

'Best Fish Fry'

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we do buy cod, which is reasonably priced and good. We call it a fish and chips when we buy cod for a fish fry. But halibut is quite a bit more expensive, and we do run that once in a while, but it's a little pricey."

In addition to the popular fish fry, Carr said the beef on weck and burgers sell very well. Besides that, it is the award-winning homemade soups and delicious homemade desserts that are a big draw. Family recipes are a key to the flavorful offerings, and his late parents had a hand in getting the business off the ground. His mom, Joanne Carr, made all the pies when the restaurant was new, and his dad, Bob Carr, suggested the name the restaurant was born with.

The quaint, cozy and homelike ambiance is part of the draw when people bring their appetites to the table at the Village Inn.

"I guess simplicity," provides the atmosphere, Carr said. "If you add too much to the walls or the natural charm of the building, then you might be taking away from that."

Before it was the Village Inn, the restaurant was Lippens Grill, which had its own popular recipe for the fish fry. Carr said the Inn has come up with a different recipe for the tastes of today.

Just 25 years old when he opened the Village Inn, Carr lucked into what turned out to be his dream job.

"I found a PennySaver ad for a restaurant for sale and responded. Made an owner-financed deal with Ray Lippens," he recalled. "I couldn't get a credit card or a mortgage, but Ray took a chance on me."

Asked what he loves most about the business, Carr replied with something his grandmother, Kay Pinner, told him: "When you like what you do, you never work a day in your life."

Visit The Village Inn at 1488 Ferry Road, Grand Island; and online at <https://villageinngrandisland.com/>. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It is closed on Sundays.

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