**MANAY**

One bright morning in 1860, three sisters were bathing and washing their clothes in the Manay river when they noticed a galleon with Spanish soldiers entering river. Stricken with fear, the two elder sisters scurried leaving behind their youngest sibling who was shouting Manay! Manay! (Manay is a respectful address for an elder sister or woman.) Being the first word heard by the Spaniards they therefore called the place, Manay.

Inhabited then by Mansaka and Mandaya, Manay was an old mission, being a barrio of the town of Caraga. In 1895, several residents of Manay: petitioned the Spanish Commandant in Mati for the creation of the new municipality. In September 12, 1897 the same petitioners submitted anew their petition not only for a separate township but also for a separate parish considering that they already had the necessary infrastructure namely: tribunal (administration Building), school , church, convent etc.

So the barrio of Manay was made a municipality by virtue of the Administrative Code of the Department of Mindanao in Sulu, out of the barrios of Central, San isidro, Concepcion, San Fermin, Manreza, and Santa Maria (Zaragoza) from Caraga, and the barrios of Santa Cruz, San Ignacio from Mati. In 1964 the sitios of Cayawan, Del Pilar and Rizal metamorphosed into regular barrios; Guza, Capasnan and Taocanga in 1968, Mabini and Old Macopa in 1969. In 1983, Lambog was added.