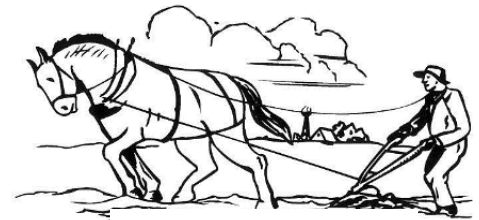


December, 2023

Roseville Historical Society

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Founded in 1977

The Roseville Heritage Trail

By Nancy Adomeit

"Would you believe – a Roseville Heritage Trail Day that includes tours of the Hess Hair Milk Co. and the Feist Pet Cemetery?" by Jim Nagel, St. Paul Dispatch, Tuesday, July 20, 1976.

The Roseville Heritage Trail was initiated in 1975 as a project by the city's Bicentennial Celebration Committee. The Roseville Heritage Trail, initially dedicated in 1975, had 32 sites. Over the next three years, interest in carrying on the project led to the creation of the Old Rosetown Historical Society in 1977. Today we know the group as Roseville Historical Society (RHS). The trail has been updated several times since to include 53 sites and buildings. New trail markers were placed at all sites in 2002. A Heritage Trail map and booklet was also produced and is available for free at RHS.

Several current RHS members are interested in reviewing and updating the Trail booklet information as part of Roseville's 75th Anniversary celebration. New Trail signs are also needed as the current ones are quite faded and many are missing. Over 100 Roseville properties of historical interest have been identified and documented by the early committees. Their work has survived in the archives of RHS and is awaiting fresh eyes and input.

If you are interested in participating on such a committee, please call the Roseville Historical Society at 651-792-7440.

The Dispatch article continues, *"You will be able to tour the Hess Hair Milk Co., the company unique in the world, producing a product to restore graying hair to its original color. You may visit the Feist Pet Cemetery, the first of three animal cemeteries in the United States."*

Both sites exist today, though Hess Hair Milk Company is no longer in business, the building still stands on Rice Street. If you have ever entered Highway 36 west from Dale Street, you have passed Feist Pet Cemetery on your right.

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Holiday Dinner

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Catered dinner: \$10.00 per person
Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy,
green beans, tossed salad, buns.

Entertainment:
Mike Jones
Country Western singer and entertainer

Reservations required.
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President's Message

By Alyssa Kroschel

Season's greetings to all.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Craft Sale. It takes many hours of help from members to make this fundraiser successful.

A special thank you to Sharon Pillen. She works all year to prepare the canned items. Then she bakes breads and cookies and displays all the sale items so attractively.

Our holiday dinner will be December 11. Plan to attend, enjoy a great meal and visit with friends.

Alyssa



Important Dates



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2024 Dates

February 19, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
May 20, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
September 16, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
December 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

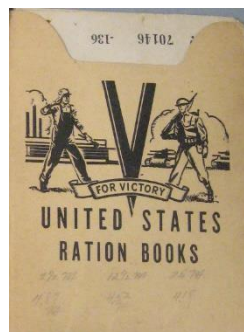
Membership meetings are held in the Fireside Room at the Oval. Door prizes, snacks and fellowship provided at all meetings.

Board Meetings:

2024 Dates

January 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
April 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
August 8, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
October 17, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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



Remember When?

World War II Ration book.

Holidays were very different with many items not available.

Heritage Report

By Sharon Pillen



Holidays have a way of quickly being upon us. We are doing our fundraiser in the month of November with great success. It is nice to have conversations with new customers and chat with past visitors and friends. We enjoy meeting and greeting people and making them aware of our museum in Roseville. We served cookies while they shop. The final totals will come out in December at our membership meeting. We still have many nice things for stocking stuffers, hostess gifts and jars of jam for a special friend or neighbors. The special sugar cookies can be ordered year-round.

More volunteers are needed on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. While you are here, you will greet the public and work on small projects as needed to keep our museum open.

Remember to sign up for our Christmas dinner and bring a friend. It's a nice time with Christmas entertainment and visiting with the membership.

A vintage ad from yester year

Campbell's soup

The ladies Home Journal (January 1912)
Campbell's soup - many kinds and only
10 cents a can.

Start off his dinner or supper with soup every day
with one of 21 kinds.

Order them by the dozen.

Just add hot water, bring to a boil, and serve.

Easy Casserole dish

1 pound hamburger
1 small onion
1 small bag chow mein noodles
1 can vegetable soup
1 can mushroom soup

1 can chicken with rice soup
Brown hamburger and onion, mix all ingredients
in a casserole dish. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Happy Holidays to all
Sharon Pillen



Can Animals Predict the Weather

If a cow stands with its tail to the west, the weather is said to be fair.

If a cow grazes with its tail to the east, the weather is likely to turn sour.

If the bull leads the cows to pasture, expect rain; if the cows precede the bull, the weather will be uncertain.

When cats sneeze, it is a sign of rain.

Expect rain when dogs eat grass, cats purr and wash, sheep turn into the wind, oxen sniff the air and swine are restless.

When horses and cattle stretch out their necks and sniff the air, it will rain.

When rabbits are fat in October and November, expect a long, cold winter.

Wolves always howl more before a storm.

If crows fly in pairs, expect fine weather; a crow flying alone is a sign of foul weather.

Partridges drumming in the fall means a mild and open winter.

When the rooster goes crowing to bed, he will rise with watery head.

Archivist Report

By Judy Payne

It has been a slow fall. We have not had many donations and those given, I have saved what the Society needs in the collection. Other donations seemed more appropriate for other organizations. I mailed those items off to the Mount Rushmore National Park and to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Lou Matis is a volunteer who came to us in the early fall. He is especially interested in doing archival work. As a result, he has catalogued items donated by Barbara Busch in honor of her father, Paul Busch. Mr. Busch was a long-time cross-country coach in Roseville. Lou has also and is currently working on a group of donated photographs. Many thanks to Lou for all the hours he has put in cataloguing these items. It has been a big help.

I have catalogued some material culture items and done some conservation work on some of the objects in the collections. The one I just finished is a book of Shirley Temple Fairytales from 1922. This will be a nice addition to a children's exhibit that I hope to work on with Sharon Pillen on after the first of the year.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Have a safe and happy Christmas.



Centipede

By Mary Overson

As I stepped from my shower
I let out a scream
The largest centipede
I'd ever seen.

As I raised up my foot
To stamp out her life
Was she somebody's mother?
Somebody's wife?

Like keys on a piano
Playing a song
One Hundred tiny feet
Propelled her along.

As I watched in amazement
She was gone in a blink
Back to the pipes
Under the sink.



**Want to own a
piece of history?**

Governor Marshall's
home in Roseville is
for sale.





Auguste Larpenteur

(Excerpts from the HIGHLAND VILLAGE, January 20, 1988)

Larpenteur came to Minnesota before the state had a name and before it had collected any taxes. By the time of his death in 1919, the school fund had more money than what Thomas Jefferson paid for the Louisiana Purchase.

Auguste was one of St. Paul's original 12 settlers. He arrived in 1843 at the age of 20. He came in search of adventure. He had a comfortable upbringing in Baltimore but by the age of 18, he was growing restless and headed west to St. Louis. He joined his uncle Eugene who was working there as a horticulturist. He found a job as a clerk on a merchandising business and volunteered to help organize a new store in St. Paul.

Larpenteur's first 10 years in St. Paul were busy. In 1845, he married Mary Presley, a girl he had met in St. Louis and convinced to move to St. Paul. Typical of Pioneer couples, the Larpenteurs eventually had a large family of 10 children in all, with their daughter Rosa possibly the first white child born in St. Paul.

St. Paul's population was exploding with growth during the last quarter of the 19th century, fed by

a seemingly endless stream of immigrants from Europe. The Larpenteur farm was assigned a street address, 341 N. Dale St. To there Larpenteur retired, content to tend a large garden and entertain his many friends and relatives.

Another generation of St. Paulites was being raised, and the people of the capital were becoming increasingly curious about the city's beginnings. Larpenteur, as a living link to St. Paul's frontier days, became a minor celebrity. He founded the Old Settlers Club also known as The Forty-Niners, which was open to any man who was a Minnesota resident age 21 or older in 1849, the year Minnesota became a territory.

In 1904, August wrote to the St. Paul City Council with a request to have a street named after him. He felt the street named Lake Como and Phalen Avenue (now Arlington Avenue) because of the role he played in developing this land. Auguste got his street, but it was not the one he wanted. It was a dirt road known as Minneapolis Avenue. This is now the southern border of the city of Roseville.

His health deteriorated in the winter of 1918, and he died at his daughter's home on February 24, 1919, at the age of 95. At the time he was the fourth remaining survivor of the Old Settlers Club and the last one still living in St. Paul.

Minnesota State Flower-Pink moccasin



Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Mail completed form with your check to: _____ Individual membership \$10.00/year
Roseville Historical Society _____ Family membership \$15.00/year
2660 Civic Center Drive _____ Donation
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The Roseville Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Money given above membership amount is tax deductible. All memberships are for the calendar year (January – December).

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