve them?

The most comprehensive effort to identify historic properties occurred in 1977, when the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) completed a survey of Carver County as part of a county-by-county survey of the state. The results of the survey showed 88 archaeological sites and more than 400 buildings and structures. As a result of the survey, 26 properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Properties (NRHP). Since then, a number of additional properties have been identified through project specific surveys. The most notable efforts are on going efforts of the Heritage Preservation Commissions (HPCs) in Carver and Chaska. As of October 2007, there were a combined total of 32 individual properties and historic districts listed on the NRHP in the county. Locally, the City of Chaska has designated 56 properties.

Despite the role historic and cultural resources play in our lives, many resources face very real threats. These threats range from development pressure, benign neglect, to inappropriate alterations that strip properties of their historic character.

To address this problem, Carver County has taken the step of adding a historic preservation chapter to its 2030 comprehensive plan. Three key needs were identified as a result of the public participation process: the need to identify cultural resources, the need to develop mechanisms to protect cultural resources and the need to interpret cultural resources.

For more information on the 2030 comprehensive plan and the historic preservation chapter please visit:  
[www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/LWS/2030\\_plan.asp](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/LWS/2030_plan.asp).

You're invited to...

## A Chanhassen Celebration of History and the Arts

Sunday, May 18

Old St. Hubert's Church

306 West 78th Street

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Social Gathering on the Plaza
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Musical Entertainment featuring: The CHAN-o-laires, St. Hubert's Brass, Chanhassen Children's Choir, and the Chaska Valley Family Theatre

# Junior Curator Helps Illustrates Preschool Scavenger Hunt

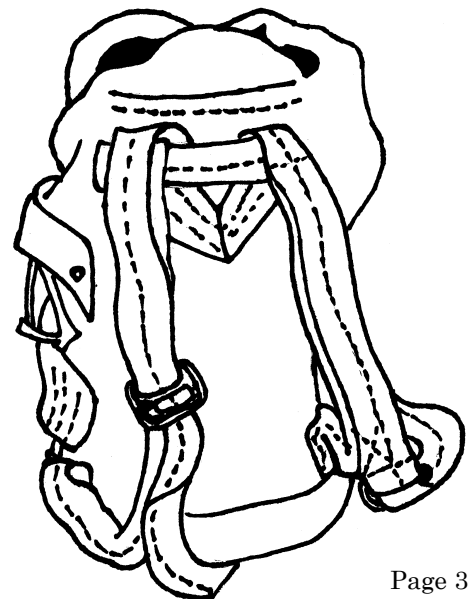
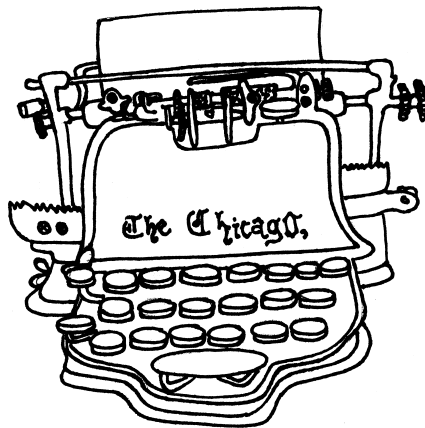
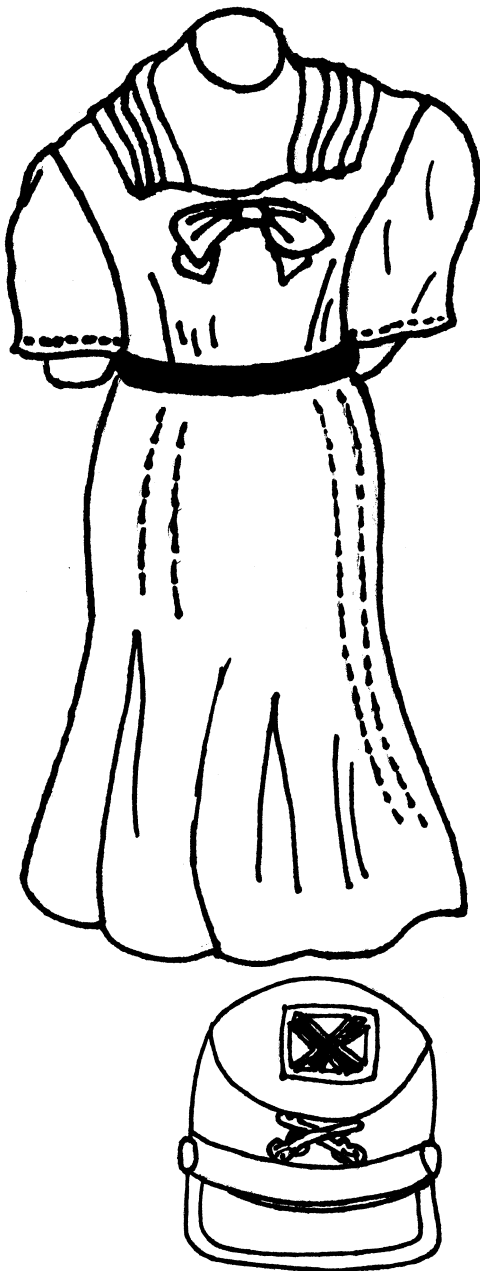
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The Carver County Historical Society Junior Curator program encourages students to think about historical events, people, and places as more than something that they read in a textbook. Our goal is to make students more aware of their place in history and encourage further exploration of objects, photos, and texts in the collection of the Historical Society.

A Junior Curator has the opportunity to:

- Choose an artifact, text, photo, person, or place to research and discover OR create a school, preschool, or family program based on an exhibit in the museum.
- Write an article about the object or program and its significance. The article will be published in the student's local newspaper.
- Tour behind the scenes at our museum to gain an understanding of how a museum operates and who works there.

Junior Curator Kaitlin Andersen



Junior Curator Kaitlin Anderson, a ninth grade student at Waconia High School, recently helped Erin Anderson, Education Coordinator, update some of the images used in the scavenger hunts that are given to schools and families when they visit the museum. Kaitlin sketched and outlined several museum artifacts found on the scavenger hunts so that the images in the scavenger hunts better reflect the collection of the Historical Society. Some of her sketches are featured on this page. Kaitlin is the daughter of Jude and Deb Andersen of Cologne.

# Calling all volunteers!

In the summer of 2007, the Carver County Historical Society was awarded an \$8,338 grant by Community POWER!, a project of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board to create three eco-history day camps.



The purpose of the camp is to educate students in grades 3, 4, & 5 about environmental issues, as well as helping them explore the eco-history of Carver County. (Please see page 5 for more information about day camp activities.)

As a member of the Carver County Historical Society, we would like to invite you to participate in the eco-history program as a volunteer. We need many people to make these programs a success. Your participation is critical to this program's successful implementation. Feel free to forward this information on to anyone you feel would benefit this program. Please help this generation of Carver County students learn about what an important role they have to play in shaping the future of Carver County.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- We are in search of **elder mentors** with whom students can practice oral history interviewing skills. It would entail participating in three short interviews with a group of students for one week. We are in need of six volunteer mentors each week. As an outreach effort, the camp will be held in multiple locations and the activity will be repeated three times. As an elder mentor, you do not have to participate in all three weeks of the program but we ask that you participate in all three sessions of one camp. The dates for the intergenerational interviews are as follows:
  - Week One (Waconia): June 9, 10, & 12
  - Week Two (Norwood-Young America): June 16, 17, & 19
  - Week Three (Watertown): July 7, 8, & 10
- We are in search of people who are willing to donate a morning or afternoon of their time to be a staff helper during the day camps. This could include anything from student supervision and assistance with projects and programs to bandaging scrapes and washing dishes. Shifts will be 4 hours long (8:30am-12:30pm and 12:30-4:30pm), and the dates and locations are listed on page 5. I am in need of 10 volunteers each week.
- We are in search of donations. Specifically, we are looking for long flowerboxes, small garden rakes and trowels, watering cans, potting soil, a grill basket, plain white t-shirts in various sizes, fabric paint, permanent markers, and, as always, lightly used school supplies (although we have plenty of crayons!).

If you are able to participate in this activity or have any questions, please contact Erin Anderson at (952) 442-4234. Donations can be dropped off at the Historical Society.



Mark your calendars!

*Are you in search of something fun to do  
this summer?*

Join us for our

Carver County Historical Society  
Eco-History Camps!

June 9-13      Waconia  
June 16-20    Norwood-Young America  
July 7-11      Watertown

**THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM!**

A FUN, BRAND NEW PROGRAM!

BECOME AN ECO-HISTORY AMBASSADOR!

**Are you ready to make a difference? Join the Carver County Historical Society as we learn how our actions today can protect the future – and the past!**

- Discover your part in keeping the environment around us healthy
- Learn about eco-history through trips, speakers, and hands-on activities
- Meet community elders and explore the past through oral history
- Visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Carver County Environmental Center
- Learn heirloom gardening skills
- Help create an exhibit that will be displayed in the five Carver County libraries!

Space is limited to **12 students** per session, so sign up fast!

This program is open to students in grades 3–5.

The camps are from 8:30am–4:30 pm daily.



GreenGuardian.com

Funding for this program is through a generous grant from Community POWER, a program of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board. The SWMCB, and their information website [www.greenguardian.com](http://www.greenguardian.com), are committed to reducing the amount of household waste produced by the Twin Cities.

The Carver County Historical Society will begin accepting student applications on **Monday, April 14**. Application information is on the back of this page.

Participants in this program will be selected by an application process, including an essay, with preference given to members first.

Applications must be received by **Friday, May 16 at 5 pm**.

To register or for more information, call Erin at 952-442-4234

# CARVER COUNTY

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Summer 2008

## Eco-History Camp Application

Space is limited to 12 students per session. All camps take place from 8:30am–4:30pm and are limited to students who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information please call Erin Anderson at (952) 442-4234. The Carver County Historical Society reserves the right to cancel if fewer than 5 children register.

### Registration Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Carver County Historical Society?  Yes  No

Please rank (1–3) the order of date and location preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ **June 9-13**, Carver County Historical Society, Waconia

\_\_\_\_\_ **June 16-20**, Norwood-Young America Willllkomen Park Pavilion

\_\_\_\_\_ **July 7-11**, Watertown Community Center

Please attach a 1–2 paragraph essay explaining why you (the student) would like to participate in this camp and how you plan to use what you learn here. At the top of the page, please include your name, grade level, and which school you attend. Applications must be received by **Friday, May 16 at 5 pm**. You will be notified by May 23, 2008 if your application has been selected.

Please mail or deliver the completed registration form to:  
Carver County Historical Society  
ATTN: Erin Anderson  
555 West First St.  
Waconia, MN 55387





# Dairy Farm Adventure Family Day Trip!

Let's wear our overalls and boots and mooooooove on out to a real dairy farm! Join us as we visit a working dairy farm in Carver County. We'll meet the farmer, learn about life on the farm, and try our hand at milking a cow. After a picnic lunch at the farm, head back to the Carver County Historical Society for an afternoon of hands-on learning. Not only will we learn more about dairy products and Minnesota dairy farmers, but we'll get a firsthand chance to try churning butter and baking homemade bread. To top it all off, real princesses – Dairy Princesses – will be on hand to help out all day!

Call the Historical Society at 952-442-4234 today because there is only room for 20 on each trip!

**Date: June 14 and June 28**

**Time: 10am – 3pm**

**Ages: Fun for the whole family**

Are you a member of the Carver County Historical Society?  
Your registration begins **TODAY!** Registration fee: **FREE!**  
Not a member? Your registration begins on **Monday, May 19.**  
Registration fee: \$20/family



## Thank You New and Renewing Members!

Susan Buetow  
Mike and Kathy Coleman  
Jude and Deb Andersen  
Bob Hutchinson  
Randy Lehs  
Amy Pepler  
Lisa Backlund  
Mark and Kathleen Free  
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Mildred Brown  
Linda Maxwell  
Ardy Moe  
Christine, Carolyn and  
Vivian Cole  
Merle Oberg  
Al Klingelhutz  
Kelsey and Leanne Brown  
Candace and Brue  
Lundgren  
Roger and Sharon  
Montague  
Gerald and Madelyn  
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Mon.-Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Board Members

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Mary Booth (Vice President), Chaska  
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    Chanhassen  
Kevin Coffel (Treasurer), Norwood-  
    Young America  
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- Senior Citizen      \$10.00
- Individual            \$15.00
- Family                \$25.00
- Sustaining            \$50.00
- Please send a gift membership to the name below.  
I understand a letter will be sent to the recipient  
announcing my gift.
- Please accept my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ toward your  
annual fund drive.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gift Membership to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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