

Roselle History Museum Newsletter

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MUSEUM HOURS : Open from 2-4PM every Sunday and almost any other time by appointment. Phone 630-351-5300 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS: We are always looking for people who are interested in helping preserve the history of our village and the surrounding area. Do you enjoy working on displays, gathering historical evidence, researching photographs or just puttering around cutting news articles for our archives? We can also use people who are handy with tools to do miscellaneous repairs and modifications or, assist with building displays, floats, etc. There are no fixed hours and your compensation is the good feeling you get when you have helped us complete an important project. Please call us at 630-351-5300.

Museum Website
www.rosellehistory.com

Groceries? See page 3



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FIREWORKS....The village of Roselle will once again be celebrating the 4th of July on Friday July 3 with a concert and fireworks at the Lake Park High School West Campus. The festivities will be located just west of the school at 500 West Bryn Mawr Avenue. The concert begins at 6:45PM and the fireworks will start at dusk when it is dark enough to enjoy the great aerial displays! The Roselle History Museum will again be selling GLO-STIX. We are the only village approved seller. The profits from these sales go help support our historical museum. Please look for our volunteers and generously help our efforts with your purchases of the GLO-STIX.

TASTE OF ROSELLE begins Friday July 31 and continues through Sunday evening August 2. It is always a fun time for all! The Roselle History Museum will have a booth located on the south side of Main Street just east of Prospect Avenue. Stop by and say hello. Our museum is located at Prospect Avenue and Elm Street, just a block south of Main Street. We will have extended hours on both Saturday and Sunday. Take a short stroll south and see what our history museum has to offer. We have many historical exhibits and artifacts on display relating to Roselle and the surrounding area.



Edna Haberkamp Botterman

The following brief stories were originally published in the 1968 History of Roselle as the Mrs. Henry Botterman Vignettes. Edna Haberkamp, one of eleven children, was born in Addison, Illinois on March 11, 1908. She became the second wife of Henry Botterman, owner of Botterman's Grocery Store, in May 1931. They had two sons: Ralph and David. Edna helped out in the grocery store and was an active part of the Roselle community for many years. The Botterman's eventually retired and moved to Texas.

“During the summers of the early 1900's, several medicine shows came to Roselle. They were usually held in a large tent which seated several hundred people. These tents were put up in vacant lots near the business section of Roselle. The medicine show gave a stage performance, and between acts, would sell liniment, a cure-all medicine, soaps, etc.

Gypsy caravans also made trips through Roselle during the summer, telling fortunes. A female gypsy would ask that a coin be placed in the hand of the person having their fortune told, and by the time the fortune was finished, the other female gypsies had various items concealed in the pockets of their full skirts. Also during this time, the male gypsies were trading horses with the local people.

In 1903 or 1904, the Fred Haaks' family had a dairy farm west of Roselle Road, which is now 21 West Irving Park Road. Mrs. Haak delivered the raw milk to her customers in a shiny five-gallon can. She would pour milk directly into the customer's containers, or even filling the children's glasses if she came while they were having breakfast.

The first baseball diamond in Roselle was located on the Charles Wellner farm, where the Roselle greenhouse is today. Sometime later, the baseball diamond was moved to just west of Roselle Road, south of Maple Street. Lastly, it was moved to Blank's farm, west of the barn and east of Botterman's store. Roselle always had an excellent team, with large crowds at the Sunday afternoon games. They played other teams from surrounding areas.

In 1910, the Health Department required a quarantine for measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, etc. A local Health Dept. officer (at one time, Bill Thurman), would attach a quarantine sign to both the front and rear door of each residence where these diseases erupted. The length of the quarantine varied with each disease. The children in these homes always wished for a hard rain to wash the printing off the signs.

During the 1930's, there were small circus performances. These were held in a large tent at Turner's Grove, usually for two nights before moving on to a surrounding town. The circus acts included dogs performing tricks, trapeze acts, ponies, and, of course, clowns”.

[See a photo of Botterman's store on the next page]

OLD NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT COL. ROSELL HOUGH, OUR VILLAGE FOUNDER.

(Mary Crompton one of our volunteers located this article on the internet.)

From the Chicago Tribune June 13, 1862

Camp Douglas—Election in The Second Regiment of the Home Guards.

“Col. Hough of the First Regiment of the three month’s volunteers has been fairly installed at Camp Douglas, and will soon have everything in prime working order. For the present he has located his regiments in four divisions outside the camp limits, where they will prove themselves timely auxiliaries to the sentinels within.

Rumors were afloat in the city, yesterday, that a rebel had been shot while attempting to escape, and that one of the recruits had been found dead with his throat cut. They were entirely unfounded however, The Second Regiment of three month’s volunteers held their election yesterday, resulting in the choice of J.H. Tucker of this city a Colonel, and T.J. Pickett of Rock Island as Lieutenant Colonel. Col. Tucker was commandant of the camp”

Camp Douglas, was located in Chicago, Illinois and was one of the largest Union Army prisoner-of-war camps for Confederate soldiers taken prisoner during the American Civil War. Based south of the city on the prairie, it was also used as a training and detention camp for Union soldiers. The Union Army first used the camp in 1861 as an organizational and training camp for volunteer regiments. It became a prisoner-of-war camp in early 1862. Later in 1862 the Union Army again used Camp Douglas as a training camp. In the fall of 1862, the Union Army used the facility as a detention camp for paroled Confederate prisoners pending their formal exchange for Union prisoners.

Camp Douglas became a permanent prisoner-of-war camp from January 1863 to the end of the war in May 1865. In the summer and fall of 1865, the camp served as a mustering out point for Union Army volunteer regiments. The camp was dismantled and the movable property was sold off late in the year. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Note: For current information about the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation, visit www.campdouglas.org

Henry Botterman bought the Roselle Market from George Wagner in 1896. The store served Roselle until 1963. It was located at the southeast corner of Irving Park Road and Park Street

This historical vignette is taken from page 67 of our 130 page pictorial history of Roselle called **Remembering Roselle**. Do you want to learn more about the “old days” in our village? Copies of the book can be purchased at the museum, the village hall or, at our booth at the Taste of Roselle.



Yes, I'd like to help the Museum! *Here's my membership contribution for 2015*

Mail to: Roselle History Museum, 39 E. Elm St. Roselle, IL 60172

New *Renewal* *Circle One:* *\$25* *\$50* *\$100* *\$250* *Other* _____

I have joined/renewed for at least \$50 and would like a free copy of the ***Remembering Roselle*** history book.

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