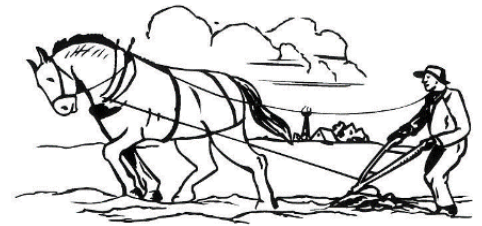


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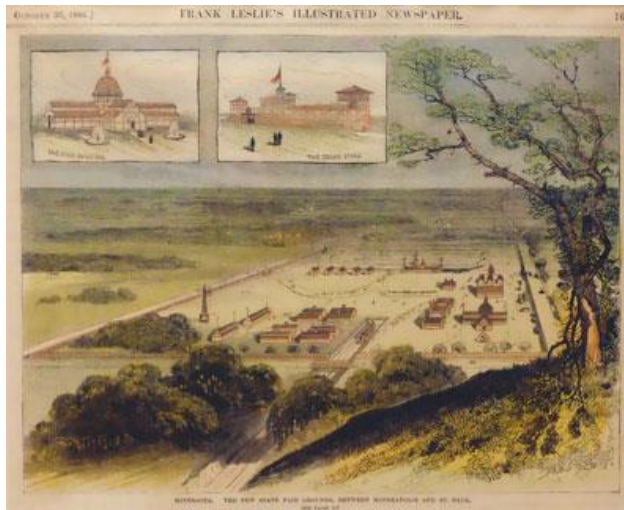
## Minnesota State Fair

By Nancy Adomeit

The "Twelve Best Days of Summer" has long been touted as "one of the largest and best-attended agricultural and educational entertainment events in the nation." But how did the Minnesota State Fair and its current location come to be?

Anyone familiar with the State Fair knows of pronto pups, corn dogs, anything on a stick, and the Midway, but when did the fair take root and how did it come to be located where it is?

An agricultural fair was held at least four times during our territorial days and the first State Fair was held in 1859 – the year Minnesota was granted statehood. During these early decades the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, the governing body of the fair, annually selected different sites in southern parts of the state including, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Red Wing, and Winona. Meanwhile, the civic groups of St. Paul and Minneapolis who kept the fair going, each wanted a permanent location for the fair in their county. According to the 2018 Park Bugle article by Roger Bergerson, "The 1884 event in Owatonna solidified that thinking: Bad weather, a competing circus and a murder all contributed to what was generally conceded to be a disaster on every level."



Artist's fanciful depiction of new fairgrounds. Images courtesy of Minnesota State Fair Archives

In 1885, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners offered the Poor Farm, a 210-acre site. (It has since grown to 322 acres.) The Poor Farm would be relocated to New Canada Township (now part of Maplewood).

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*The Great Minnesota Get-Together has been canceled six times in its history. Can you identify the years and reason of each cancellation? Answer on page 5 of this issue.*

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# President's Message

By Alyssa Kroschel

The staff has been busy getting the office up and running again after being closed for Covid. New hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. More hours will be added at a later time.



**Volunteers** are needed to help in the office and with the upcoming sales. The sales provide our operating expenses. Thanks to Sharon Pillen for all she does to make product and do the setup for the sales. If you can volunteer, please call the office and leave your name and number. No special talents are needed. We need help in all areas. Please consider donating whatever time you can to help the Society grow and maintain the museum. Your help is urgently needed.

This year extra days and hours will be available for shopping during November as well as at the city hall Craft Sale the first weekend in December. Avoid the rush and shop early.

The September membership meeting has been canceled. You will be notified in the next MEMO about the December meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to meet soon.

Alyssa

## Important Dates

### Membership Meetings

Meetings will be held when safe for members to attend. Watch future MEMOs for information.

**Monday, September 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Canceled**

Monday, December 13, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Membership meetings are held in the Fireside Room at the Oval. Door prizes, snacks and fellowship provided at all meetings.

### Board Meetings:

Thursday, November 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held in the Aspen room at City Hall.



*November Shopping*

*Hours for*

*Lower level museum in city hall*

*Monday-Wednesday-Friday*

*10am to 12 noon*

*Tuesday- Thursday 1pm to 3pm*

*Many gift ideas—with baked items, jams and pickled vegetables.*

*Not open November 25 and 26.*

*Holiday craft sale December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Sat 10 to 4pm Sun noon to 4pm*

*Fun*

*Fun*

*Fun*

## Archivist Report

By LaVerne Dickhudt

It's been a productive three months.

We finally finished cataloging a large donation of artifacts. Our capacity is just about to its limit.

A gentleman came in and requested some pictures of old Roseville to put on their office walls.

We also gave the Preserve some pictures to display in their common areas.

It is a good way to get our name out there.



## In Memoriam

### Roger Toogood

Toogood, Roger W. Age 87 of Roseville Passed away peacefully March 31, 2021 in the presence of his loving family at his home at Eagle Crest.



Roger dedicated his life to serving children and families. He was the Director of Children's Services for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese for seven years and Executive Director of the Children's Home Society of MN for 27 years. He was a leader on behalf of children in MN, the USA and Internationally, earning the Order of Civil Merit Moran Medal from the Republic of Korea, the University of St. Thomas Humanitarian Award and many more. Roger was an active long-time Roseville Citizen and St. Odilia Church volunteer, who worked on many projects to improve community life.

Roger was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife, Marlys; survived by son, Mark Toogood; daughters, Pamela (Eric) Hulstrand, Ann (Joseph) Garrett and Julie (Eric) Rethemeier; 8 grandchildren.

Roger was a longtime member of the Roseville Historical Society and presented a program at a meeting about his work in Roseville.

## Diet Schedule

**January** – Too early in the year.

**February** – Short month, hardly worth starting a diet.

**March** – Blustery and damp, need all the calories you can get.

**April** – Spring chores to do, can't work without energy.

**May** – Body is undergoing seasonal changes, dangerous to alter things.

**June** – Golf and tennis season beginning, a person needs exercise and nourishment; better wait.

**July** – Everybody's throwing outdoor barbecues, turn them down and you'll get a reputation for being antisocial.

**August** – Muggy dog days, weather is enough without contending with starvation.

**September** – Vacation over, concentrate on job not personal welfare.

**October** – Crisp days, ideal for football games and hiking, need plenty of warm food, though to keep up strength.

**November** – Not until after Thanksgiving.

**December** – Too late in the year, wait until next month

## Treasurer's Report

By Beverly Kroschel

August 27, 2021

Checking	\$ 7,993.91
CDs	<u>27,039.57</u>
Total	\$ 35,033.48



## Heritage Director Report

Hello to all our members, friends and community.

It is good to be back in the office working on projects and hoping you will stop by to chat. I am looking for volunteers to help out a couple of hours a week. We will be decorating for the holiday season and getting ready for the holiday craft show at the close of Halloween. If you know of a volunteer who would like to have fun—send them our way.



The Holiday Craft show December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at city hall is to support the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. They are looking for vendors to participate, so if you have homemade items you would like to sell, please get in touch with Nancy Robbins 651-792-7000 and leave a message.

The museum is going to setup and be able to sell our fundraising items starting November 1<sup>st</sup> so members or community can come at their leisure due to the covid problem we are having. We also will be open during the Holiday craft show December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with our many items you have enjoyed in the past years. Let's make this fundraiser a success for all. Make your Christmas shopping easy this year. If you need a basket made or have questions, please call the office or leave a message at 651-335-1267.

### **The many items we have available this year are as follows:**

Grannies Attic ----new and slightly used items—variety of fun items  
Sewing items---Nancy's old fashion bonnets—all sizes from doll to adult  
Beet Pickles  
Bread/Butter pickles  
Pickled vegetable assortment

**Breads**—Ginger bread—Pumpkin bread—Zucchini Chocolate bread—on hand most of the year—can call with orders. Breads can be frozen for several months.

### **Natural Dog biscuits**

**Christmas Cookies**—tin cans and decorative plates ready for you, your favorite friend or neighbor

Packaged Christmas gifts with candies or goodies  
Packaged Carmel popcorn in colorful jars

### **Rhubarb Jams in many flavors:**

Blueberry  
Blueberry/Strawberry  
Blackberry/Cherry  
Cherry/Strawberry  
Cranapple Raspberry  
Peach  
Raspberry--no seeds  
Strawberry

During our sale this year it is-- **National Cookie Day, December 4<sup>th</sup>** -- (treats available)



We will have potted Poinsettias in 6-inch pots ready for your table while they last. Buy \$25.00 dollars of products and get one free. The plants will be available for the Holiday craft December 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> and can also be purchased separately.

### **A thought for the day from a dear friend:**

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

*Mark Twain*

## State Fair continued from page 1

With no payment required for the land, the Minnesota State Agricultural Society quickly accepted the offer. The permanent fair home was now in Ramsey County and for a little over a decade the State Fairgrounds were located wholly within Rose Township. However, around 1898, St. Paul expanded its northern boundary from Wheelock Parkway north to Larpenteur Avenue; but dipped below the fairgrounds to leave it in Rose Township.

May 14, 1948, Roseville became a village.  
April, 1949, Falcon Heights became a village.  
January 21, 1949, Lauderdale became a village.  
Once again, the boundaries changed.

The Roseville boundaries established as of 1949 are still in existence today: From Rice Street on the east, Larpenteur Avenue west to Hamline Avenue, north to Roselawn Avenue and west to the Hennepin County Line. County Road D, the north boundary, was not changed.



*An 1890 view, from the rear of the first grandstand.*

Aren't the fairgrounds located in Falcon Heights now? Yes, but that was several decades in the making. Let's take a look at how the borders changed since 1898.

Use the map on page 6 as reference for the evolution of the borders.

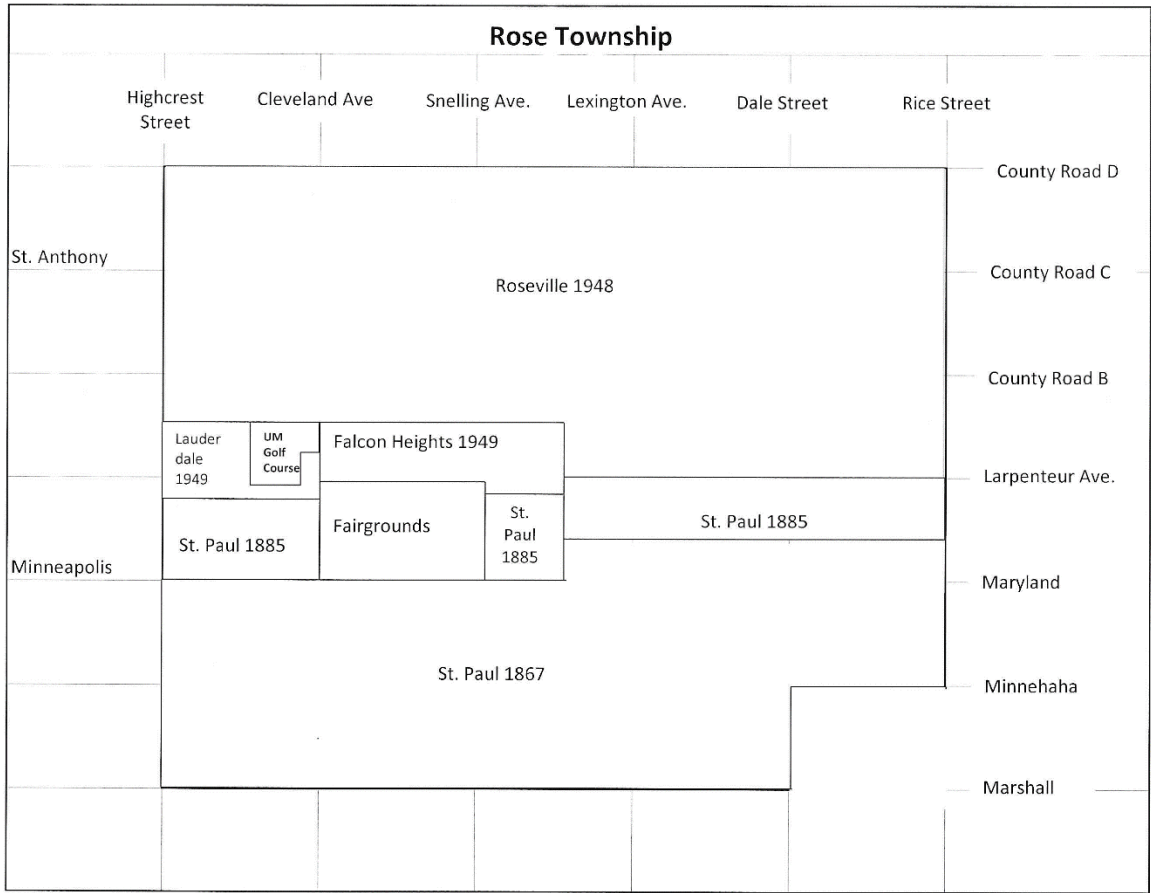
This left the new boundaries of Rose Township approximately from Rice Street on the east to Hennepin County line on the west and Larpenteur Avenue on the south to County Road D on the north.

The boundaries of Falcon Heights to the east and Lauderdale to the west are: Hamline Avenue east, to Hennepin County line west, and Roselawn Avenue north, to Hoyt Avenue South. The entire state fairgrounds lay within Falcon Heights.

The governance of the Minnesota State Fair and its grounds is solely the responsibility of the MN State Agricultural Society, a self-supporting, quasi-governmental agency.

**State Fair answer:** In 1861 and 1862 due to the Civil War and U.S.-Dakota War, in 1893 because of scheduling conflicts with the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1945 due to federal government travel restrictions during World War II, in 1946 due to a polio epidemic, and in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.





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