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**MAPLE GROVE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

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**Purpose: To collect and preserve information and artifacts and to educate the community of the history of Maple Grove, MN.**

**Regular**  **Events**

**Open House:**  
The Maple Grove History Museum hosts an open house the 2nd & 4th Sundays through Oct. from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Monthly Meeting:**  
The third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the History Museum. Anyone with an interest in history is welcome to join us!

**Quarterly Newsletter:**  
**November—stories, memories**  **Please send me your and photos of Christmases past.**

**History on Display:**  
Ox Cart site and territorial downtown Maple Grove: 15310 Territorial Rd (0.7 mi. w. of Fernbrook Lane N. Maple Grove, MN.)  
Pierre Bottineau House : Elm Creek Park Reserve: 12400 James Deane Parkway, Maple Grove, MN.  
4 History Display Cases at M.G. Government Center: 12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy N. Maple Grove, MN.

**Annual dues :** January  
**Election of officers at meeting:** October



**Potluck Dinner**  
August 18, 2022  
6:30 pm at the Museum  
Bring a dish to share

# Maple Grove Parade

July 14, 2022

The little old vintage cars that couldn't make it through the Maple Grove Parade on July 14th! Three vehicles represented the History Society in the parade: A 1917 Model T, the first truck owned by the Village of Maple Grove and a 1934 coupe with a rumble seat. Because of an engine over-heating problem, the Model T and the coupe had to pull out of the parade line-up.



# Museum Open House

Sunday July 17, 2022



Vintage farm equipment outside museum and cows from past displays





**WEDDING DRESS DISPLAY** showcases 6 generations of the family of Maple Grove homesteader George Rudolph Schaefer. It is doubtful that ever he dreamed that his wedding jacket from 1868 would be the center of a wedding display. He was born August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1829 in Germany and immigrated to the United States at age 19 with his mother and siblings, landing in St. Anthony in 1856.

A total of seven wedding dresses, from 1896 to 1992 are part of the display. There are 166 years of George Schaefer's family in Maple Grove. He had three children that lived to adulthood: Herman from his first marriage to Henrietta Stolzman and Elise and Emma from his second marriage to Johanna Ilgen. Elise married Henry Radintz in June of 1896. Hers is the oldest dress in the display. There are photos from each bride in her wedding dress.

George helped organize St. John's Lutheran Church in Corcoran Township. Many of the wedding gowns shown at the museum were worn in a wedding at St. John's.

Other wedding dresses donated to the museum are also included in the display.





The vintage school room displays and the visitors enjoying the Osseo High School year books.

## Maple Grove Crossing/ Maple Grove Depot.

Maple Grove Crossing was the depot in Dayton Township at the intersection of Territorial Road and the railroad-tracks. The Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad was completed to Maple Grove in 1881, and reached St. Cloud by 1882. In 1890 James J Hill's Great Northern Railroad was formed and became the train passing through Maple Grove. The wooden depot was relocated to the southwest corner of the intersection of Territorial Road and Ranchview Lane in 1909. The depot was 12x34 ft. and inside had wooden wainscoting in the east end 12x20 ft. passenger waiting room. It was heated with a cast iron coal burning stove.

The depot was relocated as the Rush Creek Methodist Church was being built in 1880 and School District 42, stores, a sawmill, harness racing track, blacksmith, a cheese factory and a bookmobile stop was located along Territorial Road the "original downtown Maple Grove."

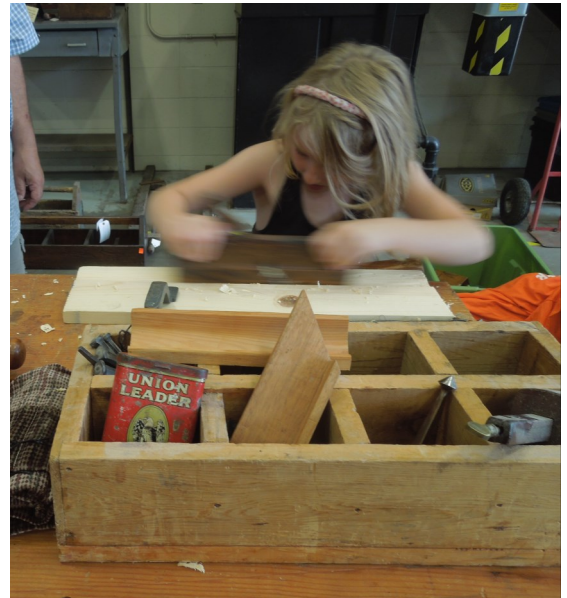
By 1925 the depot was no longer used, and became a hobo hangout. Around 1955, the depot was moved to the Henry Hackler farm in Corcoran Township to use as garage. On the north side and the NW corner stood the freight house. It was purchased by Arnold Emholz and moved to Osseo and became part of the Osseo Feed Mill. Sadie Briggs Kenyon and her daughter Blanche Kenyon Spears were the last two employees.

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## Schnitzelbank ???

Antique woodworking tools were demonstrated by Mark Johnston of Historic Design Consulting, an historic home preservation and renovation firm. He helped kids make a small wooden "button" and show how a Schnitzelbank (the German name for a wood-carving) is used.



The Radintz Family was excited to see the Schnitzelbank demonstrated by Mark Johnston of Historic Design Consulting. The Schnitzelbank was displayed at Maple Grove Days courtesy of the Maple Grove Historical Society. The tool was donated by the Radintz Family and was owned and used by their grandfather, Albert Tonn in the early 1900's. The Schnitzel bank is a tool used as a carpenter's bench that helps to secure pieces of wood used for carving.



Bob and Paul Radintz trying out their grandfather's carpenter tool.





Visitors enjoying the open house



Maple Grove SWAT vehicle

Maple Grove Fire Truck





Antique sports display

Fascinating old newspapers used as insulation in building walls.

Maps—always draw many visitors

Vintage toys.

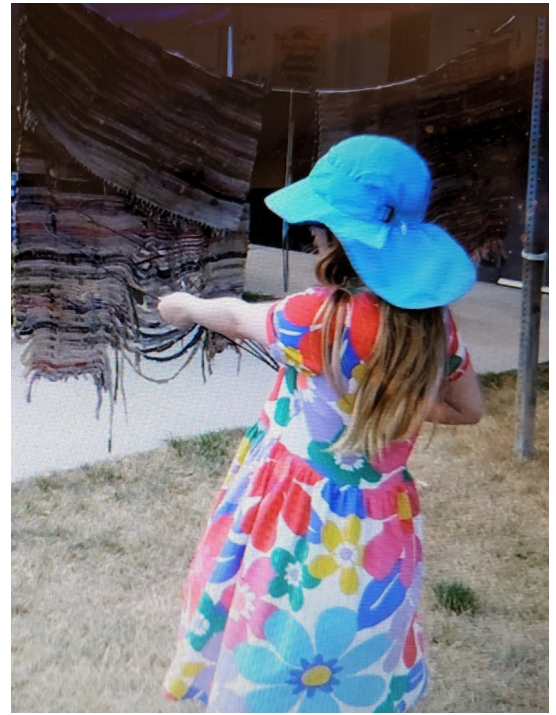






## Is Rug Beating – Good or Bad?

Were your grandparents right when they took their rugs outside to beat them?



“This is the way we wash our clothes  
 Wash our clothes  
 Wash our clothes  
 This is the way we wash our clothes  
 So early Monday morning”- (Around the Mulberry Bush)

At least this the way grandma washed the clothes!

## “Best Liquor Store in the Universe”

loses its iconic owner. Joel William Princeton, age 83, of Maple Grove, died on June 20, 2022. He was born in Osseo on March 13, 1939, to Cora (Vetsch) and William Princeton. In 1926 the Princetons purchased a restaurant in Osseo. When prohibition was repealed in 1934, the restaurant transitioned into a tavern. Rumor has it that the Princetons were selling moonshine during Prohibition. In 1966, Princeton’s expanded into an off-sale store next to the tavern, and in 1979, the family opened a second liquor store in Maple Grove. Currently the Princetons own the Maple Grove store.

Joel grew up in Osseo, but attended De La Salle High School in Minneapolis, and graduated in 1957. He had a sociology degree from St. Thomas University. He then worked with his father at their liquor store and bar in Osseo, eventually taking over the family business. He spent his entire career working there every day until his death.

Joel was a lifelong member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Osseo/Brooklyn Park. Joel married Susan (Hayden), on June 6, 1970, with whom he shared two daughters and a son.

Joel was an active member of the Osseo Lions since 1976 and Club President in 1995, and District Secretary in 2002. In 1975, he and Pete Phenow, served as co-chairs of the Osseo Centennial Celebration, which is now known as the annual Osseo Lions Roar Days.



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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

(renewable each January)

Annual Membership (tax deductible)

- \$15 Individual/Senior
- \$30 Family
- \$100 Supporting Member

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- Historic site maintenance
- Displays
- Educational Programs
- Publicity
- Cataloging artifacts
- Calling

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