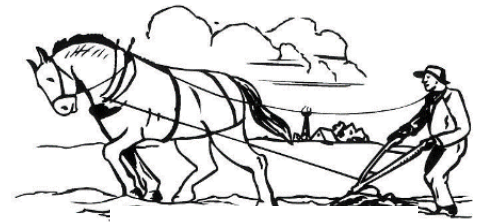


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The Battle of McCarron's Lake

By Nancy Adomeit

Much is being written these days about the Territorial Period (aka pre-statehood) of Minnesota, 1849 to 1858. Indigenous peoples who were already here had developed peaceful (and profitable) relationships with the early French traders. Once the European white settlers started to settle in the newly "opened" territory, small skirmishes and outright wars were fought, pushing the tribes further west and south.

Minnesota territory was home to the Dakota and Lakota tribes. As the white man came in contact with these peoples, their name was misinterpreted as "Sioux". (See sidebar). In 1851 the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux was signed near St. Peter. The Dakota/Lakota/Chippewa tribes ceded their land in southern and western Minnesota territory. Then came the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, displacing both Indians and settlers.

Issues continued to flair amongst white and indigenous peoples. One such incident took place in Rose Township in 1879. The story as recounted by Gareth (Gary) Hiebert in the St Paul Dispatch's Oliver Towne Column in the 1950s.

Hiebert interviewed Ted Laber for the story. Laber owned a family homestead nearby and on the land, there was a small cemetery, only "holds two crosses and an urn that is always filled with bright flowers."

Laber continued the story, "you got to know all the background to understand those crosses, said Ted. You got to know that next to Little Canada just northeast of us, this part of Minnesota was one of the first settled by whites.

"The word "Sioux" is an exonym. That means someone else's name for them. It is from French, from *Nadouessioux*, from Ojibwa *nātowēssiwak*. It means little rattlesnake or something like that. Or it could mean "speaks a foreign language". In any case, it is not their own word for themselves. It is from a nearby enemy people. Thus, some don't like it.

"The word Sioux refers to the various Lakota and Dakota peoples. Lakota means "feeling affection, friendly, united, allied". Dakota has a similar meaning. Some have Sioux as their official name. Others do not. Some have both. the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is also known as the Sičhángŋu Oyáte (Brulé Nation)."

Erick Painter, author

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President's Message



By Alyssa Kroschel

Hello Everyone,

Where did the summer go?
It's crazy how fast it flew by. The little man has kept

me busy with trying to travel for summer vacation on the east coast, youth hockey during the summer, becoming an aunt again and etc. I want to thank everyone at the office that has stepped up and volunteered to help our society run over the current year and in the past. Without the help we have, we wouldn't be where we are today. Thank you very much!!

Fall is coming up now; I have started decorating around the house. We are getting things up and running in the office, so that over the next couple of weeks we can really focus on our big annual fundraising event that is always a huge hit! Please remember to come see us at our sale during the month of November. New things are added all the time, so make sure you stop in and see often. We can't wait to see you soon :) If you are anything like me, you will stop in soon and buy some of your favorite canned goods that are always available for sale. Things sell fast so mark your calendars.

Alyssa

Important Dates

Membership Meetings

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 – 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:

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

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



September Program

1840s Reinactment

By Dallas & Lorna Leier



Lorna and I have been camping for over 64 years. Starting with tents, tent trailer and then into hard side trailers. In the early 1980's we branched into the re-enactment of the 1840's fur trade rendezvous. We have been to many states, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Wisconsin and more. Some for 3 days and some as long as 12 days. We live in a period correct lodge (tent) and wear our period correct clothing. NO tennis shoes. Hope to see you at the next meeting as we have a LOT more information and pictures.

THANK YOU!

SAM FUDENBERG

For many years, Sam has clipped the obituaries from the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers and mailed them to the Society to be included in the archives. Unfortunately, he is not able to continue this service.

Obituaries contain useful information about people who lived and worked in Roseville.

Thank you, Sam for your dedication to the Roseville Historical Society.

Heritage Director's Report

By Sharon Pillen

We are having a busy summer with the canning of many items for our fall fundraiser.



Baking has started for the breads and sugar cookies we have for sale. There are always those special recipes we will offer for you to sample.

Our exposé at central park during the fourth of July and the Roseville 75 Anniversary was great. Our demonstrations were well attended. Let's keep our heritage of Roseville on-going. Our museum has many artifacts that support our history.

Setup for the sale will start in October. We would like to have some helping hands from the membership. Our office does have canning items and homemade products already on hand for sale.

A big thank you goes out to the members and friends for supplies to keep our costs down. If you are able to donate, please call the office and ask for our wants list. I am looking for Christmas cups, unique cups, small glass dishes and Christmas tins. Grannies attic will have antiques and vintage items for sale, be sure and check them out.

Our fundraiser starts November 1st through December 3rd. We are closed November 10, 23, 24. I would like very much for members to sign up to greet people during our fundraiser. Our hours will be 10 am to 4 pm. Can you spend a day or half a day with us? Our flyer offers all the details.

Please call, text, email and use Facebook with your friends---let's spread the word. If you know of a special place to display our flyers let us know.

Quote for the day:

Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get.

Forrest Gump

A favorite recipe:

Deviled Eggs

6 large hardboiled eggs
¼ c cup creamy salad dressing
1/16 tsp. white pepper
1 tsp dill pickle juice
1 ½ tsp. honey mustard
1 tsp bacon bits

Mix mashed yolks with the above ingredients well. Spoon into egg white shell
Topping: sprinkle with dill or paprika. A great appetizer

Car Shows

By Mary Overson

Tuxedo black
And robin's egg blue
Candy apple red
Sierra gold, too.

Dazzling paint colors
On each restored car.
Frogs in the window
Of old Newman's Bar.

Ear piercing engines
Fumes hang in the air.
Mingled with smells
Of great food truck fare.

Suzukis and Harleys
Getting into the act.
Trophy babes in tight jeans
Hanging on in the back.

Restored bodies
Of elderly men
Chasing dreams of their youth
From a time way back when.

Archivist Report

By Judy Payne

We have had several donations since the last newsletter. Four boxes of archival materials were given to us by the Roseville School district, a teapot from Nancy Wenkel, several objects from Heidi Kroschel, and some neighborhood association documents were also received from Linda Hilden. It has kept me and volunteer, Lou Matis, busy cataloguing these items. Judy McCauley has entered most of them into our data base which means they are available for the public to access. Heidi has also donated a large number of items for the Granny's Attic sale that Sharon Pillen holds each November. Sharon has many items for sale, so please come and browse. Thank you, Lou and Judy, for all your work on the cataloguing and registration of the artifacts.



The Society took part in the July 22nd celebration of Roseville's 75th birthday. Some of us were at the event early to set up and, as a result, had many early visitors to our display. We got rained out, but still has a great deal of interest in what the Society is doing. We had a table with some historic documents (Linda Valois was there to protect them and explain them).

Dick Wenkel had an agricultural exhibit which drew a lot of interest and there was a craft table for children/adults to make yarn dolls or learn cardboard loom weaving. There were many volunteers who helped with set-up, answering questions, and tear down (very quickly). Thank you to all who participated in the event and lent their expertise and muscle. It was much appreciated, and the Society could not have participated without them.

I have enjoyed my time working with Sharon, Beverly, and Judy. Thank you for making the work so much easier.

Judy Payne

Pigs



Roseville had many pig farms. As the suburb grew and homes were built, the pig farms were not wanted anymore. The pigs were special animals as the following relates.

Pigs are very social animals. They form close bonds with each other and other species. Pigs use their grunts to communicate with each other.

A male pig is called a boar. A female pig is called a gilt if she hasn't had piglets yet and a sow if she has. Groups of pigs are called herds or sounders.

Pigs are very intelligent and learn quickly. They pick up tricks faster than dogs. Piglets learn their names by two to three weeks of age and respond when called.

Pigs have 4 toes on each hoof, but only walk on two toes per foot. A pig can run a 7-minute mile.

Pigs are the only mammal found all around the world. Pigs are fantastic swimmers.

A pig's squeal can be as loud as 115 decibels, 3 decibels higher than the sound of a supersonic airliner.

The largest pig on recorded was a Poland-China hog named Big Bill, who weighed 2,552 lbs. in Jackson, Tennessee, in 1933.



The Battle of McCarron's Lake

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"Not many people heard of that battle. Actually, it wasn't much of a battle. An ambush and manhunt really. But I like to call it a battle because it sounds better when you write it on those crosses down there."

Ted Laber continued to relate the story as he had heard it years earlier from a couple of old-timers.

"Two Indians set out through the woods near Rice and Larpenteur one day in 1879. They stopped to do a little hunting and one bullet struck one of the McCarron boys in the shoulder. It was only a flesh wound, but when the word got around, a posse was organized to search out the trigger-happy Chippewas. As the posse grew so did the rumors of the number of Indians involved. The settlers thought they were chasing a whole tribe of warriors instead of two frightened renegades.

"They were cornered right there behind my garage," says Ted. "Shot and killed."

"It was only then that it was discovered the Indians had been called Chief Bull Run and Brave Wolf.

"Their burial place was obscured until the mid-1930s – when the WPA dug into the hill below the Laber homestead for a project to develop the intersection. The bones of the two Indian warriors appeared and revived Ted's memory of the story he had heard about their demise."

The graves are gone now, lost to history. It is not known if they were relocated at the time of the WPA project or later when the Burger King was built.

Museum Displays

Stop in and see the many displays at the Museum. The picture on the right shows the many items for sale all year. Jams and pickles are \$6, quart jars are \$8 and other items as marked. Great values!



The many display cases hold items used by Roseville families as they lived and worked in Roseville. Tools, small farming equipment, household utensils and children's toys. Bring your children to see how life was in early Roseville.

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